CIVIC CAMPAIGN WILL BE SHORT

CONTESTS IN FOUR ALDERMANIC WARDS

Election Meetings Announced for Tuesday and Wednesday Nights of Next Week

(From Saturday's Daily.)

With nominations closing at 2 o'clock Tuesday for the municipal election, there is likely to be an aldermanic contest in Wards I., II., IV. and V., but in Ward III. it is probable that Aldermen Fullerton and Gleason will be returned by acclamation.

In Ward I., although Messrs. Mitchell, Perry and Shenk, candidates last January, declare they will not run again, Aldermen Ross and Okell may have a contestant in Robert Beard. He, however, has not definitely decided, but he is the only opposition in sight for the present aldermen.

Aldermen Bishop and Humber may, and may not, have an opponent in Ward II. John Meston is probably a nomination. He was defeated last January and has served on the board previously, but no definite announcement has come in reply to a request for information from him yet.

Ward III. is uncontested, ex-Alderman Bannerman having announced to-day that he is not a candidate.

"I guess I will," was the reply ex-Alderman McKeown gave this morning to the request for information as to the possibility of his candidature against Alds. Moresby and H. M. Fullerton. The ex-alderman, however, has not fully made up his mind but it is almost a certainty that his name will appear on the ballot paper Friday next for Ward IV. J. H. Baker announced to-day that he will not be a candidate.

Ald. Peden and Langley in Ward V. will have only one contestant in place of two as at last election. John Dilworth is to run again but A. G. Sargison will not be a candidate until January, 1912. Having been appointed a member of the police commission, he will not seek aldermanic honors.

"My opinion," he said this morning, "is that the present council should be allowed to go in by acclamation."

For school trustees, there will be the present board with, possibly, the exception of Trustee Christie, who said this morning that he would not make up his mind until Monday next. In the event of his not running, or in the event of a contest being in sight, H. C. Hanington, who polled a splendid vote last time, will be a candidate, but he will not disturb the present board if all the members are in line for re-election without opposition.

Two election meetings are announced, one at the North Ward school Tuesday night, and the other at Semple's hall, Victoria West, Wednesday night.

The only mayoralty candidate at present is His Worship Mayor Morley, but there is a strong impression that a contestant will be nominated on Tuesday.

TO SUCCEED CANNON.

Champ Clark Nominated by Democrats for Speaker at United States House of Representatives.

Washington, D.C., April 1.—At a secret caucus of the house Democrats here to-day, Champ Clark was nominated for speaker without opposition. Burleson, of Texas, was chairman of the caucus.

Before the meeting Chairman Underwood of the new ways and means committee, announced that the naming of members of that body would be the last business taken up.

The first matter considered was the election of the house officials. The caucus proposes to reduce the number of employees, saving $115,000 annually.

ARBITRATION TREATY.

Washington, D. C., April 1.—President Taft and the British ambassador Hon. James Bryce conferred today at length on the proposed arbitration treaty between the United States and Great Britain.

JAPANESE CRUISERS SAIL FOR ENGLAND

Will Represent Emperor at the Coronation of the King

Tokio, April 1.—With Vice-Admiral Shimamura in command, the Japanese cruisers Kuruma and Tone sailed at noon to-day from the big naval base at Yokosuka for England. They will be the representatives of Japan in the naval pageants attending the coronation of King George V.

U. S. SUBMARINES.

Washington, April 1.—Contracts for four new submarines to be built for the navy will be given to the Electric Boat Company, two of the boats must be built at some shipyard on the Atlantic coast and two on the Pacific coast. The former, it was said, will be constructed by the Fore River Shipbuilding Company, while the other two will be built either by the Union Iron Works or by the Moran plant at Seattle.

ARRESTED ON CHARGE OF FRAUD

COMPANY PROMOTER IN TROUBLE AT VANCOUVER

Men Who Purchased Stock in Concern Believe They Have Been Victimized

(Times Leased Wire.)

Vancouver, B. C., April 1.—With the arrest here to-day of C. W. Jennings on the charge of fraud, government officials assert that one of the greatest frauds in the history of British Columbia in recent years has been unearthed. Holders of approximately $200,000 worth of shares of stock in the Hudson Bay Mutual Fire Insurance Co., believed they have been victimized.

It is alleged that Jennings, with other men, organized the insurance company with a capital of $100,000 and that over $200,000 worth of stock was sold. So far as known at present, the assets of the company consist of some furniture, a few dollars in the bank and some unsold stock, according to the complaint.

The company adopted a name which closely resembles another insurance whose standing in Vancouver is high and the prosecutor's office is of the opinion that many persons purchased stock under the impression that they were investing in the older company.

Jennings was arrested while he was attempting to leave Vancouver. L. Urle, who sold stock of the concern, is also in jail and warrants for other members of the company have been issued.

It is asserted that Jennings headed a similar company which went broke at Calgary previous to coming to Vancouver.

WROTE BLACKMAILING LETTERS

Chicago, April 1.—Philip Purpurpa, who confessed yesterday that he had written more than a score of blackmailing letters over a "Black Hand" signature, was turned over last night to the United States authorities. Secret service men will try to determine whether Purpurpa can be connected with a recent letter written to United States District Judge Landis, threatening him with the vengeance of the "Black Hand," if Gianni Alongi, an Italian being tried for blackmail, was not acquitted.

The letter to Judge Landis was followed by the discovery near his desk of a harmless "bomb," composed chiefly of mucilage. The bomb at first was treated as a joke, but later secret service men declared they believed it was planned by the writer of the letter in order to show his ability to reach the United States judge with a dangerous bomb. Purpurpa, when arraigned before United States Commissioner Foote, repeated his confession and was held in bonds of $5,000.

It developed during the examination of Purpurpa that James E. Stuart, chief of the postal inspectors of the Chicago district, also has received a death threat in the Alongi trial.

ATTEMPT TO LOOT TREASURER'S OFFICE

Vault in the County Official's Room Dynamited—One Man is Captured

Des Moines, Iowa, April 1.—Arrests of prominent men are predicted here to-day through an alleged conspiracy to loot the vault of the Polk county treasurer's office, which was blown this morning previous to a battle with the police, in which Roundsman Mickle was shot in the face, and A. L. Rhodes, one of the robbers, was captured.

As evidence of a conspiracy, the police point to the fact that the windows through which the robbers entered the court house at midnight were opened from the inside. C. W. Kellar, a clerk in the treasurer's office, was in the building at the time of the entry and was left bound and gaged by the robbers. So far the police refuse to allow Kellar to make his story public.

So far as known, four men entered the court house. Using enough dynamite to rip the vault to pieces, they blew the depository almost to bits, entirely destroying $100,000 in tax receipts by the force of the explosion.

Attracted by the report, police came on the scene just as the bandits, frightened by the noise, fled without taking any coin. In a battle which followed Roundsman Mickle was shot in the face. A. L. Rhodes, one of the robbers, was captured and posses of the police are to-day combing the city for his comrades.

VANCOUVER ROMANCE.

Vancouver, April 1.—Miss Rose Duval appeared in the dock and in tears yesterday before the police magistrate, and was about to be sentenced for stealing $20 when her sweetheart, Geo. Spink, from the spectator's gallery in the court, asked the police magistrate to stay his hand. Spink explained that he was the victim of a deep attachment for the girl, and wished to marry her there and then, if stern justice would accede. The police magistrate promptly agreed. Rev. J. McLeod, a Presbyterian minister, was summoned to perform the ceremony. F. Hart, police court clerk, gave the bride away and the police matron acted as maid of honor. The ceremony over, the magisterial blessing was given the couple, who promptly left town on their honeymoon.

ONE ON DICK.

ALLEGED CAMORRA CHIEF ON STAND

CROSS-EXAMINED BY PRESIDING JUDGE

Prisoner Declares No Such Society as Camorra is in Existence

(Times Leased Wire.)

Viterbo, Italy, April 1.—Cross examination by Judge Bianchi to-day practically annihilated the glib defence of Enriqco Alfano, alleged chief of the Camorra, on tral here with thirty of his fellows for the murder of Gennaro Cuccolo and his wife, as well as for alleged complicity in many other crimes of murder and blackmail.

Interrogating Alfano, the judge asked why he had waited until the disclosures of Abbatemaggio came before fleeing to America. Alfano replied that he was suddenly seized with stomach trouble and fled, fearing that confinement in prison pending his vindication would prove fatal.

Alfano in his defence went so far as to swear that no such organization as the Camorra is in existenee.

POSSE ON TRAIL OF FOUR KIDNAPPERS

Reward of $20,000 Offered for Capture of the Band

Albuequerque, April 1.—With, rifles and ropes Bell ranch cowboys to-day are hot on the trail of four men who are reported from 75 miles north of Las Vegas to be riding desperately toward Oklahoma. The quartette are believed to be the kidnappers of little Waldo Rogers, and the cowboys are determined to lynch them if captured.

A. T. Rogers, father of the child, for whose recovery $12,000 was paid in ransom, offered to-day a reward of $20,000 for their capture, dead or alive.

There seems to be no doubt that the kidnappers are prisoners who recently escaped from the Albuquedque jail, where they were held on a charge of post office robbers. Dennis Hart, a noted desperado, is reported to be their leader.

It is stated here to-day that Governor Mills has promised to provide all the militia necessary to capture or kill the kidnappers, and that he has ordered the officers and men of the territorial mounted police to assist in the man hunt.

LIEUT.-COL. TISDALE DEAD.

Simcoe, Ont., April 1.—Lieut.-Colonel the Hon. David Tisdale, K. C., ex-M. P. for South Norfolk, died last night, aged 76. He had suffered two years from rheumatism.

As a contractor Colonel Tisdale took a leading part in the building of the Grand Trunk railway. He served as a private in the Trent affair of 1861, and as a captain in the Fenian raid. He was minister of militia for two months in Sir Charles Tupper's cabinet prior to the election of 1896.

SENTENCE PASSED ON SEATTLE MILLIONAIRE

C. D. Hillman Gets Two Years and Six Months and Must Pay Fine of $5,200

Seattle, Wash., April 1.—C. D. Hillman, millionaire real estate operator and builder of boom towns, was sentenced to two years and six months in the federal prison, and to pay a fine of $5,200, by United States District Judge Donworth to-day.

Donworth refused this morning to grant a new trial to the real estate man, convicted of using the mails to defraud. Then he refused the stay of sentence asked for. After that he pronounced sentence. He scored the prisoner severely as he sentenced him.

The judge sentenced Hillman to two years and six months on each of the thirteen counts on which he was found guilty. However, he provided that he might serve all the sentences at the same time, so that the real estate man need serve only two years and six months altogether.

District Attorney Todd announces that he will ask $200,000 bail for Hillman, pending his appeal to the United States circuit court of appeals.

REICHSTAG IS IN FAVOR OF ARBITRATION

Resolution Adopted Calling on Government to Make Treaties

Berlin, April 1.—The Reichstag, by a large majority, yesterday rejected the Socialist motion calling on the government to take "immediate steps leading to an international agreement concerning universal limitation of armaments and the abolition of the right of capture at sea."

Earlier the Reichstag adopted a resolution "to request the chancellor to declare his willingness to enter mutual negotiations with other great powers as soon as propositions concerning a simultaneous and equal limitation of armaments are made by any one power."

This resolution received the support of the Socialists and Radicals, a majority of the Centre party and a portion of the Imperialistic and Conservative parties.

The Reichstag also adopted a resolution calling on the government to make arbitration treaties with other nations modelled on the lines of the Anglo-American treaty.

The Liberal press expresses decided disappointment at Chancellor Von Bethmann-Hollweg's speeches in the Reichstag Thursday. The Tageblatt regrets the chancellor's blunt tone in response to the speech of the British foreign secretary, Sir Edward Grey, but thinks this was due to his lack of diplomatic skill, rather than to conscious opposition. Referring to the Anglo-American arbitration project, the same newspaper says that it is not too late for Germany to form the third member of an Anglo-Saxon league.

MYSTERIOUS DISAPPEARANCE.

Cincinnati, Ohio, April 1.—George B. Cox, "boss" of Cincinnati, reindicted yesterday afternoon for perjury, has disappeared, and efforts to find him have failed.

FOUR HUNDRED DEATHS DAILY

PLAGUE IS STILL RAGING IN CHINA

Disease Has Claimed Thirty-Five Thousand Victims in Last Few Weeks

(Times Leased Wire.)

St Petersburg, April 1.—Advices received from Pekin to-day stated that 400 deaths from plague are occurring daily in the Kiu Kiang district, which is only thirty miles from Pekin.

While it was reported that the plague is practically wiped out of Russian and Japanese territory, it is said to be still raging in the interior of China, where 35,000 deaths have occurred within the last few weeks.

CHINESE LOAN.

Tokio, April 1.—The Yokohama Specie Bank to-day settled the terms for a loan of $5,000,000 to the Chinese government. The issue price of the bonds is 97½ and the interest 5 per cent. The money, which will be used to meet a deficit of the railway board, will be paid to China on June 1.

RESIGNATION OF SPANISH CABINET

Retirement of Canalejas Believed to Mark End of Fight Against the Clericals

Madrid, April 1.—After serving a year, the Spanish cabinet headed by Premier Canalejas, was forced out of office to-day through the activity of the Republicans.

Radical measures against the Clericals were proposed by the opposition.

An official statement following the resignation of the cabinet, declared that the government was in no way menaced. King Alfonso returned hurriedly this afternoon from Seville and is conferring with advisers.

The resignation of the cabinet is believed to mark the end of a relentless fight which has been waged against clericalism.

It was reported unofficially late this afternoon that King Alfonso had connived to force the resignation of Premier Canalejas and his cabinet, believing that he had gone too far in opposing the church.

CHARGE AGAINST SHELDON.

Montreal, April 1.—Chief McCackill wired the provincial detective office from Pittsburg yesterday the following: "Sheldon is willing to come back, but must wait until the local charge is heard. Looks good." Even if Sheldon is held to serve sentence in Pittsburg, Crown Prosecutor Walsh says the authorities here will not give up the fight, but Sheldon will ultimately be brought back to face the charges against him here.

STRUGGLE MAY BE LONG ONE

CROW'S NEST PASS MINERS ARE IDLE

Mine Operators Are Apparently Prepared to Play a Waiting Game

(Special to the Times.)

Fernie, April 1.—From end to end of the great Crow's Nest Pass coal district, from Fernie, British Columbia, on the west, to Taber, Alberta, on the east, a distance of 170 miles, as the railway goes, not a pick is to-day being thrust into the working face of a single one of the sixteen producing mines in this territory. Yesterday between 7,000 and 8,000 men were working in the production of an average of 12,000 tons of coal daily; the first day of April ushered in a scene of idleness marking the start of what gives promise of being the most formidable strike the coal mining region has ever faced.

Not a miner will admit that a strike has been called; with them it is merely a "cessation of work," on the ground that their agreements with the operators have expired and have not been renewed. A strike would mean that the miners had bid defiance to the Lemieux Act as the Industrial Disputes Investigation Act is generally known. This act, which applies to mines, requires the submission of the subject in dispute to a board of conciliation and investigation before such a drastic step as a strike may be taken. Hence to-day, from the expressed point of view of the miners such a thing as strike does not exist in the Pass.

On all sides there is recognition of the fact that a prolonged struggle between the miners and operators of the Crow's Nest coal fields means much more than a mere local disruption of business. The general feeling among all whose interests are directly and indirectly affected by the strike, is that appearances point to a determination on the part of both miners and operators to settle down for a tug of war which will demonstrate for a number of years to come which party to the present dispute has the most resisting powers.

The operators, it is authoritatively learned, express not the slightest intention of attempting to bring in outside labor for the purpose of quickly forcing to a head the issue involved. They declare they will be content to allow matters to take their own course. The interpretation given this declaration is that the operators have decided to play a waiting game in the hope that time, with its attendant unemployment, will work an alteration of feeling among the miners.

On their part, the miners, through their accredited spokesmen, express a grim determination to hold out to the end, whatever it may be, and they declare that the conclusion of the trouble, be the time one month or year distant, they count on unqualified victory.

VIOLATED TACOMA'S ANTI-TREATING LAW

Saloon Proprietor, Fined $50, Will Take Case to the Superior Court

(Times Leased Wire.)

Tacoma, Wash., April 1.—Preparations are being made to-day by Attorney John H. Gordon to appeal to the superior court the case of G. W. Kiesel, a saloon proprietor, who was convicted in the police court late yesterday of violating the new anti-treating law and fined $50. If necessary, it is said, the case will be carried to the state supreme court for a decision as to the constitutionality of the measure.

Kiesel, who is the first to be tried and convicted of allowing treating in his saloon, testified that he did not accept money from A. H. Fries, the complainant, in payment for drinks for Fries and his company. Instead, he says, when Fries laid a dime on the bar and called for two glases of beer, he rang up but five cents and handed back the change. Then, according to Kiesel, he was called away momentarily, and when he returned found five cents in front of the glass of Fries' companion. He did not question whose money it was.

The cases against Joseph Pischofferton and John F. Schmidt, also accused of violating the new ordinance, were continued until Monday.

MOTOR CYCLIST KILLED.

Stockton, Cal., April 1.—As a result of the tragedy at the Stockton race track late yesterday in which C. H. Land lost his life, the motor cycle races between the Stockton and Sacramento, scheduled for to-morrow, have been called off.

The latest theory is that Land was a victim of heart failure and that he died before he struck the tree. He had been speeding around the track for the race. Tracks show that he made a straight line for the tree, never wavering from his course for a distance of more than 100 feet.

China raises just about one-half of the world's tea, the annual production of which is estimated at 1,200,000,000 pounds.

In Norway persons who have not been vaccinated are not allowed to vote at any election.

Norway has to import 250,000 tons of grain a year. She exports 15,000 tons of fish yearly.

OXFORD DEFEATS CAMBRIDGE CREW

SETS NEW RECORD FOR VARSITY BOAT RACE

Winners Never in Danger—Several of the Light Blues Completely Exhausted

(Times Leased Wire.)

London, April 1.—Establishing a new record for the 4¼ miles from Putney to Mortlake, Oxford to-day won from Cambrige by 2¾ boat lengths, in the 67th inter-university on the Thames. The dark blues did the distance in 18 minutes and 29 seconds. The best previous record was 18.47.

The conditions to-day were ideal and an enormous crowd saw the light blues go down to defeat after a gallant struggle. At no time, however, was Oxford in serious danger, and even in the finish spurt the dark blues showed that they had speed and power to spare.

More than 120,000 persons, including the Prince of Wales, attended the race. Oxford won on its general superiority, especially that of Bourne, its stroke. Cambridge's only real bid for victory came in the first mile, but the dark blues were clearly their rivals superior. To-day's race was the third successive defeat of Cambridge by Oxford.

The start of the race at 2.26 was over water as smooth as glass. When the boats shot away Oxford took the Surrey shore, and pulling strongly together, nosed ahead in the first few strokes and held its advantage to the end.

Oxford started with a 37 stroke and Cambridge at 38. At the end of the first mile, Oxford was three-quarters of a length ahead. At Hammersmith the dark blues were two lengths ahead. Then Bourne let down and Cambridge gained a length in a third of a mile.

As a result of the great effort Arbuthnot, stroke of the Cambridge crew, tired and the light blue stroke became ragged. Seeing that the race was won, Oxford then dropped to 33 and Cambridge sagged her stroke to 34.

Three-quarters of a mile from the finish, Oxford started a whirlwind spurt, ending 2 ¾ lengths in the lead.

After the race, Arbuthnot and several other members of the light blues crew were absolutely exhausted and were lifted from their shell. None of the members of the Oxford crew was distressed.

The crews were:

Oxford—C. E. Tinne, bow; L. G. Wernald, No. 2; R. E. Burgess, No. 3; E. Millington Drake, No. 4; G. W. Little johns, No. 5; A. S. Garton, No. 6; J. Mackinnon, No. 7; R. C. Bourne, stroke; H. R. Wells, cox.

Cambridge—S. E. Swann, bow; P. M. Van Der Byl, No. 2; F. E. Hellyer, No. 3; C. F. Burnand, No. 4; R. E. Blake Smith, No. 5; J. B. Rosher, No. 6; G. F. Fairbain, No. 7; R. W. Arbuthnot, stroke; C. A. Skinner, cox.

Divided between the two boats were three Rhodes scholars—Littlejohn from Melbourne University, in the Oxford craft, and Van Der Byl and Skinner among the "Cantabs."

The Oxford eight was a slight favorite, though the general impression was that there was not a great deal to choose between the two crews. The Oxonians, it is true, had among them only three veterans of previous races but their stroke, Bourne, is regarded by every one as the most brilliant oarsman in England. As an offset against this, six of the Cantabs rowed in last year's race, in addition to which Skinner was regarded as a far cleverer coxswain than Wells, a most important matter in the Oxford-Cambridge contests on account of the trickiness of the Thames tides. Both crews had considerable sickness and an unusual number of accidents, and Cambridge in particular suffered through the necessity of changing its coach on account of illness.

The Cantabs, as the challengers, took the water first, shortly after 2.21 thousands of spectators cheering them from the river banks and Putney bridge. The cheers were renewed a few seconds later when the Oxonians made their appearance.

Of the sixty-six previous contests Oxford has won 35 and Cambridge 30, the 66th being a dead heat.

WILL RETRENCH.

New York, April 1.—The New York, New Haven & Hartford railroad to-day began policy of retrenchment.

REVENUE EXCEEDS BILLION DOLLARS

Returns for the United Kingdom for Year Establish New Record

London, April 1.—For the first time in the history of the kingdom, the revenues of Great Britain passed the $1,000,000,000 mark, during the year ending March 31. The figures made public to-day gives $1,019,252,920 as the total, which is $28,033,830 in excess of the expenditures.

SUCCESSFUL FLIGHT.

Friedrichshafen, Germany, April 1.—Count Zeppelin's new airship made a successful maiden flight here.

The craft replaces the passenger airship Deutschland, which after a few thrilling exhibitions, came to grief amid the trees of the Teutoburgian forests on June 28 last.

The motors and the vertical steering planes of the Deutschland were saved from the wreck and utilized in the construction of her successor.