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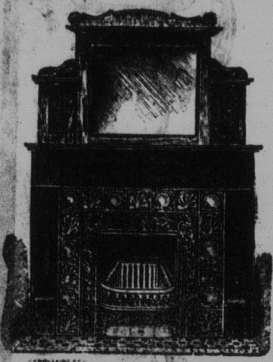
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One Firm Has Cheated U. S. Government Out of \$800,000 Yearly.

NEW YORK, Jan. 10.—The World says: Definite information has been secured that for ten years one firm has succeeded in defrauding the government of \$800,000 a year in duties. How much further the swindling has gone can only be guessed.

President Roosevelt today took prompt action. After a conference in Washington with Gen. H. L. Burnett, U. S. district attorney of this city, Sec. Gage and representatives of the Merchants association, he appointed W. Wickham Smith, counsel for the Merchants association, a deputy U. S. attorney general to prosecute the guilty.

"I have been asked," said Ex-Appraiser Wilbur Wakeman, secretary of the American protective tariff league, at his office today, "to give my assistance to the prosecution. I will willingly do so in my judgment of the United States has been defrauded of at least \$800,000 a year in duties. Beyond this it would not be wise for me at this time to discuss the matter."

So bold was the method of this firm that it absorbed most of the Japanese silk trade of the city, because it was able to drive out of business merchants who adhere to the letter of the tariff.

It was learned that an employee was in the habit of paying bribes to a custom house employee. Sometimes he handed him \$1000, once the amount ran up to \$2000. For this the man who passed on the firm's goods let them in at a less rate. A shipment was involved at much under its proper weight and passed the man who ought to have held it up.

From the frauds were unearthed because the examiners were suddenly changed about. Boxes that had hitherto been invoiced as holding 100 pounds of silk were found to contain nearly twice as much. Silks that had come in under a 90 cent duty were found to be in the \$3 class. The rest was easy.

UNSUCCESSFUL PLOT.

HELENA, Mont., Jan. 10.—A plot to secure the release from the penitentiary of L. C. Livingston, sent from Silver Bow County in April 1900, for forgery, has failed. The names of several prominent New York people were forged to the petition presented, that Livingston came from the distinguished New York family of that name, and had served as a Rough Rider in Cuba. Among the names signed to the petition were those of Theodore Roosevelt, August Belmont, Hugh J. Grant, Thomas A. Edison, Jerome W. Astor, E. D. Morgan and others in New York. Governor Toole's suspicions were aroused by receiving a letter from President Roosevelt last June, stating that he had learned of a clumsy attempt to forge his name to a petition for Livingston's pardon, and he, therefore, warned the governor. When the petition was received by the governor a few days ago, he looked up the letter and decided to write to Dr. Parkhurst, August Belmont, Hugh Grant and others as to the genuineness of their signature. All have replied, denying having signed the petition.

ROMANCE AND MISERY.

NEW YORK, Jan. 11.—The death of Mme. Adele Preveau, which occurred last night in a miserable shelter which she called her home, ends a career of romance and misery. She was born near Paris seventy-two years ago, and early in life married the Count de Doreau, at that time well-known and high in official favor. A dispute in a famous Paris club over a gambling debt resulted in her husband's death, and the young widow married a Frenchman, who came to this country to live. The young couple moved in the highest circles in Washington and were received in the diplomatic set. Later Mr. Preveau came to New York. It was here that Mr. Preveau died. His widow inherited from him considerable property, but the fund disappeared and the old lady, driven to the last resort of poverty, made application to a poor house. From this she was taken by a negro woman, and it was in the house of this woman that she died.

BOER RECRUITS.

NEW ORLEANS, La., Jan. 11.—Captain L. DeVilliers, of the Boer army, who is in the city, is in receipt of a letter from H. C. A. Arnold, of Bloomington, Ill., declaring that he has organized in Illinois a company of young men, all of whom served in the United States army during the recent trouble with Spain, who are anxious to serve with the Boers in South Africa and who want to know if Captain DeVilliers can make any arrangements for their transportation there. He replied that it is impossible to get men to Africa, although he has received numerous offers of this kind.

NIECE OF WAGNER.

NEW YORK, Jan. 11.—Fraulein Katha Brandt, a grand niece of Richard Wagner, a member of Her Conrieds Irving Place Company, who came here lately, submitted to an operation for appendicitis at a private hospital in this city, and it is feared, is dying. Fraulein Brandt was born in Berlin, where her father is prominently connected with the Holman theatre. Her grand uncle was Richard Wagner, the composer.

REV. MR. McODRUM CALLED.

MONCTON, N.B., Jan. 11.—At a large meeting of the congregation of St. John's Presbyterian church last evening a call was extended to Rev. Donald McODrum, Marlon Bridge, Cape Breton, by a decisive majority. Among other names before the congregation was that of Rev. W. F. Morrison of Bordeaux, Que.

GEORGE A. DAVIS,

Formerly a Well Known Barrister in St. John

Is in Washington to Have a Hawaiian Judge Dismissed From the Bench.

The San Francisco Sunday Chronicle of Dec. 29 prints an excellent portrait of Geo. A. Davis, formerly a St. John barrister and well-known resident of Carleton. Mr. Davis went some years since to the new American possession of Hawaii, and appears to have flourished. Mr. Davis was an aggressive lawyer in St. John, and is now engaged in the task of ousting a judge from the circuit court of Hawaii. The San Francisco Chronicle says:

An effort is to be made to oust from the supreme bench of Hawaii Associate Justice Antonio Perry, who has been a member of that high court since the United States took possession of the Hawaiian islands. George A. Davis, a leading attorney and former judge of the circuit court of Hawaii, is now here on his way to Washington to ask United States Attorney-General Knox to depose Perry.

The latter will be charged with incompetency generally and specifically with violating the constitution of the United States in the conduct of a criminal case.

Justice Perry is barely 30 years of age, was born in Hawaii and is of Portuguese extraction. His father was a rich islander and found favor with the powers there. When Antonio Perry attained his majority he was made a judge of the district court of Honolulu, which tries police and justice court cases. A few years later he was made a judge of the circuit court of Hawaii and after annexation took his seat on the supreme bench with Chief Justice Frear and Associate Justice Galbraith.

Perry is a man of much dignity and is accused by some members of the Hawaiian bar of being like necessity, knowing no law. He has especially aroused the indignation of a group of Hawaiian lawyers, and Attorney Davis will express their sentiments before the attorney-general.

Davis is an old practitioner and has occupied a circuit court judgeship in Honolulu and been acting attorney-general of Hawaii in the past year or two. He says he is not on Perry's trail, and will never rest until he is forced to step down from the bench. Davis will go to Washington in a few days in company with Samuel Parker.

Davis said yesterday: "Justice Perry is unfitted for his position on the Supreme bench by his lack of training in legal matters, in the first instance—for, as a lawyer, he never tried a case in his life. His many blunders during the dying days of the Dole oligarchy have been severely censured by the Hawaiian attorneys, who have openly expressed their opinion of his unfitness. And yet upon the formation of the territory, this same judge was recommended by some persons of Honolulu of justice in Washington and secured his appointment as associate justice."

"One of the most serious blunders of Perry's judicial career, and one which I will make special mention of to Attorney General Knox, was his sitting upon appeal in a case of the Territory of Hawaii against Oaki, a Japanese. As a circuit judge, Perry, under a peculiar statute, exercised the functions of a grand jury and found a true bill against the prisoner for murder in the first degree and certified that there was proper cause to try him. Then, as a circuit judge, he did try him and sentenced him."

"The trial of this prisoner and his conviction and sentence took place after the change of sovereignty. He was put upon trial without being indicted by a grand jury, in express violation of the provisions of the United States constitution. An application was made on behalf of the prisoner by myself and an associate counsel to Judge Gear of the circuit court for a writ of habeas corpus. Judge Gear issued the writ, and the prisoner was ordered discharged from custody. Attorney-General Dole, in the absence of a statute allowing an appeal on behalf of the Territory, appealed to the supreme court of the territory. A protest was entered against Justice Perry hearing this appeal, but he overruled the protest, and, in express violation of the provisions of the organic act, heard this appeal and affirmed the sentence which he had himself uttered."

"I then made application to Judge Estee of the United States district court for a writ of habeas corpus, and Judge Estee over-ruled the decision of Justice Perry, affirmed the judgment of Judge Gear, and ordered the prisoner to be discharged. Now the attorney-general of Hawaii has appealed the case to the Supreme Court of the United States, and I am going on to plead for my client. I will present the facts of this case to Attorney-General Knox, and will ask him to oust Justice Perry."

"Associate Justice Galbraith of the supreme court of Hawaii, who rendered a dissenting opinion from Justice Perry and Chief Justice Frear, said:—'As an acrobatic performance, the court might admire the reasoning and decision of the majority of the supreme court, but as a solid conclusion of an appellate tribunal it is without precedent and without reason.'"

This adds new fuel to the judicial scandals which have raged in Hawaii since annexation. When the news of Davis' mission reaches Honolulu a pretty row will be stirred up, for it has been kept a secret so far.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 11.—Eastern states and northern New York—Snow tonight; colder in west portion; Sunday, colder and generally fair; southerly to westerly winds, shifting to northwesterly winds, becoming variable.

IMPORTANT TRANSACTION.

Water Routes From Inland Ports in United States to Those in Europe, Secured.

LONDON, Jan. 11.—One of the most important of American commercial enterprises in Europe has just culminated here. It consists in the securing of all water routes for American cargoes of grain and other commodities from inland ports in the United States to inland ports in Europe, and embraces the purchase by American capital of several British and other canals. Frank W. Hawley, V. P. of the Erie canal traction company, has been on this side several months quietly securing concessions for the operation of European canals by electricity. The Erie concern today secured control of about five thousand miles of canals in England and the continent. As a result cargoes shortly be shipped on the same bill of lading from Duluth, Minn., to Brussels, Bruges, Ghent and Cologne, and later to many points in the United Kingdom, France, Germany and Italy. At the forthcoming session of parliament the British legislators will be asked to grant permission for the erection of central power stations, for the propulsion of traffic on at least two British canals. These will be operated with American capital, though their control will remain in British hands. Mr. Hawley said today to a representative of the A. P.:—"Yes, it is true that the company is making progress in securing all water routes by electrically operated canals throughout Europe."

SOUTH AFRICA.

JOHANNESBURG, Jan. 8.—Since noon yesterday 122 Boers have been accounted for. After making a night march, Major Cole-Brander captured a laager and a number of Gen. Delarey's men west of Rustenburg. The Boers' loss was 44 men killed, wounded and captured.

Another British column captured 35 burghers in the northwest part of the Orange River Colony, and the Thirteenth Hussars captured eleven near the Oliphant's River blockhouse line. General De Wet is reported to be moving south before General Elliott, who is following him up the Wilge River. Gen. De Wet has little chance of using the guns he has captured against the blockhouses. The British columns being in close touch, the area in which he can move is being circumscribed.

The military situation is generally good. There are an increasing number of surrenders.

Since January 1st, 160 prisoners have been brought to Bloemfontein, they having been captured by the different columns operating in the Orange River Colony. Gen. Elliott, working to the northeast, captured nine Boers on Jan. 5, and also discovered and destroyed a Krupp gun.

Ninety burghers of the Orange River Colony have lately taken the oath of allegiance.

Colonel Du Moulin, after a night march, recently surprised a party of Boers under Commandants DuToit and Saul Sarelus, to the southeast of Jagersfontein. The two Boer leaders and twenty-six men were made prisoners. DuToit is known to have shot lately some native "boys." Du Moulin's prisoners are a mixed lot, and belong chiefly to the Ackerman, Joubert, Coetzee, Booders, and Krogh commandos. His captures include 58 rifles, 2,000 rounds of ammunition, and 100 horses.

Large parties of determined fighters, under the immediate command of Botha, Melotjes, Tallyard, Steenkamp and Bucknill, are now lying in ambush about the district waiting to attack small columns.

BRIEFS BY WIRE.

OTTAWA, Jan. 11th.—The minister of public works favors the establishment of Marconi's station as a government work rather than a private enterprise. It is understood that the system of wireless telegraphy will be installed on the fishery protection vessels.

NEW YORK, Jan. 11.—John P. Pidcock, president of the Georgia Northern railroad, who underwent a surgical operation at the White House, N. J., about three months ago, was very weak today, and his physician said death was expected at any moment. Complications, one of which was dropsy, followed the surgical operation, and hope of recovery was abandoned several weeks ago. Mr. Pidcock was married on the day the operation was performed.

IS A PROFESSIONAL.

CAMBRIDGE, Mass., Jan. 11.—O. R. Cutts, right tackle of the Harvard Football team of 1901, whose athletic standing before the subject of exhaustive inquiry before the game with Yale last November, is declared a professional in a statement made public today by Prof. Ira N. Hollis of the Harvard Athletic committee. Evidence has been brought to light that while teaching at Haverford he gave private lessons for pay.

INSTANT OBEDIENCE TO POLICE.

ST. PETERSBURG, Jan. 11.—Owing to recent evidence of a disposition on the part of the populace to demur at the demands of the police, General Kiegel, the prefect, has caused notices to be posted ordering imperatively instant obedience to any orders of the police, failing in which the delinquent is punishable by imprisonment for three months or the payment of a fine of 500 roubles.

INCREASED OUTPUT.

JOHANNESBURG, Jan. 11.—The chamber of mines has issued a report showing that the output of the mines for December was 52,897 ounces of fine gold, against 39,075 ounces for November.

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