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## CULBERSON GOES AFTER ROOSEVELT

Texas Senator Makes Canal Text for Address Delivered at Meeting Here

Senator That "Spirit of Lawlessness" Led President in Negotiating Canal Treaty.

## CALLS EXECUTIVE A DESPOT

Alleges He Knew of the Plot to Overthrow the Government and Set Up a Republic on the Isthmus.

New York, Oct. 20.—Under the auspices of the Reform Club a democratic mass meeting was held here tonight. Charles A. Culberson, of Texas, Governor Andrew J. Montague, of Virginia, and Borough President Littleton, of Brooklyn, were the speakers. Culberson was the principal speaker.

Senator Culberson devoted the greater portion of his remarks to a discussion of the Panama canal, going into details with the revolution by which Panama became an independent state and the subsequent negotiations which resulted in a canal treaty. Alluding to what he termed "the spirit of lawlessness which led the president in this disgraceful affair," he declared that the transaction "above all others in his care, strikingly typified his contempt of all legal restraint and his insatiable passion for personal and arbitrary government."

Continuing, Senator Culberson said: "Choosing an occasion upon which he could appeal to the aversion of the people and thus temper their spirit of resistance to usurpation, he respected neither legal bounds nor national good faith, and as an incident it serves to illustrate not only his imperious and despotic nature, but the danger to the country which is involved in his election. It is well to understand it, for, beside a want of general information upon the subject, important facts have been deliberately withheld from the public."

The speaker said the administration of President Roosevelt was fully aware of the plot to overthrow the Panama government for the purpose of establishing a republic.

## PARKER RETURNS HOME.

Will Deliver Address Today and Another Tomorrow.

New York, Oct. 20.—Judge Parker left New York this evening for Esopus, where tomorrow he will address a delegation of democrats from Hudson county, New Jersey, and on Saturday delegations from the Harlem Democratic Club and Parker Independent Club.

Late today Judge Parker received calls from General Nelson A. Miles and Hoke Smith, of Georgia.

## Indorsed by Populists.

New York, Oct. 20.—Letters were sent today to Hearst, Sulzer, Towne, Baker and Laughlan, nominees for congress on the democratic ticket. In this city, officially notifying them that they were also nominated by the people's party.

## TROOPS TO BE HELD READY.

Italian Government Prepares for Coming Electoral Campaign.

Rome, Oct. 20.—The war office has issued instructions to military commanders for the distribution of troops during the pending electoral campaign. Under these instructions, should a request for soldiers be made by any smaller places in the kingdom, based on the assumption that public order is endangered, the request must be complied with within a day.

## FAILED TO THROW HIM.

Dan S. McLeod Wins Wrestling Match From War Eagle.

Vancouver, B. C., Oct. 20.—Dan S. McLeod won the handicap wrestling match at the Vancouver opera house

tonight. He was opposed by War Eagle, the big Blackfoot Indian chief. The conditions of the match were that War Eagle should throw McLeod three times in an hour. War Eagle failed to get a fall, but McLeod nearly succeeded twice.

## MAKES PROHIBITION TALK.

Congressman Sherman Wants No Liquor in Indian Territory.

Mohonk, Oct. 20.—Today's session of the Mohonk Indian convention was devoted to consideration of problems in the Philippines. Dr. Fred W. Atkinson, of the Brooklyn Polytechnic Institute, who organized the American public school system in the Philippines, was the first speaker today. Dr. Atkinson was followed by W. Leon Pepperman, of the bureau of insular affairs of the war department. Brigadier-General G. A. Goodale followed Mr. Pepperman. An interesting address was given by Jacob H. Holsinger.

Hawaii was the text of the evening at the Indian peace conference, which this year is devoting much attention to our island dependencies. Representative Sherman, chairman of the house committee on Indian affairs, took occasion to declare that the next important step in the solution of the so-called Indian question was to incorporate in the enabling act admitting the Indian Territory into the union as one or two states a clause forever excluding the sale of intoxicating drink in the new state or states.

Professor Hosmer, of Amherst, formerly president of Oahu college, spoke strongly in favor of the so-called missionary party in Hawaii. He was followed by W. N. Armstrong, formerly attorney-general of Hawaii.

## ALARMING RUMOR CURRENT.

Colombians Said to Be Preparing for Attack on Panama.

Colon, Oct. 20.—A rumor is current that a large body of armed Colombians is concentrated near Culebra, with the intention of making an attack on November 3, the first anniversary of the secession of Panama from Colombia. The canal zone authorities are investigating the report, though not much importance is attached to the rumor, the origin of which is attributed to malcontents in the republic.

## Ready for Trouble.

Washington, Oct. 20.—American marines are to be retained on the isthmus of Panama prepared for any emergency which may be caused by the disgruntled elements of the republic.

## ENLISTMENT TERM LONGER.

British Colors Must Hereafter Enlist for Nine Years.

London, Oct. 20.—The British army council has issued an order under which, instead of enlisting for three years with colors and nine in the reserve, infantry-of-the-line will in the future enlist for nine years with colors, and three in the reserve, thus abolishing the short service system.

## JUMPED TO HIS DEATH.

Assistant Surgeon-General Commits Suicide at Philadelphia.

Philadelphia, Oct. 20.—Suffering from acute nervous disorders, Dr. George H. Purviance, of Washington, D. C., assistant surgeon-general of the marine hospital service, jumped from a fourth story window at the Orthopedic hospital in this city tonight and was instantly killed. He was 63 years of age.

## Freight Train Wrecked.

Sacramento, Oct. 20.—A freight train was wrecked today near Calvada, Nev., near the California line. Twenty loaded cars were derailed, 18 being precipitated into the Truckee river. Two tramps were seriously injured. The wreck is said to have been caused by the breaking of a wheel.

## Prince Charles at Dalny.

Chefoo, Oct. 20.—Prince Charles Anton von Hohenzollern, the representative of Emperor William with the Japanese army, arrived at Port Dalny October 18 and was received with great ceremony.

## No Match for Turner.

Taoma, Oct. 20.—The referee prevented Rufe Turner from slaughtering Charles Levere here tonight by stopping in the third round what was to have been a 20-round match. Levere was clearly outmatched.

## FIFTY THOUSAND JAPANESE SAID TO HAVE BEEN KILLED IN PORT ARTHUR FIGHTING

Fearful Slaughter of Brown Men Is Reported by an Attache Who Has Been With Besieging Army.

Heavy Fogs Have Enveloped the Country Around Mukden and Operations Have Been Temporarily Suspended Until the Blanket of Mist Shall Have Lifted—Germany Refuses to Further Arbitration Idea.

With the country enveloped in thick fogs and the roads in wretched condition, activity is for the time being impossible by either the Japanese or the Russian army south of Mukden. There have been several brisk skirmishes and some surprises of minor character, but the lifting of the fog must precede any notable conflict of the hostile forces. No official report from the commander at Port Arthur later than October 16 has reached St. Petersburg.

It is reported that 50,000 Japanese were killed in the fighting before Port Arthur.

## FRIGHTFUL LOSS REPORTED.

Fifty Thousand Japs Killed Before Port Arthur Forts.

Chicago, Oct. 20.—A Daily News special from Chefoo says a camp follower with the Japanese army besieging Port Arthur who is at present in Chefoo is authoritatively for the statement that the Japanese killed before the forts numbered 50,000.

Reports are current among Japanese troops that an attempt will be made to carry the citadel this month.

## GERMANY'S POSITION DEFINED.

Will Not Further Movement Looking to Far Eastern Peace.

Cologne, Oct. 20.—Discussing mediation between Russia and Japan, the Cologne Gazette, the reputed organ of the German foreign office, says that even in a most modified form, the proposal in the direction indicated would be looked upon as an unfriendly act.

"The statement that Germany is sympathetically inclined toward the peace congress and would take the step in that direction in conjunction with America is absolutely false, and it is equally false to say that Germany has concluded or is considering any agreement with Russia incompatible with Germany's neutrality."

## OPERATIONS ARE SUSPENDED.

Opposing Armies are Inactive in Vicinity of Mukden.

St. Petersburg, Oct. 20.—The suspension of operations below Mukden continues. It is hinted in military circles that the next developments should be looked for eastward, but whether on the part of the Japanese or Russians is not revealed.

No news has reached the war office of the reported annihilation of a Russian battalion while crossing the Taitze river.

A dispatch from General Sahkaroff, dated last night, reports that all was quiet along the front yesterday and that in spite of the soggy condition of the country roads, which are described as seas of mud, the Russian scouts continue to show great enterprise in examining the Japanese positions.

A detachment of 300 Cossacks Tuesday night reconnoitered the Japanese left southeastward along a line extending westward from the railroad where it crosses the Schill river, through the villages of Haitsantal, Tadousampu and Sandepu, the latter 15 miles west of the railroad. The Japanese sentinels fired and retreated as the Cossacks rode rapidly along the line, but near Sandepu the Cossacks unexpectedly ran into a good-sized Japanese force with machine guns. The latter opened a murderous fire on the Russians, killing many horses and mortally wounding Captain Turgenieff, but all the Cossacks succeeded in getting away. No one was killed on the field.

No statement is made as to what is transpiring on the Russian left.

The war office is now disposed to believe that the Tokio report of the drubbing given to General Yamada's brigade in the Japanese version of the capture of Lone Tree hill, nicely turned to minimize its importance. The reports that General Rennenkampf and Meyendorff are wounded are denied. The former's chief of staff, Colonel Rossisky, was wounded.

## RUSSIANS' LOSS TERRIBLE.

Believed 25,000 Were Killed and Wounded Near Yentai.

With General Oku's Left Army at the Front, Oct. 16, 4 p. m., via Tien Tsin, delayed.—The seven days' battle north of Yentai was the heaviest blow yet struck the Russians by the Japanese, so far as loss of life is concerned. The left Japanese army during the week buried 4100 Russian dead left in front of its lines. A village in front of the left wing contains many Russian dead, but the shell fire of the retreating Russians prevents the Japanese from reaching them. Conservative estimates place the Russian casualties at not less than 25,000. Probably many more dead are on the field in places not yet searched.

The Japanese report their total casualties at a little over 3000 killed and wounded. The principal Russian casualties occurred in determining counter attacks against each village captured by the Japanese. The Russian attacking parties were in many cases entirely annihilated. For the first time the Russians have met the Japanese on an equal footing, not having strong defensive positions to depend upon, and for the first time they attacked the Japanese in their own trenches. The Russians everywhere fought bravely, but they were unable to drive the Japanese out or to hold their own positions against fierce charges. Almost in every case the Russians retired from their positions at the first charge; then made repeated attempts to recapture them.

The Japanese left army, with a front of nearly 10 miles, moved forward about five miles, fighting over every inch of ground. The final retreat of the Russians was almost a rout. The Japanese extreme left advanced, driving the remnant of the Russians before them. The Russians covered their retreat well with artillery and carried away much baggage and many wounded.

At 7:30 this morning the Russians made a determined counter attack at Lumuting, with two regiments of infantry and two batteries of artillery. They were repulsed after a half hour's fighting with heavy loss. The Japanese left army during the past seven days' fighting has captured 34 guns, a large number of rifles and overcoats, and 100 prisoners. The strength of the Russians opposed to the left army was three corps and 30 companies of artillery. All but a very small part were newly arrived troops.

The Japanese soldiers were practically the same that fought before Liao Yang. Chinese report that heavy works are ready for the Russians along the Hun river. The Japanese are undecided where the next stand will be made.

Details of the operations of the right and center armies are not obtainable.

## HEAVY RAINS IMPEDE TROOPS.

Both Sides Lost Heavily in Recent Battle.

Tokio, Oct. 20, Noon.—Reliable reports received from private sources estimate the losses of the Japanese left army during the recent battle at about 5000.

The number of Russians dead is

largely increased by the further discovery of bodies, notwithstanding the nightly removals by lantern light.

The Russian forces have been reinforced by about 30,000 men of the Seventeenth corps, a large portion of the Tenth corps and portions of the Fifth and Sixth Siberian corps, which recently arrived. In all six divisions of the Russian army now confront the Japanese left army.

Heavy rains have impeded the movements of the opposing forces since October 17.

## Fog Prevents Operations.

Mukden, Oct. 20.—The hostile armies were today concealed from each other by dense fog, and all operations are suspended. Neither cannonade nor musket firing has been audible.

## SHERIFF WORD STEPS IN.

Will Not Allow Poolroom Operators to Do Business.

Portland Telegram: Sheriff Tom Word has declared war on poolrooms and will proceed against them on the ground that they are a public nuisance. No sooner have the champions of chance succeeded in getting the poolroom license ordinance through the city council than there arose on the field of conflict another element, and that is the declaration of Sheriff Word that he will arrest and cause to be prosecuted the first man in the city of Portland who opens a rendezvous for betting on horse races.

When the attention of the sheriff was called to the fact that the poolroom license ordinance had passed the council, he looked up the law in the matter, conferred with legal advisers and was by them assured that there is plenty of room under the state laws to proceed against a man for running a poolroom the same as there is against a man who runs a faro table.

This morning he gave instructions to Chief Deputy Sheriff George Morden to notify the Portland Club, the Warwick Exchange and any other establishment that might open its poolrooms, to the effect that the sheriff of Multnomah county would arrest them and take their paraphernalia in hand. Chief Deputy Morden served notice on the proprietors of the various houses what their fate would be in the event they undertook to avail themselves of the beneficence of the city council and against the ultimatum of the sheriff, and the sheriff's office awaits developments.

There appears to be no provision in the Oregon gambling laws under which a prosecution could be held with assurance of its being sustained by the courts, where technicalities would predominate, and so the sheriff, with the counsel of his legal advisers, has concluded to proceed against them on the ground that they are a public nuisance. He finds statutory support for such action in section 1939 of the Codes and Statutes of Oregon, which provides as quoted in the foregoing, that acts which serve to corrupt the public morals shall be punishable. This is the same statute under which prosecutions and convictions of proprietors of slaughter-houses within the city limits have been had, on the ground that they were injurious to the public health and decency. On the same basis of reasoning the sheriff holds that poolrooms are injurious to the public morals, and hence are indictable under the statute as a public nuisance.

In announcing his determination to enforce the state laws against nuisances the sheriff commented rather sarcastically on the contention of the champions of the measure that it was necessary as a means of public revenue. If Portland's police force needed the paltry sum of \$300 a quarter to maintain its efficiency for service during the fair, and only needed such an increase in the force as the license would amount to, they appeared no reason why there should be any additional force at all, the sheriff said.

Ambassador McCormick Home. New York, Oct. 20.—Robert S. McCormick, American ambassador to Russia, arrived here today. He is home on a leave of absence to attend to urgent private business. He will remain in this country for a month.

## Cause of Disaster Ascertained.

Seattle, Oct. 20.—The sinking of the steamship City of Topeka is now believed to have been caused by an overflow in her fresh water tanks and a stream that flowed in through the open deadlight after she had sunk that far.

## COMPROMISE PROPOSAL IS DECIDED ON

Episcopal House of Deputies Offers Remarriage Measure That May Find Favor With the Bishops.

Prohibits Remarriage Within One Year After Decree of Civil Court Is Handed Down.

## POWER VESTED IN MINISTER

May Decline to Perform Ceremony for Divorced Person, Without Subjecting Himself to Discipline.

Boston, Oct. 20.—If the house of bishops concurs in the action taken today by the house of deputies of the Episcopal general convention, now in session in this city, the church will have taken a long step in the direction of restricting the remarriage of divorced persons. The house of deputies has agreed upon a compromise proposal that is sweeping in its terms, and, as the house of bishops favored a canon making it absolutely impossible for divorced persons to remarry, it is thought not improbable that the compromise will be enacted.

The compromise canon was adopted by the deputies by an overwhelming majority. The divorce question has been the most important before the convention and the action of the deputies today was followed with great interest. Should the compromise be agreeable to the bishops, the matter will have been disposed of for at least three years.

The compromise measure, like the old law, permits the remarriage of an innocent person divorced for the cause of adultery, but it further provides that remarriage shall be allowed within one year after the decree of divorce has been issued by the civil court. Satisfactory proof of the innocence of the applicant for remarriage must be furnished in the shape of court records, and, after the consent of the bishop is obtained by such applicant for remarriage, the clergyman may refuse to perform the ceremony, without subjecting himself to censure or discipline.

The measure agreed upon by the deputies will be submitted to the bishops immediately.

## KILLED BY COLORED TROOPER.

White Soldier Shot to Death in Monterey, Cal.

Monterey, Cal., Oct. 20.—Sergeant Tooley, of K troop, Fourth cavalry, was shot and killed at a house of ill repute, and another member of the same regiment, whose name is not known, was dangerously wounded.

The assailants were members of the first squadron of the Ninth cavalry (colored). An hour after the shooting the house in which it took place was fired by a mob of 100 soldiers and burned to the ground.

Early last evening about 250 members of the Fourth cavalry, which will relieve the Ninth cavalry, arrived by train. Some were reported under the influence of liquor. About midnight several members of the Ninth cavalry (colored) attempted to force their way into a notorious resort. Members of the Fourth cavalry and the Fifteenth infantry who were in the place resisted the intrusion. A fight followed and finally the negroes left the house. They deliberately fired into the crowd. One shot killed Tooley, while a second fatally injured another member of the same regiment. The members of the Fourth cavalry became so incensed at the killing of their comrade, it is alleged, that they set the house on fire. The flames spread to an adjoining house and both were destroyed, the inmates barely escaping. The men who did the shooting are still at large.

## Pacific Coast League Scores.

At Portland—Portland 7, San Francisco 2.  
At San Francisco—Tacoma 1, Oakland 2.