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PRESIDENT PLANS RELIEF WORK FOR STRICKEN COUNTRY

Will Hold Conference at White House Today

CONGRESS RESPOND

Wireless Dispatches Give List of British Subjects Who are Living or Dead

LUPTON IS REPORTED SAFE

Warships in the Harbor Throw Their Search Lights on the Wreck at Night—Stench From Bodies is Terrible.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 1.—Instead of taking a day's vacation as planned, the president remained in his office to consider how the nation may show in a substantial way the sympathy with the Italian people.

At the outcome of the day the president hopes to be able to formulate a message to congress to be laid before that body when it convenes Monday, recommending specific action on the part of the nation. The president has asked Senator Hale, acting chairman of the committee on appropriations and chairman of committee on naval affairs to meet him tomorrow. Also he has asked the presence of several cabinet members and views of the house leaders will probably be ascertained during the day. The question of diversion of the fleet and of direct appropriation to be sought at the hands of congress for the relief of Italians and other proposed plans of relief will be decided at the conferences at the White House tomorrow.

List of Dead Received.

MALTA, Jan. 1.—A wireless dispatch received today from the British warships at Messina indicate that the king's presence has aided somewhat in bringing about a better condition. There were more than a hundred British and Maltese tourists in Messina at the time of the disaster.

The wireless dispatches give long list of British subjects alive or dead. The only American mentioned is Stuart Lupton, the vice-consul at Messina and he is safe. Last night the warships in Messina threw their searchlights on the ruins to enable rescuers to continue their work. The work of rescue is going on feverishly but the forces are still inadequate. The stench from the decomposing bodies is becoming overpowering.

No Steps Taken to Send Fleet.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 1.—Admiral Pillsbury, chief of the bureau of navy,

gation, said tonight that no steps had yet been taken toward using the battleship fleet for the relief of the people of Southern Italy. He added that the fleet would not reach Suez for three days.

BLOODY FIGHT IN OHIO.

Begins in Kentucky and Ends Across the River.

CINCINNATI, Jan. 1.—During a fight which began in Bellevue, Kentucky, and ended in Dayton, Ohio, Harry Smith of Cincinnati was killed, Marshal Jolly of Dayton probably fatally injured; Mrs. Lucy Jones and Henry Schultze seriously wounded. Smith was killed during the fight with Major Wilson at Bellevue, Wilson and two brothers fled to Dayton where Jolly attempted to arrest them. They resisted and in the melee three others were wounded.

F. J. HENEY SLATED FOR ATTORNEY GENERAL

SUCH IS STATEMENT GIVEN OUT IN SAN FRANCISCO BY BURNS.

INFORMATION IS POSITIVE

Shooting of Heney Influenced Jury in Ruef Trial to Bring in Verdict of Guilty, Although it Had Been Fixed.

PORTLAND, Jan. 1.—Francis J. Heney is slated for the position of Attorney-General in Taft's Cabinet, according to the announcement of William J. Burns, the detective who gained fame through his association with the graft prosecutions in San Francisco. John F. Logan, who has just returned from a three weeks' visit in California, talked with Burns while in San Francisco, and says Burns was positive in his assertions to him that Heney is to be Attorney-General.

Burns said also that the shooting of Heney by Haas was the only thing that saved the Ruef jury from a disagreement, the defense having "fixed" four of the jurors. Burns said to Logan that the prosecution knew of the efforts of Ruef's defense to tamper with the jurors, and it was because of this knowledge that Harry Johnson, in his final argument made the threat which the jurors said was responsible for their staying out so long. The attempt on Heney's life so aroused public sentiment, according to Burns, that the four jurors dared not keep their agreement with Ruef's agents.

"For a time the cry of the Ruef

people that the graft prosecutions were 'hurting business' was successful," said Mr. Logan this morning. "San Francisco in a year or more will be a magnificent city, but at present there are two business sections, and the business men are consequently divided, and business is not as good as it otherwise would be. Ruef's friends attributed the lack of business to the graft prosecutions, and many were willing to believe them."

LAWYER GOES WRONG.

Admits His Identity, But Says He'll Defeat Prosecution.

SAN BERNARDINO, Cal., Jan. 1.—Israel S. Donnell, for many years a prominent lawyer of Mansfield, Ohio, was arrested here today charged with fraud, forgery and obtaining \$30,000 under false pretenses. Admits his identity but says he will defeat prosecution.

Fails to Return.

MANSFIELD, Ohio, Jan. 1.—Donnell left here November 16th, leaving a sign on his door stating that he had gone east. Failure to return led to an investigation which resulted in charges of embezzlement of money placed in his hands for investment, as well as the charge of having obtained money by forgery.

OREGON WINS \$200,000.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 1.—The court of claims has announced its finding in the case of the United States against the United States awarding the state \$200,000 for money expended during the civil war in protecting adjoining territories of Washington and Idaho.

AGREE ON QUESTIONS RELATING TO TREATY

UNITED STATES AND GREAT BRITAIN REACH AGREEMENT ON MAIN ISSUES.

AFFECTS POWER OF NIAGARA

Will Give to Americans Rights in Common With British Subjects in Fisheries of New Foundland Coast.

CHICAGO, Jan. 1.—The Record-Herald today prints the following special dispatch from Washington.

After many months of negotiations Secretary Root and Mr. Bruce, the British ambassador, have formally agreed on three main questions that have for so long been at issue between Great Britain and the United States affecting Canada and New Foundland and which more than once have threatened the stability of good relations between this government and that of Great Britain. The agreement takes the form of three draft treaties, which have been submitted for the assent of the imperial government and the acquiescence of the governments of Canada and New Foundland. These three questions are submission to The Hague of the interpretation of the treaty of 1818, giving to American citizens rights in common with British subjects in the fisheries of New Foundland; the control of inter-national waterways and the proper distribution of water to be used for power purposes from Niagara Falls and the settlement of outstanding pecuniary claims.

When these treaties have been ratified by the Senate, and the administration is very hopeful that the Senate will interpose no obstacles to their speedy ratification there will be no great questions to vex diplomats on this side of the international boundary line or to disturb the harmony of the cordial relations now existing between the United States and

ANOTHER CRIME IN PORTLAND

Joe Wanas Found Dead on Street

THOUGHT CAR HIT HIM

Investigation Shows That He Was Murdered and Body Then Placed on Rail

INDUCED TO LEAVE REVOLVER

Had Left Bohemian Club Only One Hour Before to go Home—Most Mysterious Affair the Police Have Dealt With Lately.

PORTLAND, Jan. 1.—In less than an hour after Joe Wanas, a magnificent specimen of manhood physically, left the rooms used for club purposes by Bohemians within two blocks of city crematory last night, his body, cold and stiff, was found on the Selwood car line, about rails of the Ainsley avenue. At 150 feet north of that his death first glance it appeared to be due to his being struck by a bound car No. 1053 but investigation tended to show conclusively that the man was murdered.

Many circumstances combine to make the affair one of the most mysterious with which the police have to deal. Without apparent reason it has been learned that Wanas, who was a laborer and millhand, was induced to leave his revolver behind before he left the club quarters, and when his lifeless body was found only the holster of the weapon and a number of .32-caliber cartridges were found in his pockets. On the other hand it is hard to fathom why he should have been induced the weapon behind if, as asserted, he was carrying it only for use in an amateur theatrical performance. Why he should have carried loaded cartridges is another question not easily answered in case the weapon was not intended either for offensive or defensive purposes.

The testimony of carmen and passengers on the car which struck Wanas is positive in its nature—all declare that when the body was examined at the time of the accident it was cold and the limbs rigid. Even the blood on the face, which had flowed from a wound on the head, it is asserted, had congealed and did not stain the hands of those who felt of the man's countenance.

How the blood could have hardened to such an extent in less than an hour constitutes a less difficult problem than that raised by Deputy Coroner George W. Howe, who declares that the body was warm and the limbs flexible an hour and 15 minutes after the body of the man was struck by the outbound car, at which time he made an examination.

Why the man left the clubrooms used by the Bohemians a short time before the amateur theatrical performance was put on is not known, if the statements of members of the organization are to be taken as facts. It is intimated, however, that he went after a young woman living some distance away. The fact that he was induced to leave his revolver behind him, and met his death while on his way after a young woman, would tend to indicate that in some way or

Great Britain. Mr. Bryce, in the short time in which he has been in the United States, will have erected for himself a great monument and will have earned the thanks of both countries for the services he has performed. Secretary Root is entitled to equal praise.

other a woman figures in the tragedy. Wanas lived at 673 East Oak street, with F. H. Klekar and was well known around Coburg, Or., where he worked in various mills. He held a policy in the Continental Casualty Company, and an identification card used by this company was the means of determining the dead man's name. It appears that Wanas was to take part in the theatrical performance at the Bohemian Club quarters and went there early last evening. He left there, as near as can be learned, at 9:45 or 9:50 o'clock. This was the last seen of him by his friends until they beheld his lifeless body at the undertaking rooms of Dunning, McEntee & Gilbaugh this morning.

JAPANESE FIREMAN KILLED.

SEATTLE, Jan. 1.—Toiuchi Aoki, a Japanese fireman on the steamer Inyo Maru, was stabbed to death by Sinsaky Ito, oiler, in the forecabin of the boat today. Ito has been arrested. He admits that he stabbed Aoki, but claims he did it in self defense. The men had been drinking sake at the time.

INTRODUCE ALIBI TESTIMONY

Witnesses Swear Night Riders Bore Good Reputations.

UNION CITY, Jan. 1.—The testimony designed to establish alibis was introduced by the defense today in the night riders case. Many witnesses who testified that the defendants bore good reputations, but were forced to admit that they were generally believed to be night riders. One witness who declared that the state's witnesses were men of bad reputation admitted he was a contributor to a fund to defray the expense of the defense.

ANDRETT WILL MEET JACK JOHNSON

THE EX-CHAMPION'S BLOOD BOILS TO HAVE NEGRO CHAMPION.

WANTS PURSE OF \$50,000

Says Johnson is Not Even in the Championship Class—Other Sporting Events From Over the World that Happen New Year's Day.

LEADVILLE, Col., Jan. 1.—James J. Corbett, former heavyweight champion of America, tonight announced his willingness to meet Jack Johnson if necessary to bring the championship back to a white man. Corbett says that it makes his blood boil to think that a blackman should hold the title. Corbett says Johnson is not even in championship class.

Corbett Wants The Money.

James J. Corbett is credited with saying of his offer of a similar purse to that offered by Jeffries for a match with Johnson for \$50,000, that he would be strongly tempted to re-enter the ring for the purposing of contesting for it.

Wins in Sixth Round.

GOLDFIELD, Nev., Jan. 1.—Larry Gordon of Butte won in the sixth round in a scheduled 20-round bout with Harry Trants of Seattle when the latter's seconds threw up the sponge. Krants broke a bone in his left hand in the first round and thereafter was at Gordon's mercy.

Pugilistic Doings in Denver.

DENVER, Colo., Jan. 1.—Young Elenborn of Denver and Muggsy Schools of Denver fought ten rounds here today. Elenborn got the decision. Young Montana of Butte won from Pacy Harris of Milwaukee in the third round and Charles Lawrence (colored) of Pueblo and "Batting Swede" went eight rounds to a draw.

VICTIMS OF EARTHQUAKE NOW ESTIMATED AT OVER 200,000

Sullivan Wins in Sixth.

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 1.—Tommy Sullivan of Lawrence, Mass., had a slight advantage over Jack Robinson of Chicago in a six round bout which took place here today.

Fight a Draw.

COLUMBIA, O., Jan. 1.—Emergency Kelly of New York and Tommy Kilbans of Cleveland fought six rounds to a draw today.

Establishes New Record.

PRETORIA, Jan. 1.—R. E. Walker today established a new record in the 100 metre dash. Time, 10 2-5 seconds.

Stanford Wins.

VANCOUVER, B. C., Jan. 1.—Stanford won the concluding game of the Rugby series against Vancouver at Brockton Point today with a score of 16 points to 10.

FORMER PORTLAND MAN WANTED FOR MURDER

INFORMATION FILED WITH DISTRICT ATTORNEY BY ONE OF THE GUARDS.

CHARGING KRAUSE WITH CRIME

Is Alleged to Have Given Fellow Prisoner Beating From the Effects of Which he Died Four Days Later.

PORTLAND, Jan. 1.—On the information filed with the district attorney by one of the guards at the county rockpile, a warrant was issued today for the arrest of a former prisoner named A. E. Krause, charging him with the murder of a fellow prisoner named Grover Duffy. The killing is said to have taken place during a strike of the prisoners which occurred in November. According to the story of Johnson, the guard who filed the information, Duffy after holding out for two days, asked to go back to work. Krause, who wanted to hold out, is alleged to have become angered and to have given Duffy a beating from which he died four days later. Krause is said to have been released from the rockpile some time ago and to have disappeared.

ATLANTA, Jan. 1.—State-wide prohibition laws went into effect today in three southern states—North Carolina, Mississippi and Alabama. Georgia is the only state where statutory prohibition exists, the law having been in existence for a year.

GRAND RECEPTION AT WHITE HOUSE

President Receives 6,000 People From Every Clime and State "Wishing Them Happy New Year"

WASHINGTON, Jan. 1.—President Roosevelt and 6000 people representing every land and every state and territory in the Union today exchanged happy New Year greetings at the White House. For three and a half hours the President stood receiving his guests and when the reception was ended, last year's attendance had been broken by over 700. Many men and women distinguished in social life of Washington were present. The brilliant court dress of the members of the diplomatic corps gave a picturesque aspect to the annual function which throughout was marked by all absence of any formality. The number of small children who were brought by their parents to shake hands with the President was unprecedented. Mrs. Roosevelt and ladies of the cabinet remained in the room throughout the function. President Roosevelt, after receiving at the White House, took a long cross-country horseback ride.

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