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ACCUSES ROOSEVELT OF TRYING TO WRECK PARTY

Odell's Charge Against President and Gov. Higgins

FOR THEIR OWN PERSONAL AMBITIONS

It's All About the Contest for the Speakership of the New York Assembly—Odell says it's the worst case of duplicity in politics he has ever known.

New York, Dec. 21.—Former Governor B. B. Odell, Jr., chairman of the Republican state committee, made a statement today in which he charged President Roosevelt and Governor Higgins with a deliberate attempt to wreck the Republican party of this State for their own personal ambitions.

Mr. Odell's accusations were a part of his comment on the situation growing out of the contest in the Republican party in this State for the speakership of the New York State Assembly. Mr. Odell declared himself in favor of E. A. Merritt, Jr. several days ago.

On Monday last Governor Higgins came out in favor of J. W. Wadsworth, Jr. Mr. Odell said today: "I notice that Governor Higgins said he never was for Mr. Merritt. Shortly after election I went to Governor Higgins and asked him whom he was for speaker. He eliminated all but Merritt, and said that neither New York nor Buffalo could have a speaker against the cities."

"I charge Mr. Roosevelt and Governor Higgins with deliberately trying to wreck the party in this State for their own personal ambitions. If this means party disaster they, and not I and my friends, are responsible. They, and not I, are to blame.

"So far as gratitude is concerned Governor Higgins certainly owed me something. Instead of putting out the hand of friendship he chooses to throw stones at those who have been his friends.

"Higgins could have told me that he did not want me nor Merritt to be in this affair, but instead he throws stones. If the President wanted reform I was friendly, and they could have had it. I charge him and Governor Higgins with injecting their personality into this matter. Their harmony consists of 'knocking'.

"The President sent for Odell (formerly candidate for chairman of the New York county Republican committee), and then threw him down."

HIGH WATER MARK IN PRECIOUS STONES

(By the Associated Press.)

Washington, Dec. 21.—A statement issued today by the Department of Commerce and Labor says: "Over \$4,000,000 worth of diamonds and other precious stones have been imported into the United States during the present calendar year, which is by far the largest importation in the history of the country. The high water mark in earlier years was \$2,500,000 in 1905, while 1904 showed but \$2,750,000. To the last month ending with October, the total is over \$3,000,000, or more than in any full year since 1903. It is probable that the value of diamonds alone brought into this country during the present year will be nearly or quite \$3,000,000, and the other precious stones, including rubies, sapphires and emeralds, approximately \$1,000,000. The value of recent diamonds imported into the United States in 1905 will exceed \$10,000,000."

RECEPTION OF THE CHARLESTON

(By the Associated Press.)

Washington, Dec. 21.—Elaborate preparations are being made by the people of Charleston for the reception which that port will give to her namesake, the 10,000-ton protected cruiser, Charleston, the first of her class, which will visit Charleston January 9, 10 and 11 next, and will be presented with a handsome silver service by the city.

HOUSE ADJOURNS FOR HOLIDAYS

(By the Associated Press.)

Washington, Dec. 21.—With adjournment for the holidays on today's program only a few members were in their places when the House met. An agreement was reached whereby Mr. Lovering, (Mass.) and Mr. Burleson, (Texas), may print remarks on cotton crop statistics in the Record.

BIG STEAMER IS ON FIRE

(By the Associated Press.)

Atlantic City, N. J., Dec. 21.—A large unknown steamer is on fire about five miles off this city. Life savers will endeavor to go to the rescue of the crew.

GUILTY OF INCITING HIS WIFE'S MURDER

(By the Associated Press.)

London, Dec. 21.—The trial of Hugh Watt, the former member of parliament charged with inciting hired agents to murder his divorced wife, Julia Watt, and Sir Reginald Beauchamp, ended today with a verdict of guilty. Watt was sentenced to five years penal servitude.

CROP ESTIMATE CONTROVERSY

Loving Says They Are Too Low

BURLESON'S ANSWER

Loving Says Last Ginners' Report Shows 183,841 More Bales Ginned in Georgia, North and South Carolina and Alabama Than the Department Estimated as the Entire Crop in that Territory.

(By the Associated Press.)

Washington, Dec. 21.—The cotton crop controversy in the House, which was transferred from the floor to "party in point" in the Congressional Record today, consists of statements by Mr. Lovering, of Massachusetts and Mr. Burleson, of Texas.

AS A NEWSPAPER MAN.

(By the Associated Press.)

Manila, Dec. 21.—W. J. Bryan has cabled from Hong Kong declining acting Governor General Ide's invitation to be his guest during his stay in Manila, for the reason that he comes as a newspaper representative and not as a private citizen, stating that by his acceptance of the acting governor's hospitality, he would feel placed under certain obligations to the government which he might wish to write about in the near future.

Normal at Shanghai.

(By the Associated Press.)

Washington, Dec. 21.—The State department has a cablegram from Shanghai reporting that the situation there is normal; that 1,500 sailors, marines and volunteers are guarding the streets; the viceroys has returned and the mixed court probably will re-open on Saturday.

MR. HENDRICKS ON INSURANCE

Tells of Work in Office of Superintendent

HIS NIECE ON PAY ROLL

Explained How Money Was Expended, and Said That One Examiner Was Appointed With Platt's Inspection and another at Request of Odell—Many Prominent Figures at the Investigation.

(By the Associated Press.)

New York, Dec. 21.—Several of the officials of the State Insurance Department were present today when the insurance investigating committee began its session. Among them were Francis Hendricks, the State superintendent; Isaac Vanderpool, chief examiner; and Colonel Appling, the chief clerk.

So Bryan Will Not Be Guest of Governor General Ide.

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Fire in New Bern.

(Special to The Evening Times.)

New Bern, N. C., Dec. 21.—Fire broke out yesterday in the wholesale grocery store of S. G. Roberts, entailing a loss of six or seven thousand dollars, partially covered by insurance. The fire is supposed to have originated by rats gnawing matches. The fire companies responded promptly and heroically to the call and succeeded in saving the store from total destruction.

ARMED REVOLT AFTER STRIKE

Russia Will be Drenched With Blood, the Cry

FEW OF FAITHFUL LEFT

Night of Terror in Moscow, Inhabitants Fleeing Unable to Quell the Disturbance by a Flee to the Prospects—Strike Leaders Tell of Future Plans and Tragedies that Must Come.

(By the Associated Press.)

St. Petersburg, Dec. 21.—According to information received during the night from Moscow that city was in a state of great excitement today. The inhabitants were scurrying about buying supplies of candles, etc., the stores were boarded up, the great majority of the factories and mills were closed and the postal telegraph offices, which had partially resumed their service, were again closed. Last night Moscow was in darkness.

PANIC UNDER RIVER

Scaffolding Fell in East River Tunnel

Workmen Thought Water Was Coming on Top of Them—Five Were Injured by the Falling Timbers, Three Seriously.

ARNOLD BORDEN DIED TO-DAY.

(Special to The Evening Times.)

Goldsboro, N. C., Dec. 21.—Mr. Arnold Borden died this morning at 10:30. He was sick only three days with pneumonia. He was fifty years old.

FIFTY NEW SUBSCRIBERS.

The Evening Times added to its out-of-town list yesterday fifty new subscribers. The new list of names may be seen at this office. The circulation books of The Times are open to the world. There is hardly a day but what there are from a dozen to a half hundred names of the very best people of the State added to our great list of subscribers. No paper in the State ever made such remarkable strides in so short a period. The Times has several hundred more subscribers to-day than the combined circulation of The Post and Times one month ago.

ROLLINS WINS IN ASHEVILLE

His Nomination Sent to Senate Today

CHAIRMAN'S FATHER

Thomas S. Rollins Was in Washington Tuesday—News Will Be Regarded as Significant of Fact that There is no Objection to Third-Term Postmasters.

(By the Associated Press.)

Washington, Dec. 21.—The President today sent to the Senate the nomination of Wallace W. Rollins as postmaster at Asheville, N. C.

MURDERED BY BANDITS

Two Philadelphians Killed in Mexico

With Two Other Americans They Were Going to the Ranch of One of Them, When They Were Beset by Robbers and Could Not Escape.

Hungarian Troubles.

(By the Associated Press.)

Budapest, Hungary, Dec. 21.—The Emperor King has decided that in view of the existing political circumstances he cannot accept the resignations of the Fejervary cabinet tendered yesterday.

A FIERCE GALE ON THE COAST

One of the Most Severe of This Year

DAMAGE IN NORFOLK

Velocity of Wind in Norfolk Was 90 Miles an Hour—Several Whirls Down and no Reports from Coast. Fears of Marine Shipping.

(By the Associated Press.)

Norfolk, Va., Dec. 21.—The Virginia and North Carolina coasts were last night and this morning swept by one of the most severe storms of the present year.

TO SOCIALISTS OF THE WORLD.

(By the Associated Press.)

Brussels, Dec. 21.—The International Socialist Bureau has issued a manifesto to the Socialists of the world as follows: "The revolution in Russia advances from aspiration to realization. In this struggle the Russian proletariat should have the moral and material assistance of our brothers throughout the world. Our comrades in the United States request the International Bureau to invite the affiliated organizations to solemnly commemorate January 22. The workers of the world will recall the struggle which the Russian proletariat was then carrying on, and, therefore, the order is hereby given that all affiliated groups organize meetings and collections for January 22 next or the night of Sunday preceding. Let the orators refer to the heroic efforts of our Russian brothers and let the collections from all countries aid those who are battling against imperialism and for liberty.

Col. W. H. Clapp Dead.

(By the Associated Press.)

Hartford, Conn., Dec. 21.—Colonel William H. Clapp (retired) died here today after an illness of several months.

\$400,000 for Tahiti.

(By the Associated Press.)

San Francisco, Cal., Dec. 21.—The steamer Mariposa, which arrived from Tahiti, brought the news that a rumor is current throughout Tahiti that the United States government has offered France \$4,000,000 for the island.