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PRESIDENT IS RATHER WARM

Will Employ Criminal Action Agaist Those Guilty of Distributing Panama Canal Slanders, if Possible.

HE DECLARES HIMSELF

Editors of the New York World and Indianapolis News Facing a Situation Never Before Paralleled.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 11.—"If they can be reached for criminal libel, I shall try to have them reached" said President Roosevelt in speaking Thursday afternoon about "those Americans who have been guilty of infamous falsehood concerning the acquisition of the property and the construction of the (Panama) canal itself." It was to a committee of one hundred of the Lakes-to-the-Gulf Deep Waterway association, headed by Gov. Deneen, of Illinois, who were received by the President in the east room of the White House, that he madet his declaration. Gov. Deneen had presented a copy of the resolution adopted by the association and made a few remarks, to which the President replied as follows:

"I have left, as the governor has so well put it, that no more important service could be rendered to this country than the building of the Panama canal between the Atlantic and Pacific and one thing I am proud of in connection of the building of that canal is that there has not been legitimate cause for a breath of scandal connected with any feature of the proceedings. We have cause to be ashamed of only one set of Americans in connection with the building of the canal, and that is of those Americans who have been guilty of infamous falsehood concerning the acquisition of the property and the construction of the canal itself. If they can be reached for criminal libel I shall try to have them reached. If not, at any rate all the facts we know or ever had known are at the disposal of each and every one of you there, and of any one in congress, or of all in congress, if they wish to see them.

"Next only in importance, from a physical standpoint, to the building of the Panama canal comes the question of developing the use of our own waterways. That must be done by a policy of irrigation at the headwaters up in the arid regions; and where you come from, gentlemen, it is to be done by making our sea coast take a big loop in from the Gulf of Mexico to the Great Lakes; and we will see that that work is done just as honestly, just as efficiently as the Panama canal work has been done; and no work could have been done from the beginnig to the end more honestly or more efficiently."

INSANE WOMAN IN A WINDMILL

Kept There for Over a Year by Her Brother—Authorities Finally Interfere.

DIXON, Ill., Dec. 11.—Elizabeth Logg, after examination by the county court, was committed to the state hospital for the insane at Watertown. She was found by Sheriff Tourtillott in the second story of the tower room at the windmill home near Amboy. Her brother William Logg, is a wealthy farmer. At the hearing neighbors testified she had been kept in the room over a year. It is unknown how long she had been insane. She formerly lived at the home of her brother, who a year ago conceived the idea of confining her in the windmill tower. The woman had a mania for eating green cucumbers, and several times escaped and raided the cucumber beds and devoured vegetables without peeling, in such quantities she became severely ill each time.

ABBIE RICE TO GO TO BOSTON

Husband is Making Arrangements to Have Her Go East and Make Her Home.

BOSTON, Dec. 11.—Mrs. Abbie Rice, whose story of the suicide pact was told during the trial of Charles Davis, for the murder of Dr. Rustin of Omaha, is to become a resident of Boston next spring. It was learned the woman's husband, Irving Rice, has already started to furnish a home for her here.

JURY CONVICTS ABRAHAM RUEF

After Deliberating For Hours the Jury Finds a Verdict Against the Notorious San Francisco Briber.

GREAT CROWDS PRESENT

Remained at the Court Until the Hearing Was Announced—Heavy Details of Police Present.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 11.—Abraham Ruef was convicted yesterday of bribery. The verdict was returned at 4 o'clock when the deliberations of the jury had been prolonged throughout twenty-four hours. Warnings of Judge Lawlor and the vigilance of the police checked all attempted demonstration.

The day had almost passed without sign or intimation from the jury. The hopes of Ruef and his attorneys had risen with every hour of the delay and adherents of the prosecution were proportionately discouraged. With numbers and interest undiminished, hundreds of spectators retained their seats in the chamber or stood patiently in a long line opposite the entrance with a strong detail of police watching vigilantly for the first sign of disorder inside and patrolling every approach to the hall.

Jury Makes Report.

At 4 o'clock the jury filed into the court room and took their seats. The usual preliminaries were had and a verdict of guilty announced.

Immediately everybody arose to their feet. There was a murmur of approval, but no scene or demonstration.

Ruef sat between his father and Thomas B. Dozier, of the defense, when the verdict was returned. His face paled and his eyes remained fixed for a long time upon the men who had pronounced his fate. He whispered a few words of encouragement to his father and sent him out to break the news to the defendant's mother and sisters. The court set next Saturday as the day for the pronouncement of judgment.

Ruef's conviction renders him liable to a maximum penalty of fourteen years in the penitentiary.

Ruef Will Write a Book.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 11.—"Prosecution of an Ex-boss," by Ruef, is likely to become a popular volume in this section if the prosecution of graft cases is carried out, is the avowed purpose in connection with the dethroned king of this city. Ruef was warned today to prepare again to go on trial Monday on another indictment still hanging over him. Heney is in court and well satisfied with the conviction. He determined to press the trial of all other indictments so if any verdict is set aside by the higher court there will still be prison sentences hanging over the head of Ruef. With Heney well enough to try the cases, Special Attorneys Johnson, Sullivan and Dwyer who volunteered to conduct the prosecution when Heney was shot, today announced they were out of all further proceedings.

GERMANY URGES A SETTLEMENT

Austrian Minister Resumes Negotiations With Turkey for Indemnity Adjustment.

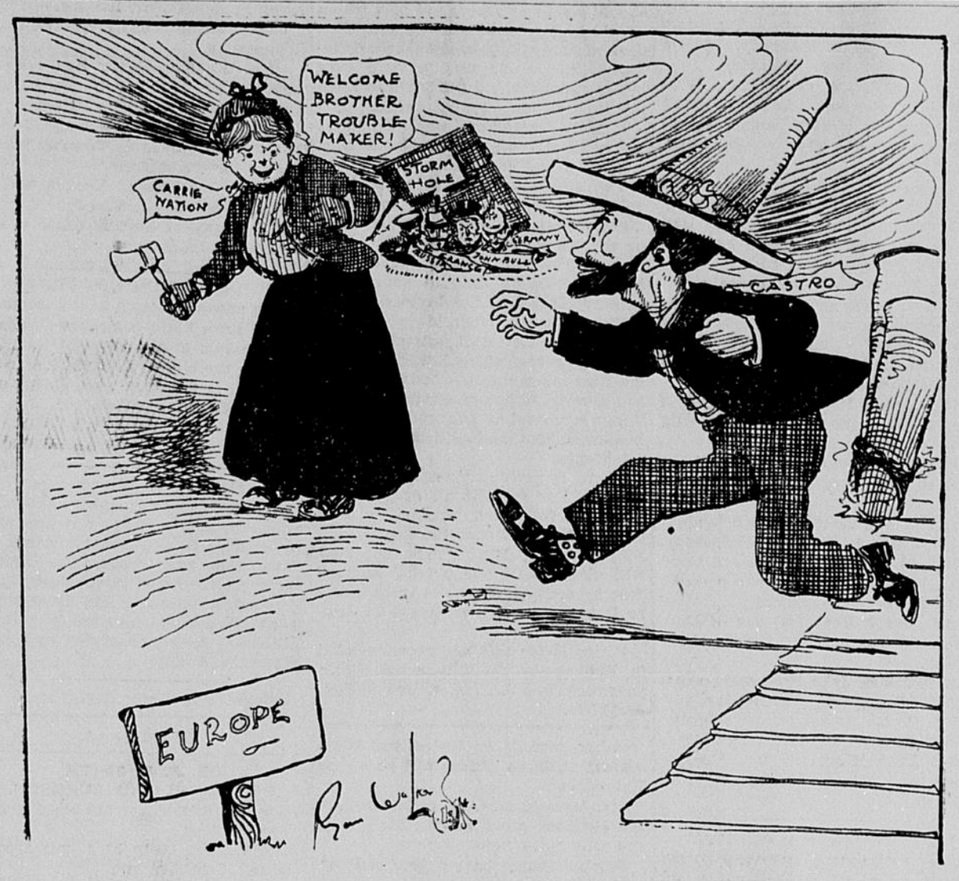
CONSTANTINOPLE, Dec. 11.—Under what is believed to be pressure from Germany, Marquis Pallavincini, the Austrian minister to Turkey today resumed negotiations with the Turkish foreign office for a settlement of the indemnity question. Today's action is in keeping with yesterday's dispatch that Chancellor Von Buelow, of Germany, advised Arenthal, the foreign minister at Austria, to make a settlement as speedy as possible.

Earliest Iowa Pioneer.

BURLINGTON, Dec. 11.—Samuel P. Slater, aged 88, one of the Des Moines county earliest pioneers, died at his home near Burlington Thursday. He was born in Ohio and came to Iowa in 1851. He leaves relatives all over southeastern Iowa.

Overruled Motion for New Trial.

HARRISBURG, Pa., Dec. 11.—Judge Kunkel today overruled a motion for a new trial in the case of Schneider, Sanderson, Mathues and Shumaker, convicted of conspiracy in the capitol contract.



EUROPEAN TROUBLE NOT E.
With Carrie Nation and Castro both abroad the peace of Europe is threatened.

RUSSIA NEVER GAVE CONSENT

Foreign Minister Iswolskyl's Forthcoming Address Will Deal Wth the Bosnia—Herzegovina Annexation.

SIMILAR VIEWS HELD

By England and France Regarding the Balkan Matter—Austria Did Not Have Russian's Approval to Act.

ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 11.—That Russia never consented to Austria's annexation of Bosnia and Herzegovina, will be one of the chief declarations in foreign Minister Iswolsky's forthcoming address to the Douma in the Balkin situation. The address says that Russia, England and France hold similar views regarding the Balkan conference proposals, chief of which being their contention that the Balkan states must be compensated by Austria. Austria's reply to the Russian note regarding the conference is far more concilatory than was expected according to the concensus of Russian diplomats today.

DISMISSED MAN WANTS HIS CASH

One of the Negroe Soldiers Dismissed From Brownsville Seeks Back Pay.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 11.—The executive encroachment of powers of legislative and judicial branches of the government is the definition in an appeal of the attorneys for Oscar W. Read, a negro soldier of the Twenty-fifth infantry, discharged for alleged participation in the Brownsville riot. Read brought the suit in New York to recover $122.26 pay due at the time of discharge to expiration of enlistment. The court dismissed the case which came to the supreme court on a writ of error.

EIGHT PASSENGERS NARROWLY ESCAPE

Were Severely Injured When Launch Collided With a Scow in Baltimore Harbor.

BALTIMORE, Dec. 11.—Eight passengers were severely injured and a score narrowly escaped drowning, when the launch Dolly Barr collided with a scow in tow in Baltimore harbor today. The passengers on the launch were on their way to work and all were thrown in the water. Several small steamers assisted in the work of rescue.

—Patronize the business men of your own town.

SEDITION TO BE PUNISHED

Indian Council Rushes Through a Bill Providing For the Summary Trial and Execution of Seditionists.

VICEROY GETS POWER

Can Extend the Scope of the Measure Wherever He Deems Necessary—Anti-Government Societies in Danger.

CALCUTTA, Dec. 11.—The Indian council today passed a bill providing for the summary trial and execution of persons guilty of sedition. The bill was introduced yesterday but the needs of such a law are considered imperative, and it was pushed through the greatest speed. The viceroy immediately signed the bill, and it is now effective throughout southern India. The viceroy is empowered to extend the scope wherever he deems it necessary. The bill makes members of the anti-government societies subject to punishment. It abolishes juries in sedition cases and establishes a special court of three English judges.

NOTORIOUS NEGRO SLAYER ARRESTED

Wm. Latura Enters Saloon and Shoots all the Negroes in the Place.

MEMPHIS, Tenn., Dec. 11.—Without cause Wm. Latura, already notorious for having killed and wounded a score of people, early today entered a local dive and drawing a revolver shot down four negroes and fatally wounded a fifth and wounded two others. Latura, with companions at the time, began the fray without warning or provocation. He stood at a bar drinking and turned and fired. When every negro in the place had fallen he ptu the pistol in his pocket and left the place. Later he was arrested.

CASTRO MUST KEEP MOUTH SHUT

About Legislative or Governmental Matters While Sojourning in France.

PARIS, Dec. 11.—The council of ministers today dispatched an emissary to Castro, enjoining him from engaging other than in a private conversation while sojourning in France. The proposals demanding Castro send Fallierres a letter of regret for his conduct and send a cable to Caracas ordering the payment of interest due French creditors and allow the Brazilian legation to represent France, were discussed but decided too severe.

Castro arrived at 6:15 this evening. The trip was without incident.

WILKINSON IS A DIRECTOR

Burlington Man Elected a Director From the Mississippi Valley District at Rivers and Harbors Congress.

OTHER MEN SELECTED

Congress Today Ratified the Officers For the Ensuing Year and Recommended a Nominating Committee.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 11.—The rivers and harbors congress today ratified the officers for the ensuing year and recommended a nominating committee. Ransdell of Louisiana, is president; J. E. Ellison, Cincinnati, secretary treasury.

The other directors are:

Mississippi Valley district, Gov. Johnson, Minnesota; Thomas M. Wilkinson, Burlington; W. P. Kennett, St. Louis; W. K. Kavanaugh, St. Louis; Chas. Scott, Rosedale, Miss.

Great Lakes district: Edward T. Wyler, Chicago; Geo. T. Eishelbert, Chicago; James H. Davidson, Osksoh, Wis.; H. C. Barlow, Chicago.

Missouri Valley district: I. P. Baker, Bismark, N. D.; Lawrence M. Jones, Kansas City, Mo.

Crozier Replies to Cannon.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 11.—Alfred O. Crozier of Wilmington Del., of the rivers and harbors congress replied to Cannon and praised the efforts advocated and the measures proposed.

A resolution demanding congress provide the issuing of $500,000,000 bonds, the present issue to be sold as needed, the money to provide for the fulfilling a comprehensive plan of waterways improvement, was adopted this morning.

The resolutions provide Ransdell appoint a committee of five to draft a bill providing a bond issue for the creation of a waterways commission to study the problem of improvements at home and abroad and report to congress annually. It demanded congress authorize new projects to fit into the general plan and also demand congress double the army.

Want Bryan for University Head.

MINNEAPOLIS, Dec. 11.—The University Press club, at a banquet Wednesday evening, started a campaign to get W. J. Bryan for president of the University of Minnesota in the event that President Northrop cannot be induced to withdraw his resignation.

Billiard Championship.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 11.—Alfred De Oro of Cuba, won the three-cushion billiard championship of the world in a game with Thomas A. Hueston of St. Louis. The final score: De Ora, 150; Hueston, 107.

REVISION IS DEEMED SURE

Taft, After a Conference With Cannon and Others, Considers the Prospects For Tariff Revision Good.

THINKS THEM SINCERE

Found the Speaker and House Leaders Willing to Make Good the Party Platform Pledges.

WASHINGTON Dec. 11.—President-eleot Taft said last night it was his belief that the house would make an honest and thorough revision of the tariff at the extra session which is to be called for that purpose upon his inauguration as President.

Statement in Detail.

Taft's statement covering both his interview yesterday with Cannon and that today with the Republicans on the ways and means committee follows:

"I had an interview with Mr. Cannon yesterday and with his concurrence and at the suggestion of a member of the ways and means committee, with Republican members of that committee this afternoon, and from my conservation with them and the discussion which followed as to the examination which they are now conducting and expect to conduct, I have every reason to be confident they are keenly alive to the obligation which is on them as representatives elected to represent the Republican party and to prepare an honest and thorough revision of the present tariff; that they have taken three times as much evidence as has ever been taken in the preparation of other tariffs, and that they are going to make additional efforts and independent efforts to get at the evidence themselves by the use of subpoena and nuder oath with a view of reaching the difference in the cost of production of various articles brought within the tariff here and abroad.

Eager For Harmony.

"I found them quite anxious for as much harmony as possible, in which I sympathized with them, and prepared for consultation on points of difficulty that might arise at any time in the future. The plan is to prepare a bill on such evidence as they have and will have in course of the hearings and then to call additional evidence as to items whenever it should seem necessary. Not only from conversation with the members together, but with members individually, I am quite convinced that they are in good faith going to prepare a bill which shall be a thorough revision on the basis of the Republican platform.

The Philippine Tariff.

"The discussion covered other things, like the Philippine tariff and I am very hopeful there will be no difficulty in reaching an agreement between various interests in them—those representing the Philippine islands and those representing the sugar and tobacco interests, so there will be no dispute, and that the matter may be incorporated in the new tariff bill without an issue."

FEARFUL OF ASSASSINATION

Another Dangerous Plot Against the Lift of King Manuel Discovered.

LISBON, Dec. 11.—Fearful for his life, as the result of the discovery of another dangerous plot against his life, King Manuel learned today, he is keeping within the palace under the excuse of suffering from influenza. Scores of arrests are already made.

Notorious First Ward Ball.

CHICAGO, Dec. 11.—Judge Barnes of the superior court today began hearing the injunction case brought by local ministers to restrain the Coliseum Company from permitting "Bath-house" John Coughlin and "Hinky Dink" Kenna to hold their "first ward" ball. The balls in previous years have been notorious in the underworld.

Seventeen Dead in Wreck.

BRUSSELLS, Dec. 11.—Seventeen are known to be dead and over a score injured in a collision of a work and freight train at Tourtaxis station. Seventeen bodies were removed from the wreck. Others are believed to be under the debris.

THE FIRST SUIT AGAINST ACADEMY

In Illinois Was Filed at Springfield This Morning by the Reliance Life Insurance Co., of Pennsylvania.

TO RECOVER ON NOTE

Suit is Against St. Mary's Academy—The Note Was Made Out to the Fidelity Fnuding Company.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Dec. 11.—The first suit in Illinois as a result of the Fidelity Funding Company, and the disappearance of Kieran was filed in the Federal court here this morning. The suit was brought by the Reliance Life Insurance Company of Pennsylvania against St. aMry's Academy of Nauvoo to recover on a note of $16,000 made out to the Fidelity Funding Company.

Castro Departs for Paris.

BORDEAUX, Dec. 11.—Castro departed at 11 o'clock this morning for Paris. Perhaps he will undergo an operation there owing to the death of Dr. Israel of Berlin, who was expected to operate. The reason for an operation is unknown, and it is reported that he ate and drank enormously while here, and there is no evidence of anything wrong, except that he is seeking for health.

Gasoline Tank Explodes.

AMARILLO, Texas, Dec. 11.—Through the explosion of a gasoline tank on his auto, Voss Brummal, a merchant of Claude, Texas, lost his eyesight today. Brummal was examining the tank, when it exploded, blowing out his eyes. He was married two weeks ago, and his bride is frantic with grief.

—Read The Daily Gate City.

TODAY'S WEATHER FORECAST.

Indications for Iowa, Illinois and Missouri Wired from Chicago.

For Keokuk and Vicinity: Fair tonight and Saturday; coldler tonight; warmer Saturday.

For Illinois: Partly cloudy tonight and Saturday; cooler tonight.

For Iowa: Fair tonight and Saturday.

For Iowa: Fair tonight and Saturnight; warmer Saturday.

For Missouri Fair tonight and Saturday; colder tonight; warmer Saturday.

Weather Conditions.

The low barometer from western Iowa has moved to the upper lakes, with light rain or snow, and warmer weather from the upper Mississippi valley through the lake region.

There have been light rains from the western gulf, through Arkansas and Tennessee to the Ohio valley, and it is warmer in the eastern portion of the country.

Another low barometer has developed in northern Montana, and there has been light rain or snow in Idaho and Utah, followed by somewhat cooler weather, and the barometer is very high on the northern Pacific slope.

Fair weather is indicated in this section tonight and Saturday, with cooler tonight and warmer Saturday.

River Bulletin.

St. Paul	.14	Frozen	....	....	....
La Crosse	.12	Frozen	....	....	....
Davenport	.15	1.5	x0.7	Trace	
Galland	.8	0.5	-0.1	....	
Keokuk	.15	....	....	....	
St. Louis	.30	4.7	....	....	

xRise. -Fall.

C., B. & Q. Bridge, Burlington, Iowa, Dec. 10.—The present stage of the river is 2½ inches above low water mark, a fall of 3 inches since last report.

The river will remain nearly stationary.

Local Observations.

	Bar.	Ther.	Wind.	Weather
10, 7 p.m.	29.89	46	S	Cloudy
11, 7 a.m.	29.94	29	NW	Clear

River at low water stage of 1864, no change in past twenty-four hours.

Mean temperature, 34.

Maximum temperature, 48.

Minimum temperature, 21.

FRED Z. GOSEWISCH, Observer.