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CHARGES MADE BY TAFT

Panama Freight Congestion Blamed on S. P.

ES ARE LOADED

Pacific Mail Steamships Refuse to Carry Goods From From Isthmus.

GOVERNMENT MAY RETALIATE

Several Members of the Appropriations Committee Suggest That the United States Threaten to Cut Off Mail Contracts With the Company.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 15. — The charges by Secretary Taft and Chief Engineer Stevens of the Isthmian Canal Commission that the Southern Pacific Railway is responsible for the freight congestion on the Isthmus of Panama formed the most interesting development in the four hours' hearing today on canal affairs before a deficiency sub-committee of the House committee on appropriations.

The Southern Pacific Railway Company controls the Pacific Mail Steamship Company, according to statements of the Secretary of War and Stevens, who says that since the abrogation of the freight agreement between the Panama Railroad and the steamship company, the latter has been dilatory in calling for San Francisco freight on the west side of the Isthmus. It is charged that steamers frequently refuse to stop to take on freight and even leave port with only a partial cargo, while great quantities of freight lie on the wharves.

It was suggested by several members of the appropriations committee, that the Pacific Mail Steamship Company might be induced to act more promptly if the United States threaten to cut off their mail contracts with the company.

HOUSE PROCEEDINGS.

General Debate on Philippine Tariff Bill is Concluded.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 15.—The general debate on the Philippine tariff bill was concluded in the House today. The bill will be taken up for amendment under the five-minute rule tomorrow and put on passage either tomorrow or next day. Preceding the debate the Statehood fight made it's appearance on the floor for the first time in the form of a personal explanation by Babcock, of Wisconsin, credited with being the leader of the opponents of the joint Statehood forces. Babcock denied his course in opposition to the bill was dictated by any feeling of revenge because he was not made chairman of the appropriations committee. He also took occasion to state his position in favor of tariff revision. Tariff talks were made during the day by Dearmond, of Missouri, and Keliher, of Massachusetts, who spoke particularly with reference to the needs of that state. Speeches for the pending bill were made by Parker, of New Jersy, Lamb, of Virginia, Bennett, of New York and Randell, of Texas. Those speaking against the measure included Goebel, of Ohio, Davis, of Minnesota, Tindall, of Missouri, and Campbell, of Ohio. The debate was closed by an extended speech by Boutel, of Illinois, in favor of the bill.

WANTED FOR EMBEZZLEMENT.

BELLINGHAM, Jan. 15.—Charles A. Chambers, a former bookkeeper for the H. L. Jenkins Mill Company, at Blaine, who disappeared last December in such a way that fears were entertained lest he had met foul play, is wanted by the Mill on a charge of embezzlement of $750.

EVIDENCE OF WRECK.

TUTUILA, Samoa, via San Francisco, Jan. 15.—A portion of the hatch of a large vessel marked "S. I. I." was washed up at the western end of Tutuila December 27th last. The two iron ring bolts were free of rust or corrosion in the salt water.

BONDS SEVERED.

GOTHA, Jan. 15.—The suit for divorce was sought by Prince Philip of Saxe-Coburg and Gotha against his wife, Princess Louise, the eldest daughter of King Leopold, of Belgium, which has been before the court for many months, was concluded today when the divorce court rendered a decision providing for an absolute divorce.

EVIDENCE OF CRIME

Hembree Killed His Wife and Daughter.

CHOPPED THEIR HEADS OFF

Discovery is Made That Shows Hembree First Killed Wife and Daughter, Then Chopped Off Heads and Burned the House Down.

TILLAMOOK, Jan. 15.—Another discovery was made in connection with the mysterious death of Mrs. Hembree and daughter, whose charred bodies were found in the ruins of their home at Sand Lake. Suspicion that so small a house as that in which the family lived could hardly give sufficient heat in burning as to entirely incinerate a human body, led to further investigation with the result what is believed are the skulls of women were found in the sheet iron stove in the Hembree house when it burned down. Hembree, the husband and father, is arrested in connection with the supposed murder, and is now in the Yamhill county jail whence he was taken after waiving examination in this county, to prevent a possible attempt at summary vengeance, on the part of the neighbors, who firmly believe the prisoner committed the crime, to conceal the fact that he had maltreated his daughter. The discovery of human skulls in the stove seems conclusive evidence that the women were first murdered, their heads chopped from their bodies and afterwards the house was set on fire.

HARVARD ABOLISHES THE PLAYING OF FOOTBALL

BOSTON, Jan. 15.—Football has been abolished at Harvard pending reform in the game that will be acceptable to the board of overseers, according to an official announcement today from the university. The discontinuance of the game is the result of a vote taken last week at a secret meeting of the board of overseers when it was decided that intercollegiate football at Harvard would not be permitted until the rules and regulations are so changed and amended as to remove what the overseers regarded as evils in the present game.

LIBERALS ARE WINNING

Landslide for Liberal Party Continues.

UNIONISTS ARE ROUTED

Liberals and Laborites Secure 62 Seats, Unionists Get But One.

BALFOUR IS ALSO DEFEATED

President of Local Government in Balfour Cabinet Defeated in Leeds by Big Majority—New Parliament Will Be Almost All Liberals.

LONDON, Jan. 15. — The Liberal landslide continues. Out of seventy-six contests today the Liberals and Laborites together secured sixty-two seats. The Liberal gains today show a surprising total of forty-two while the Unionists gained only one seat. Two former cabinet officials went down before the stor mof Liberal sentiment. Gerald Balfour, president of the local government in the Balfour cabinet, was defeated in Leeds by a majority of 1069 and Walter Hume Long, former chief secretary for Ireland lost his seat for South Bristol, while Augustine Berrel, president of the board of education was defeated by the Unionist candidate at North Bristol.

Lord Hugh Cecil, leader of the conservative free traders, was defeated at Greenwich, and T. Gibson Bowles, the Unionist man for free trade, lost at Kings Linn, both being opposed by Chamberlainites.

Aside from the overwhelming gains by Liberals throughout the country, immense majorities secured in the turnover are causes of surprises to both sides.

The Labor candidates are showing remarkable strength, the total gains of the Labor party today being seven, not including W. Thorne, who at Westham deefated the Unionist candidate, Sir J. G. Hutting by a majority of 5000.

The composition of the new Parliament up to the present is as follows: Liberals 95, Unionists 31, Laborites 17, Nationalists 18, Socialists 1.

ARRIVE IN FRISCO.

Oregon Excursionists Land in San Francisco Yesterday.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 15.—The special train carrying 185 representative men of Oregon, with their wives and daughters, arrived in this city tonight. The visitors are members of the Portland Commercial Club, representatives of newspapers and various other enterprises. Governor Chamberlain is at the head of the excursion party. After arranging their quarters at the hotels, the Oregonians went sight-seeing in Chinatown tonight.

PATRICK REPRIEVED.

Convicted Murderer Gets Another Stay of Execution.

ALBANY, Jan. 15.—Albert T. Patrick, the New York lawyer, convicted and awaiting execution at Sing Sing prison next week for the murder of William Marsh Rice in New York City in September, 1900, was reprieved this afternoon by Governor Higgins until March 19th, a space of fifty-six days. The reprieve was granted for the purpose of giving Patrick's counsel time to bring before the trial court, alleged newly discovered evidence.

QUESTION ARGUED.

Senate Discusses U. S. Interference in Moroccan Affairs.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 15.—Senator Bacon today succeeded in securing an open discussion of the Moroccan question by the Senate. This result was accomplished by introducing a resolution making a declaration against interference on the part of the United States in any controversy among European nations concerning their internal affairs. The broad scope of the resolution relieved it from the point of order made on the Moroccan resolution and notwithstanding that Bacon referred freely to the Morocco conference no effort was made to put him off. He spoke at length in opposition to the policy of interference in European internal complications, pointing out the possibility of disastrous consequences.

During the course of the debate Hale took occasion to express in frank and emphatic terms his disapproval of the policy of participating in the Algeciras conference, at the same time voicing his confidence in the President and Secretary of War, so to guide our delegates as to prevent any departure from the non-intervention policy of the United States. Lodge, Spooner, and Tillman also participated in the debate. Bacon's resolution, at his request was referred to the committee in favor of the bill.

MAJOR GENERAL KILLED.

PENZA, Russia, Jan. 15.—Major General Lisoviki who was said to be under sentence of death by a fighting section of the Socialist Revolutionaries, was killed today. The assassin escaped.

ORCHARD COMMITTED

Is Bound Over to Circuit Court For Trial.

TWENTY WITNESSES CALLED

Prosecution Sets Forth Strong Array of Evidence Against the Accused Murderer of Steunenberg—Defense Offers No Witnesses or Testimony.

BOISE, Jan. 15.—At Caldwell today Probate Judge Church committed Harry Orchard on a charge of having murdered ex-Governor Steunenberg, December 30th. The defense offered no testimony. The accused man is in jail at Caldwell. Twenty witnesses in all, were put on by the state in the preliminary hearing, eleven, Saturday, and nine today. The most important today was Andy Johnson, the Boise officer who talked with Orchard several times before and after his arrest. He had a collection of exhibits connected with the case. W. H. Schenck testified that Orchard roomed with him two weeks in November and during that time two strangers visited him. Several witnesses told of having seen Orchard in the vicinity of the house of his victim. Julian Steunenberg, son of the former governor, testified that a man, who he identified as Orchard, came to him Wednesday before the murder and asked when his father would be home. He said he had a deal with his father for some sheep and was anxious to see him.

The boy told the man his father would be back Friday night. Among the witnesses was A. Ballantyne, a Caldwell business man who saw Orchard a few minutes before 6 on the evening of the murder. He testified that Orchard was in a nervous state, evidently pre-occupied with something.

Ballantyne is believed to be the last man who saw Orchard before the explosion.

CHEROKEE TOTAL LOSS.

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., Jan. 15.—Captain Archibald, his two mates and the life saving crews tonight abandoned the steamer Cherokee. The vessel will probably be a total loss.

CONFERENCE CONVENES

Delegates to Moroccan Conference Arrive.

GOOD FEELING SHOWN

National Representatives All Appear Very Friendly to Each Other

DUKE ALMODIVAR PRESIDES

Spanish Duke Welcomes the Delegates and Doubtless Will be Chosen to Preside Over Conference—American Delegates Have Arrived on Scene.

ALGECIRAS, Jan. 15.—The opening of the international conference on the Moroccan reforms has been definitely fixed for 3 o'clock tomorrow afternoon. The Duke of Almodivar, the Spanish minister of foreign affairs, took the initiative soon after arriving here today, in arranging plans for beginning the deliberations. All the delegates arrived during the day. It is expected the Duke will preside and make a brief address of welcome, after which doubtless he will be chosen the permanent presiding officer.

The interesting feature of this afternoon was the landing of Ambassador White, the American delegate, from the American protected cruiser Galveston, and later the arrival of of S. R. Gummere, minister to Morocco, and second American delegate, from Tangier.

As the delegates assemble there is no outward evidence of tension, but on the contrary a notable exchange of amenities between the German and French delegations. There is, however, an undercurrent of sentiment that a supreme diplomatic struggle is imminent with France and Germany occupying the center and the other powers ranged in varying degrees around them.

The French count upon Great Britain, Spain, Italy and Russia, as sure, and consider relations between the United States, France and Great Britain as insuring the support of the American delegation. On the other hand the prevailing sentiment is that Germany can count on Austria, Holland and Sweden, and perhaps on Denmark, with Germany also expecting the United States to support some of her contentions.

KILL THREE.

Three Lieutenants of Police Murdered by Russian Mob.

RIGA, Livonia, Jan. 15.—A band of revolutionists today fell upon three lieutenants of police and killed them with their revolvers. The assassins escaped. The lieutenants were returning from a conference at the palace of the governor-general.

BUILDING COLLAPSES.

Wind in Chicago Does Much Damage to Property.

CHICAGO, Jan. 15.—The seven-story warehouse building in course of construction by the Harder Furniture and Van Company at the intersection of Fortieth street and Calumet avenue, partially collapsed today injuring three workmen, one seriously.

A heavy gale was blowing at the time. Over 100 men in the aggregate, were at work. The majority of them were protected by the floors, none of which gave way.

FIELD BETTER.

NEW YORK, Jan. 15.—Shortly before 1 o'clock this morning August Eddy, a close friend of the Field family came from the bedside of Mr. Field, and said for the first time since Saturday night the attending physicians told Field's immediate relatives they might retire and rest easy. This is taken to indicate that the improvement which commenced early this evening continues.

LOOKING INTO STATUS.

Financial Condition of Defunct Firm Being Investigated.

CLEVELAND, Jan. 15—According to a statement made tonight by H. R. Newcomb, of the Bankers' Committee investigating affairs of the Denison, Prior and Company, developments today show the gross liabilities of the firm to be $900,000 not including $1,000,000 in supposedly forged securities. The assets of the firm, Newcomb believes to be about $500,000.

SCHOONER IS ASHORE

Unknown Three Masted Schooner on Umpqua Beach.

CREW IS REPORTED SAVED

Steamer Alliance from Portland Arrives at Marshfield and Reports Seeing Three-Masted Schooner in the Breakers on the Umpqua River Beach

MARSHFIELD, Jan. 15—The steamer Alliance from Portland, at 5 o'clock this morning, reports a three-masted schooner ashore about eighteen miles above the Umpqua River light. It was upright and inside the breakers which were washing over her. The crew were evidently saved, as there was a camp or what looked like one on the beach above the wreck. It was too rough for the Alliance to learn the name of the schooner and as there is no telegraph line it may be two days before the name and particulars can be learned. She is apparently light as no deck load or wreckage was seen.

The steamer Ascunsion, Captain Bridgett, which arrived in Portland today from San Francisco reports seeing a three-mased schooner answering the description of the craft wrecked at the mouth of the Umpqua, standing off the mouth of that river on Friday last. At that time the craft was hove to, as if waiting an opportunity to cross in, but showed no indications of being in distress.

PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT FAVORS LOCK CANAL

Roosevelt is preparing to send Congress
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a message which will favor the lock canal. He held a conference today with several members of the Senate committee on inter-oceanic canals, including Senators Kittridge, Knox, Dryden, Hopkins and Ankeny.

The message of the President will favor a lock canal on the ground of it being in the interests of the present generation and not for posterity and it can be built at less cost of time and money.