

ASSERTS: PRESIDENTIAL MESSAGE.

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December 7, 1903; January 4, 1904, and December 17, 1906, in which I set forth at length the history of various phases of the Panama Canal project.

I recall your attention to the report and opinion of the Attorney General rendered to me, dated October 25, 1903, with the accompanying minutes and exhibits.

I call your attention to the correspondence of the officers and agents of the Panama Canal Company with the President and other officers of the United States printed in Senate document No. 21, December 10, 1902; also to the copy of the official proceedings of the Panama Canal Company at Paris on the 20th of December, 1902, together with a report of the council of administration of that company, printed in Senate document No. 137, February 8, 1903.

The receipts and accounts of our Treasury Department show the payment of the money into the Bank of France and account for the money being paid over to the liquidator appointed by the civil tribunal of the Seine and the New Panama Canal Company of France in liquidation.

In these payments we followed the letter the decree of the governmental tribunal of France which had the authority to make such a decree, the civil tribunal of the Seine. We had neither desire nor authority to go behind this decree of this proper governmental body.

Under these circumstances there was not the slightest question of my trying to give any information on the subject of the companies for which he had been counsel.

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INVESTIGATION AND PERSONAL INSPECTION OF ALL THE PROPERTIES AND WORK ALREADY DONE.

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VETERANS HONOR COMMANDER

CAPT. C. W. NEWTON OF HARTFORD TENDERED RECEPTION.

Members of Six Spanish War Camps and Ladies' Auxiliaries Are the Hosts.

The Spanish War Veterans of the District of Columbia department tendered their commander-in-chief, Capt. Charles W. Newton of Hartford, Conn., a farewell reception on Monday night in Metzger Hall on Broadway.

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Inter-Ocean Building. 512 Ninth Street N.W. Xmas Gift-Buying Made Easy and Economical.

Your money here buys twice as much as it does elsewhere and you've fully double the assortment from which to select.

Ladies' \$7 Desks, \$20 Parlor Chair, \$3.95 Mahogany finish.

Beautiful Genuine Mahogany Parlor Chair or Rocker; loose velvet cushions.

Handsome Weathered Oak Lamp, in colored art glass. Regularly sold at \$4.85. \$10.00 at...

Handsome Quartered Oak or Mahogany (not imitation) Parlor Tables. The usual \$10 sort, at \$5.65. Weathered Oak Tabourets... 48c

\$10 Morris Chair, \$4.85 Oak or mahogany. Choice of cushions in two colors.

30 Weathered Oak Buffet, \$14.85 Well finished; good size mirror.

Curtains, Portieres, Etc. 52 pairs Lace Curtains; 3/4 yards long, 50 inches wide. Usual price, \$3. \$1.55

172 Oriental Couch Covers; 60 inches wide and 3 yards long. Usually \$8.00, at \$3.68. 48 pairs Real Irish Point Lace Curtains; full length and width. Usually \$12, at \$7.48

700 yards Upholstery Goods for covering old furniture and also for hangings. Usually \$3 yard, at \$1.68. 75 pairs French Tapestry Portieres; all colors. Usually sold at \$12, at \$7.15

300 Silk Oriental Sofa Pillows; large size; cord or ruffle edge. Usually sold at \$6, at \$3.19. \$27.50 China Closets, \$14.90 Polished Quartered Oak China Closets, of this design; carved top, claw feet, bent glass ends. Regular \$27.50 value. \$14.90

Princess Dressers, \$14.90 A value you have never seen equaled. Polished oak, with shaped front and flawless mirror. Regular \$25.50 value.

WOULD POSTPONE PURCHASE ACQUISITION OF PNEUMATIC TUBE SERVICE OPPOSED.

Report of Commission of Postmasters Sent to Congress by Postmaster General.

It is not feasible and desirable at the present time for the government to purchase, to install, or to operate pneumatic tubes.

This is one of the most important conclusions reached by a commission appointed by the Postmaster General to inquire into the question of the feasibility and desirability of the government purchasing and operating pneumatic tubes in the cities where the service is now installed.

The forty-third annual election of officers of John A. Rawlins Post, No. 1, G. A. R. Elects Officers.

The forty-third annual election of officers of John A. Rawlins Post, No. 1, G. A. R., resulted as follows: All post officers being elected by a unanimous vote.

Commander, Samuel R. Stratton; senior vice commander, Samuel Cross; junior vice commander, William H. Bailey; quartermaster, Rudolph B. Schwabacher; surgeon, Robert Heyburn, M.D.; chaplain, Alva S. Taber; patriotic instructor, Homer Riggs; officer of the day, Christian Kellner; officer of the guard, Edward Pursell; representative to department relief committee, Charles E. Brunstliaver; representative to department memorial committee, Past Post Commander John Finn; representative to Soldiers and Sailors' Temporary Home, Past Department Commander Newton Perce, representative to department relief committee, John J. Edson.

Victim's Plea Saves Him. The plea of Mrs. Charlotte Tracey, the victim of Albert Lempe, who pleaded guilty to taking a bag of jewelry, valued at several thousand dollars, from her neck, after he had been arrested by a policeman from a term of imprisonment.

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Fire at Lawrence, Mass. LAWRENCE, Mass., December 15.—Fire in the Adams block last night caused a loss of \$200,000, according to estimates of the principal losers.

Result of Careful Study. The above conclusions were reached by the commission after a very careful study of the question of the government taking over and operating the pneumatic tube service, which was investigated by a subcommittee of the commission.

Jail Delivery at Laurens, S. C. LAURENS, S. C., December 15.—A jail delivery effected by burning the wood around the iron bolts which held the locks on the door occurred here early yesterday, and five white prisoners were for a short time at liberty.

Remember this— it may save your life. Cathartics, bird stool and cannon ball pills—these spoon doses of cathartic medicines all depend on irritation of the bowels until they sweat out to move.

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DEBES CONYERS CONFESSED

GEORGIA SHERIFF CONTRADICTS REPORT OF BROWNE.

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WHAT IS SET FORTH.

Documents With Message.

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