

PRESIDENT NAILS CANAL GRAFT HINT

Flays Editors Who Exploited Case.

CLEAR ROBINSON AND TAFT

Says Anybody Can Learn of Transaction in Records.

LANGUAGE IS SCATHING

Singles Out Indianapolis News and New York Sun and Declares They Lied in Articles—Diatribe on Scandal-Mongering Journals.

NOT SPRINGS, Va., Dec. 6.—The following correspondence passing between President Roosevelt and William Dudley Foulke has been made public by the latter:

"Hot Springs, Va., Nov. 29, 1908.—The President—Sir: The Indianapolis News, not only during the campaign but even after its close, has been repeatedly and continually making serious charges against your administration, as well as against Mr. Taft, in connection with the Panama purchase, as, for example, the following:

"The Panama matter: 'The campaign is over and the people will have to vote tomorrow without any knowledge concerning the Panama Canal deal. It has been charged that the United States bought from American citizens for \$40,000,000 property that cost those citizens only \$12,000,000. Mr. Taft was Secretary of War at the time the negotiation was closed. There is no doubt that the Government paid \$40,000,000 for the property, but who got the money? We are not to know.

Accuses Administration and Taft.

"The administration and Mr. Taft do not think it right that the people should know. The President's brother-in-law is involved in the scandal, but he has nothing to say. The candidate's brother has been charged with being a member of the syndicate. He has, it is true, denied it; but he refuses to appeal to the evidence, all of which is in the possession of the administration and wholly inaccessible to outsiders. For weeks this scandal has been before the people. The records are in Washington and they are public records. But the people are not to see them—till after election, if 'they' can."

"Even after the election this has been continued, it being said that Mr. Taft's 'weakness' in Indiana (where he ran many thousands ahead of any other Republican candidate), was due in great measure to this alleged 'scandal.' 'What are the facts in regard to it? Where are these 'inaccessible' records? When did they come into the possession of the Government, and what do they contain? If the statements of the News are true our people ought to know it, if not true they ought to have some just means of estimating what credit should be given in other matters to a journal which thus disseminates falsehoods. Yours, 'WILLIAM DUDLEY FOULKE.'"

President Makes Reply.

"White House, Washington, Dec. 1, 1908.—My Dear Mr. Foulke: I have received your letter of the 29th ultimo, and have read it in connection with your previous letters enclosing quotations from the Indianapolis News, a paper edited by Delavan Smith. As Mr. Smith certainly knows that all the statements he made were false, both as to the Panama matter and as to the other matters of which you inclose me clippings, and inasmuch, therefore, as the exposure of the falsity will not affect his future statements, I am not very clear as to what good will result from such exposure. But inasmuch as you evidently earnestly desire some answer to be made, and inasmuch as you say that some reputable people appear to believe the falsehoods of the News and Mr. Smith, and inasmuch as you seem to think his falsehoods as regards the Panama matters are the most prominent, I will answer them.

"The News states in one of its issues that probably some of the documents dealing with this matter have been destroyed. This is false. Not one has been destroyed. It states that the last documents were sent over in June of this year, the object of this particular falsehood being apparently to connect the matter in some way with the nomination of Mr. Taft. As a matter of fact the last papers that we have received of any kind were sent over to the United States in May, of 1904, and they have been accessible to every human being who cared to look at them ever since and are accessible now. Every reputable man, within or without Congress, Democrat or Republican, has always had the opportunity to examine any of these documents.

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DEMANDS ABJECT APOLOGY FROM VENEZUELAN.

Unless He Is So Ill He Needs Hospital Treatment President Must Turn Back From Bordeaux.

PARIS, Dec. 6.—If President Castro, of Venezuela, comes to Bordeaux, he will not be allowed to set foot on French soil until after he has offered a formal apology for the fashion in which he has flouted France. This decision was made by the Cabinet, but

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The programme of the leaders is to pass the appropriation bills, holding them down as much as possible, and sidetrack all legislation that is not absolutely essential. New legislation, entailing heavy appropriations, will be put over, because the condition of the Treasury will not justify any great increase in the expenditure of public funds.

River and Harbor Bill Assured. There will be a river and harbor bill, in addition to the appropriation bills which are enacted at every session, and this one measure will probably carry \$75,000,000 or more. Because of the fact that river and harbor money goes into nearly every state in the Union, this river and harbor bill will be preferred over other bills of a general character, and it is the expectation that it will be the only big bill not on the regular programme that will be allowed to go through. There will be no omnibus public building bill this winter.

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Move to Segregate Sexes in Boarding-Houses Meets With Much Disapproval.

CHICAGO, Dec. 6.—(Special).—University of Chicago co-eds today threatened to strike if the University officials insist on carrying into effect their new regulation prohibiting the young women from living at lodging-houses where the men students have rooms. The co-eds

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SUNDAY EVENING PAPER IS SUCCESS

MUNSEY'S WASHINGTON TIMES MAKES HIT.

First Day's Sales Close to 60,000 Copies—Too Much Good News for Twenty Pages.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 6.—(Special).—Several Washington men who had failed to read the announcement that Frank A. Munsey would issue a Sunday evening edition of the Washington Times, stopped short this afternoon when they encountered newsboys with

W. E. Connolly, Who Rendered Heroic Service at Oregon Hotel Fire.

Escape in Scanty Attire.

BRITISH GIVE PROTECTION

American Gunboats Leave During Insurrection in China.

PERKIN, Dec. 6.—Reports have been received here that the Americans in the Yangtze Kiang territory are indignant on account of the withdrawal of the American gunboats, which went to Manila with the Pacific fleet for target practice, leaving no protection for Americans during the recent insurrection at Nanking. Because of this the American Consul-General at Hankow, William Martin, was compelled to ask the British representative to look after American interests at Nanking.

Detailed reports of the revolutionary conditions which prevailed show that had the rebels succeeded in taking Nanking, an insurrection would have broken out in at least three or four places which would have put the American residents in great danger.

TRAIN DISPATCHER GUILTY

Verdict of Involuntary Manslaughter for Causing Wreck.

THOMPSON, Mont., Dec. 6.—H. J. Kealey, formerly a Northern Pacific dispatcher, was this evening found guilty of involuntary manslaughter by a jury in the District Court of Sanders County, in connection with the wreck on the Northern Pacific at Olive, Mont., September 5, in which five lives were lost. The jury recommended that the punishment be fixed at eight months in the State Penitentiary.

Kealey issued the orders which are said to have been the cause of the collision. Chief Dispatcher Ringer, of Missoula, and Operator Mitchell were charged jointly with Kealey with responsibility for the wreck, but both were acquitted.

FREIGHTER LOST IN LAKE

D. M. Clenson, With Crew of 22, Thought Caught in Gale.

DULUTH, Minn., Dec. 6.—The steel freight steamer D. M. Clenson, coal-laden from Lorraine, O., to Duluth, was probably wrecked in the gale on Lake Superior last week, and her crew of 22 men is believed to be safe.

A. R. Wolvine, of Duluth, owner of the Clenson, abandoned hope tonight and expressed the opinion that the vessel is probably at the bottom of Lake Superior with her entire crew of 22. S. R. Chamberlain, of this city, is her master. The Clenson is a week overdue at this port and it is believed that she was caught in the terrific gale which prevailed last week on Lower Lake Superior.

FOUR DIE WHILE SKATING

One Girl Rescued but May Die From Exposure.

JANESVILLE, Wis., Dec. 6.—Earl Cooper, Harvey Richardson, Violet Bilvins and Fannie Bilvins were drowned today while skating on Lake Koshkonong. Belle Brown was rescued, but may die from exposure.

PANIC IN HOTEL CAUSED BY SMOKE

Oregon's Guests Flee From Small Fire.

SOME JUMP FROM WINDOWS

W. E. Connolly Makes Heroic Rescues.

ESTIMATES OF LOSS VARY

Three Firemen Are Overcome and Scores of Lodgers Take Desperate Chances in Escaping From Early Morning Blaze.

Dense volumes of smoke from a fire that originated in the basement of the Oregon Hotel, Seventh and Stark streets, at 8:30 o'clock yesterday morning, alarmed a score or more of guests, many of whom took desperate chances to escape. The loss is estimated by the firemen at not less than \$5000. Manager Dickinson said last night that \$500 would cover the actual loss from the flames, but he was unable to estimate damage by smoke and water.

Several men and women leaped from the second story of the building and others reached the ground by means of ladders and fire escapes, but none was injured. Three firemen were partially overcome by smoke in the upper halls of the big building, but quickly revived, after being removed by their comrades to fresh air.

Escape in Scanty Attire.

Startled from their slumbers during the early hours of the morning and frightened by the alarm of fire, men and women, scantily attired, made frantic efforts to escape from what they thought was impending disaster. The chill, frosty morning, perhaps the coldest of the season, added to their discomfort when they emerged from their rooms.

In a scuffle the startled and frightened guests to escape W. E. Connolly, manager of the United Hat Stores Company, 84 Third street, rendered heroic service. Incidentally, he suffered great discomfort and risked far more dangers than any of those whom he was trying to aid. Mr. Connolly lives in the building adjoining the Oregon Hotel immediately on the north.

Connolly Goes to Rescue.

Mr. Connolly was one of the first to bear the alarm of fire, and quickly arising, peered through his window and saw dense clouds of smoke emerging from windows and doors of the big building. He also saw men and women rushing to the windows and fire escapes, and heard them calling for aid.

Clad only in a pair of trousers and a shirt he rushed out into the rear yard, where a short ladder lay beside the hotel building. Above him a window was crowded with men and a woman who were seeking to escape. One man jumped and barely missed falling into an excavation near the building. Another swung himself from the window and hung suspended by his hands until aid reached him.

Connolly placed the ladder against the wall but it lacked several feet of being long enough to reach the window. Relying on his own strength, he stepped on his shoulders and standing erect, supported by the hotel wall, he held it high enough for the woman and man to descend. This

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