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BONI'S PLEA TO VATICAN IS VAIN

Annulment of Marriage to Anna Denied.

EX-WIFE HOPED FOR DECREE

American Duchess Offers No Opposition to Request.

CHURCH SUMMARIZES CASE

De Castellane Expects to Return to Rome in January to Bring Up New Points — Former Miss Gould Issues Statement.

ROME, Dec. 26.—The Vatican has declined to grant Count Boni de Castellane an annulment of his marriage with Anna Gould, who is now the Duchess of Talleyrand and Sagan. Countess de Castellane was granted a divorce from her husband and given the custody of their three children November 14, 1906.

About a year ago Count Boni applied to the Vatican for annulment of the marriage.

For several months the Congregation of the Council has had under advisement the process received from the Archbishopric of Paris concerning the case.

Pope Hears Details.

When Monsignor Amette, Archbishop of Paris, came to Rome recently to receive the red hat, he gave the Pope and Cardinal Genarri, Prefect of the Congregation of the Council, all the details in his possession concerning the case.

Count Boni came to Rome December 20 for the purpose of using all possible influence to obtain his object. In this he was not opposed by the Duchess of Talleyrand. The decision of the Congregation of the Council, however, which was communicated to him yesterday, rejected his petition for the annulment.

Church Summarizes Denial.

The ground on which the application was denied was summarized as follows:

"A marriage celebrated and consummated, if performed according to the law of the church, as it was in the case of the Castellane-Gould marriage, is indissoluble. There are certain impediments which, if existing before the marriage, can prevent its celebration, or if celebrated in ignorance of them, render the marriage invalid, in which case the church can proclaim that the union of the parties never in reality existed. But in the arguments brought forward by De Castellane, no such impediments have been shown."

Boni Goes Back to Paris.

Count Boni departed tonight for Paris. He expects to return to Rome about the middle of January. It is thought he will bring forward new points on which to base another application for annulment.

While Count de Castellane was endeavoring to secure the annulment of the marriage his ex-wife, the Duchess of Talleyrand and Sagan, made public the following statement:

"I hope the Count will succeed, as that would free me from all moral obligation to bring up the children in their father's religion."

STAMPS ON PACKAGE $40.82

Huge Parcel Sent by Mail From Seattle to Melbourne.

SEATTLE, Wash., Dec. 26.—(Special.)—What is announced by C. I. Lynch, superintendent of mails of the Seattle postoffice, probably to be the largest single piece of mail ever handled at the local office was forwarded today to Melbourne, Australia, in the shape of a package having an area of 25 square feet.

The bundle is encased in a wooden frame 5 feet long by 5 feet wide and several inches thick. A large painting is believed to be the contents, although the exact nature has not been disclosed by the sender to the postal authorities. Forty stamps, each of the $1 denomination, and several minor stamps, representing a cost of $40.82, were required to pay postage on the package, going as first-class mail. The total weight is 82 pounds.

RATE REDUCTION IS MADE

Lumber Shipments From Washington to Denver Carried Cheaper.

SEATTLE, Wash., Dec. 26.—Announcement was made today of a freight rate reduction of 10 cents a hundred pounds on lumber shipments from Western Washington to Denver and points in that territory. This is one of the deepest rate cuts ever made on forest products. The new rate, which will go into effect the latter part of January, will increase the market for red cedar shingles at least 25 per cent, lumbermen say.

The railroads have also announced reductions, effective December 30, ranging from 10 to 20 per cent on fir lumber from the Pacific Coast to points

SKIPPER CAUGHT LONG AFTER DEED

FEDERAL GOVERNMENT ARRESTS CAPTAIN ON WAY HERE.

Master of Steamer Coaster Taken for Damage Done Fort Cables Year and Half Ago.

Captain J. F. Higgins, master of the steamer Coaster, plying in the Coast trade and at present loading lumber at Westport for San Francisco, today is trying to recall incidents that had slipped from his memory concerning a night passed below Astoria a year and a half ago, when his vessel dragged her anchor and the "mud hook" brushed rudely against Uncle Sam's cables and thereby did damage.

For that the skipper was subjected to the embarrassment of arrest yesterday by a deputy United States Marshal, as he paced the deck of the Coaster at Westport, and his only fear was that the cargo might not be aboard in time for him to sail as planned. He was informed that at the time mentioned he had "carelessly and negligently" permitted his anchor to drag and it consequently came into forcible contact with cables of the fire control system, connecting Forts Stevens, Canby and Columbia, causing such injury that had a Japanese fleet entered the river then it could not have been blown to fragments.

Friends of the skipper, hearing of his intended arrest, provided a bond in the sum of $2000, so that on his arrival late last night he was released. Captain Higgins has made many trips to Portland since his apparent disregard for the "peace and dignity" of the Union, but no one seems to know why his arrest was not brought about sooner.

JOY IS FATAL TO WOMAN

Courier's News of Victory in Hard-Fought Land Suit Death Message.

SAN JOSE, Cal., Dec. 26.—(Special.)—Joy over the news that her family had won a seven years' fight in the courts over a right of way through property near here caused the death yesterday of Mrs. Frank Corea. The news was told her on Thursday by a mounted messenger who rushed from the courtroom to the Corea home at Evergreen. Mrs. Corea was ill and in bed. She arose to kiss and congratulate her aged husband and fell back stricken with paralysis.

She died yesterday without regaining consciousness. The legal fight was with the family of Bernardo Higuera, and has been in court for seven years, being one of the most bitterly fought cases which the county courts have ever dealt with.

TAFT FREES FOUR FELONS

President Hearkens to Plea of Convict's 80-Year-Old Mother.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26.—President Taft has dispensed Christmas cheer to four Federal prisoners through commutation of sentence. The pathetic appeal of a prisoner's 80-year-old mother for the son she had not seen for 25 years caused the President to commute, to expire at once, the sentence of William J. Key, who pleaded guilty in 1906 at St. Joseph, Mo., to counterfeiting. His term would have expired April 21.

The President also commuted, to expire at once, the life sentence of Howell Cobb, an Indian, who pleaded guilty to murder at Sapulpa, Indian Territory, in 1898, and Charles Hopkins, a negro, convicted of murder in the District of Columbia in 1894.

MAN CREMATED IN CELL

Umbrella Mender's Clothes Catch Fire From Matches in Pocket.

ST. HELENA, Cal., Dec. 26.—An itinerant umbrella mender, whose name is unknown here, was burned to death in the jail here last night. He had been drinking, and because he raised a disturbance was locked up. It is believed his bedding caught fire from matches he had in his pockets.

The jail building is of stone and was not damaged. When the firemen extinguished the blaze in the man's cell they found his body burned almost to a crisp.

FUNERAL CHARGES GO UP

St. Louis Liverymen Complain Autos Have Ruined Cab Business.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 26.—The St. Louis Livery and Undertaking Association today announced an increase of $1 on every carriage and $2 on every hearse used in funerals in this city. The readjustment makes the scale uniform throughout the week.

"The automobile has just about 'put the cab to the bad,' said Louis Landvogt, president of the association. "What the automobile hasn't done, the owl car has."

EMPLOYES TO GET STOCK

Steel Corporation Makes Allotments Under Profit-Sharing Plan.

NEW YORK, Dec. 26.—Allotments of common and preferred shares for 1912 were made to employes under the United States Steel Corporation's profit-sharing plan, it was said, after a meeting of the directors today.

The amounts and prices were not disclosed, but announcement on this point may be made before the close of the year.

TROUBLE BREWING FOR PEACE DINNER

T. R. Makes It Plain He Will Stay Away.

VIEWS WHOLLY AT VARIANCE

Those Who, Differing, Attend Censured as "Traitorous."

TAFT WILL MAKE SPEECH

President Agrees Also to Remain Through Entire Affair, Provided It Does Not Last More Than Three and Half Hours.

NEW YORK, Dec. 26.—Close on the heels of one great peace meeting which was broken up by disturbers opposed to the ratification of the treaties with England and France, disagreements have arisen over what is being planned as one of the greatest peace dinners ever seen, to be held here Saturday night.

It developed today, according to a member of the committee in charge of the dinner, that ex-President Roosevelt had replied to a semi-official invitation to attend the function at which the President would be the principal speaker, with a letter declaring that his sentiments were wholly at variance with those to be expressed at the affair and censuring as "traitorous" to their principles all those who accepted the invitation to the dinner without agreeing with its purposes.

Committee Seeks Harmony.

To arrange a harmonious programme the executive committee of the National citizens' committee in charge of the dinner met and discussed the situation.

At a meeting of the executive committee of the National citizens' committee in charge of the dinner last Wednesday, a resolution was adopted authorizing an official invitation to Mr. Roosevelt, but the secretary, who was told to send the invitation, did not do so in a formal way, but wrote to Mr. Roosevelt first to learn his views.

Colonel's Declination Positive.

A member of the committee who would not have his name printed, said that Mr. Roosevelt replied with a seven-page letter, leaving no doubt whatever that he would not attend.

In another interview today Mr. Roosevelt implied his intention not to attend.

John Temple Graves was selected as the toastmaster. A letter from President Taft was read. The President agreed to be present and to make a 30-minute speech, as well to remain throughout the dinner, if it did not continue more than three hours and a half.

"People Afraid," Says T. R.

NEW YORK, Dec. 26.—Theodore Roosevelt announced this afternoon

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ANNUAL WILL BE COMPREHENSIVE.

All important phases of development in Oregon during 1911 will be featured in The Oregonian Annual, to be issued next Monday. The edition will be one of the most comprehensive in the series of 30 big annual numbers published by The Oregonian. By pictures and text it will give to every reader a clear conception of present conditions in Oregon.

No matter what industry a person is interested in, he will find that it has its place in the Annual. Livestock, horticulture, dairying, grain production, mining, fisheries, hopgrowing and poultry husbandry are only a few of the subjects. The articles are by experts and tell just what is being done and what can be done in this state. The man already living in Oregon and the man thinking of making this state his home will alike find much of interest and practical value.

Orders for the Annual should be sent in without delay. The pictures alone would make this big edition well worth sending to friends in other states. The price is 5 cents a copy. Domestic postage 5 cents. Foreign postage 10 cents.

KING'S SKULL IS STOLEN

Tomb of Black George of Servia Desecrated; Jewels Untouched.

VIENNA, Dec. 26.—The vault in St. Mark's Cemetery in which reposed for many years the bones of Kara-George Petrovitch, founder of the Servian dynasty, has been desecrated. The skull of the former Servian chief has been stolen, but the decorations and rings were not touched.

The coffin of Queen Persida was not opened. There is no clew to the desecrators.

Kara-George (Black George, or George Czerny) was a peasant, born in 1766, who in 1806 became the leader of the Servians in the revolt against Turkey. He defeated the Turks, captured Belgrade and liberated Servia. He was driven out of Servia in 1813 and was murdered in 1817.

DELLA FOX NEAR DEATH

Ex-Comic Opera Star, in Delirium, Sings Songs She Made Famous.

NEW YORK, Dec. 26.—Della Fox, singer and comedienne, is said tonight to be in so critical a condition that death is expected. She was operated on in an uptown sanitarium last Saturday for appendicitis.

It was necessary tonight to administer stimulants, and it was said that the famous actress had delirious moments during which she repeated lines of "A Pretty Girl, a Summer Night" from "Wang" and other songs she made popular 20 years ago.

LUGGAGE EXPLOSIVE-LADEN

Suitcase In Nonunion Town Is Filled With Dynamite and Whisky.

PITTSBURG, Dec. 26.—Carrying a suit case containing 72 sticks of dynamite, a roll of fuses, and two quarts of whisky, George Bridges, who refuses to tell anything concerning himself, was arrested last night at Moenssen, Pa., a mill town near here.

ROOSEVELT BOOM DEFINITE IN FORM

Identity of Backers Kept Secret.

EMISSARIES SENT TO SOUTH

Cohesion of Forces Working in Wide Field Observed.

SECRET MEETINGS HELD

Movement Is Financed to Certain Extent and Receives Inspiration From Central Source Not Yet Revealed.

BY SUMNER CURTIS.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26.—(Special.)—That there is a cohesive organization back of the Roosevelt Presidential movement, and that it is not merely an incoherent demonstration on the part of Roosevelt enthusiasts, finding expression in sporadic booming efforts throughout the country, is a fact established by information that was obtained here today.

According to the information at hand, the organization that has been effected is not primarily an anti-Taft affair, nor is it designed, as certain friends of Senator La Follette are wont to characterize the Roosevelt movement, to divide the "progressive" forces in order that Taft's renomination may be made certain. It is being financed to a certain extent, and has its central directing body the same as the campaigns that are being conducted on the part of active candidates.

Directing Force Is Mystery.

There is some mystery at present as to the personnel of the body or group which is directing the movement. This mystery, however, is likely to be dispelled within a short time—just as soon as it may be thought wise to give full publicity to the scope of the campaign. At present the desire is to work as quietly as possible along lines involving the personality of Colonel Roosevelt, and there are preliminaries to prepare before it may be expedient to make it known how comprehensive the plan of operations is to be.

Here, however, are the salient facts uncovered today:

1. Emissaries have been sent into the Southern States to get a line upon the situation there with reference to obtaining Roosevelt delegations to the National convention. As is well known, Southern convention delegations usually have been under the influence of the Washington Administration. Roosevelt, however, has powerful friends in the South, and some of them are members of the Republican National committee.

Country Is Organized.

2. Other parts of the country have been parceled out to receive attention from those who are best informed on local conditions and nearest in touch with political affairs from a geographical standpoint. The recent Ne-

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TAFT MODIFIES LAW FOR HEALERS

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE IS PERMITTED ON CANAL ZONE.

Ministration to Sick Without Use of Material Remedy Permitted Under New Regulation.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26.—President Taft today settled the vexed question of allowing the practice of Christian Science or other non-medical methods of healing in the Panama Canal zone. The executive order, made several months ago, which members of the Christian Science Church feared would prohibit their practice, was modified.

The original order provided that anyone who wishes to practice medicine, surgery, dentistry, pharmacy or midwifery in the canal zone must be licensed by the Board of Health. As modified by the President, the order shall not be construed to prohibit the practice of the "religious tenets of any church in the ministration to sick or suffering by mental or spiritual means without the use of any drug or material remedy."

The order as modified takes effect January 1.

BOSTON, Dec. 26.—Alfred Farlow, chairman of the publication committee of the Christian Science Church, commenting tonight on the order of President Taft permitting practice by Christian Scientists in the Panama Canal zone, said:

"We have been of the opinion all the while that President Taft did not realize how stringent the original regulation was and that when it came clearly to his attention immediate relief would be forthcoming."

Christian Scientist practitioners who already are established in the canal zone will resume practice January 1.

KENT OPPOSES FREE TOLLS

Other California Members of Congress Favor Proposed Measure.

SACRAMENTO, Cal., Dec. 26.—Among several replies received by the Chamber of Commerce from California Representatives and United States Senators the reply of Representative Kent, of the Second District, is the only one unfavorable to the resolution adopted by the Chamber in which the law-makers were asked to urge Congress to favor the elimination of all tolls for the use of the Panama Canal by ships doing a coastwise trade and flying the American flag.

Kent has written a letter to the secretary of the Chamber declaring that free tolls for American ships alone would be "such artificial discrimination" that it would "clog commerce and thereby add to the cost of distribution and the impoverishment of the commerce of this coast."

Among those who have written in favor of the resolution are Representatives Raker, Hayes and Needham and Senators Perkins and Works.

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SHOTS FIRED AT HARVEY.

Sheriff Mass announced in Oregon City last night that in a dispute between Nathan B. Harvey and T. F. Cowing, Jr., December 1, two shots were fired from a revolver in the hands of Mr. Cowing.

Mr. Cowing said last night that the shooting was accidental.

Mr. Cowing said that at the time of the shooting, Harvey had asked that nothing be said about it.

The shooting was reported to Sheriff Mass by Harvey, December 2. No complaint was filed.

OREGON CITY, Or., Dec. 26.—(Special.)—Declaring that virtually none of the evidence introduced against the defendant was incriminating and that the prosecution had failed utterly to make out a case against him, Justice of the Peace Samson this afternoon dismissed the complaint against Nathan B. Harvey, the wealthy Milwaukie nurseryman, charging him with slaying the Hill family at Ardenwald station, June 9 last.

The hearing, which was a preliminary one, had been marked with dramatic scenes throughout, but when the Justice of the Peace concluded his decision Willamette Hall, where the case was heard, bordered on bedlam.

At least one-half of the crowd of 300 that was packed into the hall cheered and a score rushed to Harvey to congratulate him. Many literally hugged him.

Witness Faints in Court.

There was cheering several times in the address of George C. Brownell, who spoke last and cross-examined the witnesses for the defendant. While C. M. Idleman, of counsel for Harvey, was summing up, Mrs. Charlotte de Parque, a sister of Mrs. Ruth Cowing Hill, fell from her chair in a faint and was carried from the hall by her brother, Thomas Cowing, and his wife. She soon was revived, but did not re-enter the room.

A report was current tonight that the case would be taken before the grand jury, which will convene July 10, but Sheriff Mass and Detective L. L. Levings, who have worked up the evidence, refused to say whether this would be done.

Harvey did not make a statement, other than that he was glad to be free and that the newspapers had made mistakes in previous reports. His wife was seated by him when the verdict was given and she was congratulated as profusely as her husband.

Time of Tragedy Fixed.

According to Deputy District Attorney Stipp, who appeared for the prosecution, almost the exact time of the crime was shown. Witnesses testified that a clock in the Hill home had stopped at what was thought the time of the murder. Dogs had barked at the home of a neighbor about the time the clock stopped. Harvey was seen at the station a short time before and it was argued his movements had been timed so he must have been in front or at the Hill home at the time the clock stopped and when the dogs barked. A subsequent act, the employment of lawyers to defend him by Harvey, the prosecutor said, indicated a guilty knowledge. Sheriff Mass said after the trial that it was thought by him and his associates before the hearing that this would be sufficient evidence upon which to hold the defendant.

The first witness, Clarence W. Matthews, of Hillsboro, who lived about 300 feet from the Hill home, testified that he saw Mrs. Hill in her yard late in the afternoon of June 8, when he went by her home to stake his cow.

Neighbors Discover Bodies.

"I rapped on the door of the Hill house the next morning when I went to stake the cow again," declared the witness and called, 'Are you people not going to get up?' I got no response and told my folks to see what was the matter, as I had to go to Portland. I left on the 7:04 car, and my folks informed me upon my arrival in Portland over the telephone of the crime. I got back at 10 o'clock, but did not go into the Hill house, nor did I see the bodies.

"I was awakened on the night of June 8 by the barking of my dogs. They barked louder than usual and kept it up longer. I got up and looked out of the door and a window. I couldn't see the Hill house from the door, but I saw it from the window. I saw no one there. My mother's house

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BIG CANAL, LITTLE SHIP.