

# KNOX TO BE PREMIER

ACCEPTS STATE PORTFOLIO IN MR. TAFT'S CABINET.

## PRESIDENT-ELECT IS HAPPY

Invites Senator to Augusta to Advise Him—Wickersham Not Yet Selected for Attorney General.

Augusta, Ga.—William H. Taft, president-elect of the United States, Friday night announced the appointment of United States Senator Philander C. Knox of Pennsylvania as secretary of state in his cabinet.

The announcement followed the receipt by Mr. Taft of a telegram which came late in the afternoon conveying the information from Mr. Knox that he would accept the premiership of the Taft cabinet.

"I feel that I am to be congratulated in securing the services of Senator Knox in my cabinet," said Judge Taft in making the announcement. "In selecting a secretary of state I wanted

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# BIG LUMBER TRUST FORMED

VIRGINIA AND RAINY LAKE COMPANY IS ORGANIZED.

## Weyerhaeuser Back of Concern That Will Control Immense Tract in Minnesota and Canada.

Duluth, Minn.—The Virginia and Rainy Lake Lumber Company, the largest of its kind in the world, has just been organized here, its president is Edward Hines of Chicago.

It represents the pooling for the first time in one great corporation of one part of the tremendous holdings of timber land of Frederick Weyerhaeuser, said to be because of his fabulous lumber possessions the richest man in the world.

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# REPAIR DEPARTMENT



It Won't Speak.

# HEARST'S PUBLISHER ACCUSED

S. S. CARVALHO CHARGED WITH CRIMINAL LIBEL.

J. D. Rockefeller, Jr., Bases Complaint on Article Saying He Originated Peonage in Stockade.

New York.—On a charge of criminal libel, made by John D. Rockefeller, Jr., S. S. Carvalho, president of the Star Company, publishers of William R. Hearst's New York American, was arrested Thursday and arraigned in police court before Magistrate Fin.

at the solicitation of Clarence J. Shearn, attorney for the Hearst publications, and without any objection being raised on the part of Assistant District Attorney Garvan, who had charge of the prosecution, Mr. Carvalho was paroled in the custody of his lawyer until December 26, for examination.

Mr. Rockefeller, accompanied by his counsel, Lawyer Murphy, appeared in District Attorney Jerome's office early in the day and made complaint that the article published in the New York American of December 17, under a Chicago date, December 15, with the head line, "J. D. Rockefeller, Jr., originated peonage in stockade, it is said," tended to injure his good name, reputation and credit and to make him appear ridiculous.

He submitted a typewritten affidavit embodying these charges to District Attorney Garvan, to whom the case was assigned. On the presentation of the affidavit to Magistrate Fin, he issued warrants for the arrest of Mr. Carvalho, Bradford Merrill, treasurer, and Edward H. Clark, secretary, of the Star Company.

Mr. Carvalho was found in his office. Merrill and Clark were not in their offices. Mr. Carvalho took his arrest good naturedly.

Mr. Merrill, treasurer of the Star Company, explained Thursday night that the article at which Mr. Rockefeller had taken offense had come from Chicago in the regular way, that it had not originated in New York, and that an investigation would be started at once. "If we find that we have wronged Mr. Rockefeller," said Mr. Merrill, "we will, of course, do everything in our power to atone for it."

# FREEDOM DAWNS IN TURKEY.

New Ottoman Parliament Is Opened by the Sultan.

Constantinople.—Turkey made her bow as a full fledged constitutional monarchy Thursday, when the new Ottoman parliament held its first session.

Thursday was proclaimed a general holiday in honor of the parliament and the city did its best to observe the occasion fittingly. The decorations were unprecedented and most of the population was in the streets eagerly discussing the prospects of the new regime. Practically every regiment in the Constantinople garrison lined the route under arms when the sultan drove to open the assembly, while school children stationed at vantage points along the way sang the hymn of liberty as the imperial cortege passed.

**Five Arrested for Rioting.**  
A. Weycross, Ga.—Five prominent young men in this county have been arrested on warrants charging rioting, as the result of the bombardment of the town of Beach, 19 miles from here, on Friday night. The men arrested are Stewart Lee, Jack W. and Robert Sweet, Robert Lee and Lee Smith.

**Stock Broker Kills Himself.**  
Joplin, Mo.—Blinding before a mirror in the bathroom of his apartment here Friday, Col. Hy B. Marchant, a prominent stock broker, sent a bullet through his brain. Marchant left a note to his sister asserting ill health for his action.

**Lad Killed in Boxing Bout.**  
Philadelphia.—James Curran, 18 years old, was killed in a boxing bout with Benjamin Barnes, 17 years of age, at the Broadway Athletic club Friday. Barnes was arrested.

# OUSTS CASTRO MEN

ENTIRE VENEZUELAN MINISTRY REPLACED BY GOMEZ.

## DR. PAUL OUT OF OFFICE

Movs of Acting President May Have Important Bearing on His Country's International Disputes.

Port of Spain, Trinidad.—Vice-President J. Vicente Gomez, to whom Gen. Cipriano Castro handed over the presidency on his departure for Europe, has established a new government in Venezuela.

He has replaced the old ministry, the leader of which was Dr. Jose de Jesus Paul, the minister of foreign affairs, who has been the one figure outside of Castro himself in the negotiations between the state and the ousted Minister de Reus and the severance of diplomatic relations with Holland, with a new body of men who represent various factions of the state and who have figured prominently in various ways in the political history of the country.

Not only has Dr. Paul disappeared from the councils of the nation, but Dr. Baldo, who is now traveling in Castro's suite abroad, also has been removed from his official position as minister of education. Gen. Diego Forren, the minister of war, who also was war minister in the cabinet of acting President Gomez in 1905, has been superseded by Gen. Regulo Olivares, who took a prominent part in crushing the revolutionists six years ago.

This depends, however, on the constitution of the new body and whether the vice-president has the element composing it are willing and anxious to resume diplomatic negotiations with the United States. The elimination of the new cabinet of those who were closely affiliated with the Castro rule is gratifying to the officials here, who hope that under the new order of things some progress may be made towards the adjudication of the claims of the United States against Venezuela, which have been pending for so long a time.

# TWO NEBRASKA BANKS ROBBED.

Bandits Dynamic Sifts, Fight Citizens and Flee in Auto.

Gibbon, Neb.—Six robbers, after dynamiting the safes of a Farmers State bank of Gibbon, and the Commercial bank of Gibbon, engaged in a pitched battle here with a number of citizens early Friday and escaped in an automobile with \$5,000. One of the robbers is believed to have been wounded and to have been carried off by his comrades.

The Keene bank was first entered. Here two vault doors were opened by the force of an explosion. The robbers secured \$3,000, climbed into an automobile and started north.

An hour later the robbers reached Gibbon and while four of their number began work inside of the Commercial bank, the other two kept guard outside. Here the explosion attracted a number of citizens to the scene, among them G. T. Holloway, president of the bank. Holloway, approaching the two men stationed outside the bank, secured their attention by his acquaintances of his. For reply two bullets whizzed by him, one piercing the banker's forehead. The robbers kept up a steady fire on the citizens. Finally the citizens partly surrounded the building and for 15 minutes a lively fusillade of shots was kept up.

Finally all six robbers made their escape through a rear door and soon made an attempt to escape in their machine. While keeping up a steady fire on the bank floor, indicating that one of the robbers had been shot. They had taken \$15,000 from the bank and were in pursuit but the robbers soon gained the lead and were lost to sight.

# HEIRS TO \$100,000 ESTATE.

Two St. Louis Brothers Informed of a Vast Windfall.

St. Louis.—Arizona Lyle, a St. Louis carpenter, and his brother, William Carpenter, are to receive \$100,000, it is reported that they are part heirs to an estate in the heart of Wilmington, Del., worth \$50,000.

The estate was originally owned by a German baron named Christopher Spilberg, who came to America nearly a century ago. He was the grandfather of the Lyle brothers.

Arizona Lyle is 40 years old and has a wife and three children. His brother is 38 years old. Mrs. George M. McCullum, who runs a candy store in Alton, Ill., is also said to be an heir to the estate.

# ARRESTED FOR BOODLING.

Seven Members of the Pittsburg Councils Are Accused.

Pittsburg, Pa.—Seven members of the finance committee of the common council of this city were arrested Monday night on charges of receiving bribes and bribery and the alleged corruption of other members of council in the passage of various kinds of legislation during the past two years.

The charges were preferred by the Civic Voters' league of this city. The men were released on bonds ranging from \$15,000 to \$20,000.

# JAIL FOR WEALTHY BANKER.

California Sentenced for Illegally Fencing Government Land.

Fresno, Cal.—S. C. Lillis, a wealthy banker and stockist of Lillis & Co., was sentenced to a term of six months in the county jail for fencing government land.

He was arrested by Sheriff W. B. Wilson at a special session of the federal court Monday to six months in jail and fined \$1,000. Lillis was convicted at the last session of the federal court on a charge of illegally increasing large areas of government land into private property where he has immense holdings. The case will be appealed and Lillis has been released on bond.

# Killed by Her Own Automobile.

Waterville, Ia.—Settled with a stinking smell while driving an electric automobile Monday, Mrs. Clara Courtwright, aged 60 years, fell from the machine and was run over by it and killed.

# Wants Colonies for Tramps.

Albany, N. Y.—Gov. Hughes was requested Monday by Commissioner R. W. Hebbard of the New York city charities department to include in his annual message to the legislature a recommendation for the establishment of state farm colonies for tramps.

**Charles A. Sherman Falls Dead.**  
Boone, Ia.—Charles A. Sherman, builder of the Boone County railroad, former banker and old magnate of Casper, Wyo., dropped dead here Monday of heart disease.

# STATE HAPPENINGS

Rockford.—A scandal that may involve some of the best-known professional men in the city is expected to develop from the discovery of several human toes near the local cemetery and from the receipt of a three-page letter by Coroner Martin McAllister. Mr. McAllister has put the letter in the hands of government authorities. It is figured that the writer is the one who scattered pieces of a body about the graveyard. The scheme is thought to have been planned by someone who wished to play a joke on the coroner or to make him appear ridiculous. It resulted in a panic among those who had relatives buried in the cemetery, for it was feared grave robbers had visited the graves. One foot, a number of toes and a finger have been found at different times.

Springfield.—Democratic chiefs from all sections of Illinois will rally in Chicago during the holidays to map out a plan of action to be followed during the session of the legislature to open at Springfield January 6. It was announced Friday. The call for a meeting of the state central committee is expected to be issued in a few days by Charles Bosechenstein, chairman of the committee. Members of the legislature elected to the Forty-sixth general assembly will be invited to participate. This is looked upon as an important matter, as the opening ones say the deliberations will have an influence that may determine the course of the Democracy all through the legislative session. Waterways will be one of the topics.

Zeligler.—Millionaire Joe Letter, accompanied by his wife and secretary, arrived here Sunday afternoon on a special train and assumed charge of the force fighting the fire in the famous colliery. The flames were almost beyond control when the firemen, in spite of desperate efforts to check them, and unless the fire-fighters have better success under Letter's supervision it is feared the mine will have to give up the fight. If he succeeds in subduing the flames, he will be unable to resume operating the mine for months, owing to the havoc already wrought.

Chicago.—Judge Theodore Brentano Thursday assumed his duties as chief justice of the superior court of Cook county, and a declaration of the term is for one year. Judge Brentano succeeded Judge Gwynne Garnett, and has been re-elected for the various terms since. His present term of office expires September 1, 1909.

Bloomington.—Gray-suited servants of Uncle Sam, the great array of letter carriers, are to erect a sanitarium for the treatment of members of the association afflicted with tuberculosis. This was decided on at a meeting of the executive committee of the national organization of letter carriers, held in this city. Mr. T. Finnan of this city is a member. Mr. Finnan has just returned home after a ten-day session of the committee.

Rockford.—The action taken by the installation of Rt. Rev. Peter J. Muldoon in his new see took place Wednesday, when he appeared in the circuit court and made a declaration that he is de jure and de facto bishop of Rockford. The declaration was made before Judges Wright and Donnelly. Brief addresses were made by the bishop, Judge Donnelly and others.

Mattson.—The accidental discharge of a shotgun in the hands of Pargo North, a 15-year-old boy, resulted in the death of William Kenny, a 12-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. John R. Kenny, Sunday. The boys were out for a walk and North, while cocking his gun one barrel was discharged, blowing his companion's right leg to shreds. Both are of weak and feeble constitutions.

Peoria.—The east-bound passenger train on the Big Four railroad leaving here at 4:55 p. m. and west-bound passenger No. 41, due at 6:50 a. m. collided here Saturday afternoon and Woodruff shortly after six o'clock Thursday night. Engineer Stacker was fatally scalded and taken to St. Joseph's hospital at Bloomington.

Hillsboro.—Declaring that he preferred death to having a conservator, William Fuller, 67 years old, killed himself by sending a bullet through his head. He was totally blind. He was unmarried. The funeral was held Saturday.

Chicago.—Lieut. John J. Harriott, former police inspector and one of the best-known police officers in Chicago, died Wednesday of heart disease at a hospital. Although not unexpectedly, death came suddenly.

Benton.—The hearing in the case of Dr. B. F. Brown, who was accused of murder and forgery in connection with the death of Mrs. Reuben F. Parrish, has been postponed to February 2, 1909.

Chicago.—Edward Schenk, 48 years old, 156 North Hanalia avenue, a woodworker, ended his life at his home Wednesday morning by shooting into his head with a revolver.

Sterling.—Mrs. Fred Carl of Albany Friday filed suit in the Whitehead county circuit court against the Rock Island Brewing Company and Hagen & Haynes, saloonkeepers of Albany, for damages of \$10,000, alleging her husband was drunk at the time of liquor sold by the firms.

Yandalla.—A body, identified as that of Harry C. Dill, a telegraph operator, was found beside the Yandalla railroad track near Altamont. Dill had been in Altamont the day before and said he was hunting a job.

Chicago.—The body of a man, identified as that of Richmond, Ind., was found in the city.