

Republicans Are Afraid of Probing the Postal Scandals

Senator Simmons Has Hot Shot Ready for Them. Marylanders and Tar Heels Stand Well Together

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Washington, Dec. 9.—Special.—The Republicans in the Senate had to do a lot of side speaking in order to avoid consideration of the resolution for an investigation by congress of the post office scandals.

Senator Gorman knew the late John R. Morris of Goldsboro and held him in high esteem. He spoke tenderly of the memory of the deceased this morning when he met Sheriff D. R. Julian of Rowan, who was presented to him by Senator Overman in the Senate

Marble room. "He was a loyal friend," said Senator Gorman, "and I admired him very much." The meeting between Mr. Julian and the Maryland senator was very pleasant. "I just wanted to tell you that I am for you for president," said Mr. Julian after being introduced, "and I might add that the state of North Carolina is also for you."

Senator Gorman is determined to force the issue for an independent investigation of the post office department, and Minority Leader Williams will pursue a similar course in the House. He has already determined to bring up the Overstreet resolution again, so as to have the subject considered by the House.

Colombia Prepares to Invade Panama

Troops Landed at a Point Where They Can Cross the Mountains into the Isthmus—Counter-Move in Contemplation

Washington, Dec. 9.—Official advices have been received by the administration that 1,100 Colombian soldiers have been landed at the mouth of the Atrato river, in the gulf of Darien, for the purpose of invading the Isthmus of Panama. The officials here have been aware for several days of such a movement by Colombia and the sailing of the vessels from Cartagena with the troops was promptly reported to the state department.

The joint army and navy board held a meeting today upon the receipt of additional information in regard to the movement of Colombia upon the isthmus and promptly denied that the subject had been discussed at the war department. However, the importance of the situation was admitted by the officers, and it was explained that official advices from Panama showed that the objective of the Colombian troops was Panama and not Colon.

of forestry, and Dr. Shenck, who is in charge of George Vanderbilt's estate at Asheville. President Roosevelt caused the announcement to be made some time ago that fourth class postmasters should be removed from the sphere of partisan politics, but these appointments are as much an asset of the Republican party as others paying profitable salaries. Representative Patterson found this out today when he made a recommendation to fill at Henrietta, Robeson county. He did not consider politics in the matter, because a Democrat of the strongest type had been the postmaster there and only recently resigned. Bristow announced that he could not hear Mr. Patterson and declared that he would refer the matter to the Republican state organization.

Benjamin Patterson, the promoter who was arrested at Washington, N. C., arrived here this morning in charge of Detective Weedon. When the detective reached the North Carolina town he found that Patterson had been released on \$200 security and was in the country, about twelve miles distant. He subsequently returned and on advice of his counsel, W. B. Rodman, consented to return without demanding a hearing. When the prisoner was conveyed to police headquarters he was met by Messrs. Benjamin F. Edwards and Nathan Horn, upon each of whom, it is alleged, he passed worthless checks.

"Have you come to try on that tuxedo suit?" the tailor said. "I'm not in a position to try it on just at present," the latter replied, "but I will later. You need not bother about the money for you will get it all right."

Patterson was measured and photographed. Five charges of passing worthless drafts have been lodged against him. It is said that Patterson owns considerable stock in the Chase City and Blackstone Railway, and that he was comparatively wealthy a few years ago. He is said to have lost many thousands of dollars in railway stocks. It is known that some drafts given by Patterson were paid, and the man under arrest says all the drafts he gave are good, and that they will be paid.

In a few days Representative W. W. Kitchin will introduce a bill providing for the acquisition of the Guano Islands. The report is that he had been in the historic spot in possession of the government it is believed that it will be maintained in a manner becoming its importance and that liberal appropriations for its improvement will result. Mr. Kitchin is in correspondence with President Morehead of the bank group, and has sent her fact preliminary to a complete concession of Japan's demands. The correspondent of the Sun is authorized to deny unequivocally that Japan has made or will make any modification of her demands for a free hand in Korea.

It was learned tonight that the news of the landing of Colombian troops at the mouth of the Atrato came from W. W. Russell, United States charge d'affaires at Caracas, Venezuela, and was to the effect that the steamer had been brought to La Guayra by a French steamer. The steamer, which hailed from Savanilla, reported that the number of Colombian soldiers landed at the mouth of the Atrato was 1,100 and that they were going to march over the Darien mountains to the isthmus.

From other official sources the government heard that 5,000 Colombian troops were on their way to the isthmus but for some reason the authorities here doubt this information.

Accuracy of Reports Questioned LaGuayra, Venezuela, Dec. 9.—The French steamer Versailles, which has arrived here from Savanilla, reports that Colombian steamers have landed 1,100 men from Cartagena, near the mouth of the Atrato river (on the gulf of Darien) to open a way over the Darien mountains into Panama. Other troops from the department of Cauca, Colombia, are said to be converging on Panama, and from all parts of Colombia troops are reported to be marching or waiting on the result of General Reyes' mission to Washington.

Penrose Inquiry Laid on the Shelf

There Is No Knowing When It Will Be Taken Down. Discussion of Cuban Reciprocity Continued

Washington, Dec. 9.—The developments in the Senate today made it uncertain when the resolution by Mr. Penrose for an investigation of the post office department will come up for further consideration. Immediately after the routine morning business Senator Gorman, following Senator Cullom, who had suggested that the time had arrived to take up the Cuban bill, said that there was an understanding yesterday to the effect that the postal investigation resolution should be considered until 1 o'clock.

STILL ON THE BEACH

Reported Sinking of the Moccasin Was Incorrect

Washington, Dec. 9.—The navy department heard unofficially today that the submarine boat Moccasin, which went ashore at Currituck, had been floated but sank. It telegraphed the report to Rear Admiral Harrington, commandant of the Norfolk navy yard, and got this response: "Replying to telegram, one attempt to float Moccasin this morning failed, have no doubt of success when wind comes from westward."

HOPES OF PEACE IN THE FAR EAST

Reports From Japan Do Not Agree With Those emanating From St. Petersburg

London, Dec. 9.—The hope is generally expressed here that the report from St. Petersburg that the conference between the czar and Count Lamsdorff, Russian minister of foreign affairs, which practically resulted in an agreement to make terms with Japan in the far east, may be construed as an attempt by Russia to save her face preliminary to a complete concession of Japan's demands.

NATIONAL COMMITTEE

Chairman Jones Calls a Meeting on the 12th of January

THE SUN DO MOVE

Attempt to Be Funny Reproved by Thomas Nelson Page

New York, Dec. 9.—At the Southern Society dinner at the Waldorf-Astoria tonight, Robert L. Harrison, the toastmaster, referred to the Panama affair as one instance where the Republicans had sanctioned secession and referred to the president's luncheon to Booker Washington and the Basset incident in the south, of which he said he only could remark with old John Jasper that "the sun do move."

COTTON AT 15 CENTS

A Texas Authority Ventures to Make a Prediction

Washington, Dec. 9.—President E. S. Peters, of the Texas Cotton Growers Protective Association, who is in Washington to urge remedial legislation for the boll weevil invasion, said today: "I would like to convey to every cotton grower of the south this message: The agricultural department report estimating the crop at 9,920,000 bales is not a conservative, but is over rather than under the indicated yield. I would therefore earnestly urge all growers of the staple not to part with their holdings, except at their real value, which is not less than fifteen cents a pound, the figure I have repeatedly predicted would be paid."

STREET CAR RIOTS

Mobs in Chicago Ugly Towards Non-union Men

BRAYTON'S PLAN

Reduction of Southern Representation in Conventions Meets With Favor

Washington, Dec. 9.—Members of the Republican national committee who have arrived in Washington to attend next Friday's meeting are very favorably impressed with the details of the proposition named by Gen. Brayton, the Rhode Island member, for fixing the number of convention delegates from southern states on the basis of Republican votes cast. But while Gen. Brayton's plan is popular, it is not likely that the subject will be taken up by the committee, as it is the general opinion of influential Republicans that the question should be dealt with by the convention itself.

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Veteran Editor Dead

New Orleans, Dec. 9.—Jacob Hasenberger, owner of the Deutsch Zeitung and president of the Germania Savings Bank and Trust Company, died here last night aged 75. He was a native of Lehigh, Pennsylvania, and came to America sixty-three years ago, when a boy of twelve. He became a printer and finally owner of the Zeitung, which under his management was most prosperous. He established the Germania savings bank, which in time grew into the largest bank of its kind in the south and finally developed into a trust company.

THE PRESIDENT'S NAVAL AIDE

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