

HOT MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT

Special Message on Panama Canal Scandal Sent to the Congress

ATTACKS MR. PULTIZER

Says the Statements in The World Will be Believed by Nobody—Stories of Wrong-doing Are Utterly Baseless—A Siting of Infamous Lies—Mr. Joseph Pulitzer, the Real Offender, Guilty of Criminal Libel, Says the President—Should be Prosecuted by the American Government—A High National Duty to Bring This Man to Justice.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) Washington, D. C., Dec. 15.—The president today sent the following special message to congress: To the Senate and House of Representatives:

In view of the constant reiteration of the assertion that there was some corrupt action by or on behalf of the United States government in connection with the acquisition of the Panama canal and of the reputation of the story that the syndicate of American citizens owned either one or both of the Panama companies, I deem it wise to submit to the congress all the information I have on the subject. These stories were first brought to my attention as published in a paper in Indianapolis, called The News, edited by Mr. Delavan Smith. The stories were scurrilous and libelous in character and false in every essential particular. Mr. Smith shelters himself behind the excuse that he merely accepted the statements which had appeared in a paper published in New York, the World, owned by Mr. Joseph Pulitzer. It is idle to say that the known character of Mr. Pulitzer and his newspaper are such that the statements in that paper will be believed by nobody. Unfortunately, thousands of persons are ill-informed in this respect and believe the statements they see in print, even though they appear in a newspaper published by Mr. Pulitzer. A member of the congress has actually introduced a resolution in reference to these charges. I therefore lay all the facts before you. The story repeated at various times by The World and by its followers in the newspaper press is substantially as follows:

"That there was corruption by or on behalf of the government of the United States in the transaction by which the Panama Canal property was acquired from its French owners; that there was improper dealings of some kind between agents of the government and outside persons, representing or acting for an American syndicate, who had gotten possession of the French company; that among these persons who it is alleged 'made huge profits' were Mr. Charles P. Taft, a brother of Mr. William H. Taft, then candidate for the presidency, and Mr. Douglas Robinson, my brother-in-law; that Mr. Cromwell, the counsel for the Panama Canal Company in the negotiations, was in some way implicated with the United States governmental authorities in these improper transactions; that the government had concealed the true facts and has destroyed, or procured or agreed to the destruction of, certain documents; that Mr. W. H. Taft was secretary of war at the time; that by an agreement between the United States government and the beneficiaries of the deal all traces thereof were 'wiped out' by transferring all the archives and 'secrets' to the American government, just before the holding of the convention last June, at which Mr. Taft was nominated.

These statements sometimes appeared in the editorials, sometimes in the news columns, sometimes in the shape of contributions from individuals either unknown or known to be of bad character. They are false in every particular from beginning to end. The wickedness of the alanders is only surpassed by their fatuity. So utterly baseless are the stories that apparently they represent in part merely material collected for campaign purposes and in part stories originally concocted with a view of possible blackmail. The inventor of the story about Mr. Charles P. Taft, for instance, evidently supposed that at some period of the Panama purchase Mr. W. H. Taft was secretary of war, whereas in reality Mr. W. H. Taft never became secretary of war (Continued on Second Page.)

STATE GAINS FIRST VICTORY

In Trial of Night Riders Charged With Murdering of Captain Rankin

PROGRESS OF CASE

Judge Jones' Decision to Prepare His Own Venue List. Regarded as a Victory For the State, the Defense Having Objected to Anything But Ordinary Proceedings Which Gives the Sheriff Power to Select the Venue—Names of 300 Citizens Given Deputy Sheriffs.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) Union City, Tenn., Dec. 15.—Judge Joseph Jones this morning handed the names of 300 citizens to half a score of deputy sheriffs of Obion county, under direction of Sheriff Easterwood, and ordered them summoned as a venire to appear in court at once, that twelve men to try the alleged night-riders for the murder of Captain Quentin Rankin might be selected from their number.

Within a few minutes after Judge Jones had handed his personally prepared list of veniremen to Sheriff Easterwood, the latter's men were in the saddle and had left for all parts of the county to obey the court's orders. Judge Jones' decision to prepare his own venire is a victory for the state, the defense having objected to anything but ordinary proceedings which gives the sheriff the power to select the venire.

It is calculated that it will take probably all of this week yet to select a jury.

THE INSURGENTS WIN VICTORY

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) Washington, Dec. 15.—By a vote of 146 to 134 the house insurgents, with the aid of the democrats, voted to discharge the committee on foreign affairs, which had tabled a resolution introduced by Mr. Gardner to call upon the secretary of state to ascertain what steps had been taken by the British house of commons in the matter of rules.

CHARGED WITH FORGERY.

Young Man Arrested in Chicago Accused of Forging Checks.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) Chicago, Dec. 15.—Charged with forging about twenty checks aggregating \$10,000, Edward E. Perkins was arrested this morning at his residence, 509 north Oakley Avenue. Perkins is twenty-eight years old and until last August was employed as a bookkeeper in the purchasing department of Spiegel, May, Stern & Company.

The money is said to have come from the National Bank of the Republic, by forging Sidney M. Spiegel's name before and after Perkins severed his connection with that company. Perkins made no effort to escape but turned his attention to his wife, who became hysterical when told that her husband was under arrest. He denied he had forged Spiegel's name and said: "It is a case of mistaken identity."

MRS. HARGIS WILL SPEND FORTUNE

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) Lexington, Ky., Dec. 15.—Mrs. Louella Hargis, mother of Beach Hargis, who goes on trial at Irvine, Estill county, tomorrow for the murder of his father, Judge James Hargis, of feud fame, today announced that she is in possession of \$89,000, every cent of which she will spend for the acquittal of her son. She went today from Jackson to Irvine, secure in the belief that she will secure the acquittal of the patrician.

Adjournment December 19.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) Washington, Dec. 15.—A concurrent resolution providing for holiday adjournment of congress on December 19 until January 4, which had already passed the house, was adopted by the senate unanimously.

Democratic and Republican Leaders in Congress.



HON. CHAMP CLARK.



SENATOR EUGENE HALE.

This picture is from a characteristic photograph of Hon. Champ Clark, of Missouri, who has just been chosen Democratic leader of the House of Representatives. Senator Eugene Hale, of Maine, whose picture is here shown, has been chosen leader of the Republican majority in the Senate.

LONGBOAT WILL RUN FOR GOOD GOVERNMENT COMING RACE MEET

Will Enter Race with Dorando

Classic Race to be Run at Madison Square Garden Tonight—Both Men Have Large Backing—A Great Race Expected.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)

New York, Dec. 15.—Tom Longboat has been made a five to four favorite over Dorando, the Italian who conquered Johnny Hayes in the re-running of the English Marathon a few weeks ago, in the second re-running of the foreign classic over the Madison Square track tonight. When the starting gun is fired it is likely that both men will be backed for not less than \$500,000. Canadians arriving from the home of Longboat are taking up every cent they can secure of the Italian's friends in the Eastside at the above odds.

And the backers of both men may rest assured that they will get a grand run for the wagers, for both men are trained to the minute, and if ever there was a true run race the one tonight should be it. Both are confident—so confident, in fact, that they have instructed their representatives and friends to put a bet down for them.

Both men have outlined the plan of battle and each is confident that his is the best. Longboat says that he will set such a fast pace at the very outset that Dorando will never be able to overcome the lead he will get in the first ten miles. Dorando laughs at this and says he will take the lead at the very start and keep it throughout the twenty-six miles—the same as he did in the race with Hayes.

Both men quit active training yesterday and announced that they would spend the day resting. Longboat says that there will be no chance of his feet going back on him this time, as his trainer, Tom Eck, has prepared his pedals with a sea salt preparation until they are now as hard as steel.

MR. C. D. HARRIS RESIGNS

Severs Connection With Dep't. of Agriculture

He Has Been With the North Carolina Department of Agriculture 10 Years—Prominent Figure Among Southern Chemists—Author of Uniform Feed Law—Will Go Into Business in Louisville, Ky.—A Loss to the Department.

Mr. Ceburn D. Harris, state feed chemist and microscopist, has tendered his resignation to the department of agriculture, effective January 1st. Mr. Harris will engage in business in Louisville, Ky. Mr. Harris is the son of Col. J. C. L. Harris, of this city. At the age of 18 he graduated from the North Carolina A. & M. College here and was appointed to a position in the state chemist's office. His work won for him instant recognition. Before he had attained his majority it was conceded that he was a chemist of unusual promise. The department of agriculture granted him leave of absence to pursue his studies. He took one year at Johns Hopkins University and later graduated at Cornell with high honors.

Since his return to Raleigh he has grown constantly in the estimation of his fellow-workers. No man in the state has done more for the state in the matter of working pure feed regulations. Along this line his seat has been emptying. He has prepared for (Continued on Page Two.)

Charter Committee Will Report Tonight

The Charter Committee Has Prepared a Charter For the City of Raleigh. Every Citizen is Asked to be Present and Hear it Read—General Committee Will Meet in President R. H. Battle's Office at 10 O'clock Today.

Tonight at 7:30 the Raleigh Good Government Association will meet at the county court-house. The legislative and charter committees are ready to report.

On these committees are some of the city's strongest men. They have spent much time and thought in working out the details of the charter which they will present to the association tonight, and the citizens of Raleigh should turn out in force to show their appreciation of faithful service and to aid the charter committee by helpful suggestions. The charter will be open for discussion tonight. The charter agreed upon tonight will probably be the charter under which the citizens of Raleigh will live for many years. If there is anything wrong with the charter, tonight is the time to find it. Everybody will be given an opportunity to air his opinions and views, and everyone is cordially invited to be present.

Dr. R. H. Battle, president, requests the general committee to meet this afternoon at his office at 4:00 o'clock.

MAJOR ROOSEVELT.

Theodore Roosevelt, Jr., Named as Major on Governor Lilly's Staff.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) Hartford, Conn., Dec. 15.—Governor-elect Lilly has named Theodore Roosevelt, Jr., of Thomaston, Conn., as a major on his staff of military aides de-camp.

In making the appointment Mr. Lilly says he was influenced by his acquaintance with young Roosevelt and admiration for his many sterling qualities. Governor-elect Lilly is also a close friend of Admiral and Mrs. Cowles, the latter a sister of young Roosevelt's mother, and this may have had some influence in the making of the appointment.

DANIEL J. KEEFE.



Daniel J. Keefe, of Detroit, president of the International Association of Longshoremen, who has been appointed successor to the late Commissioner General of Immigration Sargeant.

DRUG HABIT IS FIRMLY FIXED

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) Washington, D. C., Dec. 15.—"There is no country where the drug habit is so firmly established as in the United States," said Dr. Harvey W. Wiley, chief of the Bureau of Chemistry, Department of Agriculture in his inaugural address last night before the Washington branch of the American Pharmaceutical Association.

"In this country the majority of the people are addicted to the too frequent use of medical preparations containing habit-forming drugs. No matter how slight an ailment one may have, every friend he meets advises him to take this or that remedy. Such advice is often followed, and as the result the person seeking a remedy takes a preparation, which in many cases transforms him into a drug fiend."

Dr. Wiley discussed the proposed international movement for the prohibition of opium and also other habit-forming drugs. Such prohibition, he said, would be effectual in some ways, but there would have to be sufficient provisions as to not cause the elimination of drugs necessary to physicians in their practice.

Dutch Capture.

(By Cable to The Times.) The Hague, Dec. 15.—The Dutch men of war patrolling the Venezuelan coast have captured another ship known as "23 Mayo." The "23 Mayo" was a coasting police boat and part of Venezuelan navy. The boat is going to be conveyed into Curacao harbor today. As in the case of the Alexis the captain of "23 Mayo" protested that his ship was a merchantman.

THREATS AGAINST DUTCH BY CASTRO

(By Cable to The Times.) Berlin, Dec. 15.—"I will make Holland pay through the nose for it," exclaimed President Castro when dispatches recounting the seizure of a Venezuelan coast defense vessel by a Dutch cruiser were shown to him upon his arrival at the Esplanade Hotel, where, with his numerous entourage, he occupies one of the most expensive suites.

The German government is respecting Senor Castro's request that his flag be observed and no ceremonies attended his arrival at the capital. At the frontier he wired the kaiser that his visit was actuated purely by motives of health. He expects to undergo treatment for his kidneys, which are said to be in a serious state.

THREE CHARTERS TODAY.

Durham, Goldsboro and Asheboro Have New Enterprises.

The North Carolina Pine Co., of Durham, is chartered to do a general timber business. The authorized capital stock is \$35,000; paid in \$300. T. L. Seizer, G. O. Pitts and C. M. Lawrence, incorporators.

The Acme Hosiery Mills, of Asheboro, General hosiery and knitting business. Authorized capital stock \$100,000; paid in \$15,000. O. R. Cox, J. E. Walker et al. incorporators.

Red Blood Tonic Co., of Goldsboro, will manufacture drugs. Authorized capital stock \$100,000; paid in \$300. A. R. Morgan, J. B. Roberts and H. M. Malpass, incorporators.

BODY OF TROOPS HOLD UP TRAIN

(By Cable to The Times.)

Oran, Algeria, Dec. 15.—An incident several days old or a body of troops from the foreign legion holding up a train bound for Oran became public today. General Charles Vigy, the French commander of infantry, who was aboard the train, addressed the soldiers and urged them to refrain from committing violence. No attempt was made to loot the train and the object of the men's actions is more or less of a mystery.

Some of the men have fled from their barracks and their whereabouts are unknown. Others were arrested at the instigation of civil authorities and are being held for court-martial.

MRS. ANNIS SEES JENKINS HAINS

For First Time Since Murder Wife of Annis Sees Murderer

MADE NO COMMENT

Saw Brother of Her Husband's Murderer as He Was Brought Into Court, But Gave No Sign or Indication That She Knew of His Presence—She Will Be Called As a Witness in the Case—In Court Today Under Subpoena From the District Attorney—Progress of the Case.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)

New York, Dec. 15.—Mrs. William E. Annis was brought face to face with T. Jenkins Hains for the first time since the killing of her husband at Bayside Yacht Club in August when the trial of Hains on the charge of murder was resumed in Flushing before Justice Crane today. The widow, dressed in heavy mourning, and accompanied by her friends, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Burch-Field, witnesses to the tragedy, went to the court room early and was shown into District Attorney Darrin's office. Through the window Mrs. Annis could see the stairway and hall up which Hains had to pass on his way to court. She was there, watching the passage, when Hains was brought in, handcuffed to Deputy Sheriff Phillips. Mrs. Annis observed him closely, but made no comment to her friends as he marched out of her view.

Elmer White, the Brooklyn lawyer, excluded from the prosecution yesterday, was admitted today, has been legally appointed a deputy assistant attorney by Mr. Darrin. The district attorney presented to Judge Crane the regular appointments of White and James A. Dayton, assigned by County Judge Humphrey.

Mrs. Annis, it was said today, would be called to the stand as a witness against Hanes. She was in court today under subpoena by District Attorney Darrin. Thornton Hains came into court at 9:50 o'clock, linked to Under-Sheriff Phillips. He was smiling and to all outward appearances in a cheerful mood. Just outside the court-room his shackles were unlocked and he took his seat at the counsel table.

Ellas C. Everett, of Jamaica, an aged retired builder, was called at the first talesman after the court ruled to allow Mr. White to act.

"I don't approve of a man carrying a revolver without a permit, but it would not prejudice me," he declared, when the question was put to him. "If the evidence showed at the time of the commission of this act (the shooting of Annis by Captain Hains) this defendant held a pistol in his hand?" asked Shay.

The query caused comment, because it has always been the contention of the defense that T. Jenkins drew his revolver only after his brother had finished firing and appeared in danger.

The defense dismissed the talesman with a peremptory challenge. Alexander Jardine was accepted as juror No. 7.

It was developed by questions put to Jardine by Mr. McIntyre that he was a half-breed Indian, having been born in Texas.

Thornton Jenkins Hains took a lively interest in this juror, whose nativity evidently pleased his naturally romantic fancy.

Hugh McCullough, of Laurel Hill was passed by the prosecution, and after the usual conference was accepted by both sides.

The eighth juror is the second youngest man in the box. He is a milk dealer and has been in business for himself for several years.

Mrs. William E. Annis, widow of the man whose tragic death occasioned the trial, ate lunch during the noon recess in the same dining-room as the mother of the defendant and Captain Peter Hains.

The old soldier and the gray-haired mother of the Hains boys reached the county seat at 12:30, just as recess was announced. The aged couple entered an old-fashioned inn and almost at the instant of their entry, Mrs. Annis, accompanied by her friends, Mr. and Mrs. Charles A. Birchfield, came to the door from the court building.

The two pretty daughters of the (Continued on Fifth Page.)

FORMED DEATH COMPACT

One Man Dead, Two Others Dying

Three People, Out of Work, Agree to Die and End it All—Turn on the Gas and Inhale Deadly Fumes—Policeman Asphyxiated.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)

Chicago, Dec. 15.—One man is dead, two others, a man fortune-teller and his aged blind mother, are thought to be dying, and a policeman is suffering from the effects of temporary asphyxiation by gas as a result of what is believed by the police to be a triple death pact consummated in part at 69 Liberty street, early today. The dead, A. Bernstein, 22 years of age, a painter; found dead from the effects of escaping gas.

The dying, Eugene Fineburg, 21 years of age, a fortune-teller; taken from the house in an unconscious condition and believed to be dying. Mrs. Sarah Fineburg, 78 years of age, mother of Eugene Fineburg, and blind; removed from the dwelling in a dying condition.

The injured, Policeman Arthur Murphy, overcome by gas in attempting to save the unconscious ones; taken to station where restoratives were administered.

According to neighbors, Bernstein has been out of employment for several months and the Fineburgs, with whom he lives, also were given to spells of despondency. Inmates of the household told the people they believed the three people had decided to die together to end their misery.