

JAPS TO MINE MANILA HARBOR

PLOT SAID TO HAVE BEEN DISCOVERED

MILITARY CIRCLES ARE EXCITED

Claimed That Quantities of High Explosives Have Been Discovered in Houses

MANILA, Dec. 28.—It is persistently reported that a Japanese plot to mine Manila harbor and blow up American warships in the event of hostilities has been discovered is emphasized by the discovery of quantities of high explosives in Japanese houses. General Duvall is supervising the search, but all requests for information have been refused. It is understood that he has complete information of Japanese plans. The search is reported to have disclosed papers identifying Japanese secret agents, and it is hinted that some already have been arrested secretly. It is asserted the Japs are smuggling explosives into Manila.

Navy and military circles are most excited over the incident, but the officers decline to talk. General Duvall is threatening to court martial anyone divulging secrets.

Particulars indicate that the plot contemplated placing the mines near the naval anchorage in the bottom of the harbor, where they would be wired and exploded by batteries on the shore. Privately it is admitted that the situation is serious. It is reported that an unlighted ship manned by three Japanese was noticed on a dark night recently moving about the harbor, evidently taking soundings to determine the best place to lay the mines. The army headquarters admitted the Jap they say was captured yesterday was searched, and practically a complete plan of the operation and data, showing the gun mountings and a bundle of private papers were found. He was not arrested, because there is no law under which the arrest is possible, but he is kept under surveillance. It is reported that yesterday's search also disclosed metal casings and mine caps and heavily insulated wire.

WAR DEPARTMENT SAYS NO REPORT IS RECEIVED

Think Story Without Foundation—Some Believe Japs Have Been Working for Years

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 28.—The war department denies that official advices have been received regarding the alleged Manila plot. General Wood said he believed the search of the Japanese houses has probably been conducted by the civil authorities, as General Duvall would have reported it if the situation was serious. The army officials are most interested, and several are expressing the opinion that the Japanese have secretly been working in the Philippines for years.

NICE COZY FLAT FOR SENATOR ELIHU ROOT

Comfortable Little Place of Twenty-Two Rooms, and It Costs Him \$500 a Week

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—Senator Elihu Root has the right idea. He reasons that if a man must live in a flat it might as well be a nice, cozy little flat with all the comforts of home. That's what the senator is going to have. Of course, it's not quite like the average Harlem flat. It is a little larger; it has twenty-two rooms, and it is a bit more expensive, for he is going to pay \$24,000 a year for it. But that is only \$2,000 a month, \$500 a week, \$71 a day, \$3 an hour, and 5 cents a second.

PORTUGAL ELABORATES PLAN OF GOVERNMENT

Combination of the Form in France and the United States Is to Be Favored

LISBON, Dec. 28.—The plan of government for the new Portugal republic has been elaborated by the provisional government. It is based

upon the parliamentary system of France, with certain modifications adopted from the United States.

The president of the republic will be chosen by the parliament for a term of five years, and he will be ineligible for re-election until a regular term has intervened.

As in France, the cabinet will be appointed by the president in accordance with the complexion of the legislative body, but the ministers of war, marine, finance and public works, being considered non-political, will continue irremovable in the event the government loses the confidence of parliament. Members of parliament will be elected for three years.

TEDDY TELLS ALL ABOUT IT

NOTHING TO THE RUMORED 1912 DEAL

Says That He and the President Have Not Made a Dicker for the Next Campaign

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—Referring to the story that President Taft and ex-President Roosevelt had reached an understanding regarding the situation in 1912, Colonel Roosevelt said: "All the talk about President Taft and me arranging political affairs for 1912 is most absurd. There was nothing like that discussed by me. Regarding the statement that President Taft had apportioned the patronage in New York to secure the state delegation for president in 1912, so far as I know, there is nothing in it."

OFFICERS OF EASTERN STAR INSTALLED INTO OFFICE

Capable Officials for the Ensuing Year—Banquet Is Served to the Members

At the meeting of Aloha Chapter No. 61, Order of Eastern Star, Tuesday night the following capable members of the order were installed into the various offices for the ensuing year:

- Worthy Matron—Mrs. Cora Sanderson.
- Worthy Patron—Frank Armstrong.
- Associate Matron—Mrs. Mary J. Ankeny.
- Secretary—Mrs. Jessie B. Momyer.
- Treasurer—Mrs. Jennie Hurn.
- Conductress—Mrs. Minnie Henry.
- Associate Conductress—Mrs. Jessie Mills.
- Trustees—Mrs. Laura A. Willis, Mrs. Josie Baldwin, Mrs. Jennie E. Reames.
- Chaplain—Mrs. Moreland.
- Marshal—Mrs. Minnie E. Ward.
- Ada—Mrs. Jennie Alford.
- Ruth—Mrs. Ella McMillan.
- Edith—Mrs. R. R. Hamilton.
- Martha—Miss Nett Drew.
- Electra—Mrs. Rose Soule.
- Warder—Mrs. Nellie Van Riper.
- Sentinel—Frank Ankeny.

Mrs. Minnie E. Ward is the outgoing Worthy Matron, while the last Worthy Patron was Dr. William Martin. After the installation ceremonies were over a delicious banquet was served to the members.

BALLINGER REPORT WILL BE A COSTLY DOCUMENT

Thousands of Copies of It Are to Be Distributed Throughout the Country

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 28.—Many thousands of copies of the report and hearing of the committee that conducted the Ballinger-Pinehot investigation will be distributed throughout the country. It is estimated the cost will be \$13,632, according to Representative Cooper of Pennsylvania, chairman of the house committee on printing. Cooper and members of his committee favored getting out a large edition to meet the widespread demand for information on the subject.

DR. BURKE PAID MISS SMITH'S EXPENSES AT SANITARIUM

Woman Came There as a Patient, and Later the Doctor Refused to Let Her Leave

SANTA ROSA, Calif., Dec. 28.—Lucy Etta Smith's expenses at the sanitarium were paid for by Dr. Burke, according to W. J. Dillard, the sanitarium clerk, who is testifying at the Burke trial today. Miss Smith was a patient when he came, and then a boarder. Dillard testified that Dr. Burke instructed him not to let Miss Smith leave the sanitarium.

A REVOLUTION IN HONDURAS

EXPECTED TO START AFTER THE NEW YEAR

TWO THOUSAND SOLDIERS DRILLING

Force Is Mobilizing Near Ceiba—Gunboat Yorktown at Amalpa Ready to Protect American Interests

PUERTO CORTEZ, Honduras, Dec. 28.—A revolution is expected to start immediately after New Year. Over 2,000 men in Central America, Americans and adventurers, are drilling twenty miles from Cape Gracias, and are expected to attack Tegucigalpa under the leadership of General Bonilla and Lee Christmas. Another force is reported to be mobilizing at Ceiba. The gunboat Hornet, bearing Bonilla and Christmas, is expected to land nearby tonight or tomorrow. The Gunboat Yorktown has arrived at Amalpa, and is preparing to protect American interests.

CARPENTER HAS WONDERFUL ESCAPE FROM DEATH

DENVER, Colo., Dec. 28.—Plunging from the eighth story of a building upon which he was at work, H. W. Tatton, a carpenter, stopped his fall by catching a steel girder on the floor below, and hung suspended by one hand for twenty minutes before he was rescued from his perilous position, seventy feet above the pavement. Tatton kept his head, and directed his rescuers, finally placing the noose of a lowered rope about him with his free hand.

Gone on a Visit

O. B. Baneh and wife, Mrs. M. F. Looney and three children and Mrs. C. Barker and two children came down from Kort Klamath Thursday night and left the next morning for Josephine county, where they will visit for a month or so.

ARREST WOULD BE MURDERER

USES REVOLVER IN CROWDED STREET CAR

William Dwyer Attempts to Shoot Sister-in-Law, and Is Disarmed by a Policeman

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 28.—William Dwyer, a machinist, was arrested following an attempt to shoot his sister-in-law, Miss Clara Corosio, in a crowded Haight street car this morning. The bullet went through the roof and did no damage. Special Policeman Sullivan Felton, who was sitting in an opposite seat, overpowered Dwyer and locked him up in the city prison. A note in his pocket said he intended to kill himself and wife. The police say the meeting with his sister-in-law was accidental, and prevented a double tragedy.

EIGHT PERSONS KILLED BY GAS EXPLOSION

El Paso Smelting Plant Is Wrecked—Was the Second Largest in the World

EL PASO, Texas, Dec. 28.—A gas explosion wrecked the El Paso smelting plant five miles from this city, killing eight persons. The plant was the second largest in the world, and belonged to the smelting trust.

Home From College

Holly Sigmens is home from the State Agricultural college at Corvallis, and will be here until after the holidays. Holly is in his last year in the mechanical engineering course, and will be graduated next spring. His many friends here are glad to welcome him home.

Will Go to Portland

Carey Ramsby went to Merrill Saturday after his sister, Mrs. S. E. Martin, and children, who spent Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Ramsby. She left for Portland on Monday morning, where she will visit friends and relatives.

TWO MEET DEATH IN MONOPLANE

FALL TWO HUNDRED FEET FROM AIRSHIP

WIFE OF ONE WITNESSED TRAGEDY

Trying for \$20,000 Prize When the Machine Capsizes and Both Men Are Crushed

PARIS, Dec. 28.—Marquis Marie Paula and Alexandre Laffon, chief pilot of the Antoinette school of aviation, were killed by a 200-foot fall from an Antoinette monoplane. Laffon's wife witnessed the tragedy, and her condition is now most critical. Laffon was piloting the aeroplane with Paula as a passenger. He was contesting for the \$20,000 prize for the speediest passenger carrying flight to Brussels and return. While directly over the Hanger the machine capsized and fell, turning twice. Laffon's head was crushed and his right leg was driven into his chest. Paula was caught in the wreckage. He died while on his way here. Laffon died a few minutes later.

LATHAM KNEW THE AVIATOR WHO MET DEATH TODAY

Believes That a Light Machine With a Heavy Passenger Was Cause of the Accident

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 28.—"I knew Laffon well, and am grieved at his death," said Latham, the pilot of the Antoinette machine at the meet here. "Laffon was an expert pilot, and knew the machines as he knew the alphabet. I have frequently worked with him. Knowing only a few details of the accident I can only imagine that the light machine coupled with the weight of the passenger carried for the Brussels flight is responsible for the calamity. Such accidents are likely to happen to those who ride horses or in autos. I hope the affair will not discredit aviation."

SHAKE UP IN THE CABINET

TAFT IS DISSATISFIED WITH LOSS OF INFLUENCE

Rumored That Ballinger, Knox, MacVeagh and Wilson Are to Be Retired

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 28.—Rumors of a coming shakeup in the cabinet were renewed this week. It was reported that the changes said to be contemplated by President Taft involved the resignations of Secretaries Knox, MacVeagh, Ballinger and possibly Wilson.

Knox, it is known, is dissatisfied over his loss of influence in shaping the administration's policies. Politicians say the time has arrived for President Taft to dismiss Ballinger.

A report that Congressman Charles Scott of Kansas will succeed Secretary Wilson is generally credited. The president's secretary, Charles Norton, is named by politicians to succeed MacVeagh, who it is expected will retire on account of ill health.

Senator Flint and Representative Tawney are mentioned as possible successors of Ballinger.

MANY MEN SHIVER IN THE CHICAGO BREAD LINE

One Thousand Homeless Stand in the Biting Wind to Obtain a Cup of Coffee and a Roll

CHICAGO, Dec. 23.—Despite the fact that the big retail stores report that more money is being spent this year for holiday goods than in any previous year, 1,000 men stood in line last night in a biting wind to obtain a tin cup of coffee and a roll each. It was the tenth night that Malcolm McDowell had his coffee wagon out to feed the hungry unemployed. The results have shown that this charity is almost as badly needed as in the hard winter of 1907-08. The municipal lodging house had over 4,000 lodgers last night, a number far in excess of the number ac-

commodated at this time in the winter after the panic three years ago.

Hogan's "flop," a four-story building where men may sleep on the bare floor for a nickel a night, had more than 1,300 guests last night.

Sick With Pneumonia

Bert Hickman is sick with pneumonia on the Allison ranch, eight miles south of town, and he is in a dangerous condition. He has been ill for four days, and it is feared he will not recover. He is only about 24 years old, and came here with his wife from Grand Junction, Colo., last spring.

HUNDREDS JOIN THE REBELS

SMUGGLING ARMS ACROSS THE BORDER

Mountain Fastnesses Have Been Fortified, and Can Be Held Against an Army

EL PASO, Dec. 28.—A report from the representatives of the El Paso Herald in the field declares that the "Big Bend" region from Maria to Alpine is controlled by the rebels, who have fortified the mountain fastnesses with brass cannon, and are able to hold the country against an immense army. They are smuggling large quantities of arms and ammunition across the border. Hundreds are joining the revolutionists near Chihuahua.

INDUSTRIAL WORKERS OF THE WORLD ARE TURBULENT

Men Howl Wildly and Curse the Sheriff and Other Officers—May Build Stockade

FRESNO, Dec. 23.—Eighty-five of the Industrial Workers of the World society in the local jail today were placed on a bread and water diet following a demonstration last night when they cursed Sheriff Chittenden and the other officials for half an hour. The men applied the most foul language possible. They howled wildly, and as the jail is in the residence section the windows were closed to prevent the language being heard. The occasion for the demonstration was the imaginary abuse of a drunken prisoner who had been forcibly subdued because of his fighting. The sheriff announced that he would flood the cells with a fire hose if the industrialists renew the noise. Armed guards are placed around the jail at night in anticipation of an attempted delivery. The citizens are aroused over the disturbance. The industrialists are flocking here, and a stockade will possibly be necessary in a few days, as the jail is already filled.

STATE AND CHURCH DIVORCED IN SPAIN

New Law Reduces the Number of Religious Orders and Taxes Their Property

MADRID, Dec. 23.—Despite the attempts to impede the consideration of the measure, the cortes today passed the famous "Paddock" bill, which practically separates the church and state. Premier Canllajas had not notified the opposition that the bill would be called up today, but had been quietly notifying the anti-clericals and the government party members to be in their seats. The new law divorces the state from the influence of the church, reduces the number of religious orders, restricts the power of those remaining, and the orders will not be freed from taxation where they engage in anything excepting strictly religious work. The law was passed by a vote of 108 to 29.

LITTLE BABY MEETS WITH AN AWFUL ACCIDENT

Falls From His High Chair and Gouges His Eye Out on Spout of a Teakettle

FREEWATER, Ore., Dec. 23.—A most distressing accident occurred at Ferndale station three miles north of this city when the little 3-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Haun, while rocking in his high chair, overbalanced himself and fell to the floor, striking his eye on the spout of a teakettle. The spout literally gouged out one eye, the sight of which is utterly destroyed, and grave fears are felt for the child's recovery.

FLAMES MENACE PAVING PLANT

WATCHMAN DROPS LANTERN IN POOL OF OIL

FIREMEN DO SOME SPLENDID WORK

Fortunately But Little Damage Resulted From the Blaze—Loss Will Be About \$200

What threatened to become a serious conflagration menaced the paving plant of Strange-Maguire company on Sixth street Tuesday night. Geo. Small, the watchman, was pumping a car of bitumen into a large tank near the pump house, and for some reason the operation did not proceed smoothly. He went to the car from which he was pumping and which stood on the switch on the adjoining track to which was a car of crude oil used in the furnace of the plant. He dropped his lantern and it fell into a pool of oil under the car, and in an instant the place was a sea of flames.

An alarm of fire was sent in and the department promptly responded. They turned the water on the oil, and while it did not quench the flames at once the water washed the blazing oil away from the buildings and away from the engine house and the huge tank car standing alongside of it. Had these taken fire the whole plant would have been destroyed.

The frame work of the two cars was destroyed and a great deal of the oil and some bitumen, but the loss will not exceed \$200.

The firemen are to be commended for their promptness in responding to the call and also for their grit in keeping the stream of water playing on the flames in spite of the fierce heat and the danger of an explosion from the blazing car of oil. It is due to their nerve that the plant was not entirely destroyed.

OLD CANNON PROVES TO BE AN HISTORICAL ANTIQUE

The Gun Presented to Los Angeles by General Shafter Originally Belonged to France

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 23.—Investigations made by Park Commissioner J. B. Lippincott disclose that an old bronze cannon in Central Park given the municipality by General Shafter after the capture of Santiago, is an antique of historical value. It was supposed to be a Spanish gun of comparatively recent make, but it was cast in a French arsenal in fulfillment of an order issued by Louis XV, and bears a sign showing that the pattern was ordered by the preceding French king, Louis the Great.

How the cannon fell into the hands of the Spanish to be used for the defense of the Cuban city is a mystery which will be further investigated. A bronze tablet, giving its history, will be placed beside the piece.

MRS TURNBULL IS STILL ON THE WITNESS STAND

"Lucky" Baldwin Will Case Is to Be Postponed This Afternoon Until After Christmas

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 23.—It is believed the cross examination of Mrs. Turnbull will be completed this afternoon and an adjournment of the suit to break Baldwin's will will be taken until after Christmas. Mrs. Turnbull was scheduled to testify when the case was called. She was a good match for the cross questioners, and her quips during the examination were the source of much amusement.

BLAZE COST LIVES OF TWENTY-FOUR PERSONS

Committed the Act Because the Firm Refused to Give Him Employment—Believed Insane

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 23.—John Cornegia, a Pole, this afternoon surrendered to the police, saying that he started the Friedlander fire, which cost the lives of twenty-four firemen and policemen. He said the reason he had started the fire was because the firm had refused him employment. The police are holding him in custody, and believe that the man is mentally unbalanced.