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## CANAL SHOULD BE FORTIFIED SAYS MESSAGE

President Tells Congress That Welfare of This Country Demands Defense of the Great Work

FIRST ESTIMATES CUT BY 7 MILLIONS

Canal When Finished Will Virtually Be Part of Our Coast Line, Calling for Protection

WASHINGTON, Jan. 12.—President Taft sent to congress today a special message urging fortification of the Panama canal, and recommending an appropriation of \$5,000,000 for initiation of the work, to be made at the present session of congress.

He forwarded with the message the report of the special army and navy board, recommending fortification of the canal. "The canal when completed," said the president in his message, "will afford the only convenient route of water communication between the Atlantic and Pacific coasts, and virtually will be part of the coast line of the United States. Its assured possession and control will contribute to our peace, safety and prosperity as a nation.

"In my judgment, it is the right and duty of the United States to fortify and make capable of defense the work that will bear so vital a relation to our welfare, and that is being created solely by our expenditure of enormous sums. I have authorized the submission to the secretary of the treasury of the revised estimates for the appropriation referred to in the accompanying letter of the secretary of war, which estimate is less than the original estimate by approximately one-third."

A modified report of the fortifications board, accompanying the message, reduces the estimates of cost of fortification of the canal from \$19,546,843 to \$12,475,328. The reduction is reached by a 15 per cent cut in the amount of armament through the omission of a battery of two fourteen-inch rifles and four twelve-inch mortars at Batel point, through a redistribution and greater concentration of proposed garrisons, and through the adoption of simpler and more economical types of quarters and emplacements.

As modified, the board recommends that armament at Panama shall consist of twelve companies of coast artillery; four regiments of infantry, one battalion field artillery and one squadron of cavalry. Details for field works for the defense of the locks and dams have not been completed.

CHICAGO Ill., Jan. 12.—After a continuous service of twenty years, in the course of which he rose from a minor position to be the head of the entire system, James T. Harahan today retired from the presidency of the Illinois Central Railroad company, in compliance with the rule of the company which makes it necessary for officials to relinquish their positions upon attaining the age of seventy years. Mr. Harahan is succeeded in the presidency by Charles H. Markham, who was elected to the position by the board of directors at their annual meeting in New York last month.

AUSTIN, Texas, Jan. 12.—The Texas Humane Society met in annual session here today and discussed a wide range of subjects relating to the humane treatment of children and animals. Among those who participated in the discussions were many of the most prominent workers in the cause of child and animal protection in Texas and some of the neighboring states.

MADISON, Wis., Jan. 12.—Representatives of branches of the Young Men's Christian Association throughout Wisconsin gathered in Madison today for their thirty-sixth annual state convocation. The pro-

## One of the Pageants That Serve to Bind Modern Japan to the Old Traditions



A PAGEANT OF OLD JAPAN—DAIMIO AND SAMURAI.

## TWO TRAINS ARE STALLED IN DRIFTS

Passenger and Fast Mail Carrying Fifty People Stuck Since Monday

Rotary Plows Ready to Go to Rescue When Storm Abates

SPOKANE, Wash., Jan. 12.—Alarm is felt by railroad officials for the safety of the passengers and crew of the Great Northern passenger train No. 3, the "Oregonian," and the crew of the Fast Mail, No. 27, which are stalled in the snow near Fielding, Montana. It is estimated that more than fifty persons are on the two trains. There is no diner on either train. The trains have been stalled since Monday, the last communication being a message sent by an operator early Thursday morning. A blinding snow storm has raged for four days.

Superintendent W. R. Smith, of the Havre division is at Essex with a crew of men ready to attack the drifts, but cannot make any headway until the storm ceases. He declares that No. 3 has a supply of flour and rice sufficient to keep off starvation for several days and enough coal to heat the train. A relief train from Whitefish was yesterday compelled to turn back.

Rotaries, coupled back-to-back, are being sent out from Whitefish on the west, and Cutbank on the east in an effort to reach the stalled trains.

## SCHEME TO REELECT CARTER SUSPECTED

MONTANA DEMOCRATS WARNED NOT TO CAST VOTES FOR THE REPUBLICAN

HELENA, Mont., Jan. 12.—Democrats of the legislature today took cognizance of the rumors of the alleged scheme to reelect United States Senator Thomas H. Carter. They held a conference at which it was said that money had been wagered that Carter would be elected.

One speaker at the conference is said to have declared that if any democrat had any idea of voting for Carter he had better abandon it or be prepared to "suffer the consequences."

Today's vote: Carter, republican 35; Walsh, democrat 31; Conrad, democrat, 18; scattering, 17. Necessary to choice, 51.

## EXPLOSION KILLS FIVE

CONNELLSVILLE, Pa., Jan. 12.—Five dead and twelve injured in the death toll of an explosion today that wrecked the five and ten cent store and destroyed the building. The fire damaged nine other structures. A score of shop girls and a number of citizens had narrow escapes.

## CONFERENCE ON TAXATION

UTICA, N. Y., Jan. 12.—Delegates from all parts of the state were present here today at the opening of a two days' conference to consider taxation reform and the establishment of unanimity in the methods of assessment and taxation in the state of New York. Judge E. E. Woodbury of Jamestown, chairman of the State Board of Tax Commissioners called the gathering to order. One session of the conference is to be devoted to the personal property tax, with special reference to Mayor Gaynor's proposal to abolish it in New York City. Among the other subjects announced for discussion are the new inheritance tax law, assessment of manufacturing corporations and assessment of railroad and other public service corporations.

## 18 REBELS HOLD 175 REGULARS AT BAY

Battle Fought on Bank of Rio Grande at Comstock, Tex., Wednesday

Insurrecos Hold Field When Darkness Comes After Three Hours Fighting

COMSTOCK, Texas, Jan. 12.—More than twenty were killed in a battle between Mexican federal troops and a small party of insurrectos on the bank of the Rio Grande opposite this point yesterday. The insurrectos had only eighteen men, who for three hours held at bay seventy-five rurales and 100 infantry soldiers. When darkness ended the battle the insurrectos held the field, and the government troops had withdrawn two miles and camped. The insurrectos left two hours later to their mountain headquarters, carrying their wounded with them.

Of the eighteen insurrectos, two were killed and seven wounded. S. O'Reilly, correspondent, with the insurrectos, received a slight wound. Twice the rurales charged the insurrectos, once coming within fifty yards, but each time were repulsed. The correspondent counted eighteen soldiers carried from the field during the battle. The return of twenty insurrectos who had been out on a raid saved the rest of the band and prevented what probably would have been a massacre of those defecting to the rebel camp. The original party of insurrectos numbered forty men. For two days seventy rurales chased the band and Tuesday night the party went to the river to water their horses, thinking to elude the

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## MEETS DEATH FAR FROM HIS LOVED IRISH HOME

Thousand Miles from Brother, Thousands of Miles from Mother, John Boyle, Generous Hearted Companion and Citizen Ushered into Eternity

A thousand miles from relatives, across the ocean from mother and home, the body of John Boyle who was killed by a falling rock at the Lowell yesterday morning at 1:30 o'clock, lies at the morgue of the O. K. Undertaking establishment awaiting advices from his brother, Peter Boyle, of Philadelphia. Letters found in the dead man's trunk gave the authorities the information that he has a brother, Peter Boyle at Philadelphia. There were also letters from his mother in far away Ireland.

## SAMES TOUCHES SOFT PEDAL

Words Attributed to Him in Interview Were Not His Exact Utterance

The simultaneous publication yesterday of an interview with Albert M. Sames, of Douglas, just back home from Washington and a statement from Postmaster General Hitchcock who leaves the interview ground less so far as quotations from him is concerned, created a furor of excitement in republican circles and created joy in the ranks of those who contend that Arizona's constitution will be approved in Washington if it be heartily endorsed by the people of Arizona. In the published interview Judge Sames is made to say:

"The president of the United States will never approve this constitution, was the flatfooted statement made to me by Postmaster General Hitchcock in Washington."

Continuing Sames said:

"I was not standing two feet from Hitchcock when he made the above statement. His manner was most emphatic, most conclusive."

"How do you know that?" I asked him.

"I have it from the president's own lips. He told me so. He knows all about your constitution. His decision is final."

After the appearance of this interview some of the evidently touched the wire and made it known to Mr. Hitchcock and the following came in the report of the Associated Press yesterday morning:

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 12.—Postmaster General Hitchcock today, when informed that he had been quoted as having said that Taft said he would not approve the Arizona constitution, said that he had never said anything to Taft about the constitution.

The Review yesterday called Judge Sames on the telephone and asked him about his interview and that of Mr. Hitchcock sent out by the Associated Press. Here are the words of Judge Sames in reply:

"I have no comments to make and do not care to be interviewed about the matter. The language of the published interview were not my own exact words and reported a situation stronger than any words of mine would justify."

## STANDARD OIL NOW

WASHINGTON, Jan. 12.—Fighting for life, the Standard Oil company through its attorneys today argued before the supreme court against the proposed dissolution of the Standard Oil company of New Jersey. For three hours John G. Milburn, of New York, addressed the court. Tomorrow Frank B. Kellogg, of Minnesota will present the government's side of the controversy.

GOLF TOURNEY  
PINEHURST, N. C., Jan. 12.—The annual championship tournament of the Advertising Golf Association of America began today on the links of the Pinehurst Country Club and will continue through the remainder of the week.

## WAITED DEATH OF HUSBAND TO GRAB HIS CASH

Nurse Testifies Mrs. Schenck Told Her to Go Through John's Pockets at Last Breath

WANTED KEY TO SAFE DEPOSIT BOX FIRST THING

"John Too Old; Want Young Society Blood," Is Alleged Remark of Wife to Nurse

WHEELING, W. Va., Jan. 12.—A woman against woman at today's session of the Schenck trial Alma J. Evans, a professional nurse, recited from the stand her story against Laura Farnsworth Schenck and circumstances that influenced her to suspect Mrs. Schenck was poisoning her husband, now almost recovered. Evans, who attended him during his illness, testified on direct examination that Mrs. Schenck had lost her love for the wealthy pork packer. She testified that time and again Mrs. Schenck had instructed her that if John died suddenly to go to his trousers pocket and soon as the breath left his body and to take the key to his safe deposit box and tell her before Schenck's family knew of the death.

The state also brought out through Dr. Chas. G. Glaser, of Johns Hopkins university, that the first bottle of mineral water sent him for analysis contained three and six-tenths grain of arsenic to the half gallon. Mrs. Evans testified that "dummy" bottles of medicine were kept in the bath room of the suite occupied by Schenck at the North Wheeling Hospital while the real remedies given Schenck were kept in another part of the building. She said the bottles were placed there as a decoy and that the accused woman had an opportunity to "doctor" them. Mrs. Schenck, she said, had gone to the bath room containing the bottles, locked the door and remained inside for fifteen minutes.

The defense, however, apparently scored when it was declared by Dr. Hipp, who was put on the stand late today, that the medicine in the bath room had not been tampered with and also because on cross-examination of Dr. Glaser that the second bottle of mineral water, taken from the room in which Mrs. Schenck was locked for some time, had not been touched.

Another time, the witness testified, Mrs. Schenck told her that "John is too old for me. I want a young society blood." She said the accused had confided to her that "John is too much a business man," to suit her, as she thought she was "entitled to break into society" on account of her wealth.

## FELINES ON SHOW

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Jan. 12.—Several hundred aristocratic Toms and Tabbies met today in Schroeder's hall in a friendly competition for \$500 in cash prizes and a number of handsome cups and other trophies. The event is the third annual exhibition of the Pacific Cat Club, whose membership comprises cat fanciers in all western states. A Burland of Grimsby, Ont., one of the best known cat experts in America, began judging the exhibits soon after the opening of the show today and will continue the work until the close of the exhibition Saturday night.

world to make it better and to leave it richer for their coming. "Generous to a fault," was first said of the Irish and Boyle was born in County Donegal. The world is their home and the world is their tomb. They die under foreign skies for the sake of humanity and it was of them that it was written: "An Irish Mollie's eyes are dim For a sinner dumb and sorry; An English Mary waits for him Who sang of Annie L. O'Connell."