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WILL CORTELYOU LEAVE CABINET

Report Is Accentuated in Washington Today

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If the Reports of Opposition and Treachery to Taft's Candidacy By the Cortelyou People Are True the Secretary of the Treasury Probably Ought to Retire—Cortelyou's Probable Successor Already Mentioned.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) Washington, D. C., Dec. 21.—Rumors of Secretary Cortelyou's impending resignation continue to fly thick and fast here, despite the flat denial of a few days ago. No official confirmation of them is obtainable, and in administration circles such talk is discouraged, one of the grounds given being that the president would greatly dislike to change treasury heads at this particular time with the country just recovering from the financial stringency. The resignation reports are based on the idea of friction in the cabinet because of alleged treachery of the Cortelyou forces to the Taft boom. It is generally agreed that if Mr. Cortelyou goes, Postmaster General Meyer will succeed him. He is a business man of ability, and the president has confidence in him as was shown by the fact that he was freely consulted in the financial difficulties. If a cabinet vacancy occurs the president is likely to consider filling it in a way that will do most good to the Taft movement, and Collector Merritt of Niagara, is mentioned in this connection for postmaster general as a man whose selection would give satisfaction to many politicians in New York state.

MICH. DEMOCRATS ARE FOR HARMAN

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) Detroit, Mich., Dec. 21.—Anti-Bryan democrats of Michigan have settled upon Judson Harmon, of Cincinnati, attorney-general in President Cleveland's cabinet, as their favorite.

There was a protracted conference at the Poncechartrain Hotel yesterday between Mr. Harman and the leading anti-Bryanites of Detroit. Mr. Harman, when asked point-blank if he was a candidate, laughingly replied: "Now, modesty forbids a direct answer. It is a great honor to be mentioned for the presidency. I wouldn't want to say that I was a candidate, but I will say that I am not throwing stones at one who suggests my name."

GEORGIA BANKER ACCIDENTALLY KILLED

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) Waycross, Ga., Dec. 20.—Hon. Warren Lott, ordinary of Ware county, and former vice-president of the Bank of Waycross, accidentally killed himself while hunting this morning. Dr. M. M. Johnson was the only witness to the accident. Dr. Johnson says he was standing about sixty yards from Mr. Lott, who had just crossed a fence, when the latter's gun discharged. When Dr. Johnson reached the wounded man's side, Mr. Lott attempted to speak but could not be understood. He expired almost immediately. Mr. Lott was universally loved by his neighbors and much sorrow is felt in this section of the state. Lieutenant Warren Lott, Jr., a son, is stationed at Fort McPherson, Atlanta.

\$100,000 PAID OUT TO SOUTHERN R.Y HANDS

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) Spencer, Dec. 21.—The employees of the Southern Railway Company at Spencer have received their Christmas pay checks and it is learned that the pay roll amounted in the aggregate to more than \$100,000, which were paid out in this community. Many of the employees are off duty on account of the slackness in railroad work and quite a number went to their old homes in various states tonight to spend Christmas. It is expected that work will be resumed on a larger scale with the opening of the new year.

BROKER OLIPHANT DIED OF WOUNDS THIS MORNING

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) New York, Dec. 21.—James H. Oliphant, the millionaire broker who was shot in his office at No. 20 Broad street by Dr. Charles Gieger, of Beaufort, S. C., a ruined Wall street gambler, died early this morning in the Hudson street Hospital. His wife and son were with the broker when the end came. Examination of the baggage in the Holland House of Dr. Gieger, who died instantly by his own bullets, showed that in all probability he was crazed by drink and drugs when he committed the crime. Many photographs of life in Abyssinia showed that the dead man at one time had been an intimate friend of Count Szechenyi, now the fiancee of Miss Gladys Vanderbilt. The two men were shown pictured in many poses during the days when Gieger was royal physician to King Menelik. Gieger, who had lost his whole fortune of \$30,000 in speculation in the "street," is said to have demanded an extension of credit from Oliphant and when refused opened fire.

NAVAL BUREAU CRITICISED BY A MARINE ARTIST

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) New York, Dec. 21.—In the January number of McClure's magazine there will appear an article by Henry Reuter, a marine artist, criticising the bureau organization of the United States navy department and the defects of the battleships. Specifically, the author sets forth that there is not enough of the armor belt above the water line, and that the foreboard and bows of the ships are so low that the forward turret guns and the broadside guns on the windward side cannot be used to advantage in a heavy sea. He also criticises the promotion system, which deprives the navy of the services of its younger officers in command rank. After reading extracts from the Reuter article, Lewis Nixon, former naval architect, remarked that the writer had raised no new questions. He also intimated that Mr. Reuter had not said anything which could help in any way toward the solution of the old questions. "Furthermore," said Mr. Nixon, "We have the best navy in the world today, so far as both ships and men are concerned. We can whip any other navy in the world." General B. F. Tracy, secretary of the navy in President Harrison's cabinet, seemed to think that the Reuter article was deserving of more serious consideration and admitted there was danger in overloaded battleships. In theory, at least, the former secretary of the navy intimated that promotion in the service, above a certain rank, should be by selection. Aside from their comments on Mr. Reuter's criticism, General Tracy and Mr. Nixon both referred to the present cruise of Admiral Evans' fleet to the Pacific. "The present cruise is a splendid thing," said Mr. Nixon, "but I hope that the ships will not visit Japan."

SHAME OF THE BELGIAN PEOPLE

Vienna, Dec. 21.—A great crush of people attended the auction sale of the wardrobe of Princess Louise of Belgium, which was brought about by a broker to whom she had pawned all her possessions. A fair sum was realized on the entire collection, but the amount fell miserably short of the sum paid for it, which is estimated at \$100,000. With the sale went all the possessions of the princess at the time she was placed in a sanitarium nine years ago by her husband after she had eloped with Count Matuschick. After spending six years in captivity she made her escape, aided by Count Matuschick and she afterward proved her sanity. Prince Philip then handed her wardrobe she had abandoned and the princess promptly pawned it for \$12,000. She could not pay the interest, which precipitated the sale. In the collection were articles ranging from handkerchiefs worth \$19 each to sealskin jackets worth \$1,000 each. There were nearly a hundred fans, hundreds of articles of underclothing, marked with the princess' monogram and the royal Belgium crown, dozens of pairs of boots and shoes and dozens of costly dresses.

GREAT BRITAIN'S NEW NAVAL PLAN

May Establish New Naval Squadron in Pacific

LONDON PAPER SAYS SO

(By Cable to The Times.) London, Dec. 21.—The Standard prints conspicuously a statement that Great Britain has decided to establish a new naval squadron in the Pacific. The paper says it will be composed of the present fourth cruiser squadron and six cruisers of the county class, so-called because the vessels are named after the counties of England. The squadron, which will be called the Pacific and North American squadron, will, it is expected, have its base at Esquimaux. The scheme will become effective in May, 1908. It will, perhaps, be recalled that an explanatory statement of the navy estimates for 1907-'08 contained the announcement that the naval yards at Halifax and Esquimaux would be transferred to the Dominion government subject to the condition that they be available for repairing his majesty's ships, and that the admiral would be free to resume possession whenever naval interests required. The Standard says it does not know how Canada will be affected by the scheme. The fourth squadron cruises periodically in North American and West Indian waters.

(By Cable to The Times.) London, Dec. 21.—An emphatic denial is made by the British admiralty that Great Britain had decided to establish next May a Pacific North American squadron, the base of which was to be at Esquimaux. One of the highest officials said that the report which was published in the Standard was ridiculous and without a shadow of foundation.

MICH. GOV. COMES OUT FOR TAFT

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) Detroit, Mich., Dec. 21.—Governor Warner has issued a formal statement declaring himself in favor of Secretary of War William H. Taft for the republican nomination for president.

A straw vote of twenty-four counties, the most densely populated of the state, shows Secretary Taft has an overwhelming lead of Hughes, his closest competitor, and that Cannon, Fairbanks, LaFollette, Root, Cortelyou and Knox are snowed under.

LIPTON CUP FOR NEXT YEAR

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) New York, Dec. 21.—The board of directors of the Brooklyn Yacht Club has formally accepted the custody of the cup valued at \$1,000 offered by Sir Thomas Lipton for an ocean race next year. The directors also passed a resolution of thanks to Sir Thomas for his generosity in offering the trophy.

The conditions of the race were referred to the regatta committee for settlement with distinct instructions, however, that the race should not be to Bermuda.

Some members of the clubs favor Nassau as the objective point and the race may finish there.

CAPT. OF WRECKED VESSEL FROM WILMINGTON PICKED UP

(By Cable to The Times.) Liverpool, Dec. 21.—The steamship Miguel De Larringa, just in from Galveston, brought the captain and crew of the schooner Gardner B. Reynolds, abandoned in a sinking condition, en route to Portland, Me., from Wilmington, N. C.

FEAR ANOTHER BIG EXPLOSION

Wrecked Mine Roped Off to Protect Onlookers

300 BODIES ENTOMBED

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) Jacobs Creek, Pa., Dec. 21.—With only eleven bodies actually removed from the wrecked Darr mine here, with the great danger of another explosion more terrific than the first and with the almost insurmountable obstacle of great volumes of gas that poison the air, the recovery of the bodies of 300 dead miners will be extremely slow. So great is the fear of another explosion that a large area of the mine entrance has been roped off to prevent the possible death of scores of onlookers. So great is the danger to the rescuers, from the poisonous gases that the finding of bodies is a question of slow, scientific treatment of the deadly fumes. Thus, it will be days—perhaps weeks—before the exact number of entombed men will be known. Michael Hallopy, organizer of the United Mine-Workers, claims that at least 300 men have been killed in the Darr mine. He believes the list will reach nearer 305. Mr. Hallopy bases his allegations on a canvass of the miners' homes, which he has just completed. In spite of the many difficulties, however, the rescue parties have penetrated about 6,500 feet, but it may require 48 hours more to reach the far entries of the mine where most of the men were known to be at work. Officials of the company stated today that the mine is damaged to a greater extent than was expected. The greatest damage has been found in the deep recess of the pit. The explosion tore down large quantities of slate in many of the extreme rooms and the mine heading is almost completely blocked. Several members of gangs erecting brattice work have been overcome by after damp and have had to be removed from the mine and given medical attention.

A suicide and an attempt at self-destruction has already resulted from the disaster. Conrad Schuth, 48 years old, crazed by the death in the mine of his son and other relatives, ended his own life yesterday by drowning in the river near the mine. He was a widower and leaves four small children. Mrs. Carrino Delano was restrained from committing suicide yesterday. She lost her husband and two sons in the disaster and in quest of the bodies was crossing the river on the ferry when she was seized with the idea of leaping into the stream. The efforts of three men were required to restrain her until a landing was reached.

BAD WRECK STOPS TRAFFIC

(Special to The Evening Times.) Charlotte, N. C., Dec. 21.—With a heavy train of freight cars seething along at the rate of thirty miles an hour, a Seaboard Air Line train just before daylight today dropped into a long ravine spanned by a 250-yard trestle built of wooden timbers. The weight of the train broke the trestle, and nearly every foot of the long bridge was wrecked. The cars are piled up level with the approaches, and it will be several days before trains can cross the scene of the trouble, which is twenty miles west of Hamlet on the main line of the Seaboard.

All through passengers trains will have to transfer their passengers until the long span is again bridged, which will probably be the middle of next week. It is said that the engine got safely across, so that none of the crew were injured.

SECTY TAFT HELPED AGAIN

President Roosevelt Uses His Influence

HUGHES IS THE LOSER

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) Washington, Dec. 21.—To the influence of the president is attributed the postponement of action on the resolutions endorsing Governor Hughes for the presidency by the New York county republican committee Thursday. Representative Herbert Parsons, chairman of the committee, and other friends of the administration, conferred with Mr. Roosevelt before the committee met, and politicians believe it was in deference to his wishes that the resolutions were laid aside until next month. On the assumption that the postponement was in accordance with the president's desire, the natural inference is that it was in the interest of Secretary Taft. Consequently, the supporters of the secretary of war feel cheerful over the situation in the Empire state. The governor has been regarded as one of his most formidable rivals for the presidential nomination, and one of their most ardent hopes has been that the New York delegation would not be instructed for him. The result is they are now counting on a divided delegation from New York and they look upon this prospect as offsetting a possible division of the Ohio delegation as a result of the candidacy of Senator Foraker. As they figure it out they would not put the secretary at so great a disadvantage after all, if he did not have the united support of his own state, since the delegations from New York and perhaps one or two other states which have favorite sons, may likewise not be united.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) Washington, D. C., Dec. 21.—In the senate today the session lasted thirty five minutes, then adjournment was taken for the holidays recess.

Senator Scott introduced a point resolution to investigate mining disasters. Senator Scott introduced a joint resolve Rear Admiral Evans the grade of vice admiral. Senator Burkett introduced a bill for control of the grazing on public lands. The joint resolution appropriating \$30,000 to replace seeds destroyed by the fire at the department of agriculture was passed.

In the house a resolution was introduced by Representative Hull admitting a Costa Rican for instruction in the military academy at West Point. It was adopted.

Mr. Gaines of Tennessee, made a speech regretting that the house will take a Christmas holiday.

On motion of Mr. Payne of New York, the house adjourned for the Christmas holidays until noon January 6.

FIRE AND DEATH AT WILSON

(Special to The Evening Times.) Wilson, Dec. 21.—Arthur Carter, popular salesman of Wells-Whitehead Tobacco Company, died last night after a few day's illness with pneumonia. Funeral this afternoon from the Presbyterian church. The large dry goods stores of J. & D. Oettinger narrowly escaped great damage today by fire in the heating plant. The flames were confined to the basement after a hard fight by the fire department. Loss fully covered by insurance.

AIN'T THIS A SCHEME! BRYAN TO BE NAMED BY HIS DAUGHTER RUTH

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) Denver, Col., Dec. 21.—At the coming democratic national convention if the women of Colorado have their way, Ruth Bryan Leavitt will place in nomination for the presidency of the United States the name of her father, William Jennings Bryan. They are determined to have her elected as one of the Colorado delegates to the convention so that she may be officially recognized on the convention floor. Colorado which is a woman's suffrage state, will send one and probably two women delegates.

FINE OUTLOOK FOR MORE ARRESTED IN NEW YORK

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) Havana, Dec. 21.—Governor Magdon is informed that statements have been received from several sugar mills, which already have begun to grind the present crop, that every hundred arrobas of cane will yield one arroba of sugar more than last year; that a gain of twenty-five pounds of sugar for every 2,500 pounds of cane. This is a gratifying report in view of the lack of rain during the last few months.

CORPO. COMMISSION INTERPRETS PROVISION OF THE HEPBURN LAW

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) Washington, D. C., Dec. 21.—An official interpretation of the two years' limitation provision of the railroad rate law, popularly known as the Hepburn act, has been made by the interstate commerce commission. This action of the commission is of the first importance regarding all claims now pending before the commission, or likely to be filed for damages or reparation. The claims now pending include those demands for reparation made by the members of the yellow pin association which aggregate between \$2,000,000 and \$3,000,000. The commission has issued no formal announcement of its interpretation of the limitation provision of the interstate commerce act, but simply directed that the following entry be made on the minutes of the body: "Claims filed since August 28, 1907, must have accrued within two years prior to the date when they were filed, otherwise they are barred by the statute. Claims filed on or before August 28, 1907, are not affected by the two years' limitation in the act."

"Voting in the affirmative: the chairman and Commissioners Prouty, Clark and Harlan. "Voting in the negative: Commissioners Clements, Cockrell and Lane. "The commission will not take jurisdiction of, or recognize its jurisdiction over any claims for reparation or damages which are barred by the statute of limitations as interpreted by the commission; and the commission holds, further, that it will not recognize the right of the carrier to waive the provisions of the statute."

WRECK DELAYED TRAFFIC ON THE S. A. L. TODAY

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) Richmond, Va., Dec. 21.—A south-bound freight train on the Seaboard Air Line, consisting of sixteen loaded and seventeen empty cars was wrecked at twenty-mile post south of Petersburg at 7:30 last night. A brake-beam slipping out of place, it is said, caused the derailment of the train. Fifteen cars were piled up in the ditch and the track was not cleared until 1:30 p. m. today, delaying all traffic. A negro brakeman named Frank Williams had his leg broken and foot crushed. Three tramps known to have been on the train are supposed to have been killed.

HUNDRED THROWN INTO RIVER; MANY DROWNED

(By Cable to The Times.) Allahabad, India, Dec. 21.—When a new pontoon bridge at the junction here of the Ganges and Jumina rivers was opened today it broke down, throwing one hundred people into the river. Many were drowned.

FIGURING ON A MAJORITY

What Democrats Must Do to Get Control

THE NATIONAL HOUSE

There Are Number Districts Barely Republican and Democrats Are Counting on Getting These—That's Why So Much Interest is Taken in Chairmanships of Congressional Committee.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) Washington, D. C., Dec. 21.—Because they believe they have a good chance to elect the next house, the democrats are taking considerable interest in the fight for the chairmanship of the congressional committee between Mr. Lloyd of Missouri, and Mr. Flood of Virginia. The work of rounding up the representatives of the respective states delegations on the committee was continued yesterday. Twenty-eight committeemen who have just been elected are: Brundige, Arkansas; Davenport, Iowa; Moore, Texas; Smith, Arizona; Bartlett, Nevada; Hitchcock, Nebraska; Hammond, Minnesota; Hamilton, Iowa; Rainey, Illinois; Ryan, New York; Weiss, Wisconsin; Dixon, Indiana; Ansbury, Ohio; McHenry, Pennsylvania; Granger, Rhode Island; Hughes, New Jersey; Lloyd, Missouri; Cliff, Maryland; Flood, Virginia; Kitchin, North Carolina; Finley, South Carolina; Griggs, Georgia; Clark, Florida; Burnett, Alabama; Bowers, Mississippi; Bransard, Louisiana; Gaines, Tennessee; Johnson, Kentucky; Keller, Massachusetts.

The democrats believe that discontent can be engendered against the republicans sufficient to defeat them if a proper policy be pursued this winter. They have to carry twenty-nine districts in order to do so. There are that number, which on the face of the returns of the last election, need a change of less than 1,000 votes in each to go democratic. These districts, their present republican representatives and the number of votes that have to be changed in order to make them democratic, are as follows:

- Indiana—fourth, 660; Chaney, 170; Holliday, 477; Watson, 748; Gilhams, 175; Brickett, 184. New York—McKibbin, 485; Southwick, 877; Fairchild, 630. Illinois—McGavin, 43. Kentucky—James, 400; Bennett, 558; Langley, 456. Iowa—Kenneley, 140; Dawson, 796. Nebraska—Boyd, 145. Wisconsin—Nelson, 963; Stafford, less than democrats combined. Ohio—Douglas, 663; Mouser, 137; Dawes, 710; Kennedy, 922. Missouri—Ellis, 894; Caulfield, 19; Coudrey, 415. Pennsylvania—Lafean, 225; Acheson, 669. New Jersey—Fowler, 276; Parker, 254.

WHAT THE GAMBLERS AT MONTE CARLO DO

(By Cable to The Times.) Paris, Dec. 21.—The "system" employed by a lucky Frenchman at Monte Carlo has so impressed pleasure seekers at that resort that many of the old timers, who lost several fortunes, have been spurred to renewed efforts to raise a stake for the purpose of trying to wrest back a part of their losses. The Frenchman won \$40,000 in three days at Trent Et Quarante, staking \$1,000 at a time and doubling after each win. Each time he lost he reduced the stakes by half, instead of doubling it. His method was so successful that it is being generally imitated. Two wealthy young French women, after losing \$5,000, tried the system, and are now \$10,000 ahead of the game.

DRUNKEN DOCTOR DREAMS A DREAM AND SHOTS A MAN.

Warsaw, W. Va., Dec. 21.—Dr. Henry B. Treakle, a young physician of White Stone, in the lower part of Lancaster county, shot and seriously wounded George Ward, who lives in the same neighborhood. Dr. Treakle, it is said, had been drinking heavily for some time past. Treakle says he dreamed that Mr. Ward had forcibly entered his home and abused and maltreated Mrs. Treakle. Rising early and taking his shot gun with him in his buggy, he rode to Ward's home, three miles away, called him out and shot him down. Ward was shot in the arm, side and face, tearing the flesh from his arm and inflicting critical, if not fatal wounds.

GOVERNOR GLENN IN BEAUFORT TOMORROW.

Governor Glenn left this afternoon for Beaufort, where tomorrow he will deliver an address. He will return to Raleigh Monday.