

CHARGES FILED AGAINST CUSTOMS COLLECTOR W. L. ROBB

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

SPECIAL AGENT RICE SENDS REPORT TO TREASURY

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 Criticized.

As the result of charges of official misconduct filed against Walter L. Robb, collector of customs at Astoria, 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.

It has been the custom of the collector and his chief deputy to take occasional pleasure trips on the Patrol about the mouth of the Columbia and they have entertained parties in this manner on various occasions.

"Malice and politics," says Robb. "Malice and politics explain the whole thing." 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.

W. L. Robb's term as collector will expire about next August 1. The office is desirable, the salary is \$3,000 and the duties are not arduous. Several residents of Astoria are eager to step into Robb's shoes, the most active candidate being J. S. Dellinger, editor of the Astorian. He is credited with a considerable strength and has the indorsement of some influential Republicans.

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 convivial 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 Rice of the treasury department was deputed to make a thorough investigation of the office.

Clark Loughery, former chief of police 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

"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 doubled in value.

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

Stephani has a marvelous record of never investing in stocks which brought a loss to him. Wall Street men declare that if this "dead man of the street" had been alive and free to watch the market and take part in the manipulation of the market, he could be many times a millionaire.

HUNG BACK AS CAPTAIN OF CHARNEL BOAT IS SENT TO PENITENTIARY

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

REFUSED PERMISSION TO TRY RESCUE WORK

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

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

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

Those who had presence of mind to seize life preservers found an unusable and in the official investigation following, the worthless of the boat's equipment in this particular was thoroughly demonstrated.

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.

Runaway Horses Are Drowned in Columbia

Eliminate Horseshoe Curve by Long Tunnel

Had an Ice Boat to Sail to North Pole

Safe Crackers Get Two Thousand Cash

Mechanics' Lien on Schwab's Big Palace

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EMPEROR WILLIAM 'FRISCO IS AFTER IS 47 TODAY ALASKAN TRADE

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NEW LINE OF STEAMERS WILL BE ESTABLISHED TO BREAK SEATTLE'S COMMERCE MONOPOLY.

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 Central Railway company, the question of a line of steamships to ply between San Francisco and Seward, the new city on the coast of Alaska, will be discussed.

It is understood that if the local wholesale dealers agree to send representatives 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 steamer.

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 arrived on this coast only a short time ago. The steamer will probably make the trip every 20 days. Seattle is only 350 miles nearer Seward than San Francisco.

Read The Sunday Journal—Best, Because Brightest

William Jennings Bryan, in his tour of the world, was royally entertained in Japan, being accorded a place in The Sunday Journal of these events; also tells of home life in Japan and the geisha girls who were engaged at one social gathering to sing and dance for the distinguished American.

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.

Kaiser William, From His Favorite Photograph. He Is 47 Years Old Today.