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HAS TROUBLE OF HER OWN

Colombia Cannot Afford To Make War Upon Isthmus

INTERNAL DISSENSIONS

Are Slowly Growing and Recurrence of Revolt May Take Place

LOUIS DE ROUX THREATENED WITH VIOLENCE WHILE AT BOGOTA—UNITED STATES MINISTER BEAUPERE WAS IN DANGER OF ASSASSINATION.

COLON, Nov. 30.—Luis De Roux, a member of the Colombian House of Representatives from Panama, who made a speech in the house October 2, warning Colombia to sign the Hay-Herran canal treaty immediately or she would lose the isthmus the day Congress closed, has arrived here from Bogota.

Senor De Roux is a Panamanian, and owing to his well known political connections he was subjected to annoyances and affronts at Bogota and on the Magdalena river. When De Roux left Bogota the United States legation was guarded continuously by fifty soldiers armed with rifles.

A governmental consulting committee has been formed at Bogota, composed of Liberals, Conservatives and Nationalists. According to good authority at one meeting of the committee a statement was repeatedly made that United States Minister Beaupere must be killed, whether the United States destroyed Cartagena or not in retaliation. Wiser counsels, however, prevailed.

While there is still much talk in Colombia of raising a big army, no actual steps have yet been taken. Colombia possesses a great number of good rifles, some artillery and an ample supply of ammunition. Colombia still entertains hopes that General Reyes will succeed in effecting a satisfactory arrangement at Washington. Failing this, the Colombians, it is believed, will undoubtedly advance on the isthmus, sending troops in parties of 200 to 300 along both coasts and on arriving on the borders of Panama, begin a guerrilla warfare, pillaging and burning.

They may also attempt to transport troops by sea, in small craft, between the unimportant and little known ports, hoping to carry out such movements without the knowledge of the Americans. Notwithstanding the Colombian government's assurances to the contrary, the internal dissensions are slowly growing and a recurrence of the recent revolt at any time within the next year would not surprise those familiar with Colombian affairs.

WALKED TO OREGON IN '52

MRS. M. A. HUNSAKER EXPIRES AT EUGENE AT AGE OF 71 YEARS.

EUGENE, Or., Nov. 30.—Mrs. M. A. Hunsaker died at her home in Eugene Saturday evening, November 29, aged 71 years 7 months and 5 days. The cause of death was diabetes. Mrs. Hunsaker's maiden name was Mary A. Dice, and she was born in Muhlenburg county, Kentucky, April 20, 1832.

HE CREATES A SENSATION

Ex-City Attorney Salsbury, of Grand Rapids Confesses

NOTORIOUS WATER FRAUD

Preliminary Examination of Senator Burns Bring Out Startling Disclosures

NUMBER OF PROMINENT CITIZENS OF MICHIGAN IMPLICATED RESIDES SEVENTEEN OFFICIALS ARRESTED ON BRIBERY CHARGES CORRUPTION FUND MEN DUPES.

COUNTRY IS PROSPEROUS

Report of Secretary of Agriculture Shows Very Encouraging Figures

EXPORTS OF FARM PRODUCTS GREATER THIS YEAR THAN EVER BEFORE WITH ONE EXCEPTION — FARMERS REMOVE OBLIGATION AND CREATE FUND.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 30.—The annual report of Secretary of Agriculture Wilson shows that the increase in exports of farm products for the half century ended 1901 was from \$147,000,000 to \$352,000,000, 550 per cent. The export of farm products for the closing decade of the last century was over \$700,000,000, and for 1903 over \$875,000,000, an amount second only to 1901.

Of grain and grain products, the export exceeded in value \$221,000,000, and in supply animals, meats and meat products the value of exportation was \$211,000,000. The balance of the trade in farm products during the last four years aggregated \$4,800,000,000. Our farmers not only cancelled this immense obligation, but placed \$3,940,000,000 to the credit of the nation on the books of international exchange.

An investigation of the great forest fires of September, 1902, in Washington and Oregon discloses a total loss aggregating nearly \$13,000,000, the most destruction was due to carelessness and might easily have been avoided. Examinations and reports dealing with the technical problems in the management of forest reserves have been made for the reserves in Utah, California, Oregon and New Mexico. The representatives of the bureau have, during the past summer, examined over 120,000,000 acres, proposed as forestry reserves in the Rocky Mountain and Pacific Coast states.

Miss Erma Clark, librarian at Willamette University, returned last night from a short visit to Tangent.

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SEARCH FOR MURDERER

DAVID MCKINRY, OF LOS ANGELES, SLAYED BY POLICEMAN, J. H. SMITH.

OAKLAND, Cal., Nov. 30.—The identification of the young burglar who was shot and killed Friday night by Policeman James E. Smith, who in turn was killed by the dead burglar's pal, is complete. The name of the criminal whose body is in the morgue was Frank J. Goldstein. He was 19 years of age, and until recently a resident of Los Angeles. David McKinry, a carpenter, 23 years old, lately from Los Angeles, but whose home is in Toledo, Ohio, was the companion of Goldstein, and is the man for whom the police are searching as the murderer of the dead policeman.

AN EXTENSIVE IMPROVEMENT

Werner W. and Mrs. C. Breyman to Erect Large Brick Block

WILL BE TWO-STORY STRUCTURE TO FILL SPACE BETWEEN STATESMAN BUILDING AND OLD WHITE CORNER—J. L. STOCKTON & CO. WILL EXPAND.

One of the most extensive and valuable public improvements in the building line that has been launched in this city for several years is now in contemplation and will be begun as soon as the weather settles sufficiently to permit of it.

The north half of the building, twenty-four feet, has been leased for a term of years by the J. L. Stockton Company, which now occupies the "Old White Corner" building and one of the most enterprising and prosperous firms in the city, which will give this firm ample room to spread out and occupy the space which its steadily growing patronage demands.

The old stairs between the two buildings will be torn out and moved over to a more central point and the dividing wall between the "Old White Corner" building and the new one will be cut up into huge arches, artistically designed, converting the two buildings into one huge department store with all modern conveniences.

The building will be furnished with a complete stock of men's and ladies' shoes. The office will be moved over to the center of the building and a new and complete package carrier and cash system will be installed. They also intend to add a military and tailoring department to their new establishment. This new arrangement will give J. L. Stockton & Company one of the neatest and swiftest business buildings in the city.

The other half of the building has been leased to another firm in this city, the name of which could not be learned at the present time.

The building will also be supplied with a large basement, extending the full length and width of the structure. Although it is not contemplated with the present improvement it may be stated on authority that Mr. Breyman and Mrs. Breyman intend eventually to erect a three-story brick block extending from the Statesman building on Commercial street clear around to the alley on Court street, making it the largest and most valuable building in the city.

CRANK HAS ESCAPED.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 30.—Information has reached the White House that Peter Elliott, who created so violent a scene in the vestibule of the White House several weeks ago, is either again in Washington or enroute to this city. He escaped from the asylum at St. Paul, where he was sent to be confined, and until advices were received here about his coming to Washington no trace of him had been discovered. The police and secret service officers will use every effort to prevent him from getting near the President.

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APPROVED BY PRESIDENT

Bristow Files His Report Upon The Investigation

OF THE POSTAL FRAUDS

Swindling, Bribery and Collusion Charged Against Prominent Men

PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT ISSUES MEMORANDUM, COMMENDING WORK OF BRISTOW, ENDORSING REPORT AND PROMISING GUILTY SHALL BE PUNISHED.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 30.—The report of Fourth Assistant Postmaster General Joseph L. Bristow regarding his investigation of frauds in the Post-office Department, has been given in condensed form to the public. The report shows an astounding series of gigantic swindling operations, bribery and collusion, in which persons in highest places in the department are implicated.

President Roosevelt has issued a memorandum firmly upholding the work of Mr. Bristow, and promising that the guilty shall be punished. President Roosevelt, to whom Fourth Assistant Postmaster General Bristow's report was submitted, has given his personal indorsement and approval to the report submitted and takes occasion to commend the work of Mr. Bristow and his inspectors.

President Roosevelt in concluding his memorandum, approving the report says: "The immediate reformation of the service by the turning out of the offenders is not in itself enough to meet the demands of justice. The case against both those within and without the Postoffice Department, who by their acts have brought themselves within the grasp of the law, will be pushed with the utmost vigor. Every effort must be made to see that both the delinquent official and the outsider who shares his guilt, are punished to the limit of the law.

In pursuance of this policy the individuals above enumerated have been indicted. In no case has the indictment been sought save where the officials of the government were convinced of the man's guilt; and in every case the government will exhaust every expedient in its power in the effort to see that justice is meted out to the offenders. Those in the public service whose duty it is must be ever vigilant in the detection of wrong-doing, fearless in its exposure, relentless in its prosecution; but in the last resort, when everything which the public official, whether legislator, judge, or executive officer, can do has been done, it remains for the jury, drawn from the people and representing the people, to do even-handed justice, shielding the innocent, but declining to be misled by any plea into refraining from punishment of the guilty.

"No crime calls for sterner reprobation than the crime of the corruptionist in public life, and of the man who seeks to corrupt him. The bribe giver and the bribe taker are equally guilty. Both alike sin against the primary law of the state's safety. All questions of difference in party policy sink into insignificance when the people of this country are brought face to face with a question like this, which lies at the root of honest and decent government. On this question, and on all others like it, we can afford to have no division among good citizens. In the last resort good laws and good administration alike must rest upon a dual basis of sound public opinion. A dull public conscience, an easy-going acquiescence in corruption, infallibly means debasement in public life, and such debasement in the end means the ruin of free institutions. Self-government becomes a farce if the representatives of the people corrupt others or are themselves corrupted. Freedom is not a gift which will tarry long in the hands of the dishonest or of those so foolish or so incompetent as to tolerate dishonesty in their public servants. Under our system all power comes from the people, and all punishment rests ultimately with the people. The toleration of the wrong, not the exposure of the wrong, is the real offense. "THEODORE ROOSEVELT."

ROASTED ALIVE IN PRISON

TWO INDIAN YOUTHS DIE IN ATTEMPT TO ESCAPE AT BONANZA.

KLAMATH FALLS, Or., Nov. 30.—Two Indian boys, Fred Snider and a son of Pitt River Johnnie, both aged about 18 years, perished in flames this morning at 2 o'clock at Bonanza, a small town twenty-four miles east of here.

They spent the previous day in Bonanza, bent on a good time. Whisky made them bad Indians, and they were locked up for the night by the town marshal. Incarceration was evidently brought about by their endeavor to burn themselves out.

The inside of the jail was burning fiercely by the time people arrived at the scene, and the absence of any noise

within told of the awful fate that had befallen the youths of the Talnax Indian School.

An early messenger arrived at Talnax conveying the news of the tragedy, and by 9 o'clock this morning quite a number of Indians had arrived at Bonanza. The town board held a meeting and ordered every business house in town closed. The people of the community fear that unless the ones guilty of the crime of providing the youths with whisky are made amenable to the full extent of the law, that harm of some kind will come to the town. The coroner and deputy district attorney are at Bonanza making investigations.

The building adjoining the jail, occupied by the county recorder and justice of the peace, was also burned and valuable papers destroyed.

John Palmer, a full blood Ponce Indian, who has been admitted to the bar in Oklahoma, will be one of the speakers at the next session of the Oklahoma Bar association. Palmer is located in Pawbushka and is considered one of the best orators in the country.

SECOND ENCOUNTER WOULD MEAN CERTAIN DEFEAT OF RUSSIAN FLEET. IF NOT COMPLETE EXTERMINATION—RUSSIA HAS NOT ANSWERED JAPAN.

LONDON, Nov. 30.—A dispatch from Tokio to the Daily Mail, says the Fort Arthur correspondent of the Asahi, one of the best informed Japanese papers, sends the following: "Viceroy Alexieff said if Russia had three docks at Port Arthur and two at Delny she would not hesitate to fight Japan, but as things stood it would be impossible to annihilate the Japanese fleet in the first engagement, while the second encounter would mean certain defeat, if not annihilation to the Russian fleet. For this reason war with Japan would not be advisable.

Are Considering Question. St. Petersburg, Nov. 30.—Russia's reply to Japan in the negotiations now going on at Tokio, regarding the far Eastern question, is not yet ready. The subject is being carefully considered at the foreign office and at Skienwich, where the Czar is now.

TO FIGHT IT OUT

SPECIAL PRIMARIES TO BE HELD IN THE THIRD WARD TODAY.

The Republican city central committee, at a meeting held on Sunday evening, decided that the only way to settle the tie for the nomination of an alderman in the Third ward of this city, which state of affairs exists between a Gemer and Otto Wilson, is to fight it out at the primaries, and it was therefore ordered that a special primary be held in that ward today from 3 to 7 o'clock p. m. Otto Wilson, when seen Sunday evening, said that he was in favor of this plan as being the most satisfactory manner of settling it. A prominent party in the Citizens' movement last evening said that Mr. Wilson had accepted the endorsement of the Citizens' primaries, although this was so late that a confirmation could not be obtained. Mr. Wilson, it is known, is desirous of running upon the Republican ticket, if so selected by the people of his ward.

WAR IS NOT ADVISABLE

Russia Not in a Position to Fight With Japan

FEAR THE CONSEQUENCES

The Japanese Fleet Must Be Destroyed in The First Engagement

SECOND ENCOUNTER WOULD MEAN CERTAIN DEFEAT OF RUSSIAN FLEET. IF NOT COMPLETE EXTERMINATION—RUSSIA HAS NOT ANSWERED JAPAN.

WOULD KILL ONE ANOTHER

Youthful Murderers and Train Robbers, of Chicago Confess

NEIDERMEIER ADMITS HE AND VANDINE MADE ATTEMPT TO KILL MARX—ROESKI ALSO HAS NARROW ESCAPE — MARX PLEADS GUILTY TO CHARGE.

Chicago, Nov. 30.—The youthful self-confessed murderers and train robbers, Peter Neidermeier, Harvey Vandine, Gustav Marx, and Emil Roeski were arraigned today. Marx pleaded guilty to all the charges against him, but his three accomplices pleaded not guilty. During the afternoon the prisoners were removed to the county jail, where they will remain until brought to trial. Neidermeier admitted to the police that he and Vandine had made an attempt to kill Marx. Roeski also said he narrowly escaped murder at the hands of his accomplices.

Ex-Congressman E. B. Taylor of Warren, Ohio, who succeeded James A. Garfield as representative of the old nineteenth district in congress on the advance of the latter to the presidency, has just completed the 58th year of his practice of the law. It is said that no other lawyer in Ohio is able to show so many years of activity in the profession. Isaac T. Pratt is the champion bear catcher of New York. "Old Ike" is 72 years old and has killed a bear for each year of his life. This year, just as he was getting ready to put his annual victim, he was taken down with whooping cough and has regretfully given up hunting for a time.

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Will Soon Be Here

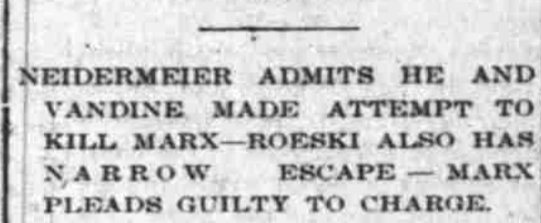
None Too Soon For Christmas

What's the matter of trying a new method this year, giving practical presents? They're much more sensible. Nothing can be more appropriate for father or husband than a good overcoat or a new suit or hat, and for mother or wife, a pair of our fine woolen blankets. What young man would not appreciate a pair of gloves, an umbrella, a necktie, or some other of the many essentials to a young man's wardrobe, and then if you would get something a little more out of the ordinary how about one of our fine

House Jackets

A man does enjoy lounging about the fireside these long winter evenings in a nice easy house coat. We've a splendid line to select from, but remember early comers have the largest assortment to select from.

Come in and let us help you solve your problems.



Salem Wooden Mill Store

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