

CANNON TRIES TO ASSIST BALLINGER

Hitchcock's Attack on Secretary Believed to Have Been the Initial Battle Against Czar Rule of House Committee.

(United Press Leased Wire.) Washington, Dec. 17.—The sensational attack upon Secretary of the Interior Ballinger, made upon the floor of the house yesterday by Representative Hitchcock of Nebraska, makes it practically certain that the house organization cannot stand off an investigation of the general land office, after Christmas.

BALLINGER'S REPLY TO THE NEBRASKAN

(United Press Leased Wire.) Washington, Dec. 17.—Secretary Ballinger has been spending much time at the White House recently. When asked today if he was adding President Taft in preparing a forthcoming message on conservation, Ballinger replied: "We haven't reached that yet."

LA FOLLETTE SAYS SITUATION GROWS MORE INTERESTING

(United Press Leased Wire.) Madison, Wis., Dec. 17.—"If President Taft expects to put forward the Roosevelt policies he will do so go about it promptly, and not leave Congress and the people to infer what they may after the experience of the last extra session, that he is waiting for the appearance of the program of Aldrich and Cannon."

WILL MOVE FROM TROUBLE CENTER

Steel Corporation to Abandon Pittsburg for Gary, Indiana, Is Report.

(United Press Leased Wire.) Pittsburg, Dec. 17.—That it is the evident intention of the United States Steel corporation to abandon its plants in the Pittsburg district where labor troubles exist and to erect them in other communities is reported here.

Bomber Explosion Kills Two Men

(United Press Leased Wire.) New Philadelphia, Ohio, Dec. 17.—David Hinds and Daniel Abraham were blown to pieces when a bomber exploded at the plant of the Royal Clay Works here early today. A foreigner whose name is not known is missing.

Young Zelaya Loved This Girl



Miss Elizabeth Juliet Hero, the Greek girl living in New York who has brought an action for \$100,000 damages for breach of promise against Dr. Anabel Zelaya, second son of President Zelaya of Nicaragua. Dr. Zelaya is an interne in one of the New York hospitals.

MESSAGE TAME, SAYS W. J. BRYAN

No Comfort in Taft Effusion—"Special Interests" Have No Objections.

(United Press Leased Wire.) Lincoln, Neb., Dec. 17.—In the commoner today—Whitman-Jennings Bryan asserts his frank opinion that President Taft's recent message was one of the tamest documents that ever came out of the White House. He says: "No honest tariff revisionist among the people can find a note of comfort in the president's reference to this important subject."

Panama Exposition Incorporated

(United Press Leased Wire.) San Francisco, Dec. 17.—A new step in the promotion of the proposed world's fair to be held here in celebration of the completion of the Panama canal, was taken yesterday when the Panama Pacific Exposition company was incorporated in the superior court.

COURT TURNS DOWN LAWYERS WHO WANT TO HELP SELECT JURY

It is a hard job to be the self-appointed guardian of Multnomah county court, according to the rumors that float about. The fact is being brought to the attention of the special committee of the bar association appointed some time ago to see that the county court selected the jury list according to the approval of the association.

AMERICA BOTH FRIEND AND ENEMY

Head of Returned Japanese Commercial Commission Makes Paradoxical Statement to His People—Received Cordial Welcome.

(United Press Leased Wire.) Tokio, Dec. 17.—"Americans are the friendliest people of the world toward Japan and at the same time they are Japan's deadliest enemy. I exhort the Japanese to be the same."

James J. Hill

"What are the people of Oregon going to do about it? Are they going to invite immigration the coming year, or are they going to let things take their own course? It's up to the people."

PREDICTS HEAVY IMMIGRATION

"You ought to look for heavy immigration next year," the magnate began in his terse way. "We are preparing to handle a great deal of traffic, and will be in position to do so. Now, whether the people are coming or not is up to the people here."

WORK OF GREATEST VALUE

All the Tokio newspapers today are effusive in their congratulations to the commissioners who, it is declared, have done a work of tremendous value in cementing the commercial and personal relationship between the United States and Japan.

IMMIGRATION QUESTION UP TO OREGON

J. J. Hill, Railroad Magnate, Says People of This State Must Bestir Themselves If They Expect New Settlers to Come Here.



Apparently deeply interested in Oregon, especially now that the system guided by his hand and controlled by his master mind on railroads and railroading, has begun to pierce the vast interior of the state by means of his Oregon Trunk Line through the Deschutes valley, Mr. Hill nevertheless hesitates in speaking for publication, as a rule denying himself entirely to newspaper men.

YEAR'S END NUMBER RECOUNTS PROGRESS MADE DURING 1909

The citizens of Portland, and of all Oregon in fact, have reason to be proud. At the end of a year full of business successes and social advancement, it is the pleasant duty of each and every one to pause and ponder for the moment over the manifold evidences of progress and prosperity that the passing twelve months is leaving in its wake.

HERE TO INSPECT

"I am in the Pacific northwest this time to see what we have and what has to be done. As to plans, I have nothing to say."

KING LEOPOLD REGULARLY MARRIED

On Hearing of Death of Monarch Pope Pius Notifies Papal Representative of Fact—Death Came This Morning.

(United Press Leased Wire.) London, Dec. 17.—A dispatch from the Central News' Rome correspondent says the pope has notified the papal representative in Brussels that King Leopold, who died early today, was regularly married to Baroness Vaughan at San Remo, Italy, in 1908.

ANTI-FROST CAMPAIGN NOW ON AT KENNEWICK

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Kennewick, Wash., Dec. 17.—At a mass meeting, attended by 200 fruit growers, farmers and business men here this afternoon, an anti-frost campaign was launched, which if carried through to a successful end, will mean the installation of amudges pots in every valley orchard in the Columbia river valley between now and spring.

NEXT KING OF THE BELGIANS DEVOID OF UNCLE'S CRAZE

Of all the royal personages of Europe, there is none that commands just at present such a widespread interest as Prince Albert of Belgium. The death of his uncle, King Leopold II, has had the effect of focusing public attention upon his successor, Prince Albert, who is the son of King Leopold's brother, the late Philippe, Count of Flanders.

BETTER KING

Universal opinion inclines to the belief that Prince Albert will make a far better king than King Leopold, since, in the first place, he is devoid of his uncle's craze for speculation and foolhardy adventures, such as the disastrous Congo enterprise, while, on the other hand, he has as yet shown no trace of having inherited any of those moral

PROMINENT ARCHITECT DIES SUDDENLY

(United Press Leased Wire.) Los Angeles, Dec. 17.—Franklin P. Sherman, one of the prominent architects of California, was stricken while transacting business in the First National bank here yesterday afternoon.

TIMBER KINGS BUY 2800 ACRES OF FINE LAND IN CLACKAMAS

New Orleans lumber and timber operators closed a deal yesterday for 2800 acres of Clackamas county timber lands, paying \$300,000 for the property.

Funds for Women



Miss Kate M. Gordon, of New Orleans, who has charge of raising the Christmas fund for the woman suffrage movement in this country.

STRIKERS SET A TIME LIMIT

Spokane Switchmen Say All Unions May Go Out Saturday at Midnight.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Spokane, Wash., Dec. 17.—The assertion is made here today that every union working man in the service of the railroads now involved in the switchmen's strike will be pulled off the job at 12 o'clock Saturday night if the demands and grievances of the strikers are not arbitrated by that time.

ANOTHER DANGER THREATENS COOK

(United Press Leased Wire.) Copenhagen, Dec. 17.—The committee investigating the records of Dr. Frederick A. Cook this afternoon announced that the affidavits of Loose and Dunkle, made in New York, claiming they fabricated records for Cook, will be ignored. The committee will base its decision entirely upon the records of Cook's trip to the north, as submitted by him.

CLAIM OF ACCURATE OBSERVATIONS WORSE THAN CONFESSED APPROXIMATIONS

(United Press Leased Wire.) Copenhagen, Dec. 17.—Dr. Frederick A. Cook, according to a member of the committee that is now investigating the data sent from New York by the explorer. The scientist calls attention to the fact that the most accurate observations of the polar region were made by him, and says Cook's figures will be rejected if they are absolutely correct.

PORTLAND TO BE SCENE OF OIL WAR

Announcement Made That the Independent Interests Controlled by Spreckels Will Clash With Standard Oil for Supremacy.

Oregon and the northwest will be the scene and Portland the center of an active oil war between the Standard Oil company's interests and the independent Monarch Oil Refining company of San Francisco, Cal., owned and controlled by J. D. and A. B. Spreckels.

Publicity was first given to the invasion of the Standard Oil company's northwest territory today by Charles A. Crawford, mechanical and oil expert for the Monarch Oil Refining company, with head offices at 90 Clay street, San Francisco, Cal. Mr. Crawford is at the Hotel Oregon.

For temporary purposes the Monarch Oil Refining company, which is controlled by J. D. and A. B. Spreckels and has refineries in Pennsylvania and at Monarch, Cal., Midway, Cal., and Berkeley, Cal., has arranged to make use of the Couch street dock and warehouse.

Portland has been selected, after a consideration of all other cities in the northwest, for the establishment of our distributing branch," asserted Mr. Crawford.

BIG PLANT COSTLY

Machinery in the plant will consist of two 100-barrel agitators, several elevators and reducing machines. It will cost in the neighborhood of \$75,000. Crawford was unable to give an estimate of the number of barrels of oil the plant would turn out daily.

CLASH OF INTERESTS

In reality, the battle between the Standard Oil company began last year when the independent company won a fight for the contract with the Hill line. At the present time the Monarch company supplies the North Bank and A. & C. railroad with crude oil and has, during the year it has made efforts to break into the northern field, secured contracts to supply oil for a number of large manufacturing concerns.