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DUBS CROMWELL THE ISTHMUS' POOH-BAH

WALLACE REVEALS CANAL CONDITIONS

Former Chief Engineer Declares New York Lawyer Is in Everything.

Says Successors Had No Benefit from His Conclusions on the Work.

Journal Special Service.

Washington, Feb. 6.—William Nelson Cromwell of New York is the PooH Bah of the Panama canal, according to the testimony of John P. Wallace of Chicago, formerly chief engineer of the great isthmian waterway, and other evidence in the possession of the inter-oceanic canal committee of the senate.

He is, or until recently was, general counsel of the canal and prosecuted a claim for \$2,200,000 against the United States for property which the company asserted the United States had acquired and for which it failed to pay.

Adviser to Taft.

He is the adviser of the secretary of war in Panama canal matters. He is general counsel for the isthmian canal commission.

He and his secretary are directors of the Panama Railroad company. He was fiscal agent of the Panama republic and Mr. Wallace declared he promoted the revolution which separated Panama from the Republic of Colombia.

He is today the legal adviser of the Panama republic.

He owns 22.5 per cent of the stock of the Panama-American corporation which manufactures ice and electric current on the isthmus.

Secrecy About Cromwell.

A few months ago so much secrecy was thrown about Mr. Cromwell's connection with the government and the canal that considerable doubt existed as to the exact status of the New York lawyer. It was intimated that in assisting the administration he was acting only by high and generous motives; that he was receiving no recompense for his unremitting and painstaking attention to canal matters.

"I considered him," said Mr. Wallace yesterday, to the senate committee on the canal, "a dangerous man."

Why Wallace Quit.

"I told Secretary Taft I did not want to go back to the isthmus as chief engineer," said Mr. Wallace. "My reason was I was made jointly responsible with Mr. Shonts for the canal. Mr. Shonts had a verbal agreement with the president that he should have a free hand in the management of all matters. I felt that Mr. Shonts was not as well qualified as I was, either as a business man or an administrator, and he was not an engineer. I thought I was to be director general of the canal work. I thought it better to sacrifice my ambitions regarding the work, which was to be the crowning event of my life, than remain to be humiliated, or forced to disobey orders, or create friction."

That was the reason assigned by Mr. Wallace for his resignation from the canal service, as he stated it to the senators.

Wallace on Stand Again.

Mr. Wallace was again before the senate committee on inter-oceanic canals today. Yesterday he was diverted from a description of conditions on the isthmus which he made today. He gave a minute account of the canal, and the difficulties he encountered in getting material and supplies and the delays that occurred in filling requisitions.

While he was speaking to have the orders expedited, he said, he received word from Admiral Walker that cablegrams cost money. It was a delicate hint, he said, that he had better not use the cables so much. Mr. Wallace said to the committee that he did a year's work and that his successors had no benefit of his analysis or recommendations, because, he said, "the secretary of canal said he did not want it and had no use for me except on the isthmus as a directing engineer. He was so angry in his treatment that he all but cursed me."

The work I did, said Mr. Wallace, "extended over a complete year, taking in dry and wet seasons. I was working along a definite program which I intended to put in writing in my annual report and would have done so if I had been permitted to make a report. I experimented with the French excavators so as to tell whether it would be the more economical to use them or destroy the machines which cost probably \$30,000,000. I experimented far enough to know that these machines were not fit for use."

His Estimates.

Telling of these experiments Mr. Wallace said he had not estimated that because excavating could be done in March for 43 cents a cubic yard, it could be done for the same cost in the rainy season in May. It was important to determine whether the higher cost of excavating was due to the heavy rainfall, the reduction of time to eight-hour day or the use of the French excavators, said Mr. Wallace. Continuing he said that he understood that the cost had gone up a great deal after he left.

The organization was demoralized, he said, for the reason that the men had seen their chief discredited and knew that a successor would be appointed who would not be in sympathy with the work that had been done.

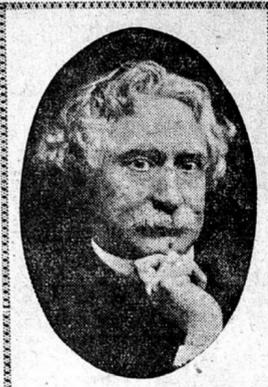
It was brought out that Mr. Wallace's successors had not the benefit of his analysis of the year's work and his recommendations.

"Why did they not have it?" asked Mr. Taft.

"Because the secretary of war told me he did not want it and had no use for me, except on the isthmus as a directing engineer," said Mr. Wallace.

"De you mean that he was angry?" asked Senator Morgan.

"Yes, sir; so angry that in his treatment of all but cursed me," replied Mr. Wallace.



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RICH GEMS TO BE GIVEN MISS ALICE

Cuba Will Present Jewels to the Bride as Wedding Gift.

Journal Special Service.

Washington, Feb. 6.—That the \$25,000 voted by Cuba as a wedding gift for Alice Roosevelt had been cabled to Paris and will be used in the purchase of the best jewels that can be obtained for the sum, was ascertained today, when it became known that efforts had been made to have Miss Roosevelt express preference as to the form the gift should take.

The president, it was said, was not pleased when he learned of the lavish expenditure by Cuba, but he felt that he could not object without appearing ungracious toward the republic. He requested his daughter, however, not to express any preference as to what should be purchased with the money.

Those in charge of the money thereupon decided to purchase a diamond ornament, which will be sent to Senator Quesada, the Cuban minister, thereby avoiding the payment of duty.

RATE BILL DEBATE ENDS WEDNESDAY

House Members Will Talk Till 4:30 p.m. in Five-Minute Speeches.

Washington, Feb. 6.—After reaching an agreement to close general debate on the rate bill at 1:30 o'clock tomorrow, the house entered on the discussion today with a long program of five and ten-minute speeches.

Tomorrow four long speeches are to be made. Bourke Cockran of New York is to lead; the minority leader, Mr. Williams, will follow, and McMann of Illinois will precede Mr. Hepburn, in charge of the bill, who will close.

Declaring the rate bill supremely democratic and only adopted by the republicans because the president had forced it, Mr. Stanley (Ky.) declared: "I have never been one of those who have gone into hysterics over the president and shall not do it now. He is a fairly honest man and a good judge of human nature, and that is why he has stood sponsor for democratic doctrine."

He has forced it down your throats. He is your acknowledged master, and no matter how nauseous the dose, when he shows his teeth and cracks his whip you squirm and cower and dare not resist him."

ZION CITY SHAKEN; DOWIE NEAR FALL

Open Revolt Is Suppressed with Difficulty in "Prophet's" Town.

Journal Special Service.

Chicago, Feb. 6.—With the resignation yesterday of Deacon Irish, cashier of the Zion City bank, following the sensational declaration from the tabernacle pulpit Sunday by Overseer Cosum that Dowie's project was a millennial dream and not a success, the people of Zion City are greatly excited.

So serious has the situation become in the prolonged absence of the first apostle that scores of Dowie's detectives are with difficulty suppressing open revolt and mass meetings to protest against existing conditions.

The resignation of Deacon Irish surprised the people of Zion and served further to shake their confidence in the stability of Zion institutions. It has aroused suspicion that a complete financial collapse may be coming. The reason generally assigned for the resignation of Cashier Irish is lack of work at the bank.

BOYS SENT TO WORKHOUSE. Special to The Journal.

Milwaukee, Feb. 6.—Five boys suspected of stealing money from the Builders' club were arraigned as vagrants and committed to the workhouse for ninety days each. Their names are Albert Kells, Frank Patten, Hoy Green, Daniel Burke and Charles Jacobs. Venezuela Bolobolayek, who was arrested with the others, was discharged. They came here from Minneapolis several weeks ago and have been working as pin boys in bowling alleys.

Appointments of rural carriers commencing on March 15. George H. DeForest, route 3, Esterville, N. D.

LAWSON SEEKING GOVERNORS' HELP

Boston Man Calls on Cummins, but Iowan Wants to Hear from Johnson.

Des Moines, Iowa, Feb. 6.—Thomas W. Lawson of Boston today called on Governor A. B. Cummins and invited him to serve with four other well-known reformers on a committee to which he will turn over his New York Life and Mutual Life of New York proxies, and which he asks to attend the coming annual meetings of these two companies for the purpose of electing good, honest, sound, business men as directors.

Governor Cummins replied that he would consider the proposition, and after a conference with the members of the committee will be Governor Johnson of Minnesota, one of the other members, would make definite answer. The conference between Mr. Lawson and Governor Cummins was held in Governor Cummins' private office at the statehouse. Mr. Lawson was accompanied by R. J. Ridgeway, a magazine publisher.

Mr. Lawson told Mr. Cummins that the other members of the committee will be Governor Johnson of Minnesota, Senator La Follette of Wisconsin, Governor Broward of Florida and former attorney General Monnett of Ohio. He said he had received a large number of proxies from policyholders in the New York Life and Mutual Life of New York, which, with the others he expects to get and which he is confident will come in if the committee plan goes thru, will give him control of both companies.

The proxies are so worded that Mr. Lawson cannot vote them himself. He must turn them over to a committee of unquestionably responsible men, to be named by him, which committee will attend the annual meetings and vote the proxies.

Mr. Lawson also told Mr. Cummins that he desired the committee to take steps to have the New York statutes amended to make a majority of the directors of the two mutual companies elected annually. At present less than a majority are elected each year.

Washington, Feb. 6.—The democrats of Minnesota and Oregon are greatly interested in last Saturday's democratic senatorial caucus, or they will be after they have heard all about it. In these states are democratic governors, who will be candidates for re-election this year, and it is the opinion of trained political observers in Washington, members of both houses of congress, that both these governors are doomed to defeat from this time on, and that their party might as well save itself the expense of a campaign.

Oregon is one of the firm supporters of President Roosevelt's policies, and yet, like Minnesota, it elected a democratic governor at the last election, on local issues. Governor Chamberlain, following the death of Senator Mitchell, appointed Mr. Gearin to fill the vacant place in the senate.

Gearin was a member of the democratic caucus last Saturday, which decided that President Roosevelt's Santo Domingo policy should not be carried out, if the democratic party could prevent it. Were Gearin representative of the political sentiments of his state, he would be a republican, and the democrats in the senate would be powerless to interfere with the executive plan.

Minnesota's Ability. If anything were to happen to either of the Minnesota senators, his place would be filled by the appointment, at the governor's hands, of some person who would come to Washington and promptly join the democratic caucus, thus running strongly counter to the wishes of an overwhelming majority of the people of the state.

Similarly in Ohio, if Senator Forsaker, whose health this winter has been very precarious, were to die, his place would be filled by appointment at the hands of a democratic governor, and that appointee would become a part of the democratic caucus, which is preparing to put everything possible in the way of the most popular president the country has had for many years.

Menace to Roosevelt. This situation will be rammed home on the voters of Oregon and Minnesota this fall, and while nothing can be said

J. R. McLean has been recommended for postmaster at Murdo, Lyman county, S. D., a fourth-class office.

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LESSON TO STATE IN TREATY CRISIS

Democratic Holdup Might Have Support from Minnesota as from Oregon.

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Olson was awakened at 1 o'clock in the morning by the sound of someone jumping from bed. He saw three men outside, who started to run away when they saw Olson. The later away from the point of his revolver. This man, who proved to be Howard Smith, was handcuffed and taken into Olson's house.

Bored Hole in House. The sheriff then returned for the man who was shot, but he had disappeared. He was found later at a hotel on the Canadian side. It proved to be William Coyne and the Canadian authorities turned him over to the American officer. Both men were brought to Minot. Coyne's coat is covered with blood.

On examination it was discovered that the two men had bored a hole thru a side of the house. Beside this was a large can of gasoline. It is firmly believed by both the sheriff and Olson that the men intended pouring the gasoline into the hole and then set fire to the house in the hope of cremating the sheriff, who last week caused the arrest of eleven Portal jailbirds.

The third member of the gang had not been arrested up to a late hour today. The entire village is greatly excited over the affair and many threats are heard. It may be necessary to call on the governor to send militia to preserve order.

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FALLS DEAD AT FEET OF HIS SWEETHEART

Special to The Journal. Webster City, Iowa, Feb. 6.—Peter Lundgren, a young man living near Stratford, fell dead last night at the John Barquet residence after having taken his sweetheart, Miss Barquet, home from a party of the Alfred Coulters.

It was about to enter the house with the girl to get warm before returning to his own home when he reeled and fell to the floor dead.

Kills Himself on Doorstep. Warsaw, Iowa, Feb. 6.—Because, it is alleged, the young woman on whom he lavished his affections did not reciprocate, Edward Miller, living a few miles east of Warsaw, has ended his life on her doorstep.

He followed his sweetheart and his more successful rival home from church, saw them enter the house and then, going into the yard, drew a revolver and fired a bullet thru his head, falling dead on the doorstep.

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TRIED TO CREMATE PORTAL HOUSEHOLD

Desperadoes, Caught in Act of Firing House, Captured After Desperate Fight.

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PREACHER-BANKER DIES UNDER CLOUD

Special to The Journal. Peoria, Ill., Feb. 6.—Rev. George H. Simmons, pastor of the First Baptist church, president of the Interstate Savings bank and the People's Savings bank, and recently appointed manager of the Yates senatorial campaign in Peoria county, was found dead in bed this morning.

He has been the object of investigation at the hands of the state's attorney, the two banks and his congregation on the gravest charges, and it is presumed to be a case of suicide.

The body was found by his wife when she called him to breakfast. He had remained in bed until a late hour this night, disposing of some business matters.

Death Premeditated. A letter found beside him showed his death to have been premeditated. He said this was his last night on earth and he would leave a message to his undying love to all. In part it said: "Also no blame must attach to ex-Governor Yates nor his associates. He simply gave me an opportunity which my opponents and my enemies have prevented my using."

The last line, "but that time falls me should I attempt to write perhaps some pages, but I will leave a message to you," indicates he was dying as he brought this letter to a close.

Three physicians who were hastily summoned are of the opinion his death was caused by cyanide of potassium. Coroner Baker took charge of the remains.

His Bank Closed. The People's Savings bank, of which Simmons was president, in the workers' queue of the city, did not open this morning. Cashier Look said it would remain closed until some future action was determined on. There was a run on the bank yesterday, by 10 o'clock this morning a large crowd surrounded the building clamoring for their money.

The Interstate Savings bank, of which he was president up to yesterday when his resignation was accepted, and E. C. Heidrich elected in his stead, was also the object of runs yesterday and today. Early this morning the bank building was crowded with depositors demanding their money. Cashier Ancker said they would be able to stand the drain.

Gained National Notice. Dr. Simmons came to the First Baptist church five years ago from Terre Haute, Ind., and has been remarkably successful. He secured national publicity two years ago by advocating a dramatization of the life of Christ.

He became local manager of the senatorial campaign of former governor Yates, and shortly after serious stories affecting his morals were circulated.

States Attorney Scholtes undertook an investigation yesterday and secured some sensational confessions from boys of his congregation.

Dr. Simmons was 40 years old and was a native of Jackson, Tenn., and Louisville, Ky., before coming here.

THEATER TRUST SUIT GOES ON. New York, Feb. 6.—The supreme court has refused to interfere with the proceedings of James A. Metcalf against the members of the Theatrical Managers' association, known as the trust, whom he charges with conspiring by barring him from their theaters. Metcalf is dramatic critic for The

FIVE ROAST TO DEATH IN A MONTANA WRECK



LADY MARY HAMILTON, Britain's Richest Girl, Who Will Wed Marquis.

BRITAIN'S RICHEST GIRL BETROTHED

Lady Mary Hamilton, with a Million a Year, to Be Bride of Marquis.

Journal Special Service. London, Feb. 6.—The engagement of Lady Mary Hamilton, the richest girl in the United Kingdom, to the marquis of Graham is announced this morning with as much prominence as if it heralded the approaching marriage of royalty.

Lady Mary Hamilton is the only daughter of the late duke of Hamilton, and has an income of \$1,000,000 a year. The marquis of Graham, if he survives his father, will be the duke of Montrose, one of many castles and an estate of 115,000 acres.

Nor is the income of \$1,000,000 a year the full measure of the wealth of Lady Mary Hamilton. She owns the whole of the island of Arran, off the coast of Scotland. It is sixty miles in circumference, and is all cultivated. It has a town, Arran, of 5,000 inhabitants, all her tenants. She has another estate in Suffolk, and the two comprise 107,000 acres.

There were many heartrending scenes. Those imprisoned in the cars, who were able to move, made desperate attempts to reach safety. Two men severely cut his hand in breaking a window, thru which he and a woman and another passenger escaped. The remainder of the passengers met death before any assistance could be rendered.

Particularly horrifying was the death of the express messenger, Jezick. The engineer and fireman of the passenger train at once reported the accident, and residents in that vicinity were attracted to the scene by flames. Upon arrival, they saw that Jezick was pinned down by wreckage, but the heat was so intense that the approach was cut off. In the meantime the messenger had engaged in conversation with the spectators, bearing up stoically under the intense pain he must have suffered, both from heat and injuries.

Finally the fire became so hot that the rescuers had to give up the task. Jezick, still conscious, cried: "It is hard to lie and burn to death."

He struggled to release himself as the fire took hold of his limbs, but the effort was fruitless and after a few screams of agony, unconsciousness came.

Exposed to full view, with blazing shingles all about him and his bed a mass of red-hot coals, was the body of an unknown man. It was slowly consumed until all that was left was a skull, and outstretched were two stumps that a few hours before had been arms.

Forty Cars Burned. Owing to the distance of the wreck from the city limits and the absence of hydrants, the railroad employees struggled to reach the wreckage from flames. Forty cars, including the two passenger coaches, were consumed. The freight cars, laden mostly with lumber, caught fire and burned quickly. Sections were able to save not a little of the lumber, while parts of the rolling stock were seen 400 to 500 yards from the scene of the wreck. The track itself was torn up far east of the wreck and several telegraph poles were destroyed by fire, which cut off all southern and western connections.

FOUR KILLED IN WRECK. Fatal Collision on the O. E. & N. in Oregon.

Portland, Ore., Feb. 6.—Meager particulars have reached here of a wreck on the Oregon Railway & Navigation company's line, in which four persons were killed and four others injured. The engine of a passenger train from Spokane broke down as it was waiting for a passenger train from Chicago to pass. The latter train came along at great speed and was signaled, but the rear of the Spokane train, demolishing the rear car. Six persons were injured. Four died shortly after being removed from the wreck and the other two are so seriously injured that they may die.

The firemen and engineer are both reported as sealed by the bursting of the boiler, the engine being seriously injured. The accident occurred a short distance west of Bridal Veil. No names are obtainable.

PLANS CATHOLICISM'S SPREAD IN FAR EAST. Rome, Feb. 6.—The pope today received in farewell audience Rev. W. H. O'Connell, the recently appointed conductor to the archbishop of Boston, Mass., and formerly bishop of Portland, Me. The pontiff said that the bishop's report of his mission to Japan, which country he visited last year with the rank of assistant to the pontifical throne, was now being carefully studied, and as a result several important reports would be adopted with the view of spreading catholicism in the far east.

HELPLESS CROWD SEES MEN PERISH

Runaway Freight Train Crashes Into Passenger Coaches on Northern Pacific.

Four Killed, Four Hurt in Collision on the O., R. & N.

Special to The Journal. Helena, Mont., Feb. 6.—One of the most disastrous and spectacular wrecks in the history of mountain rail-roading occurred here shortly before midnight last night, when a runaway freight train, escaping from a siding at Austin, fourteen miles west of here, rushed unimpeded for that distance down the Rocky mountains and crashed into an east-bound stub passenger train on the Northern Pacific, killing five persons and injuring three others. Perhaps the number of dead is even greater than this.

The Dead. Charles Bricknell, conductor, Helena. J. F. Robertson, bridge inspector. Edw. Jezick, express messenger. Foster Senegal, butcher, Helena. One unidentified passenger.

The Injured. Jeff Brown, brakeman, probably fatally. Ernest Rossman, passenger, collarbone broken. A. C. Lightall, head cut. George Young, slight.

The freight train hit the passenger with such a crash that it broke the coupling between engine and baggage car, thus forcing the engine ahead. This fact alone is responsible for the lives of Engineer Dietz and Fireman Ely, as the freight passed underneath the passenger coaches and was wrecked by the debris.

More than forty cars were scattered over the prairie and to add to the horror of the situation, both trains caught fire, and burned brightly until day-break, illuminating the whole valley.

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