



## REFUSES TO INTERFERE

### President Stands Pat on Discharge of Soldiers.

## NO ONE ARE EXEMPT

### The Same Rule Applies to Both White and Negro Soldiers.

## ALL SOLDIERS TREATED ALIKE

### Mr. Roosevelt Says, Had White Troops Committed the Same Acts of Violence, Punishment Would Be the Same.

NEW YORK, Nov. 20.—Secretary of War Taft got here from New Haven last night and went to the home of his brother, Henry W. Taft. He declined to talk about the delaying in carrying out the order for the dishonorable discharge of the negro soldiers.

Collier's Weekly has received a dispatch from its correspondent, who is traveling with the President, in reply to one sent asking if Mr. Roosevelt would suspend action in regard to the negro soldiers until he got home. The reply says the President's views are "clear and unchanged," that the dishonorable discharge is due to him, and that the President's view is that the negro soldiers, in refusing information necessary to the apprehension of the men who committed criminal acts at Brownsville, Texas, struck at the very heart of military justice and discipline. Had white troops done the same thing, the reply says, they would have suffered the same penalty. In conclusion the reply states: "Be the offenders black or white, the President proposes to combat race antagonism by his action in the Brownsville matter which was taken in the face of much adverse influence and advice before he left. There can be no amelioration of the penalty until the men concerned show their sense of duty as citizens and soldiers by giving up the offenders to justice."

## JURY STILL OUT.

### Robnett Land Fraud Jury Unable to Agree.

MOSCOW, Idaho, Nov. 20.—This morning at 9:30 o'clock Judge Beatty charged the Robnett jury and barred most of the evidence, except that of Robinson and Ferris. The jury went out at 10:30 a. m. and have not yet returned.

Yesterday Attorney Forney completed his plea and Borah closed for the defense in a two-hour speech, basing his plea on the fact that such actions were common and should not convict obnerv while the others were let go. Rulick then closed for the prosecution, being on the floor when the court adjourned at 4:30 p. m., and continued in the night session until the court adjourned at 9 p. m. He reviewed the evidence carefully, reading at times from a transcript, mostly from Robinson's testimony.

## CHECK ON CRIMES.

### Steps Taken to Prevent Kidnaping of Eskimo Maids.

SEATTLE, Wash., Nov. 20.—One of the first efforts to break up the inhuman practice of certain whaling vessels in Alaskan waters in the kidnaping and carrying out to sea of

young Eskimo girls resulted here yesterday afternoon in the indictment of Whaling Master E. W. Newth, alleged brutal master of the Jeanette. Newth was released under bond.

For years men who come out of the North have told tales of the systematic abduction of Eskimo women and girls, sometimes by actual violence and sometimes by craft. In the former case the whalers simply attack a village and carry their prey away bodily; in the other, the insidious influence of the white man's whisky or drugs is employed and the female lured on board, after which the vessel hastily sails. The remoteness of the locality and the difficulty of getting proof has hitherto prevented punishment of the kidnapers.

## STIMULATING TRADE.

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 20.—Shirasha, general manager of the Kisen Kaisha Steamship Company's line, arrived from Oklahoma yesterday on the American Company's steamer. He speaks in glowing terms of the prosperity of the island and tells of large plans of his concern to meet the growth of trade between this port and the Orient.

"I have come here to see how our business is progressing and what the outlook is far trade with the Orient," he said. "It has been reported that my company intends buying the steamships of the Pacific Mail company, now plying between this port and Hong Kong. We have no such idea. We are building two steamers in Japan for the American trade. They will cost \$2,000,000 each."

## RYAN HAS RESIGNED

### Prominent New Yorker Gives Up Duties as Director.

## TOO MANY RESPONSIBILITIES

### Mr. Ryan Was a Director in About Twenty-five Different Railroads, Besides Other Important Commercial Organizations.

NEW YORK, Nov. 20.—Thomas F. Ryan's announcement yesterday that he had resigned as a director from all of the railroad and industrial corporations with which he had been identified and that hereafter he would retain his official connection with only some of the financial and fiduciary institutions with which he is identified, while a surprise to financial men, was generally considered by them in line with the action of Jacob Schiff, of Kuhn, Loeb & Company, who took similar action recently. Mr. Ryan, like Mr. Schiff, stated that his reasons for resigning were that his accumulating responsibilities rendered it impossible for him to properly discharge his obligations to the stockholders concerned. Mr. Ryan was a director in about 25 railroad and industrial concerns. The chief of these were the Interborough Metropolitan company and a number of subsidiary companies; the American Tobacco Company, the Consolidated Gas Company and the Seaboard Air Line Company.

Mr. Ryan's resignation as director, it is understood, does not mean that he will withdraw his financial interest in the companies.

It is stated that Mr. Ryan's sons, Allan A. and John, will probably take their father's place on a number of the companies' boards.

## REPUBLICAN MAJORITY.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 20.—The first official printed report on the membership of the House of Representatives of the 60th Congress has just been issued by the clerk of the House.

The Republicans are shown to have a majority of 58. The Republican membership is 222 and the Democratic membership 164.

## POLITICAL OPPORTUNITY

### Harriman Denies Controlling Railroad Lines.

## RAILROAD REGULATIONS

### Rates Are Not Made By Railroad Men, But Are Only Equalized.

## INTERSTATE COMMISSION

### Mr. Harriman Contends That Recent Powers Granted Interstate Commerce Commission Are Too Great for Public Utility.

KANSAS CITY, Nov. 20.—In replying to George J. Kindel of Denver, who charged that the railroads were guilty of unfair rate discrimination, Mr. Harriman said in substance: "It is a mistaken idea that any one man controls or that he himself controlled, more miles of railroad than any other one man. Mr. Harriman declared that no man can exert this control. He said that the control of all the railroads of the United States was vested in a board of directors, who in turn derived their power from 15,000 stockholders. He said that the rates are not made by railroad men, only equalized. The money centers, he declared, must be treated alike. Rates are controlled by commercial necessities and you cannot disturb rates at one distributing center without affecting every other distributing center.

He said that there would be no necessity or occasion for a commission to ever use its powers, but if it should make a mistake, conditions might ensue from which the business of the country would not recover in ten years. He said that while commercial necessity now controls the rates, under the new law, rates may now be controlled by political opportunity. Politicians may promise a reduction in rates in order to secure election to office.

## WILL NOT BE CANDIDATE.

### William Randolph Hearst May Be a Candidate for President.

BUFFALO, N. Y., Nov. 20.—Wm. K. Connors, chairman of the Democratic state committee, in an interview yesterday said:

"The interview with William Randolph Hearst, sent out from San Antonio, Texas, in which he is quoted as saying: 'I will never again be a candidate,' means that he will never seek the governorship of New York again. He has told me the same thing. Mr. Hearst is a loyal Democrat and if the party demands his nomination for higher honors, he will answer the call."

## TERRIBLE EXPERIENCE.

### Commander Peary's Steamer Roosevelt Encounters Severe Gales.

ST. JOHN'S, N. S., Nov. 20.—Commander Peary's arctic steamer Roosevelt, which is still at St. George's Bay, N. F., storm bound, is reported to have had a terrible experience in coming south from Labrador. She had to tie up for eleven days in Battle Harbor, Labrador, on account of a hurricane. In Battle Harbor the Roosevelt carried away her heaviest anchor and several lines had to be

run out to keep her off from the rocks. She was short of coal and it became necessary to augment this fuel with wood and blubber. A portion of the ship's interior work was dismantled in order to secure wood. During a blinding snow storm it is declared that the Roosevelt was nearly wrecked on the west coast of Newfoundland.

## ANARCHISTS' MEETING.

### Advocate Demonstration on the Visit of King George.

ROME, Nov. 20.—The anarchists held a meeting here today to discuss the advisability of making a demonstration against the police during the sojourn in Rome of King George of Greece. The most energetic measures have been taken by the police to prevent disorders. All persons not inhabitants of the city and without an occupation will be sent away from Rome before the king arrives.

## MORE INDICTMENTS.

### San Francisco Grand Jury Return Indictments Into Court.

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 20.—The grand jury returned two indictments this afternoon, one accusing Pater Duffy of perjury, and another accusing Supervisor Fred Nicholas with agreeing to take bribes. Duffy is a hanger on about the courts and was formerly elevator man in the Hall of Justice. The charges against Nicholas grow out of the purchase of furniture for the city. In the indictment Mamlock is reported as having been an intermediary between the furniture company and Nicholas.

## ACCEPTING REBATES

### American Sugar Refinery Found Guilty in New York.

## HEAVY PENALTY WAS IMPOSED

### Mr. Choate, Attorney for the Defense, Declares No Precedent Has Been Established in American Law For Penalty.

NEW YORK, Nov. 20.—The American Sugar Refining company was found guilty by a jury in the United States Circuit Court here today of accepting rebates amounting to \$25,000 from the New York Central Railroad Company and was fined \$108,000.

Jos. H. Choate, formerly ambassador to Great Britain, in his argument for the defense in today's trial declared that there was no precedent in American law for such an enormous penalty as the statutes against rebating provided. The defense offered no testimony and after Judge Holt's charge to the jury, the jury took the case in accordance with the instructions of the court and found a verdict of guilty.

## OPERATING SWINDLES.

### Several Underwriting Companies in Chicago Raided.

CHICAGO, Nov. 20.—Several underwriting companies, which are alleged to be the largest fraudulent concerns of the kind ever operated in Chicago, were raided today by the United States marshals, assisted by the postal inspectors, and seven men, accused of operating a swindle and promoting fraudulent enterprises, were arrested. According to the federal authorities, the men accused of operating the swindles had many victims and obtained nearly a million of dollars by the scheme. The names of the arrested men and concerns with which the federal officials say they are connected are: W. J. Root, W. H. Welch, and W. D. F. Hurlburt the Central States Underwriting and Guarantee Company, Charles E. Brown, president of the Prudential Securities company.

## CHINESE EXCLUSION

### Roosevelt Oppose to Chinese, Japs Immigration.

## WILL BE INVESTIGATED

### United States Commissioner of Immigration Arrives in San Francisco.

## WILL SAIL FOR HONOLULU

### President Roosevelt is Interested in the Question of Immigration and Directed Commissioner Sargent to Investigate.

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 20.—United States Commissioner of Immigration Frank P. Sargent arrived here last night. He will sail at noon today on the steamer Korea for Honolulu in company with Secretary of the Hawaiian Territory Atkinson, who is here to meet Commissioner Sargent and conduct him to the islands to aid in carrying out a scheme proposed by the territorial government. This is the importation of a large number of Portuguese to aid in settling up the country and developing its resources.

President Roosevelt is greatly interested in the question and has directed Commissioner Sargent to see that nothing is left undone to insure its success if that be possible. In discussing the condition of Asiatic immigration and the extensive objections made some time ago to President Roosevelt's direction that the exempt classes of Chinese should be treated with more courtesy and their coming facilitated, Commissioner Sargent said:

"The position of the President should be well known. He desired to enforce the law and to keep out the Coolie class, but he wishes the exempt classes give proper recognition. In the past many certificates for merchants were given to those not entitled to them, many having paid for as so much a certificate. The consular officers who failed to do their duty have now been removed and in view of the fact that greater precautions are taken to see that only those deserving them are given certificates, landing of exempt classes is thus vastly facilitated. This is the only end the President had in view."

## INVESTIGATING COLLISION.

SEATTLE, Nov. 20.—The list of victims of the marine disaster which occurred off West Seattle Sunday night now wavers between 45 and 50. Of the first list of missing five have since been accounted for, while others have been added to the list, so that the exact number of dead is not known. Everything is in readiness for the formal inquiry into the collision, which begins at 10 o'clock tomorrow morning. United States Inspectors Turners and Whitney have subpoenaed nearly all the survivors as well as the officers of the boats. No bodies from the wreck have been recovered. The report of one body being found yesterday is unconfirmed.

## HARBOR GRAB.

### Local Plot to Gobble Up Valuable Property Foiled.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 20.—The Portland Harbor grab will evidently be knocked in the head. Major Roess-

ler's report received this afternoon declares against any change in the harbor line as proposed by Allen & Lewis, J. Couch Flanders and the Oregon Railroad & Navigation Company. Another narrowing of the channel he deems inadvisable, but if the department disagrees with him he says the property-owners should not be permitted to extend their docks as far into the river as they desire.

The chief of engineers does not make known his attitude, but it is evident he will recommend against a change in the harbor line and that the secretary of war will approve this recommendation.

## BLOW UP HOTEL.

### Dynamiters Kill Girl and Man and Injure Others.

VANCOUVER, B. C., Nov. 20.—A special to the Province from Grand Forks, B. C., says:

The most terrible outrage ever perpetrated in the Boundary district occurred about 12 o'clock last night, at Niagara, a small railway village, seven miles up the North Fork of Kettle River, when unknown persons blew up the Canadian Hotel of that town with dynamite.

The explosion killed a girl named Louise King, aged 18, and an Italian, whose name is unknown, and injured nine other people. Three boxes of dynamite, obtained by breaking into the storehouse of Contractor Tierney, were used. Dr. W. G. Dickson went to Niagara early this morning and brought the more seriously wounded victims to the hospital.

## SIGNED CONFESSION

### Louis Gabner Admits Beating Man to Death With Gaspipe.

## ROBBED AND MURDERED JAPS

### Dabner Confessed That He Was the Man Who Committed the Murder While an Innocent Party was Serving Time.

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 20.—Louis Dabner, the young man charged with John Siemsen of beating three men to death with a piece of gas pipe, wept in Judge Shortell's court this afternoon when the captain of detectives read his signed confession. Siemsen, however, smiled when portions of the confessions were read. Several Japanese told how the murder of Kimmon Ginko had been committed. To verify the story told by Siemsen to a cell-mate, he confessed that he had dug up \$5,000 in gold cached at Wayne, near Santa Cruz. Captain Duke called the young man accused of murder before him, and Siemsen confessed to having dug up the money, the location of which had been told him by a convict whom he had befriended at San Quintin. Siemsen admitted that he had brought this money to the city and hidden it, but refused to tell where. Captain Duke then detailed the detectives' search for the coin among the safe deposit vaults of the city.

A dispatch from Sacramento this afternoon states that Richard Dowdell, who was sent to the penitentiary in Kansas City for fifty years from San Francisco for highway robbery, for holding up ex-Coroner Leland, was pardoned this afternoon by the governor. Danner and Siemsen, the "gas pipe" thugs, confessed today that they, and not Dowdell, robbed Dr. Leland.

## VERDICT OF GUILTY.

SPOKANE, Nov. 20.—A Moscow special to the Spokesman-Review says the jury in the Robnett land fraud case brought in a verdict of guilty one count and not guilty. Robnett was accused of perjury.