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**GAGE WOULD RESIGN**  
Secretary Anxious to Leave Roosevelt's Cabinet

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—It is Secretary Gage's intention to relinquish the Treasury portfolio as soon as President Roosevelt can find a suitable successor, and he has so informed the President. Mr. Gage would like to be relieved before Spring. The President has done all he could to dissuade Secretary Gage from retiring, and will probably continue to use his efforts in that direction. Secretary Gage's determination to retire was made known to the President some little time ago. Just how long is not known. After the Cabinet meeting Secretary Gage declined to say anything about the rumors of his resignation, beyond the simple statement that he had not "formally" resigned.  
"What I may or may not do eventually I am not prepared to say now," said the Secretary. "But I can say that the relations between the President and myself are perfectly cordial. He would do almost anything I would ask, and I would do almost anything he might ask."  
Appraiser Wakeman Removed.  
The long conference between the President and the Secretary before the Cabinet meeting which followed the Secretary's return from New York, where he attended the banquet of the Bankers' Association last night, had nothing to do with the question of the Secretary's resignation. It related to the matter of the removal of Appraiser Wakeman, whose resignation Secretary Gage requested a few days ago. Appraiser Wakeman wrote a letter to the Secretary declining to resign, and in the course of which he took occasion to reflect upon Secretary Gage. The President did not approve of the spirit of the letter, and at the conference it was decided summarily to remove Mr. Wakeman.  
Later official announcement was made at the White House that Mr. Wakeman had been removed and that George W. Whitehead, late Collector of Customs of Porto Rico, had been appointed to succeed him. No further announcement was made. Secretary Gage declined to make public Mr. Wakeman's letter. Alfred W. Brown, the Appraiser of Merchandise at the port of Boston, has been ordered to New York to take charge of the Appraiser's office there, pending the nomination of Mr. Whitehead, which will be sent to the Senate on its reconvening January 6. Mr. Wakeman will vacate his office tomorrow.

**Argentinian Is Determined.**  
NEW YORK, Dec. 20.—Official circles are now optimistic and expect a friendly settlement. Rumors that the government is about ordering a Chilean vessel to be seized have produced some irritation, says a Buenos Ayres correspondent of the Herald. The government publishes the following statement relative to the Chilean public maintains and will maintain her rights. If Chile does not accept the proposal this government will insist upon its acceptance. The people should be prepared for every emergency, as the government is prepared."  
**Argentinian's Demand.**  
LONDON, Dec. 21.—The correspondent of The Times at Valparaiso says that the Chilean government has proposed a settlement of her trouble with Chile by demanding that the Chilean troops should abandon their present position in territory which has hitherto been regarded as indisputably Chilean, as a condition for the withdrawal of the Argentine police from the disputed territory.

**Chileans Are Cool.**  
SANTIAGO DE CHILE, Dec. 20. via Galveston.—Senator Portela, the Argentine Minister to Chile, and Senator Yanez, the Chilean Minister of Foreign Affairs, are still discussing when there has been some excitement in Argentina has not the slightest effect upon the Chilean people, who still do things with great coolness and tranquillity.

**The Critical Stage Passed.**  
WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—It is stated by those familiar with the controversy that the Chilean government has accepted the offer of the United States to arbitrate the matter. The Chilean government has accepted the offer of the United States to arbitrate the matter. The Chilean government has accepted the offer of the United States to arbitrate the matter.

**THE DEATH ROLL.**  
**Death of Judge W. F. Conrad.**  
DES MOINES, Ia., Dec. 20.—Judge W. F. Conrad, of the Ninth Judicial District, died here this morning as the result of a paralytic stroke. He was distinguished for his few years' service as Chief Justice of the Iowa Supreme Court, and as Chief Justice of the Iowa Supreme Court, and as Chief Justice of the Iowa Supreme Court.

**Earl Li's American Secretary.**  
PEKIN, Dec. 20.—William H. Pethick, an American who had been private secretary and diplomatic adviser to Li Hung Chang for 20 years, died here today. Mr. Pethick inspired most of Li Hung Chang's progressive schemes and was author of his famous anti-opium manifesto. He leaves an unfinished book on Li Hung Chang and his times. The book contains valuable revelations concerning recent Chinese diplomacy.

**Colonel Josiah Hinton.**  
LONDON, Dec. 20.—Colonel Josiah Hinton, the well-known co-worker with John Brown, and who served in the Union Army in 1850 and later edited various newspapers in Washington, New York and San Francisco, died in London today. He was born in London in 1830.

**Claimed to Be 116 Years Old.**  
ABLENE, Kan., Dec. 20.—Alex Gunn, of Herrington, Kan., died here today from the effects of the cold weather. He claimed to be 116 years old.

**Colombia and Venezuela Preparing.**  
NEW YORK, Dec. 20.—According to the Press, it is believed here that war is about to be declared between the United States of Colombia and the Republic of Venezuela, which has been preparing and plans for the conflict are being made by the agents of the two countries at present in the United States. Warships and merchant vessels suitable for auxiliary cruisers or transports are being eagerly sought. General Diego A. de Castro, of Baranquilla, Colombia, who came here in November, has selected the steamship Catana, which was a United States Army transport during the war with Spain, as suitable to be used against Venezuela. Senator Lamar, now in New Orleans, is reported to have brought with him from Colombia \$200,000, and General de Castro's funds are said to aggregate \$1,000,000.

**TAFT IS HOPEFUL**  
Says Conditions Are Bright for Peace in Philippines.

His Speech to Federalists—Chinese Commander Honors His Friend Chaffee by Taking His Cruiser to Manila.  
MANILA, Dec. 20.—Over 4000 members of the Federal party called on Governor Taft today to bid him farewell and to wish him a safe return. The Governor, reclining on a lounge, addressed 150 of the most prominent of his visitors, saying that he was touched and honored by their presence. The organization, he added, had done so much toward bringing about peace and giving the country a stable government that he was confident of the success of American laborers than anything else during the recent critical times. The reports circulated in the United States regarding the military disaster in Samar had created an unfounded feeling of uneasiness concerning the condition of the people of the rest of the archipelago. The war in Batangas and Samar, stirred up by misguided men, furnished the only obstacle to obtaining liberal legislation on the part of Congress. Continuing, the Governor said that he would return here. He liked the Philippines and regretted leaving at this particular time. But it was a comfort to know that the duties of the office were in the hands of the Vice-Governor, Mr. Wright, an able lawyer, who sympathized deeply with the best hopes of the people. In conclusion, the Governor said he expected to be back before May, and he hoped to have the pleasure of presenting the Federal party's memorial to the President. Civil government will be restored in the island of Cebu January 1 of the coming year. The Chinese cruiser Hai Chi has arrived here. Captain Hai, her commander, says that he has a cruising commission. The object of his call here is to see General Chaffee, whom the Chinese consider was the principal friend of the Chinese among the foreign soldiers at Pekin. Educated Chinese, the Captain says, know how much China owes to General Chaffee's influence with the foreign Generals in 1900, and the educated Chinese are being taught that their greatest friends among foreigners are Americans.

**EXPECTS TO RETURN TO ISLANDS**  
His Speech to Federalists—Chinese Commander Honors His Friend Chaffee by Taking His Cruiser to Manila.

**PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT**  
IN HIS ROLE AS WATCHDOG OF THE TREASURY.



**MARCONI WILL GO TO ENGLAND**  
Company Wants Him to Assist in Negotiations With Cable Company.  
ST. JOHN'S, N. F., Dec. 20.—Marconi announced today that according to his present plans he will sail for England next Monday on the steamer Sardinian. His company in London wants him to assist in the negotiations with the Anglo-American Telegraph Company. Today Marconi denied the statement published in the press of St. John's, and wired from the United States, to the effect that Miss Holman, his fiancée, had received a telegram from him urging a speedy marriage. Mr. Marconi will go to New York to be married in January.

**Ridicules the Anglo-American.**  
LONDON, Dec. 21.—The Times, in an editorial in which it gives credit to the claims of Mr. Marconi in the field of wireless telegraphy, ridicules the efforts of the Anglo-American Telegraph Company to oppose him and characterizes them as a "feeble imitation of Mrs. Parnington mopping up the sea." The Times thinks it would be exceedingly difficult for the Anglo-American Company to prove any infringement against Marconi.

**COLD WAVE IN THE SOUTH**  
Former Records Have Been Broken in Some Localities.  
ATLANTA, Ga., Dec. 20.—The cold wave, which for the last week has covered the South, today equalled all records since 1884 for the first 20 days of the month of December, and lowered in some localities all former minimum temperature readings. As far south as Louisiana and the Gulf border intense cold prevails, though no serious damage to vegetation has been reported. The following minimum temperatures were reached at 8 o'clock to-night: Mobile, 25; Montgomery, 20; New Orleans, 22; Memphis, 16; Knoxville, 10; Chattanooga, 12; Raleigh, 22; Jacksonville, 24; Tampa, 42; Atlanta, 16.

**PAN-AMERICAN BANK.**  
John Barrett Working for the Interests of the Pacific Coast.  
MEXICO CITY, Dec. 20.—John Barrett, of the United States delegation to the Pan-American Conference, who left for Washington today, made a farewell speech at this morning's session of the Board of the report of the Pan-American Bank Commission was accepted by the conference, but on motion of Mr. Barrett the following amendment was incorporated: "In view of the great and growing importance of the commerce and trade between the Pacific Coast States of the United States on the one hand and the west coast of Mexico, Central America and South America on the other hand, and consideration of the earnest request of the large business interests centering at San Francisco, I respectfully recommend that the name 'San Francisco' be inserted after the word 'New York' in both the pre-

**THE BOOM NUISANCE**  
Senator Foster Takes Up the Lumbermen's Case.

Chief of Engineers Believes No Booms Should Be Permitted, but for the Present Will Take No Action in the Matter.  
WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—On behalf of the lumbering interests of the region around Gray's Harbor Senator Foster has taken up with the Chief of Engineers the matter of controlling booms in the waters of the State of Washington. The control of streams is largely left to the engineer department, but in this instance a desire is evinced to let the lumbermen agree among themselves what booms shall be kept open and what channels shall be kept open in the smaller streams. The lumbermen assert that many streams entering Gray's Harbor are now practically closed by booms, and ask for some protection from the department. The Chief of Engineers is inclined to believe that no booms should be permitted, but for the time being he will take no action.

**Civil Service Examinations.**  
The Civil Service Commission announced today that January 21 and 22 competitive examinations will be held for positions of irrigation assistant and irrigation engineer, paying salaries of \$1500 per annum. Applications for permission to take the examination must be made to the commission or local boards prior to January 11. Examinations in Oregon will be held at Portland, Baker City, Astoria and Salem; in Washington at Olympia, Port Townsend, Whatcom, Seattle and Spokane.

**GREATEST STEP OF THE KIND**  
Senator Hanna Talks of the Capital-Labor Conference.  
WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—Senator Hanna, chairman of the committee of 36 appointed at the capital-labor conference in New York, was at the White House today and talked most hopefully of the results of the conference. "I consider the conference," said he, "the greatest step ever taken for the speedy settlement of disputes arising between labor and capital. The organization of capital, which has come to stay, was an evolution which was naturally preceded by the organization of labor, which also has come to stay. The concentration of interests of the two sides into the hands of a comparatively few individuals will make for the best interests of both. While we do not expect that there will be no strikes, they will be minimized as a result of the conciliation and arbitration policy." Mr. Hanna said he expected the committee to meet during the winter to adopt by-law and elaborate still further the scheme of arbitration.

**THE BANDIT'S CAPTIVES.**  
Report That Mme. Tolkia Is Dead and Miss Stone Will Soon Be Freed.  
LONDON, Dec. 20.—"Semi-official news received here from Constantinople," says the Rome correspondent of the Daily Telegraph, "asserts that Mme. Tolkia is dead and that Miss Stone, the American captive, will be released immediately."  
**Trouble on Persian Gulf.**  
BOMBAY, Dec. 20.—It is feared here that fresh trouble is brewing in the Persian Gulf. Mabarok, the Shiek of Kuwait, the proposed terminus of the Baghdad Railroad, has curtly refused to allow a special mission sent by the Sultan from Constantinople to land, and declined to accede to the Sultan's desire that he visit the Yıldiz Palace at Constantinople and make obeisance. Mabarok has also threatened a revival of the troubles with Ibn Rashid, the Emir of Nejd, who at the instigation of Turkey has collected a fresh army. Mabarok has again appealed for British protection.

**SUMMARY OF THE DAY'S NEWS**  
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**Foreign.**  
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**Domestic.**  
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Senator Foster takes up the Gray's Harbor lumbermen's protest against booms. Page 1.  
Secretary Long will decide today whether to resign the Schley case. Page 2.  
The first ground for the Lowell Exposition was broken yesterday. Page 2.  
Gardner knocked out Carter at San Francisco. Page 3.  
Three men were killed and 12 injured by a boiler explosion at Pittsburgh. Page 3.

**Pacific Coast.**  
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Lincoln County (Or.) Farmers' Association pleases support to the 1903 Fair. Page 4.  
Engineer who caused California train wreck says he forgot his orders. Page 4.  
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Overdue ship William Mitchell at last reaches port. Page 5.  
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