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BUCHANAN WILL
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Special Envoy Has Proved Expert at Latin-American Diplomacy.

GREAT WORK HE HAS DONE

Reconciled Chile and Argentina, Unraveled Panama Canal Tangle and Now Will End Disputes With Venezuela.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 2.—William I. Buchanan, who has just arrived in Venezuela as Special Commissioner of this Government to adjust relations with the new government of Venezuela, was a dealer in crockery 24 years ago in Sioux City. Since then he has become the foremost expert in practical diplomacy in the United States. He has founded a new profession, that of business diplomacy. He has settled more wars, prevented more wars, made friends out of nations that were predisposed to be enemies, than any other man, perhaps, of his time. His career is really one of the finest examples that can be found anywhere of the possibilities of the public service in this country for the man who has brains and courage to use them.

Mr. Buchanan has had a career entirely unique. He became a public character as general manager of the Cora Palace exhibitions, some 24 years ago, in Sioux City. In that capacity he demonstrated a large measure of executive ability, and the exhibitions became famous. As a result, Governor Hoies, of Iowa, made him commissioner to the World's Fair in Chicago, in 1893, and he was placed in charge of the department of agriculture and forestry of the exposition. Grover Cleveland named him to be Minister to Argentina.

Triumphs as Arbitrator.

Mr. Buchanan developed the idea of pushing commercial relations; he became a general agent for American enterprises in South America and presently had become the most popular diplomat in Latin America. Argentina and Chile were on the verge of war over a boundary question. Mr. Buchanan was made the umpire in an effort to arbitrate their differences. His work steered that difficult and complicated arbitration to a successful conclusion. It was the first great triumph of arbitration as a means of settling vital international difficulties without resort to arms, and in South America and among the powers of Europe it is still one of the great recognized achievements of its kind. At Santiago and at Buenos Ayres alike they look upon Buchanan today as the man who contributed most largely to rescue South America from the chaos of petty conflict which had so long arrested its development. As a direct result of his arbitration the peace treaty today between Argentina and Chile the world's model disarmament treaty, and under it the two Governments, once bitter rivals, have reduced their military and naval establishments and their character have come to look on war as being as impossible as it is undesirable.

Settled Big Business Disputes.

That was 12 years ago. While Minister to Argentina Buchanan negotiated one of the best reciprocity treaties ever formulated for this country, but it went the way of other treaties of its character—smothered in the Senate committee.

Appointed Minister as a Democrat, he was retained under a Republican Administration, finally retiring voluntarily to become a sort of diplomatic agent for a large life insurance company in its big business relations with the South American countries. The company, which required skillful and diplomatic management, Buchanan took it and won for his client. Then he went to Brazil by the same company and did some more equally effective international emphymp rpdMm effective work. Later the Westinghouse interests, international in scope, wanted his services, and for a time he served both concerns.

The Pan-American Exposition, at Buffalo came on, and Buchanan was selected to be director-general. His work for the exposition marked him as a man of great affairs.

Smoothed Out Panama Affair.

Next came the Panama revolution in 1903, and the development of that maze of complications of Colombia, Panama, France, the Canal and the Washington Government. It was a very practical question and President Roosevelt turned to Buchanan, who became Minister to the Republic of Panama. From that time till the present he has divided his time between the big business enterprises with which he is associated and the special service of the department. Whenever he is needed the State Department borrows him, and he always produces the results. Two years or so ago he went on a mission to Mexico, the exact character of which is not yet known, but it is generally understood to have related to effecting agreement between Washington and Diaz for the settlement of conditions in Central America, the ending of a war there and restoration and maintenance of stable government and relations among those warring little republics. Again the mission was successful.

When the Pan-American Congress was held in Rio, and Secretary Root went from Washington to preach the new gospel, on high, the committee of interest among the Americas, he selected Buchanan as one of his delegation; and once more Buchanan proved himself useful. Now comes the tremendous task of straightening out relations between Venezuela and the world. The Washington Government has been peace preserved and Venezuela restored to apostrophe relations with the other members of the family of nations. Likewise, it wants Venezuela required to do justice to all, and it wants to be sure that no injustice is done to Venezuela. The whole intricate problem of the Venezuelan concessions, the apient treaties, the responsibility of the new government under Gomez, the responsibilities of the United States under the Monroe doctrine—these questions are apparently all in the hands of Buchanan as the practical man of affairs for the American Government. It is the greatest and most difficult mission he has ever undertaken. But he was the one man to whom the Administration turned when the task required expert services; and it is fully expected by the people who know the former successes of the ex-crockery merchant that he will once more succeed.



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POISON IN CANDY

Two Families in Denver Get Mysterious Packages.

POLICE ENTIRELY AT SEA

Both Boxes Contain Similar Deadly Sweets, but Addresses Are Written by Different Senders—Three People Hit.

DENVER, Jan. 2.—The police of this city are mystified by the reports coming into headquarters from two separate sources of the receipt of poisoned candy sent through the mails, and declare their entire lack of definite theory as to the intent of the person or persons responsible for its sending. Developments came with the report that three persons, Mrs. Marie A. Smith and her two children, were lying in a critical condition from eating candy received in the mails. Mrs. Smith is the divorced wife of A. C. Smith, a merchant of Miles City, Mont. Later the police were notified that Mrs. Enlla Wiltner, living in the same neighborhood had received a box containing home-made candy, similar to that eaten by the Smiths. Having read the account of the experience of the Smiths, Mrs. Wiltner reported the matter to the police. Investigation showed that the contents of the two packages were identical as to appearance, and the authorities decided to have a chemical test of the candy made. Reports on this test are expected tomorrow. Expert examination of the handwriting used in the addresses on the two packages disclosed they are widely different, indicating that the addresses were not written by the same person.

REVENUE INCREASES AGAIN

Canal Causes Apparent Deficit, but December Gain is \$3,000,000.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 2.—The monthly statement of Government receipts and expenditures shows the excess of expenditures over receipts for the month of December, 1908, to have been \$10,251,203 and for the six months of the current fiscal year a deficit is shown of \$24,201,409. December receipts from customs amounted to \$24,519,153 as against \$21,744,872 for December, 1907. From internal revenue the receipts aggregated \$2,529,592, a gain over December, 1907, of about \$1,714,000. The miscellaneous receipts were \$2,267,767, as against \$1,723,391 for December, 1907. The total receipts were \$50,253,507, a gain of nearly \$3,000,000 over December of last year. The total expenditures were \$60,250,000, as against \$55,538,373 for the corresponding month in 1907. There has been an increase in expenditures on account of the War Department of \$2,400,000 and over \$2,000,000 on account of public works. The Navy shows a decrease of about \$1,300,000 and the civil and miscellaneous expenditures were reduced by about \$1,200,000.

Canal Increases National Debt.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 2.—The public debt statement issued by the Secretary of the Treasury shows that at the close of business December 31, 1908, the debt, less cash in the Treasury, amounted to \$977,549,750, which is an increase for the month of \$7,914,130, accounted for by the issue of \$30,000,000 Panama canal bonds. The cash balance in the treasury is \$119,891,412. The total Government receipts for the month were \$50,253,507, and the expenditures were \$60,250,000.

John H. Grabel Dead.

HILLSBORO, Or., Jan. 2.—(Special.)—John H. Grabel, aged 35 years, died at his home near Newton, this morning, from heart trouble. Deceased was prominent as a Knight of Pythias and a Woodman of the World, in which order he carried \$2000 insurance. He was a son of J. N. Grabel, a prominent Hillsboro capitalist. A widow, formerly Miss Elizabeth Bigham, and a daughter, aged 3 years, survive.

THUG ROBS LONE WOMAN

MRS. P. LARSEN HELD UP AND RELIEVED OF PURSE.

Robber Uses Big Revolver to Intimidate Seamstress, Whom He Stops on Dark Street.

Mrs. P. Larsen, a seamstress employed by H. B. Litt, 351 Washington street, was held up and robbed on Twelfth street near Overton at 6:50 o'clock last night. A thug armed with a big revolver halted Mrs. Larsen and threatening her life, demanded her purse, which was given to him. It contained only a few cents. The scene of the robbery is beside a vacant lot and the spot is very dark. The thief sneaked up behind the woman, who was alone, and, thrusting the revolver into her hand, commanded her to put up her hands. After grabbing her purse out of her hand he commanded her to proceed. Mrs. Larsen exhibited great bravery and presence of mind for one in such a trying position. She walked half a block north and, turning, found that the robber had vanished. Then for the first time fright overcame her and, growing faint, she applied at the first house she came to for a drink of water and assistance. Albert Bingham, of 282 Twelfth street, North, took her into his residence and called the police by telephone. Sergeant Goltz and Detective Craddock were sent to the scene. One of the officers escorted Mrs. Larsen to her home, 489 Twenty-third street, North.

SEATTLE ISSUES FIGURES

City Business by Water Approximates \$122,000,000.

SEATTLE, Wash., Jan. 2.—During last year Seattle's business by water was approximately \$122,000,000. More than 1850 deep water vessels arrived and departed, with a net tonnage of more than 2,500,000 tons. Passengers entering and leaving the port by water numbered 2,831,810. A summary of Seattle's commerce shows total domestic imports worth \$24,259,865; domestic exports \$16,682,492; foreign exports \$18,538,231; foreign imports \$22,290,052. Merchandise shipped to Bering Sea was worth \$4,495,465, and to Southeastern Alaska \$7,346,295.

ECHO OF POOR FAILURE

Receiver Appointed for Southern Road Which Boston Men Backed.

ATLANTA, Ga., Jan. 2.—Judge Pardee, of the Circuit Court, appointed President

HURRY TO HEYBURN'S AID

WALLACE POLITICIANS TAKE TRAIN FOR BOISE.

Give Out Story That Mormon Church and Harriman Seek Senator's Defeat.

SPOKANE, Wash., Jan. 2.—(Special.)—Answering a hurry-up call and hurrying to Boise to aid in re-electing Heyburn, dignitaries representing the Republican party organization of Shoshone County passed through Spokane today. They took the first train out. The party included A. H. Connor, executive secretary of the party; Walter Featherston, legislator-elect; John P. Gray, law partner of Heyburn; August Rutherford, ex-Sheriff; Harry McKinley, merchant and chairman of the Republican County Central Committee; A. B. Cogswell, cigar dealer and politician; Thomas McCabe, assistant cashier Wallace National Bank; F. F. Johnson, president First National Bank, all of Wallace. From Warden, Al Page, a hotel man, joined the party. The story left in Spokane by the Heyburn supporters from Wallace is that dignitaries of the Mormon Church and the political power of the Harriman system are back of the anti-Heyburn movement, which combination made hard sledding for Heyburn.

TEN MILLIONS IN GOLD

Nevada's Output for Nine Months of 1908 Reaches Huge Total.

RENO, Nev., Jan. 2.—According to the incomplete report of State Treasurer and Tax Collector Haley, the gold output of Nevada for the nine months ending September 30, 1908, was \$10,730,556. He estimates the mineral production of Nevada for 1908 at \$21,000,000 as opposed to the mineral production of 1907 as shown by official figures of \$17,391,486. The gold bullion output for 1908 is \$12,261,730, as opposed to \$12,000,455 for 1907.

City of Mexico Sends \$2000.

MEXICO CITY, Jan. 2.—Ten thousand lire has been called to the Italian Premier as the contribution by the City Council of Mexico to the quake relief fund. Every City Council in the Republic has been ordered to contribute.

PROMINENT FIGURES IN THE PITTSBURG GRAFT SCANDAL.

H. M. Atkinson and Vice-President P. S. Ackworth, receivers of the Atlanta, Birmingham Atlantic Railroad today. BOSTON, Jan. 2.—Holders of bonds of the Atlanta, Birmingham Atlantic Railroad in this city were notified today of the appointment of receivers for the road. Interest on the bonds was defaulted yesterday. The company, which was incorporated in Georgia in 1906, controls several transportation companies in the South and also steamboat lines from Brunswick, Ga., to New York. The capital is \$2,000,000 and about \$1,200,000 of an authorized issue of \$30,000,000 in bonds are outstanding. The corporation is largely financed by Boston interests. The bonds were underwritten by H. W. Poor & Co., the Boston and New York firm which assigned last week.

YOUTH ROBS MAILS

George Cochran, 10 Years Old, Caught in Act.

ENTERS THROUGH CHUTE

Confesses to Theft of Brooch From Station A, on Union Avenue, and Is Seen by Superintendent Entering the Office Again.

George Cochran, a 10-year-old boy, was caught last night in the Station A postoffice, corner of Union avenue and East Alder street, in the act of rifling the registered mail. The boy gained entrance to the room by crawling through the chute provided for papers and large packages. He was caught by watching the office at night. Superintendent W. S. Halvor, of the station, and his assistant, Elmore McKenzie, who were on the watch. On the night of December 31 a pearl brooch valued at \$20 or more was stolen from this office. From the traces left by the thief the superintendent judged it was the work of an amateur, and he and his assistant took on the side through the office at night. Last night both men saw the Cochran lad crawl through the chute. They telephoned the police station, and Detective Price and a constable were sent out and made the arrest. Before the office was closed for the night the boy was hanging around and watching everything going on inside through the windows. Superintendent Halvor stated. Later he was seen to enter through the chute. When taken to the station young Cochran, who is said to be a bright lad, at first denied everything, but later confessed to stealing the brooch on the night of December 31. He told where he had hidden it, under a woodpile in the neighborhood, and it was later found there. Young Cochran lives with his mother, who is employed in the Grand restaurant on Grand avenue, at 183 1/2 Union avenue. On the woman's promise that she would produce the boy in Juvenile Court Monday morning he was allowed to go home with her. The police think that young Cochran is the tool of a gang of robbers and are trying to locate some suspicious characters they have had under surveillance.

MILLINERY IS SCORCHED

Blaze in Washington Building Does Damage to Extent of \$700.

Fire, supposed to have been caused by faulty insulation on the electric light wires, broke out last night at 11:45 o'clock in the millinery establishment of Florence Evans in rooms 35, 37 and 38 of the Washington building, 370 1/2 Washington street. Damage to the extent of about \$700 was done, \$300 to the building and \$400 to the stock and fixtures of the milliner. The blaze was quickly put out. Web Harrington, who conducts a cigar store at the corner of Fourth and Washington, and I. G. Apperson, a draughtsman, who was working late in the office in the building, both discovered the fire. The blaze had gained good headway and the heat caused the windows fronting on Washington street to burst and fall to the sidewalk. Harrington turned in the alarm from box 12.

VANCOUVER THIEF BOLD

Smashes Windows on Crowded Street and Steals Diamonds.

VANCOUVER, B. C., Jan. 2.—(Special.)—At the busiest time and on Cordova street, one of the busiest thoroughfares, a petty thief tonight broke a plate-glass window, seized a tray of diamond rings and made good his escape, though most of the booty was dropped in a hasty getaway.

LETITIA, THE PROPRIETOR OF THE JEWELRY STORE, MADE A RUSH FOR THE ROBBER WHO WAS BLOCKED BY TWO ACCOMPICES. THE RIFLE IS BASTY CUT AND THE WHOLE POLICE FORCE IS NOW ON A STILL HUNT FOR A MAN WITH A WOUNDED ARM.

HARRIMAN WORST ONE OF ALL; HENEY

Prosecutor Declares Under Him Come Herrin, and Then Frisco Bosses.

LINE OF DESCENT TRACED

San Francisco Graft Scandals Described From Inside by Mr. Heney, Who Draws Moral for Philadelphians in Talk.

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 2.—Speaking before the City Club here today, Francis J. Heney, of San Francisco, declared that E. H. Harriman, through his control of the Southern Pacific Railroad, was responsible for the graft and corruption that has been found in the Golden Gate City. With Abe Ruef and Harriman was linked the head of the United Railways corporation, which has been exposed by Mr. Heney, but the real boss, he said, sits in New York and has one of his agents in California, W. F. Herrin, general counsel of the Southern Pacific Railroad. "San Francisco is no worse and no better than the average American city," Mr. Heney said. "With the single exception of course, of Philadelphia, and even here you have nothing like what we unearthed in my city. But the causes of corruption are the same in all cities. In San Francisco we found two elements at work. Coming from one source was the public service corporation, and from another was the saloons and dives, while behind our backs these forces joined hands. "In this alliance the boss was the connecting link, but he was simply the agent of the real boss—the big business man, who wanted to exploit the public service corporation. The political boss was really the small duck in the pond. Behind him was the public service corporation and the Southern Pacific Railroad. "According to my deductions," the head of the legal department of the Southern Pacific Railroad, W. E. Herrin, was the boss behind the scenes, and it was he, I am convinced, that Herrin was, after all, the tool of the actual boss—Harriman.

CHIEF FALLS; SHOTS MAN

Anaconda Youth Accidentally Killed While Escaping Arrest.

ANACONDA, Mont., Jan. 2.—(Special.)—William Rockefellow, a well-known young man here, was shot and probably fatally wounded by Night Chief of Police Harvey Green, early this morning. Rockefellow had been arrested for a trial fighting, together with several other young men, and was being taken to the station, when he broke and ran, evidently to avoid the notoriety of being arrested. Chief Green fired several shots in the air to frighten the man into stopping. The officer then slipped and fell, his gun being accidentally discharged, the shot passing through Rockefellow's groin.

SLAYDEN'S CHANCES GOOD

Confident He Will Be Chosen as Speaker at Olympia.

TACOMA, Wash., Jan. 2.—(Special.)—According to the reports received at the meeting of members of the Pierce County legislative committee, the prospects of J. W. Slayden for landing the Speakership of the next House are brighter than ever. Letters from a number of unemployed members of the House brought additional promises of support for Mr. Slayden, and he is more confident than ever that his candidacy will be successful. J. M. Hixson was endorsed by the Senators for the position of Sergeant-at-Arms of the Senate.

TRIMBLE TO BUY AIRSHIP

President Seattle Aero Club Goes East to Make Purchase.

SEATTLE, Wash., Jan. 2.—(Special.)—William Pitt Trimble, president of the recently organized Seattle Aero Club, is going East soon to investigate the possibilities of buying an airplane and dirigible balloons, and if he is able to find an air craft that he can learn to navigate himself will purchase it and bring it to Seattle. The Aero Club will purchase an airplane if his report on his Eastern investigations is satisfactory.

SALTON SEA AN OVERFLOW

Body of Water Said to Be an Accumulation From Former Floods.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 2.—That the so-called Salton Sea is not a sea at all, but an accumulation of waste water from the bottom of a depression 200 or more feet below sea level, is the conclusion of P. B. Newell, director of the United States Reclamation Service, appearing in the appendix of the report of the Smithsonian Institution.

VOTERS RAISE SCHOOL TAX

Increase Joseph Directors' Recommendations to 6 Mills.

JOSEPH, Or., Jan. 2.—(Special.)—At a special school meeting, the directors recommended a tax of four mills, but the voters raised it to six and instructed the directors to increase the number of teachers by two the coming season, and also had a committee appointed to act with the directors in taking immediate steps for a new brick school building to be built this coming Summer.