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PRANCHOT'S STATEMENT WAKES STIR

Says Wadsworth Cannot Be Defeated Even by Use of Money.

ALBANY, N. Y., Jan. 2.- The test of strength in the caucus of Republican seemblymen tonight will probably be taken not directly in a vote upon the candidates for the nomination for speaker of the assembly, but upon the question whether the vote on the speakership nomination shall be a secret

In this statement, which represents the situation at a late hour, may be summed up the late developments. The utmost resources of both sides in the contest are now concentrated upon that single point. Its importance is evident in the light of the fact that the pledges hitherto obtained from the individual members of the new assembly have COAL had reference only to the support of this candidate or that. The issue of a secret ballot for speaker has visibly disturbed all the comparative certainties which had been supposed to exist. Leaders of the movement for the

> nomination of James W. Wadsworth. Jr., of Llyingston, who was selected by Governor Higgins as his choice, admit that if they cannot prevent a secret ballot they cannot secure Mr. Wadsworth's nomination by the caucus. On the other hand, the adherents of Edwin A. Merritt, Jr., of St. Lawrence changed their previous tactics of claiming that they could defeat Wadsworth even if they could not elect Merritt and began to assert that they were certain of votes enough to secure a secret ballot.

At last accounts the best informed observers on both sides agreed that in and I try to be one myself. an open ballot or roll call of Republic ab assemblymen in the existing condition of affairs Mr. Wadsworth would am giad to meet you and look you all be elected. Estimates of his majority varied as the point of view of the person estimating. Both sides agreed also that upon a secret ballot the result strangers to me and I have nothing would be very different. What such a ballot would develop nobody pretends of the kind. You have got to deal with

That Mr. Wadsworth's supporters means. I'll start to treat you on the view the proposition of a secret ballot square, and promotions will depend with solicitude is evident from a statement made late in the evening by Superintendent of Public Works N. V. V. Franchot, one of Governor Higgins' closest advisers. Mr. Franchot said:

"There is no change in the situation. An effort has been made by the friends of Mr. Odell, including J. Calvin Mc-Knight, recently Mr. Harriman's private secretary, to commit assemblymen to a secret ballot. The friends of Mr. Wadsworth are able to put but one new year." construction upon this scheme and that is, the desire on the part of those opposed to him to use money for the purpose of encompassing his defeat.

"Even with the use of money they do not believe this can be accomplished. The supporters of Mr. Wadsworth, representing the vast majority of the Republicans of the state, cannot be influenced by any such means."

The statement of Mr. Franchot soot became known about the Ten Eyck corridors and produced a profound sensation. Neither Mg. Odell nor Mr. Mc-Knight would reply to or comment upon it, but Senator Malby said:
"I should say in reply to the state-

ment of Mr. Franchot that it is the policy of this state in the interest of bonesty to have a secret ballot. Inasmuch as the executive, his superintendent of public works. Mr. Franchot and other members of his administration have sandbagged every assemblyman from Montauk Point to Ningara Falls to secure his vote for Mr. Wadsworth. justice and prudence demand that these men should for once have an opportunity to vote as they want to.

"As for the use of money, the charge comes with ill grace from a candidate who is bimself several times a million-

State Chairman Odell has arrived, but had little to say except that in his opinion Mr. Merritt was steadily gaining in strength and would secure the nomination. Mr. Odell announced that he would say nothing for publication. The attitude of the members from Greater New York is regarded by both sides as exceedingly important, and the indersement of Mr. Wainwright of Westchester at the conference there is the subject of much discussion.

Walnwright Has Had the Grip, NEW YORK, Jan. 2.-At Assemblyman J. M. Wainwright's home in Rye It was said that he has been kept in the house with the grip for two days, but is not threatened with pneumonia. He is so much better that he expects to go to Albany today.

Prisoners Dig Their Way Out, ATLANTA, Ga., Jan. 2.-After digging a hole 9 by 12 inches through an eighteen inch wall of the prison department of the Central police station here seven negro prisoners, one held on a murder charge, made their escape. Crawling through the small opening.

the prisoners scaled the wall surround-

ing the jail and disuppeared. Two of

them were captured later, but the oth-

ers are still at large. Mrs. Simpson Will Refuse to Testify, in wages, which has been granted at NORTHPORT, N. Y., Jan. 2-It is many other woolen mills throughout authoritatively announced that Mrs. New England.

James W. Simpson, wife of the prominent Fifth avenue (New York) dentist.

Millionaire's will refuse to testify when called to the stand at file preliminary trial of Smith, wife of the millionaire borax her husband for the killing of her fa- manufacturer, died suddenly at her

A STRAIGHT TALKER.

New Chief of New York Police Starts on the Square.

NEW YORK, Jan. 2.-After asking for the resignation of the two deputy commissioners. Thomas F. McAvov o Manhattan and Thomas F. Farrell of Brooklyn, and receiving that of Mc-Avoy immediately Police Commission er Bingham abolished the vice souad which had been created by Commissioner McAdoo, and ordered the members and Sergeant Costigan, who was in charge of it, to report to him today. He also abolished the "shoofly" system of espionage on patrolmen, which was established by Commissioner Greene. General Bingham, the new police commissioner, in the trial room at police headquarters, looked inspectors



aptains and men squarely in the eve time. He emphasized his remarks by cane. His jaws came together with a click as he said:

"I am glad to see you. You look like a manly lot of officers. I love a man.

"I am not going to make a speech to you. I just want to say one word. I in the face. I hope we shall have four happy years together. I want to talk with you heart to heart. You are against you-no suspicions or anything me on the level. You know what that upon yourselves. I don't care a tink er's --- who you are.

"Understand! If you do your work we'll get along, but you have got to be square first. Any person who sends a man, woman or child to me knocks himself. That settles it right here! "If you are many men, sportsman like men, you will appreciate this and treat me the same. It does me good to look at you. I wish you all a happy

Preceding these remarks, the new police head sent for William Stetter. who was assistant secretary to M Adoo

"Have you handed in your resigna tion?" he asked.

"No. sir." "See that you do so at once."

Stetter retired in a hurry and came back with the resignation made out in due form

Dan Slattery, the new secretary, then announced that First Deputy Commissioner McAvoy and Deputy Commissioner Farrell had sent in their resignations and that they had been ac cepted.

Wreck at Village of Bergen. ROCHESTER, N. Y., Jan. 2.-There

was a bad fire at the little village of Bergen, and the fire apparatus at hand proved inadequate to handle it. Help was asked of the volunteer department row. of Batavia, and a special train was made up and about sixty men were taken to that place. When the men from Batavia boarded the train for the return trip and the men were all in the passenger coach, which was being shifted from one track to another, it was struck by a fast freight going east. The coach was turned bottom side up and many of the firemen were injured Two locomotives and a number of cars were piled up in wreckage, which blocked all four tracks.

McCall Has Not Bestgned.

NEW YORK, Jan. 2 .- A report that John A. McCall resigned as president of the New York Life Insurance company at a meeting of the trustees of the company last Saturday is denied by Augustus G. Paine, a member of the committee appointed some time ago to go over the company's affairs. Mr. Paine stated that the report was absolutely untrue and added that the trus ees did not meet Saturday

Joe Chamberlain's Manifesto. LONDON, Jan. 2.-Joseph Chamber lain issued his election manifesto. Aft er vigorously attacking the new gov ernment, which he describes as being a "home rule little Englander government," depending for its existence on Irish votes, he devotes himself entirely to an exposition of his fiscal policy, especially to the subject of colonia preference.

Weavers Want an Increased Wage PUTNAM, Conn., Jan. 2, -Over 100 weavers employed by the French River Textile company of Mechanicsville torney. are on strike for a 10 per cent increase

Millionnice's Wife Dies Suddenly. OAKLAND, Cal., Jan. 2.-Mrs. F. M.

A REBEL MANIFESTO

Russian "Reds" Decide to Hold Up Insurrection.

TROOPS MARCHING ON RIGA AND MITAU

Government Declares Its Intention to Vigorously Repress Future Ris-Ings-Witte Urges Moderate Constitution.

LONDON, Jan. 2. - St. Petersburg dispatches say that the revolutionary societies there have issued a manifesto stating that, in view of the failure of their risings, they have decided to refrain from ordering a general insurrection at the beginning of the (Russian) new year, as such a declaration would be likely to intimidate the III informed and timid portion of the popu-

The government has declared its in tention vigorously to repress any preparations for a rising and in the event of a general insurrection is determined immediately to crush it. The inhabit ants of St. Petersburg are exhorted not to entertain any fear of an outbreak in the capital

It is learned from a high source that Premier Witte is again strongly urging the emperor to immediately promulgate Moderate constitution for the double purpose of reassuring the Liberals that the present war against the "reds" does not mean reaction and blocking the attempt which undoubtedly will be made when the national assembly convenes to transform that body into a constituent assembly. Moreover, the plan has other heavy backing, and the emperor is showing an inclination to accept it. upon addressing them for the first The premier is understood to have informed his majesty that such an act rapping the platform sharply with his would be a master stroke at the present juncture and might raily the whole body of conservative and liberal opinlou to the side of the government.

A close friend of the premier has predicted that the struggle at court will end in the granting of a constitution or Witte's resignation.

It is understood that the imposing ceremony of "blessing the waters," which always occurs in the chapel or the banks of the Neva in front of the Winter palace and which last year was the occasion of a mysterious "accident," when the czar's party was show ered with grapeshot from a gun across the Neva, will be held this year on Jan. 21 at Tsarskoe-Selo.

The Prokhoroff cotton mill at Mosow, in which the revolutionists made their last stand, has been surrendered, a Semenvosky regiment occupying the quarter without further fighting. The total number of arrests made in the Presua quarter was 180. The population of the district had been warned and was able to escape before the bombardment by the military began.

The authorities have organized home for women and children who are without shelter. The damage to property in the quarter amounts to millions of rurive at Moscow

A Mitau report says that four columns of troops, principally cavalry and artillery, are converging toward Mitau and Biga.

The insurgents in the towns held by them are instituting a Social Democratic administration, as if they were in permanent possession. At Frankeneburg a woman of seventy and two girls sit in the new city council. At Riga three policemen were killed during the night.

The railroad men are again threatening to strike in order to obtain the release of the arrested delegates. General Count Sollogub, the new gov

ernor general of the Baltic provinces who is marching on Riga with a large force of troops, is expected here tomor-

Miss Busch's Marriage Is Off. ST. LOUIS, Jan. 1.-The announce ment following the frustrated elope ment of Miss Wilhelmina Busch daughter of Adolphus Busch, with Lieutenant Eduard Scharrer of Stutt gart, Germany, that they would be married at the Busch mansion New Year's day was not carried out. Instead Miss Busch has gone to ber brother's farm to spend some time, and her father has asserted that there is no engagement between his daughter and the lieutenant. Scharrer when seen at his botel apartments declined to discuss the matter.

Increased Wages For Mill Workers. BOSTON, Jan. 2 .- With the new year new scale of wages was inaugurated in nearly every woolen manufacturing center in New England involving an annual increase in payrolls of approximately \$1,500,000. About 50,000 mill operatives participate in the increase at a percentage ranging from 6 to 10 per cent. Employees in mills in the states of Ohio, New York, Connecticut, Rhode Island, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Vermont and Malue are af-

May Bar "Sappho" at New Haven. NEW HAVEN, Conn., Jun. 2.-Chief of Police Wrinn has notified Manager Rowland of the Hyperion theater that the play of "Sappho" by Olga Nethersole will not be permitted here tomorrow evening unless certain changes are made in it. The chief says that the matter is in the hands of the city at-

C. G. Guthrie In Recovering. SALISBURY, N. C., Jan. 2,-C. G. Guthrie, chairman of the Republic Iron and Steel company, who was operated upon here Saturday night for appendicitis and whose condition Sunday was critical, is resting comfortably, and his be

THE MISSING GIORGIONE.

Mrs. Gardner at Boston Refused Discuss Dispatch From Rome.

BOSTON, Jan. 2.-Mrs. John L. Gardner, who owns the art collection in the Fenway, this city, would not discuss the dispatch from Rome concerning the disappearance of the picture, "Christ With the Cross," by Glorgione, except to say that she knew nothing of the disappearance of a noted painting from Vicenza. However, the public catalogue of Mrs. Gardner's art collection indicated that it contains Giorgione's picture, 'Head of Christ." and that this picture came from the Casa Loschi, Vicenza,

An inquiry among artists in this city has developed the opinion that the picture by Glorgione catalogued in Mrs. Gardner's collection is undoubtedly the same referred to as having disappeared from the Loschi palace at Vicenza. It was pointed out that in a book upon Giorgione the statement is found that the picture known as "Christ Bearing the Cross," formerly in the Casa Loschi at Vincenza, now belongs to Mrs Gardner of Boston

It has been seen by the public in Mrs Gardner's collection for several years past and has been referred to in several books on art as being the property of Mrs Gardner

Lost Art Gem Reported at Beston. ROME, Jan. 2.- Excitement has been aused by the reported disappearance f the precious picture, "Christ With the Cross," by Glorgione, originally preserved in the Loschi palace at Vi- sage in the assembly. cenza. It is reported that the picture ton, but its disappearance is not yet certain, as the present owners of the Loschi palace refuse to permit an investigation of the report.

COURT TENNIS AT NEW YORK. Latham and Al White Defeated

Standing and J. White. NEW YORK, Jan. 2 .- In another double court tennis match between pairs the Racket and Tennis club here. Peter Latham again proved his superiority. Latham, who is the world's champion professional, as a partner, and this pair both local professionals.

The match was to be decided on the best three out of five sets, and Latham's side won in the fourth set, the other pair winning only the second set. Latham showed better form than at any time during the present trip.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 2. - In the presence of a record breaking crowd Proper won the New Year Handicap at Oakland. Gregor K. was second and Lubin third. Twenty-nine bookmakers had all they could do to handle the money. Proper picked the best going and handily disposed of Gregor K at the wire. Gregor K. set the pace, followed by Callaghan. As the leaders swung into the stretch there was a general closing up, and only a length and half separated the first and the last horses. Lubin was kept far out and met with serious interference. Dr. Leggo did not seem to be himself and finished absolutely last. Proper was fa-

Racing at New Orleans. NEW ORLEANS, Jan. 2.-A large crowd was assembled at City park, and the betting was beavy. There were seven races on the card, and Baleshed, who won the first two-year-old race of the year, was the only winning favorite. The winning long shots of the day were Bensonburst, at 12 to 1, and Annie David, at 16 to 1. The New Year's handicap, at a mile and a half, was won by Harry Stephens, who went to the post at 9 to 2, beating Attilla, the favorite, by a head.

vorite. The value of the handleap to

the winner was \$2,420.

Mabel Hollander a 100 to 1 Shot. LOS ANGELES, Cal., Jan. 2.-New Year's day at Ascot furnished several surprises to the large crowd of spectators. The three furlong dash for twoyear-old filles brought out many youngsters, and the winner was Mabel Hollander at 100 to 1, who won by a length from Blauche C. at 12 to 1. Red Damsel at 25 to 1 took the first race. The Rose Selling stakes, worth \$2,590 to the winner, was won by Rubric.

Soldiers Claim Champlouship. SCHENECTADY, N. Y., Jan. 2.-The Buffalo German basket ball team, reputed champions of the world, were defeated in the state armory here in two games by Company E. The score in the afternoon game was 36 to 17, and in the evening contest it was 43 to 7. The Buffalo team was completely outplayed at every point. The local team now claims the championship.

SAVANNAH, Ga., Jan. 2.-The football team representing the United States battleship Texas, now lying at Charleston was defeated here by the

Savannah team, which has been coach-

ed by Warner of Cornell. The score

was 27 to 6. The game was unusually

Texas Tare Defeated.

rough, five of the visitors being put out. Deshler Got Decision. CHELSEA, Mass., Jan. 2. - Dave Deshler of Cambridge was given the decision on a foul over Kid Goodman of Boston in the fifth round of a scheduled fifteen round bout before the

Douglas Athletic club last night.

Carnegle's Gift to Baptists. SHENANDOAH, Ia., Jan. 2. - Ab drew Carnegie presented the Baptist

PUBLICITY BILL. Start the

Senator Brackett Will Bring In Belmont Measure.

NO MORE SECRET CAMPAIGN FUNDS

tive Interest In Having It Pass the Legislature-Will Likely Become a Law.

SARATOGA, N. Y., Jun. 2. Senator Edgar T. Brackett announces that among the first bills he will introduce Silks at the opening of the legislative session will be what is known as the Belmont publicity bill.

This measure is designed to operate for the purification of politics. Senstor Brackett said he has received a draft of the bill as prepared by the publicity law committee, which committee consists of Charles A. Gardiner, Edward M. Shepard, John F. Dillon, Edward M. Grout, Frank S. Black, John G. Milburn, Edward Mitchell, Francis Lynde Stetson, Edward Lauterbach, Delancey Nicoll, John Ford, John R. Dos Passos, John S. Crosby and Martin W. Littleton.

"I am very confident." said Senator Brackett, "that the publicity bill will become a law. The bill is the same in purpose as the measure which I introduced at the last session and which passed the senate, but falled of pas-

"It compels the publication of conis now in the Gardner collection at Bos- tributions and expenditures by campaign committees and prohibits corpo rations contributing to campaign com mittees, organizations or candidates. I regard the provisions referring to corporations as of the greatest importance. Last year I had a separate bill to the same effect, but it received scant courtesy in the legislature.

"Wageworkers are showing an active interest in the publicity bill and are adopting resolutions in their unions of professionals, which was played at and central bodies urging the legislature to enact the bill into a law. They have been moved to adopt such resolu tions because their members believe at court tennis, had Al White, a local that publicity of campaign contributions and expenses will check corrupdefeated George Standing and J. White, tion and dishonest influences at elections

"Wage earners have also been prompted to interest themselves in the publicity bill movement by the written indorsement the bill has received from such labor leaders as Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, and Edward A. Bates, secretary of the New York State Workingmen's federation. Assemblyman Palmer will introduce the bill in the assembly."

Ohio Assembly Convenes. COLUMBUS, O., Jan. 2 .- The seventy-seventh general assembly of Ohlo has convened, the house being organzed by the Republicans, who have sixty-two votes against fifty-nine for the Democrats, and the senate being organized by the Democrats, who have nineteen votes, counting one independent, Senator Lamb of Lucas county, who voted with them, against eighteen for the Republicana, Lieutenant Governor Harding presided in the senate. Carmi A. Thompson of Lawrence county was elected speaker of the bouse and in accepting the honor declared that economy was to be the watchword. He assured the members that he would give every man a square deal

A Stir In Paint Circles. FARGO, N. D., Jan. 2.-Judge Amidon of the United States circuit will be requested by ninety-seven paint manufacturers from all parts of the country to issue an order restraining President H. Worst of the United States exper iment station at Fargo and Commissioner E. Ladd from enforcing the North Dakota paint law, which excludes all mixed paints from the state on the ground that it violates the United States constitution by denving the

equal protection of the law. The paint

law became effective today Miners' Union to Probe Assassination DENVER, Jan. 2 .- "An inquiry into the assassination of former Governor Steunenberg of Idaho will be conducted by the Western Federation of Miners," said President Charles H. Moyer of that organization. "We will do this not only to prepare ourselves against any charges that may be brought against the federation, but in order to scertain if possible whether or not a member of our organization committed the crime. The affair is to be lament ed. No one is more sorry for its perpetration than are the officers of the federation."

Fire Victim Dead at New Haven. NEW HAVEN, Conn., Jan. 2.-William Oldershaw, an employee of the New Haven Clock company, who was burned last Wednesday in a fire which consumed one of the factory buildings, s dead at the hospital here. Older shaw was at a machine when some benzine took fire from a motor spark and the flames enveloped him.

Eight Hour Day Conceded. STOCKTON, Cal., Jan. 2.-The employing printers and publishers of Stockton have conceded the eight hour day, effective Jan. 1, 1906. Those benefited by the concession are job printers, pressmen and bookbinders. linotype operators have been working on the eight hour schedule for some

Jonlous Man Killed Bride and Self. MANGOM, Okla, Jan. 2.-At Duke, society here with \$1,000 to pay half the twenty miles from here, W. Goodnight cost of a new pipe organ, which is to shot and killed his wife and then himcitis and whose condition Sunday was cost of a new pipe organ, which is to abot and killed his wife and then him-critical, is resting comfortably, and his be installed in a \$30,000 building just self. He was jealous. Mrs. Goodnight physicians hold out enguaragement for dedicated. The congregation at once was sixteen years old. They had been as although the other \$1,000 necessary, married but a few days.

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