

DEMANDS LIVES IN PANAMA CANAL SCANDAL

"New York World" Makes Startling Charges—Says That Roosevelt's Public Letter Is Reeking With Misstatements—Doubtful Dealings.

New York, Dec. 8.—The New York World, which Delavan Smith, editor of the Indianapolis News, referred in his reply to President Roosevelt's attack upon him as the authority for the articles on the Panama canal which appeared in his paper, and called forth the president's letter, says today: "In view of President Roosevelt's deliberate misstatement of fact in his scandalous personal attack upon Mr. Delavan Smith, editor of the Indianapolis News, the World calls upon congress of the United States to make immediately a full and impartial investigation of the entire Panama canal scandal. The investigation of 1906 by the senate committee of the Inter-Oceanic canal was blocked by the refusal of Wm. Nelson Cromwell to answer the most pertinent questions of Senator Morgan, of Alabama. Since that time nothing has been done, because after Senator Morgan's death there was no successor to carry on his great work of revealing the truth about Panama corporations.

"The Indianapolis News, said in the editorial for which Mr. Roosevelt assailed Mr. Smith, that it had been charged that the United States bought from American citizens \$40,000,000 worth of property that cost those citizens only \$12,000,000. There is no doubt that the government paid \$40,000,000 for the property, but who got the money? "President Roosevelt's reply to this most proper question is for the most part a string of abusive defamatory epithets. But he also makes the following statements as truthful information to the American people:

"The United States did not pay a cent of the \$40,000,000 to any American citizen. The government paid the \$40,000,000 direct to the French government, getting the receipts of the liquidator appointed by the French government to receive the same.

"The United States government has not the slightest knowledge as to the particular individuals, among whom the French government distributed the same. So far as I know there was no syndicate. There certainly was no syndicate in the United States that had any knowledge had any dealings with the government directly or indirectly.

"To the best of the World's knowledge and belief all of these statements quoted by Mr. Roosevelt and above, are untrue, and Mr. Roosevelt must have known they were untrue when he made them. As to the details of distribution of the Panama loan, only one man can tell, and that man is Wm. Nelson Cromwell. The two men who were most in Mr. Cromwell's confidence are Theodore Roosevelt, president of the United States, and Elihu Root, former secretary of war, and now secretary of state. It was they who aided Mr. Cromwell in consummating the Panama revolution, arranged the terms of the purchase of the Panama canal, and the additional to pay \$40,000,000 for the canal properties, and an additional \$10,000,000 for a manufactured Panama republic, every penny of both of which sums were paid by the new republic and the United States treasury to J. P. Morgan & Co., not to the French government, as Mr. Roosevelt says, but to J. P. Morgan & Co.

"That national query of the Indianapolis News as to who got the money was based on the World's historical summary of Mr. Cromwell's connection with the Panama. The inquiry was originally the World's, and the World accepts Mr. Roosevelt's challenge to congress can have all the documents in the case, as Mr. Roosevelt says, let congress make a complete investigation of the Panama canal affair, and in particular of Wm. Nelson Cromwell's dealings with the French company with Panama, and with the government of the United States. Let congress officially answer this question, 'Who got the money?'

"The French company, organized by Ferdinand De Lesseps in 1879, failed in 1883, years before Mr. Cromwell's relations with President Roosevelt began. As Mr. Cromwell testified before the senate committee on February 26th, 1906, 'we never had any connection with the so-called De Lesseps Co., neither did the United States government conduct negotiations with the old French Panama Canal Company.'

"What Mr. Cromwell did represent was the new Panama Canal Company, the American Pan-Canal Company and the \$5,000,000 syndicate, which was formed to finance the new companies. After Mr. Cromwell had testified, if he does not recall any contract, Senator Morgan produced a contract reading: 'Mr. Wm. Nelson Cromwell, individually empowered under the formal agreement with the board of directors of the Compagnie Nouvelle Du Canal De Panama (new Panama canal company), of France, to accept for the American syndicate, the Americanization of the Panama Canal Company on the following basis:

"The basis on which Mr. Cromwell was exclusively empowered in this contract was that an American Panama Company, with a capitalization of \$50,000,000, preferred, and \$40,000,000 common stock, should be organized to take over the Panama Canal concessions and all other property belonging to the new French Panama Canal Company which had bought the same from the old De Lesseps Company. This company was incorporated in New Jersey, with dummy directors, the Inter-Oceanic Canal Co.

"Senator Morgan unearthed a copy of the \$5,000,000 agreement which provided that the subscribers should contract with Wm. Nelson Cromwell to pay in \$5,000,000, and to take their several allotments in the enterprise.

"Five million dollars was more than ample to pay the majority of the old

MINISTERS WIN IN SASKATCHEWAN

(Special to the Times.)
Winnipeg, Man., Dec. 8.—The Saskatchewan elections resulted in the return of the Hon. J. A. Calder, in Saltcoats, and the Hon. W. R. Howarth, in Humboldt, by large majorities. Their opponents will probably lose their deposits.

HONDURAN GOVERNOR ON WAY TO VANCOUVER

Conference With Immigration Department on Question of Removing Hindus.
(Special to the Times.)
Ottawa, Dec. 8.—Col. Swayne, governor of British Honduras, left this afternoon for Vancouver where he will see what can be done to further the project of the transportation of the Hindus to Honduras. Colonel Swayne had a long conference with the government dealing with the Hindus, and may be able to induce the latter to adopt a more reasonable frame of mind. He was in conference with the immigration department here yesterday.

TWO DEAD IN C. P. R. COLLISION

(Special to the Times.)
Winnipeg, Man., Dec. 8.—In a collision in the C. P. R. yards at Fort William last night between a yard engine and a freight train, E. R. Noble, engineer, and A. Horseley, fireman, were killed.

PROFITS MADE BY STANDARD OIL

How Octopus Forced Smaller Dealers From Field—Earnings in Indiana.
New York, Dec. 8.—Some profits of the Standard Oil Company's business in various parts of the country became part of the court record in the federal suit to dissolve the Standard Company yesterday, when John D. Archbold resumed the stand for a brief examination, and Henry Tilford, president of the Standard Oil Company, of California, testified at some length as a witness for the defence.

WARSHIPS AROUSE VENEZUELA'S IRE

CASTRO'S REALM READY TO REPEL INVASION
Gumboats Purchased in Germany—Crisis in South American Republic.
Caracas, Venezuela, via Wilhelmstadt, Curacao, Dec. 8.—Two recent events, the departure of President Castro for Europe, and the naval demonstration this week along the Venezuelan coast by three Dutch warships, have wrought in Venezuela a state of affairs that may have serious consequences. The government has resolved to fire on the first Dutch warship that commits an unfriendly act, and the beginning of a crisis has developed into a stronger movement against President Castro has been noticed.

CITY COUNCIL PASSES BY-LAW

MATERIAL OFFERED FOR TAR MAC
Many Matters of Routine Considered by Mayor and Aldermen.
The city council sat for the fourth Monday night, most of the session towards the end of the meeting taken up with consideration of laws.

UNITED EFFORT TO SPREAD GOSPEL

Federated Council of Churches of Christian America in Session.
Philadelphia, Dec. 8.—After a most successful meeting, during which many subjects of vital importance to the church were discussed and a long step forward was made in the movement to bring all Protestant denominations together for the united effort in spreading the gospel, the federal council of the churches of Christian America will adjourn to-day to meet again in 1912.

COURTMARTIAL OF U. S. LIEUTENANT

Revenue Cutter Officer Charged With Drunkenness and Unbecoming Conduct.
(Special to the Times.)
Fort Townsend, Wash., Dec. 8.—The court-martial of Lieut. Hay, of the revenue cutter service, commenced yesterday. The charges are preferred by Capt. Henderson.

ALBERTA EXPECTS BIG SURPLUS NEXT YEAR

Movement of Homeseekers During Fall Months Showed Large Increase.
Calgary, Dec. 8.—The movement of homeseekers from the United States to southern Alberta during the months of October and November has shown an astonishing increase over the same months of 1907. The entries for homesteads at the Calgary office alone show an increase of 205 over 1907, and the sale of land by the C. P. R. in their irrigation block east of Calgary, have near the million dollar mark during the past two months. These sales being made in small areas to actual settlers.

PUBLIC DEMAND IN STEINHEIL CASE

"Is There One Law for the Great and Another for the Lowly?"
Paris, Dec. 8.—The interpellations regarding the Steinheil case, which were to have been made in the Chamber of Deputies yesterday by M. Berry, were postponed at the request of Minister of Justice Briand, who pointed out that the judicial machinery of the government was now being replaced by another.

KAISER FEELS HIS LOSS OF PRESTIGE

Said to Be Suffering From Depression—Official Audiences Are Resumed.
Potsdam, Dec. 8.—The Emperor, who has been living in seclusion since November 17th, yesterday resumed audiences with reference to official business, the finance minister, Baron Von Rheinbaben, being among those received.

DEAD MAN AT THROTTLE OF SPEEDING TRAIN

Oriental Limited Arrives in Minneapolis in Dramatic Fashion.
Minneapolis, Minn., Dec. 8.—The Oriental Limited, the crack train on the Great Northern, came careening into the city limits of Minneapolis late yesterday afternoon, its throttle clutch in the hand of a dead engineer.

STANDS FAITHFUL TO HER ALLY, AUSTRIA

Buelow Defines Germany's Attitude in the Balkan Crisis.
Berlin, Dec. 8.—In the Reichstag yesterday Chancellor von Buelow referred to Germany's attitude in the Balkan crisis. He said: "It is our wish to see Turkey politically and economically strong, but we never wanted Turkish territory from the fact that the geographical situation is not suitable. Turkey really lost nothing through the annexation of Bosnia and Herzegovina by Austro-Hungary. Neither did the independence of Bulgaria mean the loss of any territory."

CONSERVATIVE MEMBERS GATHER IN CITY

Conference is Being Held With Members of Local Government.
(From Tuesday's Daily.)
To-day a conference of the Conservative leaders in the province is being held in Victoria. A. S. Goddard, member-elect for Kootenay; Martin Burrill, of the Yale-Cariboo seat; George H. Cowan, of Vancouver, and G. H. Barnard, of Victoria, are all in the city and this morning conferred with Premier McBride and members of the government on questions affecting the party, the aim being that there may be no flashing of interests, but that the policy advocated at Ottawa by the Conservative members elected from British Columbia may be in line with the stand taken by the local government.

GERMANY STILL FAVORS OPEN DOOR IN CHINA

Berlin, Dec. 8.—Chancellor von Buelow, during the budget debate in the Reichstag yesterday, referring to the American-Japanese agreement, said: "The new arrangement is thoroughly in harmony with the principles of Germany's policy in the Far East, the principles of the open door, economically, the preservation of the status quo territorially, and the integrity and independence of the Chinese empire. We have no occasion to regard the agreement otherwise than sympathetically."

TRAGEDY SUCCEEDS TRAGEDY

Trinidad, Colo., Dec. 8.—Maggie Garcia, 18 years old, and Francisco Martinez, who was suspected of having murdered four members of the Garcia family last week were found dead yesterday twelve miles west of the Garcia ranch in the extreme eastern part of the Las Animas county. Both had been shot. Apparently Martinez murdered the girl and then committed suicide.

6,000 MILES TO BE WEDDED

Vancouver Bridegroom Meets London Bride in St. John, N. B., Where Nuptials Are Celebrated.
Within four hours of setting foot on Canadian soil, Miss G. Pierson, of London, England, became the bride of A. E. Hagger, of Vancouver. The lady was a passenger on the Allan line steamship Victorian, which arrived at noon, and, awaiting her was Mr. Hagger, who, since his arrival in the city last Thursday to meet his bride, has made all arrangements for the wedding, says the St. John Telegraph of November 30th.

LABORER RUNS AMUCK

Kills Wife and Daughter and Wounds Another Before Being Captured.
Wakefield, Mass., Dec. 8.—Hiram L. Badger, a laborer, went violently insane to-day and during his frenzy killed his wife and daughter, Catherine, and then running down Main street, in the centre of the town shot promiscuously into the stores that he passed. One of the bullets wounded Fred Wheeler, a grocer's clerk, in the leg. Badger was chased and finally captured by a crowd of the town people.

WILL END INCONVENIENCE

It was decided to act on the recommendation of the water committee and purchase a tapping machine for the department. By means of mains can be tapped for the purpose of a connection with any of the water pipes without the necessity of cutting the pipe. This machine will cost \$558, here, freight and duty paid, includes the expenses of a man who will be sent on with it and the city workmen in its use.

MYSTERIOUS DEATH OF INSURANCE MAN

F. D. Hirschberg May Have Been Murdered or Committed Suicide.
St. Louis, Mo., Dec. 8.—F. D. Hirschberg, a prominent insurance man and club man, director of the Louisiana Purchase Exposition Company, was shot and killed at his home at 2313 Locust boulevard, early this morning. He died 20 minutes after he was shot.

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