

Consolidation Bill Is Ready for Governor Gillett's Signature

DECENT MAYOR, NOTHING LESS, IS VOTERS' DEMAND RECALL CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE ISSUES STATEMENT SECRETARY WILSON INDORSES GEORGE ALEXANDER No Dodging or Sidestepping by Any Advocates of Good Government Witnessed in Present Contest

A DECENT mayor for a decent city; nothing less than this is good enough. That is the recall campaign committee's opinion, backed by their individual signatures to a statement issued yesterday afternoon and reciting clearly the principle of the campaign to discharge Mayor Harper and to hire a mayor who can make good. Like every statement made so far in favor of the recall from the Municipal League or any of the committees furthering the movement, there is no equivocation or sidestepping, as is so frequently the case with the mayor's "bosom friends." Even the question of prohibition on which the Walter Parker League has been throwing out dark hints, is handled so definitely that not the slightest doubt can exist as to its status in the campaign or where George Alexander stands.

"If the statement were not from a committee of our most prominent citizens who thoroughly appreciate the situation—if it were instead from men entirely unknown, it would still attract attention on its merits," said a man not a member of the Municipal League, who read the statement last night. "This is no campaign for evasion or pitiful excuses. As the committee has said and as The Herald has shown, Los Angeles is not in a better position than C. Harper. To refuse to face trial is to make the verdict certain against us. A right thinking man must see in the fact that every man in Los Angeles recall has been in the open and without the least equivocation or evasion a strength that bespeaks the principle in the movement.

"Nothing George Alexander has ever done as a public servant makes him ashamed of his record; he will do nothing in future to make Los Angeles ashamed of him. But so far Mayor Harper's supporters seem to be ashamed to defend him." Commends Alexander Another instance of the esteem in which George Alexander is held here was made public yesterday by E. T. Earl. It came in a letter from "Tama Jim," the rugged Iowan, better known as Secretary of Agriculture Wilson. He neighbored with George Alexander and did not forget the latter's integrity. In his letter to Mr. Earl Secretary Wilson said: "Yours with regard to Mr. George Alexander is received. Yes, I knew Mr. Alexander well; we lived in the same county and were neighbors. I have a very high opinion of him. He is a man of excellent ability and entire integrity. We Iowa people had the opinion that Mr. Alexander would discharge with high intelligence and strict fidelity any responsibility laid upon him."

Iowans who know James J. Wilson say that he is not a man to stretch caution in giving an opinion that is not fully warranted, and his testimonial for a candidate for mayor was regarded in his home county. That this view is shared by the voters of Los Angeles is shown by the recall campaign committee every day. The postal cards returned indicate an overwhelming verdict against Harper. After these cards were mailed, the recall campaign committee initiated the recall campaign by sending out a similar card; voters are readdressing these cards to the recall headquarters at 27, "Send me the Alexander card," is the request on several. "A 'business man' who will vote for retaining Harper is in a mighty poor business," is one voter's comment. "Save your money until March 27," is the answer of one man to the appeal of Harper's campaign manager, Herbert L. Cornish. "Don't forget to vote on election day."

Recall Committee Issues Statement to the Public

TO THE PEOPLE OF LOS ANGELES: At the beginning of the campaign the committee appointed by the Municipal League to work for the recall of Mayor Harper and the election of George Alexander mayor in his stead, decides to make a brief and clear statement of what is the real issue.

The city of Los Angeles has an unusually intelligent and progressive population; the vast majority of our citizens are reasonable beings. They do not demand the impossible, but they want good municipal government and will not long tolerate vicious conditions.

The present Mayor of Los Angeles has not made good. He is unfit and unsafe. His continued occupancy of the mayoralty is a menace to the great material enterprises of the city and a detriment to the moral tone of the community.

The recall was made a part of the charter by an overwhelming popular vote to protect the people against public officials who betray their trust. It is the people's weapon and they will never surrender it.

It is to be profoundly regretted that its use has now become necessary for the welfare of our city, but if the recall is to be anything but a dead letter it must be used in an emergency. Los Angeles is on trial as well as Mayor Harper.

Are we willing to retain in office Arthur C. Harper with the record he has made, or shall we, in this crisis, put on guard George Alexander with his record—unstained and unblemished—a guarantee of honesty and efficiency?

The people will not be deceived by the raising of false issues. For example, the question of prohibition has no place in this campaign. Mr. Alexander is not a Prohibitionist, but he and this committee and the Municipal League, which inaugurated the recall, favor the proper and strict regulation of the liquor traffic under the present license system. As supervisor, Mr. Alexander voted for license or no license, as the people of the various precincts desired—the only exception to this rule being his vote to suppress notorious criminal roadhouses and to keep saloons off the line of the Owens river aqueduct. And this campaign will have no future bearing on the prohibition question unless the law-abiding liquor interests are so foolish and short-sighted as to deliberately alienate the support of the great mass of fair-minded citizens who are more interested in good government for Los Angeles than in anything else.

Theodore Roosevelt said on leaving the office of president: "I have tried to be a decent president for a decent people." The people of Los Angeles demand and are entitled to and will have "a decent mayor for a decent city."

Nothing less than this is "good enough."

- RECALL CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE, Dr. SHERWIN GIBBONS, S. C. GRAHAM, Chairman. Vice Chairman. E. O. EDGERTON, Sec'y. W. D. Stephens, A. M. Dunn, A. M. Norton, H. T. Lee, Frank J. Hart, P. M. Johnson, L. Lichtenberger, P. W. Croake, M. T. Collins, Henry M. Newmark, George Coulson, R. H. Norton, W. E. Hampton, Herman Silver, Erastus J. Stanton, C. J. Kubach, Dr. S. S. Salisbury, C. A. Rockwell, Sidney A. Butler, Lee A. McConnell, Hugh A. Adams, jr., Chas. Wier, Meyer Lissner, Gilbert S. Wright, J. P. Coyne, Marshall Stimson, C. H. Randall, Gen. E. C. Bellows, R. D. Wade, M. F. Betkouski, Victor H. Tuttle, Dr. D. L. Tasker, J. F. Mullin, George Rice, Willard Arnott, Richmond Plant, John Thorpe, W. S. Taylor, W. J. Washburn, W. R. Burkan, E. W. Murphy, W. J. Koepfler

THE NEWS SUMMARY

FORECAST For Los Angeles and vicinity: Cloudy Saturday, and possibly showers by night; light north winds, changing to south. Maximum temperature yesterday, 60 degrees; minimum, 49 degrees.

LOCAL Recall campaign committee issues vigorous statement. Wealthy orange grower is victim of automobile speeding. Mayor Harper pleads for more time on libel suits instituted by him. Malibu road declared to be public highway. City auditor formulates rules for guidance of public service corporations. Harbor improvement to be under supervision of board of public works. General Ballington Booth will inspect Volunteers of America in Los Angeles. Bill for consolidation of Los Angeles with Harbor City passed by legislature; will be signed by governor. Arbor day will be celebrated jointly with Luther Burbank's birthday.

STATE LEGISLATURE Consolidation right granted to Los Angeles. COAST Japan to have fine exhibit at Seattle. Twelve men again secured, subject to challenge, to try Fat Calhoun. Attorneys in murder trial at San Francisco re-enact tragedy in pantimime. Land agents alleged to have allured many victims and to have secured large sum of money in Oregon and Washington.

EASTERN Pretty widow of famous gambler, and recently accused of murder, is named as co-respondent in divorce case. State of Tennessee scores victory in trial of Col. Cooper. Supposed corpse of child revives at funeral after three days. Albert Patrick, New Yorker, convicted of murder of aged milliner Rice, appeals to be electrocuted or released from prison. Eastern railroads still seriously crippled from storm; much damage done in Baltimore. Rear Admiral Schley appeals for funds for explorer. District attorney of Indianapolis resigns rather than prosecute New York and Indianapolis publishers on charge of libel. Vice President Sherman presides over United States senate for first time. Taft confers with leaders relative to proposed new tariff law. Municipal lodging houses condemned by millionaire of Denver. Mutual Life company adjusts big law suits. District Attorney Jerome of New York investigates street cleaning department and many arrests are expected. Former roommate of Jay Gould ends life because father lost fortune.

FOREIGN Press of Europe comments favorably on inauguration of Taft, and make various criticisms.

INAUGURAL MAY COST LIVES OF SIX

THREE DEAD—THREE DYING—OVER 75 INJURED

Taft's Inauguration Into Office Marked by Many Tragic Incidents. Deaths Due to Various Accidents

WASHINGTON, March 5.—The record of casualties incident to the inauguration ceremonies of yesterday was three deaths, three probably fatally injured and more than seventy-five persons slightly injured.

The dead: SAMUEL YOUNG, aged 25, of this city. NORMAN ASTWILL, 45 years old, of Richmond, Va. ANDREW B. DORAN of Pittsburg, Pa.

The seriously injured are: Policeman Frederick Dirk. Samuel Carter of Virginia. William Daniel of this city. Samuel Young was electrocuted by stepping on a live electric wire on Wisconsin avenue; Norman Astwill died of apoplexy, probably induced by excitement, while viewing the parade, and Andrew B. Doran, a Pullman car conductor, died of heart disease on arriving at the union station last night, after a strenuous day's work.

Dirk was severely injured in an attempt to arrest a Greek for disorderly conduct. Carter was stabbed in the abdomen by a negro, and Daniel was overcome by gas.

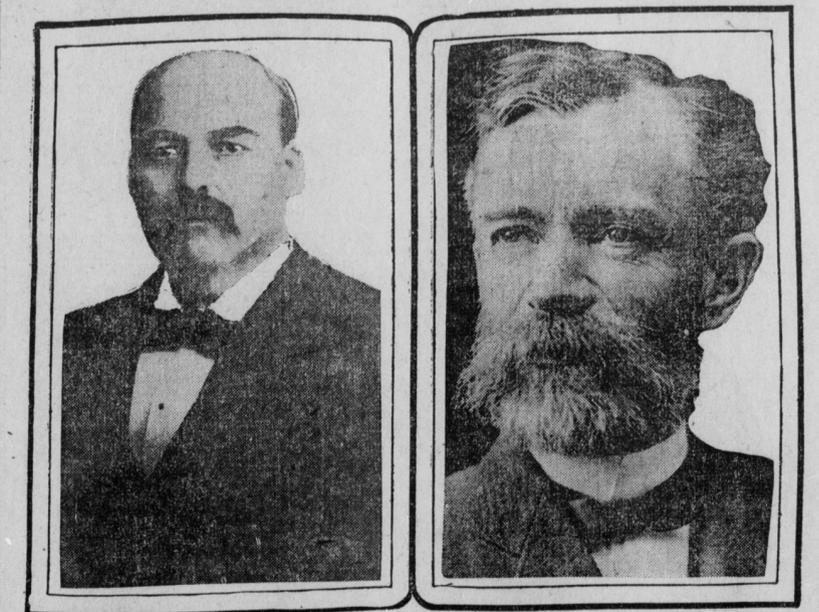
POLICE CAPTAIN KILLED WHILE SITTING AT DESK

Policeman Declared to Have Deliberately Slain Superior Officer Because Reprimanded

WASHINGTON, March 5.—Capt. W. H. Matthews of the fifth police precinct in this city was shot and killed while sitting at his desk in the station house tonight by Policeman Collier.

Without the slightest warning, Collier entered the station and went immediately into the captain's office, where he jerked from his pocket a revolver and fired five bullets into Matthews' body. Collier, it is said, had been reprimanded by Captain Matthews for a breach of the rules, and this at the time angered him. The police say they know of no other reason for Collier's action. Collier was arrested.

Citizens of Los Angeles Who Have Been Leaders in the Fight for Consolidation



FATALLY HURT BY AUTOMOBILE

WEALTHY ORANGE GROWER'S SKULL FRACTURED

Motorist Does What He Can to Aid Injured Man After Accident, but His Efforts Are Unavailing

Fatally injured and with his physicians expecting his death any minute, W. W. White, a wealthy orange grower of San Bernardino, is at the California hospital, a victim of automobile speeding.

While alighting from a trolley car at Twenty-ninth and Central avenue yesterday afternoon, Mr. White was struck by an automobile driven by T. L. Beisecker of Fessenden, Colo. Mr. Beisecker is a tourist and is registered at the Hotel Alexander.

Except that, as the police say, he was traveling at a speed greater than the law allows, Mr. Beisecker is not blamed for the accident. As the motorist was running close to the car when his victim alighted, the collision could not be avoided. Mr. Beisecker stopped his machine as soon as he realized he had struck White and did what he could for the injured man.

When taken to the receiving hospital Mr. White was unconscious and has not since regained his senses. It was found he was suffering from a fracture of the skull at the base of the brain.

The victim is about 75 years old and lived at 433 South East street, San Bernardino. He had large interests there and in Missouri, where he made his home there coming to California. He was drawn to this part of the country by the suicide of his brother, who killed himself in San Bernardino several years ago.

Mr. White came to Los Angeles yesterday to investigate a real estate deal. He had intended to invest money in this city.

This incident is but another incentive to the city council to pass the drastic ordinance which will limit the speed within a certain prescribed district to twelve miles an hour and to twenty miles in other parts of the city, the same ordinance will limit the speed which will be much more severe than is now the case. Instead of fixing a minimum fine of \$5, a flat fine of \$50 for the first offense will be demanded. For the second offense the speeder will have to serve a term on the chain gang, and this term will be as long as the council has authority to make it.

Give Commission New Power OLYMPIA, Wash., March 5.—Both houses have passed a bill giving the railroad commission jurisdiction over telephone and telegraph companies and power to compel physical connections between competing long distance telephone companies in cities where both have exchanges.

Plan All-Steel Train DENVER, March 5.—A new through passenger train between Denver and St. Louis, composed of all-steel cars, to be known as the "Colorado-St. Louis Limited," will be put on by the Union Pacific, commencing April 4.

RUNAWAY TROLLEY CAR CRASHES INTO SALOON; 5 INJURED

SAN FRANCISCO, March 5.—Plunging down the steep grade on Twenty-ninth street today a runaway street car leaped from the rails and crashed into a saloon, seriously injuring five of its passengers and causing a wreck which blocked the traffic for several hours.

The injured: H. H. Krohn, sprained back. Nick Nichols, neck severely hurt. Tony Capuca, back injured. John Rosso, sprained knee.

A. S. Nesser, fractured shoulder and lacerated scalp. The accident was caused by the failure of the brakes to work. Motorman Oscar Adams was placed under arrest on a charge of battery.

TAFT CONFERS WITH LEADERS

FIRST DAY AS PRESIDENT HE TACKLES TARIFF

Senate Confirms Cabinet Nominations. Wickersham Takes Oath—Dickinson and MacVeagh Delayed. Extra Session March 15

(By Associated Press.) WASHINGTON, March 5.—The Taft administration took its first stride today.

The president named his cabinet, and its members will take the oath of office tomorrow, with the exception of George W. Wickersham, who was sworn in as attorney general today, and of Messrs. Dickinson and MacVeagh, whose personal affairs will not permit them to reach Washington for a week or more.

President Taft and the Republican members of the ways and means committee held an important conference during the day. The committee has framed a tariff bill which it understands contains a provision for an inheritance tax, one of the suggestions for raising revenue contained in the inaugural address of President Taft.

President Taft told the committee there would be no delay in the official proclamation calling the extra session of congress on March 15.

His message, he said, would recommend that it confine its work exclusively to tariff revision, that there might be no unnecessary delay in enacting the most important law. He said that he would not discuss in his message the details of tariff revision, leaving all such matters entirely to the judgment of congress.

Meets Many Friends Aside from these important accomplishments, President Taft gave himself up heartily to the demands of his friends, and thousands of inauguratees who wished to shake hands with him.

Phillander C. Knox was the first caller on President Taft in the White House. A fifteen-minute interview, Mr. Knox said, had its importance, but was not for publication. He was rejoicing that since noon yesterday, when his resignation as a senator became effective, he was simply a private citizen.

His rejoicing, however, was brief, for he had just learned that he had before the day was over been named secretary of state.

Governor Hughes of New York, Governor Prouty of Vermont and the senators and congressmen who had been named by the president and gained his consent to attend the celebration, July 7 and 8 next, of the discovery of Lake Champlain, at Plattsburg and Burlington.

The congratulations and good wishes of Cuba were extended in the form of a memorial presented by Gen. de Metrio memorial presented by Gen. Demetrio Castillo Duany, who came to the United States for that purpose.

The reviewing stand for the inaugural parade was again occupied by President Taft this morning when he took his place there to do honor to the Seventh regiment, New York infantry. The Blaine club of Cincinnati followed.

Fred W. Carpenter took the oath as secretary to the president. Wendell W. Mitchell, who has been Mr. Taft's assistant secretary and stenographer, was made one of Mr. Carpenter's assistants. T. M. Hendricks of Mr. Taft's clerical force was given a clerkship and William Pannel, who for years has been Mr. Taft's messenger in the war department, was assigned to duty at Mr. Carpenter's door.

PLAN MONUMENT FOR 170 CHILDREN WHO MET DEATH IN FIRE

CLEVELAND, March 5.—The little plot of land in Collingwood, upon which stands the ruins of the school house which burned a year ago and sufficed the lives of 170 children, will be purchased by the state and will be held forever as a probable site for a monument. This was made possible today by an act of the legislature.

MAKES TWO VAIN ATTEMPTS TO DIE

SHOOTS HIMSELF AND LEAPS INTO OCEAN

Both Times Rendered Unconscious, Taoman Is Saved from Death, but Says He Will Yet Succeed

SAN FRANCISCO, March 5.—Herbert Eggert of Tacoma, who shot himself in the head on the steamer Queen as that vessel was entering this port on February 10 and who is just recovering from the effects of his self-inflicted wound, again attempted suicide by jumping into the bay from the Broadway wharf today.

He was seen to leap into the water and was rescued, unconscious, but in no danger of death.

He still wears a bandage over his wound, and chose for the scene of his second attempt at self-destruction the dock where he was taken from the Queen apparently in a dying condition less than a month ago.

He is despondent over domestic troubles and declares he will yet end his life.

A sad circumstance in connection with Eggert's determination to die is the fact that his father, Carl Eggert, who was with him on the steamer when he fired the shot into his head, returned to Tacoma without waiting to learn the fate of his son and committed suicide on February 15 by shooting himself in a similar manner.

STATE SCORES VICTORY IN TRIAL OF COOPERS

Mysterious Red-Bearded Witness Is Arrested on a Charge of Perjury

NASHVILLE, Tenn., March 5.—This was the state's day in the trial of Col. D. B. and Robin Cooper and John D. Sharpe, charged with murdering former Senator Carmack.

Not only did it break down the testimony of S. J. Binning, the defense's mysterious red-bearded man who claimed to have seen the shooting, but caused Binning's arrest on a charge of perjury.

The state also tried to impeach the testimony of the governor and others who declared the Coopers were invited to the governor's mansion and that while on their way there they met Carmack and the street duel followed.

The bombardment of the defense's case began when the witnesses testified that Binning the night of the tragedy said to them: "If I had been five or ten minutes earlier I would have seen the killing."

LOS ANGELES IS GRANTED RIGHTS BY LEGISLATURE

JOINTURE WITH HARBOR CITY IS POSSIBLE

WORK OF ADVOCATES BRINGS DESIRED RESULTS

Harbor Commission, Waterways Association, Chamber of Commerce and Business Men Accomplish Results for Southern California

SACRAMENTO, March 5.—Los Angeles Herald: The consolidation bill is ready for the governor's signature. On behalf of the friends of San Pedro harbor, I thank you for your effective work for this measure. A. P. FLEMING.

THE foregoing telegram from Secretary Fleming of the Los Angeles harbor commission indicates that the remaining steps necessary to allow Los Angeles consolidation rights are only routine. Governor Gillett has definitely stated to Los Angeles men that he will affix his signature without delay and the bill will become a law within a few days.

After the passage of the consolidation bill in the senate Thursday night several slight typographical errors were found which required the concurrence of the assembly yesterday. The concurrence was granted without a dissenting vote.

That the bill passed when at the preceding session it was a hopeless cause from the start was due to the well organized fight for it made by business men of Los Angeles, Wilmington and San Francisco and from their cities. The Los Angeles harbor commission, chambers of commerce of Los Angeles, San Pedro and Wilmington, Municipal Waterways association and other bodies fought for the bill at every opportunity. A. P. Fleming, secretary of the harbor commission, watched the bill night and day and has been at the capital practically all the time since it was introduced. George H. Stewart, president of the harbor commission and other members of the Los Angeles chamber of commerce made a strong personal showing, taking more than one trip to Sacramento to see the bill in danger. E. D. Seward and other members of the San Pedro chamber of commerce rendered needed service, as did F. S. Cary and others at Wilmington.

Organizations Are Active President Call, Secretary Quick and the directors of the Municipal Waterways association in all three cities interested took advantage of every opportunity to present the Justice of the bill. Albert M. Norton and others were on hand at critical moments and put in good strokes for the success of the bill when it seemed as though the opposition might prevail.

So energetically and thoroughly awake were the workers for Los Angeles that even Mayor Harper appeared on the scene and attempted to saddle on a compromise just at the moment when the bill was being pulled over the hill a rally was made that protected it from any weakening clauses, and the bill as passed and as the governor will sign it stands as a monument of a free harbor wanted from the first.

Speaker Stanton, Senator Hurd and other members of the assembly proved an able barrier to the efforts of Senator Savage to block any legislation granting rights to Los Angeles.

"The passage of the consolidation bill is one of the greatest steps toward a free and adequate harbor at San Pedro," said Capt. Amos A. Fries, admittedly the best posted man on harbor matters in Southern California. "San Pedro, Long Beach and Wilmington all need the credit, prestige and aid of Los Angeles, more so, even than Los Angeles needs them. But all should work together, and the benefit will be immense to Southern California."

Secretary Fleming will return to Los Angeles Sunday or Monday to take up work at his office in the Central building.

SAYS RULING WILL NULLIFY STATUTES

Court Declares It Is Not Conducted to Prevent All Fools from Parting with Their Money

DENVER, Colo., March 5.—Judge Robert E. Lewis in the federal district court today, made a ruling which, according to United States District Attorney Thomas Ward, practically nullifies the federal statutes under which all cases of using the mails to defraud are prosecuted, so far as the jurisdiction of Judge Lewis extends.

The ruling was made in the case of J. P. Manning, a mining man of Denver, who was being tried on the charge of using the mails to promote a fraudulent mining scheme. The case was thrown out of court.

Judge Lewis, in freeing Manning, said: "It is impossible for the government to prosecute all cases where a man is exploiting mining property of a questionable character."

"In this case the stock was being sold at 25¢ a share. The man who bought must have known they were not buying stock in a 'producing mine.'"

Earlier in the case, Judge Lewis said: "This court is not sitting on the bench to keep all fools from being parted from their money."

Avalanche Kills Fifteen

ROME, March 5.—News was received here tonight that an avalanche had destroyed a house in the village of Prada, province of Belluno, Venetia, killing fifteen persons.