

SQUADRYMEN IN MAGELLAN STRAIT

Anchors in Possession Bay for Night Because of a Very Heavy Fog.

AT PUNTA ARENAS TODAY

The American Transport Panther Reaches the Harbor at 6 o'Clock. Preceded by Tug Reynolds Early in the Afternoon.

PUNTA ARENAS, Straits of Magellan, Jan. 31, 7 P. M.—The American transport Panther, which entered the Strait of Magellan at 2 o'clock this afternoon, tonight anchored in Possession Bay, some 20 miles to the westward of Dungeness Point, where the Strait proper begins. This information reached here about 6 o'clock tonight by means of the wireless telegraph. The message said that the fleet would arrive at Punta Arenas at noon tomorrow.

Scattered by the Fog.

The fleet was off Dungeness Point at noon today, according to telephone advices from that place but appeared to be scattered on account of a heavy fog which made the weather very thick at the entrance to the Strait. They were assembled again, however, and entered the Strait, passing Dungeness at 2 o'clock, proceeding in single file. They were not sighted off Punta Arenas, which is 15 miles west of Point Dungeness.

Good Anchorage for Night.

Possession Bay is only a few miles west of Cape Possession and about five miles from the entrance to the Strait narrows. It affords good anchorage and it is thought here that Admiral Evans decided to anchor the fleet for the night rather than to take any risk in navigating the first and second narrows between Possession Bay and Punta Arenas.

The British cruiser Sappho has arrived here and will remain during the stay of the American fleet. The American transport Panther came into the harbor just before 6 o'clock tonight. The tug Reynolds arrived early in the afternoon.

While foggy weather is reported from Dungeness Point and other places about the entrance to the Strait, it is clear and pleasant at Punta Arenas.

The fleet has made a particularly good run from Rio Janeiro to Cape Virgenes. The distance is 2230 nautical miles and it was covered in approximately eight days and eight hours. This is at the rate of 11.15 knots an hour, or 267 knots a day. The run from Port of Spain to Rio Janeiro was made by the fleet at approximately 307 knots a day.

DO AS OTHER NATIONS DO

Japanese Merely Anxious to See How Warships Stand Strain.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 31.—The reported presence of two Japanese observers at Punta Arenas just at this moment when the American battleship fleet is nearing the entrance to the Straits of Magellan has attracted the attention of the naval officials here.

Trial Trip of Cruisers.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 31.—Advices at the Navy Department are that the scout cruiser Birmingham will be ready for trial March 2. Before that date, probably on February 12, the scout cruiser Chester will be taken on its trial trip. Interest attaches to the trial trip of the cruisers, of which there are three in all, as two of them are equipped with turbine engines.

STORM IN MIDDLE WEST

Wisconsin and Kansas Visited by Severe Cold.

CHICAGO, Jan. 31.—A heavy snow-storm set in here this afternoon and the most serious storm of the season prevailed in Wisconsin and Kansas.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Jan. 31.—Kansas today experienced the coldest weather of the season. Snow and sleet storms prevailed generally with a decided fall in temperature.

THREAT TO THE GOVERNOR

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a mystery for some time and Branton left the country, but Green could not stand the torment of the terrible crime and turned state's evidence. Branton could not stay away from the country, and not knowing of Green's confession, returned to Eugene and was arrested by Deputy Sheriff Henry Day. After learning of Green's action his defense was weak and his conviction easily secured.

The Branton family, who lived on Camp Creek, have all left the country, the father dying mysteriously in Eastern Oregon. Some people here think he was murdered by his son John.

The mother tried here to get a petition signed asking the Governor for the pardon of John, but few people here would sign it.

HAS WRITTEN NOTES BEFORE

John Branton Tries Several Schemes. Trusty at Prison.

SALEM, Or., Jan. 31.—(Special.)—John Branton was convicted of attempting to kill John Fletcher, near Cottage Grove, March 9, 1905. Branton is evidently a cold-blooded criminal, but not above

enough to carry his schemes to a successful end. He deliberately planned the murder of Fletcher, his neighbor, in order to collect the insurance on a policy on Fletcher's life.

After shooting Fletcher and leaving him for dead, Branton wrote a note to the Marshal of Cottage Grove, signing Fletcher's name. The note purported to be a notice of intention to commit suicide, and it told where the body would be found. Fletcher did not die, but recovered, and was a witness against Branton. While in jail awaiting trial, Branton tried to hire a fellow-prisoner who was to be released to take Fletcher to Astoria and shanghai him. Branton wrote a note, to be mailed by this fellow-prisoner at Astoria, after making acquaintance with Fletcher. The note was addressed to Sheriff Williams, of Lane County, and purported to be signed by Fletcher, acknowledging his own guilt and asking that Branton be turned loose. The evidence showed both these notes to be in Branton's hand-writing.

At the penitentiary Branton has been a model prisoner during his two-year's service. He has eight years yet to serve, but as he is a "trusty" he is making double time on his term. As he has been found outside the prison walls, it is quite probable that he may have written the letter to Governor Chamberlain and either mailed it in a street box or induced some one to mail it for him. Prison officials know nothing of the letter.

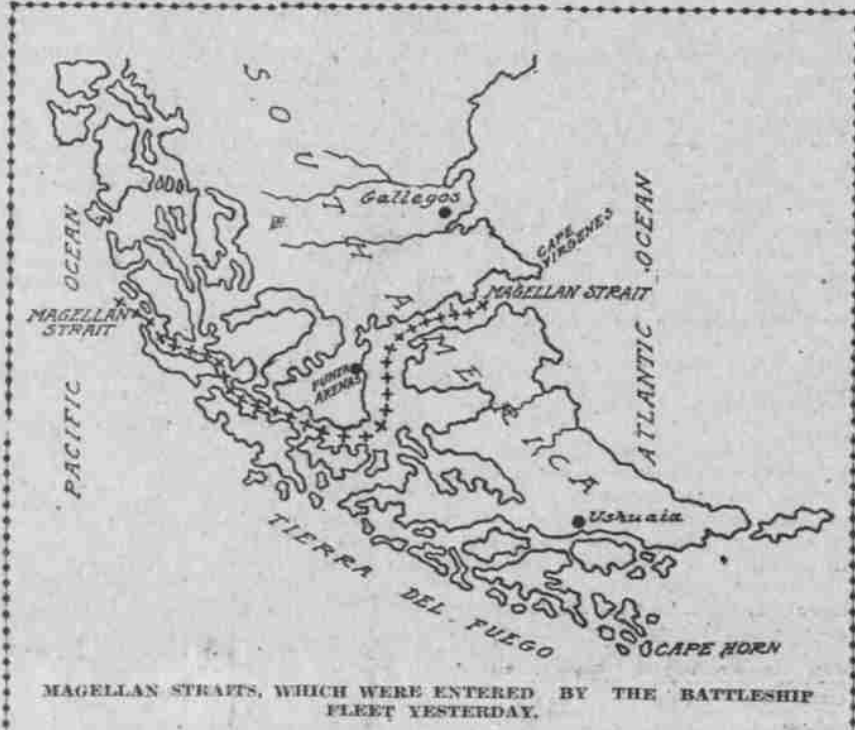
CHANCELLOR DAY ERUPTS

CALLS MESSAGE RAVINGS OF A DISORDERED MIND.

Roosevelt "Shrewd but Reckless Demagogue"—Says Square Deal Has Long Been a Farce.

SYRACUSE, N. Y., Jan. 31.—Chancellor James R. Day, of Syracuse University, discussing President Roosevelt's message, said:

"Of the President's message I am entirely honest and frank. I am compelled to say that much of it reads like the ravings of a disordered mind. Certain portions, in which appeal is made to



MAGELLAN STRAITS, WHICH WERE ENTERED BY THE BATTLESHIP FLEET YESTERDAY.

class prejudice and excitement, are large with the suggestion of the adroit and cunning, the shrewd but reckless demagogue.

The whole message is his familiar ranting against what he calls "criminal wealth," and it proceeds upon the slender assumption that so great a part of the corporate business of this country is so corrupt as to demand a special message to Congress, popular harangues by the President and the entire time-ability effort of Congress in a volume of corrective legislation such as the world has never seen.

It is a wrong, a great wickedness, for the Standard Oil Company to defend itself, but there is no impropriety in the President's assaulting this corporation by name and defaming it and slandering it with all the venomous influence of his great office, while its cause is in undecided litigation in the higher courts. The square deal has long been a farce, and this inconsistency seems to have weakened Mr. Roosevelt's ethical standard, of which he makes so much.

"As I am one of the 'bird' mark-writers referred to, a personal word may be permitted. Not a nickel or dime was ever offered to me by any person, company or corporation for a sentence or a paragraph in print in any shape or form whatever. No kick party knew a syllable contained in my book until it was published.

DEFEAT CONFERENCE CALL

Miners Vote Against Motion—Tellers to Report on Officers.

INDIANAPOLIS, Jan. 31.—In the wage conference here today between coal operators of the central competitive district and officers of the United Mineworkers of America, the miners' offer was offered a motion that a sub-committee of five miners and five operators be appointed, which should issue a call for a general joint conference to discuss a wage agreement. The motion was voted down, the Illinois delegates alone voting for it. The special committee on government by injunction reported endorsing the Pearce bill and urging that steps be taken to secure its passage if possible. The report was adopted.

President Mitchell served notice on the Illinois operators if they did not come into line with the operators the condition under which they would have to operate ultimately would be made for them. The report of the tellers on the result of the election of National officers, expected Monday, it is understood among the miners, will show T. L. Lewis, of Ohio, elected president; John P. White, of Iowa, vice-president and W. D. Ryan, of Illinois, secretary-treasurer.

Provides for Cutters.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 31.—The Senate today passed bills for the construction of two steam vessels for the revenue cutter service, one to be located at New York and the other on the Pacific Coast.

LETTER STOLEN FROM RAILROAD

Santa Fe Says That Is How It Got Into the Hand of Heney.

CANNOT NAME THE THIEF

Evidence of Rebating Quoted in Roosevelt's Message Admitted to Be Genuine—Heney Denies He Stole It, but Has More.

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 31.—The Evening News quotes W. J. Healy, auditor of the Santa Fe Railroad, saying that the letter from Edward Chambers, assistant general traffic manager, to ex-Auditor G. A. Davidson, which President Roosevelt incorporated in his message to Congress today, was stolen from the railroad offices. "The News says: 'Admission was tacitly made at the general offices of the Santa Fe Railroad Company here this afternoon that the letter submitted by President Roosevelt to Congress today, showing that President Ripley and his chief advisers were well aware of the rebate system in operation in violation of the law and aided and abetted it, had been sent to the former auditor, G. A. Davidson, here, and that it had been sent by Edward Chambers, assistant general freight traffic manager from the San Francisco office. 'That letter was stolen from our of-

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Remember that this is the daylight store. Our clerks work only from 8 to 6 every day, Saturday included. In order to the movement for shorter hours by trading at the store that does not open evenings.



In All Dep'm'ts

Clearance Sale prices prevail. Look in any department, in any aisle or on any counter, you will find many lines marked at Clearance Sale prices that mean tremendous savings. Besides, only standard grades are sold here.

Clearance Sale Ends Today

See to It That You Come Today and Buy Liberally Do Not Let This Golden Opportunity Pass--Save

From 8 to 12 A. M.--Spats Free With Women's Low Shoes



High-Cut Boots for men, with 10 or 12-inch tops. Have full double soles, which are viscolized and thoroughly waterproof. We have them in black or tan. The regular price is \$6.00 the pair. From 8 to 12 Saturday, the pair \$4.29

Boys' Shoes

The famous "Ruff-on-Rocks" brand, that gives sturdy service and splendid comfort. Divided into two lots, for Saturday's selling, and priced as follows: Sizes 1 to 5 1/2, \$1.79, and 9 to 13 1/2, 13 1/2, \$1.49

Women's Slippers

A very good quality of slipper for house wear. In soft leather; have flexible soles, well made. Sizes 2, 3, 3 1/2, 7, 8 and 9 only. Regular price \$1.75 the pair; Saturday, from 8 to 12, the pair 98c

All Day

We offer two tremendous bargains in women's shoes; one lot in many leathers, styles and sizes; high or low heels, light or heavy soles; worth to \$6 the pair for \$3.89. Another lot, worth to \$4.00 the pair, sale price, Saturday, all sizes \$3.19

Fairy Soap 39c Dozen

There is not a better known soap on the market, nor a better liked one. For toilet, bath or even laundry use, it is unexcelled. You know the regular price of Fairy Soap; 39c Saturday we offer 1 dozen cakes for only 39c

- Shell-color Sidecombs, smooth finish, 25c vals. 15c
Pyrography Outfits, good for beginners \$1.50 val. \$1.09
Rainier Mineral Soap, worth 10c cake, special at 4c
Plain White Crepe Paper Napkins, 100 in pkg., 10c
Hairpins of celluloid, shell color, 25c value box 15c

Children's Coats

Here is a chance for little ones from 6 months to 6 years of age. In the Infants' Wear Department we have reduced our entire stock of child's coats to half the regular price. They are made of the best materials and in all styles. For the wet of 6 months to the toddler of 6 years. Values \$1.50 to \$25.00 each, Saturday. HALF

Wash Day Needs Cheaper

- Galvanized Iron Washtubs, worth 90c, special 75c
Washboards that sell regularly at for 35c, Sat. 25c
Willow Clothes Baskets, 75c Val., Saturday at 55c
Sleeveboards, regularly 25c each, spl. Saturday 15c
Wire Clothes Lines that sell regularly for 25c at 20c
Clothes Wringers, regular \$3 values, special \$2.69
Galvanized Water Pails worth 25c ea. selling for 19c
Self-Wringing Mops selling regularly for \$1 now 75c
Wire Soap Holders, 10c values, special Saturday 7c
Wash Boilers made of good, heavy tin, strongly soldered and fitted with copper bottoms; No. 8 size. The most wanted size for household use. Sold regularly at \$1.25 each, very specially priced for Saturday wash day sale... 95c

Child's Coats Worth to \$11.50 at \$4.98



These coats are for children from 6 to 14 years of age. The materials are twills or chevrots, and they come in the full length style. Colors are brown or navy only. They are tastefully trimmed with silk braid and velvet, making garments of excellent appearance as well as being durable and serviceable. The values are up to \$11.50 each, but the Saturday price of any one in the entire lot is just \$4.98

Women's Bathrobes

Warm, comfortable garments, made of eiderdown, flannelette or blankets. Some are finished with cord, others with frogs. A good range of colors, and prices for the values are regularly to \$12.50 each, your choice Saturday, just HALF

Men's 50c Four-in-Hands

Three for \$1.00

A sale that has to do with startling values and tremendous assortments. A sale that means more than 'tis possible for this announcement to convey. It means you may choose from our enormous stock of 50c ties and buy as many as you want at 1-3 less than the regular price. All prevailing shades are represented. Ties to go with any suit, any vest, or any combination. There are all the leading shades for business wear and light colors for more dressy occasions. See a few of them in the Sixth street window, then come and 3 for \$1



Men's \$1.50 Shirts

In stiff bosoms, negligee or pleated style. All sizes, all shades and colors. Shirts that fit perfectly, launder well and wear well. Worth to \$1.50 each, 69c choice

later saying that while he was not actually in the hold-up he was to be in on the spoils, one of his pals having used his suitcase, the latter in which to carry dynamite.

Officer Shot by Negro.

MEMPHIS, Tenn., Jan. 31.—Michael Kane, a watchman in the employ of the Illinois Central Railroad, was shot and probably fatally wounded last night by a negro, who the officer discovered in the yards of the capitol, endeavoring, it is believed, to rob cars. Several hours later a watchman in the employ of the 'Frisco system discovered a negro throwing coal from one of the cars of the company. When the officer attempted to place him under arrest the negro resisted the officer, firing on him at close range and killing him almost instantly.

GRIP LEADS TO PNEUMONIA

If neglected, and among its possible after-developments, if it is not given prompt and proper attention, are chronic affections of the eyes, ears and throat. In some cases, it seriously impairs the taste and smell. Do not delay treatment—move the bowels with Hood's Pills, which work quickly and thoroughly, and begin taking Hood's Sarsaparilla, the best medicine for ridding the blood of the grip poison, restoring the appetite, adding the digestion, building up the strength.

Sick Two Months.

"Hood's Sarsaparilla has cured me of the grip. I was sick for two months and was tired and weak and could not do any work. Finally I sent for a bottle of this medicine, and when I had taken half of it I could do the housework. Today I feel like a new woman, and recommend Hood's to all who have the grip." Miss Carrie Irby, Jenkins, Mo.

Two Severe Attacks.

"I had two severe attacks of the grip and a stage of lung fever, and was left with a bad cough. Hood's Sarsaparilla cured me. It's the best medicine to build up the system." Mrs. C. L. Richardson, Hillsboro, Oregon.

The California case referred to has nothing to do with interstate commerce with the National Government. Since the passage of the anti-trust law, no corporation has in no case intentionally violated the provision of the law. My orders to all officers have been that the laws be strictly obeyed and, if there has been any infractions thereof, they are to be reported to me. I am not one of those who have attacked the actions of the administration. I have simply defended myself and my corporation from unjust attack, as I believe will be amply shown in the final adjudication of the courts to which we have appealed.

TOWERS TAKES THE STAND

Repudiates Alleged Confession of the North Coast Hold-up.

BUTTE, Mont., Jan. 31.—A miner special from Boulder, Mont., states that James Calvin Towers, accused of the murder of Engineer Frank Clow of the North Coast Limited in an attempted holdup of that train on the Northern Pacific east of Butte, today took the stand in his own behalf. Towers denied in toto the damaging evidence adduced against him, declaring false the story of Railroad Detective Page of an alleged confession made by Towers, who was in the jail at Helena, the detective having been confined with Towers, being supposedly imprisoned for counterfeiting.

Towers denied that he told Page that an express messenger in Spokane named Smith had tipped off to him and his pals that \$5,000 was on the North Coast on the night of the attempted robbery. Towers in a trembling voice and very pale gave the names of places in Butte where he declared he was the night Clow was murdered.

The defense failed today to shake the testimony of Page, who told of being made the confident of Towers, of the

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—M. D. Wisdom, Editor North Pacific Rural Spirit

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