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NEELY DEFENDS HIMSELF.

Declares Himself Innocent but Expects to Receive a Sentence of From Eight to Ten Years.

NEW YORK, Jan. 28.—The Journal and Advertiser contains a long dictated statement from Charles W. F. Neely, the accused postal official who has just been taken to Cuba for trial. In the course of this Neely describes in detail how, after an issue of stamps had been made for the Cuban service, the surcharged stamps were destroyed.

For the purpose of conducting the destruction Director-General Rathbone appointed a commission, he says, composed of himself (Neely), Auditor Reeves of the registry division, and Marshall, an Ohioan. It has been alleged that Neely stole many thousands of dollars' worth of stamps by burning in their place packages of waste paper. In reference to this charge Neely says about these stamps:

"The man who says they were not destroyed, or who says that I said the packages contained only brown paper, tells a damnable lie. Save for one or two packages, they were in their original form, the seal of the department unbroken, and if they contained only brown paper the fraud was committed in Washington before the stamps were shipped to Cuba."

Further on Neely says: "Had I been desirous of stealing from the government, why did I not steal something worth the while? I had plenty of opportunities to do so. On one occasion, I would have pocketed over a million dollars."

"On one of my trips to the states, made on official business, I brought with me on the transport over \$500,000 in gold. I had at the same time in my pockets certificates of deposit made out in my name and individual capacity on the Seventh National Bank, the government depository for post office funds for over \$300,000. That made over \$1,200,000 that was as completely in my possession as though it were my own."

Neely ends his statement in the following words:

"The wild stories of extravagant speculation on my part while in Cuba are all the purest fiction. That I made money while in Cuba I never have denied. But I made it legitimately, and it was the product of the private funds which I took to Cuba with me."

"My innocence can be proved, but I never expect to be able to prove it. The opportunity will not be given me, and I am prepared to be sacrificed and to receive a sentence of from eight to ten years. All idea of obtaining justice has left me and I have no other thought now than that my fate may be decreed as quickly as possible. I cannot stand this strain, and when I go to a Cuban prison it will be with the knowledge that I have only a few months more to live, for no American can stand confinement in those tropical prisons."

"But sooner or later I expect the facts in this case to be made known and substantiated, and when that day comes the public will confess that it prejudged me, and that instead of being

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GERMAN NAVAL PROGRAM.

Has Been Changed So That Ships Will Be Completed Ten Years Earlier Than First Intended.

NEW YORK, Jan. 28.—A special to the Herald from Washington says: Germany has so laid out the work in connection with the naval ship building program adopted in 1899 that instead of being completed in 1913, as originally contemplated, all the ships will be ready for service by 1906.

This important information has been received by the navy department and has been given consideration by the Dewey policy board. The program now being carried out will add to the German fleet thirty-four battleships, twenty large cruisers and forty-eight small cruisers, all thoroughly modern. There will be other and older battleships available for duty, and the German fleet will consequently have a strength of more than forty battleships.

The haste being observed by the German emperor in the construction of his new navy is directly traceable, of course, to his desire to provide his government with a navy which shall properly protect its interests.

The feeling is that it is of special importance to this country, in view of the possibility of trouble between it and Germany, to which Representative Foss made reference when the naval bill was under consideration in the house, and to which Secretary Root also called attention in connection with the necessity for an increase in the army when he said last spring that there was "one nation" that the United States must not lose sight of.

The naval war board, which, under instructions given by Secretary Long last summer, devoted itself to the preparation of plans of campaign to be followed in Chinese and Philippine waters in case of hostilities with other powers, practically has completed this work, it is understood, and is now devoting itself to problems in connection with the defense of the United States and its nearer dependencies.

No one here expects hostilities with Germany or any other nation, and the president is doing everything in his power to foster friendly relations. There is no doubt that he and other administration officials sincerely regret the course Germany has pursued in the Chinese negotiations.

The Berlin government has recently shown a willingness to make a solution of the Chinese problem more probable, and this change of attitude is a matter of much gratification in official circles here. It is hoped by the administration that the haste being observed in the completion of the ship-building program has no reference to the United States, and it is to be expected that the Berlin authorities will disavow that this is so.

At the same time, this government understands the necessity of being prepared, and will probably urge congress to continue the policy of increasing the navy. With the two battleships authorized in the pending naval bill, the United States will by 1904 have a fleet of eighteen battleships and ten armored cruisers. This will be less than half the strength of the German navy in 1906.

DEADLOCK IN DELAWARE.

DOVER, Del., Jan. 28.—Today's vote for United States senator by the legislature in joint session showed no material change from the preceding ballots.

REDUCED RATES FROM EAST.

First Great Official Movement of New Southern Pacific President Is Slashing of Fares.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 28.—President Charles M. Hays, of the Southern Pacific, made his first great official movement when he ordered the rates for colonists from the East to California.

No External Symptoms.

The blood may be in bad condition, yet with no external signs, no skin eruption or sores to indicate it. The symptoms in such cases being a variable appetite, poor digestion, an indescribable weakness and nervousness, loss of flesh and a general run-down condition of the system—clearly showing the blood has lost its nutritive qualities, has become thin and watery. It is in just such cases that S. S. S. has done some of its quickest and most effective work by building up the blood and supplying the elements lacking to make it strong and vigorous.

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The rate will be in force from February 12 to and including April 30.

EIGHT-HOUR DAY.

Granted to Miners by Two Large Montana Companies.

BUTTE, Mont., Jan. 28.—Manager Kloppeko, of the Boston and Montana Mining Company, announced that the eight-hour day for miners will be put into effect on February 1 in the properties of that company. Manager Gillette, of the Butte and Boston, has posted notices to the same effect.

CRAIG COMING TO PORTLAND.

Leaves Northern Pacific for the Service of the O. R. & N.

ST. PAUL, Jan. 28.—A. G. Craig, assistant general passenger agent of the Northern Pacific Railway Company, has tendered his resignation to take effect February 15. Craig will become general passenger agent of the Oregon Railway & Navigation Company with headquarters at Portland, Oregon.

MINERS INSTANTLY KILLED.

BUTTE, Mont., Jan. 28.—George W. Kingsbury and Anthony Small were instantly killed this morning in the L. E. R. mine by falling from a cage while being hoisted toward the surface. It is supposed that they were overcome by gas.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA.

Notable among the pleasures afforded by the Shasta Route is the winter trip to Southern California and Arizona. Renewed acquaintance with this section will ever develop fresh points of interest and added inducements in its fertile vegetation and among its numerous resorts of mountain, shore, valley and plain.

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