

Returns to White House From Visit to Isthmus and Porto Rico.

WILL SAY NOTHING OF CANAL

Washington, Nov. 27.—Completing a remarkable trip to Panama, during which he traveled several thousand miles by sea and visited not only the Isthmus, but Porto Rico as well, and voicing his thorough enjoyment of the entire voyage, President Roosevelt returned to Washington Monday night. The trip up the Potomac on the converted yacht Mayflower, to which he and his party were transferred from the Louisiana at Piney Point, was made without special incident. As the Mayflower pulled into the dock at the rear of the office of the commandant of the navy yard Miss Ethel Roosevelt, the president's daughter, and Miss Hagner, Mrs. Roosevelt's secretary, were awaiting to greet the party. Miss Roosevelt immediately rushed on board as soon as the gang plank was laid and affectionately greeted her father and mother. The president landed within 10 minutes after the arrival of the Mayflower. To those who met him he stated that he had had a delightful trip and that he was feeling finely.

The president and Mrs. Roosevelt immediately proceeded to the White House. As the president alighted from his carriage he shook hands with all the attaches and others waiting on the portico.

Speaking of his trip, the president said: "We had a very pleasant, very enjoyable time, and I am deeply impressed with the United States navy, with Panama and with Porto Rico."

The Panama canal, it was stated by the president, will be a subject of a special message, and consequently on that subject the president will say nothing at this time.

Pedro Roquena Bermudez, charge d'affaires of Uruguay, was the only member of the diplomatic corps who greeted the president upon his arrival. At the front entrance to the navy yard Senor Bermudez was delayed by the marine guard, who refused to admit him without the consent of the commandant. After being delayed for 20 minutes he was admitted, and when the president appeared on the deck of the Mayflower the diplomat was the first to rush up the gangplank. He protested to the president against the manner in which he had been treated by the marine guard.

FRENCH SCHOOLSHIP BURNED

500 Men Were On Board, But It Is Believed Most of Them Escaped.

Toulon, France, Nov. 26.—The torpedo schoolship Algeiras, stationed in this harbor, was totally destroyed by fire. There were 500 men on board when the fire broke out, but all escaped except three.

The burning of the schoolship created the greatest alarm throughout the city. News of the fire was first conveyed by the firing of cannon in the harbor. The people hurriedly left the cafes and theatres and rushed to the docks, whence they could see the Algeiras a mass of flames in the harbor. The burning vessel stood out brilliantly in the encircling darkness, and the glare of the flames lit up the other shipping and the coast and wharves.

There was terrible anxiety concerning the fate of the 500 men on board until the authorities announced that everybody had been taken off in boats and saved, with the exception of three. These men did not answer the roll call, and it is presumed they were burned to death.

The Algeiras was a ship of the line, and for a number of years past she had been doing duty as a harbor vessel and employed as a torpedo training ship. She was of 5047 tons displacement, and was built in 1855.

Three Killed in Collision.

New Haven, Conn., Nov. 27.—Three men were killed and five others were injured seriously in a collision of a work car crowded with Italian laborers on the railway and a string of three gravel cars, in the yards of the New York, New Haven & Hartford railway. About 60 men were in the work car when the crash came and, panic-stricken, they fought with one another in their efforts to get out. As soon as the laborers recovered from their panic, after having reached the ground, a large part of them, with picks, shovels and knives, started for the remaining engine. The engineer and fireman, however, seeing the danger, it is said, ran their engine away from the scene and escaped from them.

Accidentally Killed By Playmate.

Hoosick Falls, N. Y., Nov. 24.—Clifford Mason, 12 years old, was shot and instantly killed by the accidental discharge of a gun in the hands of ohn Sheffer, his playmate, who did not know the gun was loaded. While the Sheffer boy was arranging the trigger the gun slipped from his grasp. His playmate was not more than six feet distant and received the charge.

Suicide's Novel Plan.

Chester, S. C., Nov. 27.—P. Butler Wood, a retired merchant, shot and killed himself by fastening a shot gun in front of his bedroom door and a string from the trigger to the knob and then slamming the door. He left a note saying he had to die and preferred dying by his own hand. He had been suffering from acute nervous trouble.

EMERY CLEARS McNICHOL

Fusion Candidate For Governor of Penna. Retracts Bribery Charge.

Philadelphia, Nov. 26.—In a manly statement to the public, issued through his legal adviser in this city, Lewis Emery, Jr., fusion candidate for governor, retracts charges of bribery made by him in the heat of the campaign and implicating Senator James P. McNichol. Satisfied with the statement, Mr. McNichol will withdraw the prosecutions, civil and criminal, that he caused to be instituted against Mr. Emery. The retraction was drafted by ex-Judge James Gay Gordon, forwarded to ex-Senator Emery for his signature. A. S. L. Shields, counsel for Mr. McNichol, to whom it was handed by Judge Gordon, then gave it out for publication. It follows:

"To the public: As the result of recent investigation, I am convinced that the statement made by me in a political speech at Lebanon, respecting the bribery of certain members of the legislature to vote for Marshall for speaker of the house of representatives in the legislative session of 1901, was incorrect, so far as the same related to James P. McNichol, and in justice to him I desire to state that the conversation which I was informed took place, and which I quoted in my speech, was erroneously imputed to him.

"With the bribery of members of the legislature referred to, I am convinced Mr. McNichol had nothing whatever to do, and I cheerfully make this retraction of any imputation to that effect arising from the speech delivered by me."

The charges made by Mr. Emery were to the effect that Mr. McNichol had, for \$15,000 each, bribed five Democratic members of the legislature at the opening of the session of 1901 in order to bring about the election of Marshall to the speakership, an event of great importance to the late Senator Quay, who was then striving for re-election, his seat having been vacant as a result of the historic deadlock in the preceding session.

TRYING TO RAISE PRICE OF MILK

Dairymen Claim They Must Get More For Their Product or Sell Stock.

Philadelphia, Nov. 27.—During the last few days a committee representing the Dairymen's Association of North Philadelphia has been touring Montgomery and Bucks counties with the view of getting the farmers to cooperate with them in raising the price of milk.

The Dairymen's Association of North Philadelphia has been in existence for about two months, its object being to protect the interests of those farmers who are engaged in cattle raising, also the selling of milk to dealers who supply a large percentage of the residents of the city proper. For years past these same dairymen have been disposing of their milk to the dealers at the rate of 4 to 4½ cents a quart, but now they claim that the present price of 4½ cents does not pay, and if they are unable to obtain 5½ cents a quart for their product they will be obliged to dispose of their herd of cattle. And it is all on account of the price of feed, which at the present time is the highest known for the last ten years.

SWEEPED OVER NIAGARA FALLS

Desperate Attempt to Rescue Unknown Man Failed.

Niagara Falls, N. Y., Nov. 27.—An unknown man was swept over the Horseshoe Falls in a small boat after a daring attempt had been made to save him. An employe of the Ontario Power company first saw the little craft coming down the river in the grasp of the swift current. The occupant, a man, was standing up frantically waving his hands. Two rowboats started down the Chippewa river toward Niagara to attempt a rescue at the mouth of the small stream. The rescuers went far beyond what is considered the danger line, but a cross current carried the unfortunate man away from them toward Goat Island, and in a few minutes he was carried over the Horseshoe Falls. The would-be rescuers were by this time in a perilous position, and it was with great difficulty that they succeeded in getting back to shore.

Woman Jumped Overboard at Sea.

Jacksonville, Fla., Nov. 26.—"Miss A. Browning," who took passage at Charleston for Jacksonville on the Clyde line steamer Iroquois, was missing when the steamer arrived here. Her berth had not been occupied, and her open suitcase, cloak, hat and shoes were in her state room. It is supposed that she leaped overboard. There is nothing to indicate her identity. She spent most of her time leaning on the rail and looking out upon the ocean, and was still about the deck at 2 o'clock in the morning.

No American Deaths on Isthmus.

Washington, Nov. 27.—Not a single American died on the canal zone from disease in the last three months, according to a report the isthmian canal commission has just received from Colonel W. C. Gorgas, the chief sanitary officer on the zone. The decrease in the death rate among the employes, Colonel Gorgas reports, is due almost entirely to the decrease in pneumonia. In October the deaths among the canal employes were 86 negroes and 2 whites.

Burning Bacon to Keep From Freezing

El Paso, Tex., Nov. 24.—A special from Carlsbad, N. M., says that the fuel supply in that town is exhausted and people have been forced to burn bacon to keep from freezing. Schools have been dismissed in consequence of the terrible cold. The snow is a foot deep in town and two feet out on the range.

COUNTERFEITERS CAUGHT

Secret Service Men Make Important Arrest in Philadelphia.

Philadelphia, Pa., Nov. 27.—Important developments are expected to follow the arrest in this city of Edward Todd, of Darby, on a charge of making engraved plates for the manufacture of counterfeit bank notes of the \$1 and \$5 denominations. Todd was arrested in a house on Wood street by Secret Service Operatives Griffin, Elmsler and Keats, after an investigation that followed the finding of a bundles of plates in an alley near the Wood street house some time ago. When arrested Todd had in his possession several plates. In the house where he made his headquarters they found several genuine notes which had been stripped and used in making the bogus plates. The tools used by the counterfeiters were also found. As Todd is a painter, the officers do not believe he was competent to make the plates, and they are looking for confederates. They are looking for the printing plant also. Todd refuses to make any statement.

Bart Ruello, known as the "King of the Counterfeiters," and who has served several terms, was also arrested by the secret service, together with Vito Vincenzo, for passing counterfeit coins.

PREACHED FROM CHURCH STEPS

Lutherans Barred From Church By the Reformed Faction.

Lancaster, Pa., Nov. 26.—The unusual spectacle of a clergyman locked out of church, and preaching to his congregation from the church steps, was the result of the dispute that has caused a schism in the United Evangelical Lutheran Church, in Eden township, this county. The congregation was organized some years ago in the Lutheran faith. Recently a number of the members accepted the Reform doctrine, elected a pastor of their own, and, it is alleged, refused to permit the Lutherans to hold services in the church. Last Thursday the Lutherans petitioned the court, and an injunction was issued restraining the Reformed faction from interfering with them. However, when the Rev. Emil Meister, of this city, went to the church to hold services he found the doors locked and the sexton missing. He took the church steps for his pulpit and preached a sermon, in which he counseled his hearers to bear their trials with patience and forbearance. Litigation is threatened.

WANTS \$500,000 DAMAGES

Coal Company Sues B. & O. For Not Supplying Cars.

Columbus, O., Nov. 27.—William Job, of the Peabody Coal Company, filed suit in the United States district court against the Baltimore & Ohio Railway company for \$500,000 damages.

The coal company owns a mine in Perry county, O., and asserts that on the strength of the railroad company's promise to furnish cars it took a contract to supply the Northwestern Fuel Company, of St. Paul, with 120,000 tons of lump coal. The plaintiff says that the railroad company has been unable to fulfill its contract, and has, therefore, been damaged to the amount named. The petition further charges that while the Peabody company was unable to obtain cars, other mines nearby, in which officers of the railroad company are alleged to have interests, procured all the cars needed.

CHARGED WITH GRAFT

Railroad President and Pittsburg Councilman Arrested.

Pittsburg, Pa., Nov. 27.—C. S. Cameron, president of the Tube City railway, and William A. Martin, a member of common council, were rearrested here, following a meeting of councils in connection with recent charges that they were trying to defraud the railway out of \$70,000. The two men were first arrested last Wednesday and held first in \$80,000 bail, which was later reduced to \$10,000. The charges were made by C. R. Richardson, a stockholder, who charged "grafting" in connection with a number of ordinances now pending before the Pittsburg councils.

Sensational charges are being made regarding the Tube City railway ordinances, which provided for a proposed railway line from McKeesport, Pa., with Pittsburg as the terminal.

DENIAL IN PATRICK CASE

Governor Higgins Has Not Given Any Promise of Commutation.

Albany, N. Y., Nov. 27.—"The statement that I have promised or intimated to anybody that I will commute the sentence of Albert T. Patrick is absolutely and unqualifiedly false," said Governor Higgins. "I have made no promise on the subject, directly or indirectly to any living man."

The governor added that, so far as he knew, the case was still within the jurisdiction of the United States supreme court.

Blind Oppose Segregation.

New York, Nov. 26.—A meeting of blind persons and friends of the blind was held here at the home of Miss Winifred Holt, secretary of the New York Association for the Blind, to discuss the recently made proposal that the blind be segregated in colonies. The meeting decided against segregation and that blind persons should be associated as much as possible with those whose eyesight is unimpaired.

Prominent Odd Fellow Dead.

Trenton, N. J., Nov. 26.—James C. Robbins, for many years grand treasurer of the grand encampment of Odd Fellows of New Jersey, died suddenly of acute indigestion at his home in this city. Mr. Robbins was taken ill at a church supper.

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BELLS AS BAROMETERS.

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Traitor to Her Sex.

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"Well," replied Mabel, "I wish I was too."

"I know, but she wishes it out loud, so the boys can hear her."—Philadelphia Press.

The Battle of Life.

No man lives without jostling and being jostled. In all ways he has to elbow himself through the world, giving and taking offense. His life is a battle in so far as it is an entity at all.

—Carlyle.

A Diplomat.

The Child—Mother, which had I better do, go to school in the rain and get soaking wet and probably catch cold and die or just simply get a. absent mark against my name?—Exchange.

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