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NAGEL MAKES ANNUAL REPORT

Secretary of Commerce and Labor Would Widen Scope of Bureau of Corporations.

RECOMMENDS BROADER LAWS FOR CURBING WHITE SLAVERY

Suggests That Corporation Bureau be Developed in an Agency With Country-wide Scope—Federal Authorities Need Drastic Laws to Fight Successful White Slave Traffic—Nearly Million Aliens Enter Country During Year.

Washington, Dec. 13.—The report of Secretary Nagel of the department of commerce and labor, made public today recommends development of the bureau of corporations into an agency to perform for the whole country what it has been doing in specific instances. Secretary Nagel's recommendations suggest an agency to which the management and condition of all interstate corporations must be reported. The need of properly safeguarding business secrets is recognized and would be provided for. The secretary declares the comparison that the commercial and financial life of the nation has become nationalized and suggests that it is now in order to nationalize its corporate life.

Another important recommendation made by Secretary Nagel is for broader laws to stamp out the white slave traffic. While the present statutes prohibit the importation of women for immoral purposes, there is no law against transporting them from one state to another. The secretary says it must be realized that the white slave trade is an organized business, and that tighter laws are needed to enable federal authorities to fight it successfully.

Secretary Nagel recommends the further development of the bureau of corporations. At the end of the fiscal year the department still has on hand investigations of the lumber and steel industries; the International Harvester company, concentration of water power ownership, transportation by water in the United States.

A definite feature of the report is a call for important corporations engaged in interstate commerce to report at stated intervals to a federal agency, such as the bureau of corporations, the essential facts regarding their organization, management and condition.

Any attempt to solve this problem through state action has been, and necessarily will be, futile, says the report. No considerable number of states ever can agree upon establishing or maintaining one system. No one state alone can make its system effective.

Nearly Million Aliens Enter. In all during the fiscal year 944,235 aliens entered the country and 67 per cent of them came from Russia and the countries of southern Europe. A total of 29 per cent of illiterates is shown by the report. These aliens brought \$17,331,828 into the country, an average of \$23.50 each. It is believed that 23 per cent of them were assisted to reach this country.

In one portion of his report Secretary Nagel takes up the "white slave" traffic. The department's investigations show that the traffic in immoral women is an established and extensive business, by no means confined to trading in imported women. It includes alien women who have entered the country in a regular way and American women as well. The present federal law merely prohibits the bringing of women into the country for immoral purposes.

Prohibits Interstate Traffic. The secretary recommends that the law be amended to prohibit as well the bringing of women for such purposes from one state into another.

KING LEOPOLD NEARS HIS END.

Brussels, Dec. 13.—King Leopold is dying, according to the announcement of one of his physicians early today. It is stated that the end is approaching rapidly and that the aged monarch's death is but a question of a few hours. Cardinal Mercier shortly before noon administered to the dying man. According to news from the palace, Leopold realizes the end is near. Prince Albert of Flanders, is at the palace and is prepared to assume immediately the duties of administration that will fall to him should his royal father die.

state and that \$50,000 be appropriated to enforce all federal laws against that traffic. The need of amending Chinese immigration laws to fit conditions existing is recommended.

Secretary Nagel lays down the principle that the government is entitled to a "day's work for a day's pay." Because of the low salaries established in some of the grades it was found impossible in his office, Mr. Nagel says, to get capable civilians. He advocates the abolition of all clerical positions paying less than \$900 a year and that places paying from \$900 to \$1800 be created in their stead.

Growing Sponges in Florida. Off the coast of Florida a series of experiments have proved that we can produce our own sponges. Somewhere between Hatteras and Labrador there is an expert for the government bearing his way up the coast on a "wind-jammer," looking for that elusive fish the mackerel. When he learns his tricks, the government will tell the fishermen.

At Afognak, Alaska, a new salmon station has liberated more than 3,000,000 young red salmon to the rivers, and during the year the government deposited in various waters of the United States more than 3,000,000,000 fish.

The effectiveness of the immigration liabilities agreed upon between the government and Japan is demonstrated in the reports which show that of 2664 Japanese who applied for admission to the country, 2432 had the proper passports from their home government and only 212 were debarred. The magnitude of the foreign commerce is amazing. The total value of imports was more than \$1,300,000,000. The value of exports was more than \$1,600,000,000.

No News of Kidnaped Girl. Louisville, Ky., Dec. 13.—The sixth day since Alma Kellner was spirited away by kidnapers brought no clue to her whereabouts. The child's mother is in a critical stage of collapse. The father is also showing the terrible strain.

JANUARY TERM OF COURT IMPORTANT

MANY CASES OF INTEREST APPEAR ON DOCKET

Darveau and Brown Will Be Tried—Freight Depot Thefts Come Up—Two Big Damage Suits on Docket—Morse Horsestealing Case Will Be Retried.

According to the docket as arranged this morning, the January term of the circuit court for Umatilla county is to be a very important one. There are no murder cases on the docket yet but there are several others of much interest and importance.

The trial of the cases against George Darveau and W. A. Brown, proprietor of the Hotels St. George and Pendleton, respectively, have been set for January 4, while the cases of State of Oregon versus Frank J. Ely and William Edwards have both been set for July 11.

Freight Depot Thefts. It will be remembered that both Darveau and Brown were indicted some time ago by the grand jury on the charge of illegal liquor selling. When arraigned they entered pleas of not guilty and their cases are just now being brought to trial. The Ely and Edwards cases are the famous O. R. & N freight depot theft cases in which Charles Dickens became and implicated Edwards and Ely.

Two Big Damage Suits. In addition to these there are two big damage suits to be tried. The first on the docket is that of Joseph Bowlin against the O. R. & N. company. He is suing for \$15,000 damages as the result of injuries received at Gibbon while working as a brakeman for the company. The other is that of John Bergevin against J. H. Sponegle in which a father is suing for \$15,000 damages for the alleged degeneration of his daughter. A date has not been set for either of these.

Second Morse Trial. Still another important case is the second trial on the charge of horse stealing against Clarence Morse, Harry Morse, John Pambrun and Roy Ellsworth. It will be remembered that these four men were tried last fall for the larceny of four horses and that the jury was unable to agree upon any kind of a verdict with respect to either of the four defendants.

Morrow County Case. Not the least interesting case on the docket is that of the State of Oregon versus L. G. Earnhart. This case was transferred from Morrow county, Earhart being the ex-convict who shot up the town of Ione, last spring, caused a reign of terror for several hours and was directly responsible for the serious wounding of an innocent bystander.

Several civil cases are also on the docket and there are a few men in the county jail awaiting the action of the grand jury. Some of these are sure to be indicted and tried at this term of court.

JOHN VERT PLEAD GUILTY AND WAS FINED \$5000 BY JUDGE WOLVERTON

In the United States court in Portland John Vert of this city entered a plea of guilty to the charge of conspiracy and was fined the sum of \$5000 by Judge Wolverton. Vert arrived in Pendleton from the east Saturday night and left yesterday for Portland. Among local people the feeling prevailed that he intended fighting his case. Deputy United States Marshal Nicholson was here today summoning witnesses to Portland for the trial which was set for the fifteenth of this month. Upon being informed this afternoon of Vert's plea of guilty he cancelled the subpoenas.

RAYNOR WANTS ZELAYA'S HEAD

Maryland Senator Makes Stirring Speech Demanding Revenge.

DENOUNCES DICTATOR AS MONSTER OF VICE

Says Nicaraguan People Are Not Responsible for Death of Cannon and Groce—Zelaya Alone Must Be Punished—Crime Has Been Committed Against Rights of American Citizens—Zelaya's Private Vices More Infamous Than Public Iniquities.

Washington, Dec. 13.—Senator Raynor of Maryland, today made a notable speech in support of his resolution authorizing President Taft "to take necessary steps to apprehend President Zelaya of Nicaragua and to bring him to justice for the murder of Cannon and Groce, the Americans executed at his order." "A great crime has been committed against the rights of American citizenship," declared the senator "and it cannot be allowed to slumber. The guilt does not rest upon the Nicaraguan people, therefore to punish them would not subserve the purpose of my resolution.

"The resolution is directed at the dictator of Nicaragua individually. I want it entirely separate from any steps we may make in reference to interference with Nicaragua." Cannon and Groce were merely prisoners of war. He said he had watched the Nicaraguan situation for years, and was familiar with the "tim-posters, usurpers and motley leaders" that have sprung from the chaotic conditions there "and Zelaya is probably the most despicable figure that has ever arisen there," he said. "In the school of corruption, dishonesty, perfidy and crime, Zelaya stands without a peer. I have been reliably informed that the vices of his private life are more infamous in their indescribable details than the iniquities of his public career."

SWITCHMEN'S HEAD DELIVERS ULTIMATUM TO RAILROADS

Minneapolis, Aug. 13.—President Hawley of the Switchmen's union today delivered an ultimatum to the railroads in the shape of a public announcement that unless the striking members of his organization went back to work before Christmas every switchman west of Buffalo would strike before January 1.

ANOTHER UMATILLA RESIDENT INVOLVED IN LAND FRAUDS

Another prominent Umatilla county resident is to be made a defendant in a land fraud suit brought by the government. Douglass Belts, one of the wealthiest residents in the Pilot Rock section of country, is the man, but if he loses out in the suit he will not be subject to a fine or a jail sentence, but will be in danger of losing land valued at \$10,000.

The suit was filed in the federal court at Portland Saturday, by United States Attorney John McCurt, who alleges that the land was fraudulently acquired from the government. The suit seeks to recover the lands or their equivalent in cash.

The case is an outcome of the prosecution of what is known as the Umatilla conspiracy, which was closed in the court a few days ago when Judge Wolverton imposed fines aggregating \$45,500.

The defendants in the Umatilla case were required to face criminal prosecutions. Belt will escape such a prosecution for the reason that it is conceded that the statute of limitations expired some months ago.

Bonus Offered to "Settlers." It is recited in the complaint that between July, 1906, and August, 1902, Douglass Belts solicited P. T. Belts,

ZELAYA ADOPTS TERROR MODES

Nicaraguan Tyrant Puts 500 Persons in Chains and Tortures Them.

MAKES DEMONSTRATION AGAINST AMERICANS

Makes Prisoners of Politically Prominent People, and Subjects Them to Tortures—Places Five Hundred Troops in Intrenchments to Prevent American Marines From Passing Over Bridge Into Corinto—Estrada's Brother is Made a Prisoner.

Bluefields, Nicaragua, Dec. 13.—It is learned from an authoritative source that a reign of terror is being maintained in Managua, and that not less than 500 persons identified with politics are in chains in the prisons.

A Catholic society has been ordered to cease sending food to the prisoners and these may starve to death, as they are allowed only two cents a day for food. Corporal punishment is meted out daily to various alleged offenders.

Zelaya, to create an impression that the sentiment of the people of Managua is hostile towards America and Americans, recently ordered Amelio Estrada, a prominent liberal and brother of the revolutionist chief, to organize a demonstration against the United States, but this he refused to do, and Zelaya had him arrested on a fictitious charge.

It is understood that Dr. Julian Irlas, minister general, who has many adherents at Leon and Chinandega, has been making attempts to start an uprising in his favor as Zelaya's successor, but whether with Zelaya's consent is not known. It is reported also that Irlas' home has been surrounded by soldiers.

Would Stop Americans. Further authoritative dispatches state that five hundred of Zelaya's forces have been entrenched to prevent American marines from passing over the bridge into Corinto.

Since last Thursday when General Estrada became certain that General Vasquez, in command of a portion of Zelaya's troops, was attempting to make a retreat from Rama to seize an unguarded river point and descend upon Bluefields the forces of the provisional government have been acting with great energy. Rama has been occupied and other less important river landings have been strongly guarded. All available boats have been held in reserve to rush rein-

forcements to any point that may be threatened. General Chamorro and 250 men arrived today to assist in guarding the entire 60 miles of the Escondido river from Rama to Bluefields. General Chamorro left 300 men guarding the land passage between Bluefields and Greytown.

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STRIKEBREAKERS FILL VACANCIES OF SWITCHMEN

Spokane, Dec. 13.—The Northern Pacific yards are rapidly filling with non-union men to take the place of the strikers and it is believed it will be possible to run nearly all trains within a week without a settlement of the troubles. The Great Northern here has many men on the waiting list, whom they cannot put to work. Officials declare they want put the strikers to work if they should wish to return.

L. S. Irvine of Hermiston, returned home this morning after transacting business in Pendleton.

TROOPS WERE FIRED UPON

New Orleans, Dec. 13.—A wireless message from Colon this afternoon, states that the American marines tried to land at Bluefields today but were fired upon. The report did not say what soldiers attacked the marines but it is believed here, from this report that Zelaya has captured Bluefields. The city heretofore was held by the Estrada forces, who are friendly to America. The last definite reports from that region indicated the Zelayan army near Bluefields with orders to capture and sack the town. News during Sunday showed that Estrada was using every means to intercept such a movement. It is reported that the Zelayan forces greatly outnumbered the Estrada men in that vicinity.

CHARGES MEXICO WOULD UNITE FIVE REPUBLICS

New Orleans, Dec. 13.—Declaring that Mexico had concerned herself in a plan for the confederation of the five central American republics, Provisional President Estrada of Nicaragua, in a lengthy cablegram today urged his United States sympathizers to align themselves against the Diaz government to prevent a consummation of his project.

The mission of Senor Creel, former ambassador to the United States from Mexico who is at Washington, is the furtherance of this plan, according to charges brought by Estrada in his cable.

MASTER FISH WARDEN TO ENFORCE SCREENS

ALL DITCH OWNERS SERVED WITH NOTICE

McAllister Will Put An End to Ruthless Waste of Fish—Ditchowners Will Be Prosecuted on Failure to Observe Law.

A day of reckoning is about to dawn for Umatilla county mill race and ditch owners who have disregarded and defied the law requiring the screening of ditches. Master Fish Warden A. C. McAllister has sent notices to Deputy O. F. Turner with instructions that they be personally served on the Byers Milling company, Frank Walters, the engineer in charge of the reclamation project at Hermiston and the Irrigon Ditch company. These notices will be served at once and the instructions of the master fish warden were to start prosecutions without delay in case there is further defiance of the law.

Those named above were particularly mentioned for the reason that they are believed to be the principal offenders, but notices will be served on every ditch owner in the county, great or small, within the next few days and they will all be given until January 1 to comply with the requirements of the law and District Attorney Phelps declared this morning that the grand jury which meets on January 2, will be called upon to investigate those who disregard the notices. It is expected that indictments will then be returned and in that case prosecutions will be started immediately thereafter.

The cases against the worst offenders will probably be taken up first and then the officers will go right on down the line until every ditch is screened or every offender punished.

REVOLUTIONISTS HAVE THEIR HOPES REVIVED

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RECORD RUN BY SAWMILL

Springfield, Ore.—The Booth-Kelly sawmill has made the biggest cut of lumber in the history of the mill, cutting 172,000 feet of lumber in one day's shift of 10 hours in a mill, the capacity of which is only rated at 125,000. The record before stood at about 150,000 feet.

William Switzer of Umatilla, returned home this morning, after spending Sunday with friends in this city.

DEATH BATTLE WITH BULLDOG

Torn Throat of Dead Man and Bloody Muzzle of Dog Tells Story of Tragedy.

SHUT IN A ROOM MAN FIGHTS FOR LIFE

New York Man Meets Horrible Death from Teeth of Vicious Bulldog—Animal Belonged to His Sister and Had Intense Hatred of Man—Body Found in Pool of Blood and Room Indicated Terrible Struggle.

New York, Dec. 13.—The horrible story of a battle to death between a man and a huge bulldog in which the man was killed and left lying in a pool of his own blood, was told today at the coroner's inquest into the death of Carl Limpert. The dog that figured in the unique tragedy was the property of Limpert's sister and had developed an intense hatred for Limpert and had on several occasions attacked him savagely.

Despite Limpert's advice, his sister refused to part with her pet, and early yesterday when Limpert entered her flat he found the dog in sole possession. Fiercely the brute flung himself upon the man and for nearly half an hour they fought and rolled about on the floor in a deadly struggle. Limpert seemed unable to gain the door. Later in the day his dead body was found lying on the floor, beside an overturned table. His throat was torn into shreds and his shoulders lay in a fast drying pool of blood. The dog, his muzzle stained a darkening red and his head and body bleeding from gashes received when he was hurled against the furniture by his human antagonist, lay cowering in a corner.

DECLARES WIFE MURDERED HIM BY INCONSTANCY

Spokane, Dec. 13.—Declaring his wife his murderer because of her inconstancy and by wrecking his life with her frivolities in a letter written in a bank book sometime last night and which was left in his overcoat pocket, Charles J. Paine a prominent hardware man shot himself through the head in his bed this morning while his wife was preparing her toilet in an adjoining room. When she heard the shot she rushed in to find her husband shot through the head and dying, still holding the smoking revolver. She was taken in hysterics to the station. Police fear she will take her life also if she is released.

BUTTE SWITCHMEN REFUSE TEMPORARY ADJUSTMENT

Butte, Dec. 13.—The tie-up resulting from the switchmen's strike on all roads penetrating the Pacific northwest is unchanged today. At a meeting last night the strikers failed to agree upon the terms of the proposition advanced that provided for their return to their posts until an amicable settlement of differences with their employers could be reached. The attitude of the other bodies of the organization here and in the state exerted an influence which had much to do with their failure to accede in advocating a temporary return to work.

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Taft RECOMMENDS LURTON FOR JUSTICE

Washington, Dec. 13.—The nomination of Judge Horace H. Lurton of Nashville, Tenn., to succeed the late Rufus W. Peckham for justice of the United States supreme court was sent to the senate today by President Taft. Judge Lurton was formerly chief justice of the supreme court of Tennessee and at the time of his recommendation by the president was judge of the United States circuit court in the sixth jurisdiction to which he was appointed in 1893. He is 65 years old and for many years has been the president's warm personal friend.