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Sympathize With Booth-Tucker.  
LONDON, Nov. 17.—The Metropolitan Tabernacle was crowded with members of the Salvation Army tonight at a service held to sympathize with Commander Booth-Tucker, of the American branch of the army, in the recent tragic death of his wife.

Tunnel Destroyed by Fire.  
VIRGINIA, Nov. 17.—The Home-stead tunnel on the Virginia & Truckee Railroad, in Gold Hill, was entirely destroyed by fire this morning. Loss, \$40,000. It will be two months before trains can be run into this city.

## BOLT IN HOUSE

### Leaders Can't Smother Harbor Bill.

## REVOLT IS FAST SPREADING

### Delegations From Many States Want Appropriations.

## GREAT UPHEAVAL MAY COME

### As a Last Resort, Tactics Which Forced the Omnibus Bill Through Last Congress Will Be Adopted.

## POLICY OF THE LEADERS.

The leaders in Congress desire to keep appropriations at a very low figure, fearing that a large sum might have some effect on the approaching election. Members from states having river and harbor work point out that such a plan would work great injury to these interests, and want provision made for continuing the improvements. Speaker Cannon is well known to be in favor of economy, but it is believed nothing can stem the tide that has set in for a liberal river and harbor bill.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Nov. 17.—It is becoming very apparent that an effort will be made, early in the regular session, to override Speaker Cannon and the Republican leaders of the House and force the consideration of a river and harbor bill, contrary to the announcement put forward some time ago that "none but necessary appropriations shall be made."

There is a great deal of talk among members of states that are interested in river and harbor improvements in denunciation of the policy of the Republican leaders, and several state delegations have determined, if possible, to force appropriations for certain projects in their respective states. Such individual efforts can, of course, accomplish nothing, but it is evident that one state after another that is in need of money for its rivers and harbors is falling into line, and before long it is believed there will be a general movement of such importance and so wide-reaching in the House, that even the Speaker and his leaders will be unable to stem the tide. An upheaval similar to that which forced the passage of an omnibus public building bill in the last Congress over the protest of Speaker Henderson and his leaders, is threatened and the outlook for the river and harbor bill becomes brighter every day. The movement will not take definite shape until after the committees are organized in December, but the first of the year, if not before, some popular demonstration is looked for that will likely result in action.

## FULTON TO GET GOOD PLACES

### Assignment to Irrigation and Exposition Committees Assured.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Nov. 17.—Senator Mitchell has abandoned hope of securing an assignment on the committee on commerce, in view of the fact that Senator Foster has secured one of the two Republican vacancies for himself. He has been turning his efforts toward securing desirable places for his colleague, and it is believed Senator Fulton will fare comparatively well for a new man. He is practically assured of a place on the committees on irrigation and expositions, as well as public lands. Moreover, there is a possibility that he may, in addition, be made a member of the committee on public buildings. His first choice is irrigation, and his second expositions, for it is as a member of the latter that he hopes to do much to further the interests of Senator Mitchell's Lewis and Clark Exposition bill.

Senator Warren finds that he cannot retain his present committee-room, if he relinquishes the chairmanship of the committee on claims, so he has decided not to ask for the chairmanship vacated by Senator Simon, and it is conceded that Bard, of California, will become chairman of the irrigation committee. It is impossible to learn to what committee Senator Ankeny will be assigned. Senator Foster was urging him for finance, but this, of course, he cannot secure, as it is of such importance as to be beyond the reach of a new Senator. Having secured a place on commerce, Senator Foster will probably not make other changes in his own assignments.

## WEST FAVORS THE BILL.

Hard Fight Certain, However, on Any Change in Irrigation Act.  
OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Nov. 17.—Senators and Representatives from the Pacific Coast and Northwestern States are generally favorably impressed with the McCumber bill, introduced yesterday to amend the irrigation law by giving each state the immediate benefit of the money which it raises from the sale of its lands. Both the Oregon Senators and Representatives are very friendly to the bill, as they believe its passage would soon result in the reclamation of practically all arid lands in Eastern Oregon that can, at a reasonable cost, be brought under

Government canals supplied either by storage reservoir or from artesian wells. The Washington delegation is equally pleased with the bill, and is ready to assist McCumber in securing its passage, if he can get a favorable report from the public lands committee. It is believed, however, that the Southwestern States will make a hard fight in committee to prevent a report on the bill, and will argue that its enactment at this time would upset all plans that have been laid by the Government for work in Arizona, Nevada and other states that have contributed but a mite to the reclamation fund.

## SMOOT IS NOT WORRYING.

### Denies His Oath to the Church Makes It Superior to Country.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Nov. 17.—Senator Smoot, of Utah, does not seem at all dismayed over the great flood of remonstrances against him that have been pouring into the Senate from all parts of the country within the past week.

"I am not in the least worried about the matter," he said. "I know that I am right, and there is no just pretext for unseating me except because I am a Mormon. I am not a polygamist, and that feature, which entered into the Roberts trial, resulting in the loss for him of his seat in the House, can't figure in my case."

Regarding the charge that he took a secret oath as a Mormon apostle which would interfere with the provisions of his oath as a United States Senator, he said: "I have taken no secret oath or obligation to the church recognizing it as superior to my country. There is no secret oath administered, and no distinction is made by the church regarding the allegiance between apostles and other members."

"If I am unseated, any member of the Mormon church may be unseated, simply because he is a Mormon."

## BANQUET FOR 1905 FAIR.

### Senator Mitchell Will Get Northwestern Men Together.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Nov. 17.—Senator Mitchell issued invitations today to the banquet he is to give at "The Highlands" on next Tuesday evening, to the delegations from the Pacific Coast and Northwestern States. At this dinner, he will take the first step toward formally organizing the Northwest in Congress in support of the Lewis and Clark Exposition bill.

## CHRISTIAN SCIENTISTS WIN.

### Ohio Supreme Court Decision Means They Can Practice in That State.

COLUMBUS, O., Nov. 17.—The Supreme Court today rendered a decision which is taken to mean that Christian Science may be practiced in Ohio.

Some time ago a faculty by the name of Bishop, in Hamilton, O., was tried and acquitted on a charge of manslaughter for having permitted a child to die without giving it medical aid.

The state carried the case up on exception, and today the Supreme Court overruled the exceptions.

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## ASKS FAIR TRIAL

### Senator Dietrich Wants Summers Ousted.

## VISITS ATTORNEY-GENERAL

### Indications Are His Request Will Be Granted.

## PROSECUTOR IS HIS ENEMY

### Nebraskan Strongly Denies the Charge That He Sold an Office, and Ascribes It to Political Venom.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 17.—Senator Dietrich, accompanied by Senator Hanna and Editor Rosewater, of the Omaha Bee, called on Attorney-General Knox today and had a conference with him regarding the case of District Attorney Summers, and the charge of conspiracy and bribery against the Senator in connection with the appointment of Postmaster Fisher. The Senator said he intended to go to Nebraska to stand trial, but felt his case would be prejudiced if District Attorney Summers has charge of the prosecution.

As a result of his talk with the Attorney-General, the latter will have a consultation with the President about the case, and it is probable Mr. Summers will be relieved from the conduct of the Dietrich case, and that Assistant District Attorney Rush, of Nebraska, or some attorney from the Department of Justice at Washington will be detailed to manage the prosecution. The question of District Attorney Summers' retention in office also came up, but it cannot be learned that any promise was made by the Attorney-General in the matter.

## Dietrich Makes Statement.

Senator Dietrich tonight made the following statement in connection with his indictment:

"The charge that I have accepted, directly or indirectly, money or anything of value for my influence in securing the appointment of Jacob Fisher as Postmaster at Hastings, Neb., is absolutely false. I shall waive the protection afforded a Senator by the Constitution while Congress is in session, and shall go to Nebraska and insist on an immediate trial, with perfect confidence that my innocence will be established."

"Above all things I have abhorred dishonesty in public office and the betrayal of a quarter of a century in Adams County I have repeatedly been instrumental in keeping out of office and bringing to justice public officials who were shown to be dishonest and corrupt."

"The present attempt to attach a stigma to my name is because of my firm adherence to this course. Bitter factional fights have existed in my home county for many years, and as a result of these differences I have naturally incurred many enemies, not only in politics, but in business."

## Refused to Pardon Defaulter.

My refusal, while Governor, to pardon ex-Treasurer Joseph Bartley, a defaulter to the state for \$300,000, incurred the displeasure of powerful interests, and I have since been antagonized by them. I have from reliable authority that Mr. Summers, present United States District Attorney, is largely responsible for securing the pardon of Bartley. It has been intimated to me for a long time that Summers would make me trouble if I did not cease my endeavors to have him ousted from his present position. I do not know, of course, the testimony given to secure my indictment.

## SENATOR CHARLES H. DIETRICH, OF NEBRASKA



CHARGED WITH BRIBERY BY UNITED STATES GRAND JURY AT OMAHA

## FLAG IS SALUTED

### American Cruiser Hoists Ensign of Panama.

## TWENTY-ONE GUNS FIRED

### High Officials Then Make a Call on the Junta.

## COLOMBIAN MISSION FAILS

### Delegation From Bolivia Is Told the New Republic Will Not Back Down, No Matter What the Terms.

## PANAMA DEVELOPMENTS.

The flag of the Republic of Panama was saluted by the American fleet at Panama yesterday.

The commission from Bolivar which visited Panama in the hopes of winning it back to Colombia met with failure and departed for home.

The Panama commission, which comes to the United States in the interest of the canal reaches New York.

The Minister for Panama at Washington addressed a note to the envoys of the powers asking that the new government be recognized.

## PANAMA, Nov. 17.—At 8:30 this morning

the United States flagship Marblehead hoisted the flag of the Republic of Panama and saluted it with 21 guns. The USS November, a gunboat of Panama, displaying the American flag, answered the salute. The shore battery also fired a salute of 21 guns, which the Marblehead answered.

At 10 A. M. Rear-Admiral Phelps, Consul Gudgeon and Commander Phelps, accompanied by Lieutenants Philip Andrews and S. W. Trellinwiner, officially called on the junta. A military band played "The Star-Spangled Banner" on the Americans' arrival at the palace, and on their departure from the building. They were received by the members of the junta, the Cabinet Ministers and Generals Hurtas, Jeffries, Diaz and Varon and their staff.

Admiral Phelps said he was glad to call officially upon the government of the Republic of Panama. It had been a great pleasure for him to salute this morning the flag of the new republic, for whose prosperity and greatness he made the best wishes. Senor Arango, a member of the junta, answered, saying that in the name of the junta and of the people of Panama he expressed sincere pleasure at the presence of the gallant fleet in Panama Bay, representing the noble people and Government of the United States. "To whom the isthmus is deeply grateful for the hand of fellowship so generously and promptly extended to them by its great President," Mr. Gudgeon proposed a toast to a new Panama Canal treaty, which was answered by General Varon, who toasted President Roosevelt and the United States Army with great cordiality.

The people of Panama are happy over the official recognition of the flag, and the event is being celebrated enthusiastically. During the ceremonies today large crowds of people surrounded the palace of the government.

The Republic of Panama which was saluted by the Marblehead this morning was made on board that vessel.

## COLOMBIAN MISSION FAILS.

### Panama Will Under No Conditions Return to Former Rule.

COLON, Nov. 17.—The Panamanian Commission composed of Senors Arias, Morales and Arosemena, which left Panama yesterday to meet the peace commission from the Department of Bolivar, boarded the Mayflower today and held a short conference with Colombians. It was found they only represented the Department of Bolivar, and the Governor of that department had no credentials from Bogota. The Colombians asked the Panamanians if they would return to the Republic of Colombia, assuring them concessions and considerations on the passage of a canal treaty.

The Panamanians replied they would not return to the Republic of Colombia, and declared the assurances came too late, as Panama's position was so advantageous and strong that they could not see any reason for changing.

Every Demand Is Promised.

During the conference Nicanor Insigne, a brother of the Governor of the State of Bolivar, who was the spokesman of the Colombians, made a strong appeal to the Panamanians not to disrupt the Republic of Colombia, and he supplemented his appeal by the solemn assurance that Colombia would grant all the rights demanded by the isthmians, and eventually carry out their grand project of building the canal.

Replying to Senor Insigne, Tomas Arias, representing the junta, said the Bogota government and the Colombians generally did not appear to grasp the actual conditions prevailing on the isthmus. The revolution, Senor Arias said, was born absolutely of the unanimous desire of the people of Panama and was irrevocable. Continuing, Senor Arias said: "Colombia will always find in this country the most sincere brotherly feelings. The political ties binding the isthmus to Colombia have been broken, but the fault is not that of the isthmus. The ties of affection, however, never can be broken."

Senor Insigne, in answer, expressed his deep sorrow at finding that the hopes of reconciliation were impossible of realization, and the actions of the people of the isthmus were a tragedy for Colombia. He declared all the people of Colombia would unite in an effort to enforce the rights of the republic on the isthmus of Panama, even at the cost of great sacrifices.

Senors Arosemena and Morales then delivered addresses in which they expressed views similar to those enunciated by Senor Arias.

The threat of Senor Insigne that the