



ROOSEVELT INTERESTED

Defense of Pacific Coasts Necessary.

AFTER APPROPRIATIONS

President Confers With Congressmen From Pacific Coast States.

HARBOR IS WELL PROTECTED

Could Find Room For Big Fleet of Battleships and Enemy Could Not Force Way in—San Diego Will Soon be Good Harbor.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—President Roosevelt is taking such a great interest in defenses on the Pacific Coast that he is having conferences with Congressmen from that section as to what is necessary. He has talked with many Senators and Representatives from California, Oregon and Washington on this subject. Judging from what has taken place the President is simply bestirring the Pacific Coast members to activity in getting appropriations for weak points along the slope and in Hawaii.

San Francisco is considered one of the best defended cities of the world, and little money will be needed there. Senator Flint is particularly interested in San Pedro and San Diego. The latter, he says, could be made one of the great harbors of the world by an expenditure of \$150,000 in dredging the mouth of the harbor. The money would give a 30-foot channel at San Diego and thereby admit the largest battleships to a great harbor. San Diego, according to Senator Flint, needs defenses. Representative Humphrey of Washington talked with the President about the needs of Puget Sound and Seattle.

Portland is well protected and could harbor a big fleet of warships with safety. It is considered impossible for an attacking fleet to force an entrance to the Columbia river.

MONEY FOR STAMP.

Provisional Issue of 1847 Brings Four Thousand Dollars.

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—Philatelists in New York are commenting on the sale of a stamp the other day by a Philadelphia dealer to Geo. H. Worthington, of Cleveland, for \$4000. The stamp is a postmaster's provisional issued in Alexandria, Va., in 1847, and is on blue paper. Two or three specimens of the stamp have been known to collectors, but they are on buff paper, and this is the only known specimen on blue paper. It was found on an old letter among some family treasures by Mrs. M. Fawcett, of Alexandria, and by her shown to a New York collector. He told her it was very valuable, and it finally found its way into the hands of the dealer who sold it to Mr. Worthington. Collectors here say that the price was a fair one, but that the stamp would doubtless have brought at least \$5000 in England, where much higher prices are paid for rare stamps than in America.

KILLS NURSE.

MILWAUKEE, Dec. 24.—Sister Theresa, a nurse at St. Mary's Hospital, was today shot and killed by Gustave Wirth. Wirth is believed to be insane and was captured after a chase of several blocks. The man was operated on at the hospital a year ago. He said the hospital authorities tried to poison him. He called today and upon seeing Sister Theresa began the fusillade.

OVERTURES OF PEACE.

American Federation and Western Federation of Miners May Join Hands.

DENVER, Dec. 24.—Overtures of peace between the American Federation and Western Federation of Miners were made today when Max Morris, vice-president of the American Federation and George Hally, president of the State Federation, called upon the Western Federation officials in this city and presented a formal invitation from President Gompers to become affiliated with the American Federation. No definite action was taken but the meeting marked the display of friendly feeling on both sides.

LYNCHING IN NEW STATE.

MUSKOGEE, Okla., Dec. 24.—Riddled with bullets, the body of James Garden, a negro, was found dangling from a telegraph pole tonight in the center of Henrietta as the result of the first lynching in the new state. Garden today shot and killed Albert Bates, a white man, because Bates, who is a well-known livery man, refused to rent a rig to a negro.

CONFERS WITH BONAPARTE.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—Francis J. Heney held a conference with Attorney-General Bonaparte today. They discussed the question of land fraud cases in Oregon, in Chicago the other day and the discussion then began concluded today. Afterwards Heney stated he could not discuss for publication what took place at the conference. Heney left for New York today where he will spend two days and then return west.

STRENUOUS LIVING

Numbers of Deaths From Heart Disease Increases.

SIMPLE LIFE THE REMEDY

Constant Hurry and Effort of American Business Life Causes Severe Strain on Heart and Death From Heart Disease Is More Prevalent.

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—That there has been a steady increase in deaths from heart disease in the twenty days is shown by the statistics of the Board of Health just issued. The increase in the number of deaths from this disease in Manhattan and the Bronx for 11 months of 1907 over the same period of 1906, was 1,246, or more than 27 per cent. Dr. Thomas Darlington, commissioner of health, states that the increase is due to the strain and stress of modern life and says that it is certain that the recent financial flurry was a factor in the increase but long hours, nerve tension, lack of outdoor exercise, neglect of recreation and amusement, constant hurry and effort, he said, must all be considered when one searches for the cause of the increase, and none of these things has just developed.

"I think over eating has something to do with such condition," said Dr. Darlington. "The grip, which has been prevalent lately, causes a severe heart strain, and the heart, which is weakened by a life of worry and stress, will naturally be the first to give way. It is time for Americans to adopt the simple life and to slow down, instead of constantly subjecting themselves to the constant effort to maintain high standards of living. The Englishman as he advances in years gradually retires from the activities of business, but the American does not seem disposed, and when there comes a great strain upon the older men, they are likely to succumb."

The total number of deaths during the past week was 1,711, as against 1,381 for the same week last year. Pneumonia heads the list with 276 deaths for the week, an increase of 154 over the number during the corresponding week of last year.

CONCLUSION ANNOUNCED

Not Sufficient Corroboration of Testimony.

WARRANT CONVICTION

Corroboration Necessary to Establish Conspiracy Not in Evidence.

JURY MAY BE INSTRUCTED

Conclusion of Judge Wood in Pettibone Trial Means Jury May be Instructed to Acquit—Ruling on Motion Will be Made on Thursday.

BOISE, Dec. 24.—Before hearing the argument on motion for an instructed verdict of acquittal, filed by the defense in the Pettibone trial, today, Judge Wood announced his conclusions on the question of corroborative evidence and stated there was not sufficient corroboration of Orchard's testimony on the killing of Governor Steunenberg, alone to warrant a conviction. He also said corroboration was necessary to establish a conspiracy and invited argument as to whether such corroboration had been given by the state, and whether the defendant had been connected with the conspiracy. The conclusion of the court means either the jury will be instructed to acquit the defendant or the trial will proceed on the proposition that the state is not required to connect Pettibone with the murder as existed; that the defendant on trial was a member of that conspiracy and that the killing of Steunenberg was incident thereto. In the Haywood trial Judge Wood held it was necessary for the state to produce evidence tending to connect the defendant with the specific crime charged, independent of the testimony of Orchard.

His announcement today either means that he will reverse that ruling or direct a verdict of acquittal. The ruling on the motion will be made Thursday. Judge Wood directed the defense to be ready at that time in event the motion is sustained. The day was devoted to arguments, pro and con, of the defense's motion to instruct acquittal. John F. Nugent declared the evidence in the present case not so strong as in the Haywood trial, where the testimony that Pettibone wrote a letter to Orchard, received in the Caldwell jail, was undisputed; whereas, in the present case, Sheriff Nichols testified the letter was not in Pettibone's handwriting. He also contended that in cases where a non-resident was accused of crime, in which he did not personally participate, he was entitled to compulsory process of law to compel the attendance of witnesses to testify in his behalf, and that it worked injustice to compel the defendant to take depositions in his own behalf. Borah based the state's contention on the grounds that the state had proved the conspiracy to kill; that Pettibone was party to this conspiracy and that it was not necessary to show that this defendant had particular knowledge of this particular crime, if it be shown the crime was committed in furtherance of the conspiracy. In concluding argument Nugent said the corroboration of Orchard's evidence had been entirely different from his testimony. He said the state had absolutely failed to show a motive, on Pettibone's part, for Steunenberg's murder. When Nugent concluded the court adjourned until Thursday.

DISTRIBUTES TURKEYS.

BUTTE, Dec. 24.—Senator Clark yesterday and today distributed 25 tons of

turkeys to the married men of his employ. Five tons were needed to supply Butte alone. The birds cost \$420 a ton. Giving of turkeys is a time honored custom of Clark.

MUST SERVE SENTENCE.

Green and Gaynor Lose in Last Court of Appeal.

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 24.—The United States Circuit Court of Appeals today issued a mandate carrying out the sentence of the lower court in the Green-Gaynor case following the denial of the writ of certiorari by the Supreme Court of the United States yesterday. The sentence is that both Green and Gaynor must pay the fine of \$575,749 and serve four year's imprisonment, for conspiracy with Captain Carter, to defraud the government.

MOLE INDICTMENTS.

Federal Grand Jury After the American Refining Company.

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—That the federal grand jury will bring in more indictments growing out of the alleged fraudulent actions of the American Sugar Refining Company's weighing department is confidently expected. The grand jury is working hard and will continue in session until January 1, although it is the custom to discharge grand juries by the middle of the month for which they are drawn. The district attorney is in constant communication with the attorney-general at Washington and while he will not discuss the matter, it is certain that he has been presenting to the grand jury evidence in the sugar cases.

TRAIN BLOWN OVER

Six Persons Seriously Injured and Cars Wrecked.

MUCH DAMAGE FROM WIND.

Gale Blowing in Northern Colorado Causes Train to Overturn Into Ditch and One Death Results From Injuries Sustained and Many Hurt.

DENVER, Dec. 24.—The baggage car and first passenger coach of the north-bound passenger train on the Colorado and Southern Railroad, which left Denver at 10 this morning was blown from the track and overturned in a ditch near Marshall, 10 miles south of Boulder, at noon today. Six persons were seriously injured and a number slightly hurt. A gale was blowing over Northern Colorado throughout the day, the wind attaining a velocity of 45 to 60 miles an hour and caused much damage by blowing down small farm buildings, trees, telegraph poles, etc. A large plateglass window in a department store in this city was blown in.

Judge J. A. Garrett, former justice of the peace, of Longmont, was among the injured who died tonight.

HOLIDAY SHUT DOWN.

CHICAGO, Dec. 24.—The South Chicago plant of the Illinois Steel Company, employing 7,000 men, will be shut down today until after the holidays.

"There is nothing unusual in this shut down," said President Buffington's secretary. "The works are closed down for a week or two at this time every year. We do not expect to be closed down more than two weeks." The employees understand that their services would not be required until March 1.

MANY BODIES LOCATED.

JACOBS CREEK, Dec. 24.—Rescuers today found a great mass of victims of last Thursday's explosion in the Darr mine, and if all goes well a great number of them will either be in the blacksmithshop morgue or big identification tent nearby this place. Only 49 bodies had been brought to the surface when night forced the work to stop but scores of others have been located.

TESTIMONY OF HOWARD

Chief Witness for Defense of Powers.

MAKES GENERAL DENIAL

Didn't Know Goebel Was Shot Until Informed at His Hotel

NO LETTER FROM YOUTSEY

Newspapers Informed Him That He Was Indicted for the Assassination and He Surrendered to Sheriff—Has Been in Jail Ever Since.

GEORGETOWN, Dec. 24.—James Howard, chief witness for the defense, took the stand in the Caleb Powers trial this afternoon. He said he did not know Goebel was shot until he was told in his hotel after the deed was done. He never saw Goebel. Had never received a letter from Youtsey or Taylor asking him to come to Frankfort, in fact did not know Taylor and had never seen him. Didn't know Youtsey until they had both been convicted and in jail at Frankfort. Howard did not know he was charged with the assassination until he saw in the newspapers he had been indicted. About the same time a bench warrant had been sent to Clay county for his arrest.

As soon as notified he had been indicted he surrendered to the sheriff. Since then had not had a day's freedom. Howard denied he was in the state house square the day Goebel was shot and had not been in the executive building that morning. Late in the day after Goebel was shot he admitted he had gone to the capitol square. Howard said Youtsey made his confession to him. Youtsey said: "Howard, so far as I know, you are innocent of any connection with the Goebel assassination, but Arthur Goebel is cruel and willing to see the Kentucky river run with innocent blood." Howard added, "Youtsey gave me no affidavit; he knew nothing against me." He was not cross examined.

SEND EXPEDITIONS.

Museum of Natural History Will Make Explorations.

CHICAGO, Dec. 24.—A series of expeditions constituting one of the most comprehensive explorations of unknown lands ever attempted by any institution was announced yesterday by the Field Museum of Natural History.

George H. Dorsey, curator of the museum's department of Anthropology, will first circle the globe, visiting many practically unknown peoples and mapping out the lines of inquiry to be undertaken. He will sail on the Lusitania. The museum has also set out to give to world of science the first comprehensive exposition of the characteristics and customs of the peoples of Tibet—the forbidden land. For this work Dr. Berthold Lafaur, a distinguished Chinese scholar, recently of the faculty of Columbia University, has been engaged. He will sail on January 7 for a stay of three years in this country of the lama's.

LIGHTS VS. BOOZE.

Wet Town Votes Dry to Secure Gift for Light Works.

CHICAGO, Dec. 24.—A dispatch to the Record-Herald from Hudson, O., says: Because a gift of \$200,000 supposedly made by J.W. Ellsworth, millionaire New York coal man, which promised to

make this town a model village, provided that the sale of liquor ceases before the money is paid, Hudson voted out overwhelmingly "wet," but the chance municipal light and gas plants with a sewage disposition plant and the remodeling of the old Western Reserve College at a cost of \$100,000 overcame the saloon sentiment. The "drys" give all the credit to Ellsworth, who offered to permit the sale of beer. No law being found to exempt beer selling from the operation of an oyster vote, the Amber beverage was sacrificed as well.

FATE PLAYS TRICK.

Former Detective Was Going to Search for Hidden Gold.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 24.—Peter F. Roller, former detective in the employ of the graft prosecution in San Francisco, recently sanitary inspector in Seattle, believes fate played him an unkind trick when Fritz Lang, a watchman in the employ of a mining company near Rexford stumbled blindly upon a packet containing \$14,000 in a deserted mine shaft. The money it is claimed was Fred Worthington's share of the loot of a fast express of the Great Northern, held up September 3 last near Helena, Mont. Roller claims to have obtained a confession from Worthington who was confined in the Portland jail and who was cellmate of Roller's while the latter was on his way to Oakland to answer to a charge of grand larceny. Roller intended to go to Montana and search for the stolen gold and claim the reward. Lang's discovery has ended the search. Worthington is now in jail at Billings, Mont.

PROPELLER FOULED

Flotilla Compelled to Put Back to Harbor.

SECOND ACCIDENT IN FLEET

Two Thousand Men Granted Shore Leave and Are Warmly Welcomed—Officers of Fleet and Officials of Port Entertain Each Other.

PORT OF SPAIN, Dec. 24.—While preparing to leave the harbor, the destroyer Whipple's propeller fouled the anchor chain of the collier Fortuna, which delayed the departure of the flotilla a second time. The torpedo boats had returned here yesterday after having sailed Sunday, because of damage to the machinery of the Lawrence.

Two thousand men from the battleship fleet were granted liberty today and were warmly welcomed by the populace when they landed. They gave themselves up to enjoyment of sight-seeing and playing football and other games.

Officers of the fleet to the number of a hundred or more attended a garden party at which they were given the opportunity of meeting many prominent men of the Port of Spain. Governor Sir Henry M. Jackson, accompanied by his staff returned the visit of Admiral Evans which the American commander had made in the morning, and extended an invitation to luncheon. It is expected the torpedo flotilla will get away tonight.

TWO MONTHS' EXTENSION.

Tunnels Under Hudson River Will Not be Completed in January.

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—The companies building the tunnels under the Hudson river to connect New York City and Hoboken have been granted an extra two months before they will be required to have their tunnels open for the public. The original franchise required the tunnels to be finished January 1, but the public service commission has granted two months' extension. The downtown tunnels, which will run to Jersey City, will not be completed for a long time.