

RAKOWSKI IS STOLID

Branded Anarchist and Traitor Is Unrepentant.

"I CALLED PRESIDENT DOWN"

Degraded Soldier Admits Reviling Roosevelt, but Pleads Forgetfulness and Drunkenness as an Excuse.

In the demagogic conversation of Frank A. Rakowski, anarchist, degraded soldier and branded traitor, there is no sign of sincere repentance for the threats he made against the life of President Roosevelt and the approval he voiced of the assassin Czolgosz. Pending the arrival of orders for his transportation to the military prison on Alcatraz Island in San Francisco Bay, Rakowski is confined in a cell in the guardhouse at Vancouver Barracks. His legs are shackled, and outside the door a sentry paces slowly to and fro, a ball cartridge in his rifle and no sympathy for the prisoner he is guarding.

In an interview with an Oregonian reporter yesterday, Rakowski showed no signs of regret for what he had said. He was chiefly concerned in the 10-year sentence which hangs over him. The prospect of a decade in the prison has dampened his anarchistic enthusiasm. He is inclined to protest against the findings of the court and intimate that justice has not been done him. At the same time he admits reviling the President, but pleads forgetfulness as to the exact words he used. Once, in the course of the interview, when he was saying that he "guessed he did call the President down," a broad grin of satisfaction mingled with half pride spread over his countenance. But it was only for an instant. He looked around and saw no approving nods; instead, the stern faces of the soldier on guard and his fellow prisoners grow sterner, the lines deepened as they scowled disapproval. Rakowski saw and understood. The grin vanished and he became taciturn, declaring the interview at an end.

When the reporter entered the cell Rakowski was idly playing with a pack of cards. On the opposite side of the cell sat two prisoners who were being taken to Alcatraz. They were found guilty of succumbing to the influence of liquor and offering a prisoner to escape. Rakowski's offense is a serious one in the military code, they are being severely punished. Rakowski is measurably above the fellow who gloried in the assassination of one President and threatened the life of another. They will not be associated with him and conversation between them is limited to actual necessities, growing out of joint occupancy of the cell. A soldier stood behind the reporter with a loaded gun in his hands, while Rakowski shifted about uneasily, and at every movement he heard the metallic clinking of the chains which fastened his limbs, an unusual reminder of a gloomy future.

The Anarchist's Queer Make-Up.

Rakowski is not a prepossessing man to look upon. His features betray his foreign ancestry, and his manners indicate a degenerate irresponsibility as to motives and deeds. He is an average, unattractive man, but there are signs upon his face of a temperament that is all wrong. The cranial development is peculiar. From the eyes upwards the sides of the skull slope towards each other. The nose is rather large and broader than the average, which counteracts the narrowness of the eyes to the nostrils. This craniologists declare to be an indication of a violent personality. The eyes are sharp, for a fraction of a second perhaps looking you directly in the face, then roving about restlessly. Rakowski is probably about 5 feet 5 inches tall and of slender build. There is the same noticeable unnatural sloping of the forehead that appears on the sides of the head. In speech there is a lack of sincerity, the tones do not ring true. In conversation there is an effort to excuse, but not to explain, a shifty dodging of direct answers carrying with them no degree of conviction.

For a quarter of an hour he talked readily, and seemingly was pleased at the attention he was receiving. Then he suddenly became silent, and rising, turned his back upon the reporter, put away the playing cards with which he had been toying, and laid down upon the cot, with his face buried in his arms. Perhaps it was a change of remorse, but if so he did not let it find expression in any other way.

"Are you an anarchist?" asked the reporter, when he first talked with Rakowski. "No, I am not." "Were you ever a member of any of the anarchist societies in Chicago?" "No," replied Rakowski indifferently. "You threatened to kill the President, did you not?" "I called him down," he said. "Well, we were in a saloon, and got talking about Presidents, and I called him down." "Did you say you would kill him?" "I don't remember," he had been drinking, and can't recall just what I did say." "What led up to the threatening declaration you made?" "I was talking about how the President ran the Army and Navy, and I guess I called him down." "You thought Czolgosz did right to kill President McKinley?" "I don't know." "Was it right to hang Czolgosz?" "Oh, if he killed him I suppose it was right," and Rakowski said it as if the conversation was uninteresting and bored him.

"Do you think you deserve the sentence imposed upon you?" he was asked. "No, I don't think I deserve justice, and something may come up later."

"As to that I can't say now. I don't know." "Witnesses said that you made the remarks attributed to you," said the reporter. "Oh, I guess I called the President down, all right," repeated Rakowski, and he grinned. "Is it a subject for laughter?" asked the newspaperman. Rakowski looked around at the other occupants of the room, but could find no merriment depicted on their faces. He got up and clanked to the head of the cot, where he deposited the playing cards. A hand looked crept into his eyes and he leered.

"Oh, it's information you're after."

Nothing More to Say.

There was something like a deep sigh from the man, as he turned and stretched himself face downward on the cot. Nor would he talk more upon the causes leading up to his arrest and conviction. His cellmates say that since arriving at Vancouver Barracks Friday Rakowski has been a thing of his anarchistic utterances.

BY PRIVATE VESSEL

Pacific Transport Service May Be Discontinued.

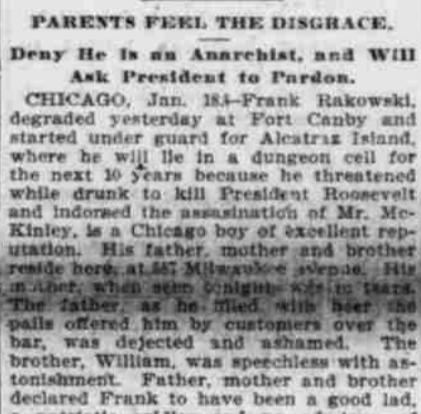
ROOT IN FAVOR OF THE PLAN

He Would Grant American Register to the Steamers and Then Sell Them—Tongue Protests Against Forest Reserves.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 18.—Although the Pacific transport service is not to be discontinued immediately, it is quite certain that it will be discontinued in the near future, according to the report of the Isthmian Canal Commission. The report, which was made public yesterday, states that the service is not to be discontinued immediately, but that it will be discontinued in the near future, according to the report of the Isthmian Canal Commission. The report, which was made public yesterday, states that the service is not to be discontinued immediately, but that it will be discontinued in the near future, according to the report of the Isthmian Canal Commission.

Mr. Tongue is opposed to the general policy of extending reserves until the lieu land law has been repealed or radically modified. Presented to the President. Senator Foster today presented Austin E. Griffith, of Seattle, to the President, but states that he has made no recommendation for United States Attorney for Washington, a place to which Griffith aspires. Isthmian Canal Commission's Report. It is the intention of the President to withhold the Walker supplemental report until the Senate convenes Monday. There are numerous rumors, unconfirmed, as to the nature of the report, varying from a straight-out Nicaragua statement to one in favor of Panama, while a majority and minority report is expected by some, and by others a neutral report. The general opinion prevails that if the Panama route is recommended, legislation at this session is out of the question, as there are enough Senators opposed to that route easily to defeat the bill. Will Release Indian Lands. The Indian committee of the House is

ONE BOY IN BLUE WHO WILL SOON BE A THING IN STRIPES.



NO MORE WAS CZOLGOSZ.

Here's another anarchist, Who never will be missed.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 18.—The supplemental report of the Isthmian Canal Commission on the proposition of the Panama Canal Company to dispose of its property to the United States for \$40,000,000 was delivered to President Roosevelt this evening. The members of the commission refused to discuss the nature of the report, and like reference was maintained at the White House, but it was stated, on excellent authority, that the report unanimously recommends that the offer of the Panama Company be accepted. The report, it is stated, is very voluminous, going into all phases of the question, and attempting to meet the objections that legal complications will arise out of the purchase, or that there will be any international difficulties should the deal be consummated. The report was completed about 5 o'clock this evening, and after being signed by the members of the commission, was carried by Admiral Walker, chairman of the commission, to Secretary Hay, who transmitted it to the President. The latter will send the report to Congress the first of the week, probably Monday.

ST. LOUIS FAIR BUILDINGS.

Advertising for Bids Will Begin Next Week.

ST. LOUIS, Jan. 18.—Work on the plans and specifications for the main buildings of the Louisiana Purchase Exposition is progressing so rapidly that the officials will be in a position to advertise for bids for the construction of the first of them, probably the next week. It is hoped to let the contract for this building soon after, so that the construction can begin by March 1. Speaking of the matter today, Secretary Walter B. Stevens said: "We will begin advertising for bids for the eight main buildings of the fair next week. It will be stipulated in the contracts that the first of these buildings must be completed by October 1, 1920, and that all must be finished by the end of that year. Contractors will be required to give bond to have the buildings completed within the time stated. The architect's figure on seven months as sufficient time, for the completion of any of the eight buildings."

THRILLING FIRE INCIDENT

Man and Woman Escape From Burning Building in the Nick of Time.

BOSTON, Jan. 18.—Cut off from access to a fire-escape a few feet away, Mrs. Helen M. York and John Blanch, linotype operators, stood in a window of the fourth floor of a Milton Place building tonight with flames below and behind them. Slowly the firemen raised a long ladder until the top round reached the window, where Mrs. York was trying to keep her dress from taking fire. The man beside her helped her to step on the ladder. Then, just as the flames swept over the sill they had vacated, both descended to the street. It was the most thrilling incident witnessed in Boston in many months.

FATALITIES IN THE SWISS ALPS.

Geneva, Jan. 18.—A total of 119 fatalities in the Swiss Alps constitutes the record for the year 1919, and is double the number of fatalities in 1918. Cham-onix is the principal center from which the death of mountain-climbers has been announced.

IN FAVOR OF PANAMA

Commission Advises Acceptance of French Offer.

MAKES REPORT TO PRESIDENT

Meets the Objections That Legal or International Complications Will Arise Out of the Purchase.

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AMERICANS IN PARIS.

Speeches at the Annual Banquet of the Chamber of Commerce.

PARIS, Jan. 18.—Patriotic sentiment and warm sympathy with France were the keynote of tonight's annual banquet and meeting of the American Chamber of Commerce in Paris. Francis Kimbel, president of the chamber, emphasized the former in his opening speech, proposing a toast to President Roosevelt and President Loubet, and saying that all Americans abroad take pride in declaring, after the ancient Romans, "Civis Americanus sum." Alluding to the Franco-American treaty, President Kimbel expressed regret that its advantages are not yet fully understood in the United States, adding that he is convinced its needs would shortly become imperatively felt.

The year's report of the chamber testified to its flourishing condition. Its increased membership and work necessitate extensive quarters, which it is expected will be further increased in the near future. Regret was expressed over the fact that the United States Congress has not established the metric system. This chamber is convinced that the adoption of this system will further develop foreign commerce with the United States.

United States Consul-General John K. Gouly paid a tribute to the late President McKinley. He pointed out that the United States has never recovered from the great that the onward march of prosperity has never slackened. "President Roosevelt's patriotism and staunch principles," declared Mr. Gouly, "will continue to bear us on the great wave of prosperity."

As evidence of the Franco-American trade, Mr. Gouly was able to assume that the exports from the Paris Consulate district for 1919 beat the record, and for the first time in the history of the country the receipts and invoices at Paris exceed those at London. Mr. Gouly said he is able to contribute to the improvement of the relations between the two countries. The United States, he said, has been more faithful to republican traditions than has France, for never once, since the adoption of the republican constitution since its formation, whereas, France, in the same period, has traversed several crises and nearly succeeded.

M. Millerand, Minister of Commerce, said he favors the plan of young Frenchmen going to the United States to imbibe American go-ahead ideas. The chamber president, Mr. Kimball of the United States, also said that the other officers also retain their positions.

Attorney-General gave a dinner. WASHINGTON, Jan. 18.—President and Mrs. Roosevelt were guests at a dinner given by Attorney-General Knox. The other guests were the members and ladies of the Cabinet, Representative Dalsell and Wayne MacVeach.

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THE FRIAR QUESTION

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CHIEF CAUSE OF DISCONTENT

Most of the Agitation Will Be Disposed of When Landed Proprietorship is Brought to an End.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 18.—Secretary Root was heard on the question of the friar lands in the Philippines before the House committee on insular affairs today. He said these lands holdings constituted one of the chief causes of discontent among the people; they were the hotbed of insurrection and had furnished Aguinaldo his chief appeal to popular prejudice. The Secretary said the religious orders so fully recognized the bad condition of affairs that they were disposed to sell out and he urged that the Government take advantage of the opportunity to remove the chief cause of discontent in the islands. He did not believe condemnation proceedings would be necessary, as there were indications that a fair price could be agreed upon. A rough estimate of the value of the lands, he said, was from \$5,000,000 to \$7,500,000, American money.

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