

JEROME

GO ON WITH SUIT

Federal Attorney to Help Him Get Evidence in Libel Case Against World.

ROOT MAY SEEK REDRESS

Federal Attorney Stimson Refuses to Give Up Government's Privilege of Prosecuting in Defense of Secretary's Good Name.

NEW YORK, Jan. 31.—United States District Attorney Henry L. Stimson made public tonight a letter in reply to one written by District Attorney Jerome on the subject of beginning an action for criminal libel in the state courts against the publishers of the New York World because of published charges regarding the Panama Canal purchase.

Mr. Stimson tells Mr. Jerome to go ahead. Mr. Jerome had asked if action in the state courts on behalf of Douglas Robinson, the President's brother-in-law, would be an unwelcome interference with the actions begun under Federal jurisdiction.

Mr. Stimson answers this question negatively, but does not state that the Federal inquiries or prosecutions will cease if Mr. Jerome begins an action.

Jealous of Federal Rights. It is apparent that while the Federal authorities concede to Mr. Jerome the right to appear as the protector of Douglas Robinson's good name, they reserve to themselves the privilege of acting in defense of the reputation of a gentleman who occupied the position of head of the War Department in any Federal jurisdiction where the case applies.

The reference to the "gentleman who occupied the position of head of the War Department" probably refers to Ellhu Root, who was the secretary of the War Department during the negotiations which were completed.

Mr. Stimson's letter says: "My Dear Sir: I have received your letter of January 26, the serious publications in the New York World to which you refer have for some time been under my consideration. These publications, which I consider with you in considering libelous, appear to have been circulated by the newspaper in a number of distinct and independent jurisdictions, and independent charges reflecting upon the personal character of a number of men, of whom some are in public life, and some are private citizens. In each of these jurisdictions, under well-known principles of law, each of these publications would constitute a separate offense, and as it happens in this case each offense is characterized by distinct and peculiar features.

Your letter makes clear the offense against the laws of New York state, constituted by the attack upon the reputation of Mr. Robinson. The circulation of similar charges of personal corruption or dishonesty against a gentleman who occupies the position of head of the War Department, among the officers and men of the Army, resident upon the military reservations in my district or among the residents of the District of Columbia, where the War Department is situated, may well engage the attention of the officials whose duty it is to enforce the law in these localities.

Promises to Help Jerome. "In accordance with your request, I have conferred with the Attorney General. In answer, therefore, to your query as to whether a prosecution on your part as to the alleged libel upon Mr. Robinson would be regarded as an unwelcome interference with a matter over which the Federal courts have jurisdiction and in which action has already been taken by the Federal authorities, I beg to assure you that such action on your part will in no wise be regarded as such an interference, but, on the contrary, we shall regard it as our duty to co-operate with you in all proper and lawful ways.

In these several jurisdictions the truth of the alleged libels would in the present case constitute a complete defense to the prosecution. Since such a defense is attempted it is manifestly of the utmost importance that questions as to the truth or falsity of the publications should be presented to the court in the light of the fullest possible evidence, and be settled for all time beyond the possibility of a doubt.

You may, therefore, be assured of my cordial co-operation in bringing to light all facts relating to this transaction. Very respectfully,
HENRY L. STIMSON,
United States Attorney."

CONTROL LIQUOR SHIPPING

Langley of Kentucky Will Introduce Anti-Saloon League Bill.

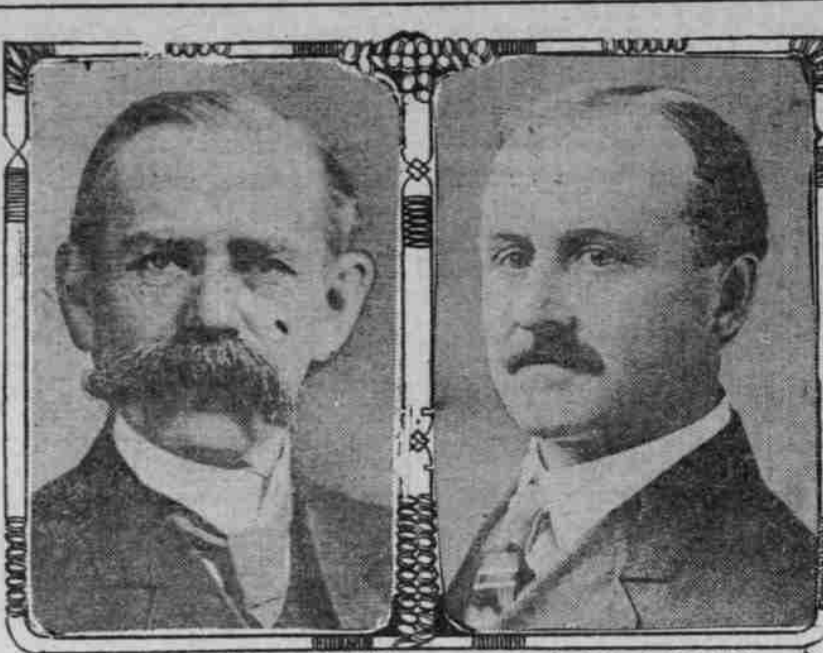
WASHINGTON, Jan. 31.—Representative Langley, of Kentucky, will introduce on Monday the Interstate Liquor Shipment Bill, prepared by the Anti-Saloon League of America, to obviate the objection of unconstitutionality urged against the Littlefield bill. The objection to the latter was that it made interstate shipments of liquor subject to state law immediately upon crossing the boundary, which was claimed by its opponents to be an attempted delegation of Congressional power, and therefore unconstitutional. The new measure provides for direct exercise of Congressional power, by itself prohibiting the shipment or transportation of liquor to any state, territory or district of the United States, or part of the same, where such shipment could not legally be made within the same. It is designed to protect bona fide prohibition states and dry territory within local option states.

POPULACE TO BE EXCLUDED

Seats for Only 4000 at Lincoln Centenary Celebration.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Jan. 31.—Only the number of people who can be crowded into a great tent, 4000 in all, will be permitted to witness, near Hodgenville, Ky., February 12, the exercises in commemoration of the centenary of Abraham Lincoln's birthday. President Roosevelt, Cardinal Gibbons, Bishop Galloway, Ambassadors Jusserand and Bryce, Senator Dillier, and ex-Governor Folk will make addresses. The cornerstone of the memorial hall is to be laid by the President.

SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION WILL SEND THREE MEN WITH ROOSEVELT ON AFRICAN TRIP



MR. J. ALDEN LORING

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 30.—(Special.)—The above are photographs of the three representatives of the Smithsonian Institution on Mr. Roosevelt's African hunting trip. The Roosevelt party will start from New York next March and spend about a year on African soil. The natural history specimens gathered by the party will be deposited by the Smithsonian Institution in the United States National Museum. A short biography of each representative follows: Lieutenant-Colonel Edgar A. Mearns, a retired officer of the Medical Corps of the Army, about 53 years of age, will be the physician of the trip and have charge of the Smithsonian portion of the party. He has had 25 years' experience as an army doctor and is also well known as a naturalist and collector of natural history specimens.

Mr. Alden Loring is a field naturalist, whose training comprises service in the biological survey of the Department of Agriculture and in the Bronx Zoological Park, New York City, as well as on numerous collecting trips through British America, Mexico and the United States. He is about 38 years old, of ardent temperament and intensely energetic. In August, September and October, 1898, he made the highest record for a traveling collector, having sent in to the United States National Museum 49 well-prepared specimens of small mammals in the three-month journey from London through Sweden, Germany, Switzerland and Belgium.

Edmund Heller, a graduate of Stanford University, class of 1901, is a thoroughly trained naturalist, whose special work will be the preparation and preservation of specimens of large animals. Mr. Heller is about 30 years of age. His former experience, when associated with D. G. Elliot and Mr. Achley, at the Field Columbian Museum, in collecting big game animals in the same portions of Africa

which Mr. Roosevelt will visit, will be a valuable asset to the expedition. Mr. Heller has had large experience in animal collecting in Alaska, British Columbia, United States, Mexico, Central America and South America. In the year 1898 he made a collecting trip of 11 months to the Galapagos Islands, starting from San Francisco. He is a born and enthusiastic collector, as well as a well-equipped naturalist. He is also the author of scientific papers on mammals, birds, reptiles and fishes. At present he is assistant curator of the Museum of Vertebrate Zoology of the University of California.

The joint committee in a set of resolutions warmly thanked the Seattle Chamber of Commerce for exerting its efforts to bring about a settlement of the fisheries disputes.

Washington's Attorney-General bases his opinion that an interstate treaty would be legal on Section 19, Article 2, of the Federal Constitution, as follows:

"No state shall, without the consent of Congress, lay any duty of tonnage, keep troops or ships of war in times of peace, enter into agreement or compact with any other state or with a foreign power to engage in war unless actually involved in such imminent danger as will not admit of delay."

MUCH DONE, SAYS BINGHAM

Legislation Hereafter to Be for Fish Instead of Fishermen.

Senator J. H. Bingham, chairman of the Joint Fisheries Commission, returned to Portland last night. Other members of the commission will return today. They are: Senators W. T. Schafeldt, H. D. Norton and N. S. Knott; Representatives J. C. Smith, J. C. McCue, R. S. Farrell and H. C. Dodds.

"Progress toward settling the fish controversy advanced at this conference further than it has ever done," said Senator Bingham last night. "One thing of great importance was decided upon. That is that legislation will hereafter be enacted in behalf of the fish, instead of the fishermen."

"Our commission accomplished the purpose of its appointment at this conference. The Washington Legislature has passed a joint resolution that will probably come before the Oregon Legislature this week. It asks the Oregon Legislature to concur in appointing a commission in both houses to make suggestions not only in regard to fish legislation, but to other matters that may come up for settlement between the States of Oregon and Washington."

"The resolution further asks that it be submitted to Congress, and that its terms be made operative for a certain number of years."

Drunkard Affrights Pedestrians.

Leaning against a telegraph pole at Sixteenth and Raleigh streets last night, Jack Digness, a drunk laborer, living in a rooming-house on Grand avenue, grasped a revolver of large caliber and flourished it threateningly at passersby. Women who passed were thrown into hysterics by the reckless antics of the drink-crazed man, and their cries drew the attention of Patrolman Humphries. The policeman arrested the revolver-wielder and found the weapon unloaded, although cartridges for it were found in his pocket. The man was locked up in the City Jail.

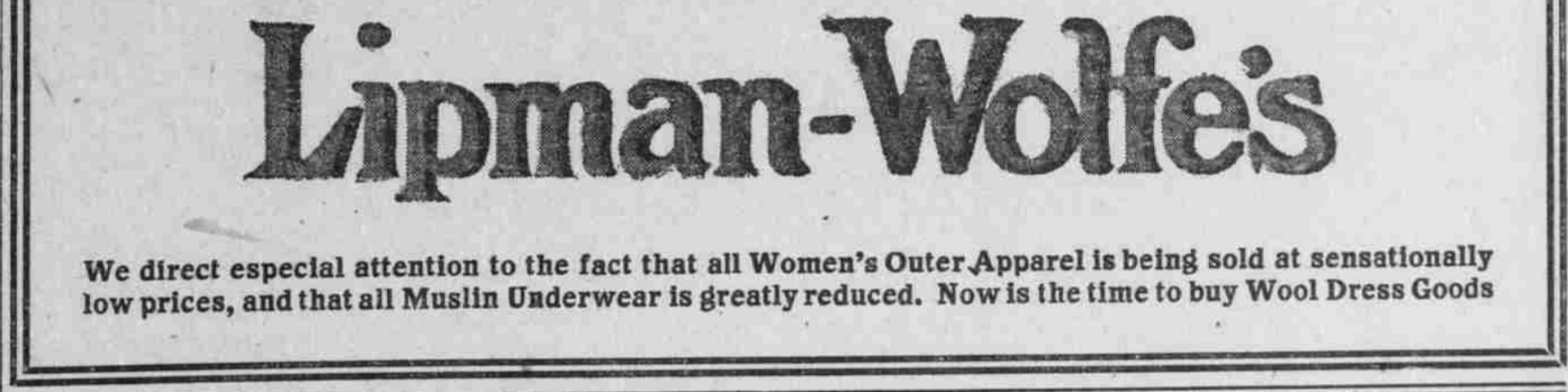
FAILING EYESIGHT RESTORED

The foremost physicians and oculists of London, Vienna and Berlin declare the Thompson method of sight testing the greatest discovery made in Optometry in the twentieth century. One charge covers the entire cost of eye examinations, glasses and frames.

MEET ME AT BILERS TODAY BIG SALE NOW ON

—Now for the final week of this Big Annual Clearance Sale. Final reductions have been made on goods in all departments. You can buy at lower prices this week than for many months to come.

—Some of the most extraordinary of today's sales events are advertised in our full-page Sunday announcements. Several are unusual clearance events that come only once a year.



We direct especial attention to the fact that all Women's Outer Apparel is being sold at sensationally low prices, and that all Muslin Underwear is greatly reduced. Now is the time to buy Wool Dress Goods

NOT PREPARED YET

Governor-General Smith Gives Advice to Filipinos.

MANILA, Feb. 1.—The Philippine Assembly opened today with simple ceremonies, President Osmena presiding. The first business to come before the body was the annual message to the Assembly of Governor-General James F. Smith, which read, in part, as follows:

"My last word to the Filipinos is that until the great majority and not a small minority of the citizens are prepared to make intelligent use of the franchise; until democratic usages and customs have permeated throughout the population, and become a part of the daily life of the people; until the power of unconscionable agitators and demagogues is broken; until education has created a just public sympathy that specious arguments and false doctrines cannot destroy; until a citizen has not only the power to judge but also the courage to act for himself, the best future of the islands lies with the land which has given the Filipinos freedom of speech; liberty of the press; freedom of worship; the right of the accused to meet witnesses against him face to face; the exercise of the franchise; free schools; autonomy in municipal and provincial affairs; the right to participate in making laws through the Assembly, and many

ISLAND ASSEMBLY OPENED

Says Natives Should Continue Under Rule of United States—Urges Closer Unity—Raps Conditions of Manila City Government.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 31.—The cold wave continues to hold that part of the country east of the Mississippi within its grasp, but although low temperatures occurred, freezing temperature being recorded as far South as Central Florida, fair weather conditions have prevailed generally.

WARMER CONDITIONS REPORTED WEST OF THE MISSISSIPPI

The provincial government, Governor Smith pronounced to be entirely satisfactory. The annual report on the revenues of the islands shows a decline of about a million pesos (about \$500,000) for 1908 under the figures of 1907.

COLD WAVE STILL GRIPS

Low Temperature Recorded East of Mississippi.

TRUSSES

Our Truss Department is the largest in the Northwest, and naturally we carry the most varied line. We employ a corps of experienced lady and gentleman fitters—and guarantee fit. Private fitting-rooms provided. Prices \$1.50, \$2.50, \$3.50, \$5.00 and up.

Woodard, Clarke Co. Portland, Oregon.

FAIRPORT

PACKING-HOUSE PROPERTY, IN THE HEART OF THE PENINSULA, ADJOINING THE SWIFT TOWNSITE—KENTON. LOTS \$250, \$10 DOWN AND \$10 A MONTH—301-2 CORBETT BLDG.

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THOMPSON Second Floor Corbett Bldg., Fifth and Main

PLUMS ARE ANXIETY

Speculation Over Chairmanships of Next House.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 31.—With the convening of a new Congress scarcely more than a month distant, the selection of standing committees of the next House and particularly the award of chairmanships has become the subject of keen speculation.

GOOD PLACES VACANT

Rule of Seniority Will Prevail Where Practicable, but Vacancies Will Obviate This in Some Cases—Many Problems Arise.

The understanding among members is that the rule of seniority will be used in the selection of a chairman. There are, however, important committees whose chairmen will not be members of the next

HOUSE AND THE SELECTION OF THEIR SUCCESSORS IS CAUSING NO LITTLE SPECULATION.

Good Places Vacant. Among these committees are those on the judiciary, of which Mr. Jenkins of Wisconsin is chairman; interstate and foreign commerce, of which Colonel Hepburn of Iowa, is chairman; rivers and harbors, Senator-elect Burton, chairman; and postoffices and post-roads, Mr. Overstreet of Indiana, chairman. These are four of the most important committees of the House and the chairmanship of each is highly prized.

Representative Alexander of Buffalo, N. Y., will be the ranking member of the committee on rivers and harbors after Senator Burton takes his seat in the Senate.

RIVERS AND HARBORS IN WEST.

With the renewed agitation in the Middle West for waterway improvement, there has sprung up a keen desire to keep the chairmanship of the rivers and harbors committee in that territory and the Western members want Representative James H. Davidson of Wisconsin.

Unless Colonel Hepburn of Iowa decides to contest for his seat in the House and the chairmanship of the committee on interstate and foreign commerce is left vacant on that account, there will be a big problem to be solved in that committee. The ranking member below Mr. Hepburn is James S. Sherman, Vice-President-elect. Next comes Wanger of Pennsylvania and Mann of Illinois, respectively.

It is generally conceded that Representative Perkins of New York will succeed Mr. Cousins of Iowa as chairman of the committee on foreign affairs.

Save money at Rosenthal's shoe sale

ROWING IN SOAP LAKE

Leaves a Trail of Soapy Bubbles--Oars Whip Up a Lather.

HOW COWBOYS CLEANSE SADDLES

Just Drop Them in the Lake—The Marvellous Waters Restore Color, Softness and Life to Leather.

Soap Lake, Douglas County, Washington, has appropriately been christened the "eighth wonder of the world." Nature has created nothing similar to it. It is the one body of water that, besides being highly mineralized, possesses a soapy consistency. From time immemorial its peculiar properties have been known to animals and aborigines—Indians and cowboys. It has been their resort for bodily ills. Drinking its waters and bathing in its natural lather has restored health to countless thousands, who have worn deep paths to and from its banks, throughout aeons of time, visiting its shores to partake of its magic benefits.

A TRIP ON THE LAKE

Surrounded by bleak desert scenery—at the bottom of the desolate Grand Coulee, which, geologists say, was once the bed of the mighty Columbia, the lake looks from a distance like any one of many other pools scattered through the length of the coulee. If a wind is blowing, however, one of its peculiar characteristics manifests itself. The whipping of the wind on the waters creates whitecaps that grow whiter as the wind lasts, until their foamy whiteness almost covers the end of the lake toward which the breeze is blowing. Gradually this foam accumulates into fleecy billows, that pile up on the shore, high and light. The foam is LATHER. A breeze on Soap Lake whips up acres of lather—more lather than all the barbers of America beat up in a year of whipping shaving pots.

LEAVES A LATHERY TRAIL

The experience of rowing on the lake is one never to be forgotten. Every stroke of the oars whips up a lathery foam, which lays on the water for a mile behind. The gliding of the boat through the water creates tiny bubbles—genuine soap bubbles—which glisten in the wake of the boat like an endless chain of opals. The water has a peculiar consistency that is felt with every dip of the oar.

THROW THEIR SADDLES IN

For many years the cowboys of the Big Bend Country have had an easy method of keeping their saddles clean and lustrous. They just throw them in Soap Lake, and leave them there for a short time. The waters penetrate and dissolve all the discolorations, restore life to the leather and, upon evaporation, leave it bright and soft.

EFFECT ON HUMAN BODY

These marvelous waters, as has been advertised, have a remarkable restorative effect upon the human skin—both inside and outside. Taken internally, the waters restore the mucous membrane. Externally, they soften and purify the skin, gradually inducing a wholesome, sound, healthy condition. The waters have also a wholesome effect on the blood. They supply a lack that the ailing human system requires. Records of hundreds and hundreds of cures are on our files, and that thousands have been benefited by the waters is attested by the fact that wherever placed on sale the Soap Lake remedies have brought repeat orders from enthusiastic users and friends to whom they have recommended them.

Soap Lake waters are sold in various forms, the favorites being Soap Lake Salts, Soap Lake Soap, Soap Lake Salve and Soap Lake Liniment. Watch the advertising, and ask your druggist.

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If your druggist doesn't have Soap Lake Soap in stock, send us his name; we will send you free sample for your courtesy, and will inform you where you can purchase this soap.

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