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WILL PURCHASE GOODS ABROAD

is Approved

ROOSEVELT SATISFIED

President Transmits to Congress Endorses Plan for Buying in the Company of Renfrew, Scotland." Markets of the World-What Record Shows.

(By the Associated Press.)

Washington, May 15.-The president today transmitted to congress a letter from Secretary Taft, accompanied by numerous appendices, bearing on the controverted question of the right of the isthmian canal commission to purchase supplies abroad if they can be cheaper than in America. The president simply states that the the affirmative have his full approval.

The letter of Secretary Taft to the president relates to the purchase of dredges for use in the construction of

In this particular case, says Secretary Taft, there were nine bid for the construction of two sea going suction dredges, one to be used at colon and the other at La Boca on the Pacific side of the isthmus. The lowest two bids were submitted by, first, Maryland Steel Company of Sparrow Point, Md., at \$724,850, and the second by the Scotch firm of William Simons Company of Renfrew at \$654,000. The Maryland dredges were to be delivered at Sparrows Point and the Scotch on the Clyde, but the Scotch firm offered to deliver them at Cristobal and LaBoca at an advance or the contract price of \$17,980 for the first, and \$34,020 for the second.

Having in mind certain arguments advanced by the Maryland Steel Company in favor of their bids, the sea-

retary says: The result of these comments seems to be that there is, under any circumstances, a difference in favor of the bid of Simons & Company of about 8 per cent. of the total expenditure There is no question of the high stand-ing of both bidders, and no doubt that if the bid of either is accepted it will be gatisfactorily performed The exact question now presented is whether, on the sole ground that one bidder is an American manufacturing corporation and the other is Scotch the isthmian canal commission shall pay to the Maryland company from \$60,000 to \$70,000 more for two stee dredges than the price at which it may buy those dredges from Simons &

"In my letter of January 12, 1905 in which I transmitted to you the first report of the isthmian canal commission, I invited your attention to the general policy to be pursued in cases

like this." In the letter referred to the secretary appealed to congress to specifically direct him whether or not he should continue this policy of purchasing in the cheapest market, but he remark that no action has since been taken by congress on this subject. He then briefly reviews the law as it stands bearing on the procurement of supplies under government contract beginning with the appropriation act of 1875, giving preference to American material which act he points out applies only to the United States and not to the isthmus. Coming down to the amounts of meat have been purchased from Australia instead of from the about one half of that brought from the Pacific coast.

"Therefore," says the secretary, "the result of a consideration of general principles of the law and the practice ama canal in the canal zone on the proper, and into which, by virtue of the Hay-Varilla treaty with the republic of Panama, material, supplies and machinery of all kinds for the construction of the canal are to be it is your duty to buy where you can obtain the material, supplies and machinery at the cheapest price, other conditions with respect to quality, prompt delivery, etc., being equal. view it seems to me is confirmed by the failure of congress to direct any different course on your part, although the matter was brought to its attention more than a year ago, and your view of your duty in the premises, if congress took no further action, was

clearly indicated. I ought to add that, while of course a very large proportion of all the purchases made for the construction of the canal have been from American train robbers who held up the Canamerchants and manufacturers, some dian Pacific train last week were cappurchases have already been made tured last night. One man was abroad, and a saving effected in the wounded in a fight with the mounted purchase of comparatively small quantitles of cement. In the construction dits and compelled their surrender.

of the canal, an enormous quantity of cement will have to be purchased, and the question will soon recur again as to the acceptance of foreign hids as to the acceptance of foreign bids

Senators Dick and Ankeny have applied to me to know the situation. I append correspondence that I have had with both of these gentlemen, together with a form of resolution which, at Senator Ankeny's request I had the senate by Senator Dick,
"As I pointed out to Senator An-

keny, if this resolution is to control the acceptance of bids for the construction of these dredges, then it should be promptly considered and passed by congress, for it is of great importance to secure their early con-struction. If there is no prospect of early action by congress I shall direct Mr. Shonts, unless ordered by you to take a different course, that he Letter From Secretary of War and accept the bid of William Simons &

CHILDREN AND THEIR DEFECTS DISCUSSED

(By the Associated Press.)

Philadelphia, Pa., May 15.-Children and their defects were again discussed at today's session of the national H. Hart, superintendent of the Illinois than with the president. Childrens' Home and Ald Society; Homer Folks, secretary of the New Mr. Tillman said: York State Charities Aid Association:

portance of thorough preliminary investigation of every case that is to come before the court. In this connection she spoke of the power acneeds of the child and the desires of the parents, Mrs. Ramsay said that the probation officer is in a position to offer facts and suggestions to the article," he said. judge and possibly present a plan for

it Minimized

In Message to General Assembly He Compulsory Primary Law-Railroad and Insurance Suggestions.

(By the Associated Press.)

Baton Rogue, La., May 15 .- The faith." today. Many important matters are sought an interview or any communication with the president. completion of the sewerage, water and in the galleries. and drainage system in New Orleans United States because its cost was of which \$16,000,000 is now being ate is as follows: spent. There is a promise of many icy-holders in life insurance compa- of notice. His attempted explanation nies. In his message to the legisla- is ingenious, but not ingenious. He of the government, in the absence of ture Governor Blanchard announced calls in question the integrity of pur-

specific direction to the contrary, is that there can safely be made a re-that in the construction of the Pan-duction in state taxation of from three quarters to a mill and a half Chandler as representing Mr. Tillman isthmus, which is outside the tariff and of two mills in parish, municipal who was in charge of the bill. He wall surrounding the United States, and levee taxation. The state rate is now six mills and the maximum of with seeming authority." passage of a compulsory primary law, itively in a written statement that the minimizing the lynching evil and auinstructed free from tariff or imports, thority for the railroad commission to put out of commission railroad lnes which refuse to improve their

TRAIN ROBBERS TAKEN

road beds, equipment and schedules.

(By the Associated Press.) Vancouver, B. C., May 15 .- A dis-

"Members of congress have mani-fested an interest in this matter, and

THE LODGE AMENDMENT

Providing for Increase of Commission and One From Each Judicial Circuit-Opposed by Hopkins and Endorsed by Martin, Who Commended Proposition to Increase

Statement

(By the Associated Press.) Washington, May 15 .- There was filled in expectation of the event.

There was no immediate reference views expressed by Secretary Taft in conference of charities and correction, to the president, but the business had to Port Townsend, Wash. Accord- ty, where today he is being sought The subjects included the work of pro- not proceeded for more than ten minbatton officers for dependent and de- utes, when Senator Tillman took the linquent children; their work before floor to correct a statement concernthe trial and like matters. Those who look part in the discussion included Aldrich. He called attention to an Mrs. Annie Ramsay, senior probation Aldrich. He called attention to an officer of the juvenile court in this article printed in a Washington pacity; Miss Lucy Friday, a probation per yesterday, the purport of which officer of Baltimore, Md.; Mrs. Martha was that the South Carolina senator Falconer. superintendent of the girl's had said that Mr. Aldrich had sought house of refuge, this city; Hastings to make an alliance with him rather

> "It is not my habit to give out for Mrs. Arthur M. Dodge, president of publication private conversations the Association of Day Nurseries; Mrs. with other senators, but I talk very Lelian B. Pinagree of Hoston, and freely with newspaper men. In this Mrs. E. C. Dudley, Chicago. statement there are errors of fact statement there are errors of fact Mrs. Ramsey emphasized the im-and of statement, and I desire to say

> with the family and with the child, fact that the correction had been With a thorough knowledge of the made. "I never saw so many misstatements gathered in one small

from ex-Senator William E. Chandler to the railroad rate bill. It was the same statement made by Senator Tillman on Saturday.

letter addressed by the president to posse was hunting. Senator Allison. He said he hoped Wilson, who had p Governor of Louisiana Wants

Senator Allison. He said he hoped that Senator Allison would put the train, was arrested at Umatilla and train, was arrested at Umatilla and taken back to Foster. Wilson in his collector in the record and that something would be said in reference to statement declared that he was alone the question of veracity. Mr. Tillman in the car. said that the president was ingenior and not ingenuous.

Mr. Tillman declared emphatically Deals With Subject and Urges a that be had never made any overtures to the president.

"This is Tillman speaking now," he said, and a wave of laughter went over the senate and galleries. "The charge I make," he said, "is

that the president is guilty of bad Louisiana general assembly convened Mr. Tillman stated that he had never

to come before the assembly, among Senator Allison then said he had rethem the curtailment of the execu- ceived a letter from the president and tive powers that assessors, school said he thought it ought to be placed boards and practically all other offi- on the records of the senate. He had cers may be elected by the people and been waiting patiently for an oppor the question of submitting a consti- tunity to present it, but had not had tutional amendment to enable the is- an opportunity. The letter was read. When the words "I saw the news to the isthmus. Coming down to the experience of the army in the Philippines the secretary shows that large 000,000 additional bonds for the was a roar of laughter in the senate

Mr. Tillman's statement in the sen-

"There are only two points in the bills designed to protect resident pol- president's letter which I deem worthy pose and utterance of Mr. Chandler by declaring:
"'He was asked to see ex-Senator

> stated to me the views of Mr. Tillman "Mr. Chandler has declared most pos-

president sent for him for the purpose Senator Bailey and myself and he has produced the letter of Mr. Loeb produced the letter of Mr. Loeb.

that to no human being have I ever Bishop Wilson, saying that the comgiven authority or even expressed a mittee had ro jurisdiction and that wish to have any conference with the complainant had come before the Theodore Roosevelt in regard to the wrong tribunal. senate, and while I did, at his request, enter into negotiations with to every senator on this floor what my attitude and feelings have been,

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A MYSTERIOUS AFFAIR A TELEGRAPHER WAS CROWDED Freight Car Burned and Pos-

Commandant at Fort Worden. Wash.—Soldier in Charge Tells

sible Murder

Strange Story.

patch to the Oregonian from Pendleton, Ore,, gives the account of the mysterious burning of a freight car near Foster, Ore., and the death of two persons, one of whom is thought to have been murdered and the body consumed in the flames. The other was shot by a member of a sheriff's posse under the belief that he was the murderer.

The car was one of an Oregon railroad and navigation railroad's westeneral expectation about the senate bound freight train and contained that today would witness some revi- the household goods and two horses val of the discussion of the presi- of Colonel W. S. Taylor, commanddent's relation to the railroad rate ant at Fort Worden, Wash. It was wounded S. Purcell and his son, W. bill, and the galleries were early in charge of Private William Wilson, 25th battery, coast artillery, and was en route from Fort Riley, Kas., was carrying one of the horses about 7 o'clock this morning the animal out a body, which it is stated may three, have been either that of a man or

> indications of foul play. the train, declared that there were five miles distant. man hurriedly made his escape.

shot and fatally wounded by Posseregarding the court review amendment man-Otis McCarthy. This man before he died gave the name of John Condley of Pendleton, Ore. It is said Mr. Tillman then referred to the he is not the man for whom the

PROTESTS ARE HEARD

Doctrinal Faith

It Is Asserted That Members of General Conference Did Not Understand Purport of Motion, and That the Paper Adopted Is Too Sweep-

(By the Associated Press.) Birmingham, Ala., May 15.-Protests onference of the Methodist Epicopal Church, South, yesterday in voting to appoint a committee to draw up a new statement of faith, were heard today immediately upon the opening of the

W. E. Williams of northwest Texas objected to the action of the confernce, and Charles M. Armstrong of In the Armstrong protest it is asserted that members of the conference did not understand the purport of the motion, and that the paper adopted authorizes the committee to draw up BARN BURNED; any statement of faith whatsoever and may deem called for in our duty." "I now declare most emphatically Rev. Cole D. Mann of South Cara-

The committee recommended nonthat he had nothing to do with it and that it was the business of the districts. Non-concurrence was reported on memorials to increase the lay representation in annual conferpatch from Kamloops says that the the attorney general, it is well known ence. A non-concurrence report was made in the request looking to the removal of the headquarters of the and it is most remarkable with the church extension board from Louisville, Ky., to Oklahoma City, and not

a concurrence report as stated yester-

Taft's Plan for Canal Supplies at Senator Ankeny's request I had drafted to earry out his velws. The resolution has been introduced into Four More

Portland, Ore., May 15.—A dis-

Believed to be Mentally Unbalanced, He Aggravated His Condition by Drink—Was Night Operator at Chambles Near Atlanta—Sat Fire Chamblee, Near Atlanta-Set Fire to Kitchen.

(By the Associated Press.) Atlanta, Ga., May 15 .- James H. Clark, night telegraph operator at Chamblee, twelve miles from here, late yesterday afternoon killed Will J. Cheek of Dunwoody, dangerously S. Purcell, and W. S. Mark, the day operator at Chamblee, and escaped to opinion sentence should be passed as and Iron Company today. the woods of DeKalb or Fulton coun- follows:

Clark, who is believed to be menkicked him in the breast, causing dition yesterday by drinking. Late insensibility. When Wilson came to, in the afternoon he went to the home he says that he found the car on fire, of S. Purcell, with whom he boarded, He turned the horses out of the mov- and demanded admittance. Being boose, where he notified the train- Mark. Clark then began firing, first

He dashed from the house to the woman, fell out of the end of the railroad station, where he compelled car. A physician say this body shows the station agent to go to his own home and get a revolver for the in-While the train was still standing sane man. Then Clark started down at Foster, a man who had been on the track toward Dunwoody, about

Reaching there he went to the store quired by forming friendly relations expressing his satisfaction over the both had been burned to death. This of Nash & Clark and demanded car-rows, chairman of the sub-committee tridges. Cheek, the clerk, refused to of the committee on finance, which in-A sheriff's posse followed him and sell them, having been warned by vestigated charges against William ran down a man near Pine City, a telephone, whereupon Clark shot T. Vernon of Kansas, who was nomistatements, gathered in one small ran down a man near Pine City, a telephone, whereupon Clark shot paragraph as are made in this short article," he said.

The down a man near Pine City, a telephone, whereupon Clark shot few miles west of Foster, who was the thought to be the fugitive. When fired at Nash, who dodged and established at the next meeting of the treasury, will make a favorable report on the nomination at the next meeting of Senator Tillman presented to the ordered to surrender he made a mo- caped from the building. Clark then the finance committee. cenate a statement, a memorandum tion as if to draw a revolver and was helped himself to ammunition and disappeared into the woods.

SAY HE IS NOT WIGGINS' SLAYER

(Special to The Evening Times.) Winston-Salem, N. C., May 15,ing from Salisbury with a white deaf mute who was on the street car wher Conductor W. A. Wiggins was killed at Salisbury, and a colored woman who conducts a boarding house in Salisbury with whom the negro who shot Mr. Wiggins stopped the night before the crime. Both asserted positively that Chas. Whitt, the negro in jail Against Action Regarding here, was not the right man. White will be held here for his father, who here, was not the right man. Whitt lives at Reidsville, to come here and identify.

NEW HANOVER'S CO. CONVENTION.

(Special to The Evening Times) which met today at noon was practi- leged, occurred at Tarboro, N. C. cally in the hands of representative business men from the start. G. J. against all the action of the general Boney was made chairman. An advisory board to consist of one delegate from each city ward and county precinct was appointed to name senatorial and judicial conventions.

The friends of J. A. Brown of Columbus county claim that he came out on top in today's convention, and that CATHOLIC KNIGHTS AND Baltimore presented a written protest, the majority of New Hanover delegates to the congressional convention will be Brown men.

NEGRO KILLED.

(Special to The Evening Times.) fire is not known.

FIRE ON STEAMER KEPT IN CONTROL.

Havana, May 15.-The Ward Line ported from Cape Lookout May 12 to M. Rosenthal, Heller Bros.

New York today one day late. The delay in her arrival was caused by the precaution in keeping her near the shore during the fire, which was under control on Saturday evening. an dwhich appears was chiefly confined to the ship's stores in the forward part of the vessel, all of which were practically consumed. Her cargo also was badly damaged by flooding the holds with water. The loss is not known and will not be asloss is not known and will not be ascertained until the report of the board of survey appointed by the American vice consul is made public.

Mrs. Fanny J. Russ Dead.

(Special to The Evening Times.) Fanny J. Russ, aged 50 years, wife of Mr. J. P. Russ, is dead at her home in Cronly. Besides her husband Mrs. Rus leaves eight children

CRAPSEY 30 DAYS

(By the Associated Press.)

Rochester, N. Y., May 15,-The yer -Rochester, N. Y., May ta-The diet in the heresy trial of Rev. Dr. badly burned by an explosion of dynamite in the Shenandoah City colliery

"That the respondent should be sus-pended from exercising the functions was carrying fell from his shoulder of the church until such time as shall and caused the explosion which ignited tally unbalanced, aggravated his con-satisfy the ecclesiastical authorities of the mine gas. There were about fifty the diocese that his belief and teaching men at work in the east gangway of ties creed and the nicene creed as this the shaft when the explosion occurconform to the doctrines of the aposchurch hath received the same. How- red, but so far as known all escaped ever, we express the earnest hope and except those working on the first lift. He turned the horses out of the mov-ling car and they were killed in falling to the ground. Wilson says he fire to the kitchen and encountered the purcells, father and son, and then made his way over to the cather and son, and then made his way over to the cather and son, and under the canons of the church must who were killed were mutilated beintervene before sentence can be promen, who cut the car out at Foster with a revolver and then with a shot nounced to the full satisfaction of the youd recognition. Spiding. After the car had been cut gun, seriously wounding each of the ecclesiastical authorities of such conformity on his part. (Signed).

"W. C. ROBERTS, "C. H. BOYNTON, "G. S. BURROUGHS. "JOHN MILLS GILBERT."

Report Favorably.

(By the Associated Press.) Washington, May 15.-Senator Bur-

tor Trial

Arrested at Cleveland, Ohio, While All of the killed and injured were foreigners.

But little damners was close to the back Circus-Charged With Tak- mine. ing \$30,000 From Ticket Wagon GOLDEN JUBILEE AT at Tarboro, N. C.

(By the Associated Press.)

and Deputy Phelan of Columbus. The main celebration occurs tonight into a waiting automobile and taken bons, Dr. V. P. Gibney of New York, to a railroad station 30 miles away. From there he was taken to Columbus. representatives to the congressional Extradition papers have been prepared Virginia. and he will be taken to North Caro

LADIES OF AMERICA.

(By the Associated Press.)

dred and fifty delegates from fifteen per chamber of a lonely villa in the states are attending the eighth bien- summer suburb of Ozerki, Finland, Knights and Ladies of America, yer, positively identified the body. which will be in session in this city The autopsy showed that he received Tarboro, N. C., May 15,—Last which will be in session in this city of the autopsy showed that he received a blow on the head, and the theory ex-Sheriff Knight's farms were de- the opening session today that no is that revolutionists were listening stroyed by fire, one of the mules was radical legislation was anticipated, in an adjoining room and heard badly burned, all of the corn and fod- although there was much important Gapon betray his connection with the der was destroyed. The origin of the business to be transacted. Appoint- government, and that Putenberg, the ment of committees and routine busi- terrorist leader who is said to have A colored man near here, while ness occupied the opening session, lured Gapon to his death, rushed in. contrary I have expressed the opinion concurrence on the petition for a stretching a wire fence, was accident- which was preceded by mass at St. felled him to the floor and afterwards in more than one published interview bishop in the foreign field and also ly struck by a piece of the machin- Peter and Pauls cathedral. President hanged him.

THE TRAVELS OF THE

following merchants and at the hour board, expects to conclude the hearing of going to press is at J. Schwartz's: this afternoon. The findings will be steamer Vigilancia, which was re- King-Crowell Drug Co., W. B. Mann, sent to the navy department for ap-

EXPLOSION

at Shenandoah

TWELVE BADLY BURNED

A Box of Dynamite Fell From the Shoulder of a Workman and Exploded, Igniting the Mine Gas-The Killed Mutilated Beyond Recognition-Fore of Concussion Ter-

(By the Associated Press.)

Shenandoah, Pa., May 15.-Five miners were torn to pieces and twelve Four of the judges state that in their of the Philadelphia & Reading Coal

A box of dynamite which a workman

The force of the concussion was terrific. Doors were torn off and bratices wrecked, every section of the mine

feeling the effect of the shock. The work of rescue was begun at once under the supervision of Mine Inspectors Lamb and Fenton, Division Superintendent Pollard and all the district superintendents.

The absence of the deadly blick damp made the work of rescue hazardous than in accidents of this character.

The force of the explosion was felt a great distance from the shaft and friends and relatives of the entombed miners rushed to the mouth of the shaft. So great was the crush that it was necessary to call on the coal and iron police to keep the crowds ROBBED SELLS' CIRCUS back. The work of reacue was necessarily slow because of the great distance the rescuers had to travel in the shaft. It was several hours before the last miner was brought to the surface. The injured men who were at work on the lift when the Will be Taken to Tarboro accident occurred were first taken from the shaft and hurried to a hospi-As soon as this was accomplished the rescuers directed their attention to those who were near the bottom of the colliery.

But little damage was done to the

ST. VINCENT'S HOSPITAL.

(By the Associated Press.) Cieveland, O., May 15.-William T. Norfolk, Va., May 15.-The golden Spaith, auditor of the Carl Hagen- anniversary of St. Vincent's Hospital beck circus, was arrested here last here was begun this morning with a night charged with the theft of thirty church, presided over by Cardinal Gibthousand dollars from the ticket wagon bons, with Bishop Van De Vyver of of the Forepaugh-Sells Show in Octo- Richmond as celebrant. There were in Wilmington, N. C., May 15.—The ber, 1904, while he was treasurer of the sanctuary many priests from all New Hanover county convention that enterprise. The robbery, it is al- parts of Virginia and visiting clergy from Washington, Baltimore, Raleigh, The arrest was made by Sheriff Karb Wilmington, N. C., and other places. Spaith was seized while at work in the at a public demonstration, when adticket wagon, handcuffed and hustled dresses will be made by Cardinal Gibex-Governor Montague of Virginia and

GAPON'S BODY IS IDENTIFIED.

Dr. J. Allison Hodges of Richmond,

(By the Associated Press.)

St. Petersburg, May 15 .- At the inquest on the body of Father Gapon. Detroit, Mich., May 15.—One hun- which was found May 13 in the upnial convention of the Catholic M. Margolin, the former priest's law-

Rhode Island Grounding.

(By the Associated Press.) Norfolk, Va., May 15 .- The board of inquiry investigating the recent ground-TIMES' TAGGED DOLLAR. ing of the battleship Rhode Island off York Spit resumed its hearing today. The tagged dollar today visited the Rear Admiral Dickens, president of the

proval.