

## BROWNSVILLE MESSAGE TODAY

Sent By President Roosevelt to Congress in Which He Makes Suggestions and Recommendations.

## TO PUNISH THE GUILTY

President Says Investigation Should Continue Until the Offenders Have Been Brought to Justice.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14.—Roosevelt today sent to congress a special message regarding the Brownsville affair, submitting the evidence. He said: "I enclose a report of investigation by Herbert J. Browne, employed by the war department, with Captain Baldwin to investigate Brownsville. The report enables us to fix some criminals to the murderous shooting. It is an established fact the colored soldiers did the shooting, but upon this point further record is unnecessary. The investigation has not gone far enough to enable us to determine all the facts. It appears that almost all members of Company B must have been actively concerned, either as participants or virtually encouraging the participants. It can be no question that practically every man of Companies C and D must have had knowledge of the shooting done by the soldiers of B troop. The concealment was a grave offense and was aggravated by their testifying before the senate committee they were ignorant of what must have been known. Nevertheless, to be said in partial extenuation, they were probably cowed by threats of more desperate men who were actually engaged in the shooting. The circumstances tend to show these men were encouraged by outsiders to persist in their course of concealment and denial. I feel that the guilt of those who shielded the perpetrators, though serious, was partly due to the unwise and improper attitude of others, and some measure of allowance should be made. I believe we can afford to reinstate any of those men who not truthfully tell what happened and give all their aid to fix the responsibility and show they had no guilty knowledge beforehand and were not implicated. Under the circumstances, we can afford to treat the men who meet these requirements as sufficiently punished. I recommend a law allowing the secretary of war, within a fixed period, say a year, to reinstate any of these soldiers, whom after careful examination, he finds have been innocent, and done all in their power to help bring the guilty to justice. Only by carrying on the investigation is there the slightest chance of bringing the offenders to justice."

## Ex-Private Confesses.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14.—The report of the Brownsville case by Herbert J. Browne, submitted to the war department and sent to the senate with the message says Ex-Private Boyd Conyers, of B Company, confessed to William Lawson, a colored detective, that he and four others led the shooting and details how the ammunition was secured. Conyers afterwards tried to suicide, saying he feared murder when his confession was known. Later, after a letter from Parker to whom he wrote, he refused to give information. He seemed to take the letter as a mandate to stick to the story told to the senate committee. Conyers' story is said to have shown the soldiers heard of the threatened trouble at Brownsville before he went there. He prepared to get even with the "crackers." He held out cartridges on the rifle range, and others on the way, saying he gave them to the people at the stations. Punishment for the shortage was threatened but not inflicted. At a saloon at Allison, with a colored ex-soldier, it was agreed to make a raid at midnight, Aug. 13, '06. Conyers, John Holloman, John Brown, and Carolina De Saussure were the chief conspirators. Holloman was the real leader, and distributed the ammunition, which undoubtedly was done with knowledge and co-operation of Sargents Jackson and Reid. Holloman got the party together. Holloman and Brown slipped out of the barracks and were joined by Conyers and De Saussure, who slept together in the guard house with guns. They fired the signal shots which were answered by Sentry Foote. It was impossible for the gun racks to be opened by the soldiers who reached the gallery

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## ROOSEVELT'S CANAL REPLY

It is Printed, Answering Charges of Graft, and Will be Submitted to Congress in a Day or Two.

## PRESIDENT HELP

Taft, Root, Bonaparte and Others Helped to Make up the Statement—Inquiry About Libel Law.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 14.—Roosevelt's official reply to the Panama canal charges are printed and will be transmitted to congress in a day or two. A great mass of documentary evidence is prepared by the President to disprove the charges that his brother-in-law, Robinson, and Taft's brother, and other prominent Americans, received the bulk of the \$40,000,000 the government paid for the Panama canal. In the preparation of his reply the President is assisted by Taft, Root, Bonaparte, Solicitor General Hoyt and Senator Knox. The President also conferred with United States District Attorney Stimson, and it is believed he took up the matter of instituting libel proceedings against the persons who made the charges. It is said the President requested Stimson to make an immediate inquiry into the New York state law with a view of ascertaining if prosecution could be successfully undertaken.

## McFARLAND TEAM WINS THE RACE

Establishes a New Distance Record and Carries Away the First Prize.

NEW YORK, Dec. 14.—Floy MacFarland, veteran bicycle racer of California, won the international six-day race for the team of MacFarland and Moran at Madison Square garden Saturday night and set a new distance record. Rutt, of Rut-Stol, the German-Holland team, finished second, and Demara, of the Remara-Hill combination, the former of California and the latter of Boston, third. The final sprint of one mile was between representatives of these three teams, which were on equal terms as to the distance covered, the others withdrawing to give them a clear track. The three teams that took part in the final dash covered 2,737 miles and 1 lap in 142 hours—3 miles and 7 laps ahead of the record set by Miller and Waller in 1889.

## BOMB THROWERS IN CHICAGO

Believe to Have Been Thrown in an Attempt to Wreck the Coliseum.

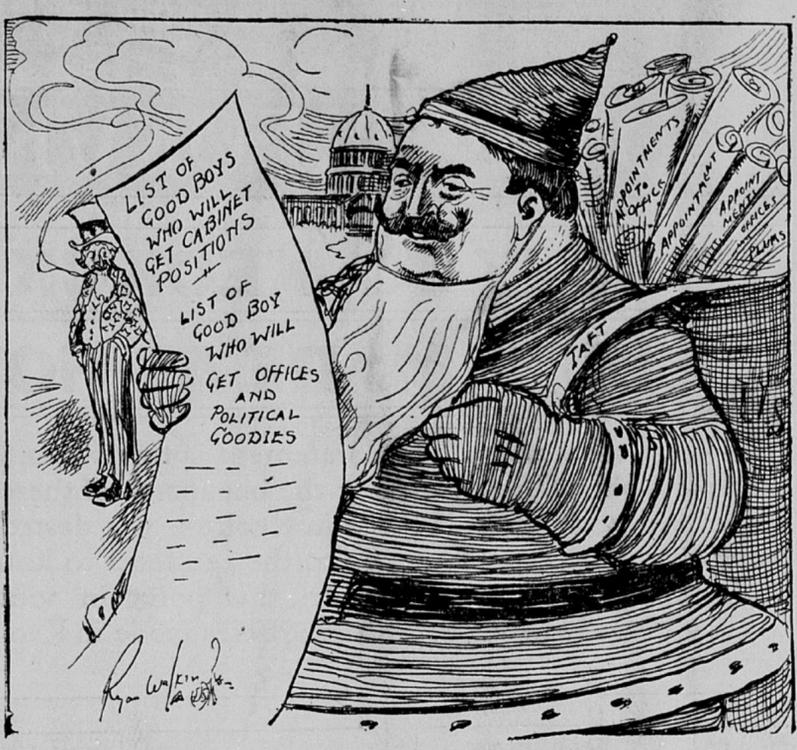
CHICAGO, Ill., Dec. 14.—The explosion of a bomb at 8 o'clock last night believed to have been fired in an effort to wreck the Coliseum, demolished a two story building adjoining the auditorium, and it is believed killed two men.

## The Missing.

Pietrofsky, a junk dealer. Unknown man who lived with Pietrofsky. The annual First Ward ball, planned for the benefit of Alderman Michael Kenna, was scheduled to be held at the Coliseum tonight. There has been a bitter fight by the law and order element against the fete, and police think it was to prevent the celebration that dynamite was used. In saloons and on the street it is common talk that the explosion was the result of the fight against Kenna. Inspector John Wheeler, Lieut. John Bonfield and others who were on the scene soon after the explosion, made mention of the fact that the so-called gamblers did not figure in this case, as they learned there are no gambling places in the immediate vicinity.

## "ADAM GOD" WILL NOT BE PUNISHED

Sharp's Sanity is Questioned and His Reason Will be Tested. KANSAS CITY, Dec. 14.—Although held for trial on the charge of murdering in the first degree, with three other fanatical followers who engaged in a street fight with the police, is a growing belief here that James Sharp, "Adam God" will never be punished. Sharp's sanity is questioned and it is likely that his reason will be tested.



Uncle Sam—I'd give a square meal to know who is on the list of that Santa.

## INDIA COUNCIL AND SEDITIONISTS

British Make it Plain That They do Not Propose to Quantenace Any Revolutionary Program.

## KITCHENER IS ANXIOUS

General in Charge Has Placed His Military Forces and Considers Time Opportune For a Struggle.

CALCUTTA, Dec. 14.—The India council made known its intention today of pursuing such a rigid course with Indian anarchists that the sedition wave be either effectually checked or the expected revolution precipitated. General Kitchener has completed the disposal of military forces and considers the time opportune for a struggle. He says the revolutionists are not subdued now and will go ahead and effect such an organization to make future subjugation next to impossible. The authorities have ordered all public meetings abandoned.

## DO NOT WISH TO BE SHADOWED

No Doubt of Depth of Feeling Between Congress and Roosevelt Over Secret Service Agents.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12.—There is much speculation in congressional circles as to the ultimate result of the pending controversy between congress and Roosevelt over the use of secret service agents. There is no doubt of the depth of feeling aroused over the president's ironical suggestion that congressmen did not watch themselves, and their actions watched, but a still greater irritation over the knowledge that secret service detectives have been on the trail of congressmen, and the president evidently intends to continue that practice.

## AUSTRIA AND TURKEY DEAL

Indemnity Offer Has Reached \$15,000,000 With Prospect of a Satisfactory Settlement.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Dec. 14.—Austria's indemnity offer to Turkey has now reached \$15,000,000, according to a semi-official statement from the foreign office today. Austrian Ambassador Pallavicini and the Turkish ministers are still haggling over the amount with prospect that a satisfactory figure can be reached.

—Patronize the business men of your own town.

## NIGHT RIDER CASES ARE UP

Indictments Against 134 Men Have Been Returned and the Cases Will be Tried at Union City, Tenn.

## FEELING IS STRONG

Against the Night Rider: For Their Cruel Beating of One of the Best Known and Popular Citizens.

UNION CITY, Tenn., Dec. 14.—Today marks the beginning of the trials of the celebrated night riders cases, where indictments have been returned against 134 men, he offenses charged are ranging from the assassination of Quentin Rankin, the attempted murder of Col. Taylor, to conspiracy to murder, commit assault, burning houses, and whipping men and women. The feeling is strong against the night riders on account of the cruel beating of one of the best know and popular citizens who had denounced their acts of outlaw. People are here from all sections. Groups stood around the jail where the night riders are confined. The prisoners in the barracks exchanged salutations with relatives and friends, many of whom saw them for the first time since their arrest weeks ago. A panel of three hundred men was summoned this afternoon to appear tomorrow.

## WIRE WORKS WILL RESUME

Fifteen Hundred Men Will be Given Employment in Pittsburg.

PITTSBURG, Pa., Dec. 14.—The American Steel and Wire Company sent out orders Sunday that will give employment to 500 idle men today and 1,000 others within a week or two. These departments which, under the orders are to be ready to start within ten days, have been idle for a year.

## New York Stocks.

NEW YORK, Dec. 14.—The market ruled strong all through the first hour with importance, the railroads in a brisk demand then moving up to still higher records. The New York Central, Pennsylvania, Baltimore, Southern Pacific and from 1 to 1 1/2. The Reading went to 144 on heavy buying. Governments unchanged, other bonds are firm.

—For the consideration of \$5,332 James Cameron has deeded to his sons, James and George, a two-thirds interest in the property recently bought from S. T. Worley on the corner of Seventh and Johnson streets, the property deeded being the undivided two-thirds of lots 5 and 6 in block 92.

## HAINS TRIAL HAS STARTED

Man Accused of the Murder of Wm. E. Annis Placed on Trial This Morning at Flushing, New York.

## WAS NOT CONCERNED

Argument Relative to the Drawing of a Panel Jury Was Lengthy—Hains Was Modestly Attired.

FLUSHING, N. Y., Dec. 14.—The trial of T. Jenkins Hains for the murder of Wm. E. Annis, began this morning. Hains was erect, his eyes snapping, and was attired modestly in a dark business suit, and was apparently unconcerned. He exchanged glances of sympathy with his father, brother and other relatives who were near the counsel table. Hains sat next to the chief counsel, McIntyre. The room, resembling a country court, holds two hundred and fifty taxpayers, some remaining down stairs. The argument relating to the drawing of a panel was lengthy. The defense moved to dismiss the indictment, alleging the defendant denied the right of challenging individual members of the grand jury; that certain members of the jury were prejudiced against him. The motion was denied.

## SCOTTY'S MULE MAUD IS DEAD

Change From Champagne to the Desert too Much for Maude.

RENO, Nev., Dec. 14.—Walter Scott's mule, Maude, is dead on the desert as the victim of wine and high living. The physicians say that the ailment was Bright's disease. Ever since "Scotty" took the animal east, he fed her champagne out of a bucket. She has not been the same since. "Scotty" took her in the search of treasure on the desert, and the change from gay life killed her.

## REGULAR AIR SHIP SERVICE

Along Three Established Routes to be Started by a German Company.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14.—A regular air-ship travel along three established routes covering twenty-four cities, will, the German Aero Station company announced today. The company plans to engage only in passenger traffic at the start.

—When you buy your Christmas present perhaps you can buy a "Made in Keokuk" present.

## DUTCH SEIZE A VENEZUELAN SHIP

Coast Guard Ship Alix is Seized by the Cruiser Gelderland Off Puerto Cabello, Saturday.

## SHORE FORTS SILENT

First Hostile Act Since the Blockade is Made, Probably With Purpose of Forcing an Issue.

WILLEMSTAD, CURACO, December 14.—The Dutch cruiser Gelderland has captured the Venezuelan coast guard ship, Alix off Puerto Cabello. The Dutch flag was run up on the prize, and she was manned by a Dutch crew from the warship. Her own crew was put ashore in their own boats. The seizure was made in full sight of Puerto Cabello, the forts at which place did not fire at the Dutch vessel or interfere in any way with the capture. The Alix was towed into this port today. A steamer from Maracaibo brings further reports of rebellion in Venezuela, but the details are extremely meager.

## Willemstad Celebrates.

The seizure of the Alix was in accordance with the plans of the Holland government when instructions were issued to the three Dutch warships now in these waters to make a demonstration off the coast of Venezuela and to capture any Venezuelan ships of war or guard vessels they might find.

## Venezuelans in a Panic.

WILLEMSTAD, CURACAO, Dec. 14.—The easy capture of the Venezuelan guardship Alix by the Dutch cruiser Gelderland, the fear that the same fate awaits other Venezuelan vessels, and the absence of President Castro has thrown the people of Venezuela into a state of wildest fear, according to a message reached here today.

## Castro and His Fortune.

BORDEAUX, Dec. 14.—The France De Bordeaux says today it has learned from inconceivable authority that President Castro placed and is still placing large amounts of his personal fortune in European banks with no thought of returning to Venezuela until the result of the present revolutionary movement of the Dutch demonstration is determined.

## FERRY SERVICE DISCONTINUED

Without Any Previous Notice New York and Brooklyn Ferry Co. Stops Boats.

NEW YORK, Dec. 14.—The New York and Brooklyn ferry company, without previous notice, this morning permanently discontinued its five ferry lines connecting New York City with the eastern district of Brooklyn. With the immediate result of a congestion of trucks, and passengers which almost developed into a riot.

## DEATH LIST ABOUT 35,000

Bureau of Labor Reports show a Big Death List Due From Accidents.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14.—Between thirty and thirty-five thousand are yearly killed in accidents in the United States according to a report of the bureau of labor made public today. The reports covering the years 1906-1907 show over a million male deaths due to accidents.

## FIVE MEN BREAK JAIL

Broke Lock on the Wapello County Jail During the Night and Escape.

[Special to The Gate City.] OTTUMWA, Iowa, Dec. 14.—Five men, two sentenced to ten years in the penitentiary, broke the locks and escaped from the Wapello county jail this morning.

American Girl Wins Earl. LONDON, Dec. 14.—The betrothal is announced of Beatrice, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ogden Mills of New York and Bernard Arthur William Patrick Hastings Forbes, eighth earl of Grenard, of Castle Forbes, County Longford, Ireland.

## SENATOR DICK AND LINCOLN

Introduces a Resolution Urging February 12, 1909, as the Date For One Hundredth Anniversary Exercises.

## HOW TO CELEBRATE IT

Wants Both Houses to Hold Appropriate Services and Every Town and City to do the Same.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14.—Senator Dick of Ohio today introduced a resolution urging February 12, 1909, the one hundredth anniversary of the birth of Lincoln, to be celebrated in a fitting manner. He suggests a joint session of the two houses in congress on that day to listen to an appropriate



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address upon Lincoln's life, genius, patriotism, public services and otherwise commemorate in a fitting manner his invaluable services to the nation. He suggests a centennial celebration by the whole country through meetings in every city and town. A monument to Lincoln will be erected also as proposed.

## Murder at Cleveland.

CLEVELAND, Ohio, Dec. 14.—John Clifton, 29 years old, a contractor, was shot and killed Saturday night at his home. The murderer escaped. It was an argument over \$2.25 due one of the men in his employ, that led to the shooting.

## Fought to a Draw.

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 14.—Young Corbett and Phil Brock fought ten rounds to a draw here Saturday night.

## TODAY'S WEATHER FORECAST.

Indications for Iowa, Illinois and Missouri Wired from Chicago.

For Keokuk and vicinity: Fair tonight and Tuesday; cooler tonight. For Illinois: Partly cloudy with showers south and east portions tonight or Tuesday; cooler Tuesday. For Iowa: Fair tonight and Tuesday; cooler tonight. For Missouri: Fair west; showers east tonight or Tuesday; cooler tonight.

## Weather Conditions.

A low barometer in the northern districts with a high barometer on the South Atlantic coast, has resulted in moderate temperature throughout the country east of the Rockies, while the temperature is slightly lower, with a high barometer on the Pacific slope. Minimum temperatures below freezing are limited to the eastern slope of the Rockies, the lower lakes and the southwestern state, and rain has fallen only on the Pacific slope. Generally fair weather is indicated in this section tonight and Tuesday with slightly cooler tonight, and minimum temperature about the freezing point.

## River Bulletin.

Fld. Stage. Height. Chng. R'nfall  
St. Paul . . . 14 Frozen . . . . .  
La Crosse . . 12 Frozen . . . . .  
Davenport . . 15 1.4 . . . . .  
Galland . . . 8 0.6 -0.1 . . . . .  
Keokuk . . . 15 0.3 x0.6 . . . . .  
St. Louis . . 30 5.6 . . . . .

## xRise. -Fall.

The river will remain nearly stationary.

## Local Observations.

Dec. 13. Bar. Ther. Wind. Weather  
13.7 p.m. . . 29.73 42 SE Cloudy  
14.7 a.m. . . 29.74 43 SW Cloudy  
River above low water of 1864, 3 tenths; change in 24 hours, rise 6 tenths.  
Mean temperature, 38.  
Maximum temperature, 50.  
Minimum temperature, 27.  
FRED Z. GOSEWISCH, Observer.