FIFTY-EIGHTH YEAR

FRIDAY MARCH 12 1909 SALT LAKE CITY UTAH

CHRISTIANSEN

Makes Good His Embezzlement Of \$70,000 from the State Treasury.

IS NOW IN THE COUNTY JAIL

His Bondsmen Deposit the Amount to the Credit of State and Released.

Plunging in Mining Propositions Responsible for Downfall of Popular Young Politician and Banker.

embezzled or put to his own use more than the \$70,000 already charged sent to all county treasurers requiring au immediate statement of the inherstrance tax and state tax for 1908 and is preparing to send traveling auditors into every county of the inherstrance tax and state tax for the inherstrance tax and state tax for 1908 and is preparing to send traveling auditors into every county of the inherstrance tax and state tax for 1908 and is properly to send traveling auditors. against him, State Auditor Jewkes has into every county of the state to examine the accounts and compare them with the books of the state treasurer. state board of examiners, who were in

paid by Mrs. Julia A. Kimball as nontrinuous tax. Ho gave a receipt of the back of his receipt book lits. Kimball on May 24, 1968, He ed to and a duplicate receipt to the a additor and the annount was or placed on the state treasurer's in. The missing stub was discred in his receipt book when intigation commenced.

In Jan. 4. County Treasurer John scheck paid Christiansen \$60,000 ng a portion of the state faxes ounting to \$168,165.21 which was I due to the state. Christiansen e Grossbeck a receipt No. 53 out of two receipt book. He failed to give bilicate receipts to the county audiand the state auditor and also led to place an entry for the amount his own books, as required by law.

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When he relinquished his office to David Matison, who succeeded him, Christiauson accepted a position as temporary deputy state auditor under Jowkes. Christiansen took the old books of Mr Edwards and rend the bulances to Jewkes, who was antering them upon a begger for this year's accounts. While they were engaged in checking off the accounts, Christiansen in his own figures tumpered with the beoks. He first interlined an entry made to date, Dec. 31, 1998, for \$60,000. Then as he read he changed the bulance of the book which was \$186,165,21 by making the first figure six read a cipher. Christiansen them gave the bulance to Jewkes on this year's ledger as \$165,165,21.

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JAMES CHRISTIANSEN

case, further than to admit that the conference was concerning it.

It is believed that Christiansen's affairs, when probed to the bottom, will show a condition more astornaling than revealed yesterday when the shortage was discovered.

James Christiansen, who was state treasurer until the beginning of the present year, was arrested this morneg by Sheriff Sharp for his confessed defalention of \$70,628.94 of state funds. He now occupies a cell at the enunty jail and none is permitted to see him. and and none is permitted to see annual and another to the credit of the state and have been released. To protect themsetyes his property in Salt Lake and his mining interests in Novada have been seized to satisfy them. It was those enterprises into which he placed the money for speculation. His "get-rich-quick schemes entrapped and betaged him which has resulted in his runation. Although he failed in these enterprises, his bondsmen are conruination. Although he failed in these enterprises, his bondsmen are convinced that they can be made to cover the amount which he is short. The last of his property was turned over today to his sureties—W. S. McCornick of McCornick & Company; Gus S. Holmes, J. C. Lynch, and Frank Knox of the National Bank of the Repuilie; Joseph F. Smith and C. S. Burton of the State Bank of Utah.

With two men in attenuate, Christiansen was under surveillance in

fact it was impossible to get beyond the private detective who kept yield in the hallway. He was to be held in voluntary restraint until the property was reported upon and found to cover the Habilities of his bondsmen-

HOME MORTAGAGED. Mrs. Christiansen mortagaged ber bome for its full value this mortanged ber bome for its full value this mortanged it will be immediately forcelosed liestides this he had several until home that have been turned over. His mining properties consur of the Del cycle Aitung and Miling company to Virginia City. Nevada; the Rose dole Mining company when owns visitable property about twenty miles from

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This work, it is estimated will require two or three months.

A conference was held this aftermon between Mr. Jewkes and County Attorney Lyon. At its conclusion both refused to discuss the Christiansen was further than to admit that the time that he was going to take the time that he was going to take them to the office of the secretary of state where he would store tham. On investigation it was found that the fied that they would have to make un the shortage. They asked the state board of examiners for a few days'

RETURNED AT ONCE.

A warrant was sworn out for Christiansen and placed in the hands, it Sheriff Sharp Accompanied by J. C. Lynch and Frank Knox, two of his bondsmen. Sheriff Sharp started for Chafey, Nev., where Christiansen was conducting the business of the Chafry Investment company. Before they arrived there Christiansen was notified by a telegram that a shortage in his books had been discovered, and that he was wanted here at mos. Christiansen left for Salt Lake on the next train and arrived here several days a 20. train and arrived here several days ago

HE CONPESSES

A meeting of the bondsmen and the state board was held Thursday in the governor's office. Before this mealing Christianson had confessed to his shorting and delivered to his bondsmen a list of his property, which it is said will cover the amount. Not satisfied with this, Mrs. Christiansen was informed of her husband's shortage and incided to mortgage her home at No. 1087 First avenue which was in her name. When she agreed to this then the bondsmen promised to reimburse the state and the deposit was HE CONFESSES. burse the state and the deposit was made to the credit of the state.

CAUSE OF DEFALCATION.

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OTHER OPERATIONS.

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"REGULARS" HAVE **LICKED INSURGENTS**

"This is a Statement of Fact and Amalgamated Considering the Controlling Desire of Senate Will Not a Prediction," Says Former Representative Watson.

"UNCLE JOE" IS VERY HAPPY.

After Conference at White House Declares "It's a Very Fine Day and I Am Glad I Am Alive."

Washington, March 12-President Tail had a conference today with beaker Cannon, Senators Burton and Nelson, and former Representative Watson, At its termination Mr. Cannon aid he had nothing to say for pullleation except "It's a very fine day and I am glad I am ailve."

"We have got them licked. This is is statement of fact and not prediction," said Mr. Watson, having reference to the position of the "regulars" in the own in their skirmish with the "in-President Tart's special mea

origrees, which is to be sent to that dy next Tuesday, was not in shape be read to his second cabinet meetg today. It was the first meeting the full Tart cabinet and photo-aphs were taken in the cabinet count table and Mr. Taft presiding, counterbalance the influence of Taft, understood to be in favor by Cannon organization of the c. the many of Theodore Rosseysit, these to be brought forther than the counterbalance the counterbalance to be brought forther than the counterbalance to t ises to be brought forth nestly by the insurgents as anoung beir supporters in the fight against be rules of the incoming house. A citier has been received at the Capitol making Dr. Lyman Abbott, of the Outside August authority of the Outside August authority. authority for the statement that is meeting of the editors of the Out-ok Wednesday, it was decided to con-mue the support of the insurgents, Ex-vesident Boosevelt attended his first

SURPRISES RICHFIELD

Causes Consternation Among His Acquaintances.

(Special to the "News.")

Richfield, March 13.-Consternation, surprise, chagrin and sympathy are the feelings manifested here at the news of the shortage in the accounts of ex State Treasurer Christiansen. He State Treasurer Christiansen. He is one of this city's sons, regarded as thoroughly qualified for business life by all except a few who have had close business relations with him. A number of these were aware of the shortcomings in his methods and capabilities in business transactions. He was born in Ephraim, but moved from there with his parents in his early life. When growing into his young manhood he was a protege of the late J. M Peterson, by whom he was educated, and taken into the banking business. When

taken into the banking business. When the banker fell ill in later years, the management of the bank fell upon Mr. Christiansen. With the watchful eye of Mr. Peterson upon him, he was fairly successful. Later, when Mr. Peterson died, the stockholders having complete onfidence in him, he was given charge f the bank. There is a current rumor hat he was a poor manager, although that he was a poor manager, athough there has been no hint of him ever having appropriated any of the bank's funds. He merely showed bank's funds had judgment in handling the bank's affoirs. Shortly before he was elected state treasurer, this management was taken from him and he became interested in the State Bank of Sevier and

state freasirer, this management was taken from him and he became laterested in the State Bank of Sevier and is at this time a director in that fustitution. In his transactions with this financial concerns, not a hint of any irregularity has ever clung to his name. There was utter unbelief expressed on all sides when the first news of als present difficulty tsauhed nere, although when considered, there were remembered rumors of a change in his method of living which reached here a number of times. While he lived frugally and was considered very temperate in his habits lately persistent rumors have come to friends of his high living that bodes no good to a young man raised as Mr. Christiansen had been raised. He has interests here, but it is not thought he had any funds on deposit in local banks prior to becoming state ireasurnks prior to becoming state freasur-

ARIZONA'S HEAVIEST SNOW.

El Paso, March 12. The heaviest Arizona was recorded yesterday and today. Over eight inches fell at Hisbee and Tombstone, where snow is seidom seen. The snow continues in New Mexico and railroads are still experiencing considerable difficulty.

recent proposition in which he has econic interested since he left the fire of state treasurer. It is under-oud that he invested some money caged in the business of this company when he was summoned home by a friend who learned that his shortage had been discovered.

WELL KNOWN AND POPULAR.

SEVIER MAY GET SUGAR FACTORY

Proposition of Moving Plant From La Grande, Or.

Richfield People in Conference With Mr. Eccles and Associates Regarding Machinery.

The Amalgamated Sugar company considering the advisability of moving the factory at La Grande, Oregon. o some place that offers better inducements than does the Oregon valley. The proposition of building another factory in Ogden valley has been considered by Mr. Eccles and those associated with him in the management of the Amalgamated, as well as a proposition to built one in a certain valley in Montana. Begarding the Montana project, it is said that Mr. Eccles is trying to make terms with the covernment to convection with the Accies is trying to make terms with the government in connection with the indian reservation, and the growing of beets by the Indians. It is quite likely therefore, that a factory will be built up there in the near future, though those best informed say that it is not very probable that the La Grande factory will be taken there. Streamous efforts are being made nearer home to have the factory moved south, so that the people of Sanpete and Sevier counties may unite together in the growing of beets. A committee of Richfield people, has been in conference with the Amalgamated people, in the effort to have the Oregon factory moved south. Mr. Eccles is now considering the matter and it be quite likely that the La Grande plant will be taken to one of the above locations in the near future.

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The Oregon factory has not been a paying investment from the start. It is said that the loss last rear in operation was close to \$80,000. This is owing to the fact that the farmers of the valley up there have gone out of the best growing business to quite an exent. This is not due to the infertility of the soil, but it is due to the lack of water at a time when the bests need it most. The water, during the dry seasons of the past few years, has diminished early in August, and this fact has rather discouraged the best growers of that section.

In the meantime the people of Suppose and Sevier have been uniting in growing beets of good quality, and they are now in a position to make a more certain proposition as to what they will do in the growth of bests than they could do two or three years ago. LOSING PROPOSITION.

JUDGE S. R. THURMAN PLACED UNDER ARREST

Well Known Lawyer Accused of Immorality With a Sixteen-Year-Old Girl at His Home.

Taday a complaint was issued by the county attorney and filed in Judge Bowman's court against Judge Samuel R. Thurman, charging him with the ortine of immorality against Margaret offense was committed on the 5th day of December, 1908. The complaint is sworn to by Chief Probation Officer Juardello Brown of the Juvenile court by Judge Bowman. Arrangements are being made for the arraignment of the accused. It is said that the girl was a domestic employed at Thurman's home and that it was while in his employ he is alleged to have committed the crime.

THOMAS METZEL SHOT AND KILLED BY HIS WIFE

Butte, Mont., March 12.—A dispatch from Twin Bridges, Mont., says that Thomas Metzel, a prominent stockman of the Centennial valley near Lakeview, has been shot and killed by his wife. No particulars of the shooting are available, other than they are said to have had some trouble and that she shot him. He died almost instantly. The shooting occurred about I o'clock.

The shooting occurred about I o'clock yesterday afternoon.

Mrs. Metzel, it is said, had been ill recently and had been in a hospital. It is presumed that she was temperarily deranged when the awful deed

Me(zel was the second son of the late Alexander Metzel, one of the pioneer stockmen of Montana.

ZEPPELIN AIRSHIP.

Makes Record Height for Dirigible Balloons.

Friederichshafen, Morch
Zeppelin airship, which went up from
Lake Coefficies this morning, attained
air alfitude of over 3,000 feet, a recerd
height for steerable balloons. Varied and difficult madevders were on a ********

Review of Work Accomplished by the Eighth Session of the State Legislature,

Will be one of the features of

The Saturday News TOMOREOW.

Other illustrated features will be: Study of Gen. Booth and His Autocratic Control of the Salva-tion Army, Illustrated. Christian Business Association

of London: Potatons by the Apos-tolic Pound, illustrated. Old lady of Odessa who keeps so dogs and 50 c s to her house. Literary Gossip from old Lon-

TARIFF PRIMARILY FOR PROTECTION

Be to Make Payne Bill Distinctly Protective Measure.

COMMITTEE WORKING ON IT. WILL MAKE MANY CHANGES.

Western States Will Resist Any Effort To Discriminate Against Them And Their Interests.

Washington, March 12.-The Republican senators of the committee or finance will begin a systematic study of the new turing bill as soon as copies are obtained. They feel the importance of pressing the measure to speedy determination and Senator Aldrich, as chairman of the committee, has sald that he would make an effort to have the bill reported as soon as possible after its passage by the

bruse.

It is considered that many changes will be made in the senate and that must of them will be suggested by the finance committee. In the senate the smaller states have a greater proportionate representation than is the house and if the bill as it comes from the house, should fail to give what is considered adequate protection to some of their industries there would undoubtedly be a strenuous effort by the schatters from those states to restore the desired equilibrium. The thinly populated states of the west are especially interested in the protection of wool, bides, fruits, lead, ore, copper, ctc, and will unquestionably resist any effort to discriminate against them and they would regard, as such effort the placing of these articles on the receiled.

While Sonator Aldrich's hope is to While Sonator Aldrich's hope is to have the full in shape to be reported soon after it comes from the house, much will depend upon the house measure and disposition of the members of the finance committee. One questionally the controlling desire in the sonate will be to make the bill distinctively a protective measure and it is not believed that the Republican senators will permit even their desire for haste to cause them to sacrifice this feature of it.

TWO MEN BOWLING TEAM RECORD BROKEN

Pittsburg, March 12.—The world's record for two men bowling teams was broken today by Al Schweegler and Tony Schweegler of Madison, Wis., when they rolled 1.294. The previous record was 1.254 held by Chalmets and Klene of Chicago.

Teday's was the second new world's mark made slave the beginning of the tournament. The first world's record was made last Saturdsy night, when the Lipman five men team of Chicago, ran up 2.262, heating the Cincipanal record of last year by 35 plus.

HEBREW MANUSCRIPTS.

Philadelphia, March 12—Judge Mayer Sulzberger, of this city has presented to the Jewish Theological seminary of America in New York more than 200 Hebrew manuscripts on the condition that they shall be distinctively marked among the manuscripts of the eminary. The gift is made in honor of the eighty-eighth anniversary of the hirth of the late Moses A. Dropsie, the pioneer of light Hebrew opsie, the pioneer of high Hebrew ducation in this country.

HARRIMAN GOES TO PROENIX. Tuesoni A. T., March 12.—The Har-riman party left here this morning for Phoenix, whence it leaves for imperial valley tonight.

BIG SNOW IN IOWA.

Des Moines, In., Moreb 12.—Snow has fallen in Iowa continuously for the last 12 hours with no likelihood of any immediate tet-up. There is more snow upon the ground in the state than there has been for 15 years. Fransportation companies have experi-med no unusual difficulty.

A MONARCH'S SALARY FOR NEW YORK MAYOR

New York, March 12 .- In order to obtain for the office of mayor of New York a man of sufficient merit and bonesty to carry out the changes proed in the new city charter, pro posed if the new city charter, promoters of an independent movement for the dection of a "purified" municipal ticket propose to pay him an annual salary of 185,000 a year, or for the term of four cears a bonus of \$500,000 over and above he regular salary of the office. It is suggested that the difference be raised y popular subscription. A statement sued by those active in the movement, the as yet designate themselves merc-

"Such a man for such a job should be bound among the younger generation of he captains of industry." In commercial life such a man could count his neome in the hundreds of thousands. Therefore let 25 public spiritud citizens dge themselves anonymously so as the public is concerned—to contribute every year during the next four years, an amount sufficient to produce in the aggregate the sum of \$125,000 a year. "If anyone accepts this unique offerend is elected, he must agree not to be

a candidate for re-election for partici-pate in any partisan politics during his incumbency. Rackers of the plan as-seri that radical nessuress are neces-sary because of almost six years of the worst government that any city in any chillised community has ever entured." warst government that any city to any civilized community has ever ordured."

Junes Bronson Reynolds, who was a special investigator in the Roosevert administration, has arrived in New York and opened an office in Firth avanue, it is said that he has the backing of Mr. Roosevelt in bringing about a fusion of all anti-Tammany forces in the mayorally campaign this fail. Mr. Rownolds names among other

\$50,000 PURSE FOR JEFFRIES-JOHNSON FIGHT

possibilities for mayor on the fusion ticket President Nicholas Murray But-

ler, or Columbia university.

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the men would consent to fight for the world's championship in Australia.

McIntosh said today that he would be satisfied for the contest to talke place in either England. France of Australia, but preferred England. He had his sole purpose in coming here was to see Jeilries and try to induce him to take on Johnson. His offer of a \$50,000 pursa stood, he declared.

"I am satisfied that Jeffries van he trained and hrought into fit condition for the fight," said McIntosh. WITH LOS ANGELES?

3.0,000 pitras stood, he declared.
"I am satisfied that Jeffries can be trained and brought into fit condition for the fight," said McIntosh.
"For him to enter the ring with Johnson without being in best condition, however, would be extramely foolish for Johnson is a wonderful natter. There is no man living we can be at Johnson without being in the best of condition and whether he can be beaten at all now remains to be seen. It was hard work to get Jeffries in condition when Jeffries was only 24 years old. It will therefore be an extremely hard matter now, but I am pietty certain that it can be done."

McIntoeb said he wanted to grrunge for the fight to take place within six months. He added that if Jeffries could be get into fighting condition at all the work of making him fit could be done in six months.

FORAKER OUT OF POLITICS.

Columbus, Ohio, March IZ.—Ex-Sena-tor J. B. Foraker arrived today from Washington and will be tendered a dinner tonight.

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"I am out of politics," he said. "That
is, I shall not enter politics again of
my own motion. I have no political
ambition. I shall practise law a little
bit at Cincinnat. Sat I don't care
to take up too much work."

EDWARD SYPHUS IS ORDERED BOUND OVER

Man Who Stabbed His Daughter in Fit of Drunken Rage Must Stand Trial.

Edward Syphus, who on the night of Feb. 22 stabbed his daughter, Mrs. Isuish Taylor, in the breast with a pocket knife during a fit of drunken rage, was given a preliminary bearing before Judge Bowman this morning, and was ordered bound over to awalt the action of the district court on the charge of assault with a deadly

Mrs. Taylor was summoned to testify, but did so reluctantly. She said she did not wish to testify in the case but was ordered by the court to tell her story. She finally related how Syphus came home intoxicated, entered the room where she was lying on the bed with her baby and stabbed her in the breast. de breast. Syphus was asked if he had any

Syphus was asked if he had any-witnesses or defense to offer and ent-lenty replied that he had nothing whatever to say. The court ordered him sent to the county juli in default of bonds in the sum of \$1.000. Frank Weight, charged with crucity to animals by beating a horse, was found guilty as charged, but the court let him go with a sound lecture.

ANNIE TAYLOR HYDE DEAD.

Annie Taylor Hyde, wife of Alongo 2. Hyde, died at her residence in this eity at 2:10 o'clock this afternoon after a protracted filness and at an advanced age. Mrs. Hyde during her life has been prominent in Church work, at the time of her death holding the position of first counselor to President Bathsbaba Smith of the Relief society. Her filness was known to be serious by members of her family, but the end came with unexpected suddenness. Members of the family were summoned to the home when it was seen that death must soon call her. At the hour of going to press, no arrangements had been begun for the funeral service, announcements or which will be made as soon as comcity at 2:10 o'clock this afternoon after which will be made as soon as com-

Mrs. Hyde was the daughter of the late Prest. John Taylor and Jane Ballate Prest. John Taylor and Jane Bal-lantyne, bern in Salt Lake City, Oct. 21, 1849. She was married to Alonzo E. Hyde Dec. 15, 1870. Eight children were born to them, all of whom are now living. Two of the sons, Harold and Gordon, are away on missions, the former in England and the latter in Scandinavia. The other members of is family are Mrs. Joseph Merrill, rs. A. J. Ridges, A. E. Hyde, Jr., an Hyde, Mrs. Rollin W. Dale and Orson John Hyde,

WILLIAMS CONTRACTS THE SUICIDE HABIT

Police Summoned to Get Dead Body Find Engineer Very Much Alive But Awfully Sick,

About 6 o'clock this morning some ne relephoned to the police station that S. Williams, engineer at the Auermen brock, residing at 1015 west First itted suicide by taking a done

rgt. Henry Johnston and other ofherein trained to the place in the pitrol vagon after notifying Justice of the base Hanks. The latter also sent to be Williams home but they found that Villiams was very much glive alhough ill from the effects of manner had been but taken. That he produced

dys. Williams and members of the nily say they did not telephone to station and do not know who did, Williams said her husband got up out I o'clock this morning and when returned to his bed complained of ing sick. She called a doctor but the being sick. She called a nocior but the physician did not respond and it is thought the physican notified the po-line. Later Dr. Wright was summaned and expressed the spinion to the police that Williams had taken polson, but the man was out of danger when the officers arrived.

Williams is the man who shut him-

He was in the boiler room at the Auerbach block and in the presence of several persons, including his summary son, shot himself in the breast As risinged at the time that it was an accident but it is chained be lad written a nots in his family to the effect that he contaminated suitife. The note was not found by the police and what less came of it is a mystery.

PUBLIC SERVICE COM-MISSION CONSTITUTIONAL

New York, March 12.—The consti-tutionably of the public service com-mission law was restained by a una-imous section of the appellate divi-

WHAT'S THE MATTER

Resignation of Mayor Harper Creates a Most Remarkable Situation.

HIS REASONS STILL UNKNOWN

It is Confidently Expected That Other Officials Will Follow His Example,

Feeling of Uncertainty and Apprehension Exists-Validity of Recall Election is Involved.

Low Angeles, March 12 -- Los Angeles awake today to the most remarkable situation in its present history. With the mayor's resignation in the hands of the city council, forced to that humiliating recourse by the published threats of exposure of his official and threats of exposure of his official and personal record; with the city council committed of choosing today as his successor a man wholly unsatisfactory to a great portion of the city's population; with a special election but a fortnight distant with two candidates for mayor on the ticket and tegal questions arising upon every side easting doubt upon further proceedure in almost any direction, the situation presented was one of the greatest complexity and confusion.

MORE RESIGNATIONS EXPOSEMENT

MORE RESIGNATIONS EXPECTED. Everywhere there was a feeling of accertainty and apprehension. It was uncertainty and apprehension. It was confidently expected that today other official resignations among the city officials would follow that of Mayor Harper. Amouncement was made last night without any specific denial that Chief of Police Thomas H. Broadhead would send his resignation to the mayor's office early today. At least one member of the police commission, and perhaps others are expected to tender their resignations today or in the very near fututre. These resignatenier their resignations today or in the very near fututre. These resigna-tions, together with that of Mayor Harper and Edward Kern, member of the beard of public works, are still hedged about with mystery as far as details are concerned, but published statements today speak broadly of the discovery of intolerable conditions affecting the administration and the regulation of the residiation and the

The special election resulting from the inauguration of the recall against Mayor Harper, under the special recall provisions of the city character, is set for March 26.

George Alexander the candidate of be recall element stands practically nopposed on the ballot excepting for he Socialist candidate, who represents nly a small voting strength. EFFECT OF RESIGNATION.

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The faction which has been back of Mayor Harper today contends that the resignation of the mayor vitiates the recall election, there being now no mayor to recall.

The supporters of Alexander and the recall movement claim that the resignation of the mayor in no wise affects the recall election, and that Alexander will be chosen mayor on March 25 to serve out the remainder of the present term. The city attorney's office has issued an opinion asserting that the re-

issued an opinion asserting that the re-call election must proceed and that the result will decide who is mayor. Mayor Harper has as yet issued no public statement as to the reasons for his enforced retirement. He is credited in one quarter lodgy as saying that he in one quarter today as saying that he had been indiscreet and must take the blame. He is said to have denied that he had been in any manner dishonest, declaring that he went into office 1907 worth \$200,090 and retired practically without any resources. The mayor's action in suddenly switchest action in suddenly switchest. action in suddenly resigning and with-drawing his name from the ballot for the recall election in the face of threats d exposure, was taken without the ad-

ce of the friends or professional coun-

Mayor Harper did not come to his office in the city hall this morning; his private secretary. Herbert Kennedy, appeared and transacted the usual rou-

RESIGNATION ACCEPTED.

Los Angoles, March 12.—The city council met this morning and accepted the resignation of Mayor A. C. Sharp, Action on the selection of a successor will postponed to next Monday in order that advice may be had on the question of whether an appointment should be made to hold office to March 23, the date of the recall election or to law.

be made to hold office to March 25, the date of the recall election, or to Jab. 1, the end of the present term.

Attorneys before the council voiced opposing upinions on this subject this morning. As the matter new stands the city is without an official head President Niles Pease of the city council is acting mayor during the interinwithout being able, however, to exercise the full powers of the office. Harning the council is acting mayor during the interinwithout being able, however, to exercise the full powers of the office. Harning the council is acting the council of the full powers of the office of the council of the counci

A growd of several hundred citizens througed the city hall this morning and completely filled the council chamber. Their determined temper was evident in the applause and hisses which they bestowed upon the speakers who urged the council to take action.

REASON FOR RESIGNATION.

As throwing important light upon Mayor Harper's sudden resignation has hight and the reason for his preci-pate retirement, the Evening Express to a validate a statement setting pate retirement, the Evening Express today publishes a statement setting rorth that yesterday the mayor called upon Mr. E. T. Earle, owner of the Express and offered to withdraw from the race for re-election if the Express world not publish an exposure of himself, the details of which the Express ways were then in its possession. The Express ways have then in its possession.

Express says in part:
"At \$125 p. in. Posterday Mr. Harpe, appeared at the private office of Edwin T. Earl and requested an interclew. The interview was granted to the private of the pri win T. Earl and requested an interview. The interview was granted. Mayor Harper proposed that he would withdraw his name from the telectus is candidate for re-sheston March 26. It being understood that certain intermation in the passession of Mr. Earl, regarding Mr. Rarper's afficial acts, not his private character, would not be published.

"No newspaper or individual possesses the information new in the honds of Mr. Earl. This information, let it be distinctly understood, has as ference to Mr. Harper's administration and not to Mr. Harper's private affairs.

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