

LIGHT THROWN ON PANAMA DECISION

House Committee Hears of Deal Whereby Hanna Changed Policy.

CROMWELL ACTIVITY CITED

Newspaperman Charges Undue Influence and \$50,000 Gift to Party as Cause of Republicans Abandoning Nicaragua Route.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 12.—The relation of William Nelson Cromwell to the proceedings through which the United States paid \$40,000,000 for the French rights to the Panama Canal route, were discussed before the House committee on foreign affairs today by Henry N. Hall, of the New York World, who has been making a study of incidents connected with the choice of the Panama route over the Nicaraguan route.

Mr. Hall charged that Mr. Cromwell had influenced Congress in 1903 to reject the Nicaraguan route after it had been virtually selected. Acting for the new Panama Canal Company, which had acquired the rights of the French builders, Mr. Cromwell undertook, said Mr. Hall, to influence the new Walker commission, then appointed and commit it to a purchase of the Panama property.

\$50,000 Gift Rejected. "Mr. Cromwell persuaded Senator Hanna," said Mr. Hall, "to permit him to amend the Republican National platform in 1908 in the interest of the Panama route. The words 'an isthmian canal' were substituted for the words 'the Nicaraguan canal,' but only after Mr. Cromwell had contributed \$50,000 to the Republican National committee of which Senator Hanna was chairman.

"This \$50,000 Mr. Cromwell later charged up to the new Panama Canal Company as a necessary expense." Mr. Hall said that a few months before Senator Hanna had been publicly attacked by the representatives of the Panama Canal Company as attempting to "interfere with legislation." Senator Hanna thereafter, said Hall, took an active part in advocating the Panama route in the Senate.

Cromwell's Speeches. "Mr. Cromwell," Hall said, "prepared a complete draft of the report he wanted made to the Senate upon the Panama route and submitted it to Senator Hanna of the committee that passed on the legislation. Mr. Cromwell's draft was corrected, adopted and signed by the minority," said Hall, "and became famous under the name of the 'Hanna-Fitzpatrick report,' and it was the textbook on the Panama side during the debates which followed in the Senate. The most formidable and carefully prepared speeches in favor of Panama were made by Senators Hanna, Klittredge, Gallinger and Cullom. Mr. Cromwell wrote Senator Hanna's speech, if not in its entirety, at least in great part."

BRITISH EMBASSY STONED

Man Hurls Block Through Window and Calmly Awaits Arrest.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 12.—After hurling a large piece of concrete through one of the front windows of the British Embassy here today, a man giving his name as Frank Fitzpatrick, and his home as New York, calmly waited on a street corner opposite the Embassy building for the arrival of two policemen, who arrested him.

His act created much excitement. The call for the police was sent by an Embassy attaché.

Asked why he had hurled the missile, Fitzpatrick replied: "That's my own business."

A bystander said Fitzpatrick, before hurling the missile, had mumbled that he was cold and hungry and wanted to be arrested.

The man was sent to Washington Asylum Hospital for mental examination. He is said to have been confined once at an asylum in Albany, N. Y. He is a native of Ireland. No one was in the room where the window was smashed.

BROKER, ILL, KILLS SELF

Washington Seligman Shoots Self. Years Ago He Tried and Failed.

NEW YORK, Feb. 12.—Washington Seligman, a well-known broker of this city, committed suicide today by shooting himself in a room at the Hotel Gerard. In 1903 Seligman made an unsuccessful attempt to take his life.

A telephone call to Seligman's room, which was unanswered, led to the discovery of his body lying across the bed. He had shot himself in the mouth, apparently some time during the night. The revolver still was in his hand. This was his second attempt at suicide. The first occurred eight years ago, when he cut his throat.

Seligman was the son of James Seligman, one of the founders of the banking firm of J. & W. Seligman & Co., and a brother of Jefferson Seligman. He had been in poor health for some time. He was 53 years old.

Two envelopes were found in the room. On each of these were written "I am tired of being sick all my life."

EPIDEMIC CAUSES FEAR

Quinquin Indians May Spread Smallpox, Declares Agent.

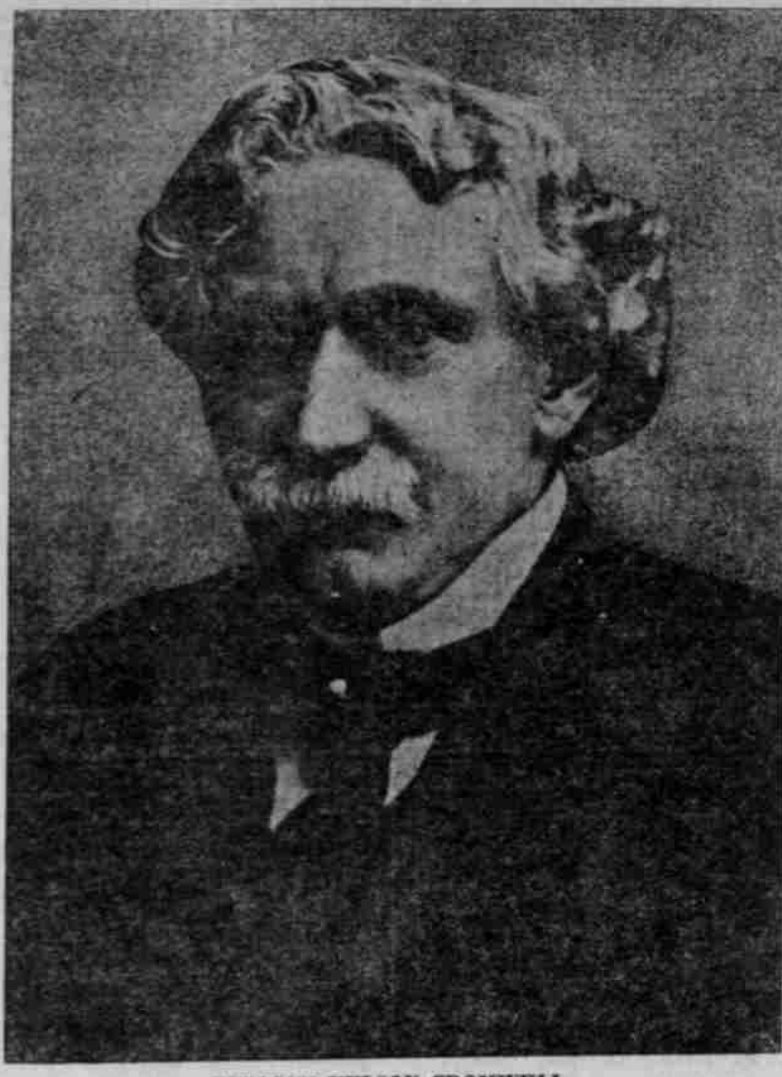
ABERDEEN, Wash., Feb. 12.—(Special.)—That there is real danger of the spread of smallpox from the Quinquin Indians is the statement of F. R. Archer, allotting agent.

There are now four serious cases of the disease among the Indians and a number of other Indians, who have been exposed and are suspected of having contracted the ailment, are at Taholah. The village and the reservation are not under quarantine and the Indians are free to come and go as they please. Mr. Archer thinks that the county should place a guard of three men along the reservation line to keep all confined to bounds until the disease has been stamped out.

Taft Nominates Edward Bell.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 12.—The President sent to the Senate today the nomination of Edward Bell, of New York, to be secretary of the legation at Havana.

PANAMA CANAL COMPANY REPRESENTATIVE WHOSE DEALINGS WITH MARK HANNA ARE ATTACKED.



WILLIAM NELSON CROMWELL.

THRONE IS VACATED

Manchu Dynasty Proclaims Republic.

TERMS ARE COMPROMISE

Peking Greatly Relieved at Action of Throne, Which Urges Peace in Sorely Beset Nation—No Provision for Dr. Sun Made.

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temples, which will be protected by republican soldiers. Fifth—The great tomb of the late Emperor, Kwang Su, will be completed and the funeral ceremony fittingly observed at the republic's expense. Sixth—The palace attendants may be retained, but the number of eunuchs cannot be increased. Seventh—The Emperor's property will be protected by the republic. Eighth—The imperial guards will be governed by the army board, the republic paying their salaries.

Perpetuation Not Determined.

A contented point as to whether the throne shall be perpetuated or shall terminate with the present Emperor's death is not mentioned. Four pledges for the treatment of the imperial kinmen follow:

"First—The princes, dukes and others having hereditary titles shall retain their ranks. Second—The nobility shall have the rights and privileges of ordinary citizens. Third—Their private properties shall be protected. Fourth—The nobility shall be permitted exemption from military service."

Manchus Retain Rights.

Seven pledges are given in the interest of the Mongols, Manchus, Mohammedans and Tibetans:

"First—They shall have rights and privileges similar to the Chinese. Second—Their private property shall be respected. Third—The nobility shall retain their hereditary ranks. Fourth—The state shall find employment for such of the nobility as are in financial difficulties. Fifth—The Manchus' pensions shall continue until the state finds them occupations. Sixth—Restrictions of occupations and dwelling places shall be abolished. Seventh—They shall be accorded religious liberty."

Throne Hopes for Peace.

In concluding the second edict, the Emperor Dowager says:

"Our sincere hope is that peace will be restored and happiness will be encountered under the new republic."

The third edict describes the throne's motive in modeling its policy "according to the progress of the times and the earnest desires of the people, with the sole object of suppression of a great disorder and restoration of peace."

"Should the warfare continue," adds the edict, "the country might be irreparably ruined and would suffer the horrible consequence of a civil war." It exhorts the general in command in Peking to maintain order and to ex-

plain to the people that "the throne is acting upon heaven's will."

Officials Must Not Shirk.

It commands the members of the Cabinet and the Viceroy to continue their duties and not to shirk their responsibilities, conforming with the throne's perpetual intention to love and cherish the people.

The Peking authorities are taking military precautions, but there have been no disorders in the capital. It is expected, however, that disorders will occur throughout the interior.

The imperial army under General Chang Hsun, after sacking Su Chow-Fu, Anhwei province, has for the most part dispersed, laden with loot and carrying off their arms and ammunition.

The United States protected cruiser Cincinnati has gone from Shanghai to Teng Chow Fu, Shantung province, at the request of American missionaries, who fear the town may be sacked, because republicans are retreating in the direction of that place, after their defeat by imperial soldiers who are now fighting in several places for plunder.

Legations Still Uneasy.

The legations consider that the first phase of the revolution has been concluded, but they fear the second may be more disastrous. The legations will deal unofficially with Yuan Shi Kai's government until it is recognized. It is expected that such recognition will be given immediately upon the formation of a coalition cabinet.

As the throne's final edicts were signed only by one Cabinet Minister besides Yuan Shi Kai, five portfolios are now available, and of those it is believed three will be filled respectively by Tang Shao Yi, the imperial premier's representative in the peace negotiations at Shanghai, Wu Ting Fang, the Minister of Justice in the republican provisional cabinet, and Chin Chin-Tao, the republican Finance Minister.

General Li Yuan-Heng, the rebel leader at Hankow, who was appointed vice-president of the republic by President Sun, is probably still the chief of the general staff. Provision for Dr. Sun has not yet been made.

The abdication of the Chinese throne by Pu Yi, the child Emperor, brings to an end the powerful Manchu dynasty, which has reigned in China since 1644. The boy ruler has been on the throne since November 14, 1909, when the Emperor, Kwang-Su, his uncle, died. Ting father, Prince Chun, was appointed Regent, and was the chief figure in China for three years.

Surrounded by a large number of princes of the imperial clan and Manchu officials with reactionary ideas, the Regent was brought face to face with a revolutionary movement in favor of modern reforms. He endeavored to placate both parties, but ended by causing general dissatisfaction, which led to his resignation on December 8, 1911.

DR. SUN IS HELD "AMERICAN"

Department of Commerce and Labor Declares Him "Naturalized."

WASHINGTON, Feb. 12.—Dr. Sun Yat Sen, first President of the Chinese republic, is a naturalized American.

The Department of Commerce and Labor has announced that Dr. Sun, who had been born in the Hawaiian Islands, had been endowed with American citizenship by the act of 1906, which provided a government of two years and declared all citizens of the territory to be citizens of the United States.

Twelve first-class prizes for excellence in the medieval and modern languages at Cambridge University, England, were awarded this year to women. Prizes of the same class and for the same subjects were given to only eight men.

RECORD WILL NOT HARM, SAYS NELSON

Problems Can Be Solved Without Injury to Business, Declares Governor.

IROQUOIS CLUB IS HOST

New Jersey Executive Opens Campaign for Democratic Presidential Nomination in Chicago. Recall of Judges Opposed.

CHICAGO, Feb. 12.—Expressing the opinion that the country's business has nothing to fear from the application of "progressive" policies in the administration of public affairs, Governor Woodrow Wilson, of New Jersey, opened his campaign for the Democratic Presidential nomination in an address before the Iroquois Club today at a Lincoln's birthday luncheon, at which he was the guest of honor.

"I sometimes think it a peculiar circumstance that the present Republican party should have sprung from Abraham Lincoln. I suppose that is one of the mysteries of Providence. The richness of a democracy that it never has to predict who is to save it. We do not have to train men to interpret the United States. When an emergency arises there is always a standard who appears from the ranks of uncatalogued men to bear the genius and show the way to victory.

Dire Predictions Decried.

"As our economic affairs now are organized they cannot go on. The division is far more difficult to trace today than it was in Lincoln's time. No man is a friend of this country who predicts dire results. Every problem we have to meet can be solved without injury to business or to any sound interest.

"The people have been deceived so many times by public servants that they are suspicious. Men are getting to vote according to the dictates of their consciences rather than according to their labels. In politics a man should do what he promises to do or get out of the game.

"The Republican party is sadly broken. It has lost its way. Apprehensions are being kindled in the minds of the people. It has been the business man's party in so many personally conducted campaigns that many believe nobody else knows anything about prosperity.

America Business Nation.

"America is a business country and business must be taken care of. I believe that the illa from which we suffer can be cured without harming sound business. I have no feeling of pity about any political doctrine except the one that gives equal rights to all.

"The standard to be sought in all reforms is the good of the country. Business is finding out for itself that there is something the matter—that something must be done to stop the tyranny of special privilege.

"If there is anything in this country which business men fear it should be destroyed. Business and politics must be separated. Politics must be kept out of politics. Politics do not enter business. Give politics a chance without the domination of special privilege and great wealth. The biggest enemy business has is the man with a programme which goes further than he can see.

"The standstills have in the years of their control imprisoned business behind a great dam. Men in control of big business cannot hide today like they could in the past.

Searchlights Turned On.

"Searchlights are being turned into every corner of the business organization, and the business men are now matters of common knowledge. There is no need of breaking down this dam and causing a commercial flood with its consequent damage. Engineers have appeared who have shown us how we may perforate the dam here and there and release the water without harming anybody.

"We look to the business men to bring about these reforms by the application of 'progressive' policies. I am not arguing with the people. I am telling them what I think and I am willing to leave it for the jury of public opinion to decide.

"I believe in the initiative and referendum because they will give the people a great deal of power. They are state and local questions, and are designed to give the people the power in localities where special interests have obtained control of public affairs.

"I have never favored the recall of judges because they are not administrative officers of the government. They simply interpret and enforce the law. To urge the recall of judges is to treat a symptom rather than the disease."

OLD CRIME IS CLEARED

CONFESION OF PARIS SLAYER EXPLAINS 1907 CASE.

Prisoner's Admission Accounts for Discovery of Woman's Body on San Francisco Beach.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 12.—The perpetrator of one of the three unsolved murders in San Francisco in the past six years has been found, it is said by the police, in the person of Pierre Pierri, now under arrest in Paris for the murder of two women. Pierri, according to newspapers received from Paris, boasted that he had murdered a woman on the beach at San Francisco. That her body had been found for months after the crime, and that he never had been suspected.

Their attention called to the case by readers of the Paris papers, the police began an investigation, which revealed an unsolved murder of a woman at a lonely spot on the beach at San Francisco. End of life in 1907 in 1907 which agreed in all details with Pierri's confession.

The woman's body was not found for months after her death and was not identified.

Newspaper pictures of Pierri were identified today as those of a man who was employed in 1907 at a laundry here and who disappeared soon after a warrant had been issued in San Jose for his arrest on a felony charge.

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BIG PENSIONS HIT

Smoot Measure Adopted by Senate Committee.

SHERWOOD BILL REJECTED

"\$1 a Day" Proposal, Involving Annual Outlay of \$75,000,000 Gives Way to Economy Plan, or \$24,000,000 Yearly.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 12.—The Smoot substitute pension bill, which would involve an annual expenditure of \$75,000,000, was adopted today by the Senate committee on pensions after the rejection of the Sherwood "dollar-a-day" pension bill. Notice was served immediately by Senators Brown of Nebraska and Curtis of Kansas that the Sherwood measure would be put forward as a substitute.

Senator Smoot's estimate of \$24,000,000 as the cost of his plan is based on the Pension Bureau's computation of age and length of service of the veterans. The Sherwood bill, according to the Pension Bureau, would have cost about \$75,000,000 a year.

"Why cry economy only when the soldier is involved?" demanded Senator Kenyon of Iowa, in a speech in the Senate today in advocacy of the Sherwood "dollar-a-day" bill, passed by the House.

Kenyon said the cost of living had increased as much for the soldier as for any one else. He suggested there could be a saving of \$125,000 a year in the matter of mileage for Senators and Representatives, and yet leave sufficient for traveling expenses.

The Smoot bill, adopted by a vote of 12 to 2, after the Sherwood bill had been voted down, 15 to 4, embodies provisions to pension Civil War veterans 65 years old who served 90 days or more, and any Mexican War veteran who served 60 days or more. The Mexican War veterans would receive \$30 a month.

The Civil War veterans would be put on a graduated scale from \$15 a month for 90-day veterans 62 years old to \$10 a month for veterans 75 years old who served three years or more.

ROSEBURG GREET EUGENE

Reception Is Extended to Visitors From the North.

ROSEBURG, Or., Feb. 12.—(Special.)—Met at the depot by a delegation of Roseburg business men, the Eugene excursionists, who are on a trip through Southern Oregon, enjoyed the first stop on their journey here tonight.

Following an informal greeting at the depot the visitors were hurried into automobiles and driven to various points of interest about the city. Later they enjoyed a banquet at the McCallan Hotel, followed by an informal public reception at the Roseburg Commercial Club.

During the progress of the reception numerous interesting addresses were delivered by members of the visiting party.

Wool Sale Dates Announced.

LA GRANDE, Or., Feb. 12.—The secretary of the Oregon Woolgrowers' Association, John G. Hoke, of Medical Springs, states that prospects are bright and the outlook unusually good for a fine wool clip this year, and the announcement of sales dates in Eastern Oregon has just been made. The dates are: Echo, May 15; Pendleton, May 30 and June 10; Pilot Rock, May 31 and June 10; Heppner, June 4 and 17; Shaniko, June 6 and June 21; Baker, June 8 and July 3; Ontario, June 10; Vale, June 10; Metolius, June 24 and July 16; Enterprise and Wallawa, June 28 and 29.

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STIMSON SAYS HAY-PAUNCE-FOTE TREATY PERMITS.

Secretary Dismisses Question of American Preference in Panama Tolls.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 12.—"I have no doubts, as a question of law," said Secretary Stimson before the House Interstate Commerce Commission today, "that under the Hay-Pauncefote treaty the United States could make from its treasury to American ships any repayment of tolls that it saw fit."

"Whether we could discriminate in favor of American ships directly is another question. It all involves a question of National policy. My opinion is that the first method would be the safer."

In this manner Secretary Stimson dismissed the question of American preference in Panama Canal tolls before the committee. Stimson urged modest tolls, declaring that the purpose of the canal was the development of commerce and that the reimbursement for cost of construction should be deferred.

Stimson said, as to provisions to prevent the stifling of competition in transportation rates by a combination of shipping interests using the canal, that he would leave such matters with the President rather than Congress. The Interstate Commerce Commission, with broadened powers to cover coastwise trade, he declared, could meet the situation.

Stimson said he would keep legislation for the encouragement of American shipping active, but would not operate Government-owned steamships to the canal. The pressure brought to bear by the country for lower rates if the Government operated the steamships would be tremendous.

BAY OCEAN FORMS CLUB

New Commercial Organization Has 200 Who Would Join.

BAY OCEAN, Or., Feb. 12.—(Special.)—The organization of the Bay Ocean Commercial Club was effected here today by the business men and citizens of Bay Ocean. Attorney Webster Holmes, of the Tillamook Commercial Club, presided and made an interesting address on the development of Bay Ocean and Tillamook County.

The officers elected were: M. J. O'Donnell, president; E. C. Lockwood, vice-president; W. C. Van Dersal, secretary; D. C. Baker, treasurer. H. H. Dickey and the officers of the club will constitute the board of directors. At present there are 200 applicants for charter membership and more than 100 persons desire to be long resident members.

The Bay Ocean Commercial Club is the fifth to be organized in Tillamook County clubs having been formed at Tillamook, Bay City, Nehalem and Clatskanie.

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