

REMARKABLE SITUATION IN POLITICAL HISTORY OF LOS ANGELES

Mayor Resigns Under Threat of Exposure of Official and Political Records, City Council Is Forced to Choose a Successor Unsatisfactory to the People—Resignations of Other Officers Are Expected, —Special Election Will Be Held.

Los Angeles, March 12.—The city council met this morning and accepted the resignation of Mayor A. C. Harper. Action on the selection of a successor was postponed to next Monday in order that advice may be had on the question of whether an appointment should be made to hold office to March 26, the date of the recall election, or to January 1, the end of the present term.

appeared at the private office of Edwin T. Earl and requested an interview. The interview was granted. Mayor Harper proposed that he would withdraw his name from the ticket as a candidate for re-election, it being understood that certain information in the possession of Mr. Earl, regarding Mr. Harper's official acts, not his private character, would not be published.

are necessary because almost six years of the worst government of any city, in any civilized community, has ever endured. James Bronson Reynolds, who was a special investigator in the Roosevelt administration, has arrived in New York and opened an office in Fifth avenue. It is said that he has the backing of Mr. Roosevelt in bringing about a fusion of all anti-Tammany forces in the mayoralty campaign this fall.

Los Angeles, March 12.—Los Angeles awoke today to the most remarkable situation in its political history. With the mayor's resignation in the hands of the city council, forced to that humiliating return by the published threats of exposure of his official and personal records, with the city council committed to choosing today, as his successor, a man wholly unsatisfactory to a great portion of the city's population; with a special election but a fortnight distant with two candidates for mayor on the ticket, and legal questions arising upon every side casting doubt upon further procedure in almost any direction, the situation presented was one of the greatest complexity and confusion.

"No newspaper or individual possesses the information now in the hands of Mr. Earl. This information, let it be distinctly understood, has reference to Mr. Harper's administration and not to Mr. Harper's private affairs. "Finally, the Express will simply say, as it has said before, that, having in its possession the information it has, it could not, in justice to the city of Los Angeles, permit Mr. Harper to continue to be a candidate for re-election. Mr. Harper was the only issue before the people. Mr. Harper has withdrawn his name from the ticket. The Express has accomplished its purpose in the cause of right and decency. The recall movement has succeeded and is today a more effective weapon in the hands of the people for law and order than ever before."

Chicago, March 12.—Because of a false report that a woman had attempted to kill herself, another woman today lies dead at a hospital, the victim of a police ambulance hurrying to take charge of the reported suicide. The unfortunate, who is still unidentified, while crossing the street in front of the ambulance, became confused, turned back and was ground beneath the wheels.

Everywhere there was a feeling of uncertainty and apprehension. It was confidently expected that today other official resignations among the city officials would follow that of Mayor Harper. Announcement was made last night without any specific denial that Chief of Police Thomas H. Broadhead would send his resignation to the mayor's office early today. At least one member of the police commission and perhaps others, are expected to tender their resignations today or in the very near future. These resignations together with that of Mayor Harper and Edward Kern, member of the board of public works, are still held back with mystery as far as details are concerned, but published statements today speak broadly of the discovery of intolerable conditions affecting the city administration and the regulation of the red light district, and enforced resignation of the men implicated.

Puebla, Mexico, March 12.—Seven persons were burned to death in the town of Resurrection when the home of Augustin Serrano was destroyed by an incendiary fire. The theory of the police is that either murder was committed for the purpose of robbery before the house was set afire, or that the victims were chloroformed and left to their fate. The victims include Serrano himself, his wife and their infant child, which was found clasped in its mother's arms when the remains were discovered in the ashes of the ruined dwelling. The Serranos were reputed wealthy.

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George Alexander is a candidate of the recall element and stands practically unopposed on the ballot, excepting a Socialist candidate, who represents only a small voting strength. The faction, which has been back of the resignation of the mayor, today contends that the recall election must proceed and that the result will decide who is mayor. Mayor Harper has as yet issued no public statement as to the reasons for his enforced retirement. He is credited in one quarter today as saying that he had been indiscreet and must take the blame. He is said to have denied that he had been in any manner dishonest, declaring that he went into office in 1907 worth \$200,000 and retired practically without any resources. The mayor's action is suddenly resigning and withdrawing his name from the ballot for the recall election in the face of threats of exposure, was taken without the advice of friends or professional counsel.

Chicago, March 12.—In order to obtain for the office of mayor of New York a man of sufficient merit and honesty to carry out the changes proposed in the new city charter, promoters of an independent movement for the election of a "purified" municipal ticket proposed to pay him an annual salary of \$125,000 a year, or the term of four years a bonus of \$500,000 over and above the regular salary of the office. It is suggested that the difference be raised by popular subscription. A statement issued by those active in the movement, who as yet designate themselves merely as taxpayers, says in part: "Such a man for such a job should be found among the younger generations of the 'captains of industry.' In commercial life, such a man could count his income in the hundreds of thousands. Therefore let twenty-five public spirited citizens pledge themselves anonymously, so far as the public is concerned, to contribute every year during the next four years, an amount sufficient to produce in the aggregate the sum of \$125,000 a year. "If anyone accepts this unique offer and is elected, he must agree not to be a candidate for re-election nor participate in any partisan politics during his incumbency. Backers of the plan assert that radical measures

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would have been wrong or unethical for that physician to have consulted with the attending surgeon on the size of the fee? I do not think so. It would have been perfectly proper, in my opinion, for them to have made out one bill and divided afterward or to have sent in their respective bills after an accounting between them had been made. "Why should the medical profession have a standard of ethics so different than that maintained by lawyers, architects or preachers?"

MAN MEETS DEATH IN A PECULIAR MANNER

Seattle, Wash., March 12.—Charles W. Humphrey met death in his room in a peculiar manner. He went to bed with the radiator burning in a quarter-in-the-slot machine in a hall bathroom. The gas exhausted and the flame went out. Later the landlady discovered that another quarter was needed in the bathroom meter and put it in. The gas was thus forced through the open radiator into Humphrey's room, asphyxiating him.

KILLS 14-YEAR-OLD SON AND THEN SHOTS HERSELF

Rushville, Ind., March 12.—Mrs. Lew Crist of Chicago, shot and killed her fourteen-year-old boy and then killed herself. The tragedy occurred at the home of a friend she was visiting here.

TO STUDY TARIFF BILL

Republican Senators of the Finance Committee Interested

Washington, March 12.—The Republican senators of the committee on finance will begin a systematic study of the new tariff bill as soon as copies are obtained. They feel the importance of pressing the measure to a speedy termination, and Senator Aldrich, as chairman of the committee, has said that he would make an effort to have the bill reported as soon as possible after its passage by the house. It is considered that many changes will be made in the senate and that most of them will be suggested by the finance committee. In the senate the smaller states have a greater proportionate representation than in the house, and if the bill as it comes from the house, should fail to give what is considered adequate protection to some of their industries, there would undoubtedly be a strenuous effort by the senators from those states to restore the desired equilibrium. The thinly populated states of the west are especially interested in the protection of wool, furs, fruits, lead, ore, copper, etc., and will unquestionably resist any effort to discriminate against them, and they would regard as such effort the placing of these articles on the free list. While Senator Aldrich's hope is to have the bill in shape to be reported as soon as it comes from the house, much will depend upon the character of the house measure and the disposition of the members of the finance committee. Unquestionably, the controlling desire in the senate will be to make the bill a distinctive protective measure, and it is not believed that the Republican senators will permit even their desire for haste to cause them to sacrifice this feature of it.

OLDEST PERSON IN IOWA DIES AT DES MOINES

Des Moines, March 12.—Mrs. Ruth McPherson, a noted character of this city, died yesterday, aged 102 years. She was the oldest person in Iowa.

HE ATTEMPTS TO BITE HIMSELF TO DEATH

Cincinnati, O., March 12.—To save his mother's life, the record of a boy's enlistment in the United States navy will be erased by the officer in charge of the local recruiting station in this city. The young man is Lee Wetterstrand, whose parents reside at Laton, Ky. He enlisted at the local recruiting office, March 4, but failed to show up to be sent to the naval training station in Norfolk, Va., and was proclaimed a deserter. Yesterday he was arrested by the Latonia police and brought to the recruiting office. His father, accompanied him and pleaded with Lieutenant Wortmann, in charge of the recruiting office, to release the boy. He said Lee was 17 years old and that he enlisted without consulting his parents. He had since been detained at home as a solace to his mother, but he would kill her, if he is taken who is critically ill. If he is taken from her and sent to sea, the father said, it would kill her. Lieutenant Wortmann decided that in order to save the mother's life the young man should be restored to his parents and the record of his enlistment erased.

SUICIDAL EFFORT IS MADE BY CHEF IN CITY JAIL

Martine Torolfo Becomes Despondent Over the Death of His Pet Dog.

Oakland, Cal., March 12.—Grieving over the death of his dog, Martine Torolfo, a retired chef, attempted to commit suicide in the city jail here by biting himself to death. When Torolfo was discovered by the attendants, he had almost succeeded in severing the arteries of his wrist. The attempted suicide, working as chef in some of the leading hotels of the country, had succeeded in laying up a competency, and since his retirement from active work, he has lived here with a small dog for his only companion. When old age claimed the Torolfo was in a despondent and almost morose state of mind, which led to his arrest.

SMITH AND WILLIAMS MUST BE TRIED IN WASHINGTON

Chicago, March 12.—"Under the federal statutes there is no alternative but the extradition of Delevan Smith and Charles R. Williams to the District of Columbia on the libel suit brought against them and Joseph Pulitzer by the government."

PINCHOT GIVES VIEWS

Says Removal of Tariff on Lumber Would Not Reduce Price

Washington, March 11.—A removal of the tariff on lumber would neither reduce the price to the consumer, nor preserve our forests, according to the opinion expressed by Gifford Pinchot, chief of the United States forest service in a letter to Berano E. Payne, chairman of the house ways and means committee, made public tonight. Mr. Pinchot holds that the fundamental question is forest conservation. "There is only one way to save our forests," he said. "That is to see that they are kept at work growing new crops of timber as the old are cut away." Mr. Pinchot says that most of the lumber we now import comes from Canada, as most of it would if the duty were taken off. We are now importing from Canada only about 2 per cent as much lumber as we are cutting from our own forests. It is not likely that under free lumber more than 5 per cent as much would come from Canada as we would cut at home. Canada, as compared with the United States, has not a great timber supply. Her total amount of standing timber is probably not more than one-third of what is the amount of ours. In the end, the Canadians will undoubtedly require for home use all the timber they can produce. Imports from Canada therefore would not be enough to eliminate the cutting of our forests or to reduce the price of lumber in any important degree. The waste in logging, according to Mr. Pinchot, is already enormous, being several times larger than our importation from Canada. The chief forester thinks it "highly important that we should have free pulp wood in the future as in the past, and that Canada should impose no export duty upon pulp wood. In this respect, he continues: "The pulp and paper-making industry is in a different position from the other great wood-using industries of the United States. The latter can be supplied wholly from our own forests, while the former must have free access to the Canadian spruce forests so long as spruce is the chief pulp wood." He declares that ground wood should be admitted free, provided it comes from a country which does not in any way restrict the exportation of wood pulp or ground wood, and that there should be a reduction in the duty on news paper providing that it comes from a country which does not in any way restrict the exportation of pulp wood, wood pulp or printing paper."

CLOSING QUOTATIONS OF WORLD'S MARKETS

NO DEFINED TONE IN THE OPENING STOCK MARKET.

New York, March 11.—The opening stock market today showed no defined tone. Dealings were too small to offer any notable changes. Erie recovered 3-4 of yesterday's decline. Illinois Central preferred declined 1-8 and Great Northern Ore certificates 1-8. Elsewhere there was little change of consequence, but the tone was perceptibly firmer, until Erie began to react when the active list yielded in sympathy. Hocking Coal and Erie rose 1-8 and the first preferred, Bethlehem Steel and American Malt preferred 1-8. United States reduction broke three points. Reading rose 1-4, following reports of a threatened break in the coal wage conference. The whole market hardened moderately. American Malt preferred gained 2-8, Louisville & Nashville and Tennessee Copper 1-8, Atlantic Coast Line 1-2 and Union Pacific, Norfolk & Western, Erie second preferred, Wisconsin Central, National Lead and Pacific Mail 1-8. International Pump and Detroit United Railway declined 1-8. Bonds were steady.

NEW YORK STOCKS.

- Amalgamated Copper, 65 1-2. American Car and Foundry, 48 3-8. American Locomotive, 51. American Smelting, 83. American Sugar Refining, 103 3-8. Anaconda Mining Co., 41. Atchafalaya Railway, 104. Atchafalaya Railway, pd, 102 5-8. Baltimore and Ohio, 107 5-8. Brooklyn Rapid Transit, 71. Canadian Pacific, 156 1-2. Chesapeake and Ohio, 66 3-8. Chicago Northwestern, 178. Chicago, Mil and St. Paul, 142 1-4. Colorado Fuel and Iron, 32 5-8. Colorado and Southern, 63 3-4. Delaware and Hudson, 174. Denver and Rio Grande, 42 3-4. Denver and Rio Grande, pd, 84. Erie Railway, 24. Great Northern, pd, 140 1-8. Great Northern Ore Cfs., 66 3-4. Illinois Central, 140 7-8. New York Central, 124. Reading Railway, 124 7-8. Rock Island Co., 22 3-4. Rock Island Co., pd, 61 7-8. Southern Railway, 117 1-4. Southern Railway, pd, 123 1-2. Union Pacific, 175 3-8. United States Steel, 44 1-2. United States Steel, pd, 110 5-8. Wabash Railway, 17 7-8. Western Union, 65 3-4. Standard Oil company, 662.

Chicago Livestock.

Chicago, March 12.—Cattle—Receipts estimated at 2,000; market steady; beefs \$4.60-7.30; Texas steers \$4.50-6.40; western steers \$4.10-6.50; stockers and feeders \$3.50-5.50; cows and heifers \$1.90-6.75; calves \$6.00-8.50. Hogs—Receipts estimated at 21,000; market strong to 5c higher; light \$6.35-6.75; mixed \$6.50-6.90; heavy \$6.55-6.95; rough \$6.55-6.65; good to choice heavy \$6.65-6.95; pigs \$5.30-6.15; bulk of sales \$6.65-6.80. Sheep—Receipts estimated at 8,000; market weak to 10c lower; native \$3.25-5.75; western \$3.40-5.75; yearlings \$5.90-7.15; lambs, native, \$5.75-7.70; western \$6.75-7.25.

Chicago Close.

Chicago, March 12.—Close: Wheat—May \$1.17 1-8; July \$1.05 1-2; Sept. 98 3-4 7-8; Dec. 99 7-8. Corn—March 66; May 68 1-2; July 67 7-8 6 7-8; Sept. 67 7-8; Dec. 59 1-2. Oats—May 55 3-8; July 49 7-8 6 5-8; Sept. 41 1-8. Pork—May \$17.95; July \$17.95 to \$17.97 1-2. Lard—May \$10.37 1-2; July \$10.50; Sept. \$10.60. Ribs—May \$9.47 1-2; July \$9.60-9.62 1-2; Sept. \$9.75. Barley—Cash 64 1-2 6 9. Rye—Cash \$0.12 5-8; May \$1. Timothy—March \$3.85. Clover—\$8.60.

Kansas City Livestock.

Kansas City, March 12.—Cattle—Receipts 2,000; market strong; native steers \$5.25-6.90; native cows and heifers \$2.75-6.25; stockers and feeders \$3.75-6.75; bulls \$3.20-6.90; calves \$4.00-7.70; western steers \$4.80-6.50; western cows \$3.00-5.50. Hogs—Receipts 9,000; market 5 to 10 cents higher; bulk of sales \$6.50-6.75; heavy \$6.70-6.80; packers and butchers \$6.50-6.75; light \$6.25-6.60; pigs \$5.25-6.50. Sheep—Receipts 3,000; market steady; muttons \$4.75-6.00; lambs \$6.00-7.40; range wethers \$4.50-7.00; fed ewes \$3.00-6.50.

Sugar and Coffee.

New York, March 12.—Sugar, raw—Firm; fair refining \$3.30-3.36; centrifugal 96 test \$3.80-3.86; molasses sugar \$3.05-3.11; refined steady; crushed \$5.45; powdered \$4.85; granulated \$4.73. COFFEE—Steady; No. 7 Rio \$ 1 1-4; No. 4 Santos 9.

Wool.

St. Louis, March 12.—Wool, firm; territory and western mediums 18-23; fine mediums 17-20; fine 11-17.

CHINA TO RESTORE NAVY AT COST OF \$100,000,000

Victoria, B. C., March 12.—Advice received from Peking by the steamer Suverle tell of efforts to restore the navy of China at a cost of \$100,000,000. Admiral Sa had been summoned to Peking to consult with Prince Regent regarding a scheme to provide funds. Naval ports and docks are to be established, foreign experts engaged as advisers and instructors and naval colleges established.

HUSBAND SHOT BY WIFE

Prominent Stockman of Montana Meets a Tragic Death

Butte, March 12.—A dispatch from Twin Bridges, Mont., says that Thomas Metzger, a prominent stockman of the Centennial valley, near Lake View, has been shot and killed by his wife. No particulars of the shooting are available, other than they are said to have had some trouble and that she shot him. He died almost instantly. The shooting occurred about one o'clock yesterday afternoon. Mrs. Metzger, it is said, had been ill recently, and had been in a hospital. It is presumed that she was temporarily deranged. Metzger was the second son of the late Alex. Metzger, one of the pioneer stockmen of Montana. For a number of years, he was in Chicago, engaged in various enterprises, but later returned to Montana. Mrs. Metzger was formerly a resident of Chicago and was married to Mr. Metzger about twelve years ago.

WAR HAS BROKEN OUT

Nicaragua and Salvador Reported to Have Clashed at Sea

Mexico City, March 12.—It is persistently rumored here that war has broken out between Nicaragua and Salvador and that there has been an engagement between the Salvadoran gunboat Presidente and the Nicaraguan gunboat Momotombo. The result is unknown. The Mexican government is without official advice as to the truth of these rumors. The Herald today advocates annexation of the five Central American states by Mexico. The general opinion here is that intervention is inevitable, and Mexico looks to the United States to make the initial move.

SOUTHERN NEGRO POLITICIAN IS OF THE PAST

THIS IS AN ESPECIAL FEATURE OF POLICIES OF TAFT.

Southern White Republicans Will Receive Utmost Consideration in Filling the "Big" Places.

Chicago, March 12.—"The passing of the professional southern negro politician as a federal officeholder by right of color has been made an especial feature in the proposed policies of President Taft," says the Tribune today in a news article. "Hereafter, southern white Republicans will receive the utmost consideration in filling the 'big' places in the federal service below the Mason and Dixon line. The places which have been allotted to the negro Republicans as a matter of custom will go to the northern negroes rather than to the southern blackman."

"News of this complete change in administration policy has arrived in Chicago directly from the White House. The information was disclosed in connection with the candidacy of Colonel John R. Marshall, commanding the Eighth infantry, Illinois National Guard, the negro regiment, for the post receiver of deeds of the district of Columbia. "Colonel Marshall's candidacy has the tentative backing of Senator Culom, and he is seeking the support of the Republican organization leaders in Chicago as necessary to taking up the matter officially with President Taft. "The statement is made with authority that Senator Culom had disclosed his views on the negro Republicans to Senator Culom, has been indicated."

CONTRACT FOR 10,000 STEEL CARS IS LET

Chicago, March 12.—The Chicago Railway company has let a contract for approximately ten thousand noiseless steel car wheels with the Carnegie Steel company.