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CASTRO WILL NOT RETURN TO VENEZUELA

Denies that He Intends to Return to Native Country and Head Revolution for German Interests.

New York, N. Y., Jan. 2.—General Castro this afternoon changed his mind about discussing his plans, and received the newspapermen. He said that he did not know whether or not he would return to Paris. "I have no interests in Germany," he said, "And there is no truth in the statement that I am going back to Venezuela to head a revolution backed by German interests. I don't think the Germans make their money so easily as to give it for such a purpose. To use a Latin phrase, 'Verum est id quod est.'"

Castro wrote this phrase on a piece of paper, and then translated it. It meant, he said, "The truth is what it is."

The Venezuelan wore a skull cap of black velvet trimmed with gold and gold embossed cloth slippers.

An interpreter was present and two stenographers. Castro declared he had no intention of visiting Havana. Asked about the money and lands he had lost in Venezuela, he replied: "All of my money was taken by President Gomez. I am ruined. He robbed me of twenty-five million francs. It was my capital. He even took my horse and mule and my house furnishings. This was done after my departure from Venezuela. I left on November 24, 1908, to go to Europe for an operation." Here General Castro with the assistance of his valet, removed part of his clothing and exhibited a long scar on his abdomen. "I have no money interests in Venezuela now," continued the former president. "Everything is lost, even my honor." General Castro said that his wife was on the island of Teneriffe.

Cipriano Castro, ex-president of Venezuela, engaged passage this afternoon on the steamship America of the Hamburg-American line sailing for Hamburg Saturday at 8 a. m. Castro will have a room and bath in cabin No. 152. His valet will accompany him.

STRIKERS WIN LONG FIGHT

Little Falls Textile Strike Satisfactorily Settled — Employes Demands Granted — Increases Amount to 10 p.c.

Little Falls, N. Y., Jan. 2.—The Little Falls Textile strike has ended. At a meeting in which considerable enthusiasm was displayed the strikers voted to return to work in the Gilbert and Phoenix mills, thus bringing to a close a labor difficulty which since early October last has vexed this industrial centre, giving rise to numerous sensational developments, including several riots and the arrest of prominent socialists, and leading finally to mediatory measures by the state labor department. The settlement finally reached is on a basis of sixty hours pay for fifty four hours' work and increases in pay for piece work, which it is claimed will amount to about 10 per cent.

INVESTIGATION INTO THE TRANSPORTATION MONOPOLY DOUBTFUL

Advocates of Resolution Contend Indictments Should Be Followed Up—Final Consideration of Request.

Washington, Jan. 2.—Whether there shall be a congressional investigation of the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad's alleged monopoly of New England transportation facilities apparently was as far from being determined today as when the house rules committee concluded its hearings on the O'Shaugnessy resolution before the Christmas holidays. Chairman Henry said today it would be some time next week before the committee could give final consideration to the request for a rule to provide immediate consideration of the O'Shaugnessy resoluton by the house.

Advocates of the resolution, which would authorize an investigation by a special committee with large powers, are still hopeful of bringing about the inquiry. They contend that the indictment of the officers of the New Haven and Grand Trunk roads by a federal grand jury in New York should not interfere in any way with the proposed congressional action.

SCANDINAVIA MAY FIGHT CANAL BILL

U. S. State Department Officials Receive Report Emenating from Ottawa that Northern Nations will Join in Protest Against Preference.

ARE WITHOUT OFFICIAL KNOWLEDGE

Washington, Jan. 2.—In the midst of the deliberate consideration which state department officials are giving the note of Sir Edward Grey of November 14, protesting against the exemption of the American coastwise shipping in the Panama Canal, attention has been attracted to a report emanating from Ottawa, that the Scandinavian government is preparing new matter to add to that protest. Without official knowledge on the subject, the conclusion has been reached that this Canadian presentment will be devoted to an elaboration of statements made in the Grey note regarding the effect of the Panama Canal Act upon Canadian railways owning and operating vessels, as well as to the parallel thought to be drawn between the Welland Canal and the Panama Canal.

Touching the first matter, it is recalled that the British government reserved the right to discuss further the application of the act to British ships. A strong defence also of the contention that the Sherman Anti-Trust Act would be extended to other than American owned vessels. The recent action of the Department of Justice in proceeding against the Grand Trunk railway officials under the terms of this act is believed to have decided the Canadian government to insist upon the present discussion, diplomatically, of this reserved subject.

So far as the Welland Canal argument is concerned, the American contention is simple and direct. In substance it amounts to a sweeping denial that there is anything like a parallel between the Panama Canal, an independent waterway, forming in what some quarters has been regarded as part of the coast line, and the Canadian waterway, which is a mere incident in the boundary waters of the two countries, use of which is specifically guaranteed to both nations on even terms.

COMMITTED SUICIDE WITH DYNAMITE

Disappointed in Love Gaetan Valancin Blew His Head to Pieces — Made Three Attempts.

Epernay, France, Jan. 2.—A New Year's suicide of an extraordinary character was committed here late last night by Gaetan Valancin, a workman, aged 26, who had been disappointed in love.

Valancin first placed a dynamite cartridge on his breast and caused it to explode. He was frightfully burned, but not mortally hurt. He then stabbed himself twice over the heart. He was still able to walk and streaming with blood went to the farm yard pump and washed himself.

He then went back to the house and changed his clothing, afterwards saying to some neighbors who had rushed in: "I have started to kill myself and now I am going to finish." He thereupon placed another big dynamite cartridge in his mouth, lighted the fuse and waited for the explosion, which tore his head into fragments.

A LIFE SENTENCE INSTEAD OF DEATH FOR HUBERT GRANT

The Governor General Wires Order to Sheriff Hall—Prisoner Did Not Seem Effected by Change.

Special to The Standard.

Halifax, N. S., Jan. 2.—Hubert Grant was to have been hanged in Halifax next Wednesday for the murder of Thomas Donaldson. This afternoon Sheriff Hall received the following telegram from the Under Secretary of State at Ottawa:

"His Royal Highness the Governor General is pleased to commute to life imprisonment the death sentence passed upon Hubert Grant, alias D. Stanley, by Justice Ritchie. Repeat back this telegram immediately after its receipt. Will confirm same today by letter the receipt of which you should also confirm by telegram."

When the deputy sheriff read the despatch to Grant, he looked up with only casual interest, turned around and paced up and down the cell but saying nothing. The jail officials say that Grant has had nothing to say since the trial. Latterly he would remark as he was being locked up for the night, "Well, fourteen days more," or "thirteen days more," as the case might be.

He will go to Dorchester.

SENT A COFFIN.

Zanesville, Ohio, Jan. 2.—A coffin was sent through the mails today from the Zanesville post office. It weighed 14 pounds and was sent by a coffin manufacturing company to an undertaker in Dexter City, Ohio. The lid was sent in a separate package so the body of the coffin could come within the 11 pound limit. The total postage was 68 cents.

EFFORTS TO SETTLE THE STRIKE FAIL

Employers and Garment Workers Still at Loggerheads — Declare Strike is Fizzling Out.

New York, Jan. 2.—Efforts to settle the garment workers' strike today failed. The various agencies working for peace did not even find a basis upon which they thought manufacturers and employes might agree.

The New York Clothing Trades Association held a long meeting, at the conclusion of which President Eugene S. Benjamin declared that nothing had been done toward a settlement. He asserted that the employers were willing to treat with the men, but that recognition of the union would not be granted under any circumstances. "The strike is fizzling out," said Mr. Benjamin.

The strikers asserted they had been joined during the day by many bushelmen employed in merchant tailoring shops and by several thousand tailors and cutters who failed to go out when the strike was declared on Monday.

The only disorder during the day occurred in a shop on Broadway, where three garment workers were arrested for attempting to call out the employes.

LIBERAL REPORTS RE TARIFF REVISION WHOLLY UNFOUNDED

Departments of Finance and Customs are Giving the West Indies Trade Agreement Usual Consideration.

Special to The Standard.

Ottawa, Jan. 2.—Reports circulated in certain Liberal newspapers that the minister of finance has under consideration any general tariff revision, are wholly unauthorized and unfounded. The West Indies agreement necessitates certain direct and certain consequential tariff changes which have been given careful consideration by the officials of the departments of finance and customs under the supervision of the minister. Apart from this the consideration given to the tariff has been in the usual course and in accordance with the ordinary practice of the departments, in looking into matters brought to their attention from time to time.

ORGANIZING FOR THE SPRING IMMIGRATION.

Toronto, Jan. 2.—John F. Farrell, of the Ontario government immigration service has left for England to take up the work of organizing for spring immigration. Mr. Farrell will travel between Ontario and the Old Country, but instead of heretofore spending all his time in England, he will tour through Scotland and Ireland. Mr. MacDonald, director of colonization, has high hopes that the immigration this year will be exceedingly large.

OIL BARON GETS AWAY FROM HARM

William Rockefeller Evades Government Process Servers.

WANTED AS WITNESS IN THE MONEY PROBE.

Reported to Have Sailed from Georgia on Unknown Steamer for Unknown Destination.

Brunswick, Ga., Jan. 2.—William Rockefeller, wanted as witness before the Pujo "money trust" investigating committee sailed from Jekyl Island, near Brunswick, Tuesday, on an unidentified steamer for an unknown port, according to report here tonight.

Accompanied by his wife and son, William G. Rockefeller, as well as the latter's wife, Mr. Rockefeller arrived at Jekyl Island more than three weeks ago. Instead of going to the Rockefeller winter home the party got quarters in an apartment house and remained in seclusion. The apartment house is near the handsome home of Mr. Rockefeller.

Extreme secrecy is maintained by residents of Jekyl Island regarding the departure of the Rockefellers. The name of the vessel on which they departed also has been carefully withheld.

Tonight it was stated that Mr. Rockefeller chartered a special steamer. A rumor also was current that the party sailed on the private yacht of a New York sportsman and that their destination was Bermuda.

FOUR BOYS DROWNED

Three Playing Hockey on Michigan Lake and One Skating on Dartmouth Lake Near Halifax.

Olivet, Mich., Jan. 2.—While playing hockey on Pine Lake near here this afternoon, three boys broke through thin ice and were drowned, in spite of heroic efforts by their companions to rescue them.

The dead are: George Dewy, 14 years old; Clark Morgan, 12; Stanley Lansborough, 16.

During the hockey game the puck was driven to a spot where the ice was unsafe. Young Morgan skated after it and broke through. Stanley Lansborough and Dewy, who were close behind him, also went into the hole. Irwin Van Wye, George Lansborough and Ward Kenney, in attempting to rescue also were precipitated into the icy waters. George Lansborough and Van Wye managed to break their way to the shore. Kenney clung to the ice and was almost frozen to death when rescued, but the other three boys sank before they could be reached.

Special to The Standard.

Halifax, Jan. 2.—Harold Walker, an eight year old boy, was drowned while playing on the ice on the Dartmouth Lakes this afternoon. His cousin also fell in but was saved. Walker's body was recovered in an hour.

WOMEN MAY OCCUPY HIGH POSITIONS IN THE UNITED STATES

President-elect Wilson Has Received Requests from Suffragettes for Portfolio of Secretary of War.

Princeton, N.J., Jan. 2.—Two women have been proposed for places in the cabinet of president-elect Wilson, one of them for the portfolio of secretary of war. This disclosure was made today when Mr. Wilson was asked if the suffragettes had suggested any names for women for cabinet positions.

"I think I have received only two such requests," he replied. "The recommendations were made in a general way, but one did urge particularly for secretary of war. If I am not mistaken, but I ought to add that it was in the interests of peace."

DENIES REPORT OF BRITISH ELECTION.

London, Jan. 3.—The Daily Chronicle, ministerial organ, denies that the government has any intention of dissolving parliament.

CONDITIONS FOR PEACE FAVORABLE

Plenipotentiaries of Balkan States and Turkey Are Playing Deep Game at Peace Conference -- Powers Interested in Aegean Islands.

DELEGATES AWAITING INSTRUCTIONS

London, Jan. 2.—The plenipotentiaries to the peace conference enjoyed a day of relaxation. Even the meeting of the ambassadors today was purely academic as all agreed that yesterday's advances by Turkey had changed the situation to such an extent that they must await corresponding instructions from their respective governments.

The Turks continue to declare that their concessions have surpassed any logical expectation, but that now they cannot at any cost cede an inch more. On the other hand, the Allies with unanimous voice and compact front, maintain that they would rather end the conference than renounce what they claim is due them by right of their victories in the war.

"Both Playing the Game."

That the game is being played on both sides is evident. The Turks emphasize the enormous importance of what they have ceded, which in reality is only what they have lost and what, independently of the Allies, not even the powers would allow them to reconquer. For the opposite reason the Allies belittle the Turkish concessions, as they declare definitely to settle forever their differences with the Ottoman Empire. The real stumbling block is Adrianople, as a compromise solution the Aegean Island is possible. Some suggest that Turkey cede them to the powers, which can decide their fate. It is recalled that such a course has been taken on other occasions, presenting even more difficulties than the present. For instance, in the war of 1866 between Italy and Austria, Austria although victorious, was induced to cede the Venetian provinces to France, who transferred them to Italy.

The supporters of this plan hint that Turkey might even cede the islands to the Allies, as has practically been done with Albania, on condi-

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MONTREAL HERALD IN LIBEL SUIT

Six Directors of Montreal Tramways Company Sue for $100,000 Each — Other Actions May Be Entered.

Montreal, Jan. 2.—Preliminary proceedings in libel actions against the Herald Company, Limited, and the Herald Publishing Company, in which the amounts claimed aggregate $600,000, have been taken before the local courts. The basis of the various suits in which six directors of the Montreal Tramways Company are plaintiffs is an article published in the Montreal Herald of the 31st ult wherein it is contended allegations highly derogatory to the character of the directors of the Tramways Company are contained. Those who have thus far taken preliminary steps towards seeking redress are E. A. Roberts, president of the Tramways Company, and directors Frank Howard Wilson, J. W. McConnell, Marcellin Wilson, W. C. Finley and G. McIntyre. It was also stated that there was a likelihood of further claims being entered. In each case the amount sought is $100,000.

ISMAY'S RESIGNATION IS ACCEPTED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Harold A. Sanderson First Vice President to Succeed to Presidential Chair — In Accordance with Agreement.

New York, N. Y., Jan. 1.—The board of directors of the International Mercantile Marine Company this afternoon accepted the resignation of S. J. Bruce Ismay, as president. The resignation takes effect June 30, 1913. A statement given out in connection with this announcement said that the presentation of the resignation and its acceptance was in accordance with an arrangement with Mr. Ismay, made in February, 1912. The directors also declared that in due course Harold A. Sanderson would be elected to succeed Mr. Ismay.

The action today was in line with an announcement made in London on Dec. 3. Mr. Sanderson is 1st vice-president of the company, and a director of the White Star Line.

T. S. BAXTER ELECTED MAYOR OF VANCOUVER

Vancouver, Jan. 2.—Alderman T. S. Baxter was today declared elected mayor of Vancouver by acclamation. Jonathan Rogers and former mayor, L. B. Taylor handed in their nomination papers, but in the excitement of the last moment Taylor forgot to sign his and was declared out of the race. Rogers was declared disqualified because of technical errors in connection with the entries of property that he tried to qualify on.

JOE BAILEY'S LAST SPEECH INTERESTING

Final Word of Senator from Texas is Attack on Initiative, Referendum and W. R. Hearst.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 2.—Senator Joseph W. Bailey, of Texas, long one of the picturesque figures and striking speakers of the United States senate delivered today before crowded floors and galleries, his final speech as a member of that body. Within a day or two his resignation will be laid before the senate, and communicated to Gov. Colquitt, of Texas, his expectation being that R. M. Johnston, of Houston, will be named to fill out his term, which would end on March 4. Senator Bailey's speech was an attack on the principles of the initiative and referendum as institutions, that would, if adopted, bring about the overthrow of the present system of American government.

An attack upon William R. Hurst in the course of his speech, in which he characterized Mr. Hearst as a "miserable dog," who had "hounded him." This brought Senator Ashurst of Arizona to his feet, who attempted to answer this phase of Mr. Bailey's attack upon radical newspapers and magazines, but he was stopped by the Texas senator with the remark that he "Could make that reply outside."

Senator Bailey spoke for four hours.

WILL MAKE HUDSON BAY SAFE FOR SHIPS

A Survey Party to Be Sent Out in the Spring to Locate Site for Lighthouses and Beacons.

Special to The Standard.

Ottawa, Jan. 2.—Work on the Hudson Bay Railway is going forward, arrangements are being made to secure such aids as will make the bay and straits safe for navigation.

A party will be sent out in the spring to arrange for the installation of buoys and the location of lighthouses and beacons. J. T. Hazen, the expert engaged by the government to advise as to the layout of terminals at Port Nelson is now on his way to Ottawa and the estimates this year will contain another large vote for docks and harbor improvements.

FAVORS FLOATING DOCK FOR QUEBEC

Quebec, Jan. 2.—Mr. Lesperance, M. P., for Montmagny, is an interview today came out strongly in favor of a floating dock instead of a graving dock at this port, as he said he considered the former was most modern. It was also the opinion of the British Admiralty when it sent a floating dock to Bermuda instead of building a graving dock.

INQUIRY WILL BE HELD INTO PILOT SYSTEM

Recent Complaints Made to Hon. J. D. Hazen Have Resulted in the Appointing of a Commission.

Special to The Standard.

Ottawa, Jan. 2.—As a result of the representations recently made to the Minister of Marine and Fisheries by the Shipping Federation represented by Mr. Andrew Allan and Mr. Robb of Montreal ,it is understood that a commission to be known as the pilotage commission will be appointed shortly to inquire into the pilotage system of Canada, but more particularly into the St. Lawrence River and the Atlantic coast.

In most of the accidents which have occurred recently in the St. Lawrence it was found after a careful inquiry on the part of the wreck commissioner that the pilots were to blame and this led the leading shipping people to represent to the Hon. J. D. Hazen that the appointment of a pilotage commission to inquire into the whole system of the appointment of pilots as it exists at present and report on their findings would be in the interests of the shipping of the country.

The charges made against the pilots recently in certain quarters have directed attention to the system of appointment. These conditions will be thoroughly inquired into. It is probable that the commission will be composed of two shipping men of experience and a qualified officer of the marine department.

GAY AFFAIRS FOR VISITORS

Miss Asquith and Countess of Aberdeen are Enjoying Many Brilliant Functions — Formal Dinner to be Held.

Washington, Jan. 2.—Miss Violet Asquith, daughter of the Prime Minister of Great Britain, and the Countess of Aberdeen, wife of the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, arrived here today to be the guests for a few days of the British Ambassador and Mrs. Bryce. Many entertainments and social functions have been arranged in their honor.

There was a small informal dinner at the embassy for them tonight, but on Saturday night a formal dinner in their honor will be given here The distinguished visitors will be presented to Washngton society at a tea at the embassy tomorrow afternoon; and in the evening they will go with the Ambasgador and Mrs. Bryce to the diplomatic reception at the White House, where the Ambassador will be next in line to Ambassador Jusserand, of France, dean of the corps. Mrs. Henry Dimoch also will give the visitors a dinner.

As both the Countess and Miss Asquith are interested as active workers in various political and social betterment movements, among them the establishment of industrial schools for the poor, the anti-tuberculosis fight and woman suffrage, it is expected that they will visit some of the philanthropic institutions and consult prominent workers here on these lines.

THE COST OF LIVING NOW FOUGHT WITH CO-OPERATIVE STORES

Housekeepers League Will Start Institutions If Idea is Found Practicable — Will Hold Mass Meeting.

Philadelphia, Pa., Jan. 2.—As a means of reducing the cost of living a system of co-operative stores for the sale of provisions was discussed by the housekeepers' league today at a meeting in the mayor's reception room, in city hall. Mrs. William B. Derr, who conducted the crusade for cheap eggs, presided. She declared that she has had countless offers from producers in all parts of the east to supply provisions at rates that would mean a considerable lessening of the cost of living in this city. "If the business is properly managed," it was decided to hold a mass meeting on Jan. 16 to awaken public interest in the project.

A $100,000 FIRE.

Baltimore, Md., Jan. 2.—Fire of unknown origin visited the Baltimore plant of the Carnegie Steel Company tonight, resulting in a loss estimated at $100,000, covered by insurance.