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NEW YORKERS FORM PROTECTION LEAGUE FOR EMERGENCY CASE

NEW YORK, Oct. 12.—For the protection in case of emergency of vast quantities of wealth represented by money, jewels, securities and commercial papers stored in vaults and strong boxes throughout the financial district of New York city,

the Wall Street Home Defense League has been organized with officers and membership of about 100 men. John Winfield Scott is captain commanding the organization. The members of the league met for the first time today for drill and instruction.

Since their discovery in 1870 the diamond mines at Kimberly have yielded an average return worth nearly \$20,000,000 per annum.

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TROUBLE OF LABOR BOTHER THE LEADERS

Creation of a National Board of Mediation and Conciliation Side-stepped.

STUDYING SITUATION

Congress Must Act but in what Manner is Question to Be Decided.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 13.—The creation of a national board of mediation and conciliation, with the broadest powers, but just short of the right to enforce compulsory arbitration, may be the outcome of the action of President Wilson in inviting suggestions to reconcile labor and capital.

Labor leaders, Senators and Representatives, are studying the situation carefully. Organized labor leaders are chary of endorsing any plan that may tie their hands in enforcing demands through a strike, labor's greatest weapon. Most of the labor leaders believe a Federal mediation board would be a first step toward compulsory arbitration.

President Wilson and advisors are convinced some method of mediation must be decided on by Congress in the immediate future. Just how it will have to be worked out through the modification of all plans so far suggested is a question. The President had hoped that the former Federal commission on industrial relations would have found the way out, but Congress ignored its recommendations as "too radical." Much of the data it compiled is available for a new Federal body if named. The President is expected to dwell at length on this subject in his message to Congress next December.

JAPAN AGREES TO ANNOUNCE CHINA DESIGNS

Statement of Purpose to Stop U. S. Opinion is Concession to Be Made.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 13.—Japan intends making concessions to public opinion in the United States, according to confidential advices received by the state department officials.

The new Japanese cabinet will soon make a statement of its intentions and officials here state that it will be most conciliatory. Aggressive action in China will be defended on the ground that it is necessary because of the failure of China to rule certain provinces with a strong hand, but the statement will insist that the "open door" policy to which the United States is pledged be rigidly adhered to.

Due to Unfavorable Comment. The action of the cabinet is due to realization that the appointment of Premier Terauchi has caused unfavorable comment in the United States.

The new premier stands squarely for large increases in the strength of the army and navy, but officials here say that the foreign policy will not entail increased aggressiveness in dealing with the United States.

CARNIVAL WEEK IS PLANNED BY ARCTIC MEMBERS

The new trustees of the Arctic Brotherhood at their meeting last night started things rolling for the next six months and the first ring off was announced for a week of carnival to be held beginning Monday, Nov. 13th. The committee decided that the "12" instead of being a hoodoo would be the opposite charm. J. B. Marshall was appointed a committee of one to make the arrangements and he will announce a committee which will have full charge of this big week.

It is the plan of the A. B.'s to have all kinds of extra attractions and new features and will be on the order of a regular old country carnival, instead of being on the street however, will be held in the hall. It is expected that the affair will be a success from every standpoint.

WHY use dirty sand and gravel when you can get good clean sand and gravel at the Juneau Sand and Gravel bunkers? Gravel and bar sand \$1.75 per yard. At Treadwell, \$1.50.

DEMAND BRITISH APOLOGY, IS PLEA

SHANGHAI, China, Oct. 13.—The American Chamber of Commerce of China has sent to the State department at Washington a petition for immediate action to prevent further interference with American mails and punishment of the censor. The petition states that up to the end of August the British authorities have opened and censored 144 sacks of official, registered, business and private mail, and "that certain parcel post packages, according to report of the United States postmaster, bore every appearance of being rifled in transit from the United States post agency in Shanghai."

JURY EXCUSED UNTIL MONDAY.

Judge Jennings this morning excused the members of the petit jury until Monday morning at 10 o'clock as no case on the docket is ready for trial before that time.

The EMPIRE—all the news all the time, when it is news.

HUNDREDS OF OFFICERS FOR ARMY NEEDED

Vacancies Have Occurred Owing to New Act of Reorganization in Army Plans.

EXAMINATIONS ARE HELD

WASHINGTON, Oct. 13.—The first of the examinations for second lieutenant in the army, in which grade there are 1,000 vacancies to be filled as the result of the new army reorganization act, has been completed. Boards will be convened at Fort Monroe, Va., and at Fort Leavenworth, Kan., to mark the examination papers of candidates for provisional commissions.

The board at the former place will have to do with the papers of



GEORGE B. GRIGSBY

DEMOCRATIC NOMINEE FOR ATTORNEY GENERAL

Mr. Grigsby is a pioneer resident of Nome; a capable lawyer; a citizen of sterling character and qualifications. HE DESERVES YOUR VOTE FOR ATTORNEY-GENERAL.

COBB ADDING HYPOCRISY TO PARTY TREASON

John H. Cobb, independent candidate for attorney general was seen and interviewed yesterday, having but recently returned from a swing to the westward. He was asked if he had anything to say about the charges made by Grigsby alleging political treachery to him, and that he had been rewarded by Governor Strong with the appointment of attorney general for having voted for President Wilson, and thereafter had knifed the party which gave him the appointment.

"Such a charge," replied Mr. Cobb, "is an insult to the governor. I have no reason to believe that any consideration influenced Governor Strong in making the appointment other than having in mind the best interests of the territory and the belief that I would conscientiously do the work for which I was appointed."

"So far as I know and believe the question of making the appointment as a political reward never occurred to the governor and more than it did to me." (DISPATCH.)

Mr. Cobb is adding hypocrisy to party treachery. He knows better than he speaks.

In the first place, Mr. Grigsby no rany one has said that Mr. Cobb was "rewarded for political services." No one so understands his appointment to the position which he holds. Probably no one values his service highly enough to imagine anything of the sort.

However, Mr. Cobb and everybody knows that he would never been appointed chief counsel for the Territory if he had not pretended to be a Democrat and a supporter of Democrats for official position. Gov. Strong has said as much—but that was not necessary. Mr. Cobb's sarcastic insinuation that Gov. Strong could not with honor have taken his politics into account when appointing him to the place he holds is not only demagogic and hypocritical, but a display of mean ingratitude to the man who gave him a chance.

No less hypocritical and baseless in truth is Mr. Cobb's further assertions in his statement in the Dispatch. Quoting:

"How about the Grigsby charge that you was a member of the Democratic party and bolted the convention?"

"That is also untrue," answered Mr. Cobb. "I was not a member of the 1916 convention. As I was an office holder, or at least quasi-office holder, I declined for that reason. I believe office holders should not be delegates to conventions, where their official acts might be subjected to criticism."

"Eight proxies for the Democratic convention came to me without any request or solicitation on my part. They were sent to me from Nome, but I declined to represent them and turned them over to alternates."

The records of the convention and convention facts disprove these sanctimonious heroics. They show that Mr. Cobb represented as proxy delegates in the Democratic Territorial convention that nominated Mr. Grigsby. He arrived in the city from the South shortly after the convention convened, and was sitting in the Orpheum theatre when the committees were named by Temporary Chairman J. A. Hellenenthal. He left the convention hall in a towering rage because Mr. Hellenenthal did not appoint him to a place on one of the committees. One of the marring features of the whole convention was Mr. Cobb's display of anger in various conversations on the streets of Juneau because he had not been given place on a convention committee by the temporary chairman.

Mr. Cobb is simply a bolter. He is a Democratic office holder, receiving a salary of \$5,000 a year because, among other things, he pretended to be a Democrat, and is working against the Democratic ticket nominated by a convention of which he was a member, at least, for a while. If he left the convention before it completed its labors, that fact only fixes the hour of his bolting.

COBB PLEDGED FEALTY.

While Mr. Cobb would never have been appointed chief counsel for the Territory had it not been that he professed to be a Democrat, there are many Alaska Democrats who have for years questioned his loyalty to the party. However, in the campaign two years ago he made the direct statement that he had never scratched the Democratic ticket and never would. He made this statement in an interview written by himself for The Empire. The Empire's account of this statement, and the statement in part, printed October 2, 1914, follows:

"Some of the friends of Judge Wickersham are attempting to make capital out of the fact that J. H. Cobb sat upon the stage last Monday night when the Delegate addressed the people of Juneau. The claim has been made that Mr. Cobb is openly supporting Judge Wickersham's candidacy. A reporter of The Empire asked as to the facts, and Mr. Cobb said:

"I sat upon the stage by invitation which I took as a personal courtesy to me, and I was glad to show the Delegate every possible courtesy in his visit to Juneau. In fact Judge Wickersham is a personal friend of mine whose esteem I appreciate and value. But personal friendship and social amenity is one thing, and politics is another. I NEVER SCRATCHED A DEMOCRATIC TICKET IN MY LIFE, AND NEVER WILL. So far from supporting Judge Wickersham, if the plans made at the Skagway convention had been carried out I would now be stumping the interior of Alaska for Mr. Bunnell!"

Coast Artillery Corps, while the candidates for appointment to the board at the latter place will mark the papers of candidates for the mobil army.

The boards will classify the candidates into eight groups, as follows:

Graduates of the naval academy, enlisted men of the regular army and officers of the Philippine Scouts, members of the Officers' Reserve Force, officers of the National Guard, honor graduates of distinguished colleges, honor graduates on honor schools and distinguished institutions, graduates of other colleges and members of the organized militia of not less than three years' creditable service, and, finally, all other candidates.

The lists of those qualified will be prepared according to these groups, the members to be arranged in order of merit in accordance with the percentage attained by them as a general average.

GERMAN FORCES HAVE TAKEN DANUBIAN ISLAND

BERLIN, Oct. 13.—Troops of Field Marshal Mackensen by a surprise attack obtained possession of the island in the Danube northwest of Sislava. It was announced officially today. They captured six guns and the Rumanian troops on the island.

A potato flour factory recently opened at Stockton, Cal., is the first factory of that nature on the Pacific Coast.

PROHIBITION'S WAYS ARE VAIN

A Dry Town in Dry Alabama Produces 30 "Blind Pig" Saloons in a One-Day Investigation.

TOWN NOT AS BIG AS FAIRBANKS

Town of Four Thousand Population with 30 Saloons Paying No License and Helping None.

(PAID ADVERTISEMENT.) MONTGOMERY, Ala., May 19.—In a raid upon the "Blind Pig" saloons of Girard, Russell county, today representatives of the attorney general's office seized \$300,000 worth of whiskey, beer and gin, which they found in the thirty saloons of that town.

(Girard is a typical prohibition town. Having only 4214 population and supporting only one weekly paper, supposed to be tied tight by prohibition, the authorities in a day uncovered thirty saloons which pay no license or taxes to the community and are engaged in demonstrating prohibition does not prohibit but makes liquor selling more profitable and more general.)—Fairbanks News-Miner, May 19, 1916.

HOME RULE IN IRELAND SAFE SAYS LEADER

Conscription Will Not Be Forced—Ireland Must Remain in a Sane Condition.

WATERFORD, Ireland, Oct. 13.—In a notable address to his constituents here, John Redmond, the Irish Nationalist leader in Parliament, declared that despite the recent rebellion, "with all its inevitable aftermath of brutalities, stupidities and inflamed passions," home rule for Ireland is safe if Ireland remains sane.

Redmond also declared that conscription could never be forced upon Ireland, adding:

"I cannot bring myself to believe that malign through the influences at work are, the government will be insane enough to challenge a conflict with Ireland on this subject. Conscription for Ireland, far from helping the army and the war, would be the most fatal thing that could happen. It would be resisted in every village in Ireland. Its attempted enforcement would be a scandal which would ring around the world. It would produce no additional men."

Continuing, the Irish parliamentary leader said:

"The mere threat is paralyzing recruiting, which, mark you, is not dead as some people say. The latest figures indeed show that from the date of the rising (Easter Sunday) until September 6,000 recruits were levied."

"This demand for conscription is not a genuine military demand. It is a base device put forward by men who want to injure and discredit Ireland's political future."

STEAMER WITH BIG MUNITION CARGO IS OFF FOR ENGLAND

NEW YORK, Oct. 13.—Defying submarines that might be lurking for big game the steamship Adriatic, queen of the British munition fleet, sailed for England last night carrying 16,000 tons of war supplies. Careful plans were made for the Adriatic's dispatch through the new danger zone.

Trees that grow the highest have the most pointed leaves.

NON-PARTISAN MOVE FOR SENATOR SULZER STARTS AT KETCHIKAN

KETCHIKAN, Oct. 8.—There was a very generous attendance at the Council Chambers last night in the furtherance of the candidacy of Sen. Charles A. Sulzer, for Delegate to Congress.

The meeting was non-partisan in character and met with the approval of all those in attendance, and endorsed Senator Sulzer as the favorite son of Alaska.—Ketchikan Progressive-Miner.

"A." the News All the Time.