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PRESIDENT  
WONT TALK  
TO WHITNEY

Latter's Request for an Interview Is Met With More Charges.

ROOSEVELT SAYS HE  
WAS BADLY TREATED

Declares That It Will do no Good to Talk It Over at This Time.

(By Associated Press.) BOSTON, Mass., Nov. 20.—Henry M. Whitney, democratic candidate for lieutenant governor, at the last election, tonight made public correspondence which had been passed between President Roosevelt and himself concerning the statements made by the president during an interview last winter, which was granted to a committee from Massachusetts on reciprocal trade relations. The president informed a Massachusetts committee that called on him last week in favor of free hides that Mr. Whitney had deliberately misrepresented what had occurred at last winter's conference. With this experience in mind the president declined to enter upon a discussion of free hides with the free hides committee, the chairman of which was Governor William L. Douglas. The statement of Mr. Whitney during the recent canvass in Massachusetts that the president told him he favored reciprocity with Canada was that to which the president took exception.

Another Roast.

In his reply President Roosevelt declares that Mr. Whitney's letter furnishes additional evidence "of the wisdom of my refusing to communicate further with you," and asserts that nothing he has ever said has given Mr. Whitney the slightest warrant in making the statement that reciprocity was not to have the president's aid. He charges Mr. Whitney with making additional deliberate mis-statements and closes by refusing to grant the requested interview.

Mr. Whitney in his letter says in part: "You have done me a great injustice in publicly asserting that I have willfully misrepresented your attitude on the question of reciprocity with Canada, and that this was done in cowardly fashion, by saying what I did under conditions when the dignity of your high office prevented you from denying. I may have misunderstood you and hence may have been led into error. You have charged me with an offense of which I am not guilty; you have condemned me unheard. I appeal to your sense of fairness for a personal hearing."

Whitney regrets. "I shall regret more than anything else in connection with this matter that the righteous cause of reciprocity with neighboring countries of so much value to our people and to the whole of the human race, is not to have the endorsement of your great name, and the benefit of your potent aid."

The president in his reply quotes the last paragraph of Mr. Whitney's letter and adds: "Nothing that I have said at any time has given you the slightest warrant for making this assertion; and when, in the very letter asking for an interview and denying that you ever willfully misrepresented my previous remarks, you incorporate another deliberate mis-statement, you can hardly wonder that I decline to see you; nor would there in any event be the slightest point in such an interview."

REV. J. S. KENNY DEAD.

(By Associated Press.) KNOXVILLE, Tenn., Nov. 20.—Rev. J. S. Kenny, D. D., one of the veteran members of the Holston conference, Methodist Episcopal church, South, died at his home in this city today. He was in his 80th year. He was prominently connected with various schools and colleges in East Tennessee, Western North Carolina and Southwest Virginia.

GETS \$3,000,000.

(By Associated Press.) WORCESTER, Mass., Nov. 20.—By the will of Stephen Salisbury, which was filed for probate this afternoon, more than \$3,000,000 is bequeathed to the Worcester Art Museum. His estate is estimated at \$5,000,000. The bequests also include \$25,000 to Mrs. Henry Hubbard, Lynchburg, Va.

GLENN IS OUT  
IN FAVOR OF  
PROTECTION

Wants Policy Holders Protected Against Insurance Officers, However.

SAYS STATE LAW IS  
INSUFFICIENT NOW

Address to People of the State Issued in Response to Inquiries.

(By Associated Press.) CLEVELAND, O., Nov. 20.—The great Western Oil company, of this city, in an answer filed in common pleas court today of a suit begun against it recently, makes a bitter attack upon the methods of the Standard Oil company to obtain information concerning the business of its rivals, charging that the Standard Oil company spies upon its competitors and that the present suit is a conspiracy to secure knowledge of the Great Western company's affairs.

The suit was begun against the Great Western Oil company by Mrs. Annie E. Walsh, guardian of Michael Walsh, insane. Walsh owned 250 shares of stock in the Great Western and his guardian began suit to compel an examination of the books. The company in answer says that the guardian has retained Frederick W. Lothian to make the examination, and that Lothian has been employed by the Standard Oil company for 35 years and for ten years as his chief accountant. It is charged that the Standard expects to get information about the Great Western's business.

Governor Glenn states that both the insurance commissioner and the council of state are with him in his effort to secure better protection for the policy holders of the state and declares necessary alterations in the statutes so that the companies can be controlled as seems proper.

Consolidated Arguments.

The Supreme court today made an order consolidating the arguments of appeals from the fifteenth and sixteenth districts for this term. The fifteenth district appeals will be taken up Tuesday, December 5, and the sixteenth district appeals Thursday of the same week. This action is taken because of the small number of appeals from each of the districts this term and it is easier than usual on account of the change. The counties in the fifteenth district are, Buncombe, Transylvania and Madison, while the counties in the sixteenth district are Cherokee, Clay, Graham, Haywood, Jackson, Macon and Swain.

FORMAL TENURE  
OF THRONE MADE

It Took but Twenty Minutes to Give Prince Charles Royal Power in Norway.

(By Associated Press.) COPENHAGEN, Nov. 20.—The throne of Norway was formally tendered to Prince Charles of Denmark this morning by a deputation of members of the Norwegian parliament and was accepted by King Christian in behalf of his grandson. The brief ceremony in the palace recalled the similar event in 1863, when the throne of Greece was presented to Prince George of Denmark.

The function today lasted only twenty minutes, but the scene was brilliant, as it was attended by all the princes and princesses and their suites, the diplomatic corps, including the American minister, Mr. O'Brien, and the high court officials. President Bernes in a speech lasting five minutes, invited Prince Charles to become king of Norway, and King Christian with a similar brevity accepted the offer. The old king was much affected as he blessed and embraced his grandchildren, King Haakon VII and Queen Maud. The close of the ceremony was marked by the firing of a 21 gun salute. Numerous crowds were gathered in front of the palace and gave a rousing reception to the new king and queen of Norway as they left the palace in a gilded state chariot.

MURBARGER LEAVES.

Sam Murbarger, who has been training Olsen since the recent bouts at the Auditorium, left yesterday afternoon for his home in Indianapolis. "Big Tom" Friebee will act in the future as his manager.

New King of Norway And Members of His Family.



NEW YORK, Nov. 20.—Prince Charles of Denmark, who was crowned King of Norway Saturday, is the son of Crown Prince Frederick of Denmark and a grandson of King Christian. He is thirty-five years old. His wife, whom he married in 1896, was his first cousin, the Princess Maud, youngest daughter of King Edward of England. She was born in 1869. They have one son, the Prince Alexander, born July 2, 1903. It is said that the new king was backed for the throne of Norway by Emperor William, who feared that unless he were chosen a republic would be established. At the plebiscite, in which the Norwegian people voted on the far for government to be established, Prince Charles was opposed by those who wanted a republican government, and these were badly beaten by a vote of about 4 to 1. The government will introduce a bill in the Norwegian parliament next Thursday providing for the election of Prince Charles as King of Norway.

STANDARD OIL MADE  
OBJECT OF ATTACKS

Rival Concern Takes Occasion to Show Up Trust Methods in Answering Complaint.

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THREE CANDIDATES.

(By Associated Press.) LOUISVILLE, Ky., Nov. 20.—At least three men will seek election as United States senator from Kentucky when the legislature convenes. The candidates are: William B. Haldeman, editor of the Louisville Times, who will formally announce his candidacy tomorrow; Senator Joseph C. Blackburn, incumbent; and Judge Thomas H. Paynter, of the Kentucky Court of Appeals.

"I WILL GET MARRIED IN EVERY STATE IN THE UNION",  
SAYS JACK LONDON WHEN PLACED IN EMBARRASSING POSITION

(By Associated Press.) CHICAGO, Ill., Nov. 20.—Because of his ignorance of a new law governing the marriage of divorced persons in the State of Illinois, Jack London, the well known author, has placed himself in a somewhat embarrassing position, and it may be necessary for him to remarry Miss Charmillon Kittredge, of Newton, Iowa, to whom he was wedded here yesterday. The last legislature of Illinois passed a law forbidding the marriage of divorced people in that state until one year after the divorce had been in full effect. The same law is in effect in

PLOTTED TO  
KILL PALMA  
SAY POLICE

Deep Laid Plot to Overthrow Government Unearthed by Secret Agents.

DISCOVERY OF ARMS  
WAS THE FIRST STEP

Every Effort Being Made to Determine Who Made Shipments to Cuba.

(By Associated Press.) HAVANA, Nov. 2.—Evidence obtained by the commission which is investigating the discovery by the secret police Saturday last of a considerable quantity of arms, ammunition and accoutrements in a house in the town suburb, is tending to implicate a few men of some prominence. The government has no doubt that the materials came from the United States and it is seeking to learn who were the purchasers. Government officials now admit that they have received various secret advices regarding contemplated uprisings before election day in Santiago, Santa Clara and Pinar Del Rio, with a probable attack on the palace in Havana. The object of the latter, according to the officials, appears to be the removal, possibly by assassination, of President

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PUBLIC BUILDINGS  
BURN AT SHREVEPORT

Town Hall, Market House and Prison Damaged By Fire and One Man is Incinerated.

(By Associated Press.) SHREVEPORT, La., Nov. 20.—Fire this morning destroyed the city hall, city market, two store buildings adjoining it on the west, slightly damaged the city prison, caused the death of one person and the injury of three firemen. The property loss is estimated at \$75,000, with only about \$5,000 insurance.

It is believed that the blaze originated from the explosion of a can of gasoline in a market stall underneath the city hall, as it spread throughout the building in a remarkably brief space of time. Although the central fire station was directly across the street, the city hall building was in flames before the firemen could get a line of hose to work.

Walter Wood, who was permitted to sleep in a room over the market, perished in the flames. His charred body was recovered today. None of the three firemen who sustained injuries were fatally hurt. All the records of the city court, police station, and city engineer's office were destroyed.

OUT FOR RE-ELECTION.

(By Associated Press.) NASHVILLE, Tenn., Nov. 20.—Although his present term does not expire until 1907, United States Senator T. W. Carmack, formally opened his campaign for re-election here tonight. He spoke at the Vendome theater before a packed house, hundreds of people being unable to find standing room. Senator Carmack's opponent is former Governor Robert L. Taylor.

ONE FOR CUMBERLAND.

(By Associated Press.) At Oxford, Miss.: Cumberland 18; University of Mississippi 6.

AWFULNESS  
OF TRAGEDY  
IS APPARENT

More Than Six Score Persons Lose Their Lives In a Steamer Wreck.

LIST OF VICTIMS IS  
STEADILY GROWING

Affair Was One of the Most Tragic Marine Disasters of Modern Times.

(By Associated Press.) LONDON, Nov. 20.—One hundred and twenty-eight persons lost their lives in the wreck of the London & Southwestern railway company's steamer Hilda, off the Northern coast of France, Saturday night, according to an official estimate given out tonight by the officers of the company. This death roll includes 21 saloon passengers, 89 French onion sellers and 27 of the crew.

BODIES FOUND  
ALONG COAST

ST. MALO, France, Nov. 20.—Realization of the full extent of the disaster to the cross-channel steamer Hilda came to the people of St. Malo today as reports of the finding of bodies were received from different points along the nearby coast. In all, over sixty bodies have been washed up, including that of Captain Gregory, the commander of the wrecked ship, which now lies in the harbor here, and as fast as other bodies arrive they will be placed in a room prepared for their reception. Thirteen bodies of saloon passengers have been identified. These are:

Mrs. Rook, her two children and their governess, Dr. Stanley, his wife and two daughters and a maid; Major and Mrs. Price, Mr. Wellstone, and Mr. Grindle.

The survivors are rapidly recovering. The entrance to the harbor of St. Malo is one of the most difficult known to mariners. On Saturday night a blinding snow storm, with haze and high wind prevailed and it is little wonder that even so expert a navigator as Captain Gregory lost his reckoning, especially as at the point where the vessel struck only a few days deviation from the regular course meant destruction.

Torpedo boats despatched to the scene ascertained that there is no hope of salvaging the vessel.

CREW MADE UP  
OF ENGLISHMEN

SOUTHAMPTON, Nov. 20.—All the members of the crew of the ill-fated Hilda were residents of this town, and the most pitiful scenes were enacted throughout the day at the offices of the London & Southwestern Railway company. The officials there were unable to extend any hope to the relatives. Most of the men have wives and families. The steamer Ada of the same line, which picked up the survivors, is expected to arrive tomorrow. The mayor of Southampton has started a relief fund and is receiving a ready response to his appeal.

TAFT TALKS ON  
THE PHILIPPINES

Secretary of War Says That We Must Keep Island For a Generation.

(By Associated Press.) KANSAS CITY, Mo., Nov. 20.—Secretary of War William H. Taft, guest of honor tonight at the annual banquet of the Commercial Club, in responding to the toast "The Philippines," said that the Philippine Islands must be ours for more than a generation, and that probably those called on to act as legislators would not live to see the day "when separation consistent with the welfare of the Philippines can be made."

The occasion of the banquet was the anniversary of the signing of the John Hay commercial treaty. Plates were laid for six hundred at the Midland Hotel. Senator Warner was toastmaster. Secretary Taft arrived from St. Louis early in the day. He was escorted from the railroad station by 25 colored troopers of the Ninth Cavalry to the Commercial Club rooms, where a public reception was held. Thousands of persons enthusiastically greeted Secretary Taft during the day. Immediately after the dinner the secretary of war left for Chicago.

SAILORS ON  
SHORE LEAVE  
LEFT BEHIND

More Than 200 British Tars Out Stay Their Leave and are Stranded

PRINCE LOUIS LEAVES  
FOR HOME AT LAST

Hopes to Return to New York Again Is Final Message to That City.

(By Associated Press.) NEW YORK, Nov. 20.—About 300 sailors from the British squadron commanded by Prince Louis of Battenberg, were missing from their ships when the squadron made ready to sail today. Several of those who had overstayed their leave were turned away when they tried to board their ships this morning. As it was within a few hours of the fleet's sailing time when they made their belated appearance the officers treated them as deserters and refused to let them step aboard.

Many of the rejected sailors wept. Their uniforms in some cases had been taken from them in Bowery resorts and they had spent all their money before returning to their ships. Many of them immediately applied to the immigration authorities for their return to England.

Before sailing Prince Louis paid an official farewell visit to Admiral Byans on board the battleship Maine. As the prince and his party left the Maine the American sailors cheered him. A big crowd including many who had met the prince in New York, gathered at the Cunard line dock where the flagship Drake was moored, to witness the departure of the prince.

Write His Name. The prince wrote his name in a hundred autograph albums and posed for twenty or more pictures, finally the bugle sounded for the visitors to go ashore and the Drake was towed into the stream while the throng on the wharf and the British sailors on the Drake gave each other a farewell cheer. In mid-stream the Drake was joined by the five other warships of the British squadron. An imposing procession down the Hudson toward the sea was then begun. Prince Louis is standing on the bridge of the Drake and waving a final salutation. As the squadron passed Governor's Island a salute of twenty-one guns from the island and each man-of-war as it raced past replied to the salute with its guns.

Navy Returns. The British squadron passed out by Sandy Hook before 1 p. m. Prince Louis' flagship signalled "Farewell; hape to return." Five battleships of the American squadron, which has been in New York waters during the visit of Prince Louis, sailed today about three hours after the departure of the British men-of-war. The Missouri and Illinois sailed for the Boston navy yard, the Iowa and Kentucky for Norfolk navy yard and the Kearsarge for League Island navy yard, Philadelphia. The cruisers West Virginia, Pennsylvania, Colorado and Maryland sailed for Hampton Roads late today.

TWO DENOMINATIONS  
FORCED FROM UNION

(By Associated Press.) NEW YORK, Nov. 20.—At its meeting today the Inter-Church conference on federation changed the wording of the phrase "Jesus Christ Our Lord and Saviour" in the preamble of the constitution of the federal council, to read: "Jesus Christ Our Divine Lord and Saviour." It is understood that this change will exclude from membership in the federal council the Unitarians and Universalists on the grounds that they do not accept the divinity of Jesus Christ. This body was not invited to attend the conference on federation.

A plea for Roman Catholics to join the federation was made by Rev. L. C. Barnes, of Worcester, Mass. Rev. Dr. Roberts, the permanent chairman, said that Roman Catholics were not excluded by the proposition of federation.

Judge James Grosscup, of the United States circuit court of Chicago, contributed a paper at the evening session on "The Popular Conscience" in a discussion of a United Church, and the national life. Justice David J. Brewer, of the Supreme Court of the United States, read a paper on "Law and Justice." He said: "The man who cannot work with Edward Everett Hale and Cardinal Gibbons has no clear conception of the goodness of God. I say that if all cannot admit the divinity of Christ they are yet all followers of His leadership."