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HIS APPOINTMENT ANNOUNCED

President-Elect Pleased by Acceptance of Offer.

Augusta, Ga., Dec. 19.—William H. Taft, president elect of the United States, has announced the appointment of United States Senator Philander C. Knox of Pennsylvania as secretary of state in his cabinet.

The announcement followed the receipt by Mr. Taft of a telegram conveying the information from Mr. Knox that he would accept the premiership of the Taft cabinet.

"I feel that I am to be congratulated in securing the services of Senator Knox in my cabinet," said Judge Taft in making the announcement. "In selecting a secretary of state I wanted



PHILANDER C. KNOX.

first a great lawyer and second a man who would fill the public eye, not only here, but abroad, as a man who stands out pre-eminently as a great American.

"Mr. Knox was a great attorney general; he was a prominent candidate for the presidency and he is recognized in the senate and elsewhere as one of the great lawyers of that body."

Regarding the report that George W. Wickersham of New York would be attorney general in his cabinet, Mr. Taft said that he had not yet determined on anyone definitely for the attorney generalship.

BANK CASHIER ARRESTED

Institution Closed Because of His Defalcations.

Somersworth, N. H., Dec. 17.—The doors of the First National bank of this city were closed following the discovery of a shortage, placed at \$85,000, and Fred H. Varney, the cashier of the bank, was arrested on a charge of being a defaulter. After his arrest, according to a statement made by W. S. Tebbets, president of the bank, Varney confessed that he had taken a large sum from the bank, which had been lost in speculation, and that he alone was responsible for the defalcation, which had been accumulating for the past six years. Varney later was given a hearing before United States Commissioner Hodgman, pleaded not guilty and furnished bail of \$10,000 for his appearance before the United States district court at Portsmouth in March.

SIMON ELECTED PRESIDENT

Rebel Leader Now Ruler of Haytian Republic.

Port au Prince, Hayti, Dec. 17.—General Antoine Simon, the leader of the last revolution in Hayti that resulted in the flight of President Nord Alexis from the capital and who made his triumphant entry into Port au Prince ten days ago, has been unanimously elected president of the republic by the Haytian congress.

As soon as the result of the election became known the great crowd that had assembled outside the parliament building broke into cheers and salutes were fired from the forts and the Haytian gunboats in the harbor.

FIGHT BATTLE WITH CITIZENS

Daring Robbers Loot Two Nebraska Banks.

Gibbon, Neb., Dec. 18.—Six robbers, after dynamiting the safes of the Farmers' State bank of Keene at Keene, twenty-eight miles south of Gibbon, and the Commercial bank of Gibbon, engaged in a pitched battle here with a number of citizens and escaped in an auto with \$5,500. One of the robbers is believed to have been wounded and to have been carried off by his comrades.

Oldest Civil War Veteran.

Milwaukee, Dec. 19.—James Clancy, said to have been the oldest Civil War veteran, died at the National Soldiers' home, aged 100 years. Mr. Clancy was born in Ireland. He enlisted with the Fourth Michigan guards in 1862.

CLIMAX IN HAINS TRIAL

Widow of Victim on the Witness Stand.

Flushing, N. Y., Dec. 22.—The trial of Thornton J. Hains reached a climax of dramatic intensity when Mrs. Helene E. Annis, widow of William E. Annis, in a deliberate recital lasting for nearly three hours pictured the killing of her husband as he sat at the tiller of his boat, by Captain Peter C. Hains, Jr. Mrs. Annis nearly fainted a few minutes before her examination was concluded. She swayed in her chair, but quickly recovered after drinking a glass of water and smelling a vial of salts.

It was a hard day for the defense and counsel for Hains was exhausted from the arduous cross-examination which was directed toward the state's witnesses in an effort to shake their testimony. Thornton Hains lost much of the easy nonchalance that had characterized his manner in previous sessions. When led from the court in the evening by two deputy sheriffs, the prisoner appeared dejected and careworn.

DENIED BY THE PRESIDENT

Has Had No Quarrel With Taft Over Ohio Senatorship.

Washington, Dec. 19.—President Roosevelt has stated that there was no truth in a printed story that he had had a disagreement with President-Elect Taft about the candidacy of the latter's brother, Charles P. Taft, for the senatorship from Ohio.

ORLANDO J. SMITH DEAD

Founder of American Press Association.

Dobbs Ferry, N. Y., Dec. 21.—Major Orlando J. Smith, president and general manager of the American Press Association, died at his home on the Hudson. He had been ill since September, at which time he was operated upon for cancer of the stomach. Through his long illness he retained his interest in daily events. He was attended by Dr. Walter B. James, Dr. Blake and Dr. Denniston.

Major Orlando J. Smith, the founder of the American Press Association and its president and general manager from its inception until his death, was a journalist of national reputation. As head of the largest newspaper syndicate in America he came into intimate contact with writers and journalists connected with the newspapers of every grade of influence and importance.

Major Smith was born June 14, 1842, on a farm near Terre Haute, Ind., of Vermont ancestry. He attended the public schools and later Asbury college, now De Pauw university. In later years the university conferred on its distinguished alumnus the degree of J. L. D.

At the outbreak of the Civil war Major Smith enlisted and served until its close in the armies of the Potomac, Ohio and Cumberland, rising to the rank of major in the Sixth Indiana cavalry. After the war Major Smith engaged for three years in cotton planting at Enterprise, Miss. He began his journalistic career at Terre Haute, Ind., as editor of the Terre Haute Mail. Later he acquired the Terre Haute Express. In 1878 he removed the latter newspaper to Chicago, continuing its publication as the Chicago Express. In 1882 he founded in Chicago the American Press Association, the monument to his fame. Later the main offices were removed to New York, where they remain.

Major Smith possessed the broadest of minds. He was keenly interested in life and its problems in all their manifold phases. He found relaxation from material cares in the study and exposition of religion and philosophy and economics. He embodied his views in several volumes, which have received serious attention from the world's thinkers.

In person Major Smith was distinguished among men, tall and well built. He bore himself with dignity and ease and his clean shaven face bore the impress of his splendid mind.

ALLEGES CRIMINAL LIBEL

Rockefeller, Jr., Causes Arrest of New York Publisher.

New York, Dec. 18.—On a charge of criminal libel, made by John D. Rockefeller, Jr., S. S. Carvalho, president of the Star company, publishers of William R. Hearst's New York American, was arrested and arraigned in police court before Magistrate Finn. Mr. Carvalho was paroled until Dec. 26.

Mr. Rockefeller charged that the article published in the New York American Dec. 17, under a Chicago date of Dec. 16, with the headline, "J. D. Rockefeller, Jr., Originated Peonage in Stockade, It Is Said," tended to injure his good name, reputation and credit and to make him appear ridiculous.

SITUATION VERY SERIOUS

Anti-Foreign Movement at Canton, China, Dangerous.

Hongkong, Dec. 21.—It is feared that the anti-foreign movement at Canton, originally caused by the death of a coolie on the steamer Falshan, who is alleged to have been brutally kicked by a Portuguese watchman on the vessel, will culminate in an outbreak against all foreigners. So serious is the situation regarded that the British torpedo boat destroyer Hart has been sent to Canton.

CARNEGIE HEARD

Ironmaster Gives Views on Tariff to House Committee.

STEEL NEEDS NO PROTECTION

Says American Manufacturers Can Beat the World.

Washington, Dec. 22.—Andrew Carnegie, famous for the millions he made in the steel business and for his views on economic questions, made a most entertaining, if not instructive witness before the house ways and means committee in connection with the proposed revision of the tariff.

An article on the tariff especially as to the steel schedule written by Mr. Carnegie recently appeared in a monthly magazine. Owing to the statements made in that article, it became the basis for the questions asked by the members of the committee when the hearings on the steel schedule were held.

As the testimony of various steel manufacturers was at variance with the statements made by Mr. Carnegie, the committee invited the "Laird of Skibo" to come to Washington and give any information that the committee could use in determining proposed changes in the steel schedule. As Mr. Carnegie declined to accept the invitation he was subpoenaed to appear when authority to call witnesses in that manner was granted by congress. Mr. Carnegie was to have been heard nearly two weeks ago, but asked for a postponement, evidently for the purpose of having the committee secure the testimony of other steel magnates first.

Exasperated the "Standpatters."

Although he was on the stand for nearly eight hours, Mr. Carnegie laughed and joked good naturedly throughout. He exasperated several of the "standpatters" with his epigrammatic replies, praised the genius of Charles M. Schwab, urged the committee to accept the testimony of Judge E. H. Gary as conclusive, and told several funny stories. He avoided figures, however, to such an extent that it is doubtful if the tariff framers are any more enlightened now on the steel question than they were before Mr. Carnegie was sworn in by Chairman Payne.

Mr. Carnegie's principal contention was that the steel industry needs no more protection, that it has reached a point in its development where the American manufacturers can compete with the world under free trade conditions. While he claimed that the cost of labor and production of steel are less in this country than in the other countries producing steel, Mr. Carnegie gave no figures to support his contentions.

He said that Judge Gary told the committee that the United States Steel corporation can get along without a tariff on its products and that should be sufficient evidence for the committee to take off the duty on steel and iron.

COUNCILMEN UNDER ARREST

Pittsburg City Fathers Accused of Various Crimes.

Pittsburg, Dec. 22.—Seven members of councils were arrested at the instance of the Voters' league, a civic reform organization, charged with conspiracy, corrupt practices and bribery in connection with municipal legislation during the past two years.

Alleged acts in connection with the establishment of depositories for the funds of the city are enumerated in the complaints against the councilmen and it is said a number of persons occupying official positions in local banks will shortly be arrested.

FATAL TO ELEVEN SOLDIERS

Beverage Served at a Resort on Mindanao Island.

Manila, Dec. 19.—Eleven deaths have occurred and thirteen men are seriously ill at Kethley camp, Mindanao island, as a result of the men of the Eighteenth infantry drinking calumbic acid, a vegetable compound extracted from the calumba root. An official investigation is now being made by the military authorities, but no details have been given out. The beverage, it is learned, was served as "vino," a native drink, at a resort near the camp on Dec. 15. The last death occurred on Dec. 17.

SULTAN IN ATTENDANCE

First Ottoman Parliament Opens at Constantinople.

Constantinople, Dec. 17.—After an interval of thirty-two years Turkey has entered upon a second attempt at constitutional government with the inauguration in Constantinople of the new parliament elected under the constitution promulgated by the sultan in July of this year.

The sultan opened parliament in person with elaborate ceremonies.

Murder Trial Postponed.

Media, Pa., Dec. 22.—The trial of Mrs. Florence Erb and her sister, Mrs. Catherine Beisel, for the murder of the former's husband, J. Clayton Erb, at Village Green, Delaware county, was postponed by agreement until Dec. 29.



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