

PRESIDENT-ELECT CALLED OUT  
Close Examination of Its Fourteen Miles Made  
in Company of Engineers

LOCAL FEELING OF OPTIMISM CREATED

Fears of Delay in Completion of the Big Canal are Relieved—Colonel Goethals Declares that Naval Vessels will Sail Through the Lock Canal by the First of January, 1915—Precautions for Mr. Taft's Safety.

Culebra, Panama, Feb. 1.—William H. Taft and the engineers accompanying him left San Francisco yesterday on a special train and made a close examination of the fourteen miles of the Culebra cut. The fact that the existing locks for the lock and dam at Gatun are satisfactory to the visiting engineers has created a local feeling of optimism and the fears of delay in the completion of the work have been relieved. Mr. Taft expected that the views of the engineers regarding the situation at Gatun would be favorable and that they consequently did not come as a surprise to him.

GREENFIELD SAVINGS BANK  
CLOSED BY COMMISSIONER

Has 7,000 Depositors, Many of Whom Are Working People. Boston, Feb. 1.—By an order of the supreme judicial court, closing the Greenfield Savings Bank, Greenfield, and suspending the payment of further dividends, it is hoped to eliminate the unproductive assets of the bank, and eventually throw open the doors of the institution to its 7,000 depositors who have entrusted nearly three million dollars to its care. The bank is one of the largest savings institutions in the Connecticut valley, and its closing today, at the request of the state commissioner, Pierpont Morgan, is a surprise to the depositors, many of whom are mill hands and other working people. Instead of asking a receiver, Commissioner Jay requested that a trustee be appointed to liquidate the bank, and to gradually reduce the bank's debt to a healthy condition.

PASSED BY THE SENATE  
House Bill Declaring February 12, 1909, a Legal Holiday.

Washington, Feb. 1.—Seventy-five bills on the calendar of the senate were passed today. The consideration of these measures, most of which were of a technical nature, occupied the entire session of the senate. Senator Foraker attempted to get consideration for the bill providing for a court of inquiry to pass upon the qualifications of the discharged negro soldiers of the twenty-fifth century. The bill was defeated by a vote of 45 to 31. A bill providing for the appointment of a commission to investigate the case of the late Senator John C. Calhoun, was also passed. The bill provides for the appointment of a commission to investigate the case of the late Senator John C. Calhoun, was also passed. The bill provides for the appointment of a commission to investigate the case of the late Senator John C. Calhoun, was also passed.

CUT OFF FROM MAINLAND  
Prince Edward Island Undergoing its Annual Experience.

Pictou, N. S., Feb. 1.—Frozen in and cut off from communication with the mainland, Prince Edward Island, for the first time this winter is undergoing the experience which is of almost annual occurrence. The government steamer, the "Albatross," which was to have been the link between the island and the mainland, was unable to leave Pictou on Saturday morning last, pushed through Northumberland strait to a point about three miles outside Pictou light, but there the ice was so heavy that she could not break it successfully. Today she remained fast in the ice and her passengers and mail were transferred to the mainland across the frozen surface of the strait. The steamer, which arrived here on Saturday morning from Georgetown, remained at her wharf here today.

DOMINION COPPER COMPANY.  
Plan for a Reorganization by a Committee.

Boston, Feb. 1.—A plan for a reorganization of the Dominion Copper Company, by which a committee representing the bond and stock holders is given authority to purchase the property at foreclosure sale and transfer it to the New Dominion Copper Company, was made public here today. The reorganization committee comprises Charles Hayden, W. F. Foster, John A. Steiner, Warren Curtis, Channing Stebbins, James Wilkinson and Henry H. Melville. Security holders have been asked to deposit their holdings in the Hungarian American bank of New York.

Meriden Buys Reservoir Site.  
Meriden, Conn., Feb. 1.—The city today purchased a tract of land on Cheshire street, consisting of 27 acres, from Frank Jickelmeier, upon which a reservoir will be built. The price paid for the land was \$5,000, and it is estimated that half a million dollars will be required to complete the reservoir.

Cabled Paragraphs

Wilmington, Colorado, Feb. 1.—The Dutch cruise ship, "Utrecht," came into port yesterday and the American cruiser Des Moines left here today for La Guaira. St. Petersburg, Feb. 1.—The report current yesterday that M. Kolokoff, minister of finance, had resigned, would be appointed ambassador to France has been given official denial. Lisbon, Feb. 1.—The first anniversary of the assassination of King Carlos of Portugal and his son, Crown Prince Louis, is celebrated today in pleasant incidents have been reported. Copenhagen, Feb. 1.—Dr. Maurice F. Egan, the American minister to Denmark, and Mrs. Egan tonight gave a dinner to the king. All the foreign press attaches and their wives were present.

His Cordiality Toward Panama as a Whole.

This afternoon Mr. Taft called upon President Amador and President Obaldia have not been on friendly terms for a long time because of political differences. Mr. Taft wishes to make it plain that his cordiality is toward Panama as a whole and not toward any one individual. He has endeavored during his stay here to treat all men and all parties in the same cordial manner.

Precautions for Safety of Taft Party.

Prior to the visit of Mr. Taft and his party to Washington, the city today, all dynamite was removed from the work sites, so that possibility of accidents to the president-elect might be avoided.

Ready for Business Jan. 1, 1915.

Although not speaking for publication, the engineers do not conceal their satisfaction over the feasibility of the canal. The chief engineer, Lieutenant Colonel Goethals, and the army engineers engaged in the construction work are much gratified at the result of the investigation. Colonel Goethals said that the canal vessels would sail through the lock canal by Jan. 1, 1915.

WEST POINT CADETS  
MAY NOT GO TO WASHINGTON.

No Appropriation Made for Trip to Inauguration. Washington, Feb. 1.—Unless the West Point cadets are given the appropriation for the inauguration of the 4th of March at the expense of the government, the cadets will not be able to attend the inauguration. The department of the interior has refused to make an appropriation for the trip.

BLOOD TRANSFUSION  
FROM WHITE MAN TO NEGRO.

Brought to Successful Issue at Bellevue Hospital—First Case on Record. New York, Feb. 1.—What is believed to be the first case of blood transfusion from a white man to a negro was brought to a successful issue here tonight at Bellevue hospital. The patient, Julia Herford, a 27 year old negro, was brought to the hospital suffering from an internal hemorrhage. The surgeons in attendance decided that the only way of saving her life lay in the transfusion of her blood.

Palmer Congregational Church Burned.

Palmer, Mass., Feb. 1.—The Second Congregational church was burned tonight, the fire starting from a defective wiring. The loss is \$25,000.

OBITUARY.

Mrs. Daniel M. Randall. The death of Mrs. Daniel M. Randall occurred at her home in Preston, just before the departure of the steamer Monday morning at 11 o'clock. She was 68 years of age and had been ill for some time. She was a devoted wife and mother and was highly respected in her community.

Will of Mrs. Lynch, Who Was Killed on the Republic.

Boston, Feb. 1.—The will of Mrs. Mary E. Lynch, wife of Eugene Lynch, who was executed before she was killed on the Republic, was filed for probate today. It disposed of an estate valued at \$14,000 and leaves all the property to her relatives. The only bequest to her husband was that of a large diamond ring.

Atress Threatened With Blood Poisoning.

Boston, Feb. 1.—Owing to the continued indisposition of Miss Billie Burke, who was taken ill at Springfield last week and threatened with blood poisoning, the first week of her engagement here in "Love Whiskies" was cancelled today. It is stated that Miss Burke will require several days of complete rest.

Brandenburg Forfeits His Bail  
Fails to Appear in Court to Answer Larceny Charge.

Chicago, Feb. 1.—A warrant for the arrest of Brandenburg, the magazine writer, who sold to the New York Times of an article alleged to have been written by Grover Cleveland in his dictation on a charge of grand larceny a few weeks ago, was issued today by Justice Dowling. The case against Brandenburg was to have come up before Justice Dowling in the supreme court today, but when the time came for calling of the defendant, he failed to appear. He had been out on \$1,500 bail, furnished by a bonding company, could not be found. After ordering the calling of his name by the clerk of the court, Justice Dowling forfeited Brandenburg's bail and issued a bench warrant for his arrest.

MAGAZINE WRITER IS MISSING  
Lured a Beautiful Girl

From the Streets of Paris to the United States—"White Slave" Traffic Promoter Sentenced at Chicago. Chicago, Feb. 1.—The pitiful story of a beautiful girl being snatched from the streets of Paris and lured to the United States resulted today in the conviction of Henry Lair, charged by the government with promoting "white slave" traffic in this country. Lair was sentenced by Judge Landis to serve two years in the government reformatory at Joliet, and to pay a \$2,500 fine. The next case to be tried is that of Lucie D'Arville, Lair's supposed wife, who was indicted with him on charges of importing French girls to this country in violation of the immigration laws. Marie Peuroy Chief Witness for the Government. Marie Peuroy, 19 years old, was the chief witness for the government. When 14 years old, she said, she met in the streets of Paris Jules Dufour, who she later learned was the real name of Lair. He had a telephone conversation with him, and he was in ignorance of the writer's present whereabouts.

REAL ESTATE DEALER S.U.I.  
Newark Police Searching for an Italian Suspect.

Newark, N. J., Feb. 1.—The dead body of Frank Wilhelm, a real estate dealer and justice of the peace, was found in the rear basement of his residence, which was unlocked but closed. This door opens upon a small yard which was the scene of a robbery. Wilhelm was not the motive for his death, as a diamond ring in his pocket was not missing. A diamond ring in his pocket was not missing. A diamond ring in his pocket was not missing.

EX-PRESIDENT OF VENEZUELA  
Charged With Having Instigated Attempted Assassination of Vice President Gomez.

Caracas, Jan. 29, via Port of Spain, Feb. 1.—According to the federal court records from Senor Alcantara, minister of the interior, the attorney general was brought suit in the high federal court against General Castro, the former president of Venezuela, on the charge of having instigated the attempted assassination of Vice President Gomez. Minister Alcantara's communication to the attorney general was accompanied by a large quantity of documentary proof, which, it was stated, "was collected at the investigation into an abortive plot against the life of the president of the republic." Continuing, the minister says in his communication that the black conspiracy, which happily was frustrated by the presence of mind of the president, was the result of the suggestions, advice and orders of General Castro.

STEEL WORKS TO START UP.  
This Means Employment for Eight Thousand Idle Men.

Pittsburg, Feb. 1.—Employment for 8,000 idle men will be provided within the next two weeks by the Pressed Steel Car company at its works near Pittsburg. The company has practically finished its work at Butler, Pa., near here. Both plants have been practically idle for about a year. Orders for the construction of a new plant at Butler, Pa., near here, have been practically finished. The company has practically finished its work at Butler, Pa., near here.

REVENUE CUTTER FOR NEW LONDON.  
(Special to The Bulletin.)

Washington, Feb. 1.—Congressman Higgins has introduced a bill for the construction of a revenue cutter for the service in New London harbor and adjacent waters. He has for some time attempted to get the bill introduced, but it was not until today that he was able to do so. The bill provides for the construction of a revenue cutter for the service in New London harbor and adjacent waters.

MISS WRIGHT MAY COME IN.  
Secretary Straus Desires an Important Immigration Case.

Washington, Feb. 1.—An important immigration case, involving the admission of Miss Wright, a Canadian woman, 25 years old, applied for admission to the United States in order that she might enter the "nurses' home" at Chicago to study nursing. In company with other student nurses at the institution she was to be allowed a small compensation. A special board of inquiry rejected her application and denied her admission. Miss Wright appealed her case to Secretary Straus, who has directed that she be admitted.

ALL QUIET IN CUBA.  
Sensational Incident of Last Week Closed by President Gomez.

Havana, Feb. 1.—President Gomez signed a decree today appointing Jose Utrera chief of the secret police. This was the sensational incident of last week, which was closed by the resignation of Vice President Zayas's trust to resign.

Snowbound Passenger Train Released.  
Madison, Wis., Feb. 1.—Twenty-two snowbound passenger trains were released today in Madison, Wis., after being held for several days by heavy snow.

Dr. Bull Passed Comfortable Day.  
Savannah, Ga., Feb. 1.—The following bulletin was issued today by Dr. William T. Bull's physicians:

Forty-Niner Commits Suicide.  
Corey, Pa., Feb. 1.—Scour Woodin, 30 years old, who during the gold fever of 1849, made the overland trip to California, hanged himself today in his bedroom.

Condensed Telegrams

The victory of Manchuria, forwarded that it was to be removed, has resigned. A slight earthquake shock at Mexico, Mo., cracked the inner walls of the courthouse. An American soldier, returning to Russia, his native land, to visit his mother, was arrested and shot. An overdose of medicine is believed to have killed Dr. H. R. Holyoke of Lincoln, Neb., found dead in a Chicago hotel. France and Germany prepare for tariff reprisals if existing agreements with the United States are abrogated in the new tariff bill. Washington dispatches stated that President Taft after March 4 would appoint only Taft men and ignore the Roosevelt appointees. Called to a Brooklyn hotel by telephone, Mrs. Von Hassell, who had repudiated his plan for an alibi, confessed that she had shot herself dead in her presence. Rear Admiral Goodrich, commandant at the Brooklyn yard, issued an order recognizing the yard bureaus and making the naval constructor responsible for most of the work. The Westinghouse Electric and Manufacturing company of Pittsburgh has without a word of warning reduced its 3,000 employees the rate of wages that was paid before last March. Former Sheriff Daniel F. Bradley of Boston, who fifty years ago haired Professor Webster of Harvard for the murder of Dr. Charles Jackson, the position of chief officer of the Charles street jail at the age of 90 years. Dr. James Ewing, president of the American Society for Cancer Research, announced that he had discovered an anti-cancer law which would prove a serious bar to the progress which is being made in seeking methods for the control of cancer. MUCH FIRING AT GIBRALTAR. Salutes of Our Battleships and Replenishers Keep Guns Booming for an Hour—The Warships Going. Gibraltar, Feb. 1.—For one hour this morning the port of Gibraltar seemed to be the scene of a naval engagement at close range. The American battleships that arrived at Gibraltar, exchanging the salutes with the shore and the foreign warships in the harbor that were omitted yesterday because it was Sunday. The Commodore saluted the port and the flag of Vice Admiral Sir James Goodrich, the commander of all the British warships at Gibraltar, with twenty-one guns, and when these had been returned gun for gun from a short battery and the British admiral's salute was returned, the ships were fired to and answered by the Russian, French and Dutch warships in port. The firing was incessant for an hour and a half, and the sea was blue over the waters. The warships began calling today for the Commodore's voyage. Rear Admiral Sperry, accompanied by the members of his staff, came ashore at noon and called upon General Frederic Porter, Walker, the military governor. A guard of honor consisting of a company of the Norfolk's regiment, in red coats, met the admiral at the shore and escorted the carriage of the American naval officers to the residence of the governor.

LONGEST BREAD LINE OF THE WINTER  
Near to Zero Weather Creates Intense Suffering  
Among Manhattan's Homeless,

LONG LINE OF TWO THOUSAND MEN  
Waited Shivering Outside the Bowery Mission for the Midnight Dole of Coffee and Rolls—Overflow Group of the Homeless Slept in Heated Structure on the Charities Pier—Bowery Lodging Houses Crowded. New York, Feb. 1.—After the snow-falls of Friday and Saturday, the thermometer started to drop last night, and this was the coldest day of the winter. From midnight to 7 o'clock the records of temperature showed a steady decline, reaching a daily record of five degrees. Suffering in all parts of the city was intense, particularly in the Bowery, where the homeless, congested and numerous cases of exposure were reported by the police. A Heck Driver Frozen to Death. A hack driver was frozen to death in aivery stable at Rockaway Beach. Fugitives Made Comfortable on Charities Pier. Despite the fact that a number of homeless and charity department had been sent to the long lodging house in East Twenty-fourth street, which has not yet been officially opened, the Charities Superintendent York City more beds for the applicants, there was an overflow of twenty-seven men in the night. These were sent to the charities department pier at the foot of East Twenty-sixth street. The heat was turned into the pier building so that the others in the lodging house. In fact, they probably had more room. Women and Children in Pitiable Condition. Of the three hundred and eighteen persons who applied for shelter, twenty-four were women and three were children. Some of the applicants were in such a pitiable condition that the superintendent found it advisable to give them not coffee and food before they slept. Record Bread Line of the Winter. All along the Bowery the same conditions were encountered. Two thousand men, a long and dreary line that stretched away beneath the elevated tracks, waiting for the midnight dole of coffee and rolls. It was the longest bread line of the winter. Cheap Lodgings Crowded. All the cheap lodging houses along the Bowery were crowded. No man who could secure temporary shelter hesitated to spend them for protection from the fearful cold that made eating bread and woodstove stoves impossible refuges. A High Wind, Nipping Cold. A high wind added to the discomfort of the cold. It was a dry, bitter cold that nipped through the heaviest position. Nobody stopped in the street, unless it was to view a thermometer, with the usual device to determine how cold it was. It was being made by the unkind weather. There were several cases of exposure reported by the police.

PUBLIC DISCLAIMER  
FROM WHITE HOUSE

Of Published Reports—Letter Received from Los Angeles. Washington, Feb. 1.—For the first time making a public disclaimer, the White House today issued a statement, while riding in Rock Creek park near this city, struck the horse ridden by a young woman who had been sent to ride near his party. The White House today gave out a letter received from the young woman's mother, Mrs. Elizabeth M. Rhodes, of Los Angeles, Cal., Jan. 27, and read as follows: "My daughter, Miss May Rhodes, whose horse, it has been widely reported, struck a young woman in the park last Thanksgiving day, most respectfully denies any knowledge of such a person, and as it is of great importance as to be referred to in congress, may I be permitted to ask you why you do not deny this story?" "VERY SINCERELY," "ELIZABETH M. RHODES."

PASTOR DISCOURAGED,  
TURNED ON THE G. J.

With His Wife Found Dead in Jersey City. New York, Feb. 1.—With the gas radiator turned on full, Frederick Vashley, 40 years old, and his wife Mary were found dead from asphyxiation in their department in Jersey City. The cause of death was asphyxiation. The couple had been in the house for several days. The police found the bodies in the morning. The cause of death was asphyxiation.

SECOND SHOCK AT MONTREAL.  
Two Earthquakes Sunday Night Frightened a Good Many People.

Montreal, Feb. 1.—Just before 3 o'clock this morning a second earthquake shock followed the slight one that occurred before midnight, and a number of persons were badly aroused by the first tremor were badly frightened. In the West End, where the shock seems to have been felt the most, a number of persons got up and prepared to leave their houses, but as the disturbance was not repeated the excitement was quickly over. The earthquake was not recorded on the seismograph at McGill university.

FIFTY SUBPOENAS ISSUED.  
Second Trial of the \$20,000 Case Against Standard Oil.

Chicago, Feb. 1.—Fifty subpoenas issued by Judge Landis in the district court for District Attorney Sims have been given to the United States marshal for service on witnesses to appear for the government at the second trial of the \$20,000 case against the Standard Oil company. The trial is set for February 23 before Judge A. B. Anderson of Indianapolis.

CANTON FLOWER BOAT DISASTER  
200 Lives Reported Lost in the Fire That Destroyed Fleet.

Canton, China, Feb. 1.—At least 200 lives were lost in the fire last night in the fleet of flower boats. The boats were packed closely together and many were covered, but many persons are still missing. The fleet was sunk in a typhoon last July, but was at once rebuilt.

ROBBED SAFE OF \$3,000.  
Masked Men Lined Up Inmates of a Goldfield Saloon.

Goldfield, Nev., Feb. 1.—Three masked men held up the Mohawk saloon in Goldfield, Nev., last night, and robbed the safe of \$3,000. The robbers escaped. Dragged With Hook from Burning Building. Pittsburg, Pa., Feb. 1.—Using a long pole with a hook on the end, friends dragged Joseph Vermer from his burning home last night at Point Marion, Pa. Struck by flames, neighbors rushed to the house to find Vermer lying unconscious on the floor of the burning building. It was his duty to rescue him, they said, but he was fatally burned. He died without regaining consciousness.

Alleged Oklahoma Town-Lot Fraud  
Unsettled.

Muskogee, Okla., Feb. 1.—It was stated here today by a reliable source that the government expects the federal grand jury now in session here to return at least three hundred indictments involving from fourteen to twenty persons in the alleged Muskogee town-lot fraud cases. The jury resumed its session today, examining each of the government's charges. It is believed that the evidence by Thursday evening next, when it is believed any indictments that are to be made will be returned promptly.

Nevada's New Divorce Bill.  
Carson, Nev., Feb. 1.—The state assembly passed a bill today providing that applicants for divorce in Nevada must be residents of the state two years instead of six months as heretofore.