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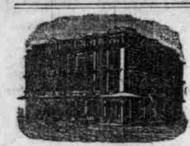
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FIGHT ON CANAL TREATY | WORK OF THE FIRE-FIEND Herran Says Opposition Is Strong in Colombian Congress.

WASHINGTON, April 17-Dr. Herran, WASHINGTON, April II.—Dr. Herran, the Colombian Charge d'Affaires here, said today with reference to the prospects of the ratthication of the Panama Canal treaty by the Colombian Congress:

The advices I received from Bogota through private sources are quito contradictory. They show the opposition to the treaty to be quite strong, but do not state who are leading the opposition. I have received no official information to indicate what are the prospects for the success or failure of the treaty, and at this distance I am unable to form an this distance I am unable to form an opinion as to the relative strength of the friends and opponents of the treaty. I am still without information as to the exact date when Congress will be con-vened, except that contained in earlier advices that it would be assembled about

The matters to come before the special session are the camal treaty and the question of reorganization of the finances of the government.

Heavy Damage to Warehouse. CINCINNATI, O., April 17.-The store

and warehouse of Overman & Shrader Senator Wilson, of Minneapolla, Governor was damaged \$50,000 by fire today. Her- Van Sant's attorney in the merger case man Schroeder, of the Salvage Curps, was and a former Dakotan, Frank Coe, offered seriously injured and the salvage wagon a

# Fire Loss at St. Johns.

terminal equipment of the Canadian Pabor today, burned two large sheds, a large number of cattle pens, 600 yards of grain elevator conveyors, with valuable apparatus, a dozen freight cars, offices, etc. The loss is estimated at \$5,000.

Memphis Store Partly Destroyed.

Dr. Coe Captures Whole Minnesota Exhibit.

# IS HEARD BY LEGISLATURE

In Forty Minutes He Gets Action in Both Houses.

RESULT OF ONE WEEK'S WORK

est of Appropriation of \$100,000 Sant Will Help.

tion by the Legislature in 40 minu A joint resolution was passed that the whole Minnesota exhibit at the St. Louis Fair, for which \$100,000 was apriated, and which will be worth Lewis and Clark Fair.

ppropriation by the next Legis-for the renewal of perishable ex-

ST. PAUL, Minn., April 17,-Dr. H. W. Coe, of Portland, Lewis and Clark Ex-Dr. Coe was accorded ten minutes in which to speak. He made a hit by saying

"We count among our most progressive likens," said he, "former Minrosofans, ages of from have been with us a being ngaged in mining, jumbering and comnerce and wherever you find a Minneso-

an, you find a progressive citizen." He stated the object of his visit, that the Lewis and Clark Fair Comm desires to possess the Minnesota exhibit which will be one of the finest exhibits at the Fair. One hundred thousand dollars been appropriated for the display and the value of the exhibits is placed at half a million dollars. There will be displays of iron, gold, copper, coal and other ninerals, agricultural and timber pro ucts and manufactures, and one of the finest displays of wild animals and fishes ever exhibited.

After a stirring appeal by Dr. Coe, the Senate passed a resolution to the effect that the St. Louis display be turned over to the Portland commission, provided the exhibit was stored and insured free of charge in the interim between the display at St. Louis and the fair at Port-The resolution was immediately sent to the House of Representatives read and explained and passed that body. Dr. Coe was much elated tonight at his

# DR. COE TELLS OF HIS SUCCESS.

Enlisted Aid of Business Men and Quickly Won Legislature.

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., April 17.—(Special.)—Investigation demonstrated that success could only come in hurried opera-Ciose analytical investigation was nade of the statue of factional and political conditions and efforts made to ascertain how to reach the leaders of various sections, some sharply antagonistic Systematic and vigorous work done along such lines showed that the Minneapolis and St. Paul Commercial Clubs' exhibition, made at St. Louis for patriotic and sentimental reasons, could be turned to inancial gain by using the \$100,000 St. Louis exhibit at Portland and they in dorsed the scheme. At St. Louis they build up a rival, at Portland they oper trade, and thus regain at Portland their losses at St. Louis. I got letters from tobbers showing that travelers go no where in the Southwest and everywhere in the West, urging the value of the Portland region for trade. I saw the eading bankers, who wrote to members of the Legislature, urging prompt action Rushed Through Legislature.

Armed with documents obtained in week's work, I opened a campaign at the Capitol. I presented my credentials to the Lieutentant-Governor at 3:30 this short address to the Senate, which lasted five minutes, and I was well received. Senator Wilson, of Minneapolis, Governor resolution directing the preservation wrecked by colliding with a telegraph packing and transportation of the entire exhibit to Portland at the close of the St. Louis Fair. This was seconded by Mr. Hugh, of Duluth, a former legislative ST. JOHNS, N. B., April I7.-Fire which colleagues of mine in Dakota. The measstarted in a warehouse of the extensive ure was hurried to the House, where the Speaker, also a physician, invited me to cific Railroad on the west side of the har- give an address, which was much ap-

bodies unanimously. Every Minneapolis flouring mill was Every Minneapolls houring argu-closed yesterday, making a telling argu-ment for Portland, which is developing contental trade. One Minneapolls firm Oriental trade. One Minneapolis firm last week drew on one shipment of flour MEMPHIS. Tean., April 17.—Fire today partially destroyed the store of the Memphis Queens Warehouse Company on Main street. Loss, \$100,000. possibilities of the trade. This is inter-

# helping to solve the Eastern transporta-tion and market questions for Minnesota, and showing the processity of Minnesota exhibiting to the 100,000 Orientals, repre-

Help on All Sides.

Nine physicians in the Legislature and Doren University classmates gave much assistance. Although everybody was kind and promised help when property approached, no one from the Governor down until late, deemed it at all likely the measure would pass in the last days of

Governor Van Sant is Oregon's warn friend, and promises a recommendation for an ample addition to the funds to replenish perishables and for the lin, editor of the Pioneer Press, president of the commission, will do everything posible for us. I received warm con-gratulations, but declared that Minnesota having saved \$70,000 in 40 minutes' work.

## "CHEROKEE BILL" IS FREE Day Before Escape He Tells Story of His Varied Career.

DENVER, April 17.—"Cherokee Bill"
Smith, awaiting trial in the Federal Court
on the charge of having robbed the Carleton, Colo., postoffice November 6 last, escaped from the County Hospital while the
guard was sleeping. Smith was captured
January II after a long chase and a desperate battle, in which one of the Deputy
Sheriffs was wounded.

To a reporter estateriar "Cherokee Bill"

Sheriffs was wounded.

To a reporter yesterday "Cherokee Bill" gave an account of his life, which had never before been published. He said his real name was Henry Clay Bateman, and he was a great-grandson of Henry Clay. He began life as a cowboy on his father's ranch in Texas. At 18, he said, he committed a crime that made him an outlaw of his native state. Chaping his name, he assumed that of William Smith, and not one of his many associates in the many years that have intervened has known his real one. He cloped with the daughter of Governor Hubbard, of Texas, whom he deserted a few years later, kidnaping his oldest daughter, who has never seen her mother since and has shared her father's wild life.

He lived part of the time with the

He lived part of the time with the Cherokees, and became so familiar with their life and language that he was employed as a Government scout for several years in running down criminals, and won the soubriquet of "Cherokee Bill," by which name he is known all over the Southwest.

outhwest. Cherokee Bill was recaptured tonight at a house in the western part of the city, where he had applied for a night's lodg-ing. He made no resistance when the of-

## THOMPSON TO TAKE HOLD Bond Approved As Receiver at La Grande-Dresser Is Ready.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Wash duties as Receiver of the La Grande Land Office tomorrow morning, relieving S. O. against John W. Knowles, recommended for Register at this office, have not been

A. S. Dresser has advised the depart ment that his bond has been made out and forwarded, but it has not yet been received here. Upon its approval, he will be telegraphed to relieve Register Moore at Oregon City.

the First National Bank of Wilbur, Wash., with a capital of \$25,000, has been approved by the Controller of the Cur-

## PRESIDENT AT GEYSERS. Cannot Visit Black Hills-Will No. Boycott Union Pacific.

CINNABAR, Mont., April 17.—No news has been received from the President since he left early this morning for Norris to view the geysers. As the trail has been made passable in the worst places, it is supposed that he reached his des-tination safely. During the last two or three days of his stay in the park the President will be joined by Secretary Loeb and the other members of the party. The plan for the President to spend a day in the Black Hills has been abandoned, owing to the impossibility of dis-arranging the programme as already ar-ranged. An hour will be spent at Edge-mont, where the President will be given an old-fashioned cowboy reception.

The President has decided that he can-

ode to the request of the labor or-Inion Pacific road because of a strike on that line. His itinerary was arranged months ago, and much as he would desire his plans at this late day.

## ROOSEVELT NOT A MOTHER Spinster Says Leave Large Family Question to Women.

NEW YORK, April 17.-The Western New York Old Maids' Convention opened yesterday in the village of Pittsford, says a Rochester, N. Y., dispatch to the Her-

ald. Miss Amelia Higginson, the president in her opening address, said:
"President Roosevelt believes in the rearing of large families. He has a right to his opinion, but when he piaces childlessness in the same category with crim-inal acts, he goes too far. The President is the father of what we Americans would call a large family. He is not the mother of a large family. We have heard nothing about race suicide in the mothers of America; we never shall. President grapple with the

trusts, the tariff and the coming election. They are more in his line. He can safely leave the question of babies in the hands of the women of this great Republic." Collision on Northern Pacific.

DICKINSON, N. D., April 17.—East-cound passenger train No. 4 on the North-sen Pacific ran into a freight train ten niles west of here today. Geary Giesson, fireman on the passenger train, jumped, of the rigging was striking his head on a tie, and was almost instantly killed. C.-D. Litch, engineer, stayed with the engine until it struck, and was badly bruised, but will damaged The mas damaged The mas

# Shamrock III Loses Mast and Rigging.

Disabled Just as She Was Starting for Races.

WILL NOT DELAY CUP RACES

Rigging and Sails Torn Down Just as She Was Tacking and Their Weight Carries Away Mast-New Most Is Ready.

accident happened yesterday, is a small port on the south coast of England, at the mouth of the River Way, in Dor-

the river, while Melcombe Regis stands opposite on the north side, the two towns being joined by a stone bridge with a draw span.

bor has about 14 feet of water at high tide. Small vessels only can There are annual races and a reg

WEYMOUTH, April 17.-Misfortune, which seems to have pursued the Shamwind which dismasted her and leaves the autiful challenger lying tonight a wreck in Portland Harbor. The accident will necessitate a delay of a month and probably of six weeks in the challenger's sailing for America, but Sir Thomas Lipton said night that the accident would not be alwed to interfere with her presence in

painful. I was badly shapen up by the fall and have a severely smashed hand, but erything is insignificant compared with the loss of poor Collier" (a brother-in-law of Captain Wringe, who was killed in the accident) "who has been in my service since the time of the first Shamrock. You can rebuild a yacht, but you cannot re-

place a man. Sir Thomas Lipton was the recipient of over 200 telegrams of sympathy. King Ed-ward wired his regrets at the injury to Sir Thomas and his grief at the loss of life.

## Sir Thomas informed the Associated Press correspondent that he had already wired orders for new sails, and that they pend upon Designer Fife's verdict. will decide what is to be done and what alterations, if any, are necessary.

"I don't think," said Sir Thomas, "that there is anything structurally wrong with the challenger, or that it will be necessary to change anything or alter the trim of the boat. The accident was due to a weakness in the minor rigging, which wrecked everything."

The story of the disaster shows that when the boats started in the morning there was nothing to scare the most cau tious skipper. Club topsails were accordingly set on both yachts. The challenger looked fit to race for a man's life, fetching out with the sun playing lights and shadows on the creamy white canvas and the curl of sparkling foam from the lee Outside the breeze was steady while beating inshore it was more squally, but the challenger carried it handsome ly. When making a tack on the port a hard squall struck her. Captain Wringe gave her a few shakes of the wheel luff, but finding that she stood it well, had never before attained. She went half a mile at this record pace, and hove about to come to the starting line on the star-

All Happened in a Second. A lighter squall took her as she paid off. She filled, gathered way and shot forward. The catastrophe was so sudden

that it was over before those on board realized that there was the slightest danger. Spectators whose eyes had been momentarily away looked again, to find, instead of the queenly racer, a helpless The whole accident originated in an un-

suspected flaw in a turnbuckle eyepiece of steel a little thicker than a man's thumb. Possibly the strains were calculated too fine; in any case, one turnbuckle gone. the others followed instantly, depriving the mast of its chief support, the weather throuds. No spar ever built or grown could stand unsupported this press of canwhich Mr. Fife intrusted it. The mast snapped off. Fortunately, it fell clear, or might have been a heavy loss of life. It is surmised that the seaman, Colller, was crossing the deck at the time, after leaving Sir Thomas, and lost his balance. The mast is now in four pieces. It will be impossible to repair it, but most of the rigging was duplicated beforehand,

struck and was badly bruised, but will recover. No passengers got worse than a shaking up. The freight crew left the switch open, and, being on a curve, it could not be seen in time to prevent the wreck. The engine plowed through four flats and freight cars and left the track. The trucks from the flatear went over the engine and crushed through the mail car. D. L. Donnelly, a mail clerk, had a narrow escape. The hull of Shamrock III was not

which Shamrock III to raise the broken will be taken to her moorings inside the breakwater Hit When Going About.

When the accident to Shamrock III occurred this morning, the yachts were maneuvering in the readstead under mainsails, jibs, foresails and gaff topsails prior to the start.
A strong northeast preeze was blowing, but there was nothing in the nature of a The hosts seemed to carry their racing sails well as they fetched out fro the shelter of the breakwater, Shamrock III leading on a tack out seaward, apparently with the intention of testing the strength of the wind outside. The breeze had just weight enough to keep rail dipping.

Before the start Sir Thomas Lipton, Ramey, the sailmaker, and Colonel Shar-man Crawford, vice-commodore of the Royal Ulster Yacht Club, boarded the challenger, which made a magnificent pic ture as under her cloud of canvas she drove past Nothead. The Erin had taken up a position to send the boats away round a triangular course, and everysition to send the boats away sed to promise a fine race, Shamrock III then made a short board on the port tack, dragging through a heavy

equall with her lee decks awash, At about 10:40 A. M., when nearly a mile off shore, she went about on the starboard tack to stand up to cross the line, when a sudden gust of wind sweeping out of Weymouth Bay struck the yacht and completely dismantled her. The weather rigging screws of her mainshrouds and her must carried away close to the deck, and with it went her spars, sails and gearing in a confused mass of wreckage.

Mast Gone, Man Overboard. The yacht's decks were crowded with Sir Thomas Lipton's guests, officers and men, and it seemed impossible that the of life. Deprived of its chief support, the ase steel, tubular mast swayed for a fraction of a second and went overboard, creating general havoc as it fell. So sudwrecked and helpless before those board realized what had happened. Fortunately most of the tremendous weight of the gear feil clear of the deck, as otherwise the disaster must have been multiplied threefold. As it was, only one life was lost, that of a member of the crew named Collier'.

The rattle of block and wire ropes on the metal deck of the boat drowned all other sounds for the time. The full which followed was broken by a sharp order from Captain Wringe to get away a boat. The captain's self-possession spurred the crew to action, and a boat was manned and started in search of Collier. Boats were also dropped from Shamrock I and Erin, and in a couple of minutes these all were headed for the scene of the acci-Collier, however, never reappeared.

all the aid necessary. Sir Thomas, who was extremely distressed by the fatality accident was absolutely without warning, and much quicker than when Shamrock II was similarly dismantied in the Solent. Str Thomas had a narrow escape. He salaries of the superintendent and

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# Prefer Charges Against Postal Officials

# NEW DIVISION IS INVOLVED

They Allege Favoritism in Making Promotions.

# PAYNE DECLARES HIS PURPOSE

Will Suspend Officials if Bristow Recommends-Calls on Newspapers to Back Up Charges-Methods of Premetion Ring.

bor Union of Washington, taking a and. It has filed charges against the

naster-General Payne says he investigation is closed, but would probably make suspensions if tow recommended them. Mr. Payne discredits some of the charges, and says newspapers making them should back them with proof.

The promotion ring is said to have been most active in New York, where nearly 1000 employes are alleged to

have paid bribes of \$25 to \$50 quels.

mall equipment division.

WASHINGTON, April 17 .- The Indiesions are that organized labor will become a party to the affairs of the Postofiles A special committee of the Central Labor Union of this city, which ters, has formulated charges of favoritsm. incompetency, etc., against certain

of the mail equipment division of the

department The charges, which probably will be filed tomorrow with the Postmasteronform to the specifications have been Clearing away the wreckage was quite accepted by the chief of the division, a difficult task owing to the nature of the spars and gear. The Erin passed a line charges allege, among other things, that to the wrecked yacht and stood by to give a worthy and needy white woman is discriminated against in favor of a negro and the injury to the yacht, said that the of the sewing-room used offensive language toward her subordinates; when the machine operators duced from \$2 per diem to \$1.75 a day, the was thrown down the hatchway with a of the others were raised from \$150 to \$300 sallor, and fell with such force as to a year; that the suspension of one cierk break the board flooring covering the mank. Is illegal and another unjust; that engipensation; that the foreman of the lockshop is not a lockmaker and that recomnendations for promotions are not based

on merit. No Promotion Ring in Brooklyn. Reports that a "promotion ring" ex-New phase of postuffice scandal. Page 1.

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John Postuffice, similar to that which in being investigated in New York City. being investigated in New York City. were brought to the attention of the Postoffice Department. It was stated in the department, however, that as yet there is no evidence of such a ring in its

Postmaster-General Payne said tonight that he was not contemplating the suspension of any official pending the e of the investigation, but added that if Fourth Assistant Postmaster-General Bristow, who is directing the investigation, were to recommend a suspension, the recommendation would be considered very carefully and with a disposition to follow the recommendation, though he (Mr. Payne) would exercise his independent judgment as to what the circum-

stances warranted. Mr. Payne was asked regarding the alleged advance information furnished to interested parties with reference to the appointment of rural free delivery car-

"I suppose you mean by that," respe ed the Postmuster-General, "the possibilthe department because the Civil Service Dieaster to Shamrock III disables her. Page 1. Commission has to pass on the se of carriers."

The Postmaster-General said he thought quire evidence of improper actions of persons in the service to furnish it to the department and aid in the investigation

## MUCH SMOKE, LITTLE FIRE. Payne Says Publishers of Charges

May Have to Prove Them. OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Wash. ngton, April 17.-There is a growing belief in Washington that the investigat of affairs in the postal department will develop far less scandal than preliminary

In his conference with newspaper mon today Postmaster-General Payne address himself particularly to those who have been writing semational stories and lating incidents of grave breaches of the law, and said: "You gentlemen who have discovered so much fraud may yet be called upon to prove what you know. Very much of

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