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Astoria Official Is Accused of Misconduct and an Investigation Has Been Made

Concludes Inquiry Into Allegations That Robb Has Made Improper Use of His Office to Pay His Political Debts.

"MALICE AND POLITICS" REPLY OF COLLECTOR TO CHARGES

His Term Expires Next August and Many Are Seeking His Post-His Use of Revenue Launch Patrol Criticised.

himself which has been engendered in friends, the scramble for his place. In Se

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"Malice and Politics," Says Bob.

"Malice and politics explain the whole thing." was his comment.

Predictions are made in some quarters however that the report of the special agent, Colonel Rice of Seattle, will be found very unfavorable and may result in the suspension or even in the removal of the collector and all his immediate subordinates. It is pointed out that under existing political conditions the charges are likely to receive more grave consideration than would otherwise be given them.

Friends.

In September of last year, during the Lewis and Clark exposition, Collector Robb took the Patrol to Portland and the launch was kept for three days off the fair grounds. This trip had been particularly mentioned in the charges filed against the collector, but when questioned concerning it Robb showed to the special agent written authority from the treasury department to take the Patrol to Portland and the launch was kept for three days off the fair grounds. This trip had been particularly mentioned in the charges filed against the collector, but when questioned concerning it Robb showed to the special agent written authority from the treasury department to take the Patrol to Portland and the launch was kept for three days off the fair grounds. This trip had been particularly mentioned in the charges filed against the collector, but when questioned concerning it Robb showed to the special agent written authority from the treasury department to take the Patrol to Portland and the launch was kept for three days off the fair grounds. This trip had been particularly mentioned in the charges filed against the collector, but when questioned concerning it Robb showed to the special agent written authority from the treasury department to take the Patrol to Portland for a three days visit.

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The trouble had its inception last September when J. P. McCrea, probationary inspector in the customs service, was removed by Collector Robb on alleged incompetency, the specific charge being that McCrea's hearing was so defective as to interfere with his usefulness, McCrea appealed from this order to the civil service commission, then to the secretary of the treasury and finally to President Roosevelt, alleging that he had been removed for political reasons, in flagrant violation of the civil service regulations. He also charged that Collector Robb was using his office to pay personal and political abets.

What the Charges Are.

Some time after these charges were presented, the principal one being in relation to the use of the revenue launch Patrol. In addition, it was charged that the collector was too convival in his habits. The charges were brought to the personal attention of President Roosevelt and it is supposed that it was at his suggestion that Special Agent Roosevelt and it is supposed that it was at his suggestion that Special Agent Roosevelt and it is supposed that it was at his suggestion that Special Agent Roosevelt and it is supposed that it was at his suggestion that Special Agent Roosevelt and it is supposed that it was at his suggestion that Special Agent Roosevelt and it is supposed that it was at his suggestion that Special Agent Roosevelt and it is supposed that it was at his suggestion that Special Agent Roosevel and it is supposed that it was at his suggestion that Special Agent Roosevel and it is supposed that it was at his augustion of the office. Colonel Rice specific in Astoria, has been detailed on a number of occasions to inspect incoming vessels. He is a Republican and has been allied with Robb. Richard (Continued on Page Two.)

As the result of charges of official misconduct filed against Walter L. Robb, collector of customs at Astoria, and his chief deputy to take occasional pleasure trips on the Patrol about the mouth of his subordinates, an investigation of the office has been made by order of the secretary of the treasury and the report of Special Agent Rice is now on the way to Washington. While the integrity of the collector is not questioned, it is alleged that politics has played too large a part in the conduct of the office, and it is also charged that the revenue launch Patrol has been used on a number of occasions by the collector and his chief deputy, Frank L. Parker, for private purposes and for the sufficial made and visitors. This last charge is not denied in this way prevails at other ports, and is not forbidden by the regulations.

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Collector Robb considers the charges too trivial to receive serious attention at Washington. He declares that his record as collector is an open book, that his office has been conducted honestly and efficiently, that if, in his use of the Patrol, he has acted improperly he had abundant justification in the fact that the practice prevails in every port in the country. His term will expire in about six months and the collector attributes the charges to the ill-feeling toward the private pleasure craft for the entertainment of the collector and his friends.

"DEAD MAN OF WALL STREET" DOUBLES FORTUNE IN PRISON

New York, Jan. 27.—The success of the speculation of the "dead man of Wall street" was made known when after years of litigation, the safety deposit box in which Alphonso J. Stephani locked up his worldly possessions before his life imprisonment began, was broken open and it was found that during the years which he has been civilly dead his fortune has almost doubted in value.

Fifteen years ago Stephani was convicted of the murder of Judge C. G. Reynolds, pleaded insanity and was sentenced to life imprisonment. For years he conducted a brokerage office in his cell at Sing Sing, and not only made immensally profitable investments himself, but directed the investment of his mother's fortune to such advantage that her qualification of the treasure box been accomplished.



Anniversary of Kaiser's Birth Is Celebrated Throughout German Empire.

(Journal Special Service.)

Berlin, Jan. 27.—Emperor. William is
47 years old today and the anniversary
of his birth is celebrated throughout the German empire. According to a conservative estimate 20,000 thanksgiving services were held in the churches in all parts of Germany this morning. The official celebration of the day took the form of military reviews, of which there were probably 100 in all parts of the empire, official receptions and banquets.

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In this city the Bourse and nearly all business places were closed today in honor of the day, and not even the newspapers appeared. The city was profusely decorated with flags, evergreens and bunting, and the streets crowded with people all day, particularly in the vicinity of the palace Unter den Linden. There was a great deal to see, state carriages bearing members of the royal family and representatives of other European courts driving to and from the castle at short intervals.

The emperor was an extremely busyman all day and his whole time was practically taken up with receiving his royal and other visitors and their congratulations. During the morning hours the emperor received the congratulations of the members of his immediate household. Then came the members of the cabinet, the heads of the two houses of parliament, members of the diplomatic corps, special envoys from various European courts, reigning and other princes and deputations of the army, the havy and various branches of the

EMPEROR WILLIAM FRISCO IS AFTER IS 47 TODAY | ALASKAN TRADE

New Line of Steamers Will Be Established to Break Seattle's Commerce Monopoly.

(Journal Special Service.)
San Francisco, Jan. 27.—At a conference next Thursday between the wholesale merchants and shipping men of San Francisco and John E. Ballaine of Seattle, representing the Alaska Cen-tral Railway company, the question of a line of steamships to ply between San Francisco and Seward, the new city on the coust of Alaska, will be discussed. It is understood that if the local wholesale dealers agree to send represen-tatives north to work for business in the new district that is being opened by the railroad company a local shipping company will at once put on one steam-ship. If the result of this conference is

company will at once put on one steamship. If the result of this conference is what Ballaine expects it will mark the beginning of a new period in Alaskan trade from Pacific coast cities and be the entering wedge by which the monopoly Seattle has enjoyed for years will be wrested from her.

The railway which will run from Seward to Fairbanks and the head of navigation of the Tanana river has 50 miles completed. The Barneson-Hibbard company, it is understood is the steamship company that his decided to put one steamer on the Seward run if the wholesalers agree to carry out their part of the compact.

It is likely that either the Watson or the Buckman, now undergoing alterations to conform with the regulations of this coast, will be put into service for the work. They are sister boats and strived on this coast only a short time ago. The steamer will probably make the trip every 20 days. Seattle is only as miles nearer Seward than San Francisco.

SENT TO PENITENT

Sallors Charge Captain Cousins of the Queen With Making No Effort to Save Valencia Survivors.

REFUSED PERMISSION

Doomed Men Seen in Rigging but Queen's Captain Did Nothing, Although Jackies Say They Volunteered to Man a Boat-Captain Denies It.

(Journal Special Service.)
San Francisco, Jan. 27.—That Captain
Cousins of the steamer Queen, sent out from Victoria Tuesday to rescue the illfrom Victoria Tuesday to rescue the ill-fated Valencia, did not make all efforts to reach the doomed ship, is the Van Schaick, commander of the ill-charge made today by P. C. Jorgensen fated steamer Slocum, in which 1,021

that no attempt was made by Captain Causins to put off a boat.

"We found the wreck Wednesday morning and ran within about four miles of it," says Jorgensen. "Nothing but the smokestack, masts and part of the upper works were visible. The weather was rough and squally, and I admit that a heavy sea was running, but I have seen boats handled in rougher seas during my service in the navy.

"Those who looked through glasses said they could make out people in the rigging. I didn't see them. There are supposed to be lifeboats aboard the Queen, with airtight compartments, making them practically unsinkable.

"Sullivan and I were standing on the deck near the captain, when I said I would launch a boat and get nearer the wreck and perhaps get a line aboard.

"Sullivan, Brady, O'Brien and Barrett of our men volunteered to go. The captain paid no attention to me, I admit that the chances were against us, but we

were willing and eager to make the attempt.

"It was heart-rending to stand by and
make no attempt to do anything when
so many lives were imperiled. I considered our lives no more valuable than
those on the doomed ship. We stood
by until shortly before noon, when the
Topeka came up with orders for us to
return to Seattle.

"I am satisfied that I could have got
a boat safely launched from the
steamer, and the fact that the shipwrecked people put off a clumsy liferaft in a sea far rougher convinces me
that the boat could have been
launched."

Chief Boatswain's Mate Sullivan ex-

Chief Boatswain's Mate Sullivan expressed his opinion even more forcible.

"Even the British tug Csar, drawing only six feet of water, made no attempt to get very close in. Captain Cousins tried to hold the Csar on the scene, but the tug captain paid no attention to him (Continued on Page Two.)

Commander William Van Schaick of the Ill-Fated General Slocum Sentenced to Ten Years in Sing Sing at Hard Labor.

TO TRY RESCUE WORK FAILED TO KEEP VESSEL'S CREW DRILLED FOR FIRE EMERGENCY

Aged Skipper Is Made Scapegoat for Disaster in Which Over a Thousand Persons Lost Their Lives While on an Excursion.

fated Valencia, did not make all efforts to reach the doomed ship, is the charge made today by P. C. Jorgensen and D.J. Sullivan, both chief boatsward and D.J. Sullivan, both chief boatsward was today found guilty on the charge mates in the United States navy, who declare that they and three bluejackers volunteered to take a boat to the wreck, but no attention was paid to them.

Cousins indignantly denies the charge and states that there is no truth in the statements of Jorgensen and Sullivan, but admitted that he would not have permitted the jackies to make an attempt to put off in the boat, if they had yolunteered to do so.

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RUNAWAY HORSES ARE DROWNED IN COLUMBIA

Arlington, Or., Jan. 27.—A valuable team, the property of the Arlington Lumber company, ran away from the icehouse this morning and after demolishing the wagon in the frantic dash through the town, plunged in the Columbia river and drowned. The harness and front wheels of the wagon were still attached to the terror-stricken animals, who swam wildly for half an hour before going down. The driver escaped uninjured.

HAD AN ICE BOAT TO SAIL TO NORTH POLE

Washington, Jan. 27.—Gustave Stadie of New York, who was arrested at the White House Thursday in trying to see the president, died of acute mania in the hospital this morning. He wanted to show the president a model of an ice-boat by which he could reach the north role.

in the forward part of the ship and the flames spread rapidly. There was a stampede and hundreds were forced over the side of the boat to find watery graves in East river. The screams of the terrified passengers could be heard on shore and hundreds of small boats put off to the rescue.

The General Slocum was the largest excursion steamer in New York and could carry 2,500 passengers. She had been inspected on May 5 and was reported to be in good condition ready for the excursion season. Captain Van Schalek was one of the oldest excursion captains in New York harbor waters. He has sailed for many years without

oughly demonstrated.

The fire broke out when the vessel was near Hell Gate, in the lunch counter hauled out of the water unconscious.

ELIMINATE HORSESHOE CURVE BY LONG TUNNEL

(Joernal Special Barries.)

Pittaburg, Jan. 27.—The famous horeashoe curve on the Pennsylvania road will be eliminated by methods proposed in four sets of plans prepared. Two plans are for tunnels through the Alleghany mountains, one nine miles and the other 11 miles long. The other plans are for a new route across the mountains, one 30 and the other 165 miles long.

The nine-mile tunnel plan will probably be adopted. The tunnel would accommodate four tracks and be ventilated with shafts reaching the crests of the mountains. All operations through it will be by electric power. It is estimated to cost \$15,000,000.

MECHANICS' LIEN ON SCHWAB'S BIG PALACE

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SAFE CRACKERS GET

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Read The Sunday Journal---Best, Because Brightest

William Jennings Bryan, in his four of the world, was royally entertained in Japan, being accorded a place of honor at the reception to Admiral Togo. He also had an interview with the emperor. Mr. Bryan writes in The Sunday Journal of these events; also tells of home life in Japan; the tes drinking coremonial and the geisha girls who were engaged at one social gathering to sing and dance for the distinguished American. Mr. Bryan's letters have that personal quality that appeals to every one who reads them.

"Uncle Sam, the World's Schoolmaster," is the title of an interesting story illustrated in colors, telling how foreign nations are sending scholars to this country.

In an article illustrated in colors Dr. Henry Kraemer tells how to grow flowers of any color to

In England, the home of the Protestant church, is the strongest monastery in the world filled with millionaires. You will find in The Sunday Journal an article of intense interest on the Carthusian mon telling how they spend their life in prayer and how, when they die, their bodies are nalled to a cross bef

A party of Portland men recently made a mid-winter trip on skees and snowshoes to Mt. Hood. If you want to know how much sport can be obtained from such a trip read The Sunday Journal.

Miss Hall of Cincinnati, whose plan for the practice of suthanesia for the insane and hopelessly ill is attracting much attention, tells in The Sunday Journal how she was converted to favoring suthanesia by the death of her mother.

An article of interest tells how President Penrose of Whitman college raised that institution from a ridden school to a college of much good.

These are only a few of the features to be found in The Sunday Journal. In addition to these The nal prints the only colored supplement in Oregon, and in this are the funny pictures which so delight children and which cause the grown-up to forget their troubles in a hearty laugh.