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SEVEN WOMEN KILLED IN CONVENT

ELECTION BOARD CANVASSES RETURNS---CHARGES ARE FILED

The canvassing board, consisting of Governor Walter E. Clark, Surveyor-General W. L. Distin and Collector of Customs J. R. Willis, commenced the arduous task of canvassing the returns for the November election, at ten o'clock this morning. Before beginning the count the matter relative to contests and charges filed were disposed of. A notice had been filed by Judge Gunnison, attorney for Geo. E. Baldwin, of Valdez, that the seat in the Senate claimed by L. V. Ray, of Seward, would be contested. Later a letter had been received from Judge Gunnison withdrawing the contest.

Emery Valentine, national committeeman of the Progressive party, filed a deposition protesting the election of A. G. Shoup on the ground that he was not a citizen of Alaska, and containing charges of illegal voting for the non-partisan ticket.

Mr. Valentine's first charge is that in Juneau, Z. Smith, a citizen of the State of California, and Julius Johnson, a citizen of Norway, voted the non-partisan ticket. The second charge alleges that in Sitka precinct numerous frauds were practiced and to such an extent that the returns should be excluded; that A. G. Shoup, a citizen of Oregon, and five full-blooded Indians, namely: A. G. Willis, George E. Howard, Frank D. Price, David F. Marsh, and J. A. Beasley; and also Peter Sing, the son of a Chinaman, all voted the non-partisan ticket; also that J. L. Henry voted illegally in that precinct.

Wrangell is pointed out in the third charge of fraud as the scene of irregularity. Here the judges are

charged with acting in an arbitrary and irregular manner, refusing to allow citizens to vote if it were known they were in favor of the Progressive party. It is charged that full sixteen illegal votes were cast for the non-partisan ticket. It is asserted that certain residents of Scow bay and Petersburg were allowed to vote in Wrangell; it is also charged that Fred Lynch, who is a Canadian citizen, who came to Alaska in 1876, voted.

The fourth charge reiterates the first that Shoup is not a citizen of Alaska and therefore not a legal candidate.

The protest closes with the declaration that no illegal votes were cast for the Progressive ticket.

Governor Clark said that he had informed Judge Gunnison that the canvassing board was in no sense competent to pass on the matter of contests. The duty of the board was to canvass the returns, note the irregularities if any appeared, and issue certificates of election according to the returns. The matter of contests is up to the legislative assembly.

The affidavit of Emery Valentine was ordered returned with the statement that the board could take no cognizance of the contest.

It is not probable that the canvassing will be completed today. A start was made on the first division at 11 o'clock.

The canvassing board at three o'clock had finished with the counting of the returns of the First Division and were checking back. The vote of no precinct has as yet been disqualified nor material change found in the unofficial returns published.

URGE OPENING OF ALASKA

That the culmination of the ten years' struggle for railway legislation in Alaska in the report of the Alaska railroad commission favoring the construction of two roads into the North, is the most important development of Alaska affairs to Seattle since the Klondike rush, is the opinion of several Seattle men well acquainted with the situation, says the Seattle Sun.

J. L. McPherson, secretary of the Alaska bureau of the Chamber of Commerce, a mining engineer who surveyed the trails which will be followed, today said that, as the commission had done its work, it was now up to Seattle.

"That the Seattle people do not realize the situation of affairs is very evident," said McPherson recently. "Seattle, at the door and gateway of a country which the greatest geologists proclaim the source of the future wealth of the nation, should fight tooth and nail for immediate action by Congress.

"The East and South are not interested in the development, for it will not vitally affect them for many years. But Seattle, instead of devoting so much time and attention to such matter as port commissions, canals and other local improvements, should wake up to the fact that Alaska's future is her future, that Alaska's development will mean the greater development of this city."

Speaking along the same lines, Captain J. F. Pratt, head of the geological survey of the coast, says, "The important thing at the present time is not to consider the conditions or study the affairs of the Great Unknown, but to act. Congress has many things to do, and the matter, if not attended to immediately, may slip through and the long fight be lost. The whole Pacific Coast is interested, but Seattle is doubly so and should be the first to stand out strongly for the development of Alaska."

MISS KEMPTHORNE TO BE MARRIED SOON

Letters received by friends in Juneau state that Miss Kempthorne, a leading member of Juneau's musical circles, is not coming back soon. She is to be married to Mr. McCaul, a bar-rister of Nelson, New Zealand.

The announced engagement comes as the culmination of a romance which began aboard ship. The wedding will probably occur in June.

FOUND—On Salmon creek road a lady's coat. Enquire at Burford's. L. F.

OPERA HOUSE TO BE REMODELED

It has developed that the Elks do not want to turn their establishment over as a meeting place for the First Legislature of Alaska. Mayor Bishop, who is on the house committee of the Elks, and also a member of the legislative hall committee of the Commercial Club, is authority for this statement.

The committee appointed from the Commercial Club did secure an option on the Opera house some time ago, but as it was then in use by a moving picture show and as it would not have been good policy to announce that the hall was wanted for another purpose until the other party had released the building, the matter was held in abeyance.

The present lease holders have determined to build a new floor at the level of the present tier of raised boxes, converting the present auditorium into two halls, one below and the other above. Both will be reached from the Seward street entrance.

Work is to start immediately and the building put in first class shape. The alterations to be made at this time will be with a view of further changes.

The place will be offered as a meeting place but the Commercial Club has not contracted for its use for that purpose.

THE NEW DIGGINGS ON TESLIN LAKE

Among the late arrivals from the new gold strike southeast of Atlin at the latter place, are Wm. Conroy, Ken-ny McLaren, Joe Wilson and Skookum Jim. Conroy, McLaren and Wilson are old-timers in this district and experienced miners. Skookum Jim is one of the discoverers of the famous Klondike in Yukon. All are very enthusiastic over the prospects of the new diggings and predict a lively future for the camp. Conroy and McLaren have started back from Atlin on the return trip with four tons of supplies which they will relay with dog teams. In fact, most of the stakers are preparing to return at once with outfits to commence operations as soon as the snow is off the ground. Up to date, five creeks have been discovered and staked. While no extensive prospecting has been done, on account of the presence of snow and the frozen condition of the ground, good prospects have been found in various places on all of the creeks. Over three hundred claims in the new district have been recorded.

Job Printing at The Empire Office

Fight United States

MEXICO CITY, Feb. 14.—Word has been received here from Paris that former President Porfirio Diaz has announced his intention to return to Mexico and take the field against the armies of the United States in case of intervention.

Since his flight from Mexico after the capture of this city by General Madero, two years ago, Diaz has been living quietly in Spain and Paris.

Diaz Claims Control

MEXICO CITY, Fe. 14.—General Felix Diaz, the rebel commander, in an official communication to Henry L. Wilson, the American Ambassador, asserts that he is in control of the city, and asks the United States for recognition as a belligerent. Wilson has not replied to the note.

OWNER REMODELES DELANEY BUILDING

W. H. Case who recently purchased the Delaney building at the corner of Front and Main Street, is having the property entirely remodeled. Carpenters have already begun the work under the supervision of John Lindahl.

The building is to be brought to the street line. A fine plate glass front will be put in. The display window besides facing on Front street will have an exposure on Main street and in the angle next to the Occidental hotel.

The building will not be disturbed and new foundations will replace the old. The floor is to be lowered to the Front street level and the Main street store room will be connected with the Front street store by an arch under the Main street stairs.

The photo supply stock, jewelry and curio department will be in the Front street space while the furs and heavy stock and photo studio will be placed in the store room facing on Main street.

The entire upper floor is to be remodeled and fitted into first class offices. It is expected to have the building ready for occupancy by April 1.

NEW BUILDING ON FRANKLIN STREET

Before leaving for the South Z. R. Cheney announced his intention of erecting a new building on his Franklin street property. The land which is to be improved is the plot used now by James Hogan as a marble yard.

The building contemplated will be two stories in height, the full width of the Franklin street frontage. The lower floor will be used for commercial purposes.

The upper floor will be made into lodgings, according to the plans as at present arranged. The building is to cost \$7,000. Construction will commence immediately on Mr. Cheney's return from the South.

AT THE ORPHEUM

"The Serpents" is an extraordinary drama dealing with the ancient cave-man. It is now on at the Orpheum and is followed with unusual interest. Sunday night Manager Spiekett will display the great naval parade showing every ship of the U. S. navy.

TO JUNEAU PATRONS:

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TWO MORE WHISKEY PEDDLERS ARE CAUGHT

Wm. Doyle and Thos. Shields were caught in Special Agent Harding's net last night and arrested by Deputy Marshal McLean on the charge of selling whiskey to Indians. "Porcupine" Mary Doyle, out on her own recognition, but under indictment for the same offense, is the government witness.

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Federals and Rebels In Deadly Combat

MEXICO CITY, Feb. 14.—The battle between the rebel and federal troops was again resumed this morning, General Felix Diaz, the rebel leader, taking the offensive and directing the fighting in person.

A shell fired by the rebels struck a convent, near the palace, while the inmates were at prayer. The shell exploded and it is reported that twelve persons were killed, including seven nuns.

The federal troops have placed heavy guns in front of the United States consulate to defend it in case of an attack by Diaz's soldiers.

Four solid blocks are this afternoon being dynamited by the federal forces in front of the rebel position, and a desperate conflict is being waged in the meantime. Dead, wounded and dying are found everywhere within the zone of the fighting.

MEXICO CITY, Feb. 14.—When the battle ended last night between the forces of President Madero and the adherents of General Felix Diaz, the rebels had secured a slight advantage in the fighting of the last hour.

The federal troops attempted a charge in the direction of the arse-

LOEB COMING TO THE COAST

SEATTLE, Feb. 14.—C. T. Conover, of this city, has received a letter from John A. Schleicher, publisher of Leslie's Weekly, which confirms the report that William Loeb, Jr., has accepted a position with the Guggenheims in Alaska. Mr. Loeb will have an administrative position, and Mr. Schleicher says that he is deeply interested in Alaska.

Loeb is now Collector of Customs for the port of New York. It is expected that he will assume his position with the Alaska Syndicate early this spring.

AND HERE ALSO IS SAMUEL ADAMS

WASHINGTON, Feb. 14.—Samuel Adams who is "also mentioned" by Secretary of the Interior in Mr. Wilson's Cabinet was brought to Washington by Secretary Fisher, when he was appointed to succeed Secretary Ballinger. Adams is a Democrat, but has been no more active in politics than has Fisher, and his work in and for the Democratic party has been about as active as Secretary Fisher's labors in the behalf of the Republican party. Neither man is regarded as a politician, and neither has been closely identified with any party. For this reason, among others, Democrats are opposed to Adams, for they have only learned that he is a Democrat since he became a candidate for appointment as Secretary of the Interior.

Democrat Senators who are protesting against the appointment of Fisher base their objection mainly on the fact that he is not a Democrat, and that there are scores of good Democrats capable of filling that office, whether they be chosen from the West or the East. They do not believe it right that Mr. Wilson should keep a single Republican in his Cabinet, and point to the political blunder made by President Taft when he gave two of his Cabinet offices to Democrats.

As to Adams, the objection is more personal than political, though no Senator, so far as has ever been disclosed, believes that Adams ever rendered the Democratic party such service as to justify his elevation to a Cabinet office. Even during the last campaign, while Secretary Fisher was away, and even after his return, Adams stuck to his desk in Washington, and never once raised his voice in the campaign. There is strenuous objection to placing such a man in the Cabinet.

SCOTT'S DEATH TO BE INVESTIGATED

CHRISTCHURCH, N. Z., Feb. 14.—Strong suspicions of cowardice and shame are behind the death of Captain Scott and his party. It is known that fuel was removed from caches, and it is probable that the government will make a rigid investigation.

Scott in his farewell message said that he could not account for the shortage of fuel.

FOUND GUILTY OF ILLEGAL VOTING

VALDEZ, Feb. 14.—John J. Ralstad and Alexander Fredolin were found guilty by a jury in the district court for having violated the Election law, the specific charge being that they voted ten absent names at Afognak for Delegate Wickersham at the election on August 13, last.

MISS DEAN RESIGNS

Miss Mayme Dean, one of the favorite nurses of St. Ann's hospital, has tendered her resignation to take effect soon.

HOOSIER AUTHOR DEAD

SHELBYVILLE, Ind., Feb. 14.—Charles Major, a well known author, is dead at his home in this city.

Cabinet Won't Be Known Till Names Sent to Senate

TRENTON, N. J., Feb. 14.—Ten days ago it was stated that President-elect Wilson would have his Cabinet completed, to all intents and purposes by Feb. 15, and the names of those who are to accept portfolios would be known, unless some entirely unexpected hitch occurred. However, no announcements have yet been made nor are any likely to be made for some time yet.

Governor Wilson was questioned again last night as to Cabinet appointments, and he said:

"I will follow the good old-fashioned

Hundreds of Strikers Arrested in W. Virginia

CHARLESTON, W. Va., Feb. 14.—This morning a woman strike leader, known as Mother Jones, leading seven hundred of the striking coal miners, sought to interview Gov. William E. Glasscock.

Instead of obtaining the desired in-

BANKER GIVEN TERM IN PRISON

COEUR D'ALENE, Ida., Feb. 14.—B. F. O'Neill, former president of the State Bank of Commerce, of Wallace, Ida., has been sentenced to an indeterminate term of from two to ten years in the State penitentiary, for making false statements in regard to the bank's condition. The bank failed two years ago.

STEAMERS COLLIDE IN SAN FRANCISCO BAY

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 14.—The steamers Hugh J. Corcoran and Seminole collided in a fog this morning in the bay. The Seminole was sunk, but all an board were saved.

WHEELER, Ore., Feb. 14.—The German bark Mimi is ashore on the coast near this place. Her position is dangerous. The crew are aboard the vessel.

TO BRIBE WAY TO THE SENATE

CHARLESTON, W. Va., Feb. 14.—H. F. Edwards, a Republican candidate for the United States Senate has been arrested on a charge of offering bribes to members of the Legislature to vote for him.

U. S. BATTLESHIP GOES ON A REEF

CAMANERA, Cuba, Feb. 14.—The United States battleship Arkansas went on a reef near this port last night. She has been refloated but is in a leaking condition.

KING GEORGE SHEDS TEARS

LONDON, Feb. 14.—National memorial services were held this afternoon for Captain Scott and his companions, who perished in the Antarctic. King George and Prime Minister Asquith were so affected that they shed tears.

ARBITRATION TREATY IS CONTINUED

WASHINGTON, Feb. 14.—Secretary of State P. C. Knox and Jean J. Jusserand, the French ambassador have signed a convention between the United States and France, which continues for another five years; the arbitration treaty between the two countries.

Finest line of Calabash pipes in Alaska at BURFORD'S

methods and not make any announcement until the names of the Cabinet members are sent to the United States Senate."

PRINCETON, N. J., Feb. 14.—Col. Wm. J. Bryan and Col. E. M. House, an intimate friend of both Col. Bryan and Governor Wilson, passed last evening with the President-elect at his home here. It was stated that both had been invited by Governor Wilson to a conference. It is now generally believed that Bryan has been offered and has accepted the Secretary of State portfolio.

WHAT THE JONES BILL WILL DO

WASHINGTON, Feb. 14.—Representative Martin E. Olmstead, Republican, of Pennsylvania, in a speech yesterday, in opposition to the Jones Bill, declared that the withdrawal of the United States from the Philippines would precipitate conditions worse than now obtain in Mexico.

The Jones bill provides for the withdrawal of the United States from the Philippines and the recognition of their independence within eight years.

HARD COAL TRUST HALED TO COURT

TRENTON, N. J., Feb. 14.—The United States Government has begun suit here against the Delaware & Lackawanna railroad company. The complaint alleges that the defendant company exercises a complete monopoly of hard coal to the amount of nine million tons.

The Lackawanna railroad is alleged to be a leading factor in what is known as the Hard Coal Trust.

UNDERWOOD IS NOW A GRANDDAD

WASHINGTON, Feb. 14.—Representative Oscar Underwood, who has just turned fifty years and looks ten years younger, entered the grandfather class today. Mr. Underwood's son, who lives in Birmingham, Ala., telegraphed the House leader that he is father of a baby girl.

Mr. Underwood was advised also today that one of his admirers, whose last name is Kidd, had named his latest arrival Oscar Underwood Kidd.

"I wonder if they'll call him O. U. Kidd," Mr. Underwood said to his secretary.

RIOTING IN JAPAN

TOKIO, Feb. 14.—There was rioting and bloodshed yesterday in many parts of Japan.

TO RESIGN MARCH 1

TRENTON, N. J., Feb. 14.—Governor Wilson announced yesterday that he would resign as Governor of New Jersey on March 1.

POLICE GRAFT WITNESS KILLS HIS DAUGHTER

NEW YORK, Feb. 14.—William Purcell, a witness in the police graft investigation today shot and killed his daughter Agnes, twelve years old, and fired at his wife. He was arrested.

Every thing that will please a smoker may be found at BURFORD'S.