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HUGHES TO GET JOB AS COURT HEAD

Former Governor of New York Slated for Supreme Justice.

TAFT'S MIND MADE UP

Has List of Nine to Pick Other Two Members of the Tribunal From.

Washington, Dec. 9.—From a source considered trustworthy it was learned today the president has submitted to a number of senators the final list of men he is considering for the United States supreme court. Justice Hughes is down as probable new chief justice.

Several to Choose From.

Two new justices will be chosen from the following:

Francis J. Swayze, supreme court of New Jersey.
Joseph R. Lamar, former justice of the Georgia supreme court.
Gordon Russell, United States district court in Texas.
William C. Hook, in the Eighth U. S. circuit.
William Van Devanter, also of the Eighth circuit.
John C. Pollock, Topeka, Kan., U. S. district judge.
Chief Justice Winslow of the supreme court of Wisconsin.
Senator Sutherland of Utah.
W. D. McHugh, attorney, Omaha, Neb.

IS STILL GROWING

New Jersey's Population Is 2,537,167, Gain of 653,174, \$150 Now.

CHICAGO IS FOURTH CITY

Count at Berlin Shows That German Capital Is 5,000 Below Illinois Metropolis.

Washington, Dec. 9.—The population of New Jersey is 2,537,167, an increase of 653,174.

Spokane Shows Big Growth.

Washington, Dec. 9.—The population of Spokane, Wash., is 104,402, according to statistics of the 13th census issued last night. This is an increase of 67,554, or 183.3 per cent over 36,848 in 1900.

Revised statistics of the population of Tampa, Fla., show its population to be 37,782, an increase of 21,943, or 138.5 per cent over 15,839 in 1900. A previous announcement gave the 1910 census as 38,524.

The population of the state of Louisiana is 1,656,388, an increase of 274,763, or 19.9 per cent over 1,381,625 in 1900. The increase from 1890 to 1900 was 263,038, or 23.5 per cent.

Berlin 5,000 Behind Chicago.

Berlin, Dec. 9.—The preliminary figures of the official census taken Dec. 1 were published last night. They show that Berlin's hopes of surpassing Chicago in population are futile, the total of this capital's inhabitants being only 2,180,000, as against the American city's 2,185,283. Berlin since the last census in 1905 has gained only 139,582, or 6.8 per cent. Hamburg is the second largest city in Germany with 2,060,000. Munich has 1,595,052, Leipzig, 585,743, Dresden, 546,882, Frankfurt-on-the-Main 414,466, Nuremberg 332,539, Hanover 299,753, Chemnitz 286,465 and Magdeburg 279,664.

SPAIN SWEEP BY A CYCLONE; SHIPSWRECKED

Cerebere, France, Dec. 9.—Advises received today state western Spain has been swept by a cyclone that razed everything in its path. Several small vessels sank in the harbor of Corunna and a number of persons were drowned. Several persons were killed and many wounded near Bilbao.

Korean Coast Suffers.

Seattle, Wash., Dec. 9.—Mail advices received today state a storm Nov. 20 overtook Japanese and Korean fishing fleets off Mokpo, Korea, and 391 men were drowned. Seven Japanese and 62 Korean vessels containing 630 men were wrecked and only two Japanese and 237 Koreans were saved.

THE WEATHER

FORECAST.
For Rock Island and vicinity: Increasing cloudiness, with rain or snow late tonight or Saturday, warmer tonight, with the lowest temperature about 25 degrees.
Temperature at 7 a. m., 15.
Wind velocity at 7 a. m., 6 miles per hour.
Relative humidity, at 7 p. m., 56, at 7 a. m., 86.

WEATHER CONDITIONS.

The northwestern storm center has advanced with increasing intensity to Saskatchewan, causing rain or snow on the north Pacific coast and in southern Saskatchewan and eastern South Dakota and a decided rise in temperature in the northern Rocky mountain states and the upper Missouri valley. High pressures and generally clear skies, with continued low temperature, prevail in the lake region and the middle and south Atlantic and gulf sections. Another area of high pressure has appeared over Oregon and Washington. The eastern movement of the Saskatchewan storm center will be attended by increasing cloudiness in this vicinity, with rain or snow late tonight or Saturday and warmer tonight.

OBSERVATIONS.

	Lowest	Highest	Precip.
	Temp.	Temp.	last 24
	Last Night	Yest. hrs.	hrs.
Rock Island	15	28	.00
Atlantic City	18	38	.00
Boston	20	36	.00
Buffalo	12	24	.00
Denver	34	52	.00
Jacksonville	38	58	.00
Kansas City	16	30	.00
New Orleans	48	62	.00
New York city	20	34	.00
Phoenix	42	74	.00
San Diego	56	72	.00
San Francisco	52	62	.00
St. Louis	26	26	.00
St. Paul	00	14	.00
Washington	14	34	.00
Winnipeg	4	6	.00

ASTRONOMICAL EVENTS.

(From noon today to noon tomorrow)
Sun sets 4:20, rises 7:10; moon sets 12:01 a. m.; 1:57 p. m., eastern time, moon at first quarter in constellation Aquarius.

Work of Day in Congress

Washington, Dec. 9.—Following are the proceedings, briefly told, of the two houses of congress yesterday:

SENATE.—The senate, immediately after the morning session, took up bills on the calendar and passed one, providing an indemnity for the heirs of a government employee who lost his life on the Panama railroad. Two important measures intended to better the postal service and carrying the endorsement of Postmaster General Hitchcock were taken up, but consideration of them was put over on the objections of Senators Heyburn and Bacon. Adjourned until Monday.

HOUSE.—In the house practically the entire day was occupied in consideration of the Indian appropriation bill. This is the first of the big supply measures to make its appearance.

BIG ORDER WILL SEND LUMBER UP

Burlington Road Buys 20,000,000 Feet and Price Increase Is Predicted.

Seattle, Wash., Dec. 9.—Lumber manufacturers expect higher prices within the next 30 or 60 days as a result of the activity which has marked the market of late. This buoyancy is attributed to a large order placed by the Burlington railroad which, instead of buying 7,000,000 feet as usual each year, has placed an order for 20,000,000, most of which will be manufactured in the Pacific northwest.

A. O. U. W. Auxiliary Elects.

Louisville, Ky., Dec. 9.—Mrs. Fannie Buell Oleson of St. Paul, Minn., was elected superior chief of the degree of honor of the woman's auxiliary of the Ancient Order of United Workmen.

DIETZ'S PLEAS ALL REFUSED BY COURT

Madison, Wis., Dec. 9.—The supreme court of Wisconsin this afternoon refused a writ of habeas corpus in the Dietz case and denied the plea for a reduction of bail, and refused to order the immediate serving of all warrants against Dietz.

SHOP EARLY

Buy your Christmas presents early—early in the day and early in December. That will be your biggest gift of the holidays to the workers behind the counters and on the delivery wagons.

BIG FLURRY IN COTTON

Posting of Government Estimates Cause Exciting Scenes.

GREAT PRICE JUMP

May Figure Advances \$3.20 Per Ton, Though Crop Exceeds Last Year's.

New Orleans, La., Dec. 9.—Traders on the cotton exchange were precipitated into a frenzy of buying, which rivalled the most exciting occurrences in the history of the exchange, immediately following the

COAL CARRYING ROADS VICTORS

United States Circuit Court Decides That There Is No Conspiracy.

SUIT BEGUN BY ROOSEVELT

Government Scores a Single Point, in the Case of the Temple Iron Company.

Philadelphia, Pa., Dec. 9.—The United States circuit court for the eastern district of Pennsylvania yesterday decided there is no general conspiracy among the anthracite coal carrying railroads or coal companies to restrain trade or commerce, or to monopolize the trade or to maintain certain prices.

The court decided, however, that the Temple iron company is a combination of anthracite coal carrying railroads in violation of the Sherman antitrust law, and granted the prayer of the government for an injunction

FREEEDOM IN CHINA SOON

Ancient Absolute Regime Expected to Pass With Old Year.

NEW SENATE SCORES

Said That Throne Will Shortly Grant Creation of Constitutional Cabinet.

Peking, Dec. 9.—It seems safe to announce that the ancient absolute regime in China will exist only historically after the Chinese new year in January, 1911. It is stated that the throne has decided to accede to the

solute power and make the country a constitutional empire forthwith.

Compromise by Throne.
The reported compliance of the throne is regarded as a compromise. The senate will not press for an immediate parliament, but proposes to conduct the government on a single-chamber basis until 1913.

It is understood the viceroy Prince Ching of Boxer memory, the present power behind the throne, will retire and that Duke Tsai-Tse will become prime minister.

MAKE NO CHANGE

British Elections Will Leave Parliament About as It Was Before.

NEVER SUCH A CONDITION

Leaders Do Not Know How to Interpret Verdict of the People on Leading Issue.

London, Dec. 9.—Tonight's totals the coalition parties have received 244 seats in parliament and the unionists 207.

London, Dec. 9.—Returns this afternoon show 235 coalitionists elected, to 206 unionists. Today's news of special interest was the defeat of Timothy Healy at Louth, which constituency he has represented in commons for 18 years.

Position Will Be Unchanged.

The fifth day of the parliamentary elections ended with the parties still running neck and neck and with the prospect that they would come under the wire in almost precisely the same relative position they held at the start. Returns from the voting for 419 members gave a unionist gain of two seats in that number over those held by that party in the last house.

This amazing result is as unprecedented in English history as it is embarrassing to the politicians of all factions. Both parties went into the election predicting great gains. Both are now convinced that the new house of commons will be practically identical with the old.

Division on Meaning.

Discussion is now concentrated upon the question of what the people's verdict means, what course shall be followed under such unexpected circumstances.

The conservatives argue that Premier Asquith bid for a sweeping endorsement from the country and has not obtained it; therefore he cannot be justified in fastening upon the nation such radical changes as home rule and the disarming of the house of lords.

The coalitionists insist that the voters by returning them to power endorse their policies and direct them to carry out their program in its entirety.

IMPLEMENT MEN SCORE STATE FAIR

Agree to Withdraw From It and Hold an Exhibition of Their Own.

Peoria, Ill., Dec. 8.—After sensational denunciation of the state board of agriculture by James G. Baker, president of the National Federation of Implement Dealers, and William L. Derry, president of the Illinois Retail Implement and Vehicle Dealers' association, and others, the latter organization, in convention here yesterday, unanimously passed a resolution withdrawing from the state fair at Springfield and named a committee to seek a new location for an independent implement and vehicle fair.

Three hundred delegates, representing the largest manufacturing concerns in the state, as well as the most extensive dealers in implements and vehicles, packed the assembly hall at the National hotel.

MACON, ILL., BANK CLOSES ITS DOORS

Macon, Ill., Dec. 9.—The Farmers' and Merchants' bank failed to open today following a run yesterday. The deposits are \$100,000.

15 Days to XMas

WATERWAYS CONVENTION LAUDS TAFT

Attitude of President Toward Its Work is Commended.

REELECTS OFFICERS

Resolutions Ask Yearly Appropriations of \$50,000,000 for Improvements.

Washington, Dec. 9.—With the adoption of resolutions clearly outlining its attitude on the improvements of waterways, and the re-election of Joseph E. Ransdell as president, and J. E. Ellison, secretary-treasurer, the National Rivers and Harbors congress closed today.

Resolution commended attitude of President Taft and urged an annual appropriation of \$50,000,000 by congress for the improvement of waterways; giving the interstate commerce commission authority over competing land and water carriers, and the improvement of terminal facilities along waterways.

May End in Row.

Washington, Dec. 9.—Fears are expressed that unless there is a marked change in the affairs of the Rivers and Harbors congress it will be disputed by factional contests. Since the first convention the importance of harmony has been recognized and efforts constantly been directed to keep it free of sectionalism. With the development of the lakes-to-the-gulf deep water way issue, however, have come activities which cause it to overshadow all other river and harbor questions in the minds of some delegates who advocated promoting it at the expense of other enterprises. Such is the claim voiced by the friends of proposed improvements along the coast, and at other points than in the Mississippi valley.

Not National in Scope.

The assertion is made that the congress has developed into a lakes-to-the-gulf deep water way organization and that other meritorious projects are to be neglected. An organization called into being to promote a national water way policy should not be turned, eastern, southern and far western delegates insist, into a machine to force congress to commit the national government to a project which many of them believe can never be realized.

Eastern delegates are practically bitter in their criticism that the congress has been transformed into a lakes-to-the-gulf deep water way convention. Delegates assert that the real work feature of the rivers and harbors movement lies in the fact that upon many of the projects the local interests are divided, and cite the case of Illinois as an apt example. The feeling prevails that the convention will lose all effectiveness unless harmony exists and the delegates are agreed upon plans for their local improvements and are animated by a spirit to give fair treatment to all sections.

Make a Defense.

Replying to the criticisms of the seacoast and southern delegates, the representatives of the Mississippi valley furnish statistics to show that the money appropriated for the improvement of harbors and rivers along the coasts and in the south have been proportionately far greater than the amount of money expended on the Mississippi, and claim that they are entitled to the consideration they ask to get their fair share.

Deneen Sees Taft.

Governor Deneen and Isham Randolph had a conference with President Taft yesterday afternoon, at which General Bixby, chief of engineers, was present, to discuss in more detail the probable form water way improvements by the state of Illinois will take.

INSURRECTOS HOLDS CREEL'S SON AS HOSTAGE

San Antonio, Tex., Dec. 9.—Bernabe Elias, a courier from Mexico to the family of Francisco I. Madero, today brings information the revolutionists have captured Enrique Creel, Jr., son of Enrique Creel, minister of foreign relations of Mexico. They are holding him as a hostage in the mountains near Chihuahua City.

Falls Through Bridge; Drowns.

La Crosse, Wis., Dec. 9.—Ernest Kinney, a wealthy farmer, was drowned today in the La Crosse river near West Salem. Kinney was returning home and stepped through a hole in a bridge which was being repaired.

This Rural Free Delivery is Getting the Mail Now

