

FEELINGS ARE HURT

Panama's Angry With Roosevelt Over Orders Given.

MARINES TO PROTECT SAILORS

Only Republic Was All Ready to Welcome Sailors When Report of Slight Came.

Panama, Dec. 12.—A report received here today that the President had ordered the police of Panama to arrest American marines under United States officers when the American sailors land here during the visit of the fleet next week caused much surprise.

Last Wednesday prominent citizens of Panama and the canal zone had a meeting at which arrangements were made to adequately to celebrate the visit and at which plans for protecting the sailors were made by a special committee. On this committee were appointed Governor Diaz, Mayor Arosca, Chief of Police Peralta and many other prominent Panamanians who were educated in the United States.

President Obaldia had made it known that it was his desire that Panama should avail itself of this opportunity to demonstrate that its friendship for the United States was sincere, but the alleged orders of President Roosevelt have dampened all enthusiasm and the chances are that, if they are true, instead of warm hospitality cord courtesy will be tendered to the men of the fleet.

It is said that exaggerated reports have been published in American newspapers regarding the death of an American sailor, who during the last days of President Amador's administration was wounded in a free fight in the resort and died of his wounds.

President Obaldia ordered a complete investigation of the affair, and four men are now in prison awaiting trial.

ASK FOR WATERWAY BONDS.

Rivers and Harbors Congress Votes for Federal Action on Projects.

Washington, Dec. 12.—With great enthusiasm the National Rivers and Harbors congress at its concluding session here yesterday placed itself on record in favor of the issuance of government bonds for the improvement of the great waterways projects.

The congress declared for an authorized issue by congress at its present session of \$500,000,000 worth of bonds, the proceeds to be used in the improvement of such river and harbor work as may be authorized by congress, provision for the issue to be similar to that for the Panama canal bonds.

A committee presented to Vice-President Fairbanks and Speaker Cannon the bond resolution. Mr. Fairbanks expressed a favorable opinion of the proposition, but Mr. Cannon merely assured the committee that the resolution would be "referred for consideration."

Vice-presidents of the various states were announced among them: California—C. E. Grunsky, of San Francisco; Idaho—W. B. Heyman, of Wallace; Montana—Judge F. E. Stanish, of Fort Benton; Nevada—Francis G. Newlands; Oregon—Joseph W. Bennett, of Marshfield; Washington—W. O. Fowler, of Seattle; Utah—J. K. Kalamianole, of Honolulu.

DENIES PANAMA CUT RUMOR.

Colonel Goethals Gives Reasons for Refusing to Widen Culabra.

Panama, Dec. 12.—It was rumored in this city yesterday that Colonel Goethals, chairman of the Panama Canal commission, had given orders that the Culabra cut be widened, but the Colonel today denied this report. The reason assigned was that at the present stage the canal could never be brought down to the 49-foot level above the sea necessary for a width of 100 feet. To widen the cut would mean the excavation of 14,000,000 cubic yards. It was also declared that deep crevasses had made their appearance on Gold Hill.

Colonel Goethals, when questioned on the subject, said the statement was entirely without foundation. "If the Culabra cut is widened," the Colonel said, "it will be to facilitate passage of vessels through the narrow part of the cut, and for no other reason."

As soon as the dry season sets in it is proposed to push the work of re-excavating the present Trans-Isthmian channel. Over 2,000 men will be employed in this undertaking.

Chinese Want Damages.

Reno, Nev., Dec. 12.—The Chinese residents and storekeepers whose houses were burned a few months ago when the grand jury ordered the old Tenderloin district destroyed are contemplating wholesale suits against the city as a result of the successful outcome of a suit for damages which was won by one of their countrymen yesterday. The demand for damages was made at the instigation of the Chinese consul at San Francisco.

Medical Men Give Approval.

Washington, Dec. 12.—President Roosevelt's recommendation in his message to congress that there be a redistribution of certain government department bureaus for the purpose of unifying the national health administration has been approved by the American Medical association, through its committee on legislation.

The committee, which was organized in session here, recommended in its resolution that preliminary enactment into law is demanded by the interests of the people, nearly a quarter of a million of whom are stricken yearly from diseases.

GOVERNORS CO-OPERATE.

More Than 30 Agree to Aid in Preserving Nation's Resources.

Washington, Dec. 11.—Prophetic of far-reaching results growing out of the joint conservation conference is a report drafted yesterday by more than 30 governors, approving the principle of co-operation in the conservation of the country's natural resources and emphasizing the importance of such co-operation to the end that prosperity and perpetuity of the nation may be assured.

The conference approved the disposal of mineral rights by lease only and the disposal of timber rights only under conditions insuring proper cutting and logging.

Senator Reed Smoot, of Utah, chairman of the section of forests, submitted the inventory of forests at yesterday's session. Following are some of the items:

Our forests now cover 550,000,000 acres, or about one-fourth of the United States. The original forests covered not less than 850,000,000 acres, or nearly one-half.

Forests publicly owned cover one-fourth of the total forest area, and contain one-fifth of all timber standing. Forests privately owned cover three-fourths of the area, and contain four-fifths of the standing timber. The timber privately owned is not only four times that publicly owned, but it is generally more valuable.

Forestry is now practiced on 70 per cent of the forests publicly owned and on less than 1 per cent of the forest privately owned, or on only 18 per cent of the total forest area.

The yearly growth of wood in our forests does not average more than 12 cubic feet per acre. This gives a total yearly growth of less than 7,000,000,000 cubic feet.

We take yearly, including waste in logging and in manufacture, 23,000,000,000 cubic feet of wood from our forests.

OPPOSES WATERWAYS BONDS.

Cannon Tells Commission He Will Vote Against It.

Washington, Dec. 11.—Speaker Cannon yesterday made known his unalterable opposition to the principle of financing waterway improvements by the issuance of government bonds. This was in an address to the rivers and harbors congress.

He declared that, "if perchance it were possible the rivers and harbors committee should report a bill to congress providing that there should be an issue for the next ten years to meet the proposed improvement bonds in the amount of \$1,000,000,000, I would not vote for it."

Mr. Cannon's attitude is at variance with that held by Vice-President Fairbanks, Andrew Carnegie and others as expressed before the congress yesterday.

"Now, nobody wants the federal congress in the next 60 days to commit itself to an expenditure of \$20,000,000,000 for waterways and to issue bonds," said Mr. Cannon. "If it is necessary to issue bonds, I stand ready to issue bonds. But expenditures must be safe and sane."

The speaker declared, however, that he would vote for appropriations reported by the rivers and harbors committee under the leadership of Representative Burton, who, he said, has done more for waterways improvement than any other man in congress. James W. Van Cleave, president of the National Association of Manufacturers, told of the manufacturers' interests in waterways improvement.

RUEF IS GUILTY.

Graft Trial Ended After Over One Hundred Days.

San Francisco, Dec. 11.—Abraham Ruef, former political boss of San Francisco, was convicted yesterday of bribery. The verdict was returned exactly upon the stroke of 4 o'clock, when the deliberations of the jury had been prolonged throughout a period of 24 hours. The warnings of Judge William P. Lawlor and the vigilance of the police checked all attempted demonstrations, although the excitement in the courtroom was so intense that men were thrust down into their seats or seized in the grasp of detectives as they arose to obtain a better view of the proceedings.

The trial, which had been in progress 106 days, ended with surprising quickness. The day had almost passed without sign from the chamber of Carpenter's hall. The hopes of Ruef and his attorneys had risen with every hour of the delay, and the adherents of the prosecution were proportionately discouraged.

By previous agreement of counsel that the bill of exceptions should be settled later, the court set next Saturday, December 12, as the day for pronouncing judgment. Ruef's conviction renders him liable to a maximum penalty of 14 years in the penitentiary.

Explosion Injures Six.

Salt Lake City, Utah, Dec. 11.—Six men were seriously injured this evening by the premature explosion of a blast in the Western Pacific tunnel between Star and Shafter, Nev. News reached this city of the accident in a dispatch requesting aid. A relief left shortly afterwards over the Western Pacific. The tunnel work is being done by the Utah Construction company. The names of the injured could not be obtained tonight.

King Leopold's Anniversary.

Brussels, Dec. 11.—King Leopold II yesterday completed the forty-third year of his reign as ruler of the Belgians. His majesty will be 74 years old in April. In point of service he is the oldest of the European monarchs, with the exception of Emperor Francis Joseph of Austria and King George of Greece.

NEWS FROM THE NATIONAL CAPITAL

Friday, December 11.

Washington, Dec. 11.—The senate yesterday received the report of the comptroller of the currency. Senator Lodge announced that he would discuss the Brownsville case next Wednesday. An adjournment was taken until Monday, when the postal savings bank bill will be discussed.

Washington, Dec. 11.—The first action taken by the house of representatives today was the adoption of the resolution introduced by Representative Perkins of New York providing for the appointment of a committee of five to consider what action should be taken by the house with reference to that part of the president's message which intimates that members of congress may need watching by the secret service.

The legislative, executive and judicial appropriation bill, which usually excites considerable discussion, lasting for several days, was passed with little debate and practically in the shape it came from the committee. An unusual feature was that no member asked for time to indulge in general talk. The facility with which the bill of 165 pages was put through was the subject of much comment and the members of the appropriations committee congratulated themselves. The bill carries an appropriation of \$31,325,350.

Representative Hawley of Oregon today introduced a bill extending the operation of the pension laws in favor of the officers and soldiers of the Bannock Indian war in Oregon and Washington in 1878 and 1879.

Thursday, December 10.

Washington, Dec. 10.—Congress, which feels that it has been insulted and outraged by President Roosevelt, is preparing to vindicate its honor by censuring the president or saying in his annual message that the members voted to prevent the usual detail of secret service men because they dreaded anything like investigation of themselves. Both branches of congress are up in arms, and the leaders are having difficulty in restraining the angry hotheads from making some petulant break.

Senators propose that by resolution the objectionable statement of the president shall be expunged from the record. This would be an extraordinary proceeding, but senators think it is justified by the character of the imputation carried by the president's words. There may be some discussion of the resolution, and in that case it is expected the president will come in for a sound rhetorical castigation.

In the house it is proposed to have a special committee appointed by the speaker to consider the alleged affront offered by the president and to prepare a suitable resolution covering the case. Of this committee it is understood that Chairman Tawney, of the appropriations committee, will be the chairman, and this is fitting, because it was Mr. Tawney who put through the offensive provision last session which restricted the president's freedom of control of secret service officers and brought forth the so-called insult to congress.

Wednesday, December 9.

Washington, Dec. 9.—For nearly five hours the house today considered the bill providing for the taking of the 13th and subsequent decennial censuses and passed it without material change. From the very outset it became evident that progress toward passage would be impeded by numerous amendments and arguments.

Prolonged and heated discussion was precipitated by an amendment by Gillett, of Massachusetts, who sought to have the temporary census force authorized by the bill, with the exception of a few minor positions, appointed upon the basis of competitive instead of non-competitive examinations.

Representative Englebright of California has introduced in the house a bill appropriating \$1,037,400 for the improvement of the entrance to Humboldt harbor at Eureka, Cal.

Representative Smith of California has introduced a bill to appropriate \$259,250 for the improvement of the harbor of San Diego.

A bill providing for the establishment of a tariff commission of seven members to fix the rate of duty on all imports was introduced in the house today by Representative Fowler of New Jersey.

Washington, Dec. 9.—Senator Carter today introduced a bill to create the office of mine inspector for Alaska. He says reports are that the slaughter of miners has become so heavy as to need federal regulation.

Senator Cullom has introduced a bill providing for compulsory military service by all able-bodied American citizens. The bill was prepared by the general staff of the army and strongly urged in a special message by the president. Under the proposed law, the president said, it would be as easy to raise an army of 2,000,000 men as it would be now to get 50,000 into the field.

The president today sent the following nominations to the senate: Vice governor of the Philippines, W. Cameron Forbes of Massachusetts.

Members of the Philippine commission, Newton Gilbert of Indiana and Rafael Palma of the Philippines.

Clackamas Horticulturists Elect.

Oregon City.—The Clackamas County Horticultural society last week elected the following officers for the ensuing year: R. S. Coe, president; William Beard, secretary-treasurer; A. J. Lewis, member of board of control for three years. The society will attempt the organization of a fruit-growers' union along the lines of the Hood River association. An exhibit of Clackamas county fruit will be installed in the rooms of the new Commercial club.

Tuesday, December 8.

Washington, Dec. 8.—Congress today heard the last annual message of President Roosevelt, but paid little attention to the reading, which most of them followed merely by reading the printed copies.

Washington, Dec. 8.—Bills have been introduced in the house of representatives providing separate statehood for the territories of New Mexico and Arizona.

Washington, Dec. 8.—President Roosevelt today sent to the senate the following nominations for confirmation: Luke Wright, secretary of war; Truman H. Newberry, secretary of the navy; Herbert L. Satterlee, assistant secretary of the navy; Daniel J. Keefe, commissioner general of immigration; Rufus H. Thayer, judge of the United States district court of China; Wade Ellis, assistant attorney general.

The president also sent to the senate several hundred nominations of postmasters and other officials who have been appointed during the congressional recess, and whose names have already been announced.

Among the postmasters named today are the following: John C. Young, Portland; L. B. Rutherford, Rainier; J. E. Logan, Burns; Ben Weathers, Enterprise; George F. Russell, Seattle.

GREAT JUNK SHOP.

Government Has 8,784 Packages in Dead Letter Office.

Washington, Dec. 10.—The dead letter office of the postoffice department is preparing for the annual sale of dead letter packages, which will be held at a local auction house beginning December 14 and lasting until the whole of the 8,784 packages advertised in the annual catalogue are disposed of.

There are a larger number of packages advertised for sale this year than ever before, and night sessions are to be held in order to dispose of the stuff before Christmas.

There are 7162 packages in the "miscellaneous" schedule of the catalogue, which was issued today. These packages represent articles from every walk of life. Every imaginable article from aprons, bicycle pumps, clothing, dresses, fans, girls' hats, hardware, knives and phonograph records, to saws, razors, hypodermic syringes, neckties, typewriters and watches, is contained in these packages.

One package contains shirt waists, scissors, a metal tray, a magic lantern and some collars.

Another contains some damaged barber shears, a cheap watch, some damaged razors, playing cards and dice.

One prize package contains 1000 stogies, and it is stated that Uncle Joe Cannon will be offered the first chance at this.

The automobilist is more in evidence this year than ever before. Several score packages are made up of spark plugs, automobile watches and patent tire inflators.

There are 492 articles of jewelry. Everything from silver snuff boxes and cigarette cases to gold rosaries is represented.

There are 1130 packages of books, and these represent about 15,000 volumes, written in every tongue of the earth. The Holy Bible and "Three Weeks" appear together, and books of "How to Make Money Easily" are grouped with Roosevelt's books and Elbert Hubbard's works. Some of president's books on animals are listed alongside of Jack London and Ernest Thompson Seton's stories, which were characterized by Roosevelt as "nature fakers."

Chinese, Chocwat, Danish, Dutch, Finnish, French, German, Greek, Hebrew, Hungarian, Italian, Japanese, Norwegian, Polish, Prussian, Slavonic, Spanish, Swedish, Turkish and Welsh are some of the foreign tongues represented in the book catalogue.

Last year's sale netted the postoffice department about \$10,000, and it is thought more will be realized this year. Everything sold is bunched together and wrapped up, and although all the articles are described in the catalogue, as many "lemons" as "prize packages" are drawn by the bidders who attend the sales. A "gentleman's watch" may mean an Elgin or a Waterbury.

New Portland Postoffice.

Washington.—Senator C. W. Fulton has introduced bills appropriating \$2,500,000 for a public building in Portland, \$500,000 for a public building in Astoria, \$100,000 for a public building in Oregon City; also to create Saddle mountain national park in the western division of the Blue mountain forest reserve, and providing for repayment of fees and purchase money to land entrymen whose entries have been declared void.

Willey Resigns Judgeship.

Washington, Dec. 11.—The resignation of Laebbeus R. Willey of Missouri, judge of the United States district court for China, has been accepted by President Roosevelt. The present has appointed Judge Rufus H. Thayer of this city as Willey's successor.

Buy Panama Transports.

Washington, Dec. 8.—Secretary of War Wright today concluded the purchase of the ships Shawmut and Trenton, belonging to the Boston Towboat & Transportation company. The vessels are now at Seattle, and will be used as transports in the Panama canal service.

Neill to Be Reappointed.

Washington, Dec. 9.—President Roosevelt has informed Labor Commissioner Neill that he will reappoint him.

WILL REFUSE LANDING.

President Castro Will Be Asked to Apologize First.

Paris, Dec. 8.—If President Castro, of Venezuela, comes to Bordeaux, he will not be allowed to set foot on French soil until after he has offered a formal apology for the fashion in which he has flaunted France. This decision was made by the cabinet, but was kept a secret, as it was expected that Castro would disembark at Santander, Spain. But should he arrive at Bordeaux, and his illness not be serious, permission to land will be made conditional upon the dispatch of an official telegram of apology to the French government and the dispatch of telegraphic instructions to Caracas for the immediate execution of the arbitral award in the matter of the French claims.

Dr. Domingo Castillo, the Venezuelan consul general at Hamburg, and D. Escalante, consul general at Liverpool, passed through Paris today on the way to Santander, presumably to meet President Castro.

DEPOSITS TOO LARGE.

Remarkable Conditions Existing With Canadian Banks.

Ottawa, Ont., Dec. 8.—A very remarkable condition of affairs is disclosed by the Canadian government's bank statement for October, just issued. It is shown that the people of this country are saving money at a very much faster rate than the banks and business men of the dominion can dispose of in profitable investments.

The result of this condition of things is that deposits in Canada increased during October to the extent of \$11,362,879, while the business of the country absorbed by way of current and call loans only \$3,332,014 more than during the previous month.

When it is remembered that the crop movement began very early this year, and that farmers were paid for their wheat and other products promptly, it will be understood that several million dollars of the increase for the month in deposits may be due to the plentifulness of money in the rural districts of the dominion.

Whatever the cause, however, bankers of Canada are confronted with the fact that they have to earn interest on \$96,000,000 of capital and \$67,000,000 of deposits.

BRITISH GIVE PROTECTION.

American Gunboats Leave During Insurrection in China.

Pekin, Dec. 8.—Reports have been received here that the Americans in the Yangtze Kiang territory are indignant on account of the withdrawal of the American gunboats, which went to Manila with the Pacific fleet for target practice, leaving no protection for Americans during the recent insurrection at Nanking. Because of this the American consul general at Hankow, William Martin, was compelled to ask the British representative to look after American interests at Nanking.

Detailed reports of the revolutionary conditions which prevailed show that had the rebels succeeded in taking Nanking, an insurrection would have broken out in at least three or four places, which would have put the American residents in great danger.

Washes Out Five Blocks.

Pine Bluff, Ark., Dec. 8.—The government dike, upon which the residents of the eastern portion of this city depends for flood protection, gave way late yesterday, and last night the Arkansas river was fast eating its way toward the mouth of Harding's bayou, which crosses the city. Five dwellings and the warehouse of the Arkansas Packet company were swept away, yesterday, and the greater portion of the Cady hardwood mill was destroyed. Barroquet street for five blocks has been completely destroyed.

Fleet Passes Singapore.

Singapore, Dec. 8.—The United States Atlantic battleship fleet, under Rear Admiral Sperry, passed through the harbor here today. The stately procession impressed both the experts and the many other spectators. The scout cruiser Yankton kept in constant communication with the fleet during its passage, but otherwise the battleships did not communicate with the shore. The flagship Connecticut saluted the port, and the salute was returned. Many launches and small vessels filled with spectators went out to meet the American ships.

Ferry Crashes Into Mole.

Oakland, Dec. 8.—Missing her slip in the almost impenetrable fog that had settled down upon the bay and blotted everything from view, the ferry steamer Berkeley, crowded with commuters returning home from San Francisco at 1:28 last night, crashed into the bulkhead at the end of the Oakland mole with such force that one of the passengers was fatally injured, three seriously and a score of others crushed and trampled upon in the panic that followed.

Flood Threatens Town.

Pine Bluff, Ark., Dec. 8.—A continued rainfall and the consequent softening of the already crumbling banks has renewed apprehension that it is not improbable that considerable additional property loss may occur, notwithstanding the rapid recession of the Arkansas river, which at nightfall had fallen a foot. The embankment protecting the wholesale district and county courthouse are imperiled to such an extent that it is feared they will give away.

Electrocution on Trial.

Trouton, N. J., Dec. 8.—County physician Frank G. Scammell announced today that he would try to resuscitate the next man electrocuted in the New Jersey state prison. He will do this in an effort to disprove the claim of physicians that electrocution does not kill. John Mantazana is under sentence to be electrocuted during the week of December 21.

CONGRESS CONVENES

Adjourn Soon Out of Respect for Deceased Members.

HUNDREDS OF VISITORS PRESENT

Practically No Business Transacted at Opening of Second Session of Sixtieth Congress.

Washington, Dec. 8.—After being in session an hour, half of the time being consumed by a roll call, the house of representatives, which met at noon yesterday for the second session of the 60th congress, adjourned out of respect to the memory of several of its own members and of Senator Allison, all of whom died during the recess. For an hour or more preceding the formal calling of the body to order, the galleries were packed to their fullest capacity. Many hundreds sat in the aisles, while long lines patiently waited outside the gallery doors, hoping to find an opportunity to get inside.

On the floor the members mingled with each other and extended hearty greetings. Speaker Cannon, Representative Sherman, of New York, the vice president-elect, and Champ Clark, of Missouri, the successor of John Sharp Williams, minority leader, received ovations.

The most important action of the house was the passage by unanimous consent of a resolution authorizing the committee on ways and means in its tariff hearings to subpoena witnesses and to call for books and papers. A number of bills of public interest were introduced.

Washington, Dec. 8.—There was a pall of sadness over the senate when it convened for the second session of the 60th congress, which was due to the absence of the late Senator William B. Allison, of Iowa, who died last August, after a service of more than 35 years in that body.

The assemblage was a brilliant one. Eighty-two of the members were present, and the galleries were filled with representatives of the official and social life of the capital. Besides the wives and daughters of senators, who formed a large company in the private gallery, James Bryce, the British ambassador to the United States; Tong Shoa Yi, special envoy of the Chinese empire; Prince Tsai Fu and others of his suite occupied seats in the reservation set aside for the diplomatic corps. The procedure in the opening of the new session was simple and dignified, following a long established precedent.

Senator Dolliver announced the death of the late Senator Allison, of Iowa, and resolutions expressing the profound sorrow of the senate over his bereavement were adopted. As a further mark of respect to his memory the senate, after a session lasting but 15 minutes, adjourned for the day.

PORTLAND BANK ROBBED.

Three Men Hold Up President and Secure \$17,000.

Portland, Dec. 8.—Three unmasked men held up and robbed the East Side bank, southeast corner of Grand avenue and East Washington street, at 5:45 o'clock yesterday afternoon. Seventeen thousand dollars in gold, silver and currency was the plunder claimed by the robbers. They gathered in two big sacks and ran out of the bank, turning eastward and staggering under the weight of the loot. H. H. Newhall, president of the bank, and Roger Newhall, his son, fired six shots after them, but without effect. Up to a late hour the small army of detectives, deputy sheriffs and secret service agents at work on the case had no definite clew, although many theories were being worked out and many rumors run down.

Just two minutes were required to complete a robbery that has few precedents for desperation and daring. Entering the bank, in the heart of the East Side business district, at an hour when hundreds of people were on the streets, the leader and most determined of the three men, at pistol point forced Mr. Newhall and his son, who is the cashier, to retire, their hands up, into Mr. Newhall's private office. This done two men who were waiting outside jumped inside the swinging door, and while one stood with a cocked revolver watching the entrance, the other held sacks into which the leader dumped the money from the counter and cash tills. They left \$300 in silver half-dollars, and did not go into the vault, which was open, evidently realizing that they had all they could carry away.

Simon Would Be President.

Port Au Prince, Dec. 8.—The quick establishment of a peace pact between General Simon, leader of the Haytian revolutionary army, and General Fouchard, the latest presidential candidate, is taken to mean that Simon himself wants the position at the head of the Haytian affairs, and intends to see that nothing interferes with his ambition. General Fouchard arrived here yesterday. It is rumored that he is out of the race for the presidency.

Six Jurors Are Secured.

San Francisco, Dec. 8.—Six jurors were secured yesterday in the trial of J. N. Chang, the Korean charged with the murder of Durham White Stevens, the American adviser to the Korean emperor, who was killed on March 23 last at the entrance to the Ferry building.