



ROOSEVELT AND TAFT DISCUSS LATTER'S CABINET

Currency System Sure to Get Overhauling

FULTON HEARD FROM

Senator Brings Forward Claims of the Pacific Northwest to Taft

McKINLEY ENDORSES KNIGHT

Representative of California Recommends George A. Knight Also From California For Cabinet Position—Import Business Transacted

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 11.—President Roosevelt and President-elect Taft had an extended conference tonight. Among the matters discussed was the make-up of the Taft cabinet. Before the conference Taft announced he should decline to give any details whatever aside from the advance announcement that he should talk over many important matters with the President.

Taft tomorrow will likely have a conference with Secretary Root regarding his cabinet. During an interview today between Taft and Aldrich, the result of the monetary commission's work was gone over. Taft heretofore has gone over these matters in detail with Representative Burton and it is a safe prediction that the next administration will be favorable to the enactment of at least some of the recommendations looking toward the reform in the currency system of the country. George A. Knight of California was recommended for the cabinet position today by Representative McKinley of the same state.

Cardinal Gibbons and Father Ketcham conferred as special representatives of the Catholic Indians on matters pending before the Indian bureau.

Representatives of the Farmers' National Congress called on Taft to receive assurances of his interest in their organization. Senator Fulton brought forward the claims of the Pacific Northwest for preferment in the diplomatic service. Senators Kirtledge and Gamble, over the political situation in their state, were also received by Taft.

COLUMBIA RIVER BRINGS QUICK CURE

Drunken Man Takes Bartender's Advice to Jump Overboard—Narrowly Escapes Death

VANCOUVER, Wash., Dec. 11.—Taking the advice of a bartender to "try the Columbia" nearly cost J. W. Cole, of Yacolt, his life by drowning today. Cole went into a saloon while under the influence of liquor and the bartender refused to furnish him with liquor giving gratuitously the advice stated. Cole, in his half-muddled state, took the advice seriously and rambled off down to the river and jumped in. The cold water brought him to, and his screams for help attracted the attention of passing steamer which picked him up just in time to save his life.

A BABY'S VOICE.

CHICAGO, Dec. 11.—Pat Crowe,

Governor Hoggatt of Alaska and Taft had an audience this afternoon. Taft will go to New York tomorrow night and Thursday he will start for Atlanta.

NEVER SOUGHT PENSION.

ANACONDA, Mont., Dec. 11.—John B. McCaffrey, aged about 86, a veteran of the Mexican and Civil wars and a member of General Terry's command on an expedition of that force into Montana, died yesterday of apoplexy. McCaffrey would never apply for a pension or permit his friends to, although he was entitled to one.

HOUSE MAKES NEW RECORD FOR SPEED

IMPORTANT BILLS USUALLY REQUIRING SEVERAL DAYS PASSED QUICKLY

USUAL TALK IS ABANDONED

Legislative, Executive and Judicial Appropriation Bills Are Passed With Little Debate and Hardly Any Revision.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 11.—A new record for transaction of business was established by the House of Representatives today.

Legislative, executive and judicial appropriation bill which usually excites considerable discussion, was passed with little debate. An unusual feature was that no member asked for time to indulge in a general talk. The bill carries an appropriation of \$31,335.

The House immediately after convening adopted a resolution for the appointment of a committee of five to consider the reference to a secret service in the President's message and to suggest what action should be taken in the matter.

Hawley, of Oregon, today introduced a bill authorizing the secretary of the interior to place on the pension roll under the same terms granted to officers and soldiers of other Indian wars the names of officers and soldiers of the Banneke War which occurred in Oregon and Washington in 1878-9.

A PLEASANT CRISIS.

Chicago Postal Authorities Take Humane View of Things.

CHICAGO, Dec. 11.—Childish dreams of toys and dolls as well as pleas for the sick and needy, sent to Santa Claus through the mails will be granted if Assistant Postmaster Hubbard has his way.

He made an appeal to the Washington authorities for power to open about 600 letters to St. Nicholas which have accumulated within the last few days and expects an answer tomorrow.

If this permission is granted it is his intention to have the missives read and the merits of the appeals investigated.

"In case it is decided that the requests are from worthy children," said Mr. Hubbard, "I will turn them over to charitable institutions and charitably inclined people."

CHICAGO FIRE.

CHICAGO, Dec. 11.—Mrs. Elizabeth Carr and her baby son were burned to death and several others were injured by jumping from windows in a fire in this city tonight.

BIG LUMBER DEAL.

DULUTH, Minn., Dec. 11.—Lumber interests represented by the Weyerhaeusers, O'Brien and Cook of St. Paul and Duluth and Edward Hines of Chicago, are here working on the formation of a lumber company which will control practically all the pine in North America. The greatest secrecy is being observed, but it is known that the deal is almost finished.

PANAMA, Dec. 11.—A report received here today that President Roosevelt had ordered the policing of Panama by American marines when the American sailors' land here during their visit of the Pacific fleet next week has caused much surprise. Panama officials made elaborate plans for protecting the sailors after President O'Baldia made it known that Panama should avail itself of an opportunity to demonstrate its friendship for the United States is sincere. The alleged order of President Roosevelt has dampened the odor and chances are if the report is true, instead of a warm hospitality, a cold courtesy will be tendered the fleet.

WHITE MAN MURDERS THREE NEGROES

BULLY WALKS INTO SALOON AND MAKES A GENERAL CLEANING UP.

CAUSE OF CRIME UNKNOWN

William Latura Refuses to Give Any Information Why he Committed Awful Deed—Quietly Submits to Arrest.

MEMPHIS, Tenn., Dec. 11.—"I've shot 'em and that is all there is to it." Beyond that statement as he was being led to a local police headquarters, William Latura, a white man of this city, proffered no explanation of the killing of three negroes and the wounding of four others at a saloon here early today. According to the statement of bystanders, when Latura entered the saloon a group of negroes were about a pool table in the rear of the room engaged in a game. As he walked into the room it is declared Latura, after surveying the crowd leisurely unbuttoned a long overcoat he wore and drew an automatic pistol. If any words passed those who escaped the rain of bullets which followed by dodging behind the furniture, declare they heard none. As Latura shot one after another of the negroes fell. When the police arrived

three were dead and four others were lying about the floor wounded, one of the latter a woman. His weapon empty, Latura threw it in an ash heap and walked to a neighboring saloon, where he quietly submitted to arrest.

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RIVER AND HARBOR CONGRESS

Hugh Sum for Improvement is Favored

CANNON IS SILENT

When Committee Presents Bond Resolution Speaker Has Nothing to Say

TO WITHDRAW ARMY AT CUBA

First Details Regarding the Withdrawal of American Army From Cuba is Made Known—Movement to Begin January First.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 11.—With great enthusiasm the national rivers and harbors congress at its concluding session here today placed itself on record in favor of the issuance of government bonds for improvement of the great water projects. Congress declared for authorized issued by congress at its present session of \$500,000,000 bonds the proceeds to be used in payment exclusively of such river and harbor work as may be authorized by congress, provision for issue being the same as for the Panama Canal bonds. The committee then presented to Vice-President Fairbanks and Speaker Cannon, the bond resolution. Fairbanks expressed a favorable opinion of the proposition but Cannon merely assured the committee that the resolution would be referred for consideration. Among the vice-presidents for various states elected are:

Idaho—W. B. Heyburn, Wallace. Oregon—Joseph W. Bennett, Marshfield. Washington—W. O. Fowler, Seattle.

At the war department today the first details regarding withdrawal from Cuba of the American army was made known. A movement will begin January 1st and be completed by April 1. Army officers and civilian officials will sail from Havana day after inauguration of President Gomez and the soldiers will be withdrawn as fast as facilities will permit and all the troops will be landed at Newport News, Virginia.

The insurgents considered various suggestions for more than two hours. Heburn said he desired it know than all members invited to the meeting with the exception of Representative Norris who is out of town, were present. The "insurgents" claim that in the present congress they need but 27 Republicans to be able to control the situation by joining the Democrats and in the 61st congress they say they will need but 24 Republicans. Three members were present tonight, Hepburn, Pollard and Ellis, will not be members of the next congress. While several of the insurgents are for Cannon for Speaker, they made it plain that they greatly desired a change in the rules. None of those presented stated whether it was intended to bring the matter to an issue in the present session of congress or to wait until the new congress.

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ATTEL GETS BEAT AGAIN.

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 11.—Al Wolgast of Milwaukee, out-fought Abe Attel, the ex-featherweight champion, here tonight. The fight was for ten rounds with no official decision permitted under the law. Wolgast rushed the fighting in every round and took a lot of punishment. Attel fought lazily and entirely on the defensive, and lacked his old-time speed and cleverness.

LOVER OF ANIMALS.

Remarkable Story From the Lake City of Interest To All

CHICAGO, Dec. 11.—Friends of Cy de Vry, head animal keeper of Lincoln Park, fear that he will incur the displeasure of President Roosevelt as a result of some statements he made about animals last night. De Vry spoke before the Men's Club of the Church of Our Savior, on "In the Jungle."

During his talk as he recounted the almost human traits of "Miss Dolly," the celebrated orang outang who died some years ago, he betrayed emotion. The animal keeper said that Miss Dolly was more human in her actions than many a person he knows.

But it was when he told about snake eating and cow elk eating the antlers of male elk while the latter slept that his auditors, nearly all of them personal friends, sat up and appeared incredulous.

2000 SERVANTS.

Chicago Sends in Another Queer Story of the Day.

CHICAGO, Dec. 11.—That there are 2000 servant girls in Evanston who do not attend church and have no church affiliations is the discovery made by Mrs. Catherine Waugh McCulloch in an investigation which covered all the churches of the suburb. A movement was started by several women of the church in September to have the parlors thrown open every Thursday afternoon as club-rooms where the girls in domestic service might meet and where various kinds of entertainment would be given them. Opponents of the plan argued that all the servant girls had their own church affiliations and should not be molested. The scheme of Mrs. McCulloch will now be revived.

SMALLPOX ON BOARD THE GEORGIA

ONLY ONE CASE HOWEVER AND BALANCE OF CREW IN GOOD HEALTH.

WILL REACH COLOMBO SUNDAY

Wireless Message Reports Atlantic Fleet Sailing in Good Weather Georgia Leaves Fleet For Colombo—To Leave Charge.

COLOMBO, Ceylon, Dec. 11.—A wireless received from the Atlantic fleet at 8 p. m., December 10th, says the fleet expects to arrive in Colombo Sunday morning. The weather is perfect. The Georgia left the fleet December 9th for Colombo at a speed of 14 knots, having a case of smallpox on board. It is not serious. The health of the rest of the fleet is excellent. Stawicki, fireman, and McDonald, electrician, fell overboard on December 7th from the New Jersey. McDonald was rescued, but Stawicki was not recovered although a thorough search was made.

FOREMAN BADLY BEATEN.

Robert Livingstone Found in Critical Condition at Goble.

PORTLAND, Dec. 11.—Robert Livingstone, section foreman on the

TARIFF ON PHILIPPINE GOODS WILL BE REVISED

FOUR HUNDRED SACRIFICED.

CHICAGO, Dec. 11.—Bowing courteously and murmuring "excuse me," a patron of Wishack's drug store, Halstead and Madison streets, tried last night to get out of the way of his own reflection in a mirror and stepped into another, sending a shower of glass over the place.

A policeman was about to arrest the unlucky patron when the proprietor of the store interfered.

"He is one of my best customers," Mr. Wishack said, "and I do not want to get into trouble over an accident."

The patron said that he was looking toward the floor in explanation of his inability to recognize his own reflection. The mirror was valued at \$400.

RINEHART ASKS JUDGE FOR THE "LIMIT"

MAN WHO BEAT HIS MOTHER AND INJURED HIS SISTER WHILE INTOXICATED

SENTENCED TO ONE YEAR

Tells Judge That he is Guilty and Wants the "Limit" and if he Does it Again he Wants to be Hanged—Sentence Will Teach Him a Lesson

VANCOUVER, Wash., Dec. 11.—Pleading guilty to having beaten his mother and painfully hurting his little sister by crushing her in his arms, while intoxicated, Edward Rinehart today advised the court to give him the "limit."

"I am guilty," Rinehart declared, "and I want to be given the limit. If you ever catch me doing it again I want you to sentence me to be hanged."

Rinehart was sentenced to one year imprisonment in the county jail.

Northern Pacific at Goble was probably fatally beaten sometime last night in his cabin at Goble. His assailant left him for dead. Livingstone brought to Portland today, and physicians tonight say his chances for recovery are slim. It was first supposed robbery was the motive, but the finding of \$350 in the cabin leads to the belief that there was some other motive.

CHICAGO MYSTERY IS CLEARED UP

"Knights of White Death" Turns Out to be Dime Novel Crazy Youth

CHICAGO, Dec. 11.—The mystery of the "Knights of the White Death" letters which were recently sent to various clergymen and prominent citizens in this city, with a threat that unless they left large sums of money at designated spots they would be put to death was cleared up tonight when William Pollard, 22 years old, driver of a grocery wagon was arrested and confessed to having sent the missives as a joke. Pollard blamed Conan Doyle's stories for crime of his exploit. Fascinated with novelist's lurid pictures, Pollard declared he had determined to see how they would work out in the hands of the Chicago police. So he

organized the "Knights of the White Death" and with Sherlock Holmes' fancy, wrote out a bundle of letters decorated with skulls and crossbones. Demands for money he said were simply added to enliven the mystery, as he never went to see whether the money was left or not. Pollard in the course of his confession says: "Besides those sent to clergymen, I sent letters to Assistant Chief of Police Schuetzler, telling the latter to leave \$700 in the confessional box of St. Charlotte's church. I was delighted when I read that Dr. Dixon, with detectives stood waiting almost all night for the White Knights to appear for the money."

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