

PERKINS WILL LOOK OUT FOR CORPORATIONS

Senator Will Be in Better Position to Get Results Than Ever.

SOUTHERN PACIFIC IS BEHIND HIM

Will Be Made Chairman of Committee on Naval Affairs, it is Rumored.

(By Associated Press.) (Special Correspondent of The Citizen) WASHINGTON, Jan. 16.—The fact that the republican California state legislature has just returned George C. Perkins to the United States senate for another six years is of direct interest to every state in the union, because it means the special interests have not lost their grip on congress.

The majority of the members of the California legislature are as much controlled by the Southern Pacific railroad company as if they were receiving a salary from that concern instead of the people.

Senator Perkins is the same Perkins who, according to Francis J. Heney, went before the grand jury in San Francisco previous to the arrest of Abraham Reuf, now under a 14-year sentence in the penitentiary, and swore he had known said Reuf a number of years and did not believe there was a simple blot on his private or public life.

Cap Get Results. Senator Perkins' six year extension is particularly important because of the fact he will be in a better position to get results for the corporations than he ever was before.

When campaigning in California Senator Perkins never fails to claim full credit for the appropriation of some \$14,000,000 for the building and maintenance of the Mare Island navy yard, which is within his district.

There are but two naval shore stations on the entire Pacific coast, which means that in time of war they would have to be depended upon as a base for any fleet that might be operating in the Pacific.

The value of Senator Perkins' Mare Island navy yard in such a crisis may be conjectured when it is understood that no first-class battleship has ever been able to reach the yard because of a lack of deep water across San Pablo bay and through Mare Island straits, and naval experts declare it never will be possible for vessels of deep draught to reach Senator Perkins' naval shore station unless a fleet of fifty dredgers is kept at work constantly.

Being on an island, Mare Island navy yard has no railway connections, which is declared to be imperative to an efficient base in time of war. Supplies must be ferried to and from the yard, which means the handling and rehandling of freight.

There is but one dry dock at Mare Island, and as it is inaccessible to large ships, it is available only for small craft. A 75 foot dry dock is under course of construction, but may never be a success, because at the site selected no bottom can be found.

Just why the experts acquiesced to the building of Mare Island on its present site, which is not on the bay proper, but at a point big ships cannot reach and has a waterfront that is not large enough for a fleet to anchor if it could reach it, is one of the unexplained mysteries. The site was authorized from a minority report.

"In time of war Mare Island would be a white elephant on the nation's hand," said a naval officer to the writer during a recent visit of Mare Island. "Navy officers ridicule the place as having any semblance of a base for a battle fleet, but do not dare publicly criticize it, for that would lay them open to court martial."

He Gets It. Many attempts have been made to prevent congress from appropriating further money on the Mare Island yard, but each time Senator Perkins has argued that his navy yard is one of the finest in the world, and millions have continued to go to Mare Island.

ROOSEVELT IS CHARGED WITH PADDING ROLL

Congressmen Get Busy and Find Presidential Barber as "Accountant."

MESSENGER IS PAID AS "ENGRAVER"

Present Relations Between Congress and President Cause of Research.

(By Guy W. Finney.) WASHINGTON, Jan. 17.—President Roosevelt's chastisement of congress has resulted in certain little measures of retaliation that promise to stir up additional strife between the chief executive and the legislative branch of the government. This retaliation, while petty in form, has caused the president considerable annoyance and may prompt him to vent his ire on certain hapless congressional heads.

In so many words, several members of the house, smarting under the recent executive rebuke, set about to "get something on the president." They did a little "gumshoe work" on their own account, with the result that the president stands charged with employing the services of a barber who is carried on the rolls of the navy department as an accountant in the office of the auditor at a salary of \$1,500 a year, and Mrs. Roosevelt with having as a private messenger a man drawing government pay as an employe of the bureau of engraving and printing.

The members of the house appropriation committee who made this discovery threaten to air the situation in the house at the first sign of an overt act coming from the white house. They admit of considerable chagrin because they did not discover these facts before the legislative, executive and judicial bill, in which the salaries of the two men are carried, was prepared, but the two men's names might be stricken from the federal payroll.

In Treasury Department. While conducting a quiet search to "get the drop" on the president, so to speak, a member of the appropriations committee looked in on the treasury department, where the records of expenditures are kept. Now Secretary Corley would walk miles out of his way to avoid trouble, so the desired information of these employes was forthcoming. It seems that the man now Mrs. Roosevelt's private messenger was formerly carried on the census office rolls, but he was recently "by request" transferred to the bureau of engraving and printing at an advance of \$200 a year in salary, making his present annual stipend \$1,500.

After some close questioning, the congressman learned that Jackson, the man in the case, was "still at work at the white house."

As to the president's private barber, who answers to the name of William Delaney, that's a somewhat threadbare story here. It went the rounds about a year ago, and besides giving the president's political enemies opportunity to make a little campaign capital, it caused some discussion as to the propriety of the president impressing a department clerk into his personal service. But nobody, in or out of congress, seemed inclined to regard Mr. Roosevelt's offence, if, indeed, that term can be applied, as a serious breach of the law.

The stir over Delaney's employment was regarded as "a tempest in a teapot" and the accountant-barber has been allowed to scrape the presidential face without interruption.

TRAINS COLLIDE; ENGINEER KILLED. LITTLE ROCK, Ark., Jan. 17.—Rock Island passenger train No. 43 ran into an open switch and crashed into a switch engine near here today, killing the fireman of the switch engine, J. M. Woods of Argentine, and partly demolishing both engines. Engineer, John Morrison, and Fireman W. D. Dorsett of the passenger train, jumped before the crash and were only slightly hurt.

PRESIDENT'S STRAIN OF IRISH BLOOD. WASHINGTON, Jan. 17.—President Roosevelt, who boasts of having a strain of Irish blood in his veins, yesterday paid a notable tribute to that race when he declared to members of the American Irish Historical society, who were received at the white house, that the sons of Ireland have played an important role in the affairs of the American nation.

articles of foreign import now used in American manufactures. Mr. Thompson says: "It is not only the universal wish of the Southern people, but believe, it will meet with the approval of the country at large, if steps are taken looking to the substitution of cotton wherever possible for innumerable articles the composition of which is now more or less of other material of foreign origin."



BITTER FIGHT IN TENNESSEE AHEAD

Prohibitionists Now Trying to Pass Bill Prohibiting Manufacture of Liquor.

(By Associated Press.) NASHVILLE, Tenn., Jan. 17.—By coincidence the trial of Col. Duncan B. Cooper and his son Robin for the murder of former United States Senator Carmack, which murder was caused indirectly by the prohibition question, comes up for hearing just as the fight for state-wide prohibition is at its height.

PROMINENT FAMILY IS WIPED OUT

Believed That Seeley, Insane, Killed His Wife and Daughter With Hammer.

(By Associated Press.) SEATTLE, Wash., Jan. 17.—W. L. Seeley, an attorney and former national bank examiner of Illinois; his wife, Mrs. Kate M. Seeley, a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution, and her daughter, Miss Irene Seeley, a student at the University of Washington, were found dead in a bath room of their home in the fashionable Capital Hill quarter today.

The victims had been dead since last Thursday. The women, clad in night robes, had apparently been murdered with a hammer. There was no mark of violence on Seeley. He is believed to have been partly chloroformed and then drowned in the bathtub. That Seeley killed his wife and daughter while insane with financial worries and then committed suicide is the theory of the police. His night gown, blood-stained from the bodies of the two women, was found beneath a cheap pillow in the room occupied by him and his wife. The pillow on which Mrs. Seeley had been sleeping was saturated with blood.

MME. CALVE GOES TO THROAT SPECIALIST

SAVANNAH, Ga., Jan. 17.—Madame Emma Calve, prima donna, has been under the care of a throat specialist in Savannah for four days, though her presence here was known to less than a half dozen persons, even members of her own company who went to Jacksonville last Wednesday knowing nothing of the singer's whereabouts. She disappeared Wednesday and only the indiscretion of a maid, who ostensibly leaving for Columbia, S. C., doubled back from Highlandsville in Savannah, enabled a newspaper man to trail Madame Calve to a suite of rooms at the Oglethorpe sanitarium.

The singer declares her voice is the same as it was many years ago and that she will continue her concert tour.

SIX GARAGES BURN; 348 AUTOS LOST

Fire Spreads to Old Train Shed. Total Damage Estimated at \$800,000.

(By Associated Press.) BOSTON, Jan. 17.—A puff of flame shot up from the rear of the most extensive automobile storage and repair plant in the city, located near Park square, shortly before dawn today, and half an hour later over 348 automobiles, valued at \$750,000, were a mass of tangled steel and iron. The fire spread to the old train shed of Park square railway station and destroyed the bicycle track and a large pavilion used for exhibition purposes.

WIDELY KNOWN MAN KILLED BY NEPHEW

Young McDonald Surrenders, Saying Shooting Was Done in Self-defense.

(By Associated Press.) VIENNA, Ga., Jan. 17.—P. G. McDonald, farmer, merchant and general trader, and one of the most widely known men in Dooly county, was shot and instantly killed this evening at 6.30 o'clock by W. Theodore McDonald, his nephew. Young McDonald surrendered immediately to the sheriff and was lodged in Dooly county jail. He refused to make a statement regarding the shooting of his uncle further than to state the killing was done in self-defense.

DEVOTING HER LIFE TO PRISON REFORM

Mrs. Maybrick Was Released From English Prison Five Years Ago.

(By Associated Press.) WASHINGTON, Jan. 17.—Mrs. Florence E. Maybrick, whose release from an English prison, five years ago, was due to the efforts of American women, declared here today that she was devoting her life work to prison reform. On Saturday she appealed to congress to provide the federal prisons with humane and sanitary facilities.

TRIES TO RESCUE CAPTURED BROTHER

Lee Quinn Opens Fire on Policeman in Train. Passenger Fatally Hurt.

(By Associated Press.) FORT SMITH, Ark., Jan. 17.—Entering the car on Iron Mountain train near here today, in which his brother, Grand Quinn, sat handcuffed to Police Officer Burgess of this city, who was taken Quinn to Little Rock to be turned over to the military authorities as a deserter, Lee Quinn opened fire on the officer. Burgess returned the fire and several of the passengers came to his assistance. Quinn, after emptying his pistol, leaped from the train.

IS CRUSHED BETWEEN CARS

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn., Jan. 17.—R. C. Gilmore, a brakeman on the Norfolk and Western railroad, was crushed to death between a freight car on an engine at the entrance to the round house in Bristol today. Gilmore leaves two children at Christiansburg, Va.

TILLMAN MAY INTRODUCE BILL

WASHINGTON, Jan. 17.—Based on a report which reached Senator Tillman today, that the senate does not intend to accede to his request for an investigation of the charges made against him by President Roosevelt in connection with the Oregon land cases, the senator announced that if necessary to obtain an inquiry he would himself introduce a resolution providing for it.

SUIT AGAINST THE N.Y. WORLD BY PRESIDENT?

Reported That Government is Not Plaintiff in Libel Case.

RIGHT TO ENTER SUIT QUESTIONED

Lawyers Think Government Cannot Figure in Case of This Kind.

(By Associated Press.) WASHINGTON, Jan. 17.—The latest and most interesting suggestion regarding the sensational development of yesterday involving the service of subpoenas upon a number of newspaper men in this city and elsewhere, is that an individual and not the United States government is the real plaintiff in the case. It is true that the subpoenas served here read "The United States vs. The Press Publishing company," but, if the proposed action is criminal in character, as is generally assumed, that would be the form of subpoena, even where an individual is the complainant, according to the practice in the district of Columbia.

The identity of this individual, or individuals, for there may be more than one of them, is purely a matter of speculation for the public will have to await the issue of the promised statement of Attorney General Bonaparte to get any accurate understanding of this remarkable case. Possibly President Roosevelt himself is the complainant, or it may be that the action was brought by William Nelson Cromwell, or Douglas Robinson, or any of the persons named in the original newspaper publications in an invidious way. A singular fact is that Mr. Cromwell was in Washington when the action was taken yesterday of serving subpoenas, but left during the night for New York.

Local lawyers are discussing the case with interest and already sharp differences of opinion appear as to the rights of the United States government to prosecute a criminal trial proceeding against either an individual or a newspaper, which is after all the bone of contention, for there can be no question of the right of an individual to bring such an action. It is pointed out that the supreme court is in record in the Gurney case as denying the power of a United States circuit court to take jurisdiction in a criminal libel case. On the other hand, while it is admitted that there is no statutory law warranting such an action by the government, it certainly does enjoy such a right under the common law, as an absolutely necessary measure of power to protect the very existence of the government.

POE'S GENIUS IS PRAISED

(By Associated Press.) CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va., Jan. 17.—Edgar Allan Poe's genius was praised today in the centenary exercises being held at the University of Virginia. Rev. William R. Barr of Lynchburg, in his sermon in the university chapel, paying a beautiful tribute to the poet's memory. The chapel was crowded.

OFFICERS VISIT ANCIENT CITY

(By Associated Press.) RMYNA, Jan. 17.—A party composed largely of officers of the American battleships Louisiana and Virginia, was conveyed today by a special train provided by the American residents to Ephesus, a famous ancient city of Asia Minor, the ruins of which stand on the banks of the Cayster. Another party made a visit to the great lake.

VERDICT OF CORONER'S JURY IN CASE OF 65 DEAD MINERS

(By Associated Press.) BLUEFIELD, W. Va., Jan. 17.—The coroner's jury arrived at a verdict early today as a result of their investigation into the death of the sixty-five men who were killed in the Lick Branch mine explosion last Tuesday. The jury decided the explosion was caused by an over-charge shot of gunpowder in room No. 21 of the mine, and that the sixty-five men came to their death through no fault of the Pocahontas Consolidated Colliery company, owners of the Lick Branch colliery.

COOPER MURDER TRIAL IS SOON TO COMMENCE

Vague Rumors of Part of Defense to Secure Further Delay.

TRIAL TO PROBABLY START WEDNESDAY

Both Sides Will Do All in Power of Money, Brains and Influence.

(By Associated Press.) NASHVILLE, Tenn., Jan. 17.—With carpenters working overtime to get the new criminal court room completed, with deputy sheriffs busy summoning witnesses and with the attorneys on both sides making their final preparations, it is very probable that the Cooper-Carmack murder trial will be commenced here Wednesday morning. True there have been vague rumors of an attempt on the part of the defense to secure further delay, but the missing witness whose absence secured the last postponement is in the city. The case will be tried before Judge William Hart. The most eminent legal counsel in the state have been engaged upon one side or the other. All that money and brains and influence can do, will be done on one hand to convict the defendant, and on the other to free them.

The parties to the case enjoyed national reputation. Colonel Duncan B. Cooper, his son Robin, a young lawyer, and former Sheriff John D. Sharpe, are jointly indicted for the slaying of former United States Senator Edward W. Carmack. Colonel Cooper has been prominent in state and national politics for years. He was a friend of President Cleveland. President Roosevelt. Years ago he brought Carmack to Nashville as an editorial writer on The American, which Cooper then owned. But those who know say that the men were never very friendly and later Carmack became connected with a rival paper. As politics they belonged to rival factions. Even Cooper's enemies admit that he was a dominant man. Carmack was a man of conviction and did not hesitate to express them.

Serious Differences. No serious differences between the men occurred until the recent gubernatorial campaign, when Carmack opposed Patterson for the office. The issue was state-wide prohibition, which Carmack advocated, and Patterson opposed. Carmack realized that he was beaten, but he was confident that prohibition would carry. Carmack, an editor of The Tennessean, denounced the effort of the anti-prohibition forces and criticized Colonel Cooper editorially. The latter, who managed Patterson's campaign, sent word to Carmack that he would kill him if his attacks continued. Carmack told his friends that if he complied with Cooper's demands he would be branded as a coward all over the state, consequently he would refuse. The next day Carmack wrote resulted in his death.

The Cooper forces swear that they will make out a clear case of self-defense. The state on the other hand claims that it will prove that the killing was the result of a conspiracy to assassinate. The feeling in the state is intense and sentiment is nearly equally divided.

The greatest difficulty will be experienced in securing a jury. The law provides that any one who has talked with a witness or talked with some one who purports to tell what the witness saw or heard, is disqualified as a juror. The supreme court has held that a man who reads what purports to be a verbatim newspaper report of the testimony disqualifies himself. The defense applied for bail, forced the state to put its witnesses on the stand and then several newspapers printed stenographic reports of the testimony. Whether there are enough men in the county who did not read the testimony to make up a jury remains to be seen.

CASTRO SAYS HE WILL RETURN

BERLIN, Jan. 17.—Cypriano, the former president of Venezuela, questioned concerning his plans for the future, said: "My present intention is to return to Venezuela as soon as my health will permit me to make the voyage. I will travel aboard an ordinary liner. My plan is to live as a private citizen in my native land. It is desired to take proceedings against me, I will be there. The idea of starting a revolution of any kind has not entered my head."

Senator Castro is still confined to bed, where, according to Dr. Israel, it will be necessary to remain at least another fortnight.



WASHINGTON, Jan. 17.—Forecast for North Carolina: Fair Monday and Tuesday; warmer in west part Tuesday; moderate northwest winds, becoming variable.