

RAINEY'S SPEECH ANGERS PANAMA

**Demands Apology for Insult
and Pigeonholes Treaty
Changes.**

PUTS UNCLE SAM IN HOLE

**While Senators Are Asking for
Amendments in Treaty, Illinois
Firebrand Offends Dignity
of Republic.**

WASHINGTON, Feb. 6.—The demand of Senators that the recently negotiated treaty with Panama be amended has placed the State Department in an embarrassing position.

Without knowing that any amendments were desired, the Panama National Assembly ratified the treaty in its original form. This action was taken on the very day that Representative Rainey, of Illinois, made his speech in the House denouncing President Obaldia, of Panama, and William Nelson Cromwell, Counselor of Legislation and fiduciary agent of Panama in this country, as "filibusters" and "buccaneers," and declared that Senator Obaldia was selected by corrupt influences and represented "the worst elements of South American politics."

This speech aroused great indignation in Panama and, according to cable dispatches, the National Assembly adopted unanimously strong resolutions denouncing Mr. Rainey and demanding a retraction from the United States. While this situation was being excitedly discussed on the 14th inst., the request came from the American State Department for amendment. This request has been pigeon-holed and Minister Arsenena, representative of Panama in this country, has been instructed to demand from the United States some action in apology for the insult to a friendly, neighboring Republic.

IS NOW UP TO PORTLAND

**MUST SHOW NEED OF 30-FOOT
CHANNEL TO SEA.**

**Both Senate and House Have Acted
Favorably on Survey of
River Passage.**

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Feb. 6.—Before the next regular Congress, a report will have been submitted by the Army engineers, passing upon the necessity for a 30-foot channel from Portland to the sea, and that report will be accompanied by the outline of a project and estimate of cost. If the report is favorable, it will be binding upon Congress, and it is reasonable to presume that the new work will be started under authority contained in the bill.

Through the efforts of Representative Ellis, aided by Representative Jones, of Washington, who is on the river and harbor committee, a provision has been inserted in the emergency river and harbor bill to be passed this session, authorizing a survey of the lower Willamette and Columbia, with a view to determining the cost and need of a 30-foot channel. Just about the time this clause was inserted in the House bill, the Senate passed two identical resolutions, one by Fulton and another by Bourne, authorizing this 30-foot channel survey. The inclusion of the Ellis provision in the House bill made those resolutions unnecessary, though their passage assures Senate approval of that feature of the House bill when it comes over.

The survey now being assured, it is up to the commercial bodies of Portland to impress upon the engineers the necessity for a 30-foot channel. Whether the report is adverse or favorable will depend upon the showing of Portland's growing commerce, and this and Georgia will be made by the city itself at the time the survey of the river is made.

TWELVE DEATHS RESULT

**STORM RAGED FROM TEXAS TO
GEORGIA COAST.**

**Swath Cut Along Southern States.
Torrential Rain Quenches
Georgia Forest Fire.**

ATLANTA, Ga., Feb. 6.—A dozen deaths was the toll taken last night in Mississippi, Alabama and Georgia in the first serious wind storm of this year. In the district of Moultrie, Ga., where dangerous forest fires raged, the flames moderated during heavy rainfalls early today. Fires were burning in many places tonight, but the weather being calm, there was every assurance that little more serious damage would be done.

The storm center traveled east from North Texas and appears to have wrought the greatest havoc in Northern Alabama, although high winds prevailed throughout the length and breadth of that state, reaching a velocity of 46 miles an hour as far south as Mobile, where a torrential rain was accompanied by hail.

ASHORE NEAR CAPE HORN

**Two Vessels in Distress Sighted at
False Cove.**

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 6.—The officers of the ship Edward Sewell, which has arrived here from Atlantic ports, report having seen two ships ashore about five miles northwest of the outside beach at an northern part of False Cove, Cape Horn. One of the vessels was a three-masted, with her mainmast gone. The other, a four-masted ship, seemed to have suffered no damage.

DEATH RECORD OF DAY

Always Voted Republican.

NEW YORK, Feb. 6.—There died in this city yesterday at the age of 105

a man who had voted for every Republican Presidential candidate since the first voted for Lincoln in 1864. He was Simon Harris, a peddler, who was born in Russia. The old man's death was hastened by the reading of the death of a warm friend, Rabbi Adolph M. Radin, who died on Thursday. He arose late yesterday and after buying a newspaper sat down in the kitchen at his home, then after glancing at the paper fell back unconscious in his chair. He died soon afterward. In his younger days Harris walked across the continent peddling his wares, and last Autumn he gained notoriety by hurrying back from his third visit to Jerusalem in order to register in time to vote for Taft.

Hero of Miles' Campaign.

BUTTE, Mont., Feb. 6.—William Fox, who commanded General Miles' pack-train in the campaign in Montana and the Dakotas, in the seventies, died today at Anaconda, aged 87. He was praised in general orders for saving Miles' supplies by personal heroism.

FLOODS SWEEP GERMANY

**ALL RIVERS HIGH ABOVE NORMAL
STAGE.**

**Many Towns Inundated and Rescue
Work Carried On Only at
Greatest Difficulty.**

BERLIN, Feb. 6.—Many cases of loss of life continue to be reported from various parts of Germany as a result of the floods. The waters of the smaller streams are now subsiding, but the larger rivers, like the Elbe, the Main, the Rhine and the Oder still are rising. The lower sections of Frankfurt-on-the-Main are flooded. A terrific hurricane raged in the Rhine Valley last night and demolished the Wiesbaden machinery hall and other buildings in course of erection for an exhibition this Summer. The heavy rains along the Rhine Valley, however, ceased early this morning and today the confluence of the Rhine are falling and the immense havoc wrought in many towns is becoming visible. The dike commission yesterday decided to take measures to strengthen the Rhine dikes. The Danube still is rising at Regensburg. Several villages are threatened with partial destruction. The Elbe is carrying down great masses of ice which have partly destroyed the scaffolding of the new bridge being erected at Dresden. The Mulde, a affluent of the Elbe, has flooded the country around Dessau. The forest forests are under water and a number of deer have been drowned. The Oder is rising rapidly and many barges frozen into the ice several weeks ago are threatened with destruction.

At Dulsburg the Rhine has risen 11 feet since yesterday and the river is 23 feet above normal. Broken dikes at several places are flooding the adjacent country. The Weser is 21 feet high and still rising at Muenzen. Many people have fled from their houses before the onrushing waters. The river is still rising at Leipzig and the City Park is flooded. The Fire Department at Leipzig was called out today to rescue people in adjacent villages.

FOUR WIVES CLAIM BODY

**W. S. King Well Supplied With
Mourners at Death.**

NEW YORK, Feb. 6.—Each bearing a marriage certificate, four women appeared at a local undertaking establishment here yesterday to claim the body of W. S. King, who was a well-known figure in the tenderloin district. He died Wednesday at St. Joseph's hospital. The four women, four supposed wives have since turned up. It was the general belief among his friends until yesterday that he was a bachelor. Three of the "Mrs. Kings" viewed the body together, having arrived at the undertaking establishment within a few minutes of each other. A hysterical scene ensued and each woman was positive in her assertion that the body before them was that of her husband. The third woman had already claimed the body and had become so hysterical that the undertaker at last requested all three to leave the place.

They had scarcely departed when the fourth woman came and another scene was enacted. The undertaker was in a quandary for a while but finally decided to recognize only the first Mrs. King. The funeral of the much-claimed husband will be held today.

RAILROAD VIOLATES LAW

**Guild Severely Condemns Action of
New Haven System.**

BOSTON, Feb. 6.—Stinging reference to his experience as Governor in connection with alleged violation of Massachusetts laws by the New Haven Railroad is made by ex-Governor Guild in an article published here today. The article says: "The New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad brazenly and deliberately violated the laws of Massachusetts in regard to trolley lines. The individual who was Governor at the time was violently abused because he sharply called attention to that violation. "The Railroad Commission, the Attorney-General and the supreme bench of Massachusetts have since declared that the Governor was right." The comments of Mr. Guild were made in connection with a criticism of resolutions adopted by the National Association of Wool Manufacturers opposing National or state interference with railroads.

SHIP WHEAT BY PACIFIC

Alberta Graingrowers Want Elevator at Vancouver.

CALGARY, Alberta, Feb. 6.—The grain conference here yesterday adopted a series of resolutions calling upon the government to construct a terminal elevator at Vancouver to be ready for moving next season's crop. In order that Alberta wheat may be shipped to the world's markets via the Pacific. A strong committee was appointed to push the project.

San Francisco Is Plague-Free.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 6.—Believing that the sanitary condition of San Francisco is now very good, Surgeon-General Wyman, of the United States Marine Hospital Service, has retired a number of physicians who have been cleaning up the city after the discovery of plague. No case of plague has been found since last Summer.

Bay City to Sell More Bonds.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 6.—Municipal bonds of the par value of \$5,400,000 will be offered for sale on Monday by the Board of Supervisors. This is another allotment of the bonds of the \$18,000,000 for municipal improvements, voted some time ago. The bonds will bear interest at 5 per cent.

HOPKINS' CALL FOR MORE HELP

**Goes to Washington to See
Roosevelt and Line Up
Federal Brigade.**

CANNON'S ADVICE NEEDED

**Speaker and Senator Cullom May
Find Means of Breaking Dead-
lock—Tie-up May Last THU
After Inauguration.**

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Feb. 6.—(Special.)—The Hopkins forces sought aid from new quarters today. The Aurora Senator sped to Washington to ask advice and help from Senator Cullom and Speaker Cannon, and possibly to plead for aid from President Roosevelt, while seven of the big Chicago State-street stores sent letters to the Legislators endorsing the Aurora Senator and urging his re-election. The Hopkins leaders expect to follow the endorsements from the State-street merchants with similar letters from other business and commercial interests in Chicago.

Another Attempt Wednesday.

Next week the Aurora Senator will be given another "try-out." Wednesday is set as the day for the attempt to break the deadlock, and although even the Hopkins leaders themselves assert that the tie-up will last at least until after inauguration day, March 4, every endeavor will be made to land the toga Wednesday.

The President is friendly to Mr. Hopkins, and while it is not stated definitely that the Senator will confer with Mr. Roosevelt, the politicians feel satisfied that such an interview will take place. Mr. Hopkins wants to talk over the situation with Mr. Cullom, Mr. Cannon and other Illinois men, and see if a new alignment cannot be perfected so far as the Federal wing of Republicans is concerned, it is asserted.

Force Federal Wing Into Line.

Men who have watched the struggle in Springfield declare that results have shown that the Federal organization as at present constituted has lost much of its power. There is a lot of dead wood, say the politicians, that must be worked off if Mr. Hopkins is to win. This phase of the Senatorial battle will be discussed in Washington, it is asserted. Some of the men who have been fighting the state administration forces will have their political heads in the waste-basket before the state leaders hammer their representatives to vote for Hopkins.

"LITTLE BOB" SCORES AGAIN

**Stephenson Inquiry Will Make His
Next Campaign Easy.**

MADISON, Wis., Feb. 6.—(Special.)—No matter what the outcome of the present situation in the Legislature, resulting from the demand for an investigation into the campaign methods of Senator Stephenson—and such an investigation is assured—one thing has been accomplished, and that is that the next Senatorial contest will not be conducted on a level as high as that in which Mr. Stephenson was the principal last Summer. No candidate dare be again so open-handed in spending his money, nor dare it become so flagrantly known that a barrel is on tap. This situation cannot but help Senator

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CALIFORNIA'S STATE DUTY

**Words of Alexander Hamilton Which
Apply to Present Situation.**

PORTLAND, Feb. 6.—(To the Editor.)—It is perhaps not out of place at the present time, when the Legislators of California and Nevada are so imbibed over the immigration of Japanese, to refer to a part of the speech of Alexander Hamilton before the New York convention of 1787, for when the ratification of the Constitution. It is as follows:

"The local interests of a state ought, in every case, to give way to the interests of the Union; for when a sacrifice of one or the other is necessary, the former becomes only an apparent, partial interest, and should yield on the principle that the small good ought never to oppose the great one. When you assemble from your several counties in the Legislature, were every member to be guided only by the apparent interests of his county, government would be impracticable. There must be a perpetual accommodation and sacrifice of local advantages to general expediency." This quotation applies to a condition and not a theory, and no comment, whatever, is necessary.

G. V. KETCHUM.

Seven-Hour Day a Joke.

NEW YORK, Feb. 6.—A seven-hour work day, as suggested by the trades councils in Cleveland, O., is an absurdity in the opinion of Herman Robinson, an organizer of the American Federation of Labor. "The hours of labor," said Robinson, "will not be further reduced, no matter how extensive or powerful the movement for a seven-hour workday will be. The unions will not aim at the accomplishment of absurdities."

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