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OUTLINE PLAN FOR SINGLE LAS VEGAS

COMMITTEES NAMED FOR THIS PURPOSE SUBMIT A JOINT REPORT

NO ACTION IS TAKEN

CITY COUNCIL DEFERS CONSIDERATION UNTIL WEDNESDAY NIGHT

MAYOR IS NON-COMMITAL

HE WISHES TIME IN WHICH TO CONSIDER VOLUMINOUS FINDINGS

The special committees named by the East side council and the board of trustees of the West side, which met Saturday for the purpose of formulating a plan by which the consolidation of the two towns could be effected, submitted their joint report to their respective municipal bodies on Saturday night.

Inasmuch as the town trustees failed to have a meeting due to the lack of a quorum, the report was filed with the clerk. However, the city council held a meeting and received the report. After some debate the report was referred to the ordinance committee and action deferred until the regular meeting of the council on Wednesday night.

Just what action will be taken at this time on the report is problematical, Mayor Goodall being non-committal until he has had an opportunity to carefully go over the report.

In the meantime the matter hangs in the balance, although the advocates of consolidation are hoping that the city council and the town trustees may formulate a plan looking toward early consolidation.

If the report of the committee appointed by the two municipalities is not deemed satisfactory, then they say let an additional commission be appointed, but in no event do they propose to allow the matter to drag along in the future as it has in the past.

It is understood that one of the chief objections to the report of the commission presented by the board of trustees, is that two wards should be provided for in the town of Las Vegas, while the report provides for only one ward on the West side.

The members of the city council have not as yet stated their objections, if any they have, to the report of the commission, which follows:

Report of Joint Commission We, the undersigned, heretofore

duly appointed commissioners by the council of the City of Las Vegas, and by the board of trustees of the Town of Las Vegas, have the honor to report as follows:

That the terms and conditions on which the proposed consolidation and annexation of the City of Las Vegas and the Town of Las Vegas shall be made, are the following, that is to say:

1. That the consolidated city and town of Las Vegas shall be known as the City of Las Vegas.

2. That the said City of Las Vegas shall comprise the entire area now contained within the City of Las Vegas and Town of Las Vegas, as now incorporated.

3. That the said consolidated city of Las Vegas shall consist of and be divided into three (3) wards, one of which shall comprise all of that portion of the Town of Las Vegas as

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BELL VISITS CAPITAL INSTEAD OF VEGAS

(Special Dispatch)

Santa Fe, N. M., Sept. 20.—General J. Franklin Bell, chief of staff of the United States army, with his aide-de-camp, Capt. Frederick Sladen, was the guest of the capital city today, arriving shortly before noon.

The ranking officer of the regular army was greeted by both local militia companies and hundreds of school children, waving small flags and singing patriotic songs, while the First regimental band played martial airs.

The general was a guest of Governor Curry at luncheon and this evening will be entertained at a dinner at the residence of Levi Hughes, an old friend.

This afternoon he addressed the national guard and officials of the territory, and took occasion to compliment the national guard upon its military bearing and discipline, saying that his criticism at the territorial fair a year ago was probably too harsh, as he had compared the guard with the New Mexico Military Institute, whose cadets spend several hours each day at drilling.

The general also made a fine speech in Spanish. Among those who occupied the platform was Associate Justice Campbell of the Philippine Islands, who arrived here today to be the guest of the territorial executive for a few days.

Tonight General Bell and Captain Sladen will leave for El Paso, Texas, where he will complete his inspection of military outposts in Texas, Oklahoma and Arkansas.

Wires His Regrets

General Bell yesterday wired Mayor Goodall and the Commercial club his regrets to the invitation extended him to visit Las Vegas while in this territory. He thanked them sincerely for the invitation, but said his itinerary prevented a visit to this city at this time. This was disappointing to local citizens who had prepared to give him an enthusiastic reception.

According to a statement made last night William Pritchard and a cabin boy on the Roosevelt, knew as long ago as last April that Dr. Cook reached the pole in April, 1908. They saw Cook at Annotok, Greenland, after his return from the north. Both kept the news secret, according to Pritchard, on account of a pledge given Cook at the time he gave them the information. John Murphy, the boatswain of the Roosevelt, who also saw Cook at Annotok, says Cook only told him that he had surpassed Peary's former furthest north mark.

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INTERSTATE COMMERCE AND ANTI-TRUST LAWS SHOULD BE REVISED

President Taft Discusses in Detail His Views on Subject in Speech at Des Moines.

SPENDS BUSY FOUR HOURS IN IOWA'S CAPITAL

Guest of U. S. Senator Cummins, Insurgent Leader, at Breakfast, Reviews Five Thousand Federal Troops and Makes Notable Open Air Address to Mammoth Crowd.

Des Moines, Ia., Sept. 20.—President Taft spent more than four hours here today. During that time he breakfasted with U. S. Senator Cummins, one of the insurgent leaders in congress, reviewed 5,000 federal troops and made an open air address in which he discussed the details of the changes he will recommend in the interstate commerce and anti-trust laws. Legislation to prevent over issues of stock and bonds and the watering of stocks will be strongly recommended, the proposition being that no stocks or bonds can be issued except by permission of the interstate commerce commission, after an inquiry made by the commission. The president left at 11:15 o'clock for Omaha.

"I am strongly inclined to view that the way to make the anti-trust law more effective is to narrow its scope somewhat so that it shall not include in its prohibitions and denunciations as a crime, anything but conspiracy or a combination or contract entered into with the actual intent to monopolize or suppress competition in interstate trade. This present feature of the law seems to bring within its scope the condemnation of contracts which are actually innocent and not included within those combinations which the object of the law is to suppress.

"As a result of the last general election the republicans have a majority in both chambers of congress and have the president with them. Looking forward to legislation to be expected from that party, we must refer back to the platform upon which that party was elected. The tariff bill has been passed as promised, and I do not intend to dwell on the disputed question as to whether the bill has fulfilled the promises made, but with the tariff bill out of the way I want to call your attention to what there is left for the republican party in congress to do during the coming session."

The president then outlined his views regarding labor unions and dwelt on the necessity for carrying out these pledges for legislation as to injunctions and requiring the railroads to adopt safety appliances

guarding their employes against accident and death. He then detailed the passage of the railroad rate bill in which the interstate commerce commission was given authority to fix specific rates and continued:

"The rate bill has not furnished relief against discriminatory rates with the expedition and effectiveness expected. The examination of the decisions of the commission and a resort to the courts by way of temporary injunction is a justified conclusion that one of the defects of the present bill is the delay in court over the correctness of an order of the commission. The right to a court appeal cannot be abolished, as it is a constitutional right, but it is now proposed by some members of the cabinet to facilitate these appeals by the creation of a separate interstate commerce court of five members which will sit in Washington and be the only court of appeal from orders of the interstate commerce commission.

"It is proposed to allow a single judge to order a stay of such proceedings but sixty days, and thereafter no injunction will be allowed against an order of the commission unless granted by the whole five. Also I have not the slightest hesitation in recommending to congress that the power of the interstate commerce commission be extended to include not only the fixing of rates, but the readjustment and classification of goods if it proves to be unjust. Under the law, any new rate classification has to be filed with the commission, and it is now proposed to authorize the commission to postpone the date when such classification will take effect, provided a complaint be filed, within thirty days.

"The third amendment to the law should provide that the commission may suspend, modify or annul any change in the rules and regulations which impose an undue burden on the shipper. Another most important amendment of the commerce commission law is the prohibition against a railroad acquiring or holding stock in competing lines. By these provisions, enforced with reason and drawn with a view not to be too drastic with the

railroads in the beginning, a way to gradually abolish that evil and keep the railroads efficient for service, for which they were intended, will be found.

"If the crimes denounced in law were confined to contracts made with the intent to monopolize trade, then the real object of the law would come within its denunciation and no one could declare its opinions unreasonable. It would probably seem wise to establish an accusatory bureau in the department of justice to institute prosecution of violators of the anti-trust laws and interstate commerce laws and enlarge the scope of the bureau corps. All this is in the line of performing the promises of the republican platform and we can certainly be discharging no higher duty."

Truce in Strike Omaha, Neb., Sept. 20.—By special request of President Taft, no attempt will be made to run street cars here today while the president is in the city. The president wired Mayor Dahlman, asking if it would be possible to have a suspension of the strike controversy during his visit. President Wattles, of the street car company agreed that all cars should stop. The strikers will make an attempt to interview the president in an effort to enlist his services in settling strike.

SOCIOLOGIST TO WRITE BOOK ON SOUTHWEST

"The Future of the Great Southwest," is to be the title of a book dealing with the history, past, present and future, of New Mexico and the sister territory of Arizona, data for which is now being collected by Miss Addie Reilly, of Chicago, who is visiting Las Vegas, being the guest of her brother, Rev. Fr. D. E. Reilly, acting chaplain of St. Anthony's sanitarium.

Miss Reilly intends traveling through New Mexico and Arizona, visiting all the principal points of interest, both historical and commercial, for the purpose of learning by personal observation the outlook for the future of these two great commonwealths now on the verge of statehood.

Miss Reilly has been an ardent student of sociology for the past few years and is already the author of several notable works, principal of which are "The Hero of the American American Desert," and "Dare Devil Pete," both stories dealing with frontier life.

Accompanying the authoress to Las Vegas is her brother, Peter Reilly, an engineer on the Pennsylvania system, and by the way—one of the trusted throttle men of this great railroad, for he occupies the cab, when on duty, of one of the engines which pulls the famous Twentieth Century Limited between Chicago and New York.

During the latter's stay in the Meadow City he is a guest at the home of James Purcell, the well known Santa Fe conductor.

ROMERO GOES AFTER ED RICE

THIS TIME HE HOPES TO BRING PRISONER BACK TO LAS VEGAS

FUGITIVE IS DESPERATE

HIS TWO SENSATIONAL ESCAPES SINCE ARREST PROVE THIS FACT

WILL TAKE NO CHANCES

SAN MIGUEL COUNTY SHERIFF DETERMINED TO LAND HIS MAN OR DIE IN ATTEMPT

Undaunted by Ed Rice's sensational escape from him two months ago while he was bringing the fugitive back to Las Vegas to answer to the charge of forging the pay check of a fellow Santa Fe trainman, Sheriff Cleofes Romero departed Saturday night for Needles, Calif., to bring this desperate man back to the city to answer the charge pending against him.

The departure of the sheriff was quiet, few perhaps outside of the sheriff's office knowing that he was to make the trip west. Whether this was because he did not want it known, for fear Rice would repeat the trick of escaping from him again, is not known, but Sheriff Romero is not going to take any chances with his prisoner this time and therefore it is a safe bet that the last of this week will see him home again, accompanied by the fugitive.

Rice, it will be remembered, is the man who gave Romero and Ben Williams, a Santa Fe Railway detective, the slip while being brought back here from San Francisco, he taking leave of the two officers one night while they were in the arms of Morpheus in the berth of a Pullman. According to reports of his escape at that time, Rice secured the keys to his handcuffs while Sheriff Romero was asleep, unlocked his "bracelets" and when the train reached Needles, quietly left the train, taking with him the sheriff's gun, watch and pocket-book.

After the train had left Needles, it is said that Romero awoke only to find that the bird had flown. He left the train at the next stop and hastened back to Needles, where the search for Rice began. The fugitive was trailed by Indian police and located hiding in the sage brush on the desert. He refused to surrender and in a running fight shot one of the possemen, wounding him slightly.

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ENTHUSIASTIC WELCOME AWAITS COOK UPON ARRIVAL HOME

New York, Sept. 10.—The steamer Oscar II, with Dr. Frederick A. Cook aboard, was reported by wireless sixty-five miles off Fire Island at 9 o'clock this morning. The captain of the Oscar II has been ordered to remain at anchor at quarantine all night, so that plans for the reception of Dr. Cook tomorrow can be carried out without change.

A tug bearing Mrs. Cook and children will meet the Oscar II down the bay at 8:30 o'clock tomorrow morning. The tug will be followed by a steamer having on board 2,000 enthusiasts. After a few minutes aboard the tug with his family, Dr. Cook will go aboard the Grand Republic and will be escorted to Brooklyn, his home, where he will be accorded a triumphant reception. Luncheon will be had at the Bushwick club and a banquet at the Waldorf Astoria at night.

Knew of Cook's Success

Sydney, N. S. W., Sept. 20.—The tug Douglas H. Thomas, of the Associated Press, which left Battle Harbor in company with the Roosevelt, arrived here today and reported the Roosevelt would be in late this afternoon.

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Today's Baseball Games

Table with columns for American League and National League, listing teams and scores.

Table with columns for Western League and other leagues, listing teams and scores.

GOVERNOR JOHNSON MAY YET PULL THROUGH SAY DOCTORS

Rochester, Minn., Sept. 20.—An early bulletin issued this morning by Dr. McNevin, one of the physicians called into consultation in the case of Governor John A. Johnson, Minnesota's beloved state executive, who lies critically ill here, reported the governor's condition as slightly improved. There was an impression at the Mayo hospital this morning that the patient will pull through.

In a later statement issued today, the doctors say that if Governor Johnson manages to live through the day that he will have about an even chance for recovery. Specialists are in constant attendance and oxygen is being administered at frequent intervals.

Mrs. Johnson, who during the past forty-eight hours has been at her husband's bedside, refusing to take even time to rest or eat, is on the verge of a physical collapse and attention is now being directed to her.

Much Concern Here

Many Las Vegas citizens, several of whom know Governor Johnson personally are watching closely the bulletin regarding the distinguished patient's condition. The democrats here and elsewhere look upon Governor Johnson as the strongest and logical candidate of the democrats for president at the next national election and most of them believe that had he, instead of Bryan, been nominated as this party's standard bearer at the last election, he would have made a better race than did the Nebraskan. His admirers in Las Vegas are not confined to the democrats alone, but all who know anything of him look upon him as one of the truly great men of the nation. Today The Optic had many telephone inquiries from anxious admirers of the sick man, asking the latest news concerning his condition as given in the Associated Press dispatches.