

WORKING LIKE BEAVERS FOR THE CHILDREN VOLUNTEERS PUSH HERALD'S CHRISTMAS DINNER SHOES AND DOLLS IN GREATEST DEMAND AS GIFTS Produce Exchange Members Follow Up Their Generous Offer to Provide Most of the Edibles by Added Kindness

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NOTED AVIATOR WHO HAS AGAIN BROKEN RECORD



WORLD RECORDS AGAIN SMASHED

WILBUR WRIGHT MAKES FINE FLIGHTS AT LE MANS

LE MANS, France, Dec. 18.—Wilbur Wright, the American aviator, broke two world records today in flying his biplane over the French capital.

THE NEWS SUMMARY

FORECAST For Los Angeles and vicinity: Fair Saturday; heavy frost in the morning; orange growers should smudge early; light north wind. Maximum temperature yesterday, 57 degrees; minimum, 38 degrees.

LOCAL

District Attorney's association of Southern California recommends changes in existing laws. Charges against assistant city librarian heard by civil service commission.

COAST

Alleged diamond thief, wanted in Australia and held prisoner in ship's brig, effects daring escape from iron bars and leaps to pier, eluding search by harbor police.

EASTERN

Senator Knox accepts offer of appointment by President-elect Taft to position of secretary of state.

FOREIGN

Wilbur Wright, famous American aviator, breaks two world records in single day at Le Mans, France, remaining in the air nearly two hours first time, and in second flight, ascending 570 feet in heavy wind.

STEEL MAGNATE GIVES VIEW ON TARIFF CHANGE

JUDGE GARY TESTIFIES BEFORE REVISIONISTS

WITNESS FAVORS GOVERNMENT CONTROL OF FACTORIES

Asked How He Would Prevent Exorbitant Prices, He Replies, "By Federal Regulation of Manufacturers"

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—The most difficult problem presented itself to the house ways and means committee in connection with its work of revising the tariff as that of determining an equitable rate of duty for the steel schedule.

The published views of Andrew Carnegie with regard to the steel industry and the tariff and the testimony given by Charles M. Schwab and other steel magnates has not given the committee sufficient information as to the actual conditions which would result from a reduction of the tariff, nor has it offered any data which would indicate what rate of duty would protect American labor and the small independent steel companies as well as the larger plants.

E. H. Gary, chairman of the board of directors of the United States Steel corporation, was the first witness before the committee today.

He was subpoenaed and several members hope to get from him information which they believe necessary to determine the proper tariff on steel.

When Mr. Schwab took the stand before the committee Tuesday he said he had nothing to ask and nothing to state.

This was taken by some to mean that no matter what the committee might do in regard to the steel tariff, the larger steel companies would be able to meet the conditions and compete with foreign steel mills.

Does Not Need Duty Judge Gary declared the steel industry in this country could exist with no duty on steel; only the cost of labor and raw material would be reduced.

"No railroad that is able to pay \$25 a ton for rails has gone without them because they cost \$28. I think this question should be approached from a different standpoint. I don't think a manufacturer, on account of the tariff or anything else, should get more than a fair return on his investment. If he does not charge a fair price he ought to be compelled to sell for less."

Mr. Clark inquired how Judge Gary proposed to prevent the manufacturers from charging a price that gave them more than a fair return on their investment.

"By publicity and government control of the manufacturers," he responded.

Judge Gary earlier gave the cost of manufacturing pig iron at \$15.30 a ton.

Mr. Payne called his attention to the figures supplied to the bureau of corporations by the steel corporation, giving the cost of producing pig iron at \$14.01.

The witness said these figures were for 1892 to 1896, while the figures which he gave were for last year, when the mills were not running at full time and when the cost of everything was higher.

"The cost of ore has been increasing all the time," he said, "this being due to the percentage of iron in the ore."

"Is it true that the United States Steel corporation fixes the price of steel and products?" asked Mr. Clark.

"Certainly not."

"Then how is it that for some years (Continued on Page Two)

DEMOCRATS ARE LIABLE TO PROBE CANAL CHARGES

COMMITTEE READY TO INVESTIGATE FRENCH DEAL

MINORITY MEMBERS EXPECTED TO TAKE INITIATIVE

Resolution Already Has Been Offered in the Lower House by Rainey of Illinois, but Culberson Ignores It

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—That the senate committee on inter-oceanic canals is prepared to take up any sort of investigating of canal affairs that may be demanded by any member of the committee was asserted today by Senator Kilbridge of South Dakota, chairman of the committee.

The demand, if it comes, probably will originate with Democratic members.

An investigating resolution was offered in the house by Representative Rainey, Democrat, of Illinois, which is said to have been offered at the suggestion of the Democratic national committee, following the publication in certain Democratic and independent newspapers of a story that Americans may have profited by the sale of the canal property to the United States.

Senator Culberson, chairman of the majority of the senate caucus, was intimately connected with the management of the Democratic national campaign and is a member of the senate canal committee, but has not taken cognizance of the house resolution.

Shortly after the holidays the senate probably will decide whether it will place marble busts of two of its vice presidents, Roosevelt and Fairbanks.

Career Was Brief Mr. Roosevelt's career in the senate was extremely brief, and although it ended about seven years ago up to that time no bust of him had been made.

Mr. Roosevelt selected James Frazier, a young artist of New York, highly regarded for his work in sculpture, as one of the most promising sculptors of the day, and Mr. Frazier has been at work for some time in carrying out his commission.

It is understood that this bust is now near completion and will be finished before March 4.

Salton Sea Indemnity A conference to reach an agreement as to the amount the government ought to pay the Southern Pacific railroad company, tomorrow will be held in San Francisco.

The Colorado river overflowed two years ago and formed the Salton sea on the borders of California and Arizona was begun at the White House today, but was interrupted by the semi-weekly cabinet meeting.

Senator Flint of California and Maxwell Everts of New York, representing the railroad company, tomorrow will continue their conference with the president, and it is believed some conclusion will be reached.

An opinion reached by the United States geological experts to the president will form a basis in deciding the value of the work rendered by the company in covering a huge area of the valley. It is asserted, millions of dollars worth of property, when the government was unable, apparently, to cope with the problem quickly. In a special message to congress last year President Roosevelt urged an appropriation of \$1,500,000 to indemnify the railroad, but congress failed to act upon it.

Vote Bonds for Factory OAKLAND, Dec. 18.—At a meeting of the directors of the Leona Chemical company today bonds to the extent of \$1,000,000 were voted for the establishment of the chemical manufacturing plant for the production of industrial chemicals.

Senator Chosen by Taft to Become Secretary of State



SENATOR PHILANDER C. KNOX

NIGHT RIDERS EMOTIONLESS SOCIETY WOMAN CAPTURES THIEF

STATE PROGRESSES IN TRIAL AT UNION CITY

Was Threatened with Death if He Betrayed Secrets—Defendants Amused at His Testimony

UNION CITY, Tenn., Dec. 18.—The state made material progress in the first day's testimony in the night rider trial. Testimony covering the details of the murder of Captain Ranken and supporting an identification of two of the prisoners as members of the masked band was presented.

The prisoners, unkempt, scowling and silent, paid little attention to the proceedings. Only once did they betray any emotion.

One witness who had been sworn into the band against his will testified that the negro carried the swag in and rolled it across the carpet a number of times while the agent was explaining its merits.

Mrs. Potter declined to purchase the swag, telling the agent she was not vested with authority to make purchases for the club.

It was late in the afternoon and Mrs. Potter was preparing to leave the room when she was called to the dressing room for a few minutes to see about something in another room. When she returned her pocketbook was missing.

She immediately suspected the two strangers and entered the room where the demonstration was given and found they were gone. She hurried to the door and saw them going south on Figueroa street, almost a block away.

Negro Holds Up Hands She ran after them and overtook the men. "My purse has been stolen," she exclaimed, "and one of you men have it." The agent protested his innocence and by his manner convinced Mrs. Potter that he was telling the truth. Then she turned on the negro and demanded that he give back the purse. He denied having it and began backing away. Convinced that the negro had the missing article in his possession Mrs. Pollock made him hold up his hands while she searched him. She emptied his pockets, but was unable to find her property. Releasing the men she hurried back to the club rooms. The janitor in the meantime had found the purse, but its contents were missing.

Mrs. Potter started after the men again and met Patrolman Carr, who was passing at the time, and Deputy Sheriff T. J. Peterson. An automobile was pressed into service and the officers overtook the two men near Eleventh and South Figueroa streets.

The negro was arrested and Mrs. Potter appeared just as the officers were removing a gold watch and \$3 from the prisoner's socks.

While the officers were waiting for a car to take the negro to jail Mrs. Potter questioned the prisoner and compelled him to confess the theft.

BURNING OIL SHIP IS SUNK BY BOMBARDMENT OF FORT

SINGAPORE, Dec. 18.—The burning oil ship Kalam Kalam was bombarded by the harbor fort here today and finally sunk, with her hull riddled with shot.

The flaming steamer, which hails from England, arrived in Singapore from New York two days ago with her cargo of case oil on fire.

All attempts to extinguish the blaze were unsuccessful, and an attempt was made to scuttle her.

This also failed. It was impossible to go near the craft because of the posing of the explosion, and finally the harbor agents appealed to the gunners of the fort, who sank the ship with a few well-directed shots from the fort's guns. The distance was two miles.

TAFT APPOINTS SENATOR KNOX NEXT PREMIER

SOLON ACCEPTS APPOINTMENT TO SUCCEED ROOT

PENNSYLVANIAN DECIDES TO ENTER NEW CABINET

President-Elect Eulogizes Choice in Enthusiastic Terms—Other Cabinet Appointees Discussed. Ohion for Treasury

[By Associated Press.] AUGUSTA, Ga., Dec. 18.—President-elect Taft tonight announced the appointment of Senator Knox of Pennsylvania as secretary of state in his cabinet.

The announcement followed the receipt by Mr. Taft of a telegram conveying the information from Mr. Knox that he would accept the premiership of the Taft cabinet.

Mr. Taft, without delay announced that the matter was settled. He said the offer was made to Mr. Knox last Sunday in New York and since the offer had been not only from Mr. Knox until today's telegram.

"I feel I am to be congratulated in securing the services of Senator Knox in my cabinet," said Mr. Taft.

"In selecting a secretary of state, I wanted first a great lawyer, and second, a man who would fill the public eye, not only here but abroad, as a man who stands out pre-eminently as a great American."

Mr. Taft also feels that from a political viewpoint the selection of Mr. Knox is most happy. He explained that there was often a feeling that Pennsylvania, with its Republican majorities, was slighted in the matter of recognition. That this will not be the case in the next administration was indicated by the announcement by Mr. Taft that he would invite Senator Knox to come to Augusta that he might confer with him freely with reference to filling other places in his cabinet.

Other Probable Appointees It is generally believed that Ohio man will be selected for secretary of the treasury.

No name except that of Judge R. A. Ballinger of Seattle, Wash., former commissioner of the general land office, is heard here in connection with the secretaryship of the interior department, and it is thought that he stands an excellent show for this place.

It was stated at the capital that Mr. Taft is looking for a man to take the war portfolio who has had sufficient experience to work out the reorganization scheme put into force by Mr. Root while he was at the head of that department.

The position of secretary of commerce and labor had been mentioned to a very slight extent, and in some quarters it is thought possible that Secretary Strauss, who also is from New York, will be continued in that post, for a time at least.

For secretary of agriculture it is practically conceded that James Wilson of Iowa will be continued in the place for a time at least.

The appointment of Frank H. Hitchcock to be postmaster general already has been announced authoritatively.

Taft Gets Big Reception The arrival of Mr. Taft today caused much joyous excitement and many demonstrations of welcome. He was received with southern hospitality.

In discussing his present trip to Panama, Mr. Taft made it plain that it was his purpose to keep himself posted throughout his administration regarding the engineering features of the work on the isthmus as well as the administration features.

It is his intention to visit Panama each year of his term. The problem that will receive the greatest consideration during his trip relates to the engineering features of the Gatun dam.

An invitation came to Mr. Taft from President Philip Wadley of the New Orleans Progressive union to return from Panama at that port. Savannah also has come forward with a bid for a visit.

Other than to announce that Senator Knox had been selected as secretary of state, Mr. Taft declined to speak of cabinet rumors.

Regarding the report that George Wickersham of New York would be attorney general, Mr. Taft said he had not yet determined on any one definitely for this place.

It is his desire to fill this place with an administrative genius who will reorganize the department as well as the legal phases of the department of commerce and labor and the interstate commerce commission.

TAFT SELECTS NEW YORKER TO BE ATTORNEY GENERAL

NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—That President-elect Taft has selected George W. Wickersham of the New York law firm of Strong & Cadwallader, to be attorney general in his cabinet, was learned today from a source regarded reliable.

Mr. Wickersham is known in this city chiefly through his connection in a legal capacity through the underground system of transportation.

Mr. Wickersham, as a representative of the law firm of Strong & Cadwallader, has had general supervision over the legal questions connected with the subway. After the completion of the tunnel work, he was counsel for the Interborough Rapid Transit company.

Mr. Wickersham was counsel for the receiver of the Knickerbocker Trust company until its reopening. He was graduated from Princeton university.

Eleven Soldiers Perish WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—General Tasker H. Bliss, in command of the forces in the Philippines, has reported the death of eleven enlisted men of the Eighteenth regiment stationed at Kailashy, Mindanao, from methyl poisoning, resulting, he alleges, from drinking Columbian spirits. The names of the deceased soldiers are not given.

Goes to Penitentiary SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 18.—E. R. Lee, convicted of manslaughter for having caused the death of Thomas McCarthy by thrusting the point of an umbrella into his eye during a street brawl over a woman, was sentenced to five years at San Quentin today.

Another Tailoring Firm Will Give Suit to Biggest Donor to Christmas Dinner

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The winner can choose any piece of woolen from our stock and we will make the suit in the very latest style. Trusting this offer will be of assistance to you, we are,

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OFFER \$50 SUIT TO MAN WHO SECURES THE LARGEST SUM OF MONEY

W. A. Johnstone & Co., tailors, 312 1/2 South Spring street, have made an offer to Southern Californians to work for The Herald's Christmas dinner fund. The firm will make to order and present a beautifully tailored and trimmed \$50 suit to the man who secures the largest amount of cash for the dinner up to December 23 at 3 p. m. All moneys must be turned in at 3 p. m. and receipts will be given there. Herald employees are barred.

THIS being a half holiday with many it is believed that today cash and other contributions will swell the list for The Herald's Christmas dinner and entertainment to its largest proportions so far. Contracts are being made for the necessities that go with a first class feast on a large scale, and the funds are needed at once. The celebration will be held at the Y. M. C. A. building and at Simpson auditorium and the facilities at both will be taxed to accommodate all of the guests. All day yesterday officers of the Produce exchange of Los Angeles were at work carrying out their generous promises of the day before to provide much of the feast for the little ones. Generous Produce Men The firms constituting the exchange took it upon themselves to provide most of the white and sweet potatoes, celery, sage, nuts, apples, onions, bananas, (Continued on Page Three)