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AGREEMENT IS REACHED TO BUY FRIARS' LANDS

Gov. Taft and the Philippine Orders Decide Upon Settlement, the United States to Pay \$7,250,000 for 403,000 Acres, Which is a Compromise—Pope Pius Approves the Agreement.



GOV. WILLIAM H. TAFT.

MANILA, Dec. 17.—An agreement has been reached by Gov. Taft and the friars providing for the settlement of the land question. The pope has given his approval of the terms of settlement and the approval of the war department is awaited. The settlement provides for the purchase of 403,000 acres, comprising all the agricultural lands and holdings of the friars with the exception of 15,000 acres, including a farm near Manila, which has been sold to a railway company, and also one sugar plantation. The price agreed upon is \$7,250,000, ever since the acquisition of the Philippines the friars originally asked \$15,000,000. Gov. Taft offered them \$6,000,000. This subject has been in controversy since the acquisition of the Philippines by the United States. Gov. Taft, on his way back from Washington some months ago, spent several days in Rome, where he conferred with the officials of the Vatican in an endeavor to reach a basis for the settlement of the question.



NOTHING IN IT BUT "HOT AIR".

PRONOUNCE HEATH AND CASTLE NEGLIGENT

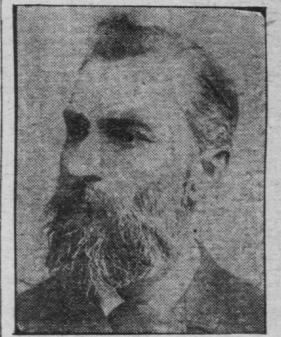
Messrs. Conrad and Bonaparte File Their Report on Tulloch's Charges Against Administration of Washington Postoffice—Say Heath Failed Completely to Meet the Accusations and Auditor Castle Was Lax.

H. C. Truesdell, of Binghamton, N. Y., of the Canselling Machine company, told inspectors that before the order of June 30, 1900, was given for 100 Doremus cancelling machines, 200 shares (\$20,000 worth) of the stock of the company were transferred to First Assistant Postmaster General Heath, Heath promising to order not less than 300 machines at \$25.—Report of Fourth Assistant Postmaster General Bristow.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 16.—The report of Messrs. Conrad and Bonaparte on the charges made by S. W. Tulloch, formerly cashier of the Washington city postoffice, against the administration of this office was made public today. Under instructions from the president, the report views the Tulloch charges "from a legal standpoint."

The report begins with a history and nature of the Tulloch charges and then makes the following "preliminary observations" concerning them: "No improper official act on the part of any public official or employe is alleged which did not occur more than three years before July 17, 1903, and as all possible prosecutions are barred, we are led therefore to interpose our instructions to report on these matters 'from a legal standpoint' in a broader sense than we might otherwise venture to ascribe to them, and understand that our views are desired as to the legal propriety of the official action disclosed, and not merely whether it may or may not have been criminal."

Never Really Investigated. "The Tulloch charges have never before been made public and his answers to them. We consider this answer 'altogether insufficient and no less unsatisfactory in substance than in form.' The report says the revision of Postmaster Willet's accounts of itself is sufficient to show that Mr. Heath's official record is not so clear as to defy suspicion. It adds: "Moreover, the confidential report of



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DID GRAVELLE WRITE THE LETTERS?

State Claims He Was Author of Written Demand on Northern Pacific.

HELENA, Mont., Dec. 16.—It developed today at the trial of Isaac Gravelle, charged with dynamiting Northern Pacific trains, that the Northern Pacific had received a threatening letter mailed two months ago from Cascade, Mont., in which a demand was made for \$15,000. The state asserts that Gravelle wrote the Cascade letter. Most of the time of the prosecution so far has been taken up in an effort to prove the handwriting of Gravelle and to connect him with the letter demanding money from the Northern Pacific.

GIVES LAND FOR FORESTRY PURPOSES

Senator Nelson Introduces a Bill for the Benefit of Minnesota.

Globe Special Washington Service, 1417 G Street. WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 16.—Senator Nelson introduced a bill today to grant to the state of Minnesota for forestry purposes public lands not heretofore withdrawn which are classed in field notes of surveys as third or fourth rate in respect to soil, too hilly or rocky for cultivation. One-eighth of the net forest revenue from such lands is to be paid to the town in which located; the land to be under the supervision of the state forestry board. —W. E. C.

SENATE PASSES THE CUBAN BILL

Bailey Tells Republicans They Get No More Democratic Help —Vote Is 57 to 18.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 16.—By the decisive vote of 57 to 18 the senate today passed the bill carrying into effect the reciprocity treaty with Cuba. The final vote came at the close of a day which was marked by a debate which, while at all times animated, was never acrimonious. The principal speeches were made by Mr. Spooner, for the bill, and by Mr. Bailey against it. Both senators were subjected to frequent interruptions. Mr. Bailey referred to the recent agreement of the Democratic caucus to stand solidly on party lines and warned the Republicans that in the future they could not depend on straggling Democratic votes in support of Republican party measures, regardless of whether they were or were not in accord with Democratic doctrine. The vote in detail was, as follows: Yeas—Aldrich, Alger, Allee, Allison, Ankeney, Bacon, Ball, Beveridge, Blackburn, Burnham, Burrows, Burton, Clapp, Clark (Wyo.), Clay, Cockrell, Cullom, Depew, Dillingham, Dooliver, Dryden, Elkins, Fairbanks, Foraker, Foster (Wash.), Frye, Fulton, Gallinger, Gorman, Hale, Hanna, Hansbrough, Heyburn, Hoar, Hopkins, Keam, Lodge, Long, McComas, McCreary, McCumber, Mitchell, Nelson, Overman, Penrose, Perkins, Platt (Conn.), Platt (N. Y.), Proctor, Quarles, Scott, Simmons, Smead, Spooner, Stewart, Stone, Wetmore—57.

WARRANTS FOR GRAIN INSPECTORS ARE OUT

Superior Men Do Their Best to Get Rid of Minnesota Inspection.

Special to The Globe. SUPERIOR, Wis., Dec. 16.—Minnesota inspection may be ousted from Superior. Complaints against twenty-nine Minnesota weighers and inspectors were sworn to today before Judge Hally by Homer T. Fowler. Warrants were prepared late this afternoon, but the sheriff got them too late to do anything with them. They will be served tomorrow morning unless the inspectors refuse to come over again. The officials are charged with inspecting and weighing grain in this city in violation of the Wisconsin inspection law of 1895. There are certificates signed by the men with the exception of two cases, that will be used as evidence to show that they have done the work here. It is claimed that this is sufficient evidence to convict. Fowler says that a complaint will be made and a warrant sworn out every time there is any grain inspected or weighed in this city by Minnesota officials. It is not known what action the Board of Trade will take. There is a chance for the establishment of Wisconsin inspection under the law of 1895 and it is quite probable that this will be done. There is some difference of opinion as to the advisability, but the relations between the Superior (N. Y.), Proctor, Quarles, Scott, Simmons, Smead, Spooner, Stewart, Stone, Wetmore—57.

SENATE COMMITTEE DECIDES FOR WOOD

It Will, by a Vote of 8 to 2, Recommend That He Be Confirmed.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 16.—The senate committee tonight finished the investigation of the case of Gen. Wood. It will meet tomorrow to prepare its report. It is understood that confirmation will be recommended by a vote of 8 to 2. A minority report will be made by the opposing members.

MAN IS FOUND DEAD WITH HEAD AND HANDS IN ICE

Icy Water Was Running Over Him—Whether Suicide or Accident Is Unknown.

SPECIAL TO THE GLOBE. BUTTE, Mont., Dec. 16.—Charles H. Hillman, an employe of the Butte Reduction works, one of Senator W. A. Clark's smelters, was found dead with his head and hands buried in fine one of the jigs of the concentrator through which icy water was running. Hillman was standing in an unnatural position, which led to an investigation. It is not known whether or not Hillman adopted this mode of committing suicide or was overcome by heart failure and died standing on his feet, his head and hands reclining into the jig.

MARIE CORELLI GETS HALF A CENT DAMAGES

Result of Her Libel Suit Against the Stratford-on-Avon Paper.

BIRMINGHAM, England, Dec. 16.—Marie Corelli, the novelist, was today awarded half a cent damages, each side to pay their own costs, in a libel suit brought by her against the proprietor of the Stratford-on-Avon Herald, in connection with a recent controversy in which Miss Corelli opposed the erection of a Carnegie library on the ground that it involved a desecration of Shakespeare's birthplace. The alleged libel consisted of a statement that Miss Corelli desired to erect a library at the same place. Miss Corelli testified in her own behalf and emphatically denied that she ever intended to erect a library.

JURORS CAN'T AGREE

Mabel Parker Disappointed in Result of Trial.

NEW YORK, Dec. 16.—Mabel Parker slept in her cell in the Tombs tonight. She expected to be acquitted, but after deliberating for nearly four hours the twelve men filed into Judge Cowing's court and announced they could not agree. Altogether eight ballots were taken by the jury. On the last ballot seven jurors voted for acquittal and five for conviction. "I am so sorry," said Mrs. Parker to The Globe's correspondent when the disagreement was announced. "I thought I might be free. But, after all, disagreement is much better than conviction. I only hope if I am to be tried again they won't keep me five months in the Tombs before the case is called." After the jury had been discharged Judge Cowing asked the foreman: "Upon what point was it that the jury did not seem to agree?" "Those who voted for acquittal," said the foreman, "insisted that the district attorney had not shown it was Mabel Parker who wrote the two names of Bierstadt and Alice Kausher on the slip of paper that was put in evidence by the prosecution. Detective Peabody swore he saw Mabel write these names, but Mabel swore that these names were already on the slip of paper when she took it out of her desk. And, again, her husband swore that he had written these names. Some of the jurors said there was no evidence to show Mrs. Parker had ever written these names. Up to the last ballot it was five for conviction, five against and two blank." "There was a little too much girl in this case, I think," District Attorney Jerome said, "but I will say she will be tried again. I doubt if we can put her on trial this month, but she surely will be called to the bar in January." Mr. Lebarbier, Mrs. Parker's senior counsel, said that he doubted whether the district attorney would ever put his client on trial again. "I have not given up hope," said the defendant, when led back to prison. "They have done some awful lying against me and I only hope that these very persons will be found out sooner or later. I told the absolute truth when I was on the witness stand, and I never forged these signatures, and I certainly was not fooled by a man like Peabody."

WILL CURB THE ARMY

Heavy Expenditures for Maneuvers Will Be Vetoed.

Globe Special Washington Service, 1417 G Street. WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 16.—The administration's plans for reckless expenditure for army maneuvers on the plains of Germany and other old world powers do not meet approval in congress and are likely to meet a sudden check when it comes to passing the necessary appropriations. The Democratic members and a number of Republicans as well take the position that this is contrary to the traditions of the United States and is but a foolish effort to imitate the military doings of the old world powers and is part of the Roosevelt notion to make the United States a world power. —Walter E. Clark.

WHEN WILL SECURITIES DECISION COME?

It Is Not Expected on Jan. 4, the Earliest Date Possible.

Globe Special Washington Service, 1417 G Street. WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 16.—The earliest date at which the decision in the Northern Securities case may be expected is Jan. 4, when the supreme court reassembles after the holiday recess. It is not likely that it will come then, though it is within the bounds of possibility. No one anticipates that the court would act with the precipitation which would be required to pass on the case by next Monday, which is the next decision day. This would outrage all precedents of the court's dignity. If Jan. 4 should be the date it would mean that the distinguished justices had spent most of the holiday recess in study and toil in the preparation of their decisions. —Walter E. Clark.

SAYS HUSBAND STRUCK HER WITH A BIBLE

On This Account a Chicago Woman Is Promptly Granted a Divorce.

SPECIAL TO THE GLOBE. CHICAGO, Dec. 16.—"He chased me out of bed and struck me with the sixth and seventh books of Moses, your honor," said Mrs. Bertha Jensen, who appeared before Judge Brentano today to tell why she should have a divorce from Ferdinand C. Jensen. The judge pondered a moment and said: "You mean the Bible, do you not?" "Yes, that's it. He hit me with the Bible, your honor. He slept with it under his pillow. It was his weapon. He would argue from it and then hit me in the back with it when I could not agree with him." Mrs. Jensen also made it plain to the court that her husband had neglected to provide for her, that he was cruel and tyrannical and bigoted, and the divorce was promptly granted.

HE LOSES ON RACES LINE TO MINNETONKA

Secretary of Regents Embezzles \$20,000. Lowry, It Is Said, Will Build From Minneapolis.

BERKELEY, Cal., Dec. 16.—W. A. McKowen, secretary of the board of regents of the state university, confessed today to President Benjamin Ide Wheeler that he was a defaulter to the amount of \$20,000 and possibly more. Most of the money was lost at the race track. Mr. McKowen has been suspended by President Wheeler and placed under arrest by the local authorities. Secretary McKowen's arrest followed the discovery that he had attempted to pay a racing debt with a check made out to him personally by Mrs. Phoebe Hearst. This check was for \$1,160 and was handed over by McKowen to Bookmaker John Davis in payment of markers on the races for \$1,120. Davis gave McKowen \$40 in change and deposited the check in the Western National bank, from which it turned up to expose the affair. President Wheeler said today: "It appears that McKowen at different times since 1898 has used sums of money that came into his hands and instead of depositing them with the treasurer has appropriated them to his own use. He covered this up, as far as we know, by taking corresponding amounts from university funds by charging them as expenditures under the head of one or the other university funds." McKowen has been in the university twenty-five years, is unmarried and 40 years of age. His salary was \$2,400 a year.