

FINAL ARGUMENTS ARE PRINTED TODAY ON PENSION PLANS

Retirement of Clerks Debated Thoroughly From All Angles.

POLL BY THE TIMES TO BE ON THURSDAY

Details as to Ballots, Voting Places, Etc., Will Appear Tuesday.

The last guns in the civil service joint debate in The Washington Times are being fired today.

Advocates of each retirement plan have had their say. Opponents of each retirement plan have had their say.

Every possible angle of the retirement controversy has been covered, and the information contained in the five articles published has been hungrily consumed by the 25,000 or 30,000 Government employees in Washington who are to have a chance to vote in The Times' poll this week.

Today each of the five authors whose arguments have appeared in The Times, sums up his case in brief. The articles have been pulled down to facts and figures and are instantly comprehensible.

It is the intention now to hold the poll of Government employees on Thursday afternoon, beginning at 4:30 o'clock.

Details as to the form of ballot, the polling places, and other arrangements for conducting the voting will be published on Tuesday.

Competent to Speak.

The authors of the articles that have appeared in the past week are persons who have made thorough investigations of the subject under consideration and are competent to present their respective views.

Herbert D. Brown is the accredited author of the Gillett bill providing for the contributory form of retirement employed by the Government to compile data and statistics on the subject of superannuation. His research has led him into an investigation of the systems of retirement in vogue in other countries.

Not less active in investigating various retirement plans has been Mrs. Llewellyn Jordan, who has written the arguments against the straight pension plan. He has collaborated with Mr. Brown in several articles and congressional documents, and has had his time and energy given to the retirement movement for a dozen years. He feels he is just beginning to realize the fruit of his labors.

Another debater who has devoted years of time to the interests of the civil service is Michael E. Elsworth, president of the United States Civil Service Retirement Association. He possesses a wide knowledge of conditions in the service.

An Ardent Warrior. Miss Ethel M. Smith, an ardent advocate of straight pension and a militant warrior against the contributory type of retirement, probably has made a deeper study of the subject than any woman in Washington. She is an active supporter of the salary increase campaign.

The fifth debater, Joseph W. Buck, has devoted most of his endeavors toward obtaining a better wage scale for the classified civil service employees, but after spending hundreds of dollars of his own money, re-entered the Government service. He has continued to lend his talents and experience in the war for better wages.

Each writer was selected because of peculiar fitness or familiarity with the several positions, and while the contentions have seemed to be at variance in a number of instances, the whole of the arguments will prove beneficial to the employees when they vote on the propositions to be submitted at The Times poll.

For Contributory Plan If Pay Is Increased

To the Editor of The Washington Times: I heartily congratulate you on your earnest work in behalf of a pension and an increase of pay for Government clerks.

I approve of the contributory plan after an increase in pay is granted. The trouble with the entire agitation is that it does not include myself and my fellow employees of the Navy Yard, who are not under civil service.

It is not our fault that we are not under civil service, where we might have better protection. I have given the best years of my life to the Government, both on land and on sea, in peace and in war, and I would love to

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WEATHER REPORT

FORECAST FOR THE DISTRICT. Rain tonight and Monday; warmer to-night; colder Monday night; winds becoming southeast and south and increasing.

TEMPERATURES.

3 a. m.	31
5 a. m.	31
7 a. m.	31
9 a. m.	31
11 a. m.	31
12 noon.	31
1 p. m.	31
3 p. m.	31

SUN TABLE.

Sun rises..... 7:19
Sun sets..... 4:45

CONDITION OF RIVERS.

HAZARD FERRY, W. Va., Jan. 1.—Both rivers clear.

New Year's Day Observed In Quiet.

President Taft and Mrs. Taft hear New Year sermon at All Souls' Church.

Several hundred Sons of Jonada! wind up an all-night session with a banquet-breakfast at 7 o'clock.

Special New Year sermons and music in almost all of the Washington churches.

Postponement to tomorrow by general consent of the usual jolly New Year hospitality.

BABY NEW YEAR HAS DAY OF PEACE

Special Sermons in Churches and Late Sleepers Only Signs of Holiday.

MR. AND MRS. TAFT ATTEND ALL SOULS'

Usual Uproar in Early Morning Is of Short Duration.

With two days instead of one for New Year observances, today's recognition of the occasion has been peaceful and quiet and proper, and the rounds of New Year calls and jovial hospitality are largely being put off until tomorrow.

In some parts of the city the suppressed New Year effervescence probably will bubble up tonight, and it is likely to bubble out all the livelier tomorrow because of the twenty-four hours of repression.

The observances of New Year this morning was the fact that most everybody stayed in bed later than usual, and most of the churches this morning had New Year sermons as features.

Among the sermons on the lesson of the day were "Crossing the Line," by the Rev. C. E. Granger, at Guntton Temple Memorial Church; "The Snow of the Year," by the Rev. Wallace Radcliffe, in New York Avenue Presbyterian Church; "Memories and Hopes," by the Rev. S. H. Woodrow, in the First Congregational Church, and "The Pastor's New Year Message," by the Rev. W. W. McMaster, in the First Baptist Church.

Sons of Jonada Celebrate. First prize for real enthusiastic New Year observers should go today to the members of a fraternal society, the Sons of Jonada. There are several councils of the organization in this city, and they invited the council's at Harpers Ferry and Baltimore to help them out in doing New Year up in proper fashion.

All of the councils met late last night in Pioneer Hall, 23 Louisiana avenue. At midnight they initiated a large class of candidates. At 1 o'clock this morning they sat down to a banquet.

Speaking followed the banquet, and then each of the members pledged himself to abstain from liquor this year. The exercises were continued until 2 o'clock this morning all the survivors had breakfast together in the hall, and went home to bed.

President At Church. President Taft observed the day by attending services in All Souls' Church, as usual, and Mrs. Taft accompanied him this morning. Instead of attending her own church. The pastor, the Rev. Olysses G. B. Pierce, preached a sermon appropriate to New Year.

The ushering in of the New Year at 12 o'clock was not made the occasion of hundreds of stay-up-all-night parties, as is usually the case. In the department of the Sunday law by the police, but for the few minutes before and after 12 it was a gay time at scores of home and restaurants.

In the Cafe Republique the New York custom of serving wine only was instituted. There every table was crowded. A large number of the staff, including Central American diplomats were among the gay parties there.

Bugler Sounds Taps. Each hotel had its own ideas on the celebration, but all allowed the patrons to spontaneously develop their own observance. In one the guests started "Auld Lang Syne," and in another the management had a bugler sound taps for the old year and the reveille for the New Year.

As usual there was an uproar of whistles, horns and other noise-making contrivances for a few minutes at 12 o'clock, but the usual sound of revolver shots was missing, owing to the police officers and the racket was cut shorter than ordinarily.

Special formal services were held only in the Epiphany Church, and the Rev. Randolph McKim made a brief address.

House Badly Damaged By Black Hand Bomb

DETROIT, Mich., Jan. 1.—Unidentified persons, believed to be members of the Black Hand, blew up a portion of the front of the residence of Augustino Vitale early this morning, and made their escape before the police could locate them.

This is the second Italian residence that has been blown up since last Wednesday.

The dynamite was placed under the front steps and set off. Vitale and members of his family were sound asleep when the explosion occurred, and fortunately escaped injury.

Brazil Congress Rises.

RIO JANEIRO, Jan. 1.—Having officially approved a budget for 1911, which approximates \$100,000,000, congress adjourned here last night.

PINCHOT'S LAST BID TO SAVE PATENTS ON ALASKA LANDS

Files Brief With President Telling of the Alleged Conspiracy.

DECLARES MILLIONS WOULD BE LOST

Former Forester Makes Effort to Block Grants for Cunningham Claims.

The battle for conservation of national resources in the new year of 1911 was begun today by Gifford and Amos Pinchot, who, in a last great effort to prevent the Cunningham coal claims in Alaska from going to patent, filed with President Taft an exhaustive brief setting forth in detail their reasons for opposing the alleged conspiracy to loot the Government of enormously valuable properties.

If the last stand of the Pinchot brothers in this great case is a failure, patents will be issued to parties for coal lands that dominate the Bering river district, in Alaska; the Government will be disposed of coal worth \$25,000,000, at a conservative estimate, and the Cunningham claimants, operating in conjunction with L. P. Morgan & Co., and the Guggenheim Exploration company, will be in a position, as Gifford Pinchot charges, and as it has been freely alleged in other quarters many times, to obtain a virtual monopoly of coal production in Alaska.

Means Ballinger Victory. If the brief sent to the White House today by the Pinchots is unsuccessful in blocking the Cunningham claimants and the President permits the claims to go patent, then in large measure the victory in the fight which has been waged for many months between Gifford Pinchot and the men who support him, including Secretary Ballinger will have been won by Ballinger.

It is true that in the contest he has waged for the carrying out of a policy of real conservation the former Chief Forester, Gifford Pinchot, and his lieutenants have stirred up a tremendous public sentiment against the spoliation of the public lands, whereas Secretary Ballinger, on the other hand, in the course of his administration, as they believe, and their supporters believe, they will have achieved a victory in the Ballinger-Pinchot fight under any circumstances.

But if the Cunningham coal claims are sent to patent, a gigantic monopoly in which the Morgan and Guggenheim interests are involved will have gained a grip that it will forever be impossible to shake off on one of the most valuable coal regions in the world.

The value of this coal region will increase more and more as the years go by, and the Pacific coast country and the North American continent, its coal supply, grows more and more scarce.

Means Much to Alaska. That the possession of this coalfield in the Bering river district, or the key to it, gives whoever has possession of that field tremendous influence on the future of Alaska goes without saying.

The brief of Gifford Pinchot and Amos Pinchot filed with the President today represents the results of a most thorough and careful examination into all the facts, records, and evidence available regarding the Cunningham claims.

They obtained permission from the President some weeks ago to file it. They were allowed until today. Today is the last day for filing under the leave granted by the President, and the proposed chief forester and his brother have been working day and night in an effort to complete their statement.

Secretary Ballinger has a plan for disposing of the Cunningham claims, which was set forth in his annual report. It proposes that the cases be turned over to the Committee on Territories of the District of Columbia for adjudication.

Would Shift Responsibility. This would shift the responsibility from the President and the Interior Department, on whom it rests by law. In order to do this, special legislation would be necessary. Mr. Pinchot is emphatically opposed to this plan. He does not want the matter disposed of by the Court of Appeals. He takes the view the claims are so tainted with fraud that they are not entitled to patent, and that under these circumstances the patents should be flatly turned down.

The brief of Messrs. Pinchot embodies a clear setting forth of the facts and law. It is extremely lengthy and has been carefully prepared. It is for the most part a dispassionate argument. The facts in the Cunningham case have been brought out, though in more or less disjointed and disconnected form in hearings before two committees of Congress. One was the special committee, which investigated the Ballinger-Pinchot controversy, and the other was the Senate Committee on Territories.

L. E. Glavis and others have testified before the special committee as to the alleged fraudulent nature of the Cunningham claims, and their reason for looking at them in the light of suspicion. Before the Committee on Territories, in a hearing last session, it was brought out that the Morgan-Guggenheim syndicate, had an option on this great coal tract in the Bering river district, and that representatives of the syndicate considered the option still good.

It was brought out before the Committee on Territories that the coal to which the coal region claimed by the Cunningham claimants is the key, is worth hundreds of millions of dollars, of almost unknown value in fact.

The Cunningham coal claims cover an area of 5,500 acres. Under the law, an individual can obtain not over 160 acres. An association is limited to 640 acres. Now, it is charged that the scheme to

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White House Gate and Big Motor Car After Collision



WHAT HAPPENED WHEN MOTOR CAR CRASHED INTO WHITE HOUSE GATE.

MOTORISTS UNHURT, BUT CAR SWRECKED

Accident Result of Attempt of Driver to Pass Another Automobile.

"Crashing into one of the heavy iron gates at the entrance to Executive avenue between the White House and the State, War, and Navy building, with force enough to demolish the motor car and to wrench the heavy gate from one of its hinges, G. G. Hammer, local manager of the Master Safe Company; Albert Guggenheim, general passenger agent of the North German Lloyd Steamboat Company, and two others had a marvellous escape from death about 5 o'clock this morning.

Mr. Hammer, who lives at 128 F street northwest, was returning home from a New Year celebration with Mr. Mochler, who lives at 21 John Marshall place, and two acquaintances whose names they do not know. They were proceeding northward on the small strip driveway between the White House and the department building at about twelve miles an hour, according to Mr. Hammer, when a second automobile loomed up in front of them.

Hammer, who was driving a two-seated Buick car, attempted to pass the other automobile, which was going north, just at the gate exit. To do so, he said, he put on a little more speed, and the slippery street made the car slide, and the car was driven against the great iron gate with force enough to completely splinter the left front wheel, demolish both lights on the right side, carry away the running board and both mud guards.

The fire of the splintered wheel was torn off the metal rim, but was not punctured. The right front wheel was doubled under the body of the car, and the radiator and fender mashed, becoming a tangled mess. The three large three-inch bars of the gate were bent double in some places, and a center piece of the United States arms was knocked forty feet away.

The car which Mr. Hammer tried to pass belongs to R. E. L. Yelott, a real estate dealer, who was at his home at 1200 N. Street at the time. He was taking the car to a garage in the city after taking Mr. Yelott to his Cleveland Park home. Mr. Yelott's car was not damaged.

Two Go to Hospitals After Motor Accidents

Harry Brown, thirty-eight years old, of Cherrydale, Va., is in Georgetown University Hospital today suffering from bruises and shock which he received when knocked down by an automobile at midnight. The car, which belonged to Brown, was the property of William Bonds and was operated by Robert Miller, who was alone in the car.

Brown was near Thirtieth and M streets northwest when struck. He had just stopped from the curb when the automobile hit him. He was thrown to the ground, partially stunned, but was able to regain his feet while waiting for the patrol wagon of the Seventh precinct, in which he was conveyed to the hospital.

A Terminal taxicab, operated by Carroll Crawford, of 388 Seventh street, figured in a collision yesterday afternoon with a Capital Traction car at New York avenue and Fourteenth street. The cab was wrecked and the vestible of the taxicab was smashed and the passengers in the car nor the driver of the cab were injured.

The car, crowded to its strap-hanging capacity, had just left the Treasury when Crawford attempted to get across the tracks in front of it. The two came together.

Crawford, the police say, was on the wrong side of the street and will have to appear in Police Court tomorrow. William S. Royer, of 289 Cathedral avenue, was one of a party of four automobiles, who came to grief early this morning, when the car they were using, which belonged to Lemuel D. Moore, of 127 N. street northwest, skidded and smashed into the curb at Third street and Pennsylvania avenue northwest.

The car was driven by R. C. Smith, of 823 Fourteenth street, and the accident occurred when he turned from the Avenue into Third street. When the collision came, Royer was thrown out.

He was picked up unconscious and taken to Emergency Hospital suffering from a concussion. He had pretty well recovered by an early hour this morning however. The two women, who the police say made up the party, escaped unhurt. The car was slightly damaged.

SHOOT 60 REBELS BY DIAZ'S ORDERS

One Hundred Others Are Awaiting Execution Within Next Few Days.

MEXICO CITY, Jan. 1.—"No quarter to the rebels," is the substance of orders which have been issued to the government troops by President Diaz. More than 100 revolutionary leaders and sympathizers have been marked for execution, and will be shot within the next few days if they do not escape. It is estimated that more than sixty have already been put to death without a trial.

Reports from various parts of the republic indicate that the rebellion is gaining strength, and is apparent that the government regards the situation as desperate.

The revolutionists are well provided with money, which is mystifying to the Diaz administration, which has believed that lack of resources would make the rebellion fall within a short time.

LAREDO, Tex., Jan. 1.—A report received here states that a detachment of armed men had crossed the Rio Grande into United States territory, and afterward had been dispersed and dispersed by United States regulars. It is said the men were seeking recruits for the revolutionary army in Mexico.

Royalists Crowded Into Portuguese Jails

LISBON, Portugal, Jan. 1.—Hundreds of royalists and others who, during the days of the kingdom were thought to have been connected with the Royalist party, are today languishing in the jails, which are crowded to overflowing.

The situation is tense here since the recent discovery of an alleged plot to replace King Manuel on the throne, and that Provisional President Braga has decided to adopt a policy of firmness was shown today when he sent out secret service agents with more than 100 additional warrants.

These warrants, it is said, call for the immediate arrest of more royalists and certain members of the republican army and navy who are suspected of having indulged in opinions of caustic criticism of President Braga's government.

Among President Braga's cabinet, it was admitted today that the present form of government is running within the danger line of popular discontent.

However, it was emphatically claimed that if the present policy is kept up the crisis can be passed and the public mind relieved of the idea that a republican form of government means riches for everyone, regardless of their labors.

Negro Defeats a Mob Bent on Lynching Him

BOND, Miss., Jan. 1.—Jake Warren, a negro, who killed James Oduin and wounded the latter's wife, fought a mob of forty men who were bent on lynching him as he was being removed from the jail here and carried off victor after wounding eleven of his assailants.

Warren is known as "the strongest negro in the world" among those of his race and has been both feared and hated for years.

He used first a water bucket with which he cracked six skulls in quick succession. He then wrenched a scuffling from one of the members of the mob and followed by the mob, and finally wounding eleven of his assailants.

The loss is estimated to have been \$10,000.

Burglars Start a Fire That Sweeps Over Town

LEXINGTON, Ky., Jan. 1.—The village of Kings Mountain, Ky., is reported to have been almost destroyed by fire following an explosion of nitroglycerine, which burglars used in a general merchandise store yesterday.

The loss is estimated to have been \$10,000.

MOTOR RIDE FATAL TO BALTIMORE GIRL

Another Is Dying at Hospital Following "Joy Ride."

BALTIMORE, Md., Jan. 1.—The life of one young girl crushed out beneath a heavy touring car, another girl dying in the Maryland General Hospital, a man badly shaken up and on the verge of a nervous collapse, and a chauffeur held at the Northern police station, is the tragic termination of a wild joy ride last night through the historic Green Spring Valley.

The dead girl is Anna Forewood, aged eighteen, youngest daughter of Oliver A. Forewood, 423 Hickory avenue, Hampden.

The injured are Ina Cross, 513½ Falls road, Catonsville, a drugist, at 217 Roland avenue.

The chauffeur, who is locked up at the Northern police station, awaiting the action of the county authorities, is Charles J. Hayes, employed by John R. Bland, of Rolling road, Catonsville.

Hayes drove the car containing his employer, John R. Bland, of Rolling road, Catonsville, to the home of a friend in Roland Park before 9 o'clock last night. The festive season's spirit gripped Hayes, and he drove to the shopping districts, where he took on as passengers the two girls, who were just leaving their place of employment in a department store.

To complete the party James Powers, a drugist, of 217 Roland avenue, was picked up.

Then they started on a long, swift ride through historic Green Spring valley. They sped on and on through the darkness until suddenly Hayes remembered that at midnight he was to take a couple home. He turned the car and started back with great speed. He took the sharp decline in Bonnal hill at a rattling slip and negotiated it safely.

But at the bottom the end came. Hayes threw on the brakes and attempted the curve there. There were no chains on the wheels. They skidded, and the car turned completely over.

Hayes said he was hurled far into a ditch. Then he heard the voice of the girl who had chattered gayly at his side.

"Take this machine off me, please," she pleaded weakly.

But when Hayes reached her she was dead. Hayes then, with the assistance of Powers, got Miss Cross out and later managed to get a conveyance to carry the party to town.

Inaugural of Harmon Will Be Simple One

COLUMBUS, Ohio, Jan. 1.—Governor Harmon has set his foot down on all suggestions of elaborate display at his second inauguration a week from tomorrow. There will be no grand reception and no big military maneuvering.

The usual inauguration ball is also called off, much to the sorrow of the younger set. Since then the suggestion has been made that the oath of office be administered in the rotunda of the capitol in the presence of the general assembly. Today the governor refused to permit even this.

Chief Justice W. T. Spear, of the supreme court, will come to the executive chambers, and in the reception room will administer the oath, using the prayer book Bible. That will be all. During the afternoon the Governor and Mrs. Harmon will hold their usual New Year reception at their home in Town street.

Report Rebels Have Captured Capital

GUATEMALA CITY, Jan. 1.—It is reported that Honduran rebels are now in possession of Tegucigalpa, the capital of Honduras, having marched upon the city Saturday morning. It is reported that the capture was made practically without a fight as the resistance offered was only passive.

The revolutionists now have an army of about 500 in the field, probably the most formidable force ever assembled at one time by the various attempts which have been made at rebellion in Honduras.

POISON IN CANDY MAY HAVE KILLED CUMBERLAND PAIR

Evidence Is Lacking to Prove Couple Committed Suicide.

ANOTHER WOMAN NOW FIGURES IN THE CASE

Mystery Enshrouds the Death of Young People Engaged to Marry.

CUMBERLAND, Md., Jan. 1.—Double murder, instead of double suicide, is the belief today in the extraordinary case of Grace Ellosser and Charles Edward Triggs, who were to have been married today, but were found dead together in the parlor of the girl's home here yesterday afternoon, from poison.

Already attention is being centered on a woman in a neighboring town to whom Triggs had been paying some attention, and who was suspected of being very jealous when she learned of the coming marriage.

When the coroner's jury begins the taking of evidence the townspeople are certain some testimony will be produced along this line to indicate that it was not suicide, as at first asserted.

"It is no longer possible for us to say it was suicide, or what it was," declared Coroner Franklin B. Beall today after having conducted his investigation all night. "We can find no vessel or package of any kind which might have contained poison, anywhere around the parlor, or on the bodies of either. We do not know just what kind of poison was used. It is simply a case of the mystery getting deeper."

May Be Poisoned Candy. State Attorney Robb and Deputy Sheriff Walter Clay are just as much in doubt as is Beall. This attitude is in marked contrast with the view last night that it was a case either of double suicide or murder and suicide. All their investigations to date have been against the possibility of suicide.

The one theory which is being given most weight by the public here, and which is based on certain definite reports of the jealousy of a rival woman, is that Miss Ellosser had been given poisoned candy which had been given her by rival.

Today there is just the least suspicion that the members of the family who discovered the two bodies have not been entirely frank in their testimony. It is probably caused by the bald simplicity of their story. Before the coroner's jury late today all this will be gone over in detail.

The jury impaneled this morning consists of residents of South Cumberland, in the simply plain, the Ellosser house. The jurymen are Albert Charles, foreman; Albert C. Burch, Albert C. Gilsan, Abel D. Randall, Mallard E. Knapp, William C. Gilsan, and George C. Palmer, William A. Brashear, William C. McCray, James H. Sibraugh, and George C. Frey.

Jury Views Bodies. The jury assembled at the undertaking rooms of Louis Stein today and viewed the bodies. They were allowed them to be removed by friends. This was simply a formality. The autopsy was made yesterday afternoon, and the contents of the stomachs have been kept for analysis, so that there was no occasion for autopsy keeping the bodies from the relatives.

So many little details indicating perfect happiness and unquestioning hope for the future, enjoyed by both of the couple, are coming up every hour that even without other reasons, the belief that they never committed suicide is overwhelmingly among the people here.

Twigg, who was a well-to-do man, recently sold his automobile, and was to have left town for a few days, and it is his him this week for his bride and himself.

Only last Sunday Miss Ellosser joined the church in anticipation of her wedding, which was planned for today. At that time she gave her experience, and the church members were very sure she never would have committed suicide.

Clerks in various stores visited by Miss Ellosser last week, and she completed her trousseau, speak of her joyous anticipation of the wedding.

The wedding cake had been specially baked at the home of the bride, and Miss Ellosser herself had suggested the wedding bell on it.