

PROTESTS HIS INNOCENCE

Admits He Undertook to Buy Land, But, Discovering Fraud, Exposed the Scheme—Declares President Used All His Power to Destroy Him, But He Is Still Unscathed—Promises to Expose Mr. Roosevelt Later in the Session.

Washington, Jan. 12.—Declaring that the president had been actuated by motives of malice and revenge in attacking his course in connection with the Coos Bay (Oregon) land grant, Senator Tillman, of South Carolina, from his seat in the senate made reply to the accusations of the chief executive. His speech was read from manuscript and was a characteristic mixture of argument and invective. The senate chamber was packed with spectators to hear him.

In opening, Mr. Tillman said that for the first time a senator had been brought before the bar of public opinion on an indictment presented by the president of the United States. In this case the chief executive was animated by malice, a desire for revenge, and an endeavor to destroy him.

The president, he said, was an adept at advertising, and had used the American press with more skill than any man in American politics. Realizing the importance of getting in the first blow the president hit him below the belt on Saturday. The attack on him, Mr. Tillman declared, was primarily for the purpose of distracting the attention of the public from the main issue, which was between the house of representatives and President Roosevelt. In preparing the indictment the president had exhibited the utmost skill and in it the utmost cunning, considering that he had been in possession of all the facts since last July.

Mr. Tillman said he had made no secret of his desire to buy the lands in Oregon if they were as represented, and had talked to the attorney general and lawyers of the land office about it in his quest for information as to the legal status of the titles. In the peculiar circumstances which caused him to denounce Dorr (an Oregon real estate agent), not knowing that he was connected in the land business with the attorneys with whom Senator Tillman was negotiating, the senator said that perhaps he had been disingenuous, but no honest minded man would consider that he had meant to be untruthful or to conceal anything. The senator pointed to his long service as a public servant, and asked if there was anything in his career that justified ill opinion of his character. In great detail he gave the circumstances of the transactions with Reeder & Watkins, contending that they never went beyond the stage of inquiry, and then he said, his exposure of the land swindlers in the senate, which the president said had been done to cover up his own business had broken up the swindle.

In addition to his speech, which had been printed in advance, Mr. Tillman had prepared other brief remarks, which he read. He said: "The president lives in a glass house with even a glass floor in it and should remember the old adage. He has exerted all the power of the government to destroy me, but I feel that I stand unscathed, because if all other arguments fail to convince men, the character for rectitude, truthfulness and honesty which I have builded in the sixty-one years of my life would at least be my bulwark. Men who have always been clean and honorable do not suddenly become liars and hypocrites at sixty-one without any necessity.

CHARGES AGAINST TILLMAN

President Tells Senate He Was Connected With Alleged Land Grab.
President Roosevelt made public the details of an investigation by postoffice inspectors and secret service agents of Senator Tillman's connection with an alleged "land grab" in Oregon. As he presents the evidence to Senator Hale, in response to the latter's request to the heads of the various executive departments for a statement of the operations of the secret service, the president undertakes to show:

That Mr. Tillman used his influence as a senator in an effort to force the government to compel a railroad corporation to relinquish its control of land grants from the United States in order that he and his family and his secretary, J. E. Knight, might profit through the purchase of some of the land. That the senator used his government franking privilege in numerous instances for the conduct of private business.

ber lands, which had been granted to the Coos Bay Wagon Road company on condition that it should be sold in quarter sections for a price not exceeding \$2.50 per acre. In that statement Senator Tillman denied that he had bought any land anywhere in the west, and he declared further that he had not undertaken to buy any.

U. S. WARSHIPS AT NAPLES

Will Assist in Distributing Relief to Earthquake Victims.
Naples, Jan. 12.—The United States battleships Connecticut, Kansas, Minnesota and Vermont, under Rear Admiral Sperry, the commander of the Atlantic fleet, arrived here Sunday, anchoring between the Italian battleship Benedetto Brin and the cruiser San Giorgio.

At Messina the living are still being taken out of the ruins. Days ago it was thought that all buried under the masses of wreckage must have perished, but several persons taken out on Saturday were found to be in extraordinarily good condition. A party of sharpshooters rescued an old man. Their attention was called to the place where he was lying by the whining of a little dog. They succeeded in removing a great quantity of debris, and there they came upon the dog's master, alive but unconscious. They carried the sufferer to the hospital, and the officer in command of the party took the dog under his immediate care.

An undulatory earthquake shock at Messina caused great panic among the rescuers and the few survivors of the recent catastrophe who remain there. This shock and the series of quakes Thursday were predicted by the observer at Mount Etna, and the fulfillment of these predictions has impressed the rescuers with the constant danger, thereby adding to the alarm.

Beautiful Park is Scheme of Speaker Cannon

Washington, Jan. 12.—A memorial to Abraham Lincoln, costing in the neighborhood of \$5,000,000, and fashioned after general plans that have been formulated for the beautification of Washington will be authorized at this session of congress, according to statements made by Speaker Cannon and others interested.

The Lincoln memorial will take the form of a park, comprising about thirty acres of land, lying between the capitol grounds and the plaza fronting the \$6,000,000 Union station, which is now practically completed. It is proposed to erect in this park a \$1,000,000 statue of Lincoln. The park and statue, it is estimated, will involve an ultimate expenditure of \$5,000,000, as the lands are occupied by buildings which have to be purchased.

SLAIN MAN'S BODY FOUND

Missing Peddler Found Under Floor of Chicken Brooder.

Allentown, Pa., Jan. 12.—The body of Leopold Ermann, the Philadelphia jewelry peddler, who has been missing since Nov. 18, and who was last seen on George N. Schaeffer's premises near Schencksville, was found buried under the concrete floor of a chicken brooder that Schaeffer built since the man's disappearance. Schaeffer was arrested and confined here last week on suspicion of having robbed and murdered Ermann.

The body was very badly decomposed and was entirely dismembered. The head, arms and legs were cut off. Undertaker Eugene Schiengh, who was given charge of the body, was unable to tell, because of its condition, how Ermann was killed. A double-barreled shotgun was found in the attic with one barrel empty, and the officers believe this was used.

The remains were found by Detective John Reese, who had arrested Schaeffer; William Stengel and Michael Zelmet, of this city, who dug up the concrete floor of the brooder house, which Schaeffer built after Ermann disappeared. Ermann's satchel, with its jewelry and other effects, was found near the body.

Ran on Tracks to Save Woman; Killed Scranton, Pa., Jan. 12.—M. J. Duffy, stationmaster of the Lackawanna railroad at Hallstead, was run down and killed by flyer No. 6 just in front of the station, when he ran out on the tracks to save a woman who was in danger of being run down by another train going in an opposite direction.

First "Sound" Telegrapher Dead.
Ithaca, N. Y., Jan. 12.—Otis Eddy Wood, who took the first telegraph message by sound, died at his home in Ithaca, near here, aged seventy-seven years.

Slayer of Grandfather Must Die.
Guilty in the first degree was the verdict found by the jury in the case of Walter Zeller, charged with the murder of his grandfather, William Read, at Bridgeton, N. J. He will be sentenced on Jan. 18.

\$145 in Bank For Every Kansan.
The Kansas state bank commissioner's report shows \$145 on deposit in Kansas banks for every individual. The increase in one year is \$20,000,000. The total deposits are \$160,000,000.

Killed Stepfather For Beating Mother.
Claude Presseley, aged eleven years, at Anniston, Ala., shot and killed his stepfather, Jave Christopher, for beating the boy's mother. Justifiable homicide was Coroner Murphy's decision.

Preacher's Letter Says Crowning Exerted Hypnotic Influence Over Him and He Slew Him in Self-Defense. Describes Terrific Struggle For Life In Little Michigan Church and How He Dismembered the Body and Buried It In the Stove.

Carthage, Ill., Jan. 12.—Rev. John H. Carmichael, pastor of three Methodist churches in and near Adair, Mich., confessed slayer of Gideon Browning, a neighbor, whom he slew with a hatchet and cremated in Rattle Run church, committed suicide in the toiletroom of Miss Miranda Hughes' boardinghouse by cutting his throat with a pocketknife.

The preacher left a letter to the sheriff of Adair, Mich., giving details of the murder, dismembering and incineration of Browning, and ascribing the act to self-defense and moral cowardice because of the hypnotic influence that Browning, an illiterate carpenter, held over him. Some of the letter creates the impression he was of unsound mind.

The preacher does not explain satisfactorily how he and Browning came to go to the Rattle Run church, or why both seemed bent in keeping their presence there secret, except to say that Browning wanted the preacher to officiate at Browning's wedding that night. This account does not explain the fact that the preacher evidently knew that Browning already had one wife, if not two. It is said Browning had a wife living in New York state.

In his letter Carmichael tells how Browning by his hypnotic power compelled him to do his will. He says Browning engaged him to marry him, and they went to the church to meet the rest of the party. He then tells of building fires in the two stoves and passing the wood through the church window to Browning. The letter then says:

Knocked Victim Down with Hatchet.
"I then leaned over to see if any one might be on the road, when he began to laugh, and I saw that he was holding a weapon of some sort up his sleeve. Instantly I made a grab for it and got the hatchet from him and asked what he meant to do with that. He said 'I'll show you,' and from his overcoat pocket drew out a knife in each hand. He came at me, striking with both hands, while I backed across the church down the side aisle and across the front, but I did not dare to turn about to open the front door. Then I threw the hatchet and struck him and he fell. I then turned to open the door, when he grabbed me by the leg and threw me down where my hands came upon the hatchet. There was a desperate struggle, in which I used the hatchet until he laid quiet, and still. I cannot tell all that happened after that.

Cut Body to Pieces.
"I was wild to dispose of the body. I began pulling off his garments that I might drag the body away somewhere and hide it. Then, when my eyes fell upon one of those knives, I flew into a rage and began to cut it, when he woke up and grabbed me again. Then for awhile I used that hatchet until I was sure he was dead. Then I saw that the fire was hot enough to make the stovepipe red nearly to the elbow, so I grabbed him by the feet and dragged him down there and cut him to pieces, putting in each part as it was dismembered. Then I began to put the garments into the front stove, when I remembered that it had a poor draft and the things might not burn. Then I saw that my clothing was torn and bloody, while some of his were yet whole, and I exchanged and then took all but a few of mine and piled them in along with the body. My big coat hid my torn and bloody garments until I got to Chicago, where I purchased others. I am tired of trying to hide, though I have succeeded in eluding the detectives so far. If you get this while I am yet alive, come and get me. I shall not be far from Carthage, Ill."

KNOCKED OUT BY CORPSE

Undertaker Felled as He Turned Over Iron Worker's Body.
Youngstown, O., Jan. 12.—While Don McVean, an undertaker, was embalming the body of a muscular iron worker he got the biggest jolt of his life. In turning the body the muscles of the right arm relaxed and the fist caught McVean squarely on the jaw, knocking him down and out for a few seconds. He was found on the floor by some of the employees. He did not finish the job.

Differences With Canada Settled.
Washington, Jan. 12.—Secretary Root and Ambassador Bryce, of Great Britain, signed a treaty for the settlement of differences between the United States and Canada, popularly known as the waterways treaty.

Two Killed By Fall of Coal.
Shenandoah, Pa., Jan. 12.—By a fall of coal at the Locust Gap colliery of the Philadelphia & Reading Coal and Iron company Thomas Williams and Thomas Madden were instantly killed.

Brakeman Met Horrible Death.
Edward Stivers, of Pittston, aged twenty-two years, a brakeman on the Lehigh alley railroad, met with a horrible death at Wilkes-Barre, Pa. He attempted to jump upon a moving car in the Coxton yards, and in doing so he fell and rolled under the car. The brake beams struck him, and when removed every bone in his body was broken.

Real Estate Transfers.
The following real estate transfers were recorded during the past week by Recorder William H. Brown:
Katharine McKinney to D. L. Cawfer, Jan. 11 1909, piece of land in Howard Boro., consideration \$150.

J. B. Heberling et. ux. to William Dale, Jan. 11 1909, tract of land in Ferguson wtp; consideration \$4000.

William Foster et. al. to David F. Smith, tract of land in College twp; consideration \$450.

Wm. J. Dale to Harvey J. Markle Nov. 25 1908, tract of land in Spring twp; consideration \$2700.

George W. McGuffey et. ux. to Austin C. Harper, Dec. 28, 1908, Planning Mill property; consideration \$6000.

Mrs. Josephine K. Harkins to Edna A. Dinges, Jan. 2, 1909, house and lot in Phillipsburg; consideration \$1000.

William L. Foster et. al. to J. W. Meyer, Jan. 9, 1909, lot of ground in College twp; consideration \$1350.

John H. Thompson et. ux. to Geo. W. Woodring, Jan. 12, 1909, tract of land in Worth twp; consideration \$150.

Dr. Thos. S. Christ et. al. to Lloyd L. Houtz, Jan. 11, 1909, tract of land in College twp; consideration \$67.50.

New Advertisements.

LEGAL NOTICE.
Frank H. Young, in the Court of Common Pleas of Centre county, No. 157 De-
Mattie C. Young (Comber Term, 1908, In Divorce
To all Parties Concerned:—
You are hereby notified that the Court of Common Pleas has issued a commission to the undersigned to take testimony in the above stated case. The commission will meet at the office of Gettlig, Bower & Zerby, in Eagle Block, Bellefonte, Pa., Tuesday, February 23rd, 1909, at ten a. m., for the purpose of hearing any and all witnesses as provided by law.
Witness my hand and seal this 14th day of January, A. D. 1909.
JOHN J. BOWER,
Commissioner.

UPHOLSTERING.—Have you Sofas, Chairs, Mattresses or anything in that line to repair? If you have, call H. M. Bidwell on Commercial phone. He will come to see you about it. 54-3-4

NOTICE.—The annual meeting of the stockholders of Whitbrook Quarries will be held at the offices of the company in Bellefonte, Pa., on Monday, January 25th, 1909, at 10 o'clock a. m., for the election of directors for the ensuing year and to transact such other business as may properly come before such meeting.
L. A. SCHAEFFER,
Secretary.

FOR SALE.—Fifty-five acres of the Hamilton farm at Pleasant Gap station. Inquire of
MRS. S. H. WILLIAMS,
Bellefonte, Pa.

ALSO, Ninety-six acres of the same farm for sale. Inquire of
MRS. SARAH SATTERFIELD,
Bellefonte, Pa.

SMALL FARM FOR SALE.—The subscriber, on account of the loss of his eyesight, offers for sale his
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MICHAEL SENNETT,
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AUDITOR'S NOTICE.—In the Orphans' Court of Centre county, in the matter of the estate of Clement Beckwith, late of Worth township, deceased.
Having been appointed by said Court to restate the account of the Trustee, dispose of the exceptions thereto for the amount of said trust fund, and make distribution of the fund so found to be in the hands of said Trustee, hereby gives notice that he will attend to the duties of his appointment as his office in the borough of Bellefonte, on Thursday, the 14th day of January, A. D. 1909, at 10 o'clock a. m., when and where all parties interested may appear.
HENRY C. QUIGLEY,
Auditor.

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WHAT YOU DON'T SEE ASK FOR.
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JUST GIVE IN YOUR ORDER, WE WILL RETURN IT PROMPTLY.
We also have a full line of Sely Shoes, they make your feet glad—try a pair and convince yourself. It is now time to select and buy Xmas Presents—you can select from our stock a suitable Present for old or young, large or small. Come in and see whether you buy or not.
DAVID MILLER,
54-3-2m. Bush Addition, Bellefonte.

Announcements.

We are authorized to announce William H. Daley, of Lamb-street, as a candidate for overseer of the poor subject to the rules and regulations of the Democratic party. 55-45

Mr. T. R. Hamilton, of the North ward of Bellefonte, announces himself as an aspirant for the nomination for tax collector, subject to the Democratic borough primaries to be held in February.

New Advertisements.

NOTICE.—The annual meeting of the board of directors of the Nittany Iron company will be held in the office of the company at Bellefonte, Pa., on Monday, January 25, 1909, at 10 o'clock a. m. W. W. WADDLE, Secretary.

New Advertisements.

FOR SALE.—Two houses on Reynolds Avenue. Inquire of S. H. WILLIAMS, Bellefonte, Pa. 54-2-4

NOTICE IN DIVORCE

Sarah Marsden vs. Milfred Marsden
In the Court of Common Pleas of Centre county, No. 14, May Term 1908.

Notice is hereby given that a hearing, in above case, will be held at the office of the undersigned in Bellefonte, Pa., on January 22nd, 1909, at 10 o'clock a. m., of which all persons therein interested are hereby notified.
E. E. CHAMBERS,
Bellefonte, Pa. 54-1-31

Clearance Sale of Pianos and Organs.

THESE ARE THE FACTS: JUST PONDER. PLEASE INVESTIGATE.

OUR ONCE-A-YEAR CLEARANCE SALE CONTINUES DURING JANUARY.
Progress our Motto.
In order to make room for a new and larger consignment of pianos ever brought to Bellefonte, we shall devote the month of January in which to complete our well begun work.

17 Pianos Unsold will be sold during the next few days. They consist mostly of fine new up-to-date Pianos, standard makes, in transit when our sale began. These are now on the floor, the latest designs, Wal & Malivencers; others just returned from rent, with others received in exchange on fine pianos sold during the past ten days, Uprights, Squares and Grands, all in good condition. All told, an unequalled collection of Fine Pianos, fully guaranteed. Every Piano a sterling bargain, will be sold during this month. This sale affords an unequalled opportunity to purchase the piano of your choice at a low price. We have many inquiries and have no difficulty in selling every piano at the prices we ask.

SUCCESSFUL SALE. Many Fine Pianos and Organs sold during this sale thus far. Some of those who purchased our fine pianos are as follows:
Mrs. Jacob Webber, David S. Bechdel, Mrs. Alice Miller, F. Gifflich, F. McKillip, Player, Annie Miller, Piano.

HOME PATRONAGE.—These and many more are evidences of the great saving they have made, and the real values we are giving during this sale. We earnestly desire that every one in Bellefonte and Centre Co. see and appreciate the extensive line of fine pianos and music merchandise we carry, as well as the modern Music House we are endeavoring to establish and maintain right here at home in Bellefonte and Centre Co. We heartily thank all our patrons for their patronage in the past, assuring the music loving public that we shall put forth a strenuous effort to serve them in the future in our line to the best possible advantage in price and quality and that by and with their continued patronage to make this store a better, larger, stronger—modern Music House for Bellefonte and Centre County.
We cordially invite one and all to visit our store and see our display of beautiful toned and beautiful cased designed pianos during January.

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