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Panama Asserts Complete Independence

With the Tacit Understanding that Uncle Sam will Afford Protection--Great Britain and Germany Disclaim Interest.

(By Associated Press.)

Washington, D. C., Nov. 5.—Formal announcement has been received at the state department by cable from Panama of the establishment of a new government at that place which, the dispatch states, is capable of maintaining order. The cablegram comes from three consuls constituting the new government.

Washington, D. C., Nov. 5.—The navy department has received a cablegram from Commander Hubbard of Nashville, dated at Colon yesterday, saying he had landed marines, such action being necessary to protect the lives and property of American residents.

Later the navy department received the following from Commander Hubbard:

"Have withdrawn forces landed Wednesday. No bloodshed."

Telegram received at the navy department today announces the departure of the Atlanta from Kingston for Colon and of the Boston from San Juan Del Sur for Panama. It is not believed that any additional ship can get to Colon or Panama before tomorrow.

Colon, Nov. 5.—Much activity prevails in all quarters here today. It is recognized that the crew of the Nashville would be quite inadequate to cope with the situation here should serious disturbances occur and the arrival of the Dixie is anxiously expected. It is hoped she will reach Colon this evening, but there is no knowing what may occur before that. Nashville is now preparing to again land a detachment of blue jacks. The commotion ashore is intense.

London, Nov. 5.—The British official attitude towards events at Panama is that it is entirely a United States affair. Except in the unlikely possibility of some outside interference no action is contemplated by the British or, so far as the Associated Press is able to ascertain at the various embassies here, by any other government. The question of recognition of Panama's independence entirely depends on the action of the United States.

Berlin, Nov. 5.—Germany, the Associated Press is advised, will observe complete indifference to the political side of the Panama revolution.

Live Wires--

May Hold Electric Light Companies Responsible

Attorney General Roberts today sent the following letter to Governor Ferguson in response to a letter received several days ago relative to accidents which have occurred in Oklahoma to persons coming in contact with live wires:

Guthrie, Okla., Nov. 5, 1903.
Hon. T. B. Ferguson, Governor.

Dear Sir: In reply to your letter of recent date, relative to accidents which have occurred in Oklahoma, to persons coming in contact with live wires, I beg to express to my opinion, that the officers of such companies are criminally responsible for culpable negligence or wanton carelessness which can be legally proved. The law holds persons guilty of such carelessness to the same extent that it does intentional wrong doing. In certain extreme cases, the facts might warrant the conviction of officers of an electric light company of the crime of murder; if the acts were perpetrated in utter disregard of human life, and so as to evince a depraved mind, although there might have been absent any premeditated design to effect the death of any particular individual or any person whatever. Such would be the case if a superintendent or other person knowing that men were working on a line and had reason to believe would come in direct contact therewith, in absolute disregard of consequences turned on a current of such force as would naturally result in the death of any one who touched the line. Such a person might be convicted of the crime of man slaughter or under circumstances coming within the above conditions. Our statute is as follows:

"Every killing of one human being, by the act procurement or culpable negligence of another is man slaughter in the second degree."

The punishment for this latter offense is graduated from imprisonment in the territorial prison for a period not in excess of four years, down to a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars. It may be said to say generally, that negligence which results in the death of a human being, is indictable as man slaughter, or murder, depending upon the circumstances in each case.

This office has entered into communication with the county attorneys of Oklahoma, Logan and Kingfisher counties and requested their cooperation in making an investigation into the circumstances resulting in the accidents reported in those counties. So soon as replies are received, their contents will be communicated to you.

Respectfully,
J. C. Roberts,
Attorney General.

DECLINE IN VALUES.

Forces a Cripple Creek Bank to Close Its Doors.

(By Associated Press.)

Cripple Creek, Col., Nov. 5.—The Bimetallic bank of Cripple Creek failed to open its doors today. A notice on the door announced "Bank closed; statement later."

The Bimetallic is a state bank, established in 1891 by David H. Moffat and sold by him in 1901 to James F. Hadley and others. It is capitalized at \$100,000 and the deposits aggregate about \$220,000. The assistant cashier said:

"The cause of the failure to open the doors is the heavy decline in mining stocks and real estate. I believe we will be able to pay dollar for dollar."

FRONTIER TROUBLE.

(By Associated Press.)

Montevideo, Uruguay, Nov. 5.—A serious combat has taken place on the Brazilian frontier between Uruguayan police and Brazilians. Several persons were killed and a number wounded. The trouble arose over the arrest by Uruguayan police of a brother of Santa Ana.

Indian Agent

Seeks to Protect Wards From Wyoming Wrath.

Cheyenne, Wyo., Nov. 5.—There is a prospect of a clash between the Wyoming authorities and the government over the Indian troubles. The Indian agent wishes Governor Chatterton to order the release of nine bucks held at Edgemont, S. D. Governor Chatterton last night received the following telegram:

Edgemont, S. D., Nov. 4.—From the best information I can get the killing of seven Indians in Converse county on last Saturday was totally unjustified. The Indians were traveling on the road with their families in wagons when fired into by the sheriff and posse. Ten Indians and their families are under arrest here and held by order of the sheriff of Converse county. To avoid any further trouble would recommend that you order their release and allow them to return to the agency. I will be responsible for them and after an investigation if any of them are wanted will turn them over to the proper authorities. They were arrested in Dakota by one of your sheriffs.

(Signed),
John R. Brennan,
"U. S. Indian Agent."

In answer to this the governor wired as follows:

"J. R. Brennan, Indian Agent, Edgemont, S. D.—Your telegram received. You can not expect Wyoming to waive right to conduct investigation as to violation of its laws. The supreme court of the United States in the Race Horse case passed upon those rights. I would advise respect now, though late for this state's rights. I must insist upon these Indians returning with our sheriff just as I would for the return of a white man charged with a crime. My information regarding the killing differs from yours as stated. A legal investigation in my judgment is to the interest of your Indians."
(Signed),
F. C. Chatterton,
"Governor."

No answer has up to this time been received from the governor of South Dakota.

UNDER ARREST IN 'FRISCO.

Man Supposed to Have Jumped a Bond in Kansas.

(By Associated Press.)

San Francisco, Cal., Nov. 5.—A man supposed to be David R. Nelson is detained in this city on information furnished by the sheriff of Montgomery county, Kansas. Nelson jumped a bond given for his appearance at Coffeyville to show cause why he should not be prosecuted for having aided his brother, John C. Nelson, in avoiding arrest when wanted on the charge of manslaughter.

COAL MINERS WILL STRIKE.

(By Associated Press.)

Denver, Colo., Nov. 5.—Governor Peabody and Commissioner of Labor Montgomery have practically given up hope of being able to avert a general strike of the coal miners in District 15 which includes Colorado, New Mexico, Utah and Wyoming, called for next Monday.

How's This?

We offer One Hundred Dollars reward for any case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Cure.

F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, O. We, the undersigned, have known F. J. Cheney for the last 15 years, and believe him perfectly honorable in all business transactions and financially able to carry out any obligations made by their firm.

West & Traux, Wholesale Druggists, Toledo, O.

Walding, Kinnan & Marvin, Wholesale Druggists, Toledo, O. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. Testimonials sent free. Price 75c per bottle. Sold by all druggists. Hall's Family Pills are the best.

Charges of Bribery Denied Point Blank

State Senator Farris Takes Stand in Own Behalf and Disclaims Connection With Boodie Legislation.

Jefferson City, Mo., Nov. 5.—Ex-Lieutenant Governor Lee resumed the stand this morning in the trial of State Senator Farris for boodling. He looked haggard and evidently had passed a sleepless night. He told of receiving a thousand dollar check from Havemeyer, the sugar magnate, in 1902.

"Did you ask Kelley to see Havemeyer, to ask him to contribute to your campaign fund?"
"I think I did."
"Wasn't the \$1,000 from the sugar trust a contribution to your campaign fund?"
"It was not."

Lee, in answer to a question, said: "The session of congress prior to July, 1902, was legislating regarding the duty on raw sugar. I was running a grocery paper. I was endeavoring to get advertising for my paper. I wrote letters to congressmen and others getting their opinions on the reduction of two cents a pound on the duty on raw sugar. I put their letters in pamphlet form and distributed them. The \$1,000 check from Havemeyer was in payment for that work."

Later Senator Farris assumed the stand in his own defense. He positively denied Lee's statement of yesterday, in which the latter had said that he had given Farris \$7,500 for himself and other members of the criminal jurisprudence committee influence their votes on the anti-alcohol bill.

Chandler Killing

Deputy Sheriff Hecknell of Chandler, reached the city this morning and spent the day in efforts to locate the murderer of Mrs. Ames and a woman named Jackson, near Stroud, Lincoln county, an intimation of which crime was published in the Leader yesterday.

The nineteen-year-old daughter of Mrs. Ames, who was shot in the breast by the murderer, is reported to be improving and, it is thought, will recover.

The Ames family lived near Stroud and gained considerable notoriety several months ago when the mother swore out a complaint charging Ames with having outraged her daughter. At the trial it developed that he and Mrs. Ames were not married and that the young woman was not their daughter. After remaining in the county jail several weeks Ames was released upon the deposit of a \$1,000 cash bond and soon afterwards disappeared and has since failed to return.

A few months ago a young man named Jackson was employed as a farm hand and continued to reside at the home until the time of the murder.

Shortly after 8 o'clock Tuesday evening, while Mrs. Ames, her daughter and the hired man were preparing to retire a stranger appeared at the door and at the point of a revolver commanded the three to enter the cellar where he demanded their money and announced his purpose of killing them. Mrs. Ames was first killed, Jackson was pierced with a bullet causing him to fall to the floor and Mrs. Ames was shot in the breast.

The attention of the murderer was momentarily directed to Jackson, during which time the young woman escaped and fled to the home of a negro family near by and gave the alarm. Sheriff Tughman was immediately notified and spent the night hunting for the murderer, who was tracked from the house to the road where the trail was lost. It is believed that a horse and buggy were in waiting there for him and that he has escaped to the Creek country.

It is the belief of many of the residents of Lincoln county that the murderer was aided in the crime by Ames, who, it is thought to have returned to

criminal jurisprudence committee influence their votes on the anti-alcohol bill.

"Did you ever say to Lee that members of the committee demanded \$1,000 apiece?" was asked of Farris.

"I did not," very positively, made no proposition. I never had a conversation with O. J. Kelley and do not know that any such man existed.

"Did you ever tell Lee that 'the boys' wanted something tangible?"
"I did not."

"Did Lee bring to you \$7,500, or another sum and give it to you?"
"He did not. I received no money from him and I divided no money."

"Did John A. Lee pay you a money whatever for your vote or influence in the legislature?"
"He did not."

Farris denied that he had ever met Kelley, or that Lee had showed him telegram from Kelley regarding the alum bill.

Senator W. H. Haynes, who followed, denied Lee's statement that he was in Senator Morton's room when Lee says he handed Farris a telegram presumably from Kelley.

"Governor Lee was mistaken," said Haynes, "I was not there."
On the stand Farris displayed absolute self assurance and his denials statements made by Lee were positive and firm.

Chandler. The affair is shrouded in mystery. Ever since their residence in Lincoln county the Ames family have shunned society and were not very little in public. The young woman is reported to have fallen heir to a fortune amounting to about \$1,000.

Bank Cashier Sent to Jail

(By Associated Press.)

Clay Center, Kas., Nov. 5.—W. Davies, cashier of the Bank of Green Clay county, has been fined \$250 costs and committed to jail by Judge Kimble for refusing to testify before the grand jury. He was ordered stand committed until willing to testify and is now constructively in custody of the sheriff. Habeas corpus proceedings will be started in supreme court at once to obtain release. Davies was asked by grand jury to tell the amount on post March first in his bank by J. B. Bellinger, a depositor at Green. Davies refused to give the information. This case is a test one.

Society Leader Must Face Charge

(By Associated Press.)

New York, Nov. 5.—Helmer Dunc, secretary of a firm of attorneys, Pushing, L. I., has been arrested charged of arson and burglary. Dunc's father is said to have been one of the characters in "Innocent Abroad," and the young man moved the best society. His arrest grew out of a fire in the company's offices which destroyed the ledgers and valuable papers, which had been soaked with kerosene, was fired.

Charleston, Ill., Nov. 5.—William Bonn, son of a wealthy banker, was arrested under an indictment charging him of having poisoned his father. The young man last January brought to this city by a constable, the father of Miss Galdraith and for into a midnight marriage. The young man died suddenly.

Governor Proclaims Day of Fasting

The Thanksgiving day proclamation issued by Governor Ferguson is as follows:

Another year is drawing to a close. Its passing months, weeks and days have witnessed great developments in our splendid young commonwealth. During the year the light of prosperity has beamed upon the people of Oklahoma in a manner which makes glad the heart and which should inspire every citizen with increased energy and renewed expectations.

The blessings of the Divine Providence have been liberally meted out to our people.

The land has brought forth bountiful harvests. Health, hope and happiness prevails. Peace and plenty reign in all parts of the territory. Let us trust and believe that the past with its splendid achievements, the present full of prophecy and rich in promise, forecasts for us a magnificent and glorious future.

Conforming to custom and in accordance with the proclamation of the president of the United States, I recommend that Thursday, November 26, 1903, be observed in Oklahoma as a day of thanksgiving and prayer and that all public business, commerce, trade, labor and official duties be suspended to enable us as one people to assemble at the places set apart for public worship and render devotion to the God of nations, whose mercy endureth forever and from whom all blessings flow.

Done at Guthrie, Territory of Oklahoma, this 4th day of November, 1903.

T. B. Ferguson,
Governor.

Wm. Grimes,
Secretary of the Territory.

STRIKE SETTLED.

Sausage Makers and Cannery Get Increase in Wages.

(By Associated Press.)

Chicago, Ill., Nov. 5.—Representatives of the packing interests have offered the striking sausage makers and cannery an increase in wages that probably will be accepted by the employees, preventing a general strike in all centers of industry.

Douglass

Turned Down by Convention Which He Created

(By Associated Press.)

South McAlester, I. T., Nov. 5.—A convention met here today to elect a delegate to congress, with nineteen out of twenty-six districts represented. A hot fight developed immediately. The Muskogee and Ardmore delegations declared this a new convention, independent of the one of October 26, and moved for an entirely new organization. C. B. Douglass, chairman of the old convention, resigned as chairman and Jack Ellis of Tahlequah, was elected in his place, carrying the motion for reorganization.

New committees were appointed and a new permanent organization will be effected late this afternoon. There are three candidates for delegate, C. E. Foley of Eufaula; Sam Powell of Wagoner, and F. M. Sterret of South McAlester.

Girls Disappearance Excites the Gossips

(By Associated Press.)

New York, Nov. 5.—Much excitement has been caused among the residents of East Orange, N. J., by the mysterious disappearance of Miss Clara J. Coffin, daughter of a New York broker. It is believed her mind has given way under the strain of overstudy. She was last seen Tuesday evening when she started to visit a friend's house a few steps from her own home.

Washington, D. C., Nov. 5.—The president today appointed James A. Gil, a member of the supreme bench of the Indian territory.

Tickets for "The Chaperons" will go on sale tomorrow morning. There will be one hundred and fifty seats reserved for Edna and Chandler crowds.