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TOM LAWSON'S TITANIC PLAN

Scheming for Roosevelt and Johnson

THESE TWO ON TICKET

Says He Has Strong Organization That Will Force President, in Spite of Himself, to Run Again—Roosevelt and John Johnson, Think of It—Why So.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)
New York, Dec. 24.—Thomas W. Lawson's plan to give President Roosevelt, willy-nilly, a third term, through the organization of a new party which shall make Governor Johnson, the democratic executive of Minnesota, the president's running mate, has provoked comment, amused and otherwise, in New York.

The plan is to be pushed, in accord with its protagonists well-known and spectacular methods. In his formal announcement Mr. Lawson avoids any direct statement that his chosen candidates recommend President Roosevelt and Governor Johnson—have acquiesced in his political programme, but by suggestion it was made clear that at the white house conference of Tuesday morning the Lawson political plan was placed before the president.

"It matters not a whit to me," said Mr. Lawson, "whether President Roosevelt approves of the new party, whether he consents to run as its presidential candidate, or openly refuses to do so.

"He will be our candidate just the same, and by the vote of the people will be compelled to complete the job he has commenced, the rescue of the country from the wholesale thieves of Wall Street."

Mr. Lawson says he has an organization in every state of the union. His state leaders have already been selected and their work, he asserts, is already under way. In his formal statement Mr. Lawson says in part:

"Since the panic President Roosevelt has awakened to a realization that if he leaves his policies half way established, he will, as he should, go into history as an unworthy bungler.

"President Roosevelt now realizes that if, at the coming elections, the systems tools are placed in the white house, the people, when they realize it, will do something, and President Roosevelt realizes that that something will be something momentous.

"I say President Roosevelt realizes this because he is not a fool, and if he is not a fool he must realize it.

"When the crisis was on President Roosevelt was suddenly, and with diabolical ingenuity, surrounded—completely surrounded.

"He was compelled to allow moves, and to make the move himself, which made it possible for the system to know now that the republican and democratic candidates will be satisfactory to it.

"I personally know the system, will be so satisfied with the nomination made by either party that it will willingly finance either or both parties through the campaign to any extent necessary, regardless of who the candidates may be, provided Theodore is not one of them.

"I personally know the system will furnish willingly all money and other backing to elect William Jennings Bryan, or his opponent, whoever he may be, provided he is not Theodore Roosevelt and the money thus willingly, eagerly furnished, will be the money of the same men who furnished \$5,000,000 in 1896 to steal the presidency from Mr. Bryan.

"I personally know that the system know William Jennings Bryan to be what we all know him to be—a clean, honest, unpurchasable, God-fearing, country-loving American. In other words, they know him to be a white man. Nevertheless, they are satisfied to put him in the white house, because they believe that they can discredit him at the very beginning by showing the world his helplessness.

"With this knowledge, and with full inside knowledge of the plans of the system, with full knowledge of the contemptible trickery begun with the panic, and with a general knowledge derived from a most thorough investigation of the people's wishes, that but for the third-term (Continued on Second Page.)

MOVEMENTS OF THE BIG FLEET

It Anchored at Trinidad Last Night

SHIPS COALING TODAY

Vessels Had Smooth Sailing and Arrived One Day Ahead of Time, Temporary Disarrangement of Steering Gears Only Mishap—How Tomorrow Will Be Spent.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)
Port of Spain, Trinidad, Dec. 24.—Sixteen battleships and their smaller followers, composing the American fleet, anchored in four columns in the Gulf of Paria, five miles off Port of Spain last night.

The voyage of the fleet from Hampton Roads was highly successful and their arrival here was one day ahead of the itinerary. The average speed of the journey has been a fraction more than ten knots an hour.

The passage was so smooth, even off Hatteras, that not even new recruits were seasick. The only mishaps were the temporary disarrangement of the steering gear of the Kentucky, on December 20, causing her temporarily to drop out of position; a similar occurrence on the Illinois on the same day and another on the Georgia on Saturday.

Manoeuvres were frequent during the cruise, the usual formation being double column of two divisions, consisting of four columns. The fleet found five colliers here. The first division and the Missouri will coal today and the others later. The Glacier, the Panther and the Columbia are here, so the fleet will consist of twenty vessels when it leaves.

The athletic spirit of the officers of the fleet here led to arrangements for a boat race over a half mile course on Christmas morning. Other athletic events are to follow.

The torpedo boat flotilla, which left here Sunday morning at 8 o'clock for Rio De Janeiro on its way to the Pacific, returned here yesterday because of an accident to the machinery of the Lawrence. The damage is not serious and it is estimated that the repairs can be made in one day.

The supply ship Arctostylis has gone on to Para.

GOV. HUGHES IS LOOMING LARGE

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)
New York, Dec. 24.—The republican club last night endorsed Governor Hughes as a candidate for the republican presidential nomination, and called upon republican organizations throughout the country to cooperate in securing his nomination and election.

There were more than 300 members of the club present and all but nine voted for the resolution, which was as follows:

"Resolved, That the republican club of this city of New York indorses Governor Charles Evans Hughes as the republican candidate for the presidency of the United States of America in 1908 and invites the co-operation of kindred organizations and of the people generally throughout the city and state and nation to secure his nomination and election."

GOVERNOR GLENN TOMORROW NIGHT

Governor Glenn, Mayor Johnson and Mr. W. N. Jones will speak at the First Presbyterian church tomorrow night. The exercises will begin at 7:30 o'clock. A cordial invitation is extended to everybody to be present and attend the last of the prohibition meetings.

The election will come off Thursday. Tree at Methodist Orphanage. An event that will be of great pleasure to all at the Methodist Orphanage will be a Christmas tree tomorrow afternoon at 3:30 o'clock.

WHY SENTIMENT IS STRONG AGAINST SALE OF WHISKEY

(By GEO. B. CRATER.)
Persons conversant with the consensus of public opinion, whether for or against prohibition, have been impressed with the very general sentiment in favor of prohibition among all classes of society.

No matter what the personal habits of railway officials may be it is a well recognized fact that no organization of business men is more strict in the enforcement of temperance on the part of employees than they. Years ago many engineers, firemen, conductors and other trainmen were frequently among the hardest and most reckless drinkers, and many fearful railway accidents were chargeable to indulgence in ardent spirits on the part of this class of employees. Now this condition of affairs has been radically altered and sobriety is an essential requisite with all men who in anywise are responsible for the lives and property of their fellowmen. The odor of whiskey on the breath of a conductor or engineer would be cause sufficient for instant and peremptory dismissal by those in authority. No bank president would ignore the smell of strong drink on the breath of a subordinate; no bank examiner could afford to overlook the slightest suggestion of whiskey on the part of the cashier and teller who are so largely responsible for the honest manage-

ment of the banks. WHY DRUNKENNESS IS NOT TOLERATED.

The day is past when mill owners and superintendents daily with any form of inebriety. Too much is at stake to risk the great fortunes invested in the hands of irresponsible employees and operatives. And coming into the sacred precincts of the home-life of North Carolina the horror of drunkenness has cast its baneful shadow across every every threshold. Scarcely a family in North Carolina is some of its connections and ramifications is without its fearful lesson of the evil of strong drink.

Young men in the flower of magnificent manhood have fallen victims to a temptation too powerful for them to resist. Men of mature years have made all the bright and better things of life subordinate to their indulgence in a vice which has brought upon them and upon their loved ones poverty and humiliation; old men have put aside hope, comfort and ambition and the dreams of kindred to go staggering with uncertain steps, and weakened bodies, brains and fortune down to their eternal sleep.

These are not such isolated and unusual pictures—the result of a partisan advocacy of prohibition. They are familiar to nearly every

one to whom the years have brought experience and observation. Family pride has covered many such an affliction as with a pall beneath which the blotted horror is kept from the gaze of men. But it is there notwithstanding and in the silent watches of the night this "living death" holds high carnival with the souls of mankind who make no mean that men can bear.

It can be safely said that there is scarcely a family throughout the confines of North Carolina which has not had cast across its homelife the blasting blight of intemperance. It may not be, or have been, a father, husband, son, or fearful to contemplate, a daughter, but it is or has been a near and dear kinsman whose career is wrecked and whose life is going out in darkness and despair, while those near and dear are helpless to rescue and relieve. The great prohibition fight is a tremendous struggle for human good and human salvation.

The universal interest aroused is due to the universal sorrow that follows in the wake of the unrestricted liquor traffic. Whatever makes for the good of the home and business life of the state shall ultimately triumph. The trend of human endeavor is for the uplift and the salvation of the human race.

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HOW THE COUNT MET HIS BRIDE

Saw Her, Beautiful, in a Forest

DEVOTION AND BRAVERY

Washerwoman's Daughter, Wife of Count, Bribed Keepers of Asylum, Smuggled Files to Him—He Desecrated and Together They Sped Off in Automobile—Now in Switzerland.

(Special Cable to The Times.)
Berlin, Dec. 24.—Count Aramus Erbach and his beautiful young wife, who was the daughter of a washerwoman, are safe in Switzerland, where they intend remaining. This news became known when the count sent a letter to all his relatives, who recently deprived him of his succession and displaced him as heir to a great fortune. The count attracted the attention of the world by his romantic elopement with the beautiful daughter of a washerwoman. He met her while he was riding in a forest. Afterward he was confined in an asylum at Alshofen, during which time a special tribunal annulled the marriage.

From Switzerland comes details of Count Erbach's escape from the asylum and his flight with his wife. The daring adventure was planned and executed by the washerwoman's daughter, whose bravery is no less than her devotion. The plucky girl-wife worked with great energy from the time her husband was arrested. She bribed an attendant and had a rope smuggled to the count's cell, which was at the top of a high tower. She also smuggled a pistol and saws to her husband and after cutting the iron bars from the windows, the young count made the descent—an extremely perilous one because of the great height of the window. His wife awaited him in a motor car in a secluded spot. They dashed off to the Swiss frontier, a distance 200 miles and were married again, after which he sent word to his relatives and his father, who disapproved him that he laughed at them. The attendant who aided in the escape has also fled.

New 14-Inch Coast Guns. (By Leased Wire to The Times.)
Troy, N. Y., Dec. 24.—Orders have been received at the Watervliet arsenal for 14-inch coast guns. They will be the first to be made in this country and are of a new type.

WHERE IS MRS. A. E. DIETRICH

Husband Has Not Heard From Wife

KNOWS NOTHING OF HER

Alfred E. Dietrich, Husband of Woman Reported to Have Eloped With Whip, Declares He Has Had Last Interview—Story of Affair as Told by Cables and Relatives.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)
New York, Dec. 24.—Cablegrams from Paris today declare that Mrs. Alfred E. Dietrich, wife of the New York millionaire who is now in Paris, is staying at a hotel little known to Americans and has had a long interview with her mother, Mrs. Albert Young, and her brother Louis, who are there registered at the Hotel Ritz.

It was early this morning when the elder woman and her son returned to their apartments in the Ritz and both, betraying considerable agitation, declined to submit to interviews.

Alfred E. Dietrich declares he has made his last interview to the papers with reference to his wife. He will remain silent and if possible drop out of sight.

"I have not heard from my wife, and I do not know that her aunt has, as is reported. I have made my last statement to the newspapers anyway. All the smear that could be made has been made now, and the best way to make people forget is to say nothing."

"Will you have a statement after Christmas?"

"I won't be here," he said, but he would not say where he was going. Miss J. B. Arents, of No. 19 54th street has announced that she had received a cablegram from her sister, Mrs. Albert Young, mother of Mrs. Dietrich announcing that she and her son had reached Paris and that Mrs. Dietrich was with them.

None of Brenchley's friends have yet heard from the missing whip. Mrs. Dietrich, mother of the young man, does not appear to be at all disturbed over the rumors regarding her daughter-in-law. She appeared amused when asked if she had heard from young Mrs. Dietrich.

"Do not imagine for a moment that there exists any strained relations between myself, my son, and my daughter-in-law."

"All this publicity is a great shock and surprise to me." Rumors that there have been serious differences between the elder Dietrich and their daughter-in-law have been current in society. The former Miss Young is the daughter of one of the oldest and most influential families in the south, while the wealth of the Dietrichs is of a later period. The two families are not on good terms.

So much bitterness has arisen between the two families it is said that the young Mrs. Dietrich has called at the home of her husband's parents only on most formal occasions.

GREENE AND GAYNOR TAKE BLOW HARD

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)
Macon, Ga., Dec. 24.—The refusal of the United States supreme court to give Greene and Gaynor another chance to escape fine and imprisonment for embezzlement and conspiracy is a crushing blow to them, and they are taking it very hard. Messages received by them from their lawyers in Savannah indicate there is no possible chance for another trial and that the attorneys have given up the fight.

BUT HUDSON DID THE RIGHT THING

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)
Hudson, O., Dec. 24.—Because a gift of \$200,000 supposedly made by W. Ellsworth, millionaire New York coal man, which promises to make this town a model village provided that the sale of liquor ceases before the money is paid over, Hudson has voted out saloons by a vote of 2,658. The town's sentiment is overwhelming "wet" but the chance to get municipal light and gas plants and the remodeling of the old Western Reserve College with a cost of \$100,000 overcame the saloon sentiment.

BURTON JUMPS AT SEN. FORAKER

Says Few Things About the Senior Senator

CAN HAVE A BIG FIGHT

Congressman Who Tried to Down Tom Johnson Issues Statement in Which He Refers to Foraker's Candidacy in Caustic Terms—Taft Easily Chosen, Says Burton.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)
Cleveland, O., Dec. 24.—Congressman Burton, aroused by the Foraker conference here Sunday, last night issued a statement in which he says the senior senator from Ohio can have all the fight he desires in Cuyahoga county and Ohio.

Mr. Burton refers to Foraker's candidacy for the presidential nomination in terms of caustic sarcasm, declaring that "the only reason for Senator Foraker's candidacy seems to be an attempt to injure William H. Taft, the choice of Ohio."

He says there is a semblance of a fight in Cuyahoga county for control but that Taft will easily get a solid delegation if fair means are employed.

WHEN THESE TWO BANTAMS FIGHT

(By W. W. NAUGHTON.)
San Francisco, Cal., Dec. 24.—From the present looks of things a crowd will be on hand that will make the Attell-Moran fight one of the greatest successes of the season. The question of weight is a thing the fight fans are puzzled over considerably. There is plenty of opportunity of seeing Attell and Moran in action every day and the comparisons drawn so far favor Attell. The majority of visitors to the camps of the little fellows think that Abe is faster on his feet and that he can hit with greater rapidity than the English boy. Moran, who has all the vanity of a youngster of 23, will not concede this much, while Trainers "Jimmy" Kelly and Al Wicks declare that it will take the New Year's day contest to decide which is the shiffter youngster and hardest hitter.

EVENING TIMES TO OBSERVE HOLIDAY

The Evening Times will not appear tomorrow. The entire force, one and all, will observe the day and will be on hand again Thursday ready to serve the good people of the city and state better, if possible, than it has in the past. In making this announcement, we would not conclude without wishing all our readers and friends a merry, merry Christmas.

JURY ACQUITS SIMMS TODAY

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)
Birmingham, Ala., Dec. 24.—A jury in the United States circuit court this morning rendered a verdict declaring W. L. Sims not guilty of conspiracy with Alexander Chisolm, for mer paying teller of the First National Bank of Birmingham, in the embezzlement of \$100,000 from that institution.

Sims was the manager of a brokerage concern in Birmingham through which Chisolm operated. He was indicted at the time and true bills were returned against Chisolm. The latter is now serving a term of six years in the United States penitentiary at Atlanta, Ga.

In the case of Sims the government failed to establish the conspiracy charge, it being unable to prove that Sims knew that the money used by Chisolm in conducting his deals was not his own.

The case against P. G. Smith, local manager for another brokerage company, indicted with Sims and Chisolm, probably will be dismissed.

GERMAN LIBEL CASE GOES OVER

Maximilian Harden Makes Big Demand

THE EMPEROR'S SISTER

She May Be Waited On and Asked to Testify for Editor—Important Developments Looked for Friday. Editor Harden Holds Weaker Hand Today.

(By Cable to The Times.)
Berlin, Dec. 24.—Maximilian Harden, editor of the Zukunft, on trial charged with criminally libelling Count Kuno von Moltke, has demanded that Princess Charlotte, who is Emperor William's eldest sister and hereditary princess of Saxo-Meiningen, be asked to give testimony for him against the count and it is believed today that a commission will be sent to hear her evidence.

A member of the Prussian royal family cannot be directly summoned to a court.

The case has gone over until Friday when important developments are looked for. Harden made a little scene in court last evening when he angrily faced the prosecutor and shouted:

"Do not compel me to play my last trump."

"Play it and stop your threats," the prosecutor thundered.

While the princess of Saxo-Meiningen was living in Breslau, where her husband, Bernard, hereditary prince of Saxo-Meiningen was commanding general of an army corps, she knew Count Moltke well. He was serving in the cuirassiers then. She took a great dislike to him and spoke of him as "damned" both in Breslau and Berlin.

Prof. Schweninger, who is an intimate friend of Harden, is ill at Munich and a member of the court has gone there to take his testimony, in which it is said the professor will quote Bismarck as having expressed the opinion that both Moltke and Prince Philip zu Eulenberg practiced abnormalities.

Although the trial is still behind closed doors, it was evident today that Harden held the weaker hand, a sensation being caused when Dr. Hirschfeld, a specialist in decadent tendencies, requested permission to make a statement. It is said Hirschfeld's testimony in the first trial to the effect that Moltke showed signs of being a man of perverse tendencies, did not win the verdict for Harden.

BRITISH CREW SAW WONDERFUL VOLCANO

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)
Galveston, Tex., Dec. 24.—The crew of the British steamship Rollesby, just into this port from Buenos Ayres, reports the eruption of a submarine volcano about 600 miles west of the Cape Verde islands. The phenomenon was witnessed on the morning of November 28.

The weather was clear and a smooth sea running when a terrific explosion was heard and a column of water shot into the air nearly 150 feet. A heavy vapor or smoke rose above the water, and for an instant hid from view the geyser, which appeared to be spouting hot lava or stones.

Quickly following the explosion the water within a radius of a mile was whipped into a wild sea, and within a radius of half a mile appeared to be boiling. The column appeared to be fifty feet in circumference. Hundreds of dead fish were seen floating in the sea. The crew watched the disturbance for over an hour. For two hours detonations could be heard.

FROM PHILADELPHIA TO NEW YORK BY WIRELESS

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)
Philadelphia, Pa., Dec. 24.—A system of wireless telegraphy is to be established between New York and Philadelphia. A permit was taken out at the office of the building department for the erection of a wireless telegraph tower to be located on Chestnut Hill by an Illinois Company. A similar tower is to be erected on some high point in or near New York City.

BRITISH SHIP DAMAGED BY FIRE

(Special Cable to The Times.)
London, Dec. 24.—The steamship Minnesota of the Great Northern line has been on fire at Kobe, Japan. The ship and her cargo were considerably damaged before the fire was subdued.

DEADLY WORK OF A LITTLE RIFLE

(Special to The Evening Times.)
Fayetteville, N. C., Dec. 24.—Thad Hall, the eleven-year-old son of Policeman Hall, while handling a 22-gauge last night, accidentally discharged it, instantly killing the 12-year-old daughter of Policeman Hall's brother, the ball passing entirely through her head.