

FLAYS N. Y. WORLD

PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT WRITES ON THE PANAMA CANAL PURCHASE.

Denies in Detail Charges of Hostile Newspapers and Proposes Criminal Libel Suit.

Washington, Dec. 16.—President Roosevelt sent to Congress a special message condemning the criticisms of the Panama Canal purchase and recommending that Joseph Pulitzer, proprietor of the New York World, be prosecuted by the government for criminal libel.

The message was received in the Senate with laughter by Bailey and other members. The accompanying documents were not read at all. The House listened with deep interest and the denunciation of Mr. Pulitzer provoked much laughter. The message was referred to committee.

Denouncing charges of wrongdoing, in connection with the canal purchase, Mr. Roosevelt cites papers which he transmits and says it was "concern of the President what the Canal Commission did with the \$40,000,000 paid to it. He says the transaction was carried on openly and was published in detail. The money was paid through J. P. Morgan & Co., as financial agents of this country, to the Bank of France in Paris.

New York, Dec. 15.—Replying to Roosevelt's special message to Congress, the World says:

"Mr. Roosevelt is mistaken. He cannot muzzle the World. While no amount of 'billingsgate' on his part can alter our determination to treat him with judicial impartiality and scrupulous fairness, we repeat what we have already said, that the Congress of the United States should make a thorough investigation of the whole Panama transaction, that the full truth may be known to the American people."

BIGGY'S BODY FOUND

Remains of San Francisco's Chief of Police Recovered From Bay.

San Francisco, Dec. 15.—The body of Chief of Police Biggy, who was drowned from the police launch Patrol opposite Alcatraz Island in San Francisco Bay on the night of November 30, was found this morning by the crew of the freight ferryboat Transit. It was found floating off Goat Island, face upward, with the arms outstretched. The harbor police were notified and, procuring a launch, Sergeant Donovan recovered the remains. The face is very much disfigured, but the body has been identified as that of the dead chief.

When the corpse was taken from the waters it had on the long coat and gloves worn by Biggy on the night of his disappearance. The launch with the body landed at the Mission-street wharf.

CASTRO'S ENEMIES LOOT AND WRECK MANY BUILDINGS.

Caracas, Dec. 15.—The people of Caracas arose against President Castro. An infuriated mob, unhindered by the police, swept through the city, wrecking the property of his henchmen and his closest friends. The people rounded up all the statues and pictures of President Castro from the clubs and other semi-public buildings and burned them on the boulevard de Plaza. President Castro's rule in Venezuela is probably ended.

COAST CRACKER TRUST

New Organization Will Endeavor to Raise the Prices.

San Francisco, Dec. 14.—After the first of the year a cracker trust will be in full swing on the Pacific Coast, with the object of controlling the trade, elevating and maintaining the prices on cracker products, eliminating as far as possible trade discounts and "protecting" the market against outside interference.

PORTLAND MARKETS.

Wheat—Track prices: Club, 90c; red Russian, 88c; bluestem, 96c; Valley, 92c.
Barley—Feed, \$26.50; rolled, \$28@29.
Oats—No. 1 white, \$31; gray, \$30.
Hay—Timothy, Willamette Valley, fancy, \$15; do. ordinary, \$12; Eastern Oregon, mixed, \$16; do. fancy, \$17.50; alfalfa, \$12; clover, \$12.
Butter—Extra, 36@37c; fancy, 33@34c; choice, 30c; store, 18c.
Eggs—Extra 43@45c.
Hops—1908, choice, 8c; prime, 7c; medium, 5@6c; 1907, 3@4c.
Wool—Valley, 14@15 1/4c; lb.; Eastern Oregon, 8@16c, as to shrinkage.
Mohair—Choice, 15@19c.

SEATTLE MARKETS.

Wheat—Bluestem, \$1.02.
Oats—\$30@34.
Barley—\$26.
Hay—Eastern Washington Timothy, \$16 per ton; Puget Sound hay, \$10@11 per ton; wheat hay, \$12 per ton; alfalfa, \$9.50@10 per ton.
Butter—Washington creamery, 33c per lb.; ranch, 27@32c per lb.
Eggs—Selected local, 45c.

OREGON AND WASHINGTON PLAN UNIFORM FISH LAWS

Portland, Or., Dec. 14.—With the adoption by the Washington State Fisheries Commission of the recommendations of the Columbia river fishermen for longer closed seasons, the enactment of protective salmon legislation by the legislatures of Oregon and Washington this winter is believed to be assured. The recommendations of the Columbia river fishermen were adopted by the Washington State Commission with only one slight amendment. As originally recommended, it was suggested that the fall closed season extend from August 20 to September 10, but the Washington Commission decided to give the salmon protection for five days more and recommended that the fall closed season continue until September 15. The other recommendations for a spring closed season from March 1 to May 1, and for a closed Sunday from May 1 to August 20, were endorsed by the commission and included in its report and recommendations as to fish legislation made to Governor Mead.

TO SPEAK IN THE EAST

Heney Will Lecture Before Many Reform Clubs.

Washington, Dec. 14.—President Roosevelt has received word that Francis J. Heney, the San Francisco "graft" prosecutor, will be able to



FRANCIS J. HENEY.

come East in January and keep engagements to make speeches before reform clubs in a large number of cities between San Francisco and New York. Mr. Heney also will confer with the President.

Eskimos in Portland.

Portland, Or., Dec. 18.—Fifty Siberian Eskimos are in the city and will remain about ten days before starting on an extensive tour of the country as far east as Chicago. They have been brought down from Northern Siberia for the Seattle Exposition and are going to make a tour of the country for educational purposes. The band has been two months on Hood's Canal, Wash., getting acclimated. Forty tons of exhibits have been imported with the Eskimos.

Fleet Reaches Ceylon.

Colombo, Ceylon, Dec. 13.—The United States battleship fleet was anxiously awaited here by a great gathering of Europeans and natives at Colombo. The fleet, which was sighted at 7 o'clock this morning, approached slowly in single file. The flagship Connecticut entered the harbor at 9 o'clock, the others following at short intervals.

WORLD NEWS IN BRIEF.

A German battleship of 18,000 tons was successfully launched at Kiel, Germany, Saturday.

Chief Hump, of Wounded Knee fame, the last survivor of this important fight, died last week at his camp at Cherry Creek, S. D.

It is officially announced that a marriage is to take place between the Earl of Granard and a daughter of J. Odgen Mills, of New York.

More manufactures were exported from the United States in the fiscal year 1908 than in any preceding year, aggregating in values three-quarters of a billion dollars.

Fourteen are known to be dead, three of the Americans, and 50 injured as a result of the premature explosion of 21 tons of dynamite at Bas Obispo, in the Panama Canal Zone, Saturday.

The Government made a profit during the fiscal year ended June 30, 1908, of \$10,541,371 on the coinage of silver, nickel and one-cent bronze pieces. This represents the difference between the price paid by the government for the metals and their coinage value.

Mrs. Cora Whitney, wife of C. William Whitney, of New York, editor of the Outing Magazine and one of the best known sporting writers in the country, was granted a divorce with \$300 a month alimony at Omaha last week.

Mrs. Roosevelt has received the gifts brought from China by Special Chinese Ambassador Tang Shao Yi. They consist of a very handsome tigerskin lined with yellow silk and said to be one of the largest in existence; bolts of beautiful silk, satins and silver. The gifts were taken to the White House.

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Interesting Events of the Week in Washington, D. C.

Washington, D. C.—It is held by the supreme court of the District of Columbia that the Interior Department cannot require that entrymen under the timber and stone act shall personally go upon the land sought before making their initiative entry. This decision was rendered in the case of Mary S. Ness, whose timber entry of a tract in the Roseburg, Or., land office had been cancelled because she had not visited the land before filing. The court holds that the department was without authority in cancelling this entry merely on the ground "that the applicant discovered the character of the land from having had an expert examine it." This decision is of far-reaching effect, and seriously affects the new regulations recently promulgated for the enforcement of the timber and stone act.

The initial movement to carry out a recommendation of the President was taken Saturday when Representative Hull, chairman of the committee on military affairs, introduced a bill, suggested by the President, and prepared under the direction of Mr. Taft, to provide for a volunteer army in time of emergency. The bill would revise the present law to provide for the raising of a volunteer army, which has been described by the President as having been placed on the statute book piecemeal and hurriedly.

It is claimed for the bill that it is elastic and under its provisions a force of 2,000,000 men could be raised as well as one of 50,000.

A reserve supply depot for different departments of the army to be established on Corregidor island at the entrance to Manila Bay, to cost \$250,000, and the construction on the Manila reservation of storehouses for the supply department of the army at a cost of \$1,250,000, are among the important plans which the War Department has completed to facilitate the delivery of supplies to troops in the Philippines and providing a reserve for emergencies.

Determined that the dignity of the United States shall no longer be jeopardized by the failure of this government to provide suitable buildings for its diplomatic and consular representatives abroad, advocates of an immediate appropriation to begin the construction or purchase of suitable buildings have decided to press the matter at the present session of congress. Representative Nicholas Longworth will lead the fight again this session, as he did last year.

Both Houses of Congress expect to conclude the ante-Christmas holiday work of the session during the present week. The date of the adjournment for the holidays has not been definitely determined, but most probably it will fall on December 21. In that event it is not expected that any business will be done on Monday week because when the date becomes known, members will leave for their homes in such numbers it will be impossible to maintain a quorum.

The woolgrowers of the West, through representatives who appeared before the House committee on ways and means, protested against any reduction of the duty on wool, on the ground that it would prove disastrous to the sheep industry of the entire country. The leading western witness to enter protest was P. G. Johnston, of Blackfoot, Idaho, representing the Idaho Woolgrowers' Association and the National Woolgrowers' Association.

The navy department has awarded a contract to the Hawaiian Dredging Company for dredging a channel from the open sea to the site of the proposed naval station at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii.

LEGISLATORS WOULD RE-OPEN SAND ISLAND CASE

Tacoma, Wash., Dec. 14.—State Senator Stewart, of Cowlitz county, and Senator McGowan, of Pacific county, and Representative Burke, of Wahkiakum county, are interviewing Governor Mead and Attorney-General Atkinson relative to a reopening of the Washington-Oregon boundary line case recently decided by the United States supreme court.

Helpful Suggestions

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It is contended that the decision takes away from the state of Washington Sand Island and Puget Island, territory that always belonged to this state. Revenues to the state have been seriously reduced, it is maintained, and the fishing interests of the state have been greatly affected.

It is believed by those interested that if Governor Mead and Attorney-General Atkinson will intervene on behalf of the state the supreme court of the United States may be induced to give this state a re-hearing upon new evidence that will be submitted.

HEAVY TAX TO BE PLACED ON SALE OF CIGARETTES.

Washington, Dec. 15.—The House passed a bill placing an annual tax of \$100 on all dealers in cigarettes or cigarette papers. The measure was offered by Representative Mann, of Illinois, as an amendment to a bill imposing a tax of \$12 on all dealers handling manufactured tobacco products.

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Woodmen at Buxton.

The formal institution of the newly organized camp of the Woodmen of the World, at Buxton, will take place December 19. A. D. Cridge, the organizer of the order, was at that place some weeks ago and was successful in forming an organization which starts out under most favorable auspices. The officers elected recently are as follows: Consul Commander, Chas. Lazott; Advisor-Lieutenant, L. E. Crawford; Clerk, C. H. Peterson; Banker, Andrew Kostur; Escort, L. H. Bullock; Watchman, Harry Lazott; Sentry, T. McDaniel; Managers, Chas. L. Brown, J. H. Fineout and W. D. Baker.

At the close of the installation of the officers a supper will be served and a dance will follow. It is expected that the camp will have about 30 charter members.