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WALLACE HELD UP

Ex-Engineer of Panama Work Scores Secretary Taft.

STOPPED Y. M. C. A. WORK ON ISTHMIAN

Construction Corps Was Demoralized Because They Had Seen Their Chief Discredited—Not Permitted to Read in a Report.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 7.—John F. Wallace, former chief engineer of the isthmiian canal, was again before the senate committee on interoceanic canals.

While he was testifying to the committee he explicated, he said, he received word from Admiral Walker that cablegrams cost money. It was a delicate hint, he said, that he had better not use the cables so much.

Mr. Wallace said to the committee that he did a year's work and that his successors had no benefit of his analysis or recommendations, "because," he said, "the secretary of war told me he did not want it and had no use for me except on the isthmus as a directing engineer. He was so angry in his manner that he all but cursed me."

"The work I did," said Mr. Wallace, "extended over a complete year, taking in dry and wet seasons. I was working along a definite program



JOHN F. WALLACE

which I intended to put in writing in my annual report and would have done so if I had been permitted to make a report. I experimented with the French excavators so as to tell whether it would be the more economical to use or destroy these machines, which cost probably \$30,000,000. I experimented far enough to know that these machines were not fit for use."

The organization was demoralized, he said, for the reason that the men had seen their chief discredited and knew that a successor was to be appointed who would not be in sympathy with the work that he had started.

Mr. Wallace said that in all his experience in railroad construction he never had seen men better fed and housed than they were on the isthmus. The complaints, he said, came from clerks who went to the isthmus from Washington or New York who had got the idea from musical comedies that life in a tropical climate was to lie in hammocks and enjoy themselves.

Efforts to establish a Young Men's Christian association on the isthmus for the benefit of the canal employees was stopped because of an official objection to it, said Mr. Wallace. He was asked to be more explicit and said that Governor Magoon had said that Secretary Taft did not wish the work to go on. Mr. Wallace thought this was because the community was Catholic.

He did not favor the eight hour day and recommended that as few restrictions as possible should be placed on Mr. Stevens and that the "wolves should be kept off his back." If the canal work should be let by contract, said Mr. Wallace, it would increase the contract price about 20 per cent. He thought the man in charge should be permitted to get his men in China, Japan, India, Spain or where he pleased.

Report of Canal Commission. WASHINGTON, Feb. 7.—The report of the isthmiian canal commission transmitting to the secretary of war the majority and minority reports of the board of consulting engineers, together with the views of the canal commission, has been laid before Secretary Taft.

The commission's report sets out the reasons which influenced all of the commissioners save Admiral Endicott to accept the views of the minority of the board of consulting engineers rather than the majority, which favored the digging of a sea level canal.

Two Found Dead at Sterling. STERLING, Mass., Feb. 7.—Luke A. Burpee, aged seventy-five years, and Mrs. Margaret Griffin, aged eighty-five years, were found dead in their homes early in the morning. Burpee lived alone and when found was sitting upright in a rocking chair. Death was due to heart disease in both cases. Mrs. Griffin lived with her son and daughter and was found lying on the floor dead.

Will Investigate Valencia Wreck. WASHINGTON, Feb. 7.—By direction of the president a searching investigation will be made by a special commission into the disaster to the steamship Valencia, which occurred recently off the coast of Vancouver.

Left the Children Alone. HELENA, Mont., Feb. 7.—Three little girls of J. E. Cypher were thrown to death here in a fire that destroyed their home. The parents had left the children alone.

RUNAWAY TRAIN WRECK.

Northern Pacific in Collision Near Helena, Mont.; Three Dead.

HELENA, Mont., Feb. 7.—A runaway freight train on the Northern Pacific crashed into a passenger train about two and a half miles from here, resulting in the death of three persons whose names are known and of two others who were buried in the wreck and whose names have not yet been learned.

The known dead are J. S. Robinson of Missoula, Mont.; Charles B. Rickle, conductor on passenger, and S. J. Jessup, express messenger.

Edward Brown of this city, brakeman, was probably fatally injured. Other passengers were slightly injured. Every coach in the passenger train was burned. The freight train, which was made up of cars loaded with lumber, was also burned.

The passenger train preceded the freight out of Austin, about eight miles west of Helena. At Austin the engine was detached from the freight. There is a heavy grade from Austin to Helena, and the freight got loose. The passenger train was waiting at a crossing when the freight came thundering down. Before it could get out of the way the freight crashed into it, throwing all the passenger cars into the ditch. The passenger engine became uncoupled and kept on the track ahead of the freight. After the freight had run a quarter of a mile beyond the passenger it went into the ditch and caught fire. A carload of shingles was dumped on the passenger train wreck and made a terrific fire.

Messenger Jessup was burned alive while four persons were trying to pull him out of the wreck. He was caught under wreckage and could not be moved. Finally the fire became so hot that the rescuers had to give up the task.

Jessup still conscious, cried, "It is hard to lie here and burn to death." He struggled to release himself as the fire took hold of his limbs, but the effort was fruitless, and after a few screams of agony unconsciousness came to him.

CONVICT WINS \$25,000 PRIZE.

Inmate of Nebraska Penitentiary Made Best Guess.

LINCOLN, Neb., Feb. 7.—The winner of the \$25,000 prize for correctly naming the attendance at the St. Louis exposition in 1904 is Frank Campbell, a convict in the Nebraska state penitentiary, who still has about one year to serve. Campbell was convicted of embezzlement.

He will receive only \$12,500 of the prize, as he, fearing grave difficulty in securing the money while he was imprisoned, agreed to pay a lawyer half of the prize in case of success in securing it.

Campbell's attorney has had a conference with him at the penitentiary in regard to the disposition of the money, which will be received in a few days. The convict will be unable to use the money until his sentence has expired.

Chinese Commissioners at West Point. WEST POINT, N. Y., Feb. 7.—Members of the Chinese Imperial commission who are studying American institutions visited the West Point Military Academy. On account of the intense cold it was necessary to abandon a review of the corps of cadets which had been planned for their inspection. The cavalry corps, however, was assembled in the riding academy, where the young horsemen executed a variety of tactics. Brigadier General Albert L. Mills, superintendent of the academy, conducted the visiting Chinese through the various departments.

Bonaparte Entertains on Mayflower. WASHINGTON, Feb. 7.—For the first time since Aug. 5 of last year, the historic day on which he brought Russia and Japan together in friendly conference on board the Mayflower at Oyster bay, the president was again in the historic cabin of the vessel last night at a dinner given him by Secretary Bonaparte. The approach to the vessel was lined with incandescent lights, and the Dolphin and Mayflower were decorated with festoons of incense-burners from the mastsheads. The Marine band orchestra and a mandolin trio furnished music.

Search Party Arrives Too Late. PATTERSON, N. J., Feb. 7.—H. A. Nobbs, treasurer of the Federal Clay Manufacturing company of this city, has committed suicide in a hotel here by shooting himself through the head. Nobbs lived at Hackensack, where his life with his wife and two children was said to be a happy one. Before taking his life Nobbs mailed letters to his wife and to several friends telling them of his intention. A searching party arrived at the Patterson hotel too late.

Vote to Oust Dolan and Bellingham. PITTSBURGH, Feb. 7.—Just before adjourning the delegates of the local district of the United Mine Workers succeeded in passing by a vote of 99 to 6 a resolution demanding the resignations of President Patrick Dolan Vice President Uriah Bellingham and Secretary Treasurer Dodds because they voted with the operators at Indianapolis to sustain the present wage scale.

Power House Destroyed by Fire. PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 7.—The power house of the University of Pennsylvania, at Thirty-fourth and Spruce streets, was damaged by fire last night to the extent of \$50,000. The power plant supplied light and power for nearly all the buildings of the university.

Finnish Meteoric Stone at Vienna. VIENNA, Feb. 7.—Prince Paul Metternich, second son of the Prince Metternich who took a prominent part in the events which led to the fall of Emperor Napoleon III, is dead here. He was in his seventy-fourth year.

NO WOMAN IN CASE

Count Boni Values Money as Pebbles on the Seashore.

GOULDS TO HOLD A FAMILY COUNCIL

Root of Trouble Between the Countesses Appears to Be Spendthrift Habits of the Husband and His Winning Ways.

PARIS, Feb. 7.—It is now said that no woman's name will appear in the De Castellane divorce case. Count Boni absolutely denies the story of his too warm friendship for a distinguished duchess, and it seems to be certain that her name will not be mentioned in the proceedings.

The root of the quarrel appears to have been solely the spending of the money which came Count Boni's way



COUNTESS DE CASTELLANE

through his marriage with a daughter of Jay Gould. The count is about as careful of money as of pebbles on the seashore.

Although the countess is protected against the squandering of her fortune by the terms of the marriage settlement, her husband has the winsome manner and the fluent tongue so often characteristic of spendthrifts, and it is not surprising that the wife has frequently yielded to the husband's persuasive speech. It is said of Count Boni that he can when he pleases make even men believe that black is white.

The money question ultimately produced a state of tension from which the countess' nerves suffered till her mind attained that point of irritability where the slightest event might provoke a catastrophe. Such an event happened, and the catastrophe followed.

Despite all this, it is learned that the situation is not irretrievable. It is true that proceedings have been begun, but they are only for a separation, it is now said, and not for an absolute divorce, and even if carried to a final issue they will not cut the knot. In the meantime judgment may be delivered, according to the French procedure, solely upon the papers in the case without the calling of a single witness and without a single fact being made public. This demonstrates the injustice of mentioning any woman's name in connection with the case.

The story which involves the name of a certain woman rests solely on idle rumor. Count Boni possesses the virtues and the failings of his race. He is brave, gallant and courteous, and women admire him.

It is sufficient in France sometimes for a man and a woman to be seen talking together for malice to put the worst construction on their relations.

An intimate friend of the Goulds said that, while all approved the action of the countess in seeking a legal separation, two of them, Mrs. George J. Gould and Miss Helen Gould, were opposed to divorce proceedings.

That the whole matter may be referred to a family council, it was declared, George J. Gould had cabled the countess to "come home" and to bring her children with her.

The cable to the countess urges her to visit Georgian Court, her brother's Lakewood home. If she comes she will bring her three children—George, Boni and Jay.

Situation in China Critical. WASHINGTON, Feb. 7.—Reports continue to pour into the department of state from diplomatic and consular agents in China regarding the rapid increase of feeling against Americans and things American as expressed in edicts issued by local authorities in various parts of the empire. For six months the situation in China has been the subject of very genuine concern to the department.

Home Thanks Casto and Crew. TRENTON, N. J., Feb. 7.—The house passed a joint resolution returning the thanks of the state to Captain Mark Casto and his crew for rescuing the passengers and crew of the steamer Cherokee at Atlantic City. The bill authorizing the erection of a monument at Salem Church, Va., in honor of the Twenty-third regiment of New Jersey was passed.

Tramp Murderer Shot by Negro. THOMASVILLE, N. C., Feb. 7.—Section Master Hughes was shot and killed near here by David Darr of Lexington, a tramp who was trying to force a ride on the hand car and who was immediately shot and killed by one of the negro section hands, who snatched Darr's pistol as Darr was endeavoring to escape.

Frigid at Davenport Center, N. Y. KINGSTON, N. Y., Feb. 7.—Intense cold throughout the Catskill mountain region is reported. The lowest temperature recorded was 86 degrees below zero at Davenport Center. Standard thermometers registered 20 below. In this city the mercury dropped to 8 below.

Boston Artist a Suicide. BIRMINGHAM, Ala., Feb. 7.—George Freeman, an artist, formerly of Boston, has committed suicide here. He leaves a family.

SANDS AGAINST JUJUDO.

Commandant of Naval Academy Will Abolish Japanese Wrestling.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 7.—Judo, the Japanese style of wrestling, will be abolished from the Naval academy if Rear Admiral Sands, the commandant of the academy, is permitted to have his way.

The testimony of Admiral Sands before the House committee on naval affairs which has just been made public, shows that he thinks but little of the style of wrestling popularized by the president's attitude toward it.

When asked by members of the committee what he believed the value of Judo to be Admiral Sands replied:

"I expect to make an adverse report upon the Japanese method when I am called upon to act. With my present light I should report against this particular kind of wrestling. I do not think the Japanese method is in any way preferable to ours. A man is more apt to be injured or abused. I think it is a trick. I think you can injure a man more seriously, and the more you know about it the more temptation there is to injure an adversary, and I do not think that intentional injury is the spirit of sports."

Admiral Sands said the instructions in boxing having nothing to do with any predisposition to fighting at the academy and that hereafter there will be no fist fights at Annapolis.

"I have issued orders, which have been accepted by the midshipmen in good faith, that the cadet and petty officers of the brigade of midshipmen, 114 in number, shall do the duty of officers day and night," said Admiral Sands.

"They command their companies just exactly as in the army. Officers and noncommissioned officers are on duty all the time to check any disturbance. There is no probability of any infraction of which will not be reported by one of these officers."

Outsider Won at Ascot. LOS ANGELES, Cal., Feb. 7.—The handicap event at Ascot was won by the extreme outsider, Ramus, at 8 to 1. Every horse in the race was supported, and Good Luck was a strong post favorite. Charley started for the first time in the third race and won handily from Bribery. Michael Burns, the favorite in the fifth, broke down in the last eighth of a mile and had to be destroyed. Hoodwink, at 8 to 1, won the race from Tatwain, at 10 to 1.

Spirited Race at Oakland. SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 7.—There was a spirited race for the long end of the purse between Graceful and Cerro Sauto in the third race at Oakland. Only a neck separated the pair at the wire, and Walsh outside Herbert and won the race. E. M. Brattain made the pace to the paddock, and although he hung on gamely the route was a little too long for him, and he dropped into third place.

Racing at City Park Track. NEW ORLEANS, Feb. 7.—Golie, Libation, Alma Dfour and Fonsolva were the winning favorites at City park. Red Ruler, favorite in the fifth, ran a bad race and quit entirely at the end of five furlongs.

Three Favorites Won. NEW ORLEANS, Feb. 7.—Proteus, Nine and Joe Lesser were the winning favorites at the Fair grounds track. Proteus was run up \$300 and bought in.

Jerome After Insurance Graters. NEW YORK, Feb. 7.—Witnesses in one of the life insurance cases which have been under examination by the district attorney's office were notified to be in readiness to appear before the grand jury tomorrow. This will be the first active step taken by District Attorney Jerome in criminal prosecution of life insurance offenders. Mr. Jerome, it is stated, has practically decided upon a large number of prosecutions and is only awaiting the publication of the report of the legislative investigating committee for the additional light it will throw upon some of the matters involved.

Sympathy Messages For Castro. CARACAS, Feb. 7.—Dr. Rafael Lopez Baralt has been appointed Venezuelan official plenipotentiary to settle with the Colombian government a treaty of navigation, frontiers and frontier commerce and transit. Venezuela considers that the French incident closed with the rupture of diplomatic and commercial relations. The Venezuelan government, however, hopes for a renewal of relations between the next French ministry. President Castro is receiving messages of sympathy from other South American republics.

Ohio For Two Cent Fare. COLUMBUS, O., Feb. 7.—The house by a vote of 104 to 1 passed the Freiner bill providing for a maximum rate of 2 cents per mile on railroads. The senate, it is said by leaders of that body, will accept the Freiner bill, which will go into effect thirty days after it is signed by the governor.

Wreck on Oregon Road. PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 7.—Four persons were killed and ten were more or less seriously injured in a collision between two passenger trains on the Oregon Railroad and Navigation company's line near Bridal Veil, Ore.

Saginaw Man to Oppose Alger. DETROIT, Mich., Feb. 7.—Arthur Hill of Saginaw, a wealthy lumberman, has made formal announcement of his candidacy for the United States senate in opposition to Senator R. A. Alger in 1907.

Woman and Children Found Dead. BOSTON, Feb. 7.—A woman and four children were found dead in bed at their home, 29 Dennis street, Roxbury district, last night. An investigation by the police indicated that the woman, Mrs. Annie L. Dixon, had killed the children and herself by opening three gas jets.

Peace of Country is Changed. TUTUILA, Samoa, Feb. 7.—A sharp shock of earthquake was felt here at 4:30 p. m. The volcano on the island of Savali, in German Samoa, is more active. The appearance of the surrounding country is entirely changed.

TALKS AGAINST WAR

Schurman of Cornell Makes Peace Plea at Geneva.

EVIL IN DOMINANT MILITARY SPIRIT

No Need, He Said, For Russian and Jap, Briton and Boer, American and Spaniard to Plunge Into Useless Conflict.

GENEVA, N. Y., Feb. 7.—The New York state grange, which has opened its annual meeting here, was addressed last night by President Jacob G. Schurman of Cornell university, whose subject was "Public Opinion and Public Policies." President Schurman spoke in address of welcome to the visitors by Mayor Rose and a response by E. B. Norris, master of the grange. He said in part:

"As I look abroad on the world the most disheartening feature which I observe is the universal dominance of the military spirit, the enormous capital which it annually consumes and the corresponding impoverishment of the masses of the people who pay the taxes for this military extravagance.

"One would say in advance that if there is any interest which concerns all classes of the population it is surely every form of government there are favored classes who desire government extravagance because they profit by it and who welcome even war as a last resort for personal enrichment.

Who plunged Russia into her fateful conflict with Japan? Was any national interest at stake? It is openly stated and widely believed that the war was due solely to the selfish motives of scheming bureaucrats. Or consider the war waged by Great Britain against the Boers in South Africa. The technical cause of the war was a difference of opinion concerning a treaty or convention between the Transvaal and Great Britain. But now that the Boers in South Africa have been decimated, now that hundreds of millions of dollars have been added to the British national debt, now that English and Dutch in South Africa are contending to secure home rule, people in England are asking soberly who has benefited by the war and whether it was not really brought about by the selfish machinations of the mine owners of the Rand. Our own war with Spain was not, I think, due to the action of any special class of our people; it was precipitated by an explosion of popular feeling which resulted from the sinking of the Maine in the harbor of Havana. But whatever the cause, it entailed heavy expenditures and in the Philippines grievous loss of life.

"In pleading for peace one pleads for security of human life and for the welfare of overtaxed populations. Think of the hundreds of thousands of good men—Russians, Japanese, English, Dutch, Americans and Filipinos—who have been killed in the last seven years on the field of battle or miserably perished from disease or exposure. Think of the still larger number of children and women who have been made orphans and widows. Think of the non-combatants whose homes have been destroyed and whose fields have been desolated. Does not the horrible tale nightly exhort mankind to find some humane method of adjusting international difficulties?

"But the most startling example is found at home. We have for many years past been paying over \$140,000,000 a year in pensions, and no one grudges anything to the brave soldiers who saved the Union. But since 1897 the annual expenditures of our war department have risen from \$48,000,000 to \$122,000,000 and of our navy department from \$34,000,000 to \$117,000,000. No wonder that the total expenditures of the government of the United States have during the same interval risen from \$365,000,000 to \$667,000,000.

"Gentlemen, you cannot eat your cake and have it too. If you now spend on your naval and military establishments \$280,000,000 a year, whereas eight years ago you spent only \$82,000,000, the people of the United States have now \$167,000,000 a year less than they had in 1897 to spend on themselves or to invest in productive enterprises. This enormous sum of money is taken from your pockets annually in the form of taxes. Meanwhile the New York state commissioner of education has just assured us there is far less illiteracy among the leading nations of Europe than there is in the United States. Instead of our vast and costly preparations for war, ought not a great civilized nation like ours to fight this ignorance at home?"

"For the Good of the Service." WASHINGTON, Feb. 7.—The president has accepted the resignation of First Lieutenant Kent Browning of the Fourth United States Infantry, to take effect at once, "for the good of the service." Lieutenant Browning, recently stationed at Fort Sheridan, Ill., was convicted by court martial of conduct unbecoming an officer and a gentleman on account of intemperance.

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