

## NEWS NOTES

FOR THE  
BUSY MANMost Important Happenings of the World  
Told in Brief.

## WASHINGTON NOTES.

William H. Taft, president-elect of the United States, announced the appointment of United States Senator Philander C. Knox of Pennsylvania as secretary of state in his cabinet.

That the United States should have the right of appeal to the federal supreme court as a matter of right whenever a conviction is reversed on appeal by a defendant to a circuit court of appeals, is the opinion expressed by Atty. Gen. Bonaparte in his annual report, submitted to congress. He cites of the reversals of the fine of \$29,240,000 against the Standard Oil Company.

The house of representatives by unanimous vote adopted a resolution requesting the president to supply it with an evidence that may be in his possession that will justify the statement in his last annual message in relation to the attitude of members of congress toward appropriations for the secret service of the government.

The senate adopted a resolution for an investigation of the inference in the president's message that members of congress fear the probing of secret service officers.

It was authoritatively announced in New York that the offer of a cabinet position to Congressman Theodore Burton of Cleveland had been withdrawn by Mr. Taft and would not be renewed.

President Roosevelt sent a message to congress denouncing Joseph Pulitzer for the Panama canal charges and saying it is the duty of the government to prosecute the publisher of the New York World for criminal libel. The world replied with an editorial of defiance.

## PERSONAL.

Wilbur Wright, American aviator, set two new records at Le Mans, France, by remaining in the air nearly two hours and then ascending 360 feet.

Fred Lied, formerly member of the Columbus (O.) board of control, was sentenced to four years in the penitentiary for accepting a bribe.

Leo F. McCullough, president of the common council of Boston, is charged with perjury and conspiracy to defraud the city out of \$200 on June 1 last.

C. M. Buckles, cashier of the First State bank of Oklahoma City, Okla., was found guilty by a jury of embezzling \$1,872 while he was treasurer of Canadian county three years ago. He was sentenced to serve a year in the penitentiary and to pay a fine of \$3,485.

Philander C. Knox, United States senator from Pennsylvania, has consented to be secretary of state in Mr. Taft's cabinet.

Gen. Anton Simon, leader of the revolution that ousted Nord Alexis, was unanimously elected president of Haiti.

Henry E. Agar, wanted in Princeton, Ind., for alleged forgeries amounting to \$125,000 and supposed to have been drowned in the Wabash river in January, 1907, was arrested at Harlingen, Tex.

Ralph H. Booth, the Detroit publisher, purchased a controlling interest in both the Muskegon Chronicle and the Muskegon Morning News.

Alice Neilson, an actress, long prominent on the comic opera stage, filed a voluntary petition in bankruptcy in New York. She gave her liabilities as \$1,200 and her assets as \$75.

## GENERAL NEWS.

Six robbers, after dynamiting the safes of the Farmers' State bank at Keene, Neb., and the Commercial bank of Gibbon, Neb., engaged in a pitched battle here with a number of citizens and escaped in an automobile with \$5,500.

The tramp steamer Catalone ran into and sunk the freighter Daghestan of England just outside New York harbor. The members of the Daghestan's crew were picked up by the Catalone.

Col. Hy. B. Marchbank, a prominent stock broker of Joplin, Mo., committed suicide because of ill health.

Elmer Hill, alleged murderer of Mamie Womack in Adair county, Kentucky, was taken from jail at Monticello by a mob and hanged.

Theodore Roosevelt, Jr., it was reported in Thompsonville, Conn., was slated for election to the next Connecticut general assembly.

The entire Portuguese cabinet has resigned.

A snowslide at Eureka, Cal., destroyed a mine boarding-house and killed one man.

Chu Chin Ching was found dead in Chicago, strangled with his own queue supposedly by henchmen.

Mobs in Caracas arose against President Castro's rule, burned his statues and pictures and pillaged the property of his friends.

Tom Longboat, the Indian runner, won the Marathon race in Madison Square garden, New York. Dorando Pietri collapsing near the goal.

Enraged because his former sweetheart, Miss Maud Hartley, had rejected him, James B. Harmon, the 18-year-old son of Police Sergeant James M. Harmon, shot and killed her on the street in Somerville, Mass.

The four men convicted in the Pennsylvania capitol fraud case were sentenced to two years in the penitentiary, \$500 fine and costs, the maximum punishment allowed by law, and were released on \$100,000 bail on superadeas.

James Curren, 18 years old, was killed in a boxing bout with Benjamin Barnett, 17 years of age, at the Broadway Athletic club of Philadelphia.

Frank Cain, city marshal of Higgsbee, Mo., was shot and probably fatally wounded and Elmer Magruder was instantly killed in the city jail by three men whom Cain had arrested on a charge of robbing a railway station at Salisbury, Mo.

Eleven deaths have occurred and 13 men are seriously ill at Ketchikan camp, Mindanao island, as a result of the men of the Eighteenth Infantry drinking calumbe acid, a vegetable compound extracted from the calumba root.

Six hundred pupils calmly marched out of the high school at Altoona, Pa., which was on fire.

Gov. Campbell of Texas announced that the law closing saloons on Sunday would be enforced throughout the state.

Sir Max Waechter, who is touring the capitals of Europe advocating the abolition of emperors and kings and the formation of the United States of Europe, was received by M. Pichon, French minister of foreign affairs. Sir Max favors King Edward as the first president of his proposed union.

The Council of Jewish Women, through Dr. Cornelia H. Kahn, chairman of the committee on purity of the press, has issued an appeal to newspapers for the elimination of indecent details in the published evidence at murder and divorce trials.

One man was fatally injured and one seriously hurt in a head-on collision between two passenger trains on the Big Four railroad between Lilley and Woodruff, Ill.

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 in New York.

A considerable part of Rostov-on-the-Don, a busy Russian city of 120,000 population, was destroyed by fire.

Frederick A. Storm, a real estate dealer, testified in the trial of Thornton J. Hains, as a principal with his brother, Capt. Peter C. Hains, in the killing of William E. Annis, that the defendant had inquired as to the whereabouts of Annis shortly before the latter sailed up to the dock where he was shot. Charles Birchfield, a friend of Annis, declared that Thornton Hains drove him back with a drawn revolver when he sought to stop the shooting.

Postmaster General Meyer announced that he would not renew his order, issued in December, 1907, permitting delivery to charitable organizations of letters addressed to "Santa Claus."

Oregon Railroad & Navigation train No. 1, known as the Chicago-Portland special, was held up and the express car dynamited by four masked robbers nine miles east of Portland, Ore. Express Messenger O. H. Huff said the robbers secured little of value.

Rev. Joseph L. Sullens of Springfield, Mo., was shot and killed accidentally while hunting.

The tentative selection of Salt Lake City as the next meeting place of the Grand Army of the Republic was confirmed by the executive committee which has been investigating the accommodations afforded by the city.

The doors of the First National bank of Somersworth, N. H., 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.

Nine companies, with their subsidiaries, are named as constituting an illegal combination in the final decree, filed in the United States circuit court at New York, putting into effect the judgment recently obtained by the government in its suit to dissolve the so-called tobacco trust.

The Dutch battleship Jacob van Heemskerck captured the Venezuelan guardship 23 de Mayo and towed it to Curacao. In Berlin President Castro called on the German chancellor and was examined by a physician.

On hearing of the seizure by the Dutch of the guardship Alix, Acting President Gomez declared Venezuela in a state of defense. President Castro arrived in Berlin and was given an ovation.

That the latest battleships built by this country are vastly superior to England's Dreadnought, is emphatically stated by Rear Admiral Robley D. Evans in an article in the latest number of Hampton's Broadway Magazine, wherein he strongly defends the American navy and replies to criticisms of it made some time ago by Henry Reuterdahl and others.

In an opinion by Justice Holmes, the supreme court of the United States held that E. H. Harriman and Otto Kahn, the latter a New York banker, should not be required to answer the interstate commerce commission's questions concerning dealings in stocks between the Union Pacific and other roads.

Abbes Bouysson and Bardon, who are conducting excavations at Chappelle-aux-Saints, in the Correz department, have discovered what are believed to be the oldest human remains, dating back 170,000 years to the middle of the Pleistocene age.

THE DUFFY CASE  
ENDS SUDDENLYTHE LETTERS OF MISS LENNON  
CAUSE THE RELEASE OF  
RESPONDENT.

GIRL CLAIMS INNOCENCE.

The Letters Which Freed the Man  
Are Kept From the Public and the  
Woman Goes Free Also.

Because of a discrepancy between the testimony of Myrtle Lennon on the witness stand and in her letters to Joseph Duffy, charged with drowning her baby in Saginaw river, Judge Gage, on recommendation of Prosecutor Purcell, discharged the prisoner and entered an order that the case be nolle prossed.

As soon as he heard he was free, Duffy violently shook the prosecutor's hand and Mrs. Duffy patted her husband on the back. His three children noisily greeted him. Many of his friends congratulated him.

"Most of the credit of my vindication is due to my wife," he said, "and I hope to repay this in after years. Luckily, I saved all the letters Myrtle Lennon wrote me, putting them into a little iron trunk for safe-keeping."

Miss Lennon was not in court when the case was dismissed, but when seen later wept and said:

"I suppose people will blame me, but I am innocent. I do not know how the baby met its death; all I know is that I gave the baby to Duffy. I had to write those letters to get money from him."

In these letters Miss Lennon declared that she "had no baby," that "he would be surprised to learn the good news," and that she had undergone an operation. Most of the letters asked him for money, and several appointments were made to get him on different evenings just preceding the Wednesday left the hospital.

Miss Lennon delayed in leaving. The letters covered 13 typewritten pages. The first one Miss Lennon wrote Duffy was the most important of all and was mailed to him a day or two after she went to the hospital. It is practically settled that no charges of any kind will be made against Miss Lennon either for perjury or in connection with the drowning of the babe, it being held by the authorities that no conviction can now be secured.

## Causes Great Loss.

In the opinion of Henry W. Carr, shipper and broker, the embargo of Michigan hay and cattle has cost the commercial and producing interests of the state \$1,000,000 in the short time it has been in force. He further believes that every week the quarantine is operative the loss will be increased by \$250,000. In the great hay producing district of northeastern Michigan, where cattle shipments are always heavy, the embargo is felt most burdensome.

## Raised the Money.

Henry P. Fogelsang, cashier of the embossed Springfield State Savings bank, obtained his \$5,000 bail in Jackson through T. G. Brown, grain buyer, and 17 other residents. Mr. Fogelsang left for Springfield, assuring the state banking department that he would give them all the aid in his power in straightening out the books.

## Bottle Thrower Accquired.

Edward Parks, who threw a bottle at the opening baseball game of the Central league season at Grand Rapids last May and killed Willie Haverkamp, a small boy, was found not guilty of manslaughter by a jury in the supreme court. Parks, it was alleged, threw the bottle at boys who had been annoying him, and struck the Haverkamp lad, who was an innocent bystander.

## STATE NEWS BRIEFS.

The state's indebtedness to the primary schools on the November apportionment has been reduced to \$347,053.87.

James Wells, who deliberately forged a check in Sault Ste. Marie in order to be locked up and kept away from "booze," was given from one to 14 years in prison.

Charles Coudwall was stabbed, probably fatally, Sunday night in Laurium by Chas. Gallagher. Coudwall heard Mrs. Gallagher's cries for help and rushed into the room to protect her.

A telegram from A. D. Melvin, chief of the bureau of animal industry, to Gov. Warner says that the quarantine against Michigan cattle will be modified as soon as all shipments from Detroit and Buffalo yards into Michigan have been traced.

Insanity in the state is gaining and the average age of inmates admitted to the Michigan asylum has been increased from 40 to 46 years. There are 1,866 inmates, of which number 1,000 are men. This is nearly 100 more than were in the asylum a year ago.

"Rev." Jack McCall, of Kalamazoo, reformed tramp, will attend a family reunion Christmas at the home of his brother James, St. Louis, Mo. Drink made McCall an outcast from the family 15 years ago. Converted at the rescue mission he became a Methodist minister.

For the first time in the history of the state, a woman may file an application to be appointed clerk of the state senate. A woman has written Lieut-Gov. Kelley, asking what he considered her chances would be to land the job. From present indications E. V. Chilson will be again selected as clerk of the senate, and Paul H. King as clerk of the house.

Andrew Larsen, of Cadillac, has been bound over to the circuit court on the charge of giving a bottle of whisky to Andrew Kent, a boy, while the two were out for a "good time." The case is the first one of its kind tried under the new local option law.

## MICHIGAN BREVITIES.

While eating a late lunch in a Bay City restaurant, William Law, a Caro farmer, aged 80, dropped dead.

While suffering from despondency, William Rushnell, of Alger, 25, shot himself through the heart with a rifle. Motorcycles will be used next spring by the rural free delivery carriers on routes leading from Kalamazoo.

According to the secretary of state's report, there were 2,742 deaths and 4,026 births in Michigan during November.

Mrs. Gerrit J. Diekema, wife of Congressman Diekema, who has been ill with pneumonia, is pronounced out of danger.

Godfrey Addison, who threw a rock at John Suffett, of Adrian, and killed him, was acquitted. Addison pleaded self-defense.

John Lee, of Marshall, sold 6,300 hides of fur-bearing animals, including one fox, to C. F. Putt, of Battle Creek, Monday for \$2,600. He has now sold him \$5,642 worth this season. Massachusetts has placed an embargo on importation of hay, straw, grain, fodder, "neat" cattle, swine and sheep from Michigan and other territories where hoof and mouth disease has been discovered.

The wild December winds have revealed the fact that many of the Kalamazoo college co-eds are yellow and black. The discovery has created considerable excitement at the college.

The opening of the new interurban line from Saginaw to Flint has been set for January 15. The road will make a through line from Detroit to Saginaw and negotiations are under way to run cars the entire distance without change.

Branch county prohibitionists have secured 2,700 signatures to the petition asking the supervisors to call an election for the purpose of voting on local option. This is 700 more than necessary to compel the supervisors to call the election.

President Hawks, of the Detroit & Mackinac Railway, who is a member of the fire relief commission, says that the commission will purchase 250 sleighs for farmers who lost their vehicles. In the spring, seeds will be purchased for the farmers.

Henry Koch, a farmer in Sumpter township, evidently has a vindictive enemy. Some time Monday night one of Koch's horses was taken from the barn and shot. Koch the next morning found the dead body of the animal lying nearby. There is no clue.

Dr. Frederick Lohrstorfer, a heavy loser by the defalcation of William L. Wilson, former secretary of the Home Protective Association, is now serving jail term, after he believes that Wilson has \$70,000 or \$80,000 of the money stolen away.

Julius Lazarus, of Brooklyn, N. Y., will come Christmas to visit his father, whom he has not seen for 22 years. The father and son were lost to each other for a long time, and the son is now serving jail term, after he believes that Wilson has \$70,000 or \$80,000 of the money stolen away.

Prosecuting Attorney Powers has declared war on the saloons in the neighborhood of the Soldiers' home, Grand Rapids. It is said that the saloons for some time past have been selling liquor to the veterans against the wishes of the officers of the home.

The supreme court has affirmed the conviction, in a lower court, of John Coffee, of Charlevoix, charged with having in his possession undersized fish. Coffee claimed the fish had been injured and that was the reason they were not thrown back into the water.

A Port Huron bank has asked the circuit court to determine the ownership of a deposit of \$399.31 held by it. The money was placed to the credit of John and Maggie Pohe. The latter is now in an insane asylum and the husband has made a demand for the money.

To prevent the spread of disease in the public schools, the Grand Rapids school board has decided to furnish each teacher with a blank on which she will immediately report any suspicious cases. Local physicians have agreed to donate their services to the movement.

Muskegon people who invested in the "Pacific Wireless Telegraph Co." of Los Angeles, Cal., are beginning to become worried. It was promised that a station would be erected there before Jan. 8, but so far nothing has been heard of the proposition. Over \$2,500 worth of stock was sold in Muskegon.

The discovery of two cases of diphtheria at the Suomi Finnish college in Houghton has resulted in that institution being placed under quarantine. Two teachers and 25 students are locked up and are to stay there during the holidays. The institution is the only Finnish college in the United States.

Some new features in initiation rites were pulled off by the Kappa Kappa Gamma fraternity of the Marshall high school in admitting a new member to the mysteries of the order Monday night. The victim was first dunked in a pond. Three gallons of molasses were then poured down his back, a sheet of fly paper stuck on each cheek and in this condition he was sent home to his deploring parents.

The location of the Western Theological seminary, which is sought by Muskegon, Kalamazoo, Port Huron and Grand Rapids, will not be decided for several weeks yet. Kalamazoo offers \$10,000 and a site. Muskegon \$10,000 and a site. Port Huron a good house on the site of the Somerville hotel, near St. Clair, on the St. Clair river, and Grand Rapids, the present location of the seminary, offers additional grounds.

The Grand Trunk railroad, in a brief filed in the case brought by Saginaw valley manufacturers for alleged freight rate discrimination, declared its intention to change Saginaw and Flint rates would mean an entire change in the rates of the Central Freight association and in Atlantic coast territory. The statement is made that mileage does not cut any figure in making rates.

City Fire Chief Deifs, of Lansing, has asked for warrant for State Dairies and Food Commissioner A. C. Bird and six others for alleged violation of the city ordinance by the erection of outside stairways of wood.

THE "SPY" MESSAGE  
MATERIAL PLENTYREQUEST OF THE HOUSE WILL  
BE COMPLIED WITH  
AT ONCE.

THE RESOLUTION PASSED

Roosevelt Will Give Prompt Answer  
to the Demand of the House for Information.

The House of Representatives on Thursday adopted a resolution asking the president for evidence which inspired the so-called "spy message," which resolution follows:

"Resolved, That the president be requested to transmit to the house any evidence upon which he based his statements that the chief argument in favor of the provision was that the congressmen did not themselves wish to be investigated by secret service men, and also to transmit to the house any evidence connecting any member of the house of representatives with the official capacity and to inform the house whether he has instituted proceedings for the punishment of any such individual by the courts or has reported any such alleged delinquencies to the house of representatives."

Those members of congress who have been on the griddle because of their fears of what the president might say in a report regarding the secret service, may as well rest in peace.

His reply to the request from the house for information will be on a high plane and will not disturb the slumber of any uneasy statesman.

The president is ready to answer, but he has such a mass of material that it will not be possible to present it till after the holiday recess.

It can be stated that the report will show that secret service agents have never been used to shadow members of either house of congress, but it will deal strongly with the fact that congress has hampered the detection of crime by taking from the president this potent machine.

This is true even in the treasury, where law breaking in the customs service and the internal revenue have had a freer rein since congress compelled the secret service to devote itself to counterfeiters alone.

Much has been made of the charge that the secret service has been used to work up divorces for a naval officer, but this will be shown to have referred to a midshipman toward whom the government stands in loco parentis.

He eloped with a young girl and married her and the secret service was employed to find the girl and restore her to her parents, the "middy" being allowed to resign from the service.

## Turkish Parliament.

After an interval of 32 years Turkey 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 ceremony fashioned after the customs of older sultanates. The new legislature met in the same chamber where the short-lived parliament of 1876 assembled—a moderate sized hall in a building facing the square of St. Sofia.

The scene was perhaps one of the most remarkable in the political history of the world. All the creeds and races of the Turkish empire sent their duly elected representatives and the varied costumes of the delegates, some in flowing silk robes and others in the fashionable frock coat, formed a gorgeous and multi-colored picture never witnessed in a legislative gathering in Europe.

Albanians, Syrians and Arabs were among the Moslem representatives, while Greeks, Armenians and Bulgars represented the Christian nationalities.

Members from Jerusalem and Mecca rubbed shoulders with their colleagues from the European provinces and the far-off Kurdish, Armenian and Arab districts on the confines of the Indian ocean.

Sultan Abdul Hamid paraded through the city at the head of an elaborate cortege to open the first session of the body. Everywhere he was greeted with loud cheering and there was no semblance of disorder.

## The Kaiser's Reform.

A correspondent says the Kaiser has become a teetotaler, having pledged himself to abstain from all alcoholic drinks for the remainder of his life.

This is described as "a further step in his policy of personal reform." It is added that as etiquette would, in consequence of his majesty not touching alcohol, banish alcoholic drinks from all the dinners his majesty attends, he not desiring to compel the courtiers to follow his example, has invented a temperance beverage, which effervesces like champagne and which is served in champagne bottles, which his majesty drinks while the others enjoy the real thing.

As the Kaiser has always had the reputation of being very temperate, the story, if true, points to his action being taken because of his health or because of asceticism.

The Commoner, W. J. Bryan's paper, warmly criticizes the president for the message condemning the New York World editor for statements made regarding the Panama canal.

The German aerostations Co. has been formed to operate seven Zeppelin airships, already ordered, between Berlin, Frankfurt and Cassel. Each airship will carry 10 passengers in addition to the crew, and special instructions have been applied to safeguard landing in all sorts of weather.

The good people of Thompsonville, Conn., are quite flustered over the honor paid their little town by the presence of Theodore Roosevelt, Jr., who is learning the carpet business there, and are talking of electing him to the general assembly. He has already been made a major on Governor Lilley's staff.

## THE OILY HAND.

The Attorney-Generals Matter of  
Great Interest.

Is Standard Oil trying to dictate who shall be the attorney-general in the Taft administration? It is charged that the great corporation has undertaken by indirect methods to this, the purpose, of course, being to bring about the abandonment, in whole or in part, of the existing crusade against them.

Their fear seems to be that unless something of this kind can be accomplished the fight against them will run along through the Taft administration, but that a friendly attorney-general would be of a disposition to let them alone. The facts are well known in the White House, and there is no attempt to disguise the anxiety of President Roosevelt. He has referred to the matter to several of his friends, and one of his purposes in the forthcoming visit to Mr. Taft in Georgia will be to put the case before him from President Roosevelt's point of view. The president frankly admits that he is alarmed. As it is understood Taft has made no promises regarding the attorney-generalship, but he is believed to have lent such a willing ear to certain things said to him during his recent visit to New York as to cause his friends some worry.

The negotiations, so far as the Standard Oil interests are concerned, have been conducted by Henry W. Taft, half-brother to the president-elect, and a well known business man.

## CASTRO LIVES HIGH.

Makes the Berlin People Stare at His  
Extravagance.

While his country is seething with revolt and his long and insolent rule is practically at an end, and while the Dutch warships are rounding up his "navy," President Cipriano Castro, of Venezuela, is enjoying himself hugely in Berlin.

Rebuffed by the French government and his tongue muzzled, the Venezuelan fled from Paris in anger to be cheered up after he crossed the frontier by messages of kindly greeting from Kaiser Wilhelm and his officials.

Taking the entire front of one of the most expensive hotels there, he has started in to spend the money which he said to have wrung from his unwilling "subjects" for years.

Delighted by his enthusiastic reception, Castro announced his determination to prolong his visit and distribute among the German tradesmen the large sum of money he intended to spend in Paris.

As a preliminary move in this direction he issued a public invitation to the haberdashers to lay before him their choicest samples of neckwear, from which he will choose a resplendent and costly array.

"I am willing to spend a quarter of a million dollars before leaving," said the Venezuelan president.

## Finished in Six Years.

F. G. Kuehnle, general wrecking foreman on the Panama railroad, says that the Panama canal will be completed in six years.

He also declares that stories of underground lakes, fatal slides and other disasters are untrue and work great injury to the men responsible for the progress on the canal.

"The undertaking is going forward with great dispatch," said Mr. Kuehnle, "and the officers in charge will get credit for wonderful work when the task is finished. The stories that are circulated in this country, making out that the canal will not be finished, are false and unjust."

"There are now about 22,000 men working on the canal, of whom 6,000 are Americans."

## Knox for Secretary of State.

William H. Taft, president-elect, announced the appointment of United States Senator Philander C. Knox, of Pennsylvania, as secretary of state in his cabinet.

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

"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 greatest lawyers of that body."

## Pulitzer's Probe.

Joseph Pulitzer, publisher of the New York World, accompanied by a party of friends and several staff writers, is said to be on his way to Panama to investigate into the conditions prevailing in the canal zone, and probably to secure evidence in connection with the purchase of the canal property by the government.

His trip is of especial interest on account of the attitude of President Roosevelt in demanding that congress prosecute for criminal libel for attacking the administration in connection with the canal purchase.

## WIRELETS.

Mrs. Mary E. Farrell, oldest member of the Methodist church in the United States, celebrated her one hundred and fifth birthday in Midland Park, N. J. The aged woman retains all her faculties and is in good health, although she suffers considerably from rheumatism.

"Three generations more and I don't believe there will be a real Indian left in the country," said Special Agent Samuel Cope, of the Indian service. "White men's clothing and houses have signed the death warrant. Consumption and other diseases of a civilized people have a foothold on every reservation in the country and the ranks of the full-blooded Indians are being decimated rapidly."

The sum of \$5,049,729 in 432,875 international money orders was sent to friends and relatives in foreign countries by alien Americans between Dec. 2 and 16. The last "Christmas remittance ship" left Dec. 16.