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CHARGE OF TREACHERY PREFERRED

Members of Colombian Battalion That Swore Allegiance to Panama Accused of Murderous Conspiracy.

Said to Have Been Involved in Plot Looking to Assassination of General Huertas.

STOUTLY AVER INNOCENCE

Claim the Plot Was Hatched Up by Enemies to Cause the Arrest by Panama Officials.

Colon, Dec. 5.—Through a letter the Panama government has discovered what is alleged to have been a plot against the life of General Huertas, commander-in-chief of the forces of the republic of Panama, and an effort on the part of a few army officers to persuade the garrison at Panama to revolt. Four of the alleged conspirators were immediately brought under guard to Colon and shipped hence to Port Limon. They were members of the Colombian battalion which gave its support to the new government when the republic was formed. They all took the oath of allegiance to the new republic and continued to serve in the army. One of them is a colonel, two are majors and the fourth is the adjutant of General Huertas.

They allege the charge that they were engaged in conspiracy is the work of personal enemies, and that some Colombian who was deported from the isthmus immediately after the establishment of the republic sent the letter from Port Limon addressed to one of their number. The communication was written in terms implicating them. At the same time, they say, the writer advised some of the officials at Panama to secure and read the letter before it was delivered, and that this was done.

ANNUAL OF GRIDIRON CLUB

December Dinner Made Occasion of Delightful Time.

Washington, Dec. 5.—The Gridiron Club entertained more than 100 guests at its December dinner at the Arlington hotel tonight. The evening was replete with unique features, in which public events and the alleged ambitions and aspirations of statesmen were made subjects of burlesque and good natured ridicule.

The initiation of three new members afforded an opportunity to picture the inside of a newspaper office, in which the staff discussed the methods of interviewing many of the guests present. The republic of Panama suddenly appeared at the dinner and was recognized by the republican elephant amid the brays of the democratic donkey. The Gridiron Club flying machine was brought in and a number of prominent guests were given the opportunity to test it, the course being to the White House, but all met with mishaps before reaching the goal.

Moving pictures illustrated some recent events, political and social. New York policemen appeared and hung a red light directly over the place where Leader Murphy of Tammany, and Mayor-elect McClellan were sitting. There were a number of brilliant and witty speeches and the evening was interspersed with topical songs.

OREGON STUDENT ALMOST ASPHYXIATED.

Berkeley, Cal., Dec. 5.—George Johnson, a student in the senior class at the University of California, whose home is in Roseburg, Or., was found in his room nearly dead from asphyxiation today. The cause was a defective gas stove. Three physicians are striving to save his life.

GREAT STORM ON GERMAN COAST.

Hamburg, Dec. 5.—A terrific storm and dense fog prevail on the North sea and a number of shipping casualties have occurred. The Dutch steamer *Alwina*, from La Rochelle for Rotterdam, foundered and her crew perished.

CHINESE TONGS AT WAR.

San Francisco, Dec. 5.—A bitter fight broke out in Chinatown tonight between Hop Sing and Sing Suey Ying Tong, and two men were shot and seriously wounded. Further shooting was prevented by the activity of the police. The tong fight commenced over a disreputable woman.

THE EPIDEMIC AT STANFORD.

Stanford University, Dec. 5.—The report of Health Officer Snow, given out tonight, in regard to the diphtheria epidemic at Stanford University, shows a total of 12 cases. Four other students, registered as suspected cases, have also been taken into the detention hospital, which has been placed under absolute quarantine. Among those in quarantine are W. J. Neblett, instruct-

or in English; W. A. Manning, instructor in mathematics; Miss Olive Nell, of Lewiston, Ida., and H. E. Savage, of Salem, Or. Among the suspect cases in quarantine is that of J. C. Storey, of Seattle, Wn. There is no probability of the university closing, as the medical authorities assert the situation is thoroughly within control.

THE VATICAN IS ALARMED.

Rome, Dec. 5.—It is now regarded as certain that Pope Pius, who has already created Mgr. Callegari, bishop of Padua, a cardinal, is about to call him to Rome definitely. This step is said to be viewed with apprehension at the Vatican, as what the officials there wish to avoid is the surrounding of the pope by outsiders, especially those from Venetian provinces. These new elements are regarded as too much advanced and not sufficiently observant of the etiquette in Vatican circles, but the pontiff, if he makes up his mind, will not be deterred from carrying out his plans.

Seaside Local Runs Off Track

Engine and Coach Ditched Near Gearhart While En Route for Seaside.

The engine and one of the coaches of the Seaside local were ditched last evening a short distance beyond Gearhart at a point near O'Hanna. The train was en route to Seaside at the time. There was no way of communicating with the spot where the mishap occurred, as the exact cause is as yet a matter of conjecture. The information came from a reliable source, however, that none of the passengers or crew was injured, and that the damage done was of such a nature that repairs can be early effected. A work train went to the scene of the wreck last night fully equipped with crew and implements.

TO BE HANGED AT THE PEN.

Seattle, Dec. 5.—John Reynolds was sentenced by Judge Bell in the superior court today to be taken to the penitentiary at Walla Walla and hanged for the murder of William McNally. If the sentence is carried out, this will be the first execution to take place under the law of 1901.

PERSONAL MENTION.

Frank J. Carney has returned from a trip to Portland.
William Chadwick was over from the west side yesterday.
Miss Florence Carnahan is visiting with her parents at Clatsop today.
Editor Cornwall of the Oregon Timberman, is in the city from Portland.
R. A. Hawkins returned to Ilwaco yesterday after a brief visit in the city.
A Meserve was over from Grays River yesterday ordering goods for his store.
William Anderson was over from Deep river yesterday calling on the merchants.

D. T. Halferty, proprietor of the Warrenton hotel, was in the city yesterday on business.

Mrs. Leyde returned yesterday from Hot Lake where she has been for the benefit of her health.

Frank Hart, the druggist, returned Friday from an extensive visit to Los Angeles and southern California.

W. S. Marsh left last evening for the east accompanied by his family. They will reside permanently in Wilkesbarre, Pa.

Mr. and Mrs. B. Van Dusen returned last night from Portland, where they had been on a visit for the past few days.

R. A. Abbott returned to his home in Skippoon yesterday. Mr. Abbott will put in some good time from now on until the 16th campaigning for Dr. Tuttle.

Mrs. J. M. Arthur and son came over from Ilwaco yesterday and in the evening left for Portland where they will visit for a time.

Deputy Fish Warden Webster went to Oregon City last night to visit with his family. Mr. Webster will be absent from the city for the next two weeks doing the hatcheries.

Mrs. Th. Frederickson and daughter Majors are in Portland where they will visit for several days. While in Portland they will attend the concert of Lillian Meyer, the famous violinist.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Green were in the city yesterday from Coos bay. They are now gone to North Cove where they will visit with Mrs. Bessie Culbert, their daughter. Mrs. Green is a sister of Captain Thomas Parker.

Robert McMath, mayor of Westport, was in the city yesterday on business. Joseph Gribler returned yesterday from Marshfield where he organized a lodge of Eagles. He reports a very pleasant time and the fraternal visit a grand success.

F. N. Smith, representing the Bluffs piano house, is in the city en route for Tillamook, where he goes to take charge of the piano stock recently handled by A. H. Adams. Mr. Adams has conducted the Ellers agency at Tillamook for the past two years, but recently met with reverses and so has gone out of business. Mr. Smith expects to remain at the town of butter and cheese for the next month or six weeks, or until he has disposed of the instruments at hand.

MULTNOMAH VICTOR OVER WASHINGTON

Scores Touchdown Just Before Second Half Ends Through Error in Judgment of Captain Spidell.

Visitors Were Overconfident and Undertook Line-bucking Tactics That Defeated Them

GAME STUBBORNLY FOUGHT

Washington Loses Ball Ten Minutes Before Call of Time Multnomah Smashes Her Line.

Portland, Dec. 5.—An error in judgment on the part of Captain Spidell, of the University of Washington, lost the football game to the Multnomah club today. The game was exciting and one of the most stubbornly contested games played here this season.

Throughout the first half and until the very last of the second there was no score.

Ten minutes before the half closed Washington had the ball on its 47-yard line. Having gained slightly on the second down, Captain Spidell felt confident of gaining the necessary six yards, and, instead of calling for a kick, which would have put the game out of danger, he bucked Multnomah's line and lost the ball on downs.

Multnomah commenced a series of line bucks. Time after time Multnomah tore through for gains, until just before time was called the ball was forced over Washington's line for a touchdown. Murphy kicked the goal.

MANY CHINESE PASSENGERS

The British Steamship Lothian Arrives With 540 Orientals.

The British ship *Lothian* arrived in port yesterday from San Francisco. She is a fine ship of 3322 tons and belongs temporarily to the China Commercial Steamship Company, which is just now engaged in an interesting traffic war with the Pacific Mail. She comes to the Columbia to load 4000 tons of flour and goes from Astoria to Yokohama and thence to Hongkong.

The *Lothian* brought 540 Chinese passengers from San Francisco for the Orient. She has accommodations for 50 more and expects to find them at Portland and Astoria. The passengers are Chinese who are returning from a sojourn in America, and they are going home at \$15 per head. It was stated yesterday by some of the officers of the

vessel that the Pacific Mail had offered to carry the passengers back to the Orient for \$2, but when one of the men tried to buy a ticket he was told to wait later.

The *Lothian* is in charge of Captain Williamson, who formerly commanded the *Lennox*.

O'BRIAN BEATS WILLIAMS.

Philadelphia, Dec. 5.—Jack O'Brien knocked out Jack Williams in the third round of what was scheduled as a six-round bout tonight.

AWFUL CRUELTY PRACTICED

Natives of Congo Free State Victims of Rubber Regime.

London, Dec. 5.—Roger Casement, British consul in Congo Free State, has just completed a tour of investigation which fully confirms the worst reports of the outrages perpetrated on the natives in that part of Africa.

The report which Casement is now preparing will show that the most horrible outrages are still being perpetrated under the "rubber regime" and slavery and barbarism in their most revolting forms still exist.

The Casement party traveled along Congo river, visiting the Abir and Lu-longa rubber zones.

OFFICIALS PLEAD GUILTY

Grand Rapids Boodlers Treated Leniently by Court.

Grand Rapids, Mich., Dec. 5.—As was expected, the ex-city officials who had waived examination in the police court on a charge of accepting bribes, went into the superior court today and pleaded guilty. Judge Newham deferred sentence, releasing them under bonds to appear whenever ordered by the court.

The preliminary hearing of W. J. Oman was held in the justice's court yesterday forenoon. It developed at the hearing that young Oman has ever borne a good reputation, and this fact and other evidence introduced induced the court to be lenient. The charge of petty larceny was lodged, and a fine of \$25 and costs imposed. On condition of continued good behavior half of the fine was disallowed. The defendant paid the costs and was released. The young man arrived from San Francisco two weeks ago, having been mustered out of the military at the Jay City. Upon arriving at Astoria Oman got into bad company and was temporarily led astray.

The incorporation of Fisher Bros. as Fisher Bros. Company was successfully consummated yesterday by the election of officers, with F. J. Carney as manager. Fisher Bros. have been actively engaged in business in Astoria for 23 years and have built up an extensive and successful business. Mr. Carney has been with the firm for 14 years and his selection as manager is a tribute to his worth. Messrs. Fisher still retain large holdings in the new organization and will take an active interest in the same.

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AGREEMENT REACHED ON SUBSIDY BILL

Friends and Opponents of Measure Consent to Plan by Which It Will Not Be Called Up This Session.

Extra Session Comes to End on Monday by Constitutional Limitation.

EFFECT ON THE WOOD CASE

Will Reduce Him to the Rank of Brigadier and Also Reduce 167 Officers Promoted With Him.

Washington, Dec. 5.—The Post tomorrow will say: A compromise has been reached between the friends and opponents of the proposed ship subsidy bill, and no effort will be made to pass the measure during the life of the 58th congress.

THE HOUSE ADJOURNS.

Washington, Dec. 5.—Speaker Cannon today completed the organization of the house by announcing the remainder of the committees, so when the house reconvenes Monday it will be ready to proceed at once with general legislation. At the request of Williams, the minority leader, an hour was given for general debate, during the course of which Dearnmond (democrat), of Missouri, criticized the numerical representation accorded the minority on important committees. Payne replied on behalf of the majority. The greater portion of the time given to debate was devoted to discussion of the tariff policy and its effects.

When the speaker brought down his gavel today, upon the adoption of the motion to adjourn, he merely announced that the house stood adjourned.

By the manner of adjourning the house, the extra session of the 58th congress will expire by constitutional limitation on Monday, when the regular session will begin. Such appointments as have not been confirmed by the senate during the extra session may be renewed by the president in the form of nominations, but they do not become effective until approved by the senate.

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