FAMOUS TREES MUST BE SAVED

President Roosevelt Asks Congress to Provide for the Purchase of California Groves

OWNER HURRIES EASTWARD

Property May Be Condemned if a Satisfactory Deal Is Not Made Very Quickly

Special Dispatch to The Call.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 15.—The President to-day submitted to Congress a message explicitly recommending the purchase of the sequoia groves of big trees in California, to be incorporated in a national park. This will definitely determine the proposition that has been before Congress for some years.

The sequoia groves in Calaveras County cover 3200 acres. They are owned by Robert Whiteside, residing in Duluth. He has heretofore offered them to the Government for $150,000. A bill introduced by Senator Perkins recently provides for their purchase for a sum not to exceed $200,000, provided the deal is effected within sixty days after the passage of the bill, which is now before a committee. In the event of a deal not being effected within that time the bill provides for the condemnation of the property for park purposes, valuation to be made by properly constituted authorities.

The sequoia groves were taken up originally under the homestead act and were offered by the original locator to the Government for $100,000 and subsequently purchased from him by Whiteside, a lumber man. He offered the property to the Government when the park proposition was first mentioned at $4 a thousand feet of the standing timber, the land to be donated. The Secretary of the Interior rejected the offer. Whiteside is on his way to Washington in regard to the matter. It is understood that he declines $200,000 now.

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Laborer Commits Suicide in Jail.

COLUSA, Jan. 15.—John McMurtry, a laborer, aged 50 years, committed suicide in the County Jail to-day by hanging. He tore a strip off his blanket, fastened one end of it around his neck, then got upon a chair, tied the other end to a hinge on the window and stepped off the chair. He came here from Butte County.

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CAPTAIN OF STEAMER IS TO BE PROSECUTED

Evidence Given at the Coroner's Inquest Shows That the Wreck of the Clallam Was Due to the Negligence of the Master

VICTORIA, B. C., Jan. 15.—Application was made to-day at the Coroner's inquest into the Clallam disaster for warrants for the arrest of Captain Roberts and others, who are held responsible for the wreck, on a charge of manslaughter. C. H. Lurgin, representing the Dominion Government, to-day said that sufficient evidence had been secured to show criminal negligence, and he would apply to the provincial government on behalf of the Dominion Government seeking the arrest of the captain and any others held to be responsible.

Evidence was given this morning by Richard Griffiths, one of the crew of the Clallam, that one of the seamen took the ensign from its box and was hauling it to half-mast upside down when Captain Roberts ordered him to take it down and put it right side up, as if nothing had occurred. About that time a steamer, which witness took to be a collier, passed them about three miles away. Captain Roberts saw that he was wrong, and about ten minutes later allowed the sailor to put the flag in a reversed position.

Griffiths gave a clear statement of the happenings in connection with the disaster. He said Captain Roberts was much excited, and told of a conversation when the boats were being lowered when Captain Roberts had told witness that he (the witness) would be drowned. Witness replied that if he was he would not be the only one.

Griffiths said he had no hope that the boats would live, and advised people not to go in them. He said no steps were taken to rescue those in the water after the first boat had capsized, though they were alongside the steamer. There were no rockets or bluefires or other signals on board as far as he knew. The rudder was known not to be in good condition, and the steamer would not steer well.

Griffiths said he had thought of cutting the line when the tug Holyoke was towing, as the steamer was foundering. He had not been ordered to do so. He had been told that the captain could shoot any one not obeying orders in such a time, and did not carry out his intention. He told of clambering over the steamer's side when she turned over at the last minute.

Griffiths was the last living man on board. When the water came up to him he clung to the steamer's side and climbed up the stays to the masthead, and from there watched all the men on the side washed off. He watched the stay carried away and he was then thrown into the sea. He was picked up from the floating pilot-house by the Holyoke. The passengers and crew had all asked the captain and mate to put them on the Holyoke when the tug came up.

The tug Albion to-day discovered two more bodies of victims of the Clallam disaster. The remains of John Byers were picked up off Brotchie ledge, and those of R. Campbell of 905 Twentieth avenue, Seattle, off Albert Head.

DEFENDS THE CAPTAIN.

TACOMA, Wash., Jan. 15.—Watson, the steward of the Clallam, who is in Tacoma attending the funeral of one of the victims of the disaster, says he wishes the people who are criticizing Captain Roberts could have understood the situation from the standpoint of an eye witness. He said if the attempt had not been made to save the women and children in the boats it would have resulted in everybody being lost. It would have been impossible for the women and children to climb the hurricane deck when the steamer listed, yet if they had been on deck the men would have had to remain below and give the women and children the upper deck. All could not go up and it meant the men staying below. The trial of the lifeboats was the only recourse.

Superintendent Heath, who built the steamer Clallam, said to-day:

"There was never a stancher or more seaworthy vessel on the sound than the Clallam, and I know Captain Roberts did all in his power to save the vessel. The Clallam's life-saving apparatus was of the best and was in perfect condition."

MASTER OF LOST STEAMER CLALLAM, WHO IS TO BE PROSECUTED.

TRADE BEGINS TO SHOW LIFE

Industrial Prospect Improves and Opening of Steel and Iron Mills Has Good Effect

NEW YORK, Jan. 15.—Bradstreet's to-morrow will say: Though not thoroughly opened yet, except at the Southwest, spring trade is beginning to liven up, and this, coupled with large volume of clearance sales by retailers, gives an appearance of activity to midwinter operations. The industrial situation shows improvement, particularly in iron and steel mill resumptions and in the putting into blast of more coke furnaces. Little or no friction seems to attend numerous wage reductions scheduled for the current month and, though weather conditions are a bar to activity in outside work, an active spring trade is looked for in this line.

EFFECT OF WAR TALK.

While war talk and weather conditions have operated to raise prices of food products, the unquestionable improvement in the tone of trade is the mainspring of the upward swing in prices of iron and steel, the other metals and hides and leather which, with the advance in raw textiles, helped to raise the general level of values of staple products to close the highest for a year past and 37 per cent above the low point of 1896, though 7 per cent below the highest point of 1900. The iron trade is irregular, but on the whole a favorable view is taken of condition's outlook.

WHEAT EXPORTS INCREASE.

Wheat, including flour, exports for the week ending January 14 aggregate 7,771,215 bushels, against 3,369,373 bushels last week and 4,878,674 bushels this week last year.

Corn exports for the week aggregate 977,769 bushels, against 1,249,359 bushels last week and 2,294,617 bushels a year ago.

Business failures for the week ending January 14 number 309, against 267 last week, 234 in the like week in 1903, 291 in 1902, 202 in 1901 and 255 in 1900.

In Canada failures number 39, against 40 last week and 23 in the like week a year ago.

MONEY NOW EASIER.

NEW YORK, Jan. 15.—R. G. Dun & Co.'s weekly review of trade to-morrow will say:

Reports of improvement in the volume of business outnumber unfavorable dispatches, although the situation is decidedly irregular. As the money market becomes easier there is better prospect of postponed work being resumed. All structural lines are largely dependent upon the ability of the railroads to borrow money and the restoration of confidence among investors. Only fair reports are received regarding the leading manufacturing lines. Many iron and steel plants have resumed, but the prevailing curtailment is very severe. Textile fabrics are as badly unsettled as ever, lower prices for new lines of woolens proving a disagreeable surprise to the many small traders. Distribution of merchandise increases with more normal weather, and clearing-houses report liberal orders for spring goods from salesmen at the West and South. Only a moderate improvement has appeared thus far in the demand for iron and steel products, although the resumption of idle plants has attained encouraging proportions. Hides are more active and prices firmly maintained, with some advances, especially in foreign dried hides.

Failures this week number 324 in the United States, against 267 last year, and 24 in Canada, compared with 38 a year ago.

Body Will Lie in State.

COLUMBUS, Ohio, Jan. 15.—The body of former Governor Bushnell, who died last night, was removed today to Springfield, where it will lie in state in the Christ Episcopal Church. Arrangements for the funeral have not yet been completed.

MANILA, Jan. 15.—News has just been received here that the United States gunboat Quiros, which recently went ashore on the coast of Borneo, has been floated with little damage to the vessel.

LAWYERS FIGHT OUTSIDE COURT

Two Practitioners of Seattle Engage in a Lively Battle and Deal Out Stiff Punches

Special Dispatch to The Call.

SEATTLE, Wash., Jan. 15. — Ex-Mayor J. T. Ronald and ex-Judge G. Meade Emory, both prominent attorneys, fought in the corridors of the King County Courthouse this morning. Had not friends interfered the battle might have had a serious termination. As it was, each attorney got several stiff punches in the head. Both men wear eyeglasses, and at the first blow struck by each their glasses were scattered on the tiled floor.

The trouble grew out of an argument before Judge Bell this morning. Ronald is the attorney for William Jensen of the Bismarck Cafe, and Emory represents the Seattle Brewing and Malting Company, which is engaged in litigation with the Bismarck.

Recently Judge Bell enjoined the Bismarck Cafe from selling any other domestic beer but Rainier, the product of the Seattle Brewing and Malting Company. Ronald sought to have the order modified to-day, so that Jensen might dispose of the other beer that he had on hand. In the argument Ronald accused Emory of bad faith, alleging that in a private conversation Emory agreed to allow a modified order, but that when it came into court he opposed it. Emory denied that he had agreed to any such thing. Judge Bell said that his original order would stand.

MAY ABOLISH THE PRESS GAG

Von Bulow Questioned as to Why He Continues Compulsory Testimony of Editors

HERR JENICKE'S VIEWS

Under Secretary Nieberg Says Issue Is Being Considered and Code May Be Revised

BERLIN, Jan. 15.—In the Reichstag to-day the National Liberals interpellated Count von Bulow, the Imperial Chancellor, as to why he had not yet introduced a bill abolishing the system of compulsory testimony of editors and publishers of newspapers for the purpose of ascertaining the authorship of incriminating evidence. Herr Jenicke, National Liberal, explained the interpellation. Few questions, he said, have been longer before the Reichstag. This matter of abolishing the procedure by which editors and publishers are compelled to testify was first discussed thirty years ago. He pointed out that this compulsory process necessarily lowers the moral tone of the newspapers and gives editors a second-rate standing in the community. Herr Jenicke referred to the curious fact that in Germany it is not yet regarded as quite dignified to write for newspapers. The speaker compared the higher tone of the English press with the tone of the press of Germany, and explained that the former was due to the fact that England had been longer under a constitutional government and that the English press had more traditions, including complete freedom. If Germany had a similar constitutional system, he said, the discussion of to-day would be unnecessary. Herr Jenicke referred to the case of Editor Hildebrandt of the Weekly Hilfe, who refused to divulge the name of a writer and was sentenced to eight weeks' imprisonment and to pay a fine of 100 marks. He also referred to the case of the Leipsic Volkszeitung, in which the Judges examined an old woman who carried the papers to subscribers, and also the compositors and an apprentice, in order to ascertain the names of the writers of certain articles. Herr Jenicke called upon the Government to return to the standpoint of Frederick the Great, that "the gazettes must not be disturbed."

Chancellor von Bulow being absent, Under Secretary of State Nieberg answered the interpellation, the substance of his remarks being that the Chancellor had already taken the initiative in the matter and had instructed the commission engaged in revising the penal procedure to take the question under consideration. However, the Under Secretary said, the Government would not consent to the absolute abolition of the compulsory process.

Other speakers of various parties identified themselves with the purpose of the interpellation.

Shot for Refusing to Lend Money.

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 15.—As a result of a quarrel over the refusal of his victim to lend him money without security Rafael Gillot, a Frenchman, shot and fatally wounded Ramon Diaz, a native of Spain and a well-to-do citizen, at an early hour this morning in front of a saloon on Aliso street. The bullet struck Diaz in the left side, penetrating the abdomen and producing a wound which, in the opinion of the attending surgeons, is certain to prove fatal.

MILITIA AGAIN THROW GLOVER INTO PRISON

FORMER MISSOURI CONGRESSMAN, WHO CHALLENGED THE MILITIA.

Former Congressman Yields but Threatens Dire Vengeance.

CRIPPLE CREEK, Colo., Jan. 15.—John M. Glover, formerly Congressman from Missouri, was again arrested by a military squad to-day and was placed in the County Jail. Glover, who fought the military three weeks ago and was shot in the arm, to-day offered no resistance, but protested against being jailed. No charge was preferred against him. Colonel Verdeckberg ordered Glover's arrest after receiving the following letter from him, which is declared to be in violation of the terms of his release:

"CRIPPLE CREEK, Jan. 14.

"Colonel Verdeckberg, Camp Goldfield—Sir: My wounds having healed sufficiently, I desire to be rid of the parole signed by me on December 29. I know of no other way to effect this except to return to Cripple Creek, as I have done, and notify you, as I do now, that I will no longer be bound by it. I can be found at my office at any time between now and 3:30 to-morrow. It is perhaps only fair to add that I intend to push you and your accessories, above and below, before and behind the scenes, to the full limit of the civil and criminal laws, State and Federal. Respectfully,

"JOHN M. GLOVER."

When interviewed at the jail Glover said that his counsel would begin proceedings in the United States Circuit Court against Governor Peabody, the State military authorities and others under the civil rights act, alleging conspiracy to deprive him of his rights under the Federal constitution. He broke his parole, he said, for the express purpose of getting his case before the court.

DENVER, Jan. 15.—Governor Peabody to-day refused to order the release of Sherman Parker, a leader in the Western Federation of Miners, who was released from jail at Cripple Creek under $19,000 bonds and was immediately rearrested by the military and placed in the bullpen. He informed the committee appointed by the State Federation of Labor Convention to intercede with him on behalf of the prisoner that additional charges were being prepared against Parker and would be filed in the Teller County Court. The nature of the new cases is not divulged. Parker was previously charged with having been connected with the Vindicator mine explosion and the attempt to wreck a train on the Florence and Cripple Creek Railroad.

PANAMA JUNTA HOLDS SESSION

People of the Infant Republic Are Enthusiastic at First Constitutional Convention

GREAT CROWD ATTENDS

Dr. Arosemena Delivers a Patriotic Speech, Dwelling on Principle of Civic Virtue

PANAMA, Jan. 15.—Members of the junta and some consular representatives were present to-day at the first session of the constitutional convention, which was also attended by a great crowd of people.

Dr. Pablo Arosemena, temporary president of the convention, delivered the opening address, which was frequently interrupted by enthusiastic applause. Dr. Arosemena said:

"The republic will live less by its material power than by the virtues it will practice. Independence must be maintained and the republic must adopt without reserve that policy of probity which is born of justice and knowledge."

Dr. Arosemena reviewed the favorable auspices under which the republic has been born and said:

"Its security is protected by a powerful people in whose veins runs the rich blood of those Puritans who shook off the dust of their sandals the torment of religious interference and the opprobium of political despotism."

Dr. Arosemena concluded by recommending that in the exercise of their duties the members of the convention should keep their country in their hearts and their minds.

The junta message to the convention begins by reviewing the history of the independence movement and its causes. The junta formally resigns the legislative powers to the convention and lays before it an account of its acts, giving the reasons therefor. It says that the revenues of the republic are insufficient, because the commercial tax has considerably diminished on account of the anticipation of the changes which the ratification of the canal treaty would affect in the customs system. The republic only floated two loans in New York, which were of $100,000 each.

The junta formally informs the convention of the ratification of the canal treaty, and said it had powerful reasons for such ratification, which when they were communicated to the convention will show them to be fully justified. The message goes on to say that the benefits to be derived from this treaty are incalculable and that a seed has been sown which will grow into a tree of the greatest benefit to posterity, and this treaty will realize the high aspirations of the people.

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