

## POLICY OF PANAMA CANAL COMMISSION

Great Business Methods, Publicity And Absolutely No Politics Will be the Key Note.

### MR. SHONTS' DECLARATION.

Progress Made Will be Reported Monthly—Also Funds Expended, And Outlook of Work.

Chicago, April 7.—"Great business methods, publicity and absolutely no politics—this is the keynote of the policy of the Panama canal commission, to which President Roosevelt has seen fit to appoint me president." This is the declaration of T. P. Shonts, President Roosevelt's "million man," who arrived in Chicago from New York today on his first visit here since his appointment. Mr. Shonts will remain in Chicago but two days. He goes immediately to New York and then to Washington to take up the active details of the canal commission.

Mr. Shonts announced soon after his arrival the appointment of Thomas Brown as his private secretary on the canal commission. Mr. Brown has been private secretary to Paul Morton, with the Atchafalaya, Topeka & Santa Fe railroads for several years. Mr. Shonts has reiterated that he had decided not to resign his position as president of the Toledo, St. Louis & Western railroad, but will direct its affairs from a quarter point he makes his headquarters.

The people of the United States are the stockholders of this Panama canal. The most significant undertaking they have ever been interested in," said Mr. Shonts. "And for the next four years they have selected President Roosevelt to vote their stock for them. Therefore our policy will be to work precisely as we have worked in building and operating great railroad lines.

There will be monthly reports made of progress, of the amount of the funds expended, and the outlook for the work just as railroads report to their stockholders. These reports will be regular in Washington, so that every congressman, every official of the government, and the public will be kept informed of what is being done with their money in Panama.

### Two Miners Killed.

Butte, Mont., April 7.—John Brady and Thomas McGree were killed by a fall of ground in the 1,400 level of the Nevada mine this morning. Brady leaves a wife and two children. McGree was married.

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### "INSIDE INFORMATION" ON BEEF TRUST METHODS

Chicago, April 7.—Members of the federal grand jury which is investigating the beef trust were placed in possession of "inside information" today by Myron C. Baker, auditor for the Boston Elevated railroad and for two years private secretary to Edward C. Swift, vice president of Swift & Co. Mr. Baker was on the stand for nearly two hours, and is said to have furnished a great deal of information concerning the inner workings of the big meat packing firms. In answer to questions after leaving the jury room, Mr. Baker declared he had told the truth, and that from the action of the jurors it was apparent to him that they had already decided on what action would be taken against the packers. It was persistently rumored about the federal offices, where the jury is sitting, that preparations are making to return indictments within a short time, but whether the indictments will charge violation of the anti-trust laws, or merely of interference with witnesses could not be ascertained.

"I believe that the jurors have made up their mind in this matter," said Mr. Baker. "They seem to understand the situation, and we got along well together. I was not asked if any one had approached me or anything along that line, so I suppose they know what I have been doing since I came to Chicago."

"Did you tell anything that might injure the cause of the packers?" Mr. Baker was asked.

"Yes, I think I did, I told everything I knew, and it was the truth. I testified for almost two hours."

"Did you present any documentary evidence?" he was asked.

"No, I did not," was the reply, accompanied by a significant motion toward his forehead.

The jury adjourned tonight until Monday.

### ARRESTED AS AN ANARCHIST

But Investigation Showed Michael Angelo Racioppi Was Not One.

New York, April 8.—Michael Angelo Racioppi of Union Hill, N. J., who came to America 10 years ago, is being held on Ellis Island because of a letter recently received by the police department denouncing him as an anarchist. He arrived a few days ago from a visit to Italy and having become an American citizen two years ago, had no trouble in landing.

Meantime the letter to the police had been forwarded to the authorities at Washington. A warrant for the arrest of Racioppi was sent to New York, and Thursday a detective found him at his home in Union Hill. He was enticed to Ellis Island on the excuse that there was a trunk there for him, and was examined by a board of special inquiry. The news of his arrest spread through the Italian quarter of Union Hill, and there came near being a riot there when it was said that good natured Racioppi had been taken as an anarchist.

The board quickly found that Racioppi was not an anarchist and never dreamed of killing anyone. He will, it is expected, be released when the board's report reaches Washington.

## BROTHER IDENTIFIES MURDERED MAN.

Dismembered Remains Found in San Francisco Those of Peter Antonio Crespano Consello.

### DISAPPEARANCE MYSTERIOUS.

Police Have Information that They Believe Will Lead to Speedy Apprehension of Murderer.

San Francisco, April 7.—Positive identification was given the dismembered remains found Wednesday night at Vallejo and Powell streets and yesterday afternoon off Melges' wharf, when Peter Antonio Crespano Consello called at the morgue tonight and declared the mutilated body to be that of his half brother, Biagio Villardo, an Italian laborer. Consello tells a mysterious story of the disappearance of his brother, whom he saw for the last time three weeks ago. He also gives information which the police believe will lead to the speedy apprehension of the murderer.

The first information that led to the identity of the murdered man was given to Capt. W. D. Burnett by a member of the curious throng that crowded about the morgue. The stranger said he believed a brother of the deceased was employed as an oiler at State and Harrison streets.

With this information as a clue, Detectives Harrison and Graham soon located Consello and took him with a friend named Giacomo Licursi to the morgue. The moment the men rested their eyes on the face of the deceased they at once identified him. When shown the blanket in which the trunk of the remains had been wrapped, they declared it to belong to the murdered man. The blue serge coat found in the sack with the head and limbs of the murdered man was also recognized as belonging to Villardo.

The detectives found that Villardo, who was a native of Palermo, Sicily, and aged 28 years, had been living in a room at 110 Montgomery avenue. The apartment was found to be deserted and the few things found there did not furnish the slightest clue. An effort is now being made to find the last lodging place of the murdered man, for it is there the detectives believe the crime was committed. In telling the story of the events preceding his brother's death, Consello said:

"It has been three weeks since I last saw my brother. I missed him from his customary lodging place and learned that he had moved and was working as a day laborer in Oakland. Just after the murder of Giuseppe Brocardo on Jan. 21, a cousin of the dead man, named Petitta Benedetto and my brother called on me and made the request that I furnish some money to assist in defraying the funeral expenses of the murdered man. I refused to do so and they went away. I also received a letter from Benedetto making a request for money, but I never complied with it."

"I have not the slightest idea why anybody should have borne enough enmity against my brother to have murdered him."

Consello and Licursi were still being questioned by the police at a late hour tonight.

### Killed in Morning Mine.

Wallace, Ida., April 7.—Lee Marsh was instantly killed last night by falling 150 feet down a timber chute at the Mount Marion mine. Marsh, who was unloading timbers when he slipped upon a plank and fell into the chute.

### AUTOMOBILISTS.

Must Pay a Cent a Mile on New Jersey Toll Roads.

New York, April 8.—Automobilists must now pay a toll of one cent a mile for machines holding two persons and two cents a mile for three persons or more on all toll roads in the state of New Jersey. A bill to that effect passed at the recent session of the legislature, has been signed by Governor Stokes. Roads upon which the new law will apply are, however, not numerous.

### HIS HEAD NEARLY SEVERED.

A Mulatto Bell Boy Slashes a Bartender With a Razor.

New York, April 8.—Winfield Pope, formerly a wealthy horse owner on the Pacific coast who in recent years has been earning a livelihood as a bartender in this city, has been probably fatally wounded by E. J. Ware, a mulatto bell boy. Jealousy caused the trouble. Pope's neck was cut half through, all the muscles having been severed so that he was unable to control his head when found by the police.

According to Ware, the fight was started by Pope who, he said, invaded his rooms in Thirty-first street, and attacked him with a revolver. Forcing back his assailant Ware seized a razor and slashed him across the back of the neck from one side of the jaw to the other and made his escape.

The mulatto, bespattered with blood, ran through Sixth avenue to the nearest police station. His cries of "Murderer" attracted a great crowd. When the officers found Pope he was, despite his wound, engaged in demolishing mirrors and furniture and had almost wrecked the rooms.

In November last, Pope shot and killed a thief known as John Conkley who had acquired the bartender of being a "stool pigeon" in the employ of the police. He was exonerated by the coroner.

### GEN. GRANT'S TOMB.

Damage to It by the Elements Causing Much Anxiety.

New York, April 8.—Damage by the elements to the tomb of Gen. U. S. Grant on Riverside drive is reported to be causing much anxiety among members of the Grant Monument association, which is entrusted with the care of the granite pile. Although only seven years old, the white granite exterior shows signs of serious erosion, while leaks recently discovered in the dome have caused spots of discoloration on the decorated plaster interior.

A water proof preparation of paraffine will be applied at once to the exterior of the dome and possibly the whole pile will be later treated in the same manner. The stone will take on a slight grayish tint but this will decrease gradually.

### E. W. Mitchell Died a Pauper.

Chicago, April 8.—Edward W. Mitchell, at one time a leading figure on the Chicago board of trade, organizer of a corner in wheat in 1884, and once worth millions, is dead at the county hospital, at 70 years old, a pauper.

His fall came in 1870, only two years

after he had cornered the wheat market and made a fortune. Since then he has lived in the hope that one day he would regain his former wealth. But his failure had so shaken him that he never regained his position, but grew poorer and poorer, until in recent years he depended entirely upon the charity of his friends. Members of the board of trade have made up a subscription to help defray the funeral expenses.

### Sixteen Thousand Babies.

New York, April 8.—Sixteen thousand babies were born in New York in the last four months. Figures compiled by the bureau of vital statistics show that Fifth avenue has the lowest birth rate of any street in the city. Less than 10 births were reported in the wealthiest section of that thoroughfare. The heaviest birth rate is on the

East Side, near Division street, where the conditions are the reverse of those on Fifth avenue.

### NORTHERN TEXTILE CO.

Trustee in Bankruptcy Wants to Sell Certain Mills.

New York, April 8.—A petition by Walter Coles Cabella, trustee in bankruptcy for the Northern Textile company, has been filed with William Allen, referee, that notice be sent out to all persons in interest and creditors to show cause at a meeting, April 17, in this city, why certain mills of the company located in North and South Carolina, Alabama and Mississippi, should not be sold by the trustee free of the lien. The petition also asks that the funds arising from the sale, after deducting necessary expenses of the same,

be paid into the court to remain subject to the liens and equities of all parties in interest. The trustee's action was caused by a notice of a factor's lien by T. A. Blythe and P. H. Carr, of Philadelphia.

### Debt of Venezuela.

New York, April 8.—Details are still lacking as to the adjustment of the external debt of Venezuela, says the Herald dispatch from Caracas.

The settlement of the internal debt is rigorous. Accrued interest for six years is wiped out. The new 3 per cent bonds secured by the alcohol tax and replaces the existing 6 and 12 per cent. Foreign holdings are sold to be heavy.

The government has abolished all honorary consular generalships, consulates and vice consulates. Some cases of yellow fever are reported.



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