



CRIMINAL LIBEL, SAYS ROOSEVELT

Will Reach Traducers, if Possible.

SHAMEFUL FALSEHOODS TOLD

No Cause for Breath of Scandal About Canal.

PROUD OF HIS CONNECTION

President Delivers Himself Heatedly in Address to Deep Waterway Delegation and Indorses Lakes-to-Gulf Scheme.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 10.—"If they can be reached for criminal libel, I shall try to reach them," said President Roosevelt in speaking about "those Americans who have been guilty of infamous falsehoods concerning the acquisition of the property and the construction of the Panama Canal itself."

It was to the committee of 100 of the Lakes-to-the-Gulf Deep Waterway Association, headed by Governor Deneen, of Illinois, received by the President in the east room of the White House, that he made this declaration. Mr. Deneen had presented a copy of the resolutions adopted by the association and made a few remarks to which the President replied as follows:

See Slanderers for Libel.

"I have felt, as the Governor has so well put it, that no more important service could be rendered to this country than the building of the Panama Canal and the Atlantic and Pacific, and one thing I am proud of in connection with the building of that canal is that there has not been legitimate cause for the breath of scandal connected with any feature of the proceedings.

"We have cause to be ashamed of only one set of Americans, who have been guilty of infamous falsehoods concerning the acquisition of the property and the construction of the canal itself. If they can be reached for criminal libel, I shall try to reach them. If not, at any rate all the facts we know or ever have known are at the disposal of each and every one of you here and any one in Congress or out of Congress, if they wish to see them.

Dig Lakes-to-Gulf Waterway.

"Next only in importance, from the physical standpoint, to building the Panama Canal comes the question of deepening the use of our own waterways. That must be done by the policy of irrigation at the headwaters up in the arid regions; and where you come from, gentlemen, it is to be done by making our seacoast take a big leap in from the Gulf of Mexico to the Great Lakes, and we will see that that work is done just as honestly, just as efficiently as the Panama Canal work has been done, and no work could have been done from beginning to end more honestly or more efficiently."

WALL STREET HATES HIM

Roosevelt Says That Every Lion Is Expected to Do Duty.

ATLANTA, Ga., Dec. 10.—In a Washington special printed this morning in the Constitution, President Roosevelt is quoted as asserting that Wall Street hates him.

"When I go to Africa," said the President in talking to a party of Georgians who called upon him yesterday, "Wall Street expects every lion to do his duty. Wall Street hates me with fervid sincerity, not because of any general denunciation of railroads and corporations, but because I have done things since the President is quoted as saying that the does not need for a centralized government, but for recognition of the power already vested in the National Government, adding:

"If Congress will give me—and when I say me I mean the President, the National administration, the power to secure a thorough supervision of the financial affairs of railroads, to regulate the issuance of stock, to prevent stock watering and to insure publicity of all their affairs, with a due regard to legitimate trade secrets, it would settle the whole corporation question."

Urging the necessity of permitting reasonable combinations of capital, the President is quoted further as saying:

"If you should dam up the Mississippi River you would cause a flood and accomplish nothing thereby, but you can guide and restrain this immense water force by means of levees."

President Urges Panama Trip.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 10.—President Roosevelt has strongly urged members of the House committee on interstate foreign commerce to visit the Panama Canal region, and it practically has been decided to make the trip. The President, the Secretary of War and canal officials think the time has come for Congress to enact laws for the government of the canal zone. The trip will be made on a transport.

PANIC FOLLOWS TEBLOR

Earthquake in Italy Damages Church and Many Buildings.

MESSINA, Dec. 10.—Severe earth shocks at Mount Albano today caused a panic. The church and a number of buildings were badly damaged.

ALLEGES HAYES FOULED DORANDO

BROTHER OF ITALIAN RUNNER ACCUSES MARATHON VICTOR.

Says Two Will Never Meet Again Because of Action at Madison Square.

NEW YORK, Dec. 10.—(Special.)—At a reception given to the Italian runner Dorando, in the home of G. T. Conti, in Yonkers, Ulpiano Pietri, a brother of the great runner, made a sensational accusation against John J. Hayes, relative to the recent Madison-Square Garden race, and said that Dorando would not meet Hayes again on account of Hayes' ungentlemanlike action. The statement was made to Michael H. Driscoll, a prominent athlete of Yonkers. In it, Ulpiano said:

"My brother's victory over Johnny Hayes in Madison-Square Garden demonstrated his superiority and also showed that he was the real victor of the London Marathon. In the garden race Hayes deliberately fouled my brother twice, and also tried it every time he attempted to pass Dorando, who was forced either to step near the rail or be forced back. Because of this unfairness, Dorando will not meet Hayes again, and the rumor that they are to meet in a series of races is not true."

BIG TIMBER DEAL CLOSED

W. E. Boeing Pays \$450,000 for Tract Near Aberdeen.

ABERDEEN, Wash., Dec. 10.—(Special.)—One of the largest timber deals ever consummated in this county was the sale a few days ago of a tract of 1,000,000 feet of standing timber on the west branch of the Wishkah River by Congressman Fordney, of Michigan, who held a sixth interest, the heirs of B. Everett, to William E. Boeing. The purchase price was \$450,000. The deal was made by Eastern agents.

By this purchase Mr. Boeing becomes the owner of a section of timber lands in this county. He has been acquiring timber lands steadily during the past few years. Just prior to the deal he bought a section of timber lands in this county, and is now acquiring timber lands to give him lands containing an estimated total of 4,000,000 to 5,000,000 feet of standing timber. All of this is adjacent to the west branch of the Wishkah and is easily logged.

The lowest figure for stumpage is \$2.50 a thousand. This would bring the total value of the tract to \$1,250,000.

WILSON ADMITS STEALING

Boas Murder Suspect Confesses to Robbing Dead Employer.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 10.—J. Walter Wilson, who is held by the police on suspicion of having poisoned his former employer, Henry Boas, by means of strychnine sent through the mails, broke down today and confessed to Detective Gallagher that he was an embezzler. He admitted to the officer that he had collected numerous sums of money for Boas and had not accounted for his collection, but he could not fix the amount of his peculations.

He begged not to be prosecuted for embezzlement in case he was able to prove his innocence of the murder of Boas. The detective, however, would not promise immunity. Wilson also admitted that he had used an assumed name, but he strenuously denied having written the letter with which the poison sent to Boas was inclosed, despite the positive assertion of expert Kytky that it was penned by him.

CRAZY FROM LIFE IN NAVY

Man Who Would "Fix" Roosevelt Alleges Cruel Treatment.

NEW YORK, Dec. 10.—Mrs. Kolovitch, wife of a man taken from the Congressional limited train of the Pennsylvania road at Trenton last night, because of his remarks to passengers to the effect that he was going to see President Roosevelt, and that "it would not be well for him," stated today that her husband's apparent insanity is due to his treatment in the Navy.

He left the fleet, she said, at San Francisco last May, and some time later appeared at his home in this city physically and mentally a wreck. He told many stories of alleged cruel treatment. It was with regard to these matters he had said he wished to see the President.

CAT UPSETS GUN, BOY HURT

Accidental Discharge of Pistol May Cost Weiser Lad His Life.

WEISER, Idaho, Dec. 10.—(Special.)—A 10-year-old boy named Seavey, living in this city, was seriously wounded this morning by the accidental discharge of a .25-caliber revolver.

The revolver was lying on a shelf on a can. A house-cat got on the shelf and knocked the revolver to the floor. The gun was thus discharged, the bullet entering the boy's stomach and coming out at the back after passing through the liver.

The boy is at the hospital in a serious condition.

TUNNEL BEING FINISHED

Second Longest in Country Is on Western Pacific.

RENO, Nev., Dec. 10.—A special to the Gazette from Quincy, Cal., says that workmen this morning broke through the remaining walls of the new Western Pacific tunnel connecting the north and middle forks of the Feather River. The tunnel alignment is practically perfect. This tunnel, nearly two miles in length, is the longest on the Western Pacific and is said to be the second longest in the United States.

CONGRESS FUMES AT VICIOUS STAB

May Censure Roosevelt for Insult.

ABOUT SECRET SERVICE MEN

Restriction Adopted Because Members Watched.

PRESIDENT IS GLEEFUL

Enjoys Commotion, Saying Galled Jade Wins—Both Houses May Expunge Offensive Passage in Message From Record.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 10.—(Special.)—Congress, which feels that it has been insulted and outraged by President Roosevelt, is preparing to vindicate its honor by censuring the President for saying in his annual message that the members voted to prevent the usual detail of Secret Service men because they dreaded anything like investigation of themselves. Both branches of Congress are up in arms and the leaders are having difficulty in restraining the angry hotheads from making some petulant break.

Both Houses Will Act.

Senators propose that by resolution the objectionable statement of the President shall be expunged from the record. This would be an extraordinary proceeding, but Senators think it is justified by the character of the imputation carried by the President's words. There may be some discussion of the resolution, and in that case it is expected the President will come in for a sound rhetorical castigation.

In the House it is proposed to have a special committee appointed by the Speaker to consider the alleged affront offered by the President and to prepare a suitable resolution covering the case. Of this committee it is understood that Chairman Tawney, of the appropriations committee, will be the chairman, and this is fitting, because it was Mr. Tawney who put through the offensive provision last session which restricted the President's freedom of control of Secret Service officers and brought forth the so-called insult to Congress.

Members Shadowed in Capital.

At that time members of Congress said that by some one's order Secret Service officers had been shadowing Senators and Representatives, even going so far as to inquire into the social and private lives of the statesmen. This was savagely resented and the House adopted a provision designed to put a stop to such practices and the Senate concurred.

Mr. Roosevelt appears to be greatly enjoying the commotion his message has created and is not worrying about the programme of the Senators to censure

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STOCK COMPANY MEMBERS "BROKE"

TWO OF VON PLANK'S COMRADES UNDER ARREST.

Leading Woman Beats Board Bill and Another Female Member Cashes Bad Check.

BAKERSFIELD, Cal., Dec. 10.—(Special.)—"Broke" and strangled, with two of its members under arrest, is the fate of the Cunningham Stock Company, and a third member, Adria Von Plank, is lying at St. Clair Hospital, probably fatally wounded because of being found in his room with another man's wife.

The company showed here for two months with varying success, and the climax came today when it was learned by numerous creditors that Genevieve Cunningham, leading lady and manager of the troupe, had made her get-away by night. Gone with her were several of the company, including one Eleanor Thompson, who cashed a bad check at J. A. Hughes' drugstore for \$13 before she left. The Cunningham woman was arrested at Barstow for beating a board bill and Mrs. Thompson was arrested at Mojave. Both will be brought back to Bakersfield for trial, Sunday debs, amounting to about \$600, without counting back wages due to all her players, are owed by Miss Cunningham.

Young Von Plank, shot three times through the lungs, has a chance to recover if pneumonia does not develop.

LILLEY TREATED VOTERS

Governor-Elect Accused of Being a Good Fellow in Campaign.

NEW HAVEN, Conn., Dec. 10.—Governor-elect Lilley has been subpoenaed to answer the complaint that in the recent campaign here by himself or through a financial agent he violated the corrupt practices law.

The complaint alleges that Mr. Lilley or his agent, Colonel Mullane, distributed money through the saloonkeepers in Waterbury, for the purpose of treating electors on election day and also placed considerable sums with individuals in social clubs for "treating" purposes. The complaint further alleges that the sworn statement of Mr. Lilley's expenses does not set forth these expenditures.

Mr. Lilley's sworn statement showed that he spent over \$2,000 by financial Democratic opponent, Judge A. Heaton Robertson, sworn to having spent \$3,000 in his campaign, while the anti-Lilley Republicans spent \$15,000.

AUTO WRECKED; FIVE HURT

Machine Overturns on Curve in Golden Gate Park-Road.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 10.—Five persons were thrown from an automobile which was overturned on a sharp curve in Golden Gate Park early today. Though all but one were injured, no fatalities will result.

The injured: G. P. Wells, agent of the Neustadt Automobile Supply Company, badly shaken up; Mrs. C. P. Wells, severe bruises and other injuries; Miss C. Bogini, bookkeeper for the Neustadt Company, severely injured; Robert M. Lawson, manager of the same company, wrenching and abrasion of left leg.

That Wells, aged 6 years, escaped without injury.

All the occupants were hurled a considerable distance and thus escaped being struck by the collapsing car, which was completely wrecked.

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RUEF CONVICTED OF BRIBING FUREY

Trial Ended After 106 Days of Labor.

PENALTY MAY BE 14 YEARS

Crowd in Courtroom Gives Henny Great Ovation.

ACH CRIES INTIMIDATION

Jury Agrees After 24 Hours' Deliberation and Receives Judge's Warm Praise—All Demonstration in Court Suppressed.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 10.—Abraham Ruef, former political boss of San Francisco, was convicted today of bribery. The verdict was returned exactly upon the stroke of 4 o'clock, when the deliberations of the jury had been prolonged throughout a period of 24 hours. The day had almost passed without sign from the chamber of Carpenters' Hall. The hopes of Ruef and his attorneys had risen with every hour of the delay, and the adherents of the prosecution were proportionately discouraged.

Eager Crowd Receives Verdict.

With numbers and interest undiminished the hundreds of spectators who have clung about the courtroom during the closing days of the trial retained their seats in the chamber or stood patiently in a long line opposite the entrance, while a strong detail of police watched vigilantly for the first sign of disorder inside and patrolled every approach to the hall.

A few moments before 4 o'clock there was a stir of interest as Judge Lawlor left his chambers and assumed his seat upon the bench. Men and women rushed to secure the vacant places in the courtroom or thronged about the entrance. A bailiff rapped for order, and an intense silence prevailed in the chamber, with stillness in the galleries and its crowded lower floor. From within there came the tramp of the 12 men as they descended the stairway. Just before the door opened to permit their entry the stillness was broken by the voice of Judge Lawlor, who assured the gathering that any demonstration attempted would be visited with punishment of the most serious character.

The juryman had scarcely assumed their seats in the box before the brief proceedings were at an end. The judge

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MEAD'S MOTIVES TO BE REVEALED

WHY HE REFUSED TO EXTRADITE ARCHER TO JERSEY.

McIntosh Declares Requisition Regular and Says Jersey Detective Will Explain Refusal.

NEWARK, N. J., Dec. 10.—Prosecutor Mott has received a letter from Prosecutor Kenneth McIntosh, of King County, Wash., in regard to the failure of Governor Mead to recognize the requisition of Governor Post for the extradition and arrest of Elliott F. Archer, wanted here on a charge of forgery.

Mr. McIntosh declares that papers for Archer's extradition were in proper form and that Detective Godfrey did everything possible to get Archer, but that Governor Mead had refused to honor the requisition for reasons that Godfrey would explain when he reached home.

Mr. McIntosh further stated that he and the Attorney-General of the state were greatly chagrined over Governor Mead's action as they both advocated the turning over of Archer to Godfrey.

Governor Mead goes out of office on January 1 and another attempt may then be made to get Archer.

NORMAL GIRLS UP IN ARMS

Student Rebellion Threatens to Involve Faculty Members.

BELLINGHAM, Wash., Dec. 10.—(Special.)—Because they can't dance, can't attend any but school functions, can't receive callers more than two nights in the week, can't move without permission of the dean of women, and can't even embrace each other in the hallways of the building without being severely rebuked, the girls of the Bellingham State Normal are in a furor of indignation, and are threatening to take their woes before a faculty meeting and demand greater privileges. The spirit of revolt which has been brewing among them for some time has finally broken out openly, and they threaten to withdraw from school if the regulations are not made less stringent.

A faction among the faculty members, mostly young men teachers, is encouraging the rebels and secretly fighting what they characterize as the "czarism" of Dr. E. T. Mathis, the principal. The fact that two of the younger women teachers who attended a student dance frowned upon by Mathis, were called upon the carpet and told that they were "disgraced," has not added to the good feeling, and a first-class faculty row is threatened.

"The Normal has become a training school for old maids," said one of the girls in an interview today, and this sentiment is echoed by teachers in interviews given out.

GIRL WIFE TRIES SUICIDE

Jumps Into Bay After Quarrel With Spouse Over Mother's Authority.

BELLINGHAM, Wash., Dec. 10.—(Special.)—Because her mother-in-law assumed too much interest in their affairs, and because she bossed the boy husband and made home life disagreeable, pretty little 17-year-old Mrs. Amy Forest today attempted to commit suicide by jumping from a dock into the bay here. She was prevented by the prompt action of bystanders and was carried home weeping and disconsolate.

The girl was married only a few months ago to George Forest, aged 20 years. She now declares that married life is all a mistake. A trivial quarrel over the mother-in-law's influence is said to have occasioned her attempt to end her life.

PAJAMAS-MAN GETS THIEF

Covers Him With Gun While Wife in Nightgown Calls Police.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Dec. 10.—While her husband, slithering in his pajamas, held an alleged burglar at bay with a revolver, and because she bossed the boy husband and made home life disagreeable, pretty little 17-year-old Mrs. Amy Forest today attempted to commit suicide by jumping from a dock into the bay here. She was prevented by the prompt action of bystanders and was carried home weeping and disconsolate.

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EXPLOSION INJURES SIX

Premature Blast in Western Pacific Tunnel Near Shafter, Nevada.

SALT LAKE CITY, Utah, Dec. 10.—Six men were seriously injured this evening by the premature explosion of a blast in the Western Pacific tunnel between Star and Shafter, Nev.

News reached this city of the accident in a dispatch requesting aid. A relief left shortly afterwards over the Western Pacific. The tunnel work is being done by the Utah Construction Company. The names of the injured could not be obtained tonight.

Call Extra Session in Idaho.

BOISE, Idaho, Dec. 10.—The Idaho Supreme Court today recommended to Governor Gooding that the Idaho Legislature be called in special session December 23, for the purpose of reviewing the work of the Commission of Revision of the Idaho Code. It is understood that the Governor will act favorably upon the recommendation. The special session will probably convene a week previous to the regular session.

TAFT EXPRESSES FAITH IN CANNON

Confident of an Honest Tariff Revision.

HINTS POSSIBILITY OF VETO

If Senate Prevents Fulfillment of Party Pledge.

MEETS HOUSE COMMITTEE

Says Inquiry Is Thorough and Difference in Cost of Production at Home and Abroad Will Be Learned.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 10.—William H. Taft said tonight that it was his belief that the House would make an "honest and thorough revision of the tariff" at the extra session which he will call for that purpose. This belief he bases on a conference he had yesterday with Speaker Cannon and on a session today with the Republican members of the ways and means committee.

Mr. Taft said he had not as yet consulted Senators on the subject, indicating the tremendous pressure upon him time as the reason.

When the suggestion was made that the Senate would undoubtedly have something to do with the tariff bill, he replied with no uncertainty in his demeanor that there was some one else who would have something to do with the bill, which, interpreted through the medium of previous utterances, indicates clearly that Mr. Taft is determined, even to the exercise of the veto power, to execute the party's pledges.

Cannon for Honest Revision.

Mr. Taft dictated a statement which covered his interview late today with the Republican members of the committee with the exception of Representatives McCall, of Massachusetts, and Crumpacker, of Indiana. With the latter Mr. Taft had a satisfactory interview at Hot Springs.

He was asked the substance of the interview he had yesterday with the Speaker. His reply was that Mr. Cannon had said that he was in favor of an honest and thorough revision of the tariff in accordance with the party promises.

Find Difference in Cost.

"I had an interview with Mr. Cannon," said Mr. Taft, "and with his concurrence and, at the suggestion of a member of the ways and means committee, with the Republican members of that committee this afternoon. From my conversation with them and the discussion that followed as to the examination which they are now conducting and expect to conduct, I have only reason to be confident that they are keenly alive to the obligation which is on them, as Representatives

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