



TAFT ALSO FAVORS MOVE

Hitchcock Statement Was "Feeler" Made in Behalf of the President.

HITCHCOCK AGAIN TALKS

Would Operate Telegraph Business With Postal Department But Does Not Favor Governmental Ownership of Telephone Lines.

Washington, Jan. 16.—It is learned today that Taft is absolutely in accord with Hitchcock's ideas for government ownership of telegraphic lines.

Although Hitchcock refused to be quoted directly, he authorized the United Press to make this statement: "The government ownership of telegraph lines operated in conjunction with the postal service will cheapen both and improve the service."

POULTRY SHOW OPENS NEXT MONDAY

On next Monday morning a crowing, cackling and general barnyard medley emanating from the Armory hall will announce to the world that the third annual poultry show of the Umatilla-Morrow County Poultry association has commenced.

The large number of coops belonging to the association have been placed in their position in the Armory hall and tomorrow will be given a new coat of white paint so that the show will present a clean appearance.

MEMORIALS ARE NOT YET RECONCILED

Indianapolis, Jan. 16.—McManigal testified today before the federal grand jury that is investigating the dynamiting. It is believed it will take today and tomorrow for him to tell his story.

COLD WAVE SWEEPS ALONG ATLANTIC COAST

Washington, Jan. 16.—The entire eastern part of the country is in the grip of a severe cold spell. Even Jacksonville, Florida, is reported with freezing weather.

THOUGH LOCAL TAX IS RAISED UMATILLA COUNTY PAYS LOWER PERCENTAGE TO STATE

Despite the fact that the tax tribute to be exacted from Umatilla county this year is double the amount demanded last year, the property owners of this county are still paying eight per cent less of the total amount to be raised by the state than they did last year.

BOMB THROWN AT PREMIER

Yuan Has Narrow Escape From Death By Assassination; Two Killed.

TWO ATTEMPTS ON LIFE

While Driving in Peking Chinese Imperialist Is Attacked—Would-be Assassin Caught and Will be Executed—Yuan Often Threatened.

Peking, Jan. 16.—Two men are dead, 15 are dying and 20 are injured as a result of an attempt to assassinate Premier Yuan by a mob here yesterday. The bad aim of the thrower saved Yuan. The assassin was captured and will be executed immediately.

The attack was made while the premier was leaving the palace for a drive. The first bomb struck directly under the horses but failed to explode. Yuan ordered, "Drive on."

"DOUBLE HEADER" BASKETBALL GAME

A double header interclass basketball game is the card which the high school athletes have prepared for tomorrow night and the affair promises to be an interesting one. Both the girls and boys will mix in the fray.

Keener zest has been added to the girls' contest because of the fact that on the showing made in it by the individual players rests largely the personnel of the team which will represent the local high school in the first interscholastic contests of the year for the co-eds.

NO RECONCILIATION FOR SCHUMANN-HEINK

New York, N. Y., Jan. 16.—A reconciliation between Madame Schumann-Heink and her youthful husband, William Rapps, who is being sued for divorce, is impossible according to Rapps. He denied her children are the real cause of their incompatibility and said through his management she was made rich.

EDITOR OF LONDON TRUTH DIES AT FLORENCE

Florence, Italy, Jan. 16.—Henry Labouchere, famous editor of the London Truth and famous diplomat, died here today. He served sixteen years in the house of commons.

ESCAPED CONVICT RETURNS TO PENITENTIARY TO AID IN VINDICATING WEST PRISON POL

Salem, Jan. 16.—After enjoying his liberty since 1909, when he escaped, Fred Risinger, a convict returned voluntarily to Salem this morning, called on the governor, had a talk and returned to the penitentiary to serve out the remainder of his term.

PACKERS HOWLED WHILE GETTING RICH

Enormous Profits Revealed on Stand By Chief Accountant.

Chicago, Jan. 16.—The government today introduced testimony at the packers' trial tending to show that while the packers were howling about hard times during the panic of 1907 they were making millions. Through questions put to Harry Timmons, chief accountant for the Morris company, it was showed the packers juggled accounts and inflated costs.

DOPE FIEND STABS OFFICER; TRIES TO ESCAPE

Portland, Jan. 16.—Armed with a long steel needle used by opium smokers, Harry Johnson, alias Redfern, a yegsman well known to the police, stabbed Captain of Detectives Baty in the breast and narrowly missing his heart.

LOCAL MINISTERS JOIN RELIEF BRIGADE

To assist in the promotion of the relief work which is being done in the city, the pastors of the local churches met yesterday and reorganized the Pendleton Ministerial association, naming Rev. Nathan Evans of the Methodist church as president.

BERGER WOULD PROVIDE FOR NATIONAL EQUAL SUFFRAGE

Washington, D. C., Jan. 16.—National woman suffrage is provided for in an amendment to the constitution introduced in the house today by Congressman Berger, socialist, of Milwaukee.

INTERNATIONAL MINERS HOLDING CONVENTION

Indianapolis, Ind., Jan. 16.—The annual convention of the United Mine Workers of America opened here today with addresses of welcome by Governor Marshall and President Hadley of the Commercial club.

ATHENA HAS SMALL POX

Churches and Picture Shows Closed By Order of County Health Officer.

HOPSON WOULD LIKE TO CONSERVE FLOOD

Reclamation Engineer Says Present Flood Would Soon Fill Reservoir.

Standing on the Main street bridge about 8 o'clock this morning and gazing upon the muddy waters of the Umatilla stood a gentleman who is having much to do with the proposed distribution of the flood torrents that go down the stream.

He was E. G. Hopson, supervising engineer for the reclamation service, who arrived this morning from Portland and left at 3:30 for Hermiston. He was aboard the sleeper and ran into Pendleton so as to avoid being awakened at the early hour the train passes through Hermiston.

According to Mr. Hopson the Umatilla river is now flowing at such a stage that it would fill the proposed West Umatilla reservoir in about 20 days. He is of the opinion it is extravagant to allow so much water to go to waste and is hopeful that the waters of the Umatilla will be duly conserved in time.

That he has heard nothing more from Chief Engineer Davis was stated by Mr. Hopson this morning. According to information already given out that meetings will be held in this county within a short time to hear arguments for and against the West Escarpment. Mr. Hopson is confident the board will be here during the latter part of this month. Much depends upon whether Mr. Davis can come direct to Umatilla county or will have to first make a trip to Yakima.

SCHUBERT MUSICAL CO. HERE TONIGHT

The Schubert Concert company which will appear tonight at the Oregon theater under the auspices of the Catholic church arrived this morning on the local from Walla Walla. As an index to the high quality of the entertainment which this troupe presents is its program which appears here:

- Quartette—"March Nuptial" (Especially Arranged) Mendelssohn Schubert Lady Quartette Leont Cordier, First Soprano. Rhea Raven, Second Soprano. Anna Pearl Weatherington, First Alto. Lovie Zent Purcell, Second Alto. Monologue—"Scene in a Beauty Parlor" Watson Anna Pearl Weatherington Violin Solo—"Witches Dance" Paganini Thomas Valentine Purcell Soprano Solo—"Aria from Traviata" Verdi Loeta Corder Selection—"Fond Memories" (Melodically arranged) Purcell Schubert Symphony Club. Quartette—"Serenade" (Especially arranged) Schubert Schubert Lady Quartette. Mandolin Solo—"Pilgrims Chorus" Wagner Thomas Valentine Purcell Contralto Solo—"Nita Gitana" De Koven Lovie Zent Purcell Reading—"The Suffragist" Kendall Anna Pearl Weatherington Violin Solo—4th Concerto...Bazzini Thomas Valentine Purcell Quartette—"Venetian Serenade" Lamothe (Especially Arranged) Schubert Lady Quartette. Selection—"Concert Waltzes" (Especially arranged) Estrada Schubert Symphony Club. Grand Finale—(a) "Sunlight," (b) "Twilight," (c) "Morning" (Especially arranged) Straus Voices and Instruments of the Company.

FOSTER MOTHER WANTS VIOLET BUEHLER BACK

Chicago, Jan. 16.—Mrs. Herman Buehler, foster mother of Violet Buehler who was found in New York yesterday, where she had gone because she was infatuated with a waiter, started for New York today to obtain the girl. "I want Violet back," she said. "I did everything a mother could do. Perhaps I was too careful in raising her. I'm sure she'll want to come home."

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ONE DEATH THUS FAR

Dr. D. J. McFaul Called Last Night to Investigate Situation—School Work Is Continued but Amusements Are Under Ban.

As a result of instructions given by Dr. D. J. McFaul, county health officer, the churches and the picture show of Athena are closed because of smallpox in that little city.

Dr. McFaul was called to Athena last night to investigate conditions and to say as to what should be done regarding the public schools. He has given instructions that the schools may be continued and believes that with proper precautions no danger will result from the school work. The schools are well ventilated.

However, the doctor is of the opinion that the congregating of crowds in meeting places such as churches and picture shows may serve to spread the disease. Consequently the churches will be closed and the Athena motion picture show is temporarily out of business.

There are at present some five or six cases of smallpox within the town of Athena and a number of cases are reported from the vicinity of that place.

After investigating the conditions at Athena last evening, Dr. McFaul started upon the return trip to Pendleton by auto. While en route home his machine went into a hole while passing over a soft point in the road and for a time it looked like he and his chauffeur would have to walk in to town. However, while they were striving to extricate their machine, another auto came along and pulled them out of the hole.

SNOW BLOCKS TRAFFIC ON CANADIAN PACIFIC

Vancouver, B. C., Jan. 16.—No freight has arrived from the east since Friday on account of trains being tied up by the snow. Wholesale butchers and grocers are the worst sufferers.

DEBATING AT HIGH SCHOOL IS DELAYED

Although the schools in the other four districts have all been paired off for their initial debates, Pendleton high school as well as the other schools in the eastern Oregon district have as yet received no intimation of the date of their first contest nor as to what other schools they are to compete. This delay, it is probable, results from the withdrawal from the league of a number of the schools in this district, Baker and La Grande high included.

According to Superintendent Landers, only the Pendleton, Milton, Ontario and Fossil schools are yet remaining in the eastern Oregon district. The local team has been selected for some weeks and the members are eager to commence upon their work. An effort has been made to learn something of the probable schedule from both Prof. E. B. Conklin of Ontario, superintendent of the eastern Oregon division, and Le Roy Johnson of the University of Oregon, secretary-treasurer of the association, but so far the effort has failed.

LOCAL PYTHIANS ENJOY MUSIC PROGRAM AT OPEN INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

Damon Lodge No. 4, Knights of Pythias, held forth in its castle last evening in its semi-annual installation of officers and the event was a most notable one in lodge circles. A large number of members and invited guests had assembled to witness the public ceremonies which were impressively conducted by J. W. Maloney, past grand chancellor, acting as grand chancellor, J. T. Lambirth acted as grand prelate, and Past Chancellor M. S. Kern acting as grand master at arms.

Following the installation, a splendid program of musical and recitative numbers was given, Mrs. J. R. Dickson, Miss Bernice Ruppe and Mrs. Swingle rendering beautiful vocal solos, Rev. Frank J. Mines contributing an unusually impressive

BRYAN RAPS J. P. MORGAN

Says Wall Street Cannot Name Democratic Candidate For President.

ROOSEVELT IS CAUSTIC

Heartless Financiers Back of Tariff, Railroads and Trusts Says Former Candidate for President—Bryan Now in South Carolina.

Columbia, S. C., Jan. 16.—"I'm unwilling Morgan should pick the democratic presidential candidate," said W. J. Bryan today. "The reason is although the tariff question will be prominent in the next campaign the democratic party cannot ignore the fact that back of the tariff, back of the trusts and back of the railroads stands Wall street, a heartless band of pirates, despotic as a czar. Morgan is their head."

ONE FIREMAN KILLED IN OLD REVERE HOUSE FIRE

Boston, Jan. 16.—After a complete search of the famous old Revere House which was destroyed by fire early today the firemen announced the only death to be that of Fireman Kippenburger who fell from the fourth story. Two hundred guests were compelled to flee in their night clothes.

"NEAR FIRE" MAKES JAS. DEVLIN CAUTIOUS

"Never leave the match box uncovered," is an inviolate rule which has been adopted by James Devlin for strict observance in his cigar factory and, if anyone should happen to be in his establishment and call for a match to light the weed which the proprietor usually tenders to the caller, note the careful way in which the little box of sulphur sticks is guarded. The reason for Mr. Devlin's precautionary measures is not a passing whim or fancy, it was an experience that almost cost the cigar maker dearly.

Not many evening ago, the proprietor had finished his day's work and had left his shop but fortunately one of his employees tarried a few minutes to complete a task. Just before he too was ready for departure, there was a sharp crash, a thud and instantly a blaze which quickly ignited some paper on the work bench and spread to other inflammable materials. By quick work the flames were extinguished before any great damage had been done.

An investigation proved that a boy at some distance had by the assistance of a sling-shot, sent a small rock through the window of the shop, which rock had struck an open box of matches in such a way that the contents were at once ignited. The flames had reached the paper with the first flash and had quickly spread. Had the employee left the shop with the proprietor, Mr. Devlin would have been burned out and the origin of the fire would have been one of the unexplained mysteries of the city. However, Mr. Devlin does not blame the boy as much as his own carelessness. Hence, the covered match box in the factory.