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GERMANS DRAW DOWN BILL FOR AMERICAN FAIR

GOVERNMENT OPPOSITION IS
CAUSE OF WITHDRAWAL
OF THE MEASURE.

HALF MILLION PROPOSED

Without Even Voting on the Measure
the Reichstag Throws Out Bill to
Appropriate Money to Panama Fair
at San Francisco—Some Individual
Exhibits Due.

Berlin, Dec. 12.—A bill which has
been pending in the German Reichstag
appropriating half a million marks
for representation of German indus-
tries at the Panama exposition has
been withdrawn, owing to the vigorous
opposition on the part of the govern-
ment.

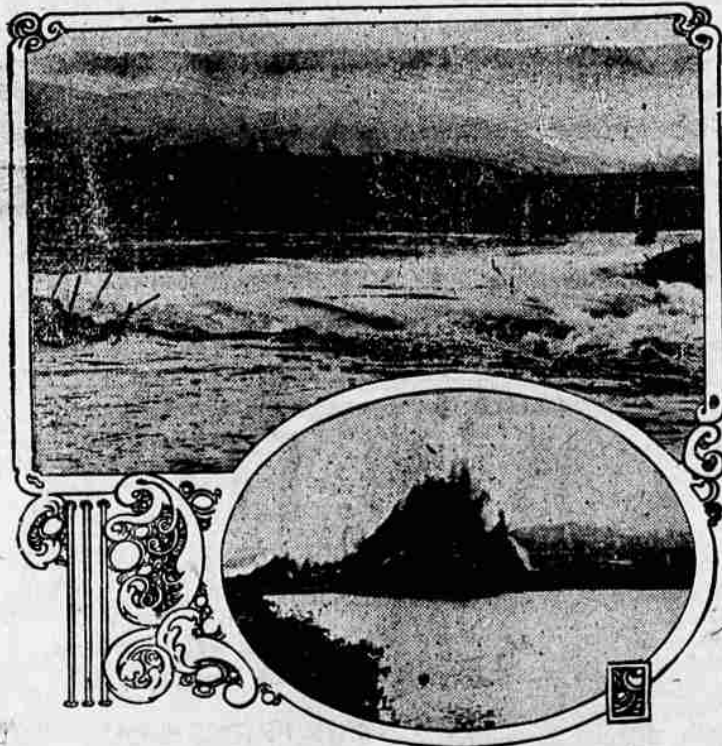
Much of the opposition is due to
the fact that heretofore many of the
ideas of German manufacturing estab-
lishments have been purloined by the
American manufacturers, to the great
loss of German trade. Germany has
always looked askance at the idea of
the canal from an American viewpoint
and has threatened to dig a canal
through Nicaragua.

This bill will not deter Germans
from offering individual exhibits to
the big fair and several associations
have banded together for this pur-
pose.

Cortelyou Greets Safety Club.

New York, Dec. 12.—With George
B. Cortelyou acting as chairman, the
first International Exposition of
Safety and Sanitation met today for
its concluding sessions. "Employer
and Employee," and "What Accident
Prevention Means to the Worker
Family," were discussed by Mrs. J.
Borden Harriman, Miss Leonore
O'Reilly, of the Woman's League.

Blasting of Gamboa Dike and Rush of Water Into Culebra Cut



Photos by American Press Association.

THIS shows the actual blasting of the Gamboa dike in the Panama canal,
one of the last steps in its construction. This dike was dynamited by
many tons of explosives, and the water of Gatun lake was let into
Culebra cut, which had been previously nearly filled. The dike was
guilt to keep back the water of the lake while the cut was being dug through
a mountain 500 feet high. It took many years to excavate the cut, but the
work was successfully accomplished, although there is even now danger of
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D-CADY HERRICK.
Chief Counsel For Governor Sulzer
of New York at Impeachment Trial



IRRIGATION FIRM HALTED

LACK OF FUNDS PROMPTS AN
APPEAL FOR AID.

President Stanley Would Have State
Finish Second Crook Unit.
Salem, Ore., Dec. 12.—President
Stanley of the Central Oregon De-
velopment Irrigation company, has
to the state for completion the second
unit of the company's project in Crook
submitted a proposition to turn over
county. The company has expended
\$225,000. It is estimated that it
will require nearly half a million to
complete. Monetary difficulties are
said to be the cause.

FRIGHTFUL BATTLE RAGES AT TAMPICO; REBELS NOT MEETING MUCH SUCCESS

While Invaders Have Best Position,
Federals Are Tenacious

Mexico City, Dec. 12.—Rebel shells
are raining upon Tampico, it is
learned from a telegram that has
escaped the censor. From a hill a
mile outside of the city rebel artillery
is pouring in upon the city a deadly
fire with frightful execution. Many
have been killed and houses are
crumbling before this destructive fire.
The loss is dreadful.

Rebels Are Held Back.

Vera Cruz, Dec. 12.—That the fed-
eral contingency is holding out
against the rebels' attack is shown by
wireless messages of Admiral Fletcher
of the English fleet. The admiral
asked Consul Canada to send the liner
Moro Castle which is due to arrive
here this afternoon, to take foreign re-
fugees on board. Captain Robertson,
the liner's agent, prepared to dispatch
the ship as soon as it arrives. The
rebels are understood to have cap-
tured the railroad embankment lead-
ing into the city and to have mounted
batteries in the suburbs, and to be
pouring a deadly fire into the ranks
of the federals.

The latter are said to be putting up
a remarkable resistance. Authentic
news of the scene is meager.

El Paso, Tex., Dec. 12.—The ar-
rest of Mexican rebels in the British
consulate at Chihuahua of Louis Ter-
raza, son of a Mexican multi-million-
aire, is thought likely to develop into
heated and unpleasant diplomatic
incidents. The British vice consul is
said to be showing no disposition to
let the affair drop but, backed by
other foreign representatives in the
city, is insisting on an explanation

of the invasion of his premises by
the rebels.

He is also demanding that Terraza
be returned to him. It is under-
stood that the Mexican in question
is now in jail awaiting ransom from
his father.

Postoffice to Be Discontinued.

Baker, Dec. 12.—On January 1,
1914, the postoffice at Bridgeport, this
county, will be discontinued, accord-
ing to information received yester-
day from the postoffice department
by Postmaster Lachner. The com-
munication from the department
states that until such time as a com-
petent official can be secured to take
charge of the office the mail now
going to Bridgeport shall be handled
from this city, going in a closed
pouch in care of the stage driver for
the various patrons of the office.

Discontinuing the office means a
hardship on a large population in
that vicinity, and it is hoped that ar-
rangements can be made for reopen-
ing the office soon, even if the de-
partment does find it expedient to
close it temporarily.

Land Trial Under Way

The case of Paul M. Becker vs.
Anna Wright came up for trial in
the receiver's department of the land
office this morning. The contestant
alleges that the land in question is
not desert land in character. If the
contestant wins he will have prefer-
ence to make entry on the land. Wit-
nesses from out of town are inat-
tendance and the hearing may last a
number of days.

REPROOF LEADS TO SUICIDE

Alsea, Ore., Dec. 12.—"I can't have
the privileges of other girls, so good-
bye." This was the message left
her parents by Marvel Lowry, a lass
of 15, before she drank a fatal dose

of carbolic acid, and died. She brood-
ed over a reproof by her father who
chided her for walking with a boy
from the school house to the wagon
which carried her to and from school.

CURRENCY BILL FIGHT AT CRISIS

Washington, Dec. 12.—A crisis in
the currency fight is expected with the
vote on the amendment of Senator
Hitchcock to the administration bill.
The amendment calls for four regional
reserve banks to the twelve asked for
in the administration bill. The

amendment also carries with it a pro-
vision for the sale of stock by public
subscription. It is hoped that a vote
will be had on the amendment to-
night.

Tomorrow the regional proposition
will be the main point in dispute.

FIRST COUNTY FAIR WINS A DECIDED HIT WITH AUDIENCE

Oscillating from scenes intensely
pastoral to scenes vividly citified,
introducing tiny tots, who displayed
keen calcium light talent, to mature
La Grande amateurs who can vie
with the professionals in a display
of theatrical propensities, "The Union
County Fair" as produced by Annie
Sara Bock under the auspices of
the Neighborhood club at the High
school auditorium last night, was a
tremendous success. The cast was
so large, so differing in character,
and the lines so brim full of keen
wit and satire and character study
that the production well merits a
second attendance. The audience
last evening was sufficient to better
than half fill the auditorium, but to-

night counter attractions out of the
way, the show will no doubt draw a
great throng.

The director wrote the one-act play
herself, and the actors, actresses and
acterettes impersonated the written
lines with mastery grade.

The production opens with a moon
chorus sung by the tiniest lot of
little folks that ever beautified a
local stage. The chorus is made up
of little girls who sang, tripped about
and made merry with fine results.
The singers in this chorus included:
The Moon Chorus.

Soloists—Francis Tatman, Bessie

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Bananas Sell By A Pound

LONG-TIME PRECEDENT HERE
IS BROKEN.

COST ALSO REDUCED

Wholesalers Expect to See Bigger
Consumption Hereafter.

Bananas will hereafter be sold 'y
the pound, instead of by the banan,
breaking a business precedent that
has ruled in La Grande since banans
were first offered for sale.

Local grocers have been asked by
the local wholesalers to adopt the
pound system, a system that is used
from the time the banana leaves the
planter until it arrives at the local
wholesale house, and practically
everywhere else, the banana has been
sold by the pound. It will reduce
the price about 10 cents per dozen.
It makes banana day every day.

Heretofore the housewife who se-
lected bananas on her shopping tour
had the advantage of the one de-
pending upon the telephone for the
person on the ground usually picked
the large, choice fruit, leaving the
merchant with no alternative than to
sell the smaller sizes later. First
come got the best for the money.
Some got more than they paid for
and others probably less.

For the present the retailers will
charge 7 cents per pound, wholesale
prices having been cut down to per-
mit the reduction of retail prices.
General Manager Fimahiser of the La
Grande Grocery company, who handle
much of the banana trade in La
Grande, predicts better success under
new system. "Bananas are an ex-
cellent food and under the reduced
price should be used with more
liberality," said he today in speak-
ing of the change.

BOMB KILLS OFFICE GIRL

STENOGRAPHER IN NEW YORK
OFFICE KILLED.

Face Blown to Pieces and Body Is
Mangled When Bomb Explodes.

New York, Dec. 12.—A bomb de-
livered at the O. K. Bottling com-
pany office today exploded and in-
stantly killed Miss Ida Anusowicz,
aged 20, who was the company steno-
grapher. The girl's face was blown
in and the body badly mangled.

Where the bomb came from is not
known, but it is presumed that it was
delivered by the express company. A
man by the name of Thomas McCabe
had his left ear almost severed by the
infernal machine, and Thomas Ryan
a stableman, sustained cuts about the
face. Every window in the office was
shattered and the furniture was also
wrecked.

Insurance Order Meets.

New York, Dec. 12.—"The Public
Health Movement," as it is related to
the betterment of insurance service
was the important topic discussed at
the second day's sessions of the
seventh annual meeting of the Asso-
ciation of Life Insurance Presidents
which is being held at the Hotel Astor.

William T. Sedgwick, Sc. D., pro-
fessor of biology and public health at
the Massachusetts Institute of
Technology, Boston, was the principal
speaker. Discussions by delegates,
limited to 10 minutes each, followed
Professor Sedgwick's address. This
afternoon's topic was divided into
three sub topics.

Chinese See Ball Game.

Hong Kong, Dec. 12.—A record
crowd was expected to witness the
second game between the New York
Giants and the Chicago White Sox
today. The seat sale for today's
game was exhausted three days ago.

CIVIL SERVICE REFORM LEAGUE LIKES MANAGER

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION AT
BOSTON HEARS REPORTS
ON MANAGE RPLAN.

GOETHALS BEAL RECITED

City Manager Plan Discussed at a
Meeting of National Reform League
For Civic Improvement—Reports of
Officers Read—First Day Given
Over to Business.

Boston, Dec. 12.—Election of offi-
cers for the ensuing year, and reports
of the treasurer, the committee on re-
newals, and the committee on resolu-
tions, was the first and chief business
taken up when the closing sessions
of the thirty-third annual meeting of
the National Civil Service Reform
league opened here today at the
Hotel Vendome, on Commonwealth
avenue and Dartmouth street. This
regular business consumed all of the
morning session and a portion of the
afternoon, after which a public meet-
ing was held. A symposium on the
selection of higher municipal officers
followed in an address by Logan M.
Page, director of the bureau of public
roads, of the United States depart-
ment of agriculture, on "The Merit
System and the Good Roads Move-
ment."

Under the subject of "The City
Manager Plan," H. S. Gilbertson, the
executive secretary of the National
Short Ballot organization, explained
in detail its contribution to the growth
of non-political and efficient personnel
in municipal administrations. He
called attention to the city manager
plan as adopted and proven success-
ful at Stanton, Va., one of the first
cities in the world to go over to this
plan of municipal government, and at
Dayton, Ohio, where the public demon-
strated its belief in the system by
approving the offer of \$25,000 a year
to Colonel Goethals, builder of the
Panama canal, if he would accept the
position of manager of Dayton.

Goethals Is Ambitious.

Washington, Dec. 12.—That Colonel
Goethals wants to run the Panama
canal for the first six months of its
operation and would like to head the
zone's permanent government, is
learned from reliable sources. Under
the Adamson law there is no limit
to the number of offices which the gov-
ernor of the zone can create. Poli-
ticians believe that if Goethals is
made governor the number of offices
will be held down to a minimum. If
a politician is created governor, it
is believed it would become a hot bed
for the spoils system.

WILSON STILL IN SECLUSION

PHYSICIANS REFUSE ADMISSION
OF VISITORS

Affirmed, However, That Fever Is
Yielding t Treatment.

Washington, Dec. 12.—The presi-
dent is still suffering from the severe
cold in the head, a sore throat, and has
some fever and was not permitted to
see visitors by his attending physician,
Dr. Grayson. The physician declares
that the cold is yielding to treatment.