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Fort Rebukes The Politicians

The Governor Declares He Will Not Sit Quietly and Permit Any Attempt to Run the Legislature by Outside Advice.

Trenton, N. J., Feb. 25. — Governor Fort gave out an interview which was intended as a reply to the published accounts of the meeting of the Republican state committee in Newark, when a committee was appointed to keep in touch with the legislature and watch legislation. Governor Fort displayed some feeling in the matter, and this is what he said:

"I regard the action of the state committee as a gratuitous reflection upon the governor and the legislature. Every senator or member I have seen has expressed himself of the same opinion. The people of the state elected the governor and the members of the legislature to represent them at Trenton and not a partisan committee. There is not the least lack of harmony between the governor and the legislature, either in the senate or the house—none whatever, and those who pretend that there is are simply doing it to excuse their action in a course which every man who has any self-respect must resent. Neither the governor nor the legislature needs their help, and as for myself, while I will gladly confer with any one on any public question, I do not propose to sit quietly by and permit any attempt to run the legislature by outside and unsolicited advice. When the legislature finds itself not competent to do its work they will no doubt call in help, but until they do I shall support them in their opinion that they are able as yet to attend to the business of the state."

The governor also made another statement in which he said he would not make any further nominations for office except in cases of actual vacancy until the financial situation in the state had been satisfactorily settled. He also said he was hoping to see the legislature abolish many offices, including county boards of taxation.

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STEEL TRUST'S REDUCTIONS

Official Quotations Under Open Market Rates Announced.

New York, Feb. 25.—The United States Steel corporation issued the first official quotations since the recent cut in all kinds of steel and the establishment of an open market in that trade.

Steel shapes were reduced \$6 a ton and steel bars \$4 a ton. Shapes are quoted at \$130, plates at \$120 and steel bars at \$120.

These prices are lower than any that have yet been quoted by independent steel manufacturers, and it was the opinion among equipment companies and other concerns using steel that these quotations were pretty close to the bottom prices.

\$50,000 NECKLACE STOLEN

San Francisco Society Woman Robbed at Mardi Gras Ball.

San Francisco, Feb. 25.—A \$50,000 pearl necklace belonging to Miss Jennie Crocker, of this city, was stolen during the Mardi Gras ball given by Mrs. Charles O. Alexander at the San Francisco hotel Tuesday night. The theft was not reported to the police until Wednesday night.

MAGVEAGH GETS CABINET JOB

Has Been Offered and Accepted Treasury Portfolio.

New York, Feb. 25.—President Elect William H. Taft completed his cabinet by the offer of the treasury portfolio and its acceptance. That offer was made to and accepted by Franklin MacVeagh, of Chicago, is as near a positive statement of what is believed to be the fact as may be made in the face of an absolute refusal by Mr. Taft to throw any light on the most interesting situation.

In spite of the strong belief that Mr. MacVeagh had been offered the treasury portfolio and had already or would accept, there were reports that the name of A. B. Hepburn, former controller of the currency, of New York, had figured largely in the conference on the subject.

It was declared that should anything arise to eliminate Mr. MacVeagh from the list as it is now understood to stand, Mr. Hepburn would be selected to this place.

SHOOTS HER HUSBAND

Woman Inflicts Mortal Wound in Self-Defense.

Wilkes-Barre, Pa., Feb. 25. — Mrs. Stephen Tennant, of Sebastopol, near here, defending herself from the brutal attack of her husband, shot him through the body and fatally wounded him. She also is in a precarious condition.

Tennant reached his home intoxicated, and his wife, who let him in, berated him because of his condition. He attacked her, knocked her down, kicked her and then seized a chair and declared that he would kill her. She escaped into an adjoining room, seized a revolver and when he followed and struck her with the chair she shot him. Neighbors found them both unconscious. Tennant, with a bullet in his abdomen, is lying at the Pittston hospital, and the woman, suffering from internal injuries and concussion of the brain, is dangerously hurt.

FIRE IN PENNINGTON

Seminary Students Fight Blaze and Three Are Overcome.

Pennington, N. J., Feb. 25.—Students in the Pennington Methodist Conference seminary were thrown into a panic by a fire in the dormitory. Three of the students were partly overcome while fighting the flames.

William Reeves, Edward Haines and Charles Riley, students at the seminary, formed a bucket brigade and were fighting the blaze. They collapsed as the firemen came to their assistance. The flames were extinguished with a loss of \$3000. There are 60 girls and 140 men in the seminary.

Boy Burns to Death.

Clearfield, Pa., Feb. 25. — Harry Stockport, ten years old, of Morris township, was burned to death. While walking along the road with a lighted lantern the lad fell, breaking the globe. His clothes caught fire, and before assistance arrived he was burned so badly that he died while being removed to his home.

Ex-Queen Lili Sued For Doctor Bill.

Washington, Feb. 25.—Ex-Queen Liliokalani, of Hawaii, otherwise Mrs. Ieolia Domini, was sued in the District supreme court by Dr. Charles H. English to recover \$11,600 alleged to be due him on account of breach of contract in the payment of a medical bill.

Passed Equal Suffrage Bill.

Pierre, S. D., Feb. 25.—An equal suffrage bill was passed by the house by a vote of 68 to 28. As a similar bill was passed in the senate early in the session and barely failed in the house, suffragists are jubilant over the outlook.

To Permit Boxing in Tennessee.

Nashville, Tenn., Feb. 25.—The senate passed on final reading the house bill permitting scientific boxing in this state. The bill now goes to the governor for his signature.

Kernersville Man Is in Trouble

Bank Robber's Loot Found Beneath a Dwelling House.

Washington, Feb. 25.—A jar of gold coins aggregating \$1250, which is alleged to be part of the money stolen from the vaults of the Forsyth Bank & Trust company, of Kernersville, N. C., was dug up from beneath a dwelling where it had been buried in that city by the robber. Deputy Sheriff Robert Flynt, of Kernersville, left here for North Carolina with Gaither Bodenhamer, a young man, who is charged with having stolen more than \$2000 from the vaults of the bank.

INDIANA DRY

Only One County Votes "Wet" Under Local Option Law.

Indianapolis, Feb. 25.—Local option elections in Adams, Davies, Howard, Grant and Newton counties were attended by scenes that have never been witnessed before in the state. They all went "dry," putting 143 saloons out of business. Nineteen counties have now voted under the local option law, and only one has voted "wet."

NAVIGATION CONGRESS

Secretary of State Authorized to Invite Delegates to Philadelphia.

Washington, Feb. 25.—Among the measures passed by the house was one authorizing the secretary of state to invite the Permanent International Association of Navigation Congresses to hold its twelfth international congress in Philadelphia in 1911.

Loses in Wall Street; Kills Himself.

New York, Feb. 25.—Wiped out in the slump in Wall street by a loss of \$100,000, the last time that bound Herman S. Abeles, fifty-four years old, a retired merchant, to the broke and he committed suicide by shooting himself twice through the roof of the mouth in the hat and millinery establishment run by his two brothers and his cousin.

"Cattle King" Jailed For Stealing.

Des Moines, Ia., Feb. 25. — James Starlin, worth \$100,000 and known as the "Iowa Cattle King of Cass," was sentenced in the district court at Atlantic, Ia., to five years at hard labor in the penitentiary for stealing cattle from Cass county farms.

Delaware Local Option Bill Wins.

Dover, Del., Feb. 25.—The Drexler constitutional amendment, providing for state wide resubmission of the local option question every eight years, has passed the senate by the surprising vote of 14 to 1.

Austrian Prince Drowns.

Santa Cruz, Tenerife, Feb. 25. — Prince Casimir Sapieha-Kodenski, of a noted Austrian line and heir to vast estates in Galicia, was drowned while boating here. Prince Casimir was born in 1882.

Tried to Rob Praying Woman.

Henry Vasey, twenty-six years of age, who said that his home was in Yorkshire, England, was arrested at St. Alphonsus' church in Chicago as he was trying to steal a purse belonging to a poor woman who was kneeling in prayer. Vasey confessed to the police that he had made his living in this way during the last four years.

\$108,000 Fine Stands.

The verdict of the United States circuit court for the southern district of the state of New York, imposing a fine of \$108,000 upon the New York Central Railroad company on the charge of granting rebates to the American Sugar company, was affirmed by the supreme court of the United States.

Pension For General Lee's Widow.

On motion of Senator Daniel, of Virginia, the omnibus pension bill passed by the senate was amended to provide a pension of \$50 a month to Ellen E. Lee, widow of the late Brigadier General Fitzhugh Lee, United States army.

New York's Population 4,422,685.

The estimated population of the city of New York is 4,422,685, according to Health Commissioner Thomas Darlington's annual report. The increase during 1908 aggregated 137,250 persons.

Can't Use Red Cross as Trade Mark.

The house of representatives has passed a bill prohibiting the use of the emblem of the American Red Cross society as a trade mark or advertisement.

TRAIN GOES OVER A CLIFF A Home For Consumptives

25 Persons Killed and 40 Wounded in Accident in Ecuador.

Guayaquil, Ecuador, Feb. 25. — A passenger train was thrown over a cliff 100 feet high near Rio Bamba, and crashed to the bottom of a ravine. Twenty-five persons were killed and forty wounded. The accident was caused by a misplaced rail.

State to be "Dry" For One Month.

Columbia, S. C., Feb. 25.—It is said that a compromise has been reached between the warring factions in the state senate on pending liquor legislation, which will result in state-wide prohibition in South Carolina for at least one month. The rumored compromise provides for state-wide prohibition to become effective July 1 and remain in effect until Aug. 1, after which counties now "wet" may hold special elections to determine whether county dispensaries shall be continued or whether prohibition shall be permanent.

Gave Blood in Vain to Save Husband.

Boston, Feb. 25.—Mrs. Walter R. Perkins, of Middleboro, Mass., vainly gave of her blood to save the life of her husband who was wounded by the accidental discharge of a gun. Mr. Perkins died. Mrs. Perkins was prostrated by the news of her husband's death, but it is believed that she will recover.

Hetty Green's Daughter Weds.

Sylvia Green, only daughter of Mrs. Hetty Green, the richest woman in the world, was married at Morristown, N. J., to Matthew Aator Wilks, great-grandson of the first John Jacob Astor.

The bride is just past thirty years of age and will inherit half of her mother's estate of \$80,000,000. The bridegroom is about sixty-five years old and is said to be worth \$2,000,000. The ceremony took place in St. Peter's Episcopal church and was performed by Rev. Philemon Sturges, the rector.

Sandy Cross Tidings.

Choppings have been all the go around here of late, but now we are having nothing but rain.

Our streets have been thronged with people going to court this week. I tell you our streets are getting in a bad condition. Think we will vote for macadam roads after this.

Our school closed last Thursday, and we certainly regretted seeing our teacher go home. We miss her cheerful face and bright smiles. Miss Lovings has been doing good work at old Sandy X the past two years. We hope to hear with us again next fall.

Mr. Fletcher Washburn, of Kallum Grove, was on our streets St. Valentine. Think some one is looking forward to seeing his smiling face again soon.

Mrs. N. B. Knight, of Salisbury, is visiting her mother, Mrs. E. M. King. Messrs. W. G. Craddock and C. W. Scott attended the commencement at Bald Hill Monday.

Miss Mollie E. Malloy left Saturday for a visit to Mr. and Mrs. Sam Hand at Bamberg, S. C. It is hoped that the climate there will be improving to Miss Malloy. Her health has not been good for two months.

Mr. Joe Loftis, of Caswell, is visiting at Mr. John Scott's.

Mr. F. P. Saunders has been quite sick for the past week.

WANTS TO RAISE THE MAINE

New Yorker Confident Battleship Can Be Raised With Ease.

New York, Feb. 25.—John Arbuckle, who has been in charge of the attempts to raise the cruiser Yankee off Spindle Rock, announced here that he is in negotiation with the government to raise the battleship Maine, sunk in Havana harbor. He is confident that the battleship can be floated with comparative ease and is willing to make the effort as soon as the necessary permission is given and the appropriation made.

Burglars Wreck Bank Building.

Flemington, N. J., Feb. 25.—The First National bank building at Chilton, N. J., near this place, was wrecked and the entire town aroused by an explosion of nitro glycerine set off by burglars. The force of the explosion was so great that it smashed every piece of furniture on the floor and broke all the glass in the building. The inner door did not give way and the burglars got nothing for their pains.

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