

MEYER AMBUSHED AT MAXIM

Tells President Criticisms of Powder Are Unworthy of Consideration.

MAXIM DECLARED IGNORANT

Secretary Says He Knows Nothing of Powder Used in Navy and Denies It Causes Explosions of Big Guns, as Asserted.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—Statements made by Sir Hiram Maxim, who wrote President Taft on October 25 that gun explosions in the United States Army and Navy were due to the form of powder grain in use, were characterized as "unworthy of serious consideration." In a letter to the President from Secretary of the Navy Meyer, made public today.

Maxim Ignorant of Subject.

"It is considered," says Mr. Meyer, "unwarranted to carry out further experiments desired by Sir Hiram Maxim and that his statements in relation to smokeless powder are unworthy of serious consideration, except as to their misrepresentations, and the evil effects of their wide publicity on those unacquainted with this subject."

In regard to Sir Hiram Maxim's statement that he "has had great experience and knows what he is talking about," Mr. Meyer says Sir Hiram Maxim "is ignorant of the type of smokeless powder used by the United States Government and it is quite probable he has very little or no experience with it, however familiar he may be with nitroglycerine or cordite powders."

The letter also declares that, although Sir Hiram Maxim claims to be the inventor of the type of smokeless powder used by the United States Navy, it was developed by the United States Navy at the naval torpedo station, Newport, R. I., and used in the naval service since 1898.

Explosions Not Due to Powder.

"The broad statement of Sir Hiram Maxim," continues Mr. Meyer, "that the gun accidents of the United States Navy are due to multi-perforated powder grains, is shown to be untrue from evidence not at all connected with the details of the grain. When the composition of the grain are considered, there is additional evidence to show that these elements are not the cause of the explosions in any degree."

BRIGADIER-GENERAL WILLIAM CROCKER'S MEMORANDUM SUPPORTS THE CONTENTION OF MR. MEYER WITH REGARD TO MILITARY EXPERIMENTS WITH SMOKELESS POWDER.

It is indicated that since the introduction of smokeless powder in the military service, but one large gun has burst, and only two or three field gun accidents have occurred, these being ascribed to other causes.

STRAUS IS DENIED PARDON

Portland Postal Clerk Must Serve Out Term in Prison.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—President Taft has denied the application for the pardon of Charles A. Straus, serving a sentence of imprisonment, having been convicted of the embezzlement of funds in the Portland Postoffice.

Straus commenced to serve his term in the County Jail January 4, 1910. The term was 18 months, which would run to July 4 next. But the Government allows five days a month for good behavior, so that Straus' term will expire about April 5. He had charged of the stamp receipts of the Portland Postoffice, until June, 1908, when he was allowed a vacation because of the bad condition of his eyes. In a short time a shortage was discovered, amounting to \$4000. Straus insisted that the books were all right when he left the office and was unable to point out where the money had gone or where the error, if such there was, had occurred.

He was convicted of failing to deposit money which he received in his official capacity. This is held by the Federal law to be embezzlement.

JACKLING QUILTS, ANGRY

Mining Magnate Withdraws From Salt Lake Herald-Republic.

SALT LAKE CITY, Dec. 28.—Daniel C. Jackling, general manager of the Utah Copper Company, today announced his withdrawal from the Herald-Republic Publishing Company and his resignation as president and director of the company. In a caustic letter to the board of directors he says:

"My frequent and vigorous protests against certain policies for features and articles which have become a part of the publication of your newspaper have been sufficient evidence to you of my dissatisfaction with the conduct and of my belief that I have not enjoyed the consideration I had every good reason to expect."

Mr. Jackling is reputed to be the heaviest individual stockholder in the publication. Senator Smoot is among the stockholders.

PENNSY PAYS 7 PER CENT

Western Lines of System Increase Their Profits.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 28.—The Pennsylvania Company, owner of the Pennsylvania Railroad's lines west of Pittsburg, today declared a semi-annual dividend of 4 per cent, making a total for the year of 7 per cent. In 1909 a total dividend of 8 per cent was paid. The total dividend disbursement will be greater than last year, however, because of an increase in capital stock, made within the year.

Big Fishing Schooner Under Way.

TOLEDO, O., Dec. 28.—(Special.)—The Modern Improvement Company of this place began the construction today of a deep-sea fishing schooner. It is to be 60 feet long and 14 feet beam and will be equipped with both sail and power.

SECRETARY OF NAVY AND INVENTOR WHOSE CRITICISM OF AMERICAN NAVAL POWDER HE DISREPUTES.



GEORGE VON L. MEYER.

CLERK AIDS BURKE

Dillard Thinks Enemy of Doctor's Dynamited Tent.

LETTER SHOWS FRIENDSHIP

Missive Introduced to Show That Dillard Changed Ideas About Sanitarium Proprietor and Parentage of Smith Child.

SANTA ROSA, CAL., Dec. 28.—D. W. Dillard, clerk at the Burke sanitarium, made admissions valuable to the defense in the trial of Dr. Willard Burke this afternoon. His testimony, under cross-examination, is regarded as substantiating the theory that an enemy of Burke, at the sanitarium, dynamited La Rita Smith's tent.

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Dillard testified that before the explosion, Dr. Burke had on three occasions said to him that he had orders from Dr. Burke to prevent Miss Smith from leaving his sanitarium, and that the woman had attempted to get away on several occasions.

The witness said that he warned the physician to take precautions to prevent the suicide of Miss Smith, and Dr. Burke had said that he did not believe that she would try it.

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The witness checked by the Court. The witness denied that he was discharged from the Lyon Springs Sanitarium for gross immorality. The Court refused to allow the defense to go further into the details of the charge.

JAPANESE ASSAULT CONSUL

Williamson of Dainy Attacked by Two Brown Men.

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—A special dispatch to the Evening Telegram from Tokyo, Japan, states that the American Vice-Consul at Dainy, Manchuria, Adolph A. Williamson, was assaulted at a fine market in Dainy last Friday by several Japanese and Chinese.

It is said the affair will be reported to the State Department.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—News of an assault by two Japanese upon Adolph A. Williamson, American Vice-Consul at Dainy, in Manchuria, reached the State Department nearly a week ago, but his message indicated that he had sustained no hurt, and made light of the affair. The State Department has taken no action.

LAST SURVIVOR PASSING

Mrs. A. A. Denny, of Seattle, Is Ill; Condition Critical.

SEATTLE, Wash., Dec. 28.—(Special.)—The illness of Mrs. A. A. Denny, widow of the late Arthur A. Denny, one of the founders of the City of Seattle, who is the last survivor of the first party of white women that came to Seattle in 1851, has reached a critical stage.

She landed at Alki Point November 12, 1851, and assisted her husband to carve out a home in the wilderness. Mrs. Denny, the daughter of an old family of Tennessee, was born in Nashville in 1822.

Bogota Buys Out Americans.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—The final payment by the City of Bogota to the American owners of its street railroad was made yesterday and the road now is the property of the municipality. This terminates a source of constant

TETRAZZINI OFF NORTH

Divas Starts For Portland Blessed By Bay City.

With Tears in Eyes and Emotion in Voice, She Hears Mayor's Words of Thanks and Praise.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 28.—(Special.)—"Good-bye and God bless you all." With tears in her eyes and emotion choking her, Tetrazzini threw a kiss to San Francisco this morning at 11:20 o'clock at the Ferry building and left the city for Portland. Thousands were gathered about to get a last glimpse of the diva who sang at Lotta's fountain under the clear skies to 250,000 admirers on Christmas eve.

On the boat that carried Tetrazzini across the bay were hundreds of persons who went merely to get a last glimpse of the diva, and at the station in Oakland there were more thousands to wave farewell to her on the Shasta Limited that carried the singer to Portland. It left the Oakland mole on time, 11:20 o'clock.

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NEW MOVE ON TO HURD BALLINGER

Insurgents Wish to Force Him to Pass on Cunningham Cases Himself.

KEEP THEM OUT OF COURT

Purpose Is to Embarrass Taft and Ballinger by Driving Secretary to Cancel Entries Without Regard to Merits.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Dec. 28.—According to Pinchot press agents, a plan has been evolved by some of the insurgents in Congress to force the Secretary of the Interior to cancel the Cunningham coal entries, regardless of the record and the facts. In brief, this plan is to prevent the passage of a bill recommended both by Secretary Ballinger and by President Taft, referring these entries to the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia for decision.

It will be recalled that Mr. Ballinger, in his annual report, expressed the opinion that the Cunningham cases should be decided by the courts rather than by his department, as in that way there would be no ground for alleging that the decision was biased. The President concurred in this opinion, and so stated in his annual message to Congress, and specifically he asked that Congress pass a law to this effect.

Aim to Put Ballinger in Hole.

But the insurgent enemies of Mr. Ballinger (and they are also enemies of Mr. Taft) have come to the conclusion, after much deliberation, that a court decision will not satisfy them. For the court may hold, after reviewing the evidence, that the Cunningham entries have a valid claim and should receive title to the land. The anti-Ballinger and anti-Taft men do not want the Cunningham cases to get this land; they care nothing as to whether they have or have not established their right to patent. But by opposing the legislation urged by the President and his Secretary of the Interior, the insurgents hope not only to prevent issuance of patent by the courts, but also to force the Secretary of the Interior to cancel the entries, not because of any lack of merit, but because they think he would not dare pass them to patent and bring down on the administration the further curses of the Pinchot partisans.

Not very long ago these same insurgents, and others whose opinions coincide with theirs, were howling because the Cunningham cases were to be finally passed upon by Mr. Ballinger. When the Ballinger-Pinchot inquiry started, it was declared that Mr. Ballinger was not a safe or proper person to pass upon entries of such vast importance. Then it was proposed to remove Mr. Ballinger from office, and let some new secretary, preferably the supposed James R. Garfield, come in and dispose of the Cunningham entries.

But in one brief year these men have completely changed front, and are now demanding that the Cunningham cases be decided by the Secretary of the Interior rather than by the courts.

Personal Animosity at Bottom.

It is infamous work, and has been from the start. Personal animosity is at the bottom of it, and the primary object of the Pinchot faction now is to bring about the removal of Mr. Ballinger. Their investigation failed to produce evidence that would justify his retirement; he himself proposed a method of settling the Cunningham cases in a way that would avoid all suspicion and insure justice to all parties concerned, and now that very method is rejected. There is no evidence making this fight against the Secretary of the Interior.

On the other hand, there is very strong evidence of the lack of character of Representative Hitchcock, of Nebraska, who has all along been one of the foremost opponents of Mr. Ballinger. Time and again he has made charges which he could not substantiate; he used his Ballinger fight to help himself into the Senate, and now he is going to ridiculous extremes, not that he hopes or expects to accomplish anything, but that he hopes to make more cheap political capital. Just before Congress adjourned, Mr. Hitchcock introduced a resolution requesting the President to suspend all action "looking to the transfer of coal lands in Alaska."

Mr. Hitchcock knew, and all informed men in Congress know, that Mr. Ballinger, there can be no action looking to the transfer of coal lands in Alaska, for all existing entries to such lands have been withdrawn from entry, and this precludes the making of any new filings.

Thus the Hitchcock resolution proves to be a bomb, and it is on a par with other moves by the prospective Senator from Nebraska. And yet it was with just such material that Mr. Hitchcock was able to carry the Nebraska primaries, and having fooled the voters once, he is proceeding on the theory that he can fool the people of the entire country. In reality he is merely trying, as are other Republican insurgents, to embarrass further both the President and Mr. Ballinger.

MICHIGAN HIT BY STORM

North Central States Have Heavy Fall of Snow.

CHICAGO, Dec. 28.—A wet, heavy snow, melting in the territory to the south into a heavy downpour of rain, swept over the North Central States early today.

Milwaukee and Lansing, Mich., were at the north end of the storm belt and heavy snow to a depth of seven to 10 inches was reported.

The weather was broken by a general rain fall last night.

Alarm Felt for Polar Ship.

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—Dispatches received from Brigus, N. F., by Herbert L. Bridgman, president of the Peary Arctic Club, have aroused grave fears as to the safety of the schooner Jeannie. She has not been heard from for several months, and the belief is that she must be either lost or frozen up in some port in Labrador or in Hudson's Bay.

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COMPROMISE IS IN SIGHT

Employees Ask for 15 Per Cent More, Roads Offer 8 to 10 Per Cent, and Latter Figures Are Likely to Be Accepted.

CHICAGO, Dec. 28.—(Special.)—Managers of 61 Western railroads and representatives of the trainmen, conductors, baggage-men and flagmen on these lines are said to be making rapid and satisfactory progress in the settlement of wage demands.

Formal notice was handed the managers yesterday of the demands of the men, which average about 15 per cent increase. Today the managers sent back their formal reply, which is understood, offers a scale increase of 8 and 10 per cent. It was the feeling tonight around both headquarters that this would be the basis of settlement, as it is the halfway mark between what the men demand and what the railroads first offered.

All the communications between the union representatives and the managers are carefully guarded, as it is desired to avoid excitement throughout the country over the talk of strike, such as marked the negotiations between the roads and the engineers, where a gigantic strike was averted at the last minute, after both sides and the Government mediator had abandoned hope of peace.

In the present case there is no thought of strike or even of an appeal to the Government arbiters. Both sides are anxious to have the scale adjusted before the new year and everything, it is thought, will be signed not later than Saturday.

CARNEGIE HELPS MUSEUM

Christmas Gift to Pittsburg Institution Exceeds All Precedent.

PITTSBURG, Dec. 28.—At the annual meeting of the American Society of Paleontology today in Carnegie Institute, Dr. W. J. Holland, director of the Carnegie Museum of Pittsburg, in discussing the assistance rendered to science by men of wealth, said that Andrew Carnegie had been more liberal than ever before in his Christmas remembrance to the museum, which is maintained wholly by Mr. Carnegie. The amount of the gift was not stated.

W. H. Dall, curator of the National Museum at Washington, was elected president and R. S. Blaser, of Washington, was re-elected secretary. Dr. Charles E. Eastman, of Cambridge, Mass., will continue as editor.

PACKERS STILL SEEK DELAY

Objection Entered to Dismissal of Injunction Suit.

CHICAGO, Dec. 28.—Attorneys for the indicted meat packers who are accused of having formed in the National Packing Company, a trust for restraint of

VINTAGE CHAMPAGNES

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WASHINGTON ISLE QUAKES

Houses Shake and Cause Residents to Hurry Outdoors.

SEATTLE, Wash., Dec. 28.—Two distinct earthquake shocks were felt on Washington Island, situated in Puget Sound between Seattle and Tacoma late today.

The first shock was felt at 6:30 o'clock and the second a minute later. The earthquake shook the houses and caused the residents to hurry outdoors, but no damage was done.

THOMPSON'S KRYPTOK

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It used to be true that bifocal glasses were troublesome and old-looking, and trying to the eyes. It is not true of Kryptok—the new bifocals that look and wear like plain glasses, but give perfect near-and-far vision.

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