

ROOSEVELT BITTERLY DENOUNCED EDITOR JOS. PULITZER

SEVEN WARSHIPS TAKE ANOTHER FROM CASTRO

Eugene, Dec. 15.—The Dutch man indemnity commission in Caracas in 1903, to return the call and inquire as to Castro's health.

Part of Castro's Navy captured another coast steamer known as "No. 23" The crew was landed and is proceeding to Curacao in a prize crew.

Castro in Berlin. Dec. 15.—President Castro this morning upon Chancellor Bismarck and Foreign Secretary Bethmann, leaving his card. The secretary later sent Count Tschirch, who acted on the Ger-

FRENCH STATE MONOPOLY OF TOBACCO REPORTS

Paris, Dec. 15.—The report of the state tobacco monopoly, filed today, shows that the French nation last year consumed \$100,000,000 worth of tobacco, upon which the government profit was \$75,000,000.

Chicago Wheat Market. Chicago, Dec. 15.—Dec. \$1.00 1/4; May, \$1.05 1/4; July, 97 3/4.

Tacoma, Dec. 15.—Wheat lower. Milling bluestem, 99; export bluestem, 94; club, 90; red, 88.

TOBACCO TRUST ILLEGAL DECLARES SUPREME COURT

New York, Dec. 15.—A decree of the United States circuit court in the government's suit against the American Tobacco Co. and others, filed late today, declared the American Tobacco Co., the American Snuff Co., the R. J. Reynolds Co., the Pierre Lorillard and Blackwell Durham Co., a monopoly engaged in an illegal combination.

EIGHT INJURED AND TWO WILL DIE

Newbury, Pa., Dec. 15.—Eight foreigners were injured, two fatally, three houses burned and four others dynamited, to prevent further loss, as the result of a powder explosion late last night. One of the foreigners accidentally dropped a match into a keg of powder.

FINISH UP WORK OF PROMOTION COMMITTEES

Meeting of Promotion Department of Commercial Club Held Last Night

The board of governors of the Commercial club promotion department met last evening and after disposing of considerable routine business discussed the promotion fund affairs for the coming year and decided to ask President Williams to appoint a new committee to finish up the work of the seven committees and call upon those whom those committees had been unable to see.

The manager was instructed to notify everybody to pay up if possible within the next ten days so that the treasurer, D. E. Yoran, may be able to make his report for the year.

The board authorized the purchase of one thousand of the 1908 year-books being issued by The Daily Guard.

Mrs. Walter Carroll returned home to Junction City yesterday, after a visit with her mother in Eugene.

ASSERTS HE WILL BE PROSECUTED FOR PANAMA CANAL STORIES

Washington, Dec. 15.—The president today sent to the senate a statement concerning the purchase of the Panama canal property by the United States, denouncing in strong language the charges that anything was wrong concerning the acquisition of the canal property. The president says his attention was brought to the matter by the publication of articles in the Indianapolis News, edited by Delavan Smith, and copied from the New York World. He severely arraigns Editor Pulitzer, of the World, and his papers, and says thousands of persons "believe the statements they see printed, even though they appear in the newspaper published by Mr. Pulitzer."

The president says the wickedness of the slanders published in reference to the canal are only surpassed by their fatuity and says: "So utterly baseless are the stories that apparently they represent in part merely the material collected for campaign purposes, and in part the stories were originally concocted with a view to positive blackmail."

The president goes into details and points out a number of glaring inaccuracies in the stories, and says they are partly libels upon W. H. Taft and Douglas Robinson, "but they are in fact, in form partly of a libel upon the United States government. I do not believe we should concern ourselves with the particular individuals who wrote the lying and libelous editorials, articles from correspondents, or articles in the news columns."

The president reiterates the responsibility of Mr. Pulitzer and says he should be prosecuted by the government authorities and that the attorney-general has under consideration the form under which proceedings against Pulitzer shall be brought. He then reviews the act of congress authorizing the expenditure of \$40,000,000 and says "it is no concern of the president what the canal company did with the money"; that he directed or approved every action and is responsible for all that was done in carrying out the will of congress, saying the matter was finally closed by the then attorney-general, Knox, though Secretary of State Hay and the then secretary of war, Root, were cognizant of all the essential details.

"If, as a matter of fact," the president explains, "the canal company, either or both, had been owned by American citizens or by citizens of any other nationality, it would not have mattered in the slightest degree the action taken by this government. Our concern was to get the canal, which was owned by the French company, and to see that the title was clear."

The president states that the money was paid through the New York banking house of J. P. Morgan & Co., acting as the financial agent of this government, into the Bank of Paris.

MESSAGE PRODUCED SENATORIAL LAUGHTER

Washington, Dec. 15.—Repeated peals of laughter greeted the reading of the opening paragraph of President Roosevelt's message to congress on the Panama canal charges today.

As the secretary read the statement that the charges were false in every particular, Senator Bailey laughed outright and other senators on both sides joined. When the reader reached the statement that a statement in a newspaper which he mentioned would not be believed, there was general merriment. The reader hurried through, the papers accompanying the message not being read.

The message also elicited great interest in the house, and there were ripples of laughter at the president's arraignment of Pulitzer.

The message was referred to a committee.

Salient Points of Message

These stories were first brought to my attention as published in a paper in Indianapolis called the News, edited by Mr. Delavan Smith. The stories were scurrilous and libelous in character and false in every essential particular. Mr. Smith's editorials themselves had the essence that he merely accepted the statements which had appeared in a paper published in New York, the World, owned by Mr. Joseph Pulitzer. It is idle to say that he knows where Mr. Pulitzer and his newspaper are such that the statements in that paper will be believed by nobody, as unfortunately there are thousands of persons ill-informed in this respect who believe the statements they see printed, even though they appear in a newspaper published by Mr. Pulitzer.

The wickedness of the slanders is only surpassed by their fatuity. So utterly baseless are the stories that apparently they represent in part merely material collected for campaign purposes, and in part stories originally

concocted with a view of positive blackmail. The inventor of the story about Mr. Charles D. Taft, for instance, evidently supposed that at some period of the Panama purchase Mr. W. H. Taft was secretary of war, whereas in reality Mr. W. H. Taft never became secretary of war until long after the whole transaction in question had been closed. The inventor of the story about Mr. Douglas Robinson had not taken the trouble to find out the fact that Mr. Robinson had not had the slightest connection, directly or indirectly, of any kind or sort with any phase of the Panama transaction from beginning to end. The man who attacked Mr. Root in the matter had not taken the trouble to read the public documents. The Panama canal transaction was actually carried through not by either the then secretary of state, Mr. John Hay, or the then secretary of war, Mr. William Woodrow Wilson, but by the then attorney-general, Mr. P. C. Knox, at present senator from Pennsylvania. I directed or approved every action and am responsible for all that was done in carrying out the will of the congress, and the provisions of the law, enacted by congress after exhaustive examination and discussion, were scrupulously complied with by the executive. While the transaction was pending I saw Mr. Cromwell but two or three times and was limited to the exchange of purely formal courtesies. Secretary Hay occasionally saw me in the course of business. I doubt whether Mr. Root had any conversation with him. The attorney-general saw me frequently as he was required for the Panama Company's transactions, were official as representing two sides. The action of the government was wholly unimpaired by any question of who were or who were not stockholders either in the new or old company.

Our transactions were carried on openly and were published in detail, and we dealt solely so far as the interests of the old Panama Canal Company were concerned with the highest degree of transparency. The highest degree of transparency was maintained by the proper governmental body, the Civil Tribunal of the Senate, and it was the decree of this same tribunal, with the new Panama Canal Company, which also went into liquidation upon the sale to the United States. All transactions were carried on openly and were published in detail.

PUMPING PLANT ON THE M'KENZIE IS NOW CERTAIN

Bids for Machinery Must Be Filed by January 11 or Before

PLANT WILL HAVE 2400 HORSEPOWER CAPACITY

Hill Crest Pipe Line Will Be Laid by City—Other Business Transacted

Advertisements for bids were ordered last night by the city council for the construction of a 2400 horsepower plant on the McKenzie river, for pumping water from the McKenzie river to Eugene. A resolution was also passed, with one dissenting vote, that of Councilman Fisher, stating that the intention of the council is to install the plant as soon as possible. All bids on machinery will have to be filed by January 11.

A letter from Engineer Kestley, who has prepared the specifications of the plant, was read. He advised that copies of the advertisement be sent to him, so that he would forward them to a number of firms of reputation in the East and on the Pacific Coast. Other firms will also be notified.

The machinery consists of two 1200 horse-power horizontal motors, two 600 kilowatt generators, pumps, electric and other apparatus. The specifications require that the machinery be shipped to Springfield by the bidder.

While the resolution stated definitely that the power generated by the plant is to be used for pumping water only, at a former meeting it was suggested by Councilman Williams that the city could furnish its own lights with their power. For that reason the power plant will be larger than necessity demands for pumping water. The light bill each month for the city of Eugene is nearly \$400.

City Finance.

A number of small bills were reported and ordered paid.

Councilman Williams read the gas franchise, and it was ordered that the gas company report their gross earnings for 1907 with those of 1908 on January 1, 1909. The city receives one-half of one per cent of the total gross earnings, according to the franchise. In a supplemental report it was recommended, and the motion passed, that the water fund should be turned over to the treasurer, who should keep it distinct from that of the other money. All salaries for the water employees were ordered paid out of the fund.

Street Committee.

Councilman Williams, when the street committee reported, made a vigorous complaint against the sidewalks on the north side of Eighth street. Chief Farrington, however, had ordered the property owners to remedy the irregularities and no further action was taken.

Reservoir Depth.

"The large reservoir has six feet of water, and the small one is full all the time," was the report of the street committee. The committee also failed to find that Nadeau's howling alley was a nuisance, and the petition that it be abated was denied. A light was ordered installed at the intersection of Columbia avenue and Villard boulevard in Fairmount. The street committee was also ordered to investigate the advisability of the construction of

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CHIEF BIGGY'S BODY FOUND NEAR GOAT ISLAND

San Francisco, Dec. 15.—The body of Chief of Police Biggy, drowned from the pebble launch "Panrol" opposite Alcatraz Island in San Francisco bay, November 30, was found today by the crew of the freight ferryboat Transit, off Goat Island, face upward and arms outstretched. The face was much disfigured but was fully identified as that of Biggy.

EMMA GOLDMAN SHIPPED TO CANADA

Bellingham, Dec. 15.—Emma Goldman, arrested last night but released today and put aboard a train for Canada. She was charged with inciting an unlawful assembly.

ROBBERS DYNAMITE OKLAHOMA BANK

McAlester, Okla., Dec. 15.—Robbers dynamited the safe of the First National Bank at McAlester, Okla., twenty miles north of here, and escaped with \$2700.

Things of Interest to You to Know Where to Buy at This Time of Year to the Best Advantage

RIGHT—THAT ONE WORD BRIEFLY DESCRIBES OUR STOCK **CASH**—IS THE ONE WORD WHICH EXPLAINS OUR EXTRAORDINARY LOW PRICES

Pillow Covers
Newly new line of pillow covers, all leather, made of inch square pieces, sewed together, forming conventional figures. Leather edges. Each \$3.25

Table Linen
Do not make a mistake on linens. "All in a room for one more." Napkins, too. Table Linens, the yard, 25c, 50c, 75c, \$1.00, \$2.00
Napkins, the dozen \$1.25 to \$5.00

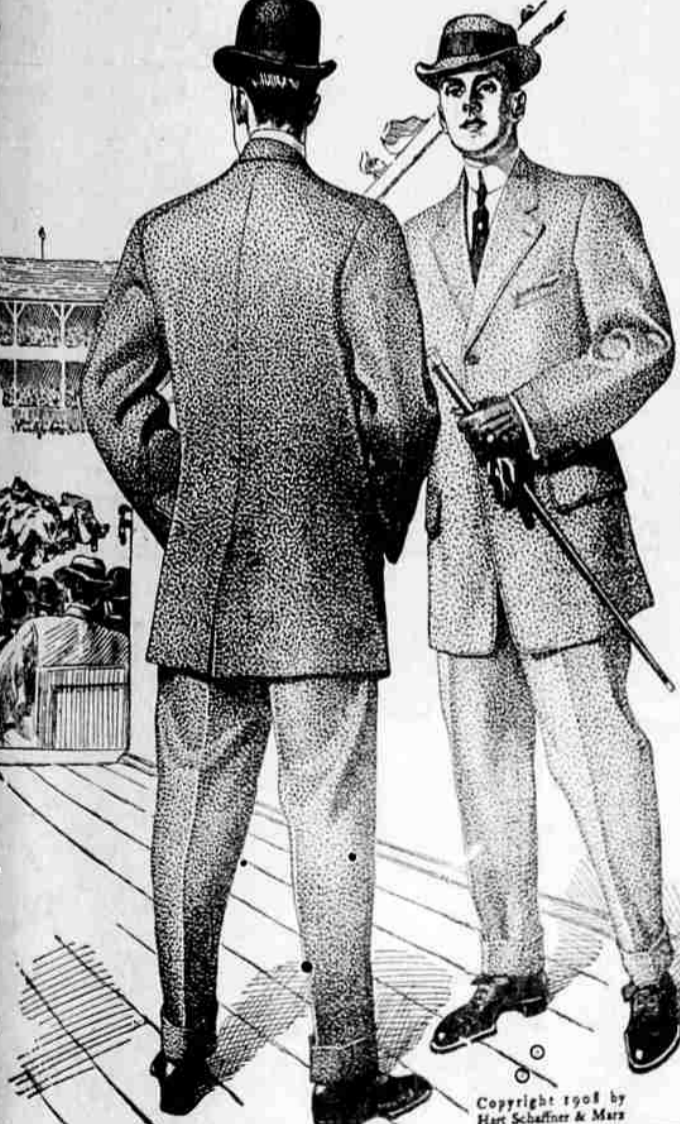
Xmas Ribbons
New warp print ribbons, floral designs, 5 1/2 inches wide, blue, pink, lemon and lavender; the yard 50c

White Aprons
Round house aprons of fine lawn or dotted Swiss, with lace or embroidered ruffle; excellent as a Christmas gift; each 50 and 60c

Silk Hose
These will be most acceptable by any one—always useful. We have all-silk hose at the pair \$1.00

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