

Socialists Will Win In 1916 Says Russell

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 19.—"Both are patrid with corruption. One has ben on trial for years and it has failed and betrayed the people. The democratic party will have its chance in 1912, and, believe me, it will make a horrible mess of things. When the people realize that both the old parties have failed to provide a panacea for existing conditions, the socialists will be given their chance."

"We now have two great political parties," Russell said.

THEY'RE UNDER ARREST FOR LOOTING A TREASURE SHIP

One of the most dramatic captures of criminals in the history of the Pacific coast was that made recently in San Francisco, Cal., of E. L. Smith, his wife and four men, on a charge of looting the Alaska treasure ship Humboldt last September of \$50,000 in gold bullion.

Mrs. Smith, a woman of refinement and education, was captured in the room she occupied with her husband in a lodging house; her husband in the center of the city, and the others in a shack on a vacant lot where they were satisfying their craving for opium. In the dragnet thrown out for the five, was caught Arthur W. Spear, formerly social lion and son of one of the wealthy and respected family who had sunk into the quagmire that drags down the opium eater.

The crime for which the arrests were made was the boldest and most successful of any committed in the west in recent years and harks back to the old gun days of the west when stages were held up and looted of gold from the mines. The treasure ship Humboldt left Alaska last September with \$60,000 in bullion from the



MRS. E. L. SMITH Who is Declared to Be Brains of Treasure Looters. E. L. SMITH

Tanana fields. When she arrived at Seattle the gold bars were gone and in their places were pieces of iron. The disappearance of the gold was a mystery which detectives could not solve.

Recently secret service men in San Francisco heard of gold filings that were being sold to dentists. They followed the clue, thinking that perhaps the gold had been taken from the local mint only to unearth the ones who looted the treasure ship.

According to the police the brains of the ring was Mrs. Smith, who is said to come from Columbus, Ohio. It was she, it is alleged, who made herself attractive to the purser of the vessel and while she distracted his attention from the gold he was guarding, her confederates managed to substitute the iron for the bullion.

In a safe deposit box, rented by the quintette, was found bullion valued at \$8000.

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Once an "Alley Cat" Herself, She Feeds All Sister Kitties

KANSAS CITY, Kas., Dec. 15.—Having been just a plain scrawny little alley cat herself in a previous incarnation, Mrs. C. L. Freeman has converted her residence here into a palatial home for all the feline outcasts of both Kansas Cities.

Mrs. Freeman herself is authority for this catty reference to her past. She tells all about it, and gives details, almost to a description of her favorite alley haunts when her only clothing was a mangy set of maltese furs. Her present kindness to all stray cats is the result of a vow made when she existed in the cat plane, she says. In addition she tells of a touching meeting with former feline friend, now garbed in human form.

Mrs. Freeman is a theosophist, fairly wealthy and perfectly sane. She was president of the Detroit Cat Club before coming to Kansas City, and at the recent western poultry and cat show exhibited 27 prize cats, among them being Raffines, seventh descendant of Gramma, the cat made famous in a book by Dr. John Owen.

"Before I was given a human body I lived my last preceding life as a poor little abused alley cat," says Mrs. Freeman. "It is terrible, terrible to lead the cat life in an alley. It was given on my soul. No one could go through sorer trial.

"Clubbed, kicked and abused, I might have thought myself the most ill-treated little soul in the world had I not met another little alley cat who lot was as pitiful as my own.

"A few years ago in Detroit I came in contact with a fellow theosophist through our common love for cats. In our conversation I discovered that she was that little alley cat of my previous life. We recalled how on one bleak day we, the two dirty little cats, had made a solemn pledge in our alley retreat, it was that we would cherish other cats after our re-incarnation in human bodies.

"Cats have as much individuality as people. I can understand



MRS. C. L. FREEMAN, A RICH REINCARNATED CAT, HOLDING HER PRIZE PET, "RAFFINES," WHO'S STILL IN THE FELINE STAGE OF EXISTENCE.

everything my cats say, though it might be only a purr to you. And when I meet one of them in the human form, the recognition will be mutual even though I myself have had another re-incarnation.

"When I walk through the streets stray cats turn and follow me. They know that I, too, once was a cat."

WILL TRY TO KNOCK OUT HUGHES ANTI-RACING LAW

(By United Press Leased Wire.) NEW YORK, Dec. 19.—A suit to test the legality of the Hughes anti-racetrack gambling laws, which it is confidently expected will restore horse racing to its old footing in New York, will be filed here, probably this week. The complaint, which will be filed by

a taxpayer but will be fostered by the New York State Bar Association, will challenge the constitutionality of the apportionment under which the senate passing the bills was constituted.

If the apportionment should be declared illegal the result will be the invalidating of the Hughes laws.

Victoria Offers Great Inducements to Men Who Want Life in Open

(By United Press Leased Wire.) VANCOUVER, B. C., Dec. 19.—The Land Settlement Delegation from Victoria, Australia, has completed its tour of the world and sailed for the Antipodes.

The Australians were immensely interested in the art of irrigation as they saw it practiced at Riverside, Redlands and other famous Southern California communities.

Victoria is as large as California and much more sparsely settled. It cries aloud for men to come and build their homes. The government of Victoria sent its Land Settlement delegation abroad to offer attractive terms to the right kind of people.

Land and water at actual cost; payable at the rate of 6 per cent over a period of 3 1/2 years; houses built by the government architect and paid for in 15 annual installments; a loan of 60 per cent of the amount invested in improvements and 80 per cent of the amount expended for transportation in getting there, payable on

easy terms over a long period—this is the offer of Victoria to the land-hungry people of the world. And in a climate like that of California.

The result is impressive. "We have as many settlers as we can build houses for within the next six months," writes Dr. Meads. "The advices from home are that all the berths available on the steamships from England to Australia have been engaged up to the first of next March and our people are expecting 4000 settlers."

He says, however, that one hundred families of skilled American irrigators are wanted to teach the new settlers from England and Scotland how to put water on the land and use American agricultural implements.

If the statesmanship of Victoria is ever adopted in the United States the tide will cease to flow to Canada. People will stay under the Stars and Stripes because they will not have to leave home to find conditions under which it is possible for them to settle on the land.

ter." There are some twenty odd "musical gems" in this offering. A company of excellence, including the original Burgomaster Gus C. Weinburg has been engaged, along with one of the prettiest singing choruses.

"Ole Olson" Still Pleases. In spite of its age the "Ole Olson" show is proving a good attraction and drew a large audience to the Tacoma last night. Ben Holmes, who is "Ole" this season, proved quite as good as the other "Oleys" who have appeared in past years.

AT THE TACOMA.

"The Chinatown Trunk Mystery." Making its first appearance at the Tacoma Wednesday night is "The Chinatown Trunk Mystery," a melodrama claimed to be a dramatic sensation of the present. Dispensing with the lurid, the impossible, and the misleading, the author has taken for his theme a story of real life in New York's Chinatown. A story everybody is familiar with, a story that enthralled the entire universe, the story of Elsie Sigel's life amongst the Chinese.

"The Burgomaster." Pixley and Luder's merry musical masterpiece, "The Burgomaster," the first and greatest success of those clever writers will come to the Tacoma Tuesday. Of all the musical shows that annually visit Tacoma none find more genuine favor than "The Burgomaster."

MAJESTIC (Grand) Rosa Manon and her beautiful trained birds are the big feature on a Christmas bill which opens this afternoon. Steoben Gratton and company are said to furnish another headline attraction in a delightful comedy. Others on

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UPPER BIRTHS TO COST LESS

(By United Press Leased Wire.) WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 19.—The interstate commerce commission today ordered the rates for upper berths in Pullman cars reduced to a basis of 80 per cent of the price of the lower berth. The commission tentatively approved the Pullman company's new schedule of rates, reducing the rate for lower berths to a maximum of \$2 for a 12-hour ride. The new schedule becomes effective Jan. 20, 1911.

Every line in the United States over which Pullman cars are operated will be affected by the order except the Great Northern, the New York, New Haven & Hartford and the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul.

WELCH FAVORITE OVER DRISCOLL

LONDON, Dec. 19.—Freddie Welch will enter the ring a 10 to 8 favorite over Jim Driscoll, when the two meet tomorrow night at Cardiff, Wales, in a scheduled 20-round go. The article calls for 132 pounds ringside. A use of \$12,500 has been hung up and a side bet of \$5,000 against \$6,000 has been made.

HILL GOES TO VANCOUVER

(By United Press Leased Wire.) SEATTLE, Dec. 19.—After a thorough inspection of all projects in which he has an interest in Seattle, James J. Hill, the railroad chief, is on his way to Vancouver, B. C., today. Tonight Hill and the members of his party will be the guests of honor at a big banquet to be tendered by the commercial interests of the Canadian metropolis.

CHICAGO, Dec. 19.—A gigantic tunnel between this city and New York and other eastern cities is the latest proposal of engineers according to plans which have been completed. The proposed tunnel will be large enough to carry a pneumatic tube for the trans-what a boy or a live man will appreciate. Cost for boys, \$7.50; men, \$15 to \$25.

Remember "Christmas Comes but Once a Year"

Let this be a joyous Christmas! Hints from Tacoma's Musical Headquarters THE IDEAL GIFTS:

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AZGONA SAYS HE WOULD BE SHOT

(Continued From Page One.) that reason I am jailed. I am charged with swindling, but all Mexicans know I am innocent. Also all Mexico knows that if the United States consents to my extradition I would be shot by Diaz' soldiers. I will not be the first. This government is being used as a tool. The treaty between the United States and Mexico is used to give Diaz the whip hand over men daring to oppose his tyranny. American officials have been made to see things in the wrong light. My only hope, in my own case, is that an awakening will come soon.

Madero, who was my friend and schoolmate in Paris, was nominated for the presidency after Diaz had said he would be glad to see the people govern themselves. Madero would have been elected. He was acclaimed everywhere and Diaz knew that defeat was staring him in the face, so a few days before the election he threw Madero in jail on a charge of insulting the president of Mexico.

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As the law prohibits anyone from running for office while he is under the charge of the police, and as Madero was held in jail until after election, Diaz was "re-elected." When Madero was released he fled the country. A warrant was issued for my arrest. I heard of it and fled to Texas before it could be served.

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