

TAFT WILL BE BOSS OF THE CANAL

Secretary Leaves for Panama in November.

PRESIDENT AND CABINET HOLD IMPORTANT SESSION

Moody Will Proceed Against Merchant's Bridge Company for Monopolizing Mississippi Traffic.

Washington, Oct. 6.—The management of the Isthmian canal affairs will remain under Secretary Taft, who will go to Panama in November to investigate the situation there and thoroughly inform himself of the conditions of the canal zone. The decision to keep the control of the canal in the war department instead of transferring it to the state department was definitely decided today in a decision that followed the cabinet meeting. Now that the work is to proceed under his direction, Secretary Taft will proceed to Panama, go over the situation in detail and return to Washington about the time congress convenes. The secretary has had conflicting reports regarding the progress of the work, the sanitation, facilities for officials and laborers, and he desires to have personal knowledge which will enable him to decide what should be done and what recommendations shall be made to congress respecting the issue of bonds which have been provided for by congress. Secretary Taft will give every feature of the canal administration his careful personal attention.

IMPORTANT MATTERS DISCUSSED BY CABINET

Washington, Oct. 6.—Several important questions were discussed at today's cabinet meeting, although at the conclusion of the session it was announced officially that no details of the discussion could be made public. In fact it was announced that hereafter no information would be given out by cabinet officers of the president, but that such information that it was deemed proper for the public to have would be given to newspaper men by Secretary Lusk.

Despite the injunction of secrecy it is learned that action was taken on two or three important matters and that others were considered. The monopoly enjoyed by the Merchants' Bridge company of St. Louis of bridge and ferry routes across the Mississippi river was considered at length. It was decided today that Attorney General Moody should bring suit against the company against the bridge company. The attorney general made the following statement of the action taken:

"It was determined by the president that upon complaint pending in the department of justice against the monopolization of the two bridges and the ferry across the Mississippi into St. Louis, appropriate action should be taken by the attorney general."

Mr. Moody said he could not say at this time what action he might consider "appropriate." He did not know, he said, whether the action would look to the forfeiture of the charter of the Merchants' Bridge company, or not, as he would have to go over the law bearing upon the matter before reaching any determination.

The determination of the attorney general to bring suit is the result of Secretary Taft's investigation. He understood the suit will be based on an alleged violation of the anti-trust laws of the United States. The congressional charter for the bridges provided that their forfeiture be cause of non-compliance. Secretary Taft found that the violation of the law had not been sufficient to work a forfeiture, but suggested procedure, first, by bringing a mandamus against himself as secretary of the company, and with the attorney general, to participate in the discussion.

After the discussion in the cabinet regarding Chinese immigration to this country, it was determined, in conflict with instructions to United States consuls contained in the circular issued several months ago by the president's direction will be made.

Taft Will Survive Canal. It was definitely decided that the management of the Isthmian canal should remain under Secretary Taft.

Secretary Wilson brought to the attention of the president and cabinet the determination he had reached regarding the inspection of meats. He indicated that under the law meat packers could not be forced to pay the cost of meat inspection. He has determined, however, that hereafter packers should pay for seals or tags placed upon inspected meats intended for export. This will bring a revenue to the department of agriculture of nearly \$50,000 a year. This sum the secretary proposes to devote to extending the inspection of meats to packing houses which have requested that they be given inspectors, but whose requests have not been complied with because the department has not had funds with which to pay inspectors. The idea of Secretary Wilson was approved by the cabinet and it will be put into operation at once.

August Will Recover. New York, Oct. 6.—It was stated to-night that the condition of August Belmont, who was operated on yesterday, was unchanged, and that his recovery would be rapid.

Alleged Despot of Island of Cuba and Candidate of Liberal Party Who Would Succeed Palma



PRESIDENT PALMA'S CUBA LEADER OF THE MODERATE PARTY

MAXIMO GOMEZ, CANDIDATE FOR PRESIDENT AND HEAD OF THE LIBERAL PARTY.

CHICAGO PHYSICIAN MUST ANSWER FOR BRUTAL MURDER

Trys Suicide After Killing Little Girl.

POISONED CHILD IN ORDER TO HIDE WORSE CRIME

Chicago, Oct. 6.—Dr. Oliver B. Hart, aged 29 years, a physician residing in the suburb of Rogers Park, is in custody of the police pending further investigation of the death of Irene Klokow, ten years of age, which occurred yesterday in the residence of the physician. It is the opinion of the police that a charge of murder will be lodged against Dr. Hart and that he will have much trouble to escape conviction. The girl died in a bed room of the Hart residence in which she and the physician had been locked for several hours. It is the opinion of the authorities based on the facts disclosed at the inquest held today, that the girl was maltreated and then poisoned in an attempt to conceal the crime. After finding that it was impossible for the child to recover the physician administered morphine and lay in an unconscious condition all of last night and during the greater part of today. Late this afternoon he partially recovered and was brought to the city and locked up in the East Chicago avenue police station.

The girl was taken about a year since from the industrial home for girls by Dr. Hart and his wife, who desired a child who could serve in a moral way as a companion for Mrs. Hart, who is but 17 years old, and at the same time do light work about the house. Yesterday two sisters of Irene Klokow called at the Hart residence and in company with Mrs. Hart went on a shopping expedition to the city. Irene complained of a headache and was left alone in the house with the physician. What happened in the house is not known exactly, but the first indication that anything was wrong was a telephone message sent by Dr. Hart to a neighbor, Mrs. Richard Curtis. Mrs. Curtis went to a physician and then ran over to the Hart residence. She let her little daughter climb through a cellar window and unlock the front door so that she could get into the house. After entering he called to Dr. Hart and he shouted from the floor above:

"Here I am. You will have to break through another door." Mrs. Curtis threw her weight against the bed room door and broke it open. The Klokow girl was lying on the bed partially dressed, her hair disarranged and much of it torn from her head and the room showed evidences of a desperate struggle. The girl was unconscious and evidently dying, and Dr. Hart informed Mrs. Curtis that she had swallowed morphine pills after he had given her some medicine. Dr. Hart went into an adjoining room and swallowed a large quantity of morphine.

The efforts of Dr. Hulstrom, a physician who has been called to rectify the error were unavailing, and she died in a short time. Dr. Hart was given some restoratives and Dr. Hulstrom labored with him for several hours before being convinced that he would ultimately recover. A detail of police officers were placed at Dr. Hart's bedside and he was practically under arrest until late this afternoon, when the inquest over the body of the Klokow girl was adjourned. Dr. Hart, who was then in almost a normal condition, was formally taken into custody.

The inquest, which brought out no facts other than those stated above, was adjourned until next Tuesday, at which time the coroner's physician, who has made an examination of the body of Irene Klokow, will present his report. The police, however, declare that they will not have the slightest difficulty in proving by circumstantial evidence that Dr. Hart gave morphine to the girl and is responsible for her death.



GONZALEZ DE QUEZADA

Tomlinson Says Rates on Stock Are Too High

Present Schedules Are Unfair to Chicago.

EXPERT TESTIMONY ON SUIT AGAINST WESTERN LINES

Chicago, Oct. 6.—Expert testimony on the subject of freight rates was given in Judge Betha's court today in the interstate commerce commission's suit against seventeen western railroads.

T. W. Tomlinson, secretary of the American Stockholders' association of Denver, testified for the Chicago Live Stock exchange and for fifteen years connected with the freight departments of a number of western roads, was on the witness stand and was questioned at length by counsel regarding his opinion of the reasonableness of the rates on cattle, dressed meat and packing house products.

"In my opinion the present rates on live stock from Missouri river points and southern Minnesota are too high," said he. "The rates on live stock should be lower than on dressed meat and packing house products from these points. Even with equal rates on these commodities, live stock interests would be discriminated against. The present schedules are unfair to Chicago. They give an advantage to South St. Paul and Missouri river markets."

During his testimony Tomlinson endeavored to compare the rates on live stock and packing house products shipped east of Chicago with those shipped from the west in equal quantities to Chicago, and the railroad lawyers objected, but were overruled. Witness declared that if the rates to New York from Chicago were the same as that to New York from St. Paul and Missouri river points, Chicago would be able to handle more live stock shipments to New York. Judge Betha then adjourned court until next Wednesday.

Simpson Shows No Change. Wichita, Kan., Oct. 6.—There is practically no change in the condition of ex-representative Jerry Simpson, who is in the St. Francis hospital here. He is resting easy tonight but shows no signs of permanent improvement.

VICTIMS OF CAVE-IN HORRIBLY MUTILATED

EIGHT OR NINE KILLED BY ACCIDENT IN GREAT VERMONT QUARRY

Troy, N. Y., Oct. 6.—It is now believed that eight or nine people were killed by the cave-in of the Vermont Slate quarry, which occurred at Garrettsville this afternoon. The bodies recovered, thus far are those of J. G. Williams, president of the company, and two of the workmen whose names are not known. They were foreigners and their remains were horribly mutilated. It is believed there are six more bodies in the ruins which cannot be recovered until tomorrow.

School for Socialism. New York, Oct. 6.—It is announced on behalf of the New York section of the socialist party that the late Mrs. Edward D. Rand, mother-in-law of Prof. George D. Herron had bequeathed \$200,000 to found a school for socialism. Mrs. Rand, who died recently in Italy, established four years ago a chair of Christian sociology in Iowa college, Grinnell, Iowa, which was filled by Herron. About that time he married Mrs. Rand's daughter. His views were too radical for the college and he resigned.

St. Paul a Total Wreck. Eureka, Cal., Oct. 6.—Fast on the rocks near Point Gordo, the San Francisco and Portland company's steamer, St. Paul, lies a total wreck. Her ninety-three passengers and crew of 45 men were taken safely off. The disaster, it is said, was due to a thick fog.

Rockefeller on Race Suicide. Cleveland, Oct. 6.—A home for foundlings with infant incubators will be erected by John D. Rockefeller for the Cleveland Humane society. "If an opposed to race suicide," Rockefeller is reported to have said, in announcing his plans to the society officers.

PALMA IS ARROGANT DICTATOR

According to Denunciation of Gomez.

SAYS FRAUD AND FORCE CONTROL CUBAN ELECTIONS

Old General Appeals to United States to End Rank Despotism and Punish Ballot Box Stuffers.

New York, Oct. 6.—General Jose Miguel Gomez, candidate of the Liberal party for the presidency of Cuba, who is at present in New York, said today that it is the duty of the United States government under the Platt amendment to interfere in Cuba and to see to it that the island has genuine and honest elections.

He described what he said was the despotism of President Palma's government and the combined and open use of fraud and force in Cuban elections. "The days of the 21st, 22nd and 23rd of last September were days of terror in Cuba. The chief leaders of our party were arrested, respectable men of conservative ideas, merchants and distinguished professional men. The assassination of Villuendas took place. He was a young man of great vigor and the leader of the Liberal party in the house of representatives. A stupid story of dynamite was invented, being made up only to make an impression on the United States, as it was only received with laughter in Cuba. On the 22nd day of September, the day preceding the election of members of the election board, the moderates arrested the leader of our party organization and on the 23rd the ballot boxes were taken to the polling places already stuffed with votes, and defended by men of criminal antecedents, armed with rifles; and also by the rural guard and municipal police. Wherever members of our party resisted they were fired upon. In the province of Santa Clara there were many killed and wounded. "After having presented the Liberals from voting on the 23rd, the election board, on the 25th of September, the drawing of the list of voters was begun. It was padded to an extraordinary degree, there being inscribed as voters the names of persons who had never existed or had died. In many cases the number of names of the voters falsified exceeded more than double the number of names of genuine voters."

Asked whether the coming December elections might be conducted in this same manner, General Gomez replied:

"Yes, the result will be that as this body of imaginary voters has been created, the will of the genuine electors will be stifled and the members of the boards of election officers, who will fill the ballot boxes with votes of false electors."

DOUGHERTY EXPOSURE PRECIPITATES PANIC

PEORIA NATIONAL BANK GOING TO WALL AS RESULT

Peoria, Ill., Oct. 6.—At a meeting of directors of the Peoria National bank late tonight it was unanimously voted to close the doors of the institution and ask the trustee to take charge. Since the indictment of N. C. Dougherty, until yesterday president of the bank, on many counts for forgery, hundreds of depositors have withdrawn their accounts and this caused the hasty action tonight.

UNLUCKY THIRTEEN LOOKS BAD FOR DOUGHERTY

Peoria, Ill., Oct. 6.—A total of thirteen indictments have thus far been returned against Newton C. Dougherty, city superintendent of schools and president of the Peoria National bank. Ten of them are for embezzlement, and three are for forgery. Forty more are being drawn by the state's attorneys office.

Cave-In Kill Fourteen. Troy, Oct. 6.—Fourteen men were killed today by a cave-in at the Vermont Slate company's quarry about two and a half miles from Granville, N. Y. Among the dead is J. B. Williams, president of the company. The others were Hungarian laborers. Sixteen men were buried in the cave-in. David Cadwallader and Warren Queen, foreman of the quarry, were rescued. Queen will likely recover. Williams was a prominent citizen of Granville.

Clew to Kidnappers. New York, Oct. 6.—The abandonment of Tony Marendine by the persons who kidnapped him and held him for ransom, and the return of the little Italian boy to his parents last night has given a clew to the kidnapers of the boy, who but six years old, was abandoned on a trolley car and was turned over to the police.

Mrs. Meeker's Mother Dead. Greeley, Colo., Oct. 6.—Mrs. Rosanna Meeker, the only living daughter of Mrs. Avilla D. Meeker, widow of N. C. Meeker, the founder of the Greeley colony, was arrested at Alamosa, received word today that her mother had died at the home of her son, Ralph, in White Plains, N. Y.

Russell Gets Promotion. Washington, Oct. 6.—President Roosevelt today appointed Charles W. Russell, formerly special assistant attorney general in charge of the insular bureau of the department of justice, to the office of assistant attorney general vice William D. Purdy recently promoted to be assistant to the attorney general.

West Virginia Will Bring Teddy Back. REAR ADMIRAL BROWNSON'S FLAGSHIP DESIGNATED BY DEPARTMENT.

Washington, Oct. 6.—The navy department has designated the armored cruiser West Virginia as the vessel which will carry the president from New Orleans to Hampton Roads on his return from the southern trip. The West Virginia is the flagship of Rear Admiral Brownson's division of armored cruisers.

Twenty-Five Americans Killed. Manila, Oct. 6.—Government reports give the result of the storm as very serious. At least 200 natives and twenty-five Americans and foreigners were killed. The loss is incalculable. In Albay and Sorsogon provinces, eighty per cent of the buildings were destroyed.

ESCAPE FIRE THROUGH AIR SHAF

Fifty Miners Saved From Mutual Life Pays Enormous Salaries.

FREMONT NINE GUTTED BY DISASTROUS BLAZE

Terrific Explosion of Dynamo Starts Flames Which Imprison Workmen in Bowels of Earth—Damage \$75,000.

Pueblo, Oct. 6.—A special from Florence says: By the prompt work of their companions fifty miners who were in the under workings of the Fremont mine of the Colorado Fuel & Iron company, three miles east of Florence, were rescued alive through the air shaft. The mine was being slowly burned by a destructive fire, originating in the electric house of the mine, probably caused by the blowing up of the dynamite on the explosion which preceded the conflagration. The property loss is \$75,000.

The men were in the main working shaft when the fire first started and were unable to get to the surface, by reason of the flames having destroyed the main shaft. Superintendent McCullister realizing their danger, signalled them to hasten to the air shaft and that ropes would be let down to rescue them. They acted at once and while all of the available men in the camp were fighting the flames, which were extinguished about five o'clock this afternoon, Superintendent McCullister and about twenty men were hoisting the miners from the air shaft one at a time, the work being so slow that only two were raised an hour. It took the complete strength of the men below and shutting up the small entrance to the air shaft, thereby cutting off the only avenue of escape. At a late hour tonight nearly all of the men have been brought out and the rest are no longer in danger.

All of the buildings, including the electric house, blacksmith shop, boiler house, main shaft, etc., were totally destroyed.

SOLDIERS ENRAGED AT MURDER OF COMRADE

NEGRO INFANTRYMAN SHOOT WHITE SOLDIER AND THREATENS

Wichita, Kan., Oct. 6.—A special to the Eagle from Anadarko, Okla., states that private W. H. Smith, a white soldier whose wife is a member of the Fort Hill, was murdered this morning at Anadarko by W. C. Mitchell, a negro soldier, who is a member of the Fort Reno infantry.

The murdered man was shot in the head and instantly killed. Feeling is high among the soldiers, and serious trouble may result.

Carter Trial Adjourned. Chicago, Oct. 6.—At the request of Assistant Attorney General Irwin, who has been called away on private business, the case of Captain Oberlin M. Carter, charged with defrauding the federal government, was today adjourned until next Wednesday.

Upsets Political Precedent. New York, Oct. 6.—Political precedent was upset last night when resolutions praising President Roosevelt for his tact and statesmanship in bringing about the settlement of the Russo-Japanese war were accepted amid enthusiastic cheering at the democratic city convention in Carnegie hall. Perfect harmony marked the convention which unanimously nominated George B. McCellan for mayor.

Scouring Country for Abraham Schiffer. FEARED PART OWNER IN ALAMOSA BANK HAS MET FOUL PLAY.

New York, Oct. 6.—Through police headquarters alarm has been sent over the country for Abraham Schiffer, part owner of the Alamosa, Colo., bank which closed a few days ago after \$200,000 funds were reported missing. Abraham Schiffer left New York Thursday, September 23, ostensibly for Alamosa, and has not been heard from since. His brother, Herman, fearing he met with foul play, asked the police to assist in finding him. Isaac Schiffer, another brother, interested in the bank, was arrested at Alamosa last night on charges of embezzlement and receiving deposits after the bank was insolvent. Herman Schiffer said he knew nothing of any speculation in mining stocks or mines which is reported to have caused the collapse of the bank.

Packers Plead Not Guilty of Conspiracy. SEVENTEEN MEN AND FIVE CORPORATIONS ALSO ENTER DEMURRERS.

Chicago, Oct. 6.—Demurring to nine counts, pleas of not guilty on one count were entered this afternoon by seventeen men and five corporations, indicted on charges of conspiracy to monopolize the meat business. The demurrers are general and charge ambiguity, vagueness, uncertainty and indefiniteness in several of the counts. Allegations also are made that double charges are contained in the two other remaining counts.

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