

# ALEXIS DEPOSED BY ANGRY PEOPLE

## Followed by Curses to French Warship, Where He Takes Refuge.

### General Legitime is Selected as New President of Hayti—Armed Guards From Foreign Vessels Guarding Their Respective Legations—Quiet Will Soon Be Restored.

Port au Prince, Dec. 3.—President Nord Alexis has been deposed and is now safe on board the French training ship Duguay Trouin, and Port au Prince is in the hands of the revolutionists. General Antoine Simon, leader of the insurgents, is marching up the peninsula with an army of 5,000, and a new president, General Legitime, has been proclaimed. At the last moment President Alexis yielded to the urging of those about him, and decided to take refuge aboard the French warship.

An immense crowd of men and women had assembled at the wharf, and the arrival of the presidential carriage, escorted by a battalion of infantry and a squadron of cavalry under command of General Hippolyte, was the signal for tumult and riot. All along the route the people who lined the streets shouted, jeered and cursed at the fallen president, but when the landing stage was reached the mob lost all restraint. The scene was tragic and shameful. Infuriated women broke through the cordon of troops and shrieked the coarsest insults in the very face of the president, who strove bravely to appear undismayed.

General Canal is doing everything possible to maintain order. Infantry and cavalry patrol the streets and, although a panicky feeling remains, there is little danger to the foreigners. Armed sailors from the two American cruisers and the French cruiser in the harbor were landed at 1:30 today.

### BIGGY WANTED TO RESIGN.

#### Conflicting Reports of His Intentions Given Out.

San Francisco, Dec. 3.—After 48 hours' search no trace of Chief of Police Biggy's body has been found. Rumors and surmises that the chief is in hiding are without foundation. The mayor and police commissioners intended to keep him in office, notwithstanding charges that he was incompetent.

That Chief Biggy offered his resignation to Police Commissioner Hugo D. Keil an hour before his death, and during the period of his visit to the commissioner's home at Belvedere, became known today. Keil admits that the missing official offered to surrender his position in the hope that the commissioners would be relieved of newspaper criticism, to which Biggy felt they had been subjected on his account, but Keil, according to his own declaration, refused to accept or consider the proposal, and advised the chief that the members of the board would not entertain the idea of his resigning under fire.

### ADMIT CUTTING OUT SHARP.

#### Union Pacific Coal Men Confess Discrimination, Deny Conspiracy.

Salt Lake City, Dec. 3.—In the United States District court today, J. M. Moore, western sales agent for the Union Pacific Coal company, and a defendant in the case, admitted that he had cut out the coal supply of D. J. Sharp, a Salt Lake coal dealer, because Sharp insisted upon cutting the retail price of Wyoming coal 50 cents a ton.

Mr. Moore, who, with Everett Buckingham, traffic manager of the Oregon Short Line, and others, is charged with conspiracy in restraint of trade, denied the conspiracy and defended his action toward Mr. Sharp by saying that the dealer had violated the conditions under which the coal was sold to him, and that his actions tended to disarrange the tariff schedules of the coal company.

### Range War in New Mexico.

East Las Vegas, N. M., Dec. 3.—Mounted police have been dispatched to Bonz, northeast of Roswell, N. M., by Governor Curry to settle a cattle war that has been raging there for the past few weeks. Cattle have been slaughtered and a bloody clash between the opposing forces is feared. Forty cattle were killed last week by settlers who claimed their crops were being damaged by the herds of the Littlefield company. The settlers also seized 60 head of cattle in payment for alleged damages.

### New Ruler Crowned.

Pekin, Dec. 3.—The coronation of Pu Yi, emperor of China, took place today in the imperial palace, where, according to the traditions of the throne, he was given the new name of Haungtung. The ceremonies lacked the brilliancy of former coronations, owing to the recent death of Emperor Kwang Hsu and the dowager empress. During the ceremony today the regular mourning colors, white and blue, gave place to red, the social color.

### Fines Salt Company \$10,000.

Grand Rapids, Mich., Dec. 3.—Judge Knappen, in the United States District court, fined the Sterns Salt & Lumber company, of Ludington, \$10,000 today for having accepted rebates from the Pere Marquette railway.

### COSGROVE CANNOT LIVE.

#### Condition of Washington's Governor-Elect Becomes More Serious.

Paso Robles, Cal., Dec. 4.—Governor-elect Cosgrove's condition has become more serious. An operation has been performed by Drs. Dresser and Sawyer. Dr. Dresser says: "I don't think he can hold out two weeks longer." A specialist of Berkeley is here on the case and said: "Chronic disease is getting him. Even if he survives for some time, he will certainly not be able to return to his home state for inauguration as governor."

After a consultation the specialist said that he thought everything was being done for the governor and approved the course of treatment, and it was decided to continue the course as heretofore.

Paso Robles, Hot Springs, Cal., Dec. 4.—Governor-elect Cosgrove of Washington was reported late last night to be somewhat improved. Dr. F. G. Reinhardt, of the University of California, was in consultation yesterday with Dr. Dresser, the attending physician, regarding Mr. Cosgrove's condition and approved the course of treatment that is being administered to him. Dr. Dresser said shortly before midnight that the patient was resting well and that he had appeared to be somewhat stronger. The report that the Governor-elect had undergone an operation yesterday is unfounded.

### TRY TO LOCATE MONEY.

#### Prosecution in Ruef Trial Trying to Prove Bribery.

San Francisco, Dec. 4.—In the Ruef bribery trial yesterday the prosecution endeavored to show by the testimony of Adam Dahler, acting treasurer of the United Railroads, that the \$200,000 drawn by Tiley L. Ford from the mint was never turned over to the company. Mr. Dahler said that he retained all the gold coming in and deposited all currency and checks. He said that after the graft inquiry had begun in 1906, George E. Starr, the company's treasurer, went east with a number of vouchers and books to be expensed.

George Wilcutt, secretary of the United Railroads, testified regarding the books in his charge. The proposed introduction of a letter which Wilcutt said he had at his office, and which is supposed to contain some reference to the \$200,000 drawn by Ford, led to a wordy clash between attorneys.

William M. Abbott, assistant counsel for the United Railroads, was called, but on advice of his counsel refused to testify on the ground that he was under indictment in connection with the trolley franchise matter. Judge Lawlor overruled the objections and compelled him to testify. He then related the incident of his trip to the mint with Ford, when the latter obtained one of the installments of the \$200,000 made payable to the order of Patrick Calhoun.

### PILLAGERS RULE CITY.

#### Troops Disperse Haytian Mob With Volley, Killing Twelve.

Port au Prince, Dec. 4.—For many hours during the night following the flight of Nord Alexis riot and pillage prevailed in Port au Prince. The populace, maddened by the spirit of revolt, turned from the skiff that carried the deposed president to the French training ship, Duguay Trouin, and gave full vent to its passions. It looted stores and residences, fought over the booty and was held in check only by an armed force hastily gathered together by General Poidevin which fired a volley into the mob and drove the rioters from street to street and finally into seclusion. Twelve persons were killed and many wounded before order was restored.

So serious did the situation become that a committee of public safety, composed of the most prominent military leaders, was organized. Scores of citizens were placed under arms to assist the loyal troops in patrolling the city and comparative tranquillity now reigns.

The American, French and German ministers decided early in the morning that they could trust in the arrangements made by the committee to maintain order, but they jointly gave notice that, if trouble occurred again, they would land forces from the warships.

### Want Large Warehouse.

Helena, Mont., Dec. 4.—Montana sheepmen, including the members of the state board of sheep commissioners, met here today in conference with representatives of the Chicago Association of Commerce respecting the building in that city of a wool warehouse to cost \$400,000. Very liberal terms have been offered and while no definite action was taken at this afternoon's meeting, the project is generally favorably received. The sheep commission announces that it has no important recommendations to make.

### Sought Throughout Land.

Los Angeles, Dec. 4.—Theodore S. Lowe, formerly agent at a New York substitution of the United States Express company, was arrested in a local cafe tonight on a charge of embezzlement, preferred by his former employers. He is accused of having appropriated \$450 of the company's funds three months ago. Officers throughout the country have sought him since. Lowe intimates that his people have money enough to settle the difficulty.

### Fired by Incendiary.

Red Lodge, Mont., Dec. 4.—General Manager C. R. Claghorn, of the Northwestern Improvement company, who has made a thorough investigation of the cause which led to the great disaster on November 20, has come to the conclusion that the fire in stope No. 2 was of incendiary origin, and today offered a reward of \$2,500 for the arrest and conviction of the guilty party.

# HAPPENINGS GATHERED IN AND AROUND WASHINGTON, D. C.

### ADVANCE IN RATES.

#### Old Equipment Will Cause Railroads to Seek Relief From Shippers.

Washington, Dec. 5.—Shortage of rolling stock caused by the failure of the railroads to keep up their equipment during the recent financial stringency will result in sweeping advances in rates, according to the statement of members of the interstate commerce commission.

"I have no doubt," said one of the commissioners in explaining the situation, "that an attempt will be made all along the line to push up rates in every possible way. The railroads have cultivated the impression that they are not receiving sufficient money to maintain their efficiency and to give good service and pay their stockholders anything."

"As soon as business revives the railroads all over the country are going to find themselves short of equipment. For two years they have bought no rolling stock to speak of and they have not kept their old equipment in repair."

"The railroad managers will soon begin announcing that they must get more money to lay tracks and buy cars and that to advance rates is the only means of getting the needed cash. Whether they will be permitted to enforce their highest rates is something the commission cannot pass on now."

"Already the advances have begun. The commission has before it one case which involves an advance in rates in all the southeast. There is another case which involves advances in the southwest."

### Site Prices Too High.

Washington, Dec. 4.—Assistant Secretary of the Treasury Winthrop has intimated that the prices asked for the four sites in San Francisco suggested as locations for the new subtreasury, were too steep; higher than business conditions in that city warranted and more money than the Federal government proposed to pay. The choice of one of these four sites may be swayed by the alacrity with which the owners of the property take the hint and reduce their figures. The new subtreasury will be a four-story structure of classic design, constructed of stone and concrete.

### Uncle Sam to Keep Aloof.

Washington, Dec. 2.—The United States government has no present intention of intervening in Haytian affairs. This statement is made on the best of authority. The situation on the island is an internal one and as far as known here it is to deal entirely with the people. The Haytian situation is not complicated by the position of the work of "emigrants," which obtains so frequently in Central American revolutions. President Nord Alexis has been in power a number of years and for the time being at least there is no ground for American intervention.

### Navy's Vital Need.

Washington, Dec. 1.—The possibility of the great Atlantic battleship fleet, strong and powerful afloat, lying weak and helpless because of lack of coal, is shown in the report of Admiral Cowles, chief of the bureau of equipment, to the Navy department. According to the report the cruise of the fleet shows the need of more coalliers. Had there been foreign complications or a combination of foreign shipowners the fleet might have remained helpless in some foreign port.

### China's Envoys at Washington.

Washington, Dec. 3.—Tang Shao Yi, special envoy of the Chinese government, and Prince Tsai Fu, together with attaches and secretaries belonging to the official suite, 19 Chinese students, attendants and servants, have arrived here on their mission to thank President Roosevelt for the remittance of \$1,000,000 of the Boxer indemnity fund. The visitors occupy a house prepared particularly for their reception.

### Works for Coast.

Washington, Dec. 3.—The construction of six torpedo boats by Pacific coast builders has been suggested to the president by Victor H. Metcalf, former secretary of the navy, who is preparing to leave Washington. Mr. Metcalf suggested that six of the eight mosquito craft should be built or delivered on the Pacific coast. Delivery on the Pacific coast would handicap Eastern builders so much that they would be compelled to relinquish the contract.

### Damages Awarded Paper Mill Men.

Washington, Dec. 3.—Interstate Commerce Commissioner Lane gave a decision today awarding reparation to American lumber manufacturers and others on account of the imposition of unjust freight charges by the Southern Pacific from the paper mills in Oregon to Queen Junction, Pa., because of the carriers' inability to supply cars of the size ordered by the shippers.

### Hitchcock for Postmaster.

Washington, Dec. 2.—While both President-elect Taft and Frank H. Hitchcock today reiterated their statement that no announcement had been authorized, it is generally believed that Hitchcock will be the new postmaster general.

### Keefe Commissioner of Immigration.

Washington, Dec. 4.—Daniel J. Keefe, of Detroit, president of the Longshoremen's union, has accepted the position of commissioner general of immigration.

### MAKES NEW RECORD.

#### Government Printing Office Did Much Campaign Work.

Washington, Dec. 3.—The government printing office was an important factor in the recent presidential campaign. This institution turned out for the Republican and Democratic parties 7,418,700 copies of speeches delivered in congress, surpassing all previous records by 3,000,000 copies.

The total weight of campaign speeches printed since the beginning of the Sixtieth congress exceeds 400,000 pounds, or about 14 carloads. The printed sheets would completely cover 45 square acres of ground, and if each page could be laid end to end a bicycle track 947 miles long could be obtained.

The number of words contained in this year's run of speeches has been roughly estimated at 230 billion. With the newspaper calculation of four readers to each copy, this would require the assimilation of nearly a trillion words.

The printing of speeches in the government printing office for members of the senate and house of representatives has been reduced to an exact science through years of experience. The printing is paid for by the member of congress drawing the requisition, but the mailing is done by frank, at public expense.

### MARRIAGE PROVES FAILURE.

#### Federal Statistics Show One Divorce for Every 12 Weddings.

Washington, Dec. 1.—A higher divorce rate in the United States than any of the foreign countries where statistics are available is announced by the census bureau, which, in a bulletin just issued, says that at least one marriage in 12 in this country ultimately terminates in divorce.

Divorce is now two and one-half times as common, compared with the married population as it was 40 years ago. Utah and Connecticut are the only two states showing a decreased divorce rate for the past 20 years.

### Feel Need of Uncle Sam.

Washington, Dec. 4.—"To keep her relations with the United States of the most friendly character is the keynote of Japan's policy." This is the statement of John C. Laughlin, secretary of the United States commission to the Tokio exposition, who has just returned from his trip to Japan and who today commented on the treaty which in the last few days has drawn the two nations closer than ever before. "The people of Japan," he said, "realize that they need the aid of the United States to insure them against aggression."

### Condemnation Suits for Ground.

Washington, Dec. 1.—The Federal court in Hawaii will soon begin condemnation suits for possession of land for a new military post at Waikiki. The post will be made the headquarters of the coast artillery branch of the army. Prices for the property have been agreed upon and no trouble is expected. It is believed the government will place dredges on the submerged lands and use the material taken from the bay for new boat building.

### Let Fleet Go On Around.

Washington, Dec. 1.—Senator Flint, of California, announced today after a conference with the president, that he would take no part in a movement to keep the battleship fleet in the Pacific waters. The senator said: "The president's aim was to send the fleet around the world. It is now on its way home. No reason has arisen why the journey should not be completed." Senator Flint said the president favored more ships for the Pacific.

### Public Printer Resigns.

Washington, Dec. 2.—Public Printer John S. Leach has sent his resignation to President Roosevelt, asking to be returned to service in the Philippines. Samuel B. Donnelly, of Brooklyn, N. Y., former president of the International Typographical union, was appointed to succeed Mr. Leach. The change took effect December 1. It is said Mr. Leach's retirement was due to the president's opposition to some of his policies.

### Fleet to Put on Paint.

Washington, Dec. 2.—The Navy department has ordered that war color be applied to those naval vessels on the west coast of the United States. Accordingly a slate color will be applied to the West Virginia, Colorado, Pennsylvania, Maryland, Tennessee, Washington, California, South Dakota, St. Louis, Oregon, Buffalo, Milwaukee and Rainbow. The ships' ferries will do the painting.

### Assistant Secretary Saterlee.

Washington, Dec. 2.—Herbert L. Saterlee, of New York, has been tendered the post of assistant secretary of the navy, which was made vacant by Truman H. Newberry becoming secretary of the navy. Saterlee is reputed wealthy. He is a relative of J. P. Morgan.

### Denies Petroleum Report.

Washington, Dec. 4.—"Alleged Oil Prospects in Nevada" is the title of the preliminary report issued today by the United States geological survey, which effectually disposes of claims made in certain quarters that the sections investigated abounded in petroleum veins.

### SPEED CONTEST ON.

#### Hill and Harriman Are Contending for Through Mail Contract.

Salt Lake, Utah, Dec. 2.—The Herald this morning says that behind an order just received for a change in the schedule of the Oregon Short Line's Salt Lake-Portland express is mapped out an elaborate campaign between two great transcontinental railways. The fruit of victory will be the cream of the through passenger business and the choicest mail contracts between Chicago and Portland.

By speeding trains on the Union Pacific from Granger, Wyo., on the Short Line, through Huntington, Or., on the Oregon Railway & Navigation road, to Portland, the Herald continues, it is hoped to reduce the time of the through trip by five hours at least.

This contest against time is inspired by the completion of the Spokane, Portland & Seattle from the Northern Pacific connection at Pasco, Wash., to Portland, along the north bank of the Columbia river.

The Spokane, Portland & Seattle is a Hill enterprise. It reduces by many hundreds of miles the trackage between Chicago and the Oregon metropolis. With the Northern Pacific to Billings, and the Burlington from Billings to Chicago, it forms almost an airline from the ocean to the lakes. With it eliminated, the Harriman system could easily maintain its supremacy, but with the Spokane, Portland & Seattle as a factor, the middle route will need every ounce of steam its locomotives can make.

Beginning next week the Portland express will leave Salt Lake at 10:45 p. m., instead of 11:45, to connect at Pocatello with the Granger-Huntington flyer, whose running time is to be reduced 45 minutes between those points.

### MYSTERY IS UNSOLVED.

#### Some Believe San Francisco Police Chief Committed Suicide.

San Francisco, Dec. 2.—Although numerous boats patrolled and searched the bay since daylight yesterday morning from the Golden Gate to Hunter's point and the officers of the ferryboats and other craft were asked to keep a sharp lookout for it, the body of Chief of Police W. J. Biggy, who mysteriously disappeared from the police launch Patrol and is believed to have fallen overboard shortly before 12 o'clock Monday night, while returning to this city from Belvedere on the north shore, has not yet been recovered. Up to a late hour last night the police launch Patrol and other boats, with searchlights, were still on the bay, but it is feared that the body of the late chief of police has been carried out to sea by the tide.

Among officials of the department there are two theories to account for the disappearance. A number of his subordinates incline to the belief that worry and grief over the newspaper criticisms of his official and private demeanor impelled him to end his life, while others affirm with equal confidence that he fell from the slippery deck during an attack of vertigo or a fainting spell.

### HIGH TOWER ON MOUNTAIN.

#### Sun to Be Studied With a Monster Spectroscope.

Los Angeles, Dec. 2.—Dr. George E. Hale, director of the Carnegie solar observatory on Mount Wilson, announced today that a great steel tower 150 feet high, with a well 75 feet deep under it, with which to use the spectroscopic telescope will be ready for use next Monday and Dr. Hale predicts that with the powerful reflector now installed—the greatest in the world—a number of important discoveries may be expected, particularly in the photographing of the sun's surface and the various curious nebulae.

A wireless telegraph station is projected on the crown of the mountain, tests being now in progress to determine the best points for locating the operating plant. It is expected by experts that messages may be flashed to Japan or beyond, so perfect are the conditions found. A coil capable of giving out the extreme length of spark is to be installed.

### Runs Away on Mountain.

Butte, Dec. 2.—A freight train of an engine and 14 cars was wrecked on the west side of the Blossburg hill on the Northern Pacific branch between Garrison and Helena west of here this morning. The train got beyond control while descending the mountain, due to the accumulation of ice and snow on the rails. An operator grasped the situation as the train thundered past and wired ahead to Weed, where a derailing switch was thrown. The fact that the engine remained upright saved the lives of the engine crew.

### Frustrate Rebel Plot.

San Salvador, Salvador, Dec. 2.—A plot to overthrow the government of President Figueroa was discovered and frustrated today. Martial law has been proclaimed. The revolutionary movement, which was started in the department of Sonsonate, was crushed immediately. Many persons well known in political circles opposed to the government were implicated and are believed to have been arrested and imprisoned.

### Pope's Doctors Anxious.

Rome, Dec. 2.—The pope's physicians, while they declared tonight that the cold from which he was suffering was following a normal course, expressed anxiety on account of his weakness.

# POLICE CHIEF IS DROWNED

## Biggy Disappears From Police Patrol Launch in San Francisco Bay.

### After Having Served as Ruef's Jailer and Police Chief, He Quarreled With Graft Prosecution About Recent Suicide of Haas—His Death Seems Complete Mystery.

San Francisco, Dec. 1.—William J. Biggy, chief of police of this city, was drowned late last night while returning across the bay in the police patrol launch Patrol. Mr. Biggy had been at Belvedere, a suburb, to call on Police Commissioner Keil, who resides there. He boarded the launch to return to the city about 10 o'clock, and when the boat was out on the bay complained of feeling cold to Engineer Murphy, the only other occupant of the launch. Mr. Murphy advised him to go to the cabin at the stern of the boat.

Mr. Murphy then went below to attend his engine and did not see the chief again. He came on deck as the boat neared the city and noticed that the chief had disappeared. A search of the boat failed to locate him, Mr. Murphy made all speed to the dock, where he reported the accident and went out into the bay again to search for the missing officer. Numerous boats were hurried to the scene and a careful search of the bay was begun.

William J. Biggy was appointed chief of police by Mayor Taylor after the latter had been placed in office upon the removal of Mayor E. E. Schmitz. Biggy succeeded Jeremiah F. Dinan, against whom the grand jury returned an indictment in connection with the bribery cases. When Abraham Ruef was arrested, the prosecution asked that Biggy be appointed elisor and be given the custody of the prisoner. For eight months he held this position and at the expiration of that time was appointed chief of police in September, 1907, through the influence of the graft prosecution.

Ever since the suicide of Morris Haas, the man who attempted to kill Assistant District Attorney Henry and who later took his own life at the county jail, the relations between the chief and the graft prosecution have been strained to the breaking point.

### REBELS APPROACH CAPITAL.

#### President Nord Alexis Says He Will Fight to the Last.

Port au Prince, Dec. 1.—Every hour brings the revolutionary army nearer to Port au Prince, and a feeling of impending disaster has taken possession of the people. The advance guard of General Antoine Simon's forces is now not more than 25 or 30 miles from this city, and the insurgents have swept all before them.

The government losses at Anse a Veau and the rout of the loyal troops have caused consternation among the officials of the government, with possibly the exception of President Nord Alexis. Every effort to have him take himself out of the country has proved a failure, and the president, who has faced revolutions before, announces his determination to fight to the last.

### TREATY IS SIGNED.

#### Root and Takahira Make Official the Japanese Agreement.

Washington, Dec. 1.—The Japanese-American agreement was signed at 5:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon by Secretary of State Root and Ambassador Takahira.

The agreement is in the form of notes, which were exchanged as soon as the signatures were officially affixed. The notes merely embody in concrete form the sentiments that have been held for a long time by both nations according to a statement made at the State department.

It was found desirable, it is surmised, to reduce them to writing because of the erroneous impressions existing.

### Assassin's Trial Again Postponed.

San Francisco, Dec. 1.—Again the trial of I. Wan Chaeng, the Korean who was one of the party that attacked and killed the American diplomat Durham White Stevens, at the Ferry building, last February, has been postponed. At the last continuance Judge Cook announced that he would permit no further delay. The case was forced to a continuance by the fact that Chaeng's attorney, Judge Robert Ferrall, is engaged in another important trial growing out of the graft prosecution. The trial is set for December 7.

### Must Forswear Oysters.

Sacramento, Cal., Dec. 1.—Dr. N. K. Foster, secretary of the state board of health, in his monthly bulletin issued today, makes the somewhat startling declaration that a large amount of the cases of typhoid fever and other sporadic diseases prevalent in California are directly due to the consumption of oysters, clams and fish taken from the state rivers and bays. He declares that the water products are diseased, as a result of pollution of streams.

### Magoon to Explain Cuban Loan.

Havana, Dec. 1.—Provisional Governor Charles E. Magoon left this city today for Washington to explain the nature of the proposed Cuban loan of \$25,000,000 before the Treasury department officials. Governor Magoon, before leaving, went over the matter with President-elect Gomez.