#### SAM'S BATTLESHIP FLEET PRACTICALLY BLOCKADING VERA CRUZ HARBOR



# ANOTHER BIG ALASKA GI

The crooked special interests are trying to pel the people to build them, but the private syncome back.

Beaten at every angle of their fight in the last

its financial bearings. The milionaire crooks who have failed before to get what they want at the expense of the people now are putting this bill up masquerading under the popular slogan of government railways and hoping to deceive and trick the people again.

And, as usual, they find ready tools in congress to do their bid-

humph ries, the Senator Poindexter.

standpat congressman of Seattle, and Johnson, the standpat congressman from Aberdeen, are leading the contest to push the grab through, and get Uncle Sam to put up \$40,000,000 to build a government railway in Alaska, to be turned over later to the millionaire syndicates of grabbers.

As pointed out by Poindexter, the bill will not provide government railways at all. It will com-

dicates who lease them will reap all the benefit, while Uncle Sam pockets all the losses connected

Beaten at every angle of their fight in the last few years in their struggle to grab Alaska and everything in it worth while, they are now trying by political chicanery at Washington to defraud the people in the so-called "government railway bill."

The exposure of the joker in the Alaskan railway measure by Senator Poindexter shows the plot in all with them.

"That provision," declared the senator, "means simply that the government shall construct a railroad or railroads and then turn it over to private parties to run under lease AT A PROFIT! If the people of the country think they are getting a government-owned and operated railroad for Alaska when this bill passes—if it does pass—then they are being hoodwinked! If they know that this bill simply intends to have the government build a road to turn over to private capitalment build a road to turn over to private capital-

ists, then they are not being hoodwinked. But," he added, "I don't think they know it!"

"The house bill is even worse," said the senator. "The house bill, as reported, does not permit, but COMPELS, the president to lease the road, after it is built, to private parties. The language of the bill is that the president is authorized and DIRECTED 'to lease the said railroad or railroads after completion,' or 'in the event of failure to lease, to operate the same until the further action of congress.'"

The scheme is such a bald and patent frame-up that it ought to stir the people of the nation into

The trouble is apparently the people have sup-posed they were safe when they disposed of Taft,

#### **Tacoma Playhouses**

Tacoma Theater—"The Tik-Tok Man of Oz," fairyland extravaganza, Saturday night; Otis Skinner in elaborate production of "Kismet," three nights, beginning next Thursday. cess Theater—"The Confession," James Halleck Reid's star-tling drama, all week; Bargain Matinee Saturday. 'ower's Hippodrome elephants: "The Last Night on the Barbary Coast"; good vaudeville acts. ourne Theater-Latest popular films of travel, comedy, drama

and current events. Special pipe organ program by Prof.

John Forrest of London.

Can They Do It? NEW YORK, Dec. 12.-Marine engineers in convention are disculsing how to build an ocean

liner that cannot be sunk.

Relieved of Job WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 12. -John J. Pershing was yesterday relieved of his position of mili-

ordered to report to San Francis-Does It This Way PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 13-Dr.

John Quackenbos of New York before the American Society for Study of Alcohol, said he had cured many drunkards by sug-

Plant Destroyed TROY, N. Y., Dec. 12 .- Fire at Cohoes destroyed manufacturing plants worth \$300,000 and threw

600 men out of work. Millionaire Gone

NEW YORK, Dec. 12 .- Police are unable to find any trace of Millionaire James Tarshall of Fall River, Mass., who dropped from sight mysteriously while being taken to White Plains sandarium.

Mummified Body

NEW YORK, Dec. 12. - The mummified body of an Inc. boy of 12 which has shrunk to a fraction of its original form was

Lock Up Registers

PASADENA, Dec. 12.—Becan real estate men bother tourists ho tel men have locked up their registers to prevent them being scrutinized by the realty sharks.

Taft Is Reducing

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—Ex
President Taft having reduced from 341 to 271 pounds declares he is well and happy and loves everyholy. everybody.

CITIZED HELD

DOUGLAS, Ariz., Dec. 12.—A. A. onwald, an American citizen, was held five hours in prison at Agua Prieta on the charge of being a federal spy.

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### Fairyland

Extravaganza Lenora Novasic, who comes to facoma tomorrow night in "The Tik-Tok Man of Oz."

Oliver Morosco's elaborate extravaganza, "The Tik-Tok Man of Oz," will be the attraction at the Tacoma theater tomorrow night. tary governor of Mindanao and It is a companion play to "The Wizard of Oz" and is one of the biggest scenic shows on the road this season. Owing to the fact that the company will arrive too late for a matinee the management has arranged special prices for children at the evening performance. They will be admitted at half of the regular price.

#### ANNA HELD HAS CLEVER BILL

Anna Held came, saw and conguered. She left Tacoma today with the hearts of several hundred loyal Tacomans clasped carelessly in her hands. For she made a distinct hit with her "variete jubilee" at the Tacoma theater yesterday afternoon and

The bill comprised the cream of eastern vaudeville, and each act was exquisitely done, particu-larly the dramatic playlet, "The Sign of the Rose." Miss Held's two-act musical show was very well done. At the end of the performance last night Miss Held, brought from the mountains of Peru by Thomas G. Tayler of Montreal.

With Dr. Quevli, passed through the theater with Red Cross stickers and sold nearly \$150 worth for the Tacoma Anti-Tuberculosis society.

#### Woman Takes Poison

WAHOO, Neb., Dec. 12 .- When the sheriff went to bring Mrs. Maggie Johnson into court to receive the verdict of the jury for killing her husband he found she had taken poison and was dying.

Wholesale Arrests HAVANA, Dec. 12.—Fourteen negros and whites have been ar-rested for practicing voodooism and sacrificing a 6-year-old girl.

2000 MUTINY

HERMOSILLO, Mex., Dec. 12. will demand re—Mutiny among the 2,000 feder- grievances then. al troops is threatened here.

LONDON, Dec. 12.—The 97,000 government postal and telephone employes say they will not strike until after Christmas but will demand redress of their

Will Not Strike

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## THIS IS WHAT WE HAVE TO OFFER THE PUBLIC SATURDAY

It is quite unnecessary for us to go into further details. You all realize we are closing out our present merchandise. You all know what values we have given the thousands of customers who have attended our sale since the opening of this great event. We assure you all that Saturday we have a great deal in store for you. The following items will give you an idea of what is in store for you

## **EXTRA SPECIALS**

Jackets Cut to \$1.89 | 35c Suspend- 14c | \$2.50 Under- 68c

\$10 Silk Pajamas and \$1.89 \$8.50 All Wool Ruff Night Robes Cut to . \$1.89 Neck White Sweater Coats

### 500 Slip-on Raincoats and Gabardines

\$	5.00	Slipon	Raincoats	.\$1.89
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\$25.00 Gabardines ...... \$13.89 Saturday We Will Sell

\$1.00 Night Robes	480
\$2.00 Fine Men's Handkerchiefs, box of 12	
50c Pure Linen Initial Handkerchiefs	230
50c Holiday Neckwear, 1 in a box	190
75c and \$1.00 Holiday Neckwear	
50c Silk Knit Ties	00

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Men's Suits and Overcoats

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\$ 7.89	\$27.50 Suits cut to	\$17.8
\$10.89	\$45.00 Full Dress Suits	
\$12.89	\$30.00 Overcoats, silk lined	
\$30.00 Homespun, the latest	overcoats\$14.89	

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Every article in our store will be greatly reduced except two lines of contract goods, which we regret as far as the public is concerned, but our promise to these manufacturers is just as our promise is to you. These lines are Arrow Collars and Munsing Wear.

The reason our sale has been such a success is that we are not only giving the public exactly what we advertise but a great deal more. Another reason is that our merchandise is the finest men's ready-to-wear appare I in Tacoma today, and our reductions throughout our store are genuine.

WE ARE NOT GOING OUT OF BUSINESS, but owing to the fact that extensive alterations will be made in our store shortly, we will be compelled to temporarily discontinue business. WHEN WE OPEN OUR NEW STORE IT WILL BE REPLENISHED WITH AN ENTIRE NEW STOCK.

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