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## PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT SENDS ANNUAL MESSAGE TO CONGRESS

Recommendations to Congress Read in Both Houses This Afternoon.

ATTACKS ANTI-TRUST LAW AS IT STANDS

Dwells at Length On Need of Protection For Country's Forests.

Washington, Dec. 8.—In his message to congress, read to the two houses, the president said:

The financial standing of the nation at the present time is excellent, and the financial management of the nation's interests by the government during the last seven years has shown the most satisfactory results. But our currency system is imperfect, and it is earnestly to be hoped that the currency commission will be able to propose a thoroughly good system which will do away with the existing defects.

During the period from July 1, 1901, to Sept. 30, 1908, there has been a net surplus of nearly one hundred millions of receipts over expenditures, a reduction of the interest bearing debt by ninety millions, in spite of the extraordinary expense of the Panama canal and a saving of nearly nine millions on the annual interest charge. This is an exceedingly satisfactory showing. There has been a reduction of taxation.

Corporations.

As regards the great corporations engaged in interstate business, and especially the railroads, I can only repeat what I have already said and again said in my messages to the congress. I believe that under the interstate clause of the constitution the United States has complete and paramount right to control all agencies of interstate commerce, and I believe that the national government alone can exercise this right with wisdom and effectiveness so as both to secure justice from and to do justice to the great corporations which are the most important factors in modern business. I believe that it is worse than folly to attempt to prohibit all combinations, as is done by the Sherman anti-trust law, because such a law can be enforced only imperfectly and unequally, and its enforcement works almost as much hardship as good. I strongly advocate that instead of an unwise effort to prohibit all combinations there shall be substituted a law which shall expressly permit combinations which are in the interest of the public, but shall at the same time give to some agency of the national government full power of control and supervision over them. One of the chief features of this control should be securing entire publicity in all matters which the public has a right to know and, furthermore, the power, not by judicial, but by executive, action to prevent or put a stop to every form of improper favoritism or other wrongdoing.

The railways of the country should be put completely under the interstate commerce commission and removed from the domain of the anti-trust law. The power of the commission should be made thoroughgoing, so that it could exercise complete supervision and control over the issue of securities as well as over the raising and lowering of rates. As regards rates, at least this power should be summary. Power to make combinations and traffic agreements should be explicitly conferred upon the railroads, the permission of the commission being first gained and the combination or agreement being published in all its details. The interests of the shareholders of the employees and of the shippers should all be guarded against one another. To give any one of them undue and improper consideration is to do injustice to the others. Rates must be made as low as is compatible with giving proper returns to all the employees of the railroad, from the highest to the lowest, and proper returns to the shareholders, but they must not, for instance, be reduced in such fashion as to necessitate a cut in the wages of the employees or the abolition of the proper and legitimate profits of honest shareholders.

Telegraph and telephone companies engaged in interstate business should be put under the jurisdiction of the interstate commerce commission.

Ample Rewards For Intelligence.

It is to the interest of all of us that there should be a premium put upon individual initiative and individual capacity and an ample reward for the great directing intelligences alone competent to manage the great business operations of today. It is well to keep in mind that exactly as the anarchist is the worst enemy of liberty and the reactionary the worst enemy of order so the men who defend the rights of

## MANY LISTEN TO MESSAGE

Large Audience Hear Reading of President Roosevelt's Last Message.

(By Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 8.—Interest in both houses centered today in the reading of the President's message following the notification of the chief executive by the joint committee that congress was ready to receive it. The galleries of both houses were filled. All of the senators and representatives were supplied with printed copies of the message. The senators and members gave comparatively little attention to the reading but most of them busied themselves with the printed copy.

## INCREASE IN PUPILS HERE

Annual School Census of Marshfield Completed This Afternoon.

Marshfield has 758 residents of school age, according to the annual school census, the compilation of which was completed by John F. Hall, clerk of the school board, this afternoon. The census was taken by Tom Hall.

The census this year shows an increase of twenty-two over last year. The census in 1907 showed 742 people of school age in Marshfield but six of these were lost by the organization of a new school district southeast of the city.

All persons between the ages of four and twenty years are included in the school census. Of the 758 shown to be here, 401 are boys and 357 girls.

The Marshfield school district extends slightly beyond the city limits, taking in about twenty who do not reside in the city.

It was expected that the census this year would show a much greater increase than it does.

property have most to fear from the wrongdoers of great wealth, and the men who are championing popular rights have most to fear from the demagogues who in the name of popular rights would do wrong to and oppress honest business men, honest men of wealth, for the success of either type of wrongdoer necessarily invites a violent reaction against the cause the wrongdoer nominally upholds.

The opposition to government control of these great corporations makes its most effective effort in the shape of an appeal to the old doctrine of states' rights.

The proposal to make the national government supreme over, and therefore to give it complete control over, the railroads and other instruments of interstate commerce is merely a proposal to carry out to the letter one of the prime purposes, if not the prime purpose, for which the constitution was founded. It does not represent centralization.

I believe that the more farsighted corporations are themselves coming to recognize the unwisdom of the violent hostility they have displayed during the last few years to regulation and control by the national government of combinations engaged in interstate business.

Labor.

There are many matters affecting labor and the status of the wageworker to which I should like to draw your attention. As far as possible I hope to see a frank recognition of the advantages conferred by machinery, organization and division of labor, ac-

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## MYSTERY IN RICH MAN'S DEATH

Francis D. Hirschberg Shot and Killed in His Own Home but Whether It Was Murder Or Suicide Has Not Been Determined.

(By Associated Press.)

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 8.—Francis D. Hirschberg, prominent in the Catholic church and a friend of Archbishop Glennon, well-known in club and business circles and a director of the Louisiana purchase exposition, was shot and killed in his home early today. Whether it was murder or suicide has not been determined. The members of the family aver that Hirschberg was the victim of a

burglar. The police declared, after inspecting the palatial home, that trail of blood from the reception hall leads to Mrs. Hirschberg's room on the second floor. She says she was awakened by him staggering into the room. He immediately fell to the floor unconscious. Mrs. Hirschberg had her husband carried to his bedroom where he died. Mrs. Hirschberg is deaf and did not hear the report of a pistol.

Hirschberg first introduced in this country the practice of insuring employees against accident in their work. For many years he was a leader in the insurance business. Mrs. Hirschberg is a sister of Lady Noble Worth, wife of the English nobleman. Hirschberg was a member of a prominent French family in this city.

## ROB BANK IN PORTLAND SUBURB

Thieves Secure \$16,500 and Make Clean Getaway, Leaving No Clue—Rig Found By Police Today.

(By Associated Press.)

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 8.—The police this morning found the horse and buggy used by the three robbers who held up the East Side Bank last night and secured \$16,500 but no trace of the men. They hired the buggy at a west side livery stable. The robbery evidently had been planned for a long time and the plans for its execution carefully made. The safe was blown and all of the cash in it taken.

That the robbers were able to do their work so quickly and escape is a marvel. The bank is located on

one of the principal streets and people are constantly passing there all hours of the night.

Lose Roll of Bills.

Detective Frank Beatty picked up \$200 on Alder street today, not far from the scene of the robbery, the money being in a roll which was identified as part of the plunder. From the information obtained, the police now believed that five men were implicated. Captain Whitcomb of the municipal fireboat, reported today that he saw two men running in the vicinity of the bank in a direction opposite to that supposed to have been taken by the trio who did the active work in the robbery. It is supposed that these men ran in opposite direction to disconcert the pursuers of the principals in the robbery. Up to 2 o'clock, absolutely no tangible clue to the identity of the men had been found.

## LAND FRAUD MEN SENTENCED

FREDERICK A. HYDE AND J. H. SCHNEIDER FINED AND GIVEN JAIL TERMS FOR CONSPIRACY TO SECURE OREGON LAND.

(By Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 8.—Frederick A. Hyde of San Francisco, recently convicted of conspiracy to defraud the United States out of

large tracts of land in Oregon and Washington, today was sentenced to pay a fine of \$10,000 and serve two years in the penitentiary at Mounts-ville, W. Va. It was the maximum penalty under the law. Joost H. Schneider of Tucson, Ariz., an employe of Hyde, was fined \$1,000 and to serve one year and two months in the penitentiary. Both filed appeals and were released on bonds.

## LARGE VOTE IN NORTH BEND

Expect That About 550 Will Be Cast in Municipal Election Today.

The North Bend city election in progress today is passing off quietly but a large vote is being polled, about 340 having voted up to 2:30 this afternoon. As the mill hands will get off at 4 o'clock to vote, a heavy vote will be polled after that hour so that the total vote will probably run up to about 550.

The law prohibiting campaigning on election day is being strictly complied with and aside from groups about the streets discussing the prospects of the various candidates, there is little to indicate that an election is in progress.

Last evening, all of the candidates and their friends were busy rounding up their followers and insisting that the ones favoring them get out and vote.

"Uncle Josh" FRIDAY, December 11 at MASONIC Opera House.

Steamer BREAKWATER sails from Coos Bay for Portland SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12, at 12 NOON.

Two hours of solid fun. See "Uncle Josh" FRIDAY at MASONIC Opera House.

## SENSATIONAL ATTACK IS MADE ON PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT

## KILLS GIRL AND HIMSELF

Slayer of Garcia Family in Colorado Adds to His Bloody Crime.

(By Associated Press.)

TRINIDAD, Col., Dec. 8.—Maggie Garcia, 18 years old, and Francis Martinez, suspected of having murdered four members of the Garcia family last week, were found dead yesterday twenty miles west of the Garcia ranch, both having been shot in the head. Apparently Martinez murdered the girl and then committed suicide.

A posse surrounded Martinez and the girl Sunday night. Finding their escape cut off, Martinez killed the girl and himself. Martinez undoubtedly abducted the girl after killing the family and forced her to walk to the place where they were located.

## ALLIANCE IN FROM PORTLAND

Fog On Columbia River and Head Wind Delayed Vessel's Progress.

The Alliance arrived in from Portland early today after a rather rough voyage, having to buck a Southeaster' all the way down. She was fog bound at Portland, being unable to leave there until 2 o'clock Sunday afternoon. She crossed out over the bar at Astoria at 1 o'clock Monday morning but the strong headwind made her progress slow.

Captain Parsons, the new master, came down on her. Captain Olson will make the trip back to Portland and return and will then assume command of the Nann Smith. Captain Nelson will make another trip on the Nann Smith meanwhile.

Prentiss Gray, one of the owners of the Alliance who has been here for a day or two as the guest of Agent Harry Skinner, will go to Portland on the Alliance next week. Mr. Gray is very much pleased with the development of Coos Bay and the determined spirit that the residents here are showing to make still greater improvements. That he is with them was shown by the contribution of \$2,500 to the dredger fund a few months ago.

The Alliance will sail from here for Portland about 10 o'clock in the morning. Among those who came down on the Alliance were the following:

Wm. Madaris, D. L. Wiggins, T. L. Siebert, G. B. Rathou, Henry Young, Jas. Lamont, Robt. Keen, Miss Annie Raines, J. A. Reed and wife, C. Van Kilbeck, Jos. Ellis, Wm. Van Camp, V. Anderson, Fred Kee, Wm. Murray, Joe Rivett, D. McCrane and twelve steerage.

M. F. Plant Sails.

The M. F. Plant sailed this morning for San Francisco, carrying a large number of passengers and considerable freight. Among those who sailed from here were the following:

K. Talyi, F. F. Clinton, Hattie Ferrey, Mrs. J. L. Ferrey, J. H. Bridges, F. B. Walrath, J. L. Ferrey, B. H. Ferrey, R. F. Burke, E. L. Gibbs, D. V. Renforo, Hiseock, D. H. Knappenberg, Rev. McKay, H. Siboll, L. Boz, P. Christofors, L. Bafers, J. E. Day.

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New York Paper Demands Investigation of Panama Canal Purchase.

CHARGES BIG GRAFT IN DEAL FOR IT

Claims That Cromwell's Syndicate Got Most of the Money Paid.

(By Associated Press.)

NEW YORK, Dec. 8.—The New York World to which Delavan Smith, editor of the Indianapolis News, referred in his reply to Roosevelt's attack upon him as authority for the article on the Panama Canal, which appeared in his paper and called forth the President's letter says today: "In view of President Roosevelt deliberate mis-statement of fact in his scandalous personal attack upon Mr. Delavan Smith, editor of the Indianapolis News, the World calls upon the congress of the United States to make immediately a full and impartial investigation of the entire Panama scandal."

The World goes into the negotiations incident to the taking over by this government of the Panama Canal property from the original French company, and quotes extensively from the testimony taken before the investigation committee of the senate which went into the canal affairs of 1906, and of Wm. Nelson Cromwell's persistent refusal to answer most of the pertinent questions of Senator Morgan of Alabama. The World quotes extensively and apparently refutes beyond a doubt the statement of Roosevelt that "The United States did not pay a cent of the \$40,000,000 to any American citizens. The government paid the \$40,000,000 to the French government, getting the receipt of the liquidator appointed by the French government to receive same."

The World says, only one man knows how the money was distributed by Cromwell and "that Roosevelt and Root were the two most in his confidence, and the paper charges that it was they who aided Cromwell in consummating the Panama revolution, arranged the terms of the purchase of the canal, made the agreement to pay \$40,000,000 on the canal properties and the additional \$10,000,000 for a manufactured Panama republic, every penny of which was paid by check on the United States Treasurer to J. P. Morgan and Company, and not to the French government as Roosevelt says, but to J. P. Morgan and Company." The World says the property of the bankrupt of DeLeases Company could have been purchased for \$5,000,000, that an American company was formed with "dummy" directors to take over the property and that the American company organized by Cromwell got most of the money.

SAYS IT IS LIE.

President-Elect Taft's Brother May Start Suit.

(By Associated Press.)

CINCINNATI, Ohio, Dec. 8.—The Cincinnati Times-Star, of which Chas. P. Taft is editor and proprietor, in reviewing the New York World's Panama Canal story characterizes it as a lie, and gives the impression that legal steps may be made desirable by events and insinuates that in about twenty-four hours a suit may be instituted.

TAFT AND ROOSEVELT.

Both Will Deliver Addresses Before Southern Boosters.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 8.—

Interest in the Southern Commercial congress today centered in the National Conservation commission at which both Roosevelt and Taft are to speak. At the morning session, interesting addresses were made by Edwin C. Eckel, Dr. C. W. Hayes, Chief Geologist of the United States Geological Survey, and B. A. Tompkins of Charlotte, N. C.

Seats now on sale at W. J. Butler's for "UNCLE JOSH." Lower floor, 50c; gallery, 35c.