

THE CHILIAN CHESTNUT

This Government Reported as Again "Preparing for War."

WASHINGTON, Jan. 13.—Reports of the testimony taken at Mare Island have been read with great interest by the senators and representatives. They have not been able to get full information on the subject. The testimony taken by Judge Advocate-General Remy has proven startling to them. The Chilean situation was the subject of very serious discussion at the capitol. Besides the testimony published showing the extent of the outrage, information has been received in an irregular way that there is no foundation for the reports that Chili has assumed a more friendly tone. The prospects of a speedy settlement are considered doubtful. It is known positively from the best possible authority that this government has received no intimation of peaceful overtures from Chili. The Star says: "President Harrison has been deeply moved by the reports from San Francisco. He expects that as soon as the investigation is concluded, a brief of the testimony and a report will be sent to him by wire. If the report is of the character which the testimony thus far taken indicates it will be, he will send it to congress at once, together with the correspondence between this country and Chili."

At the cabinet meeting yesterday the president expressed his opinion that the situation was more serious than it has been at any previous time. After looking the correspondence over very carefully, he finds nothing in it that indicates the least regret on the part of Chili for the outrage. He regards the so-called "unofficial" reports that Chili would apologize as rumors given out for the purpose merely of allaying popular feeling. Officially, there has been no intimation of any amicable disposition on the part of Chili.

VALLEJO, Cal., Jan. 12.—A genuine sensation was developed in the Baltimore investigation today, a thing entirely unexpected at this late stage of the proceedings. The case has dragged along slowly in the morning session, a number of sailors being recalled to testify as to the soberness of Riggins, Turnbull and Davidson, before and during the riot. After recess, however, Surgeons Stitt and Wite, of the Baltimore, took the stand. After testifying to the wounds of the members of the Baltimore's crew, they declared that the death of Turnbull was directly caused by the neglect in the hospital, where he was carried by the police. The Chileans refused to allow the Baltimore's surgeons to treat their men, and declined to do it themselves except in a very superficial way. For four days the surgeons vainly begged Judge of Crimes Foster to allow them to remove the sailors to the Baltimore, but not till it became probable that Turnbull would soon die, would he grant them permission. The men were taken to the ship, but it was too late for Turnbull. Blood poisoning had set in and he died five days later. The surgeons were positive that death resulted from neglect and imperfect treatment in the hospital.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 11.—Whether Great Britain is or is not using her influence with Chili to bring about a satisfactory settlement of the Baltimore outrage is as yet a matter of speculation, but there is abundant evidence that she is showing the deepest interest in the preparations for war which our country has been making. Our naval officers have not failed to discover that two naval attaches of the British legation in this city, Captains William H. Way and G. C. Langley, have been watching every movement of the navy department since the talk of war with Chili first commenced. What these officers have learned has, of course, been duly communicated to the home government, and the reports doubtless have been the means of convincing the British authorities that the United States is in sober earnest in her demand for reparation. It is noticeable to those who have watched the development of the Chilean controversy that the English influence in the direction of peace commenced just after the naval attaches began familiarizing themselves with our naval activity. These attaches have made personal visits to different places throughout the country where work on war materials is in progress. Only a few days ago Captain Langley visited Mare Island yard and the Union iron works at San Francisco to see what truth there was in the rumors of hurried work on the coast defense vessel Monterey and other vessels. Upon his return, a day or two ago, he told his friends he had been on a few days' pleasure trip to New York, but this did not deceive some of the naval officers here. Captain Langley is too well known to the officers on duty on the Pacific slope to conceal his identity, and he had not been in San Francisco many hours before his presence and the object of his mission became known to the department officials. There can be no doubt that he discovered that the reports of great activity in the work on the Monterey were not exaggerated, and it is to be presumed that he lost no time in informing his government or her condition, and what a formidable craft she will be when finished.

VALLEJO, Cal., Jan. 9.—Today was the third of the investigation into the attack on the sailors of the Baltimore. Judge Advocate Remy presided alone, District Attorney Garter being absent. Testimony was taken very rapidly, over twenty witnesses being examined.

Nearly all the crew have now testified, and Monday the officers will probably take the stand. The case of the United States as stated by President Harrison in his message, has been absolutely proved. There can no longer be any doubt but that the mob was organized beforehand. Nearly every sailor was warned by at least one person that the Baltimore men would be attacked at dark. The clerk of the bank where they changed their money warned some of them. An English sea captain stopped others on the street and warned them, and many others in all classes of society also gave warnings. As a result many of the sailors kept away from the low part of town and went to the fashionable residence and business part, only to be followed and attacked by the mob. There were at least four different localities, some of them over a mile apart, where the attacks on the sailors were made simultaneously. The shameful part played by the Valparaiso police and soldiers becomes more and more evident daily. Nearly every witness was abused and insulted by them, while the evidence that they shot and killed Riggins is conclusive. As to the sobriety of the Baltimore men, Captain, Schley said today:

"Eight out of ten of my sailors are not drinking men. They confine themselves almost entirely to beer and such light drinks, and the liberty party was especially composed of men who bore reputations for sobriety."

The Reports Denied. CITY OF MEXICO, Jan. 8.—The Two Republics will publish the following call in the morning, which is signed by upwards of thirty of the most prominent members of the American colony here: "Many newspapers in the United States have recently published dispatches, letters and interviews concerning Mexico. A large number of these contain certain exaggerated or false statements, which are not only unjust to the government and people of this country, but actually injurious to all the interests here. In view of those facts, the undersigned citizens of the United States, animated by a spirit of justice toward Mexico, and a desire to see the truth prevail, request their countrymen residing in this city to assemble tomorrow for the purpose of taking such action as the circumstances may seem to demand. All the Americans in sympathy with this movement are earnestly asked to attend." Very angry discussions have been excited between the liberal and clerical press over dispatches from the United States stating that the clerical party is backing Garza in the troubles on the frontier, and duels are expected.

A New Colorado Mining Camp. FLARISSANT, Colo., Jan. 9.—Excitement over the rich discoveries of gold in the Cripple creek district is on the increase, and thousands of gold-hunters are daily passing through this place into the gold fields. The new mining camp is but eighteen miles from here, and is easy of access. Stage and freight lines over good roads are in operation between Flarissant and the gold district. The camp already numbers a population of 5000 or 6000, and bids fair to outstrip the marvelous growth of Leadville.

The Wife of the Chief Told the Story. SALT LAKE, U. T., Jan. 9.—The gang of counterfeiters, which flooded the city with spurious \$5, \$10 and \$20 gold pieces during the holidays, was bound over to the grand jury today. The wife of the chief counterfeiter, in her evidence, detailed the gang's operations.

Vessel on Fire at Sea. LONDON, Jan. 7.—The British steamer Catalonia, at Queenstown from Boston, reports that on January 5 she passed a sailing vessel on fire. The Catalonia searched in the vicinity, but found no trace of the crew of the burning vessel. The latter was completely gutted.

The Steamer Gallatin is Lost. WASHINGTON, Jan. 7.—Captain Gabrielson, commanding the revenue steamer Gallatin, made a report to the treasury department confirming the press dispatches in regard to the loss of that steamer and the death of Jacobson, the carpenter.

Destructive Fire. CLEVELAND, O., Jan. 13.—A six-story brick block on the viaduct, occupied by the Cleveland Electric Supply company, the Champion Safety Lock company, and the National Iron works, was burned at 2 o'clock this morning. The losses aggregate \$180,000; partly insured.

The Mexican Insurgents. DEMING, N. M., Jan. 12.—No courier arrived here from Ascension, Mexico, up to a late hour last night, but one is expected today. The latest information from Ascension is to the effect the town is still in possession of the revolutionists.

A Crisis in the Cabinet. MELBOURNE, Jan. 13.—There is a crisis in the Victorian cabinet on the "one man, one vote" question. Three ministers have already resigned. The Victorian cabinet has chosen Shields as the new premier.

Insurrection in Arabia. ANEN, Jan. 12.—The Arab insurrection in Yemen has broken out afresh. The rebels are marching upon Sanaa, the capital city, and Turkish forces are advancing to repel them.

Guns of the Miantonomah. NEW YORK, Jan. 12.—The trial of the guns and mounts of the steamer Miantonomah is finished, and in every respect it has been a great success.

Trial of Curtis Postponed. SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 11.—The trial of M. B. Curtis, charged with the murder of Polliceman Grant, was postponed this morning until next Monday.

NORTHWEST NEWS.

Mrs. Henry Root, living near Wasco, has sold from four cows during the past year, 1891, \$80 worth of butter, and \$78 worth of eggs from sixty hens during the same length of time.

The Weston Leader announces its intention to commence the publication of an evening daily by the first of April. As it now is there is only one daily published in Umatilla county.

An unknown disease has attacked horses in Kittitas county, and threatens to become epidemic. Farmers and stock men are helpless, as nothing like it has ever appeared before in that section and no remedy is known for it. It promises to work much hardship on the settlers in that section.

The cleverest fake of the new year comes from Tacoma, in the shape of a column article in a newspaper about the establishment of a "goose" cannery in Alaska. The geese at the mouth of the Yukon are to be canned in great shape. The story reads well, and will go the rounds.

A young man named Velt, living at the head of the West valley, had an adventure with a band of elk this week. As told in the Skamokawa Eagle, he fired and shot one of them, when the whole lot of them turned on him and showed fight, and he was obliged to kill seven before they would leave. He has the meat ready to bring in. He also caught a cougar in his trap.

The work of raising the Telephone is progressing, and the contractors, Messrs. Plaquet & Co., are confident of getting her off without any serious damage to the boat. There are two large scows along side of the boat which are to hold her up when she is raised by means of screws, and when clear she will be suspended between these scows and held firmly in position. It is expected that she will be afloat by Wednesday.

B. R. Whitney, from Peterson's Point on Gray's harbor, informs the Centralia News that there is a rush to that point from all the Gray's harbor country, and the whole beach is being staked off in mining claims. There is gold in the black sand found along the beach of the ocean and many attempts have been made to wash it out, but owing to the lightness of the particles it has heretofore been found impossible to make it pay. Now it is claimed that a way has been discovered by which the gold can all be saved and separated from the sand.

At the January term of county courts the new law, requiring publicity of proceedings and list of claims allowed, goes into full effect. The proviso that courts shall not be obliged, unless they see fit, to publish claims where the fees are fixed by law, was inserted in the cause of economy, yet it is exactly in the matter of fees of officials that stealings occur in. All the complaints made in Marion county about county officials were over the matter of the fees collected by them. Those items are the very ones that should be exposed to the light of publicity.—Salem Journal.

CURRENT COMMENT.

An experiment in weaving silk by electric looms has been made in Germany, and the results seem to encourage the idea of a return to manufacturing at the houses of the weavers.

We could never account for Bro. Michell's expertness on that instrument until by this accident it has come to light that he can trace his ancestry so far back over the dingy pages of time.—Washington Independent.

Gothic says: "For a half-prudent girl there is really something awful in the thought of marriage." But for the average girl there is something a good deal more awful in the thought of not being married.

There may be an uncertainty whether the bi-chloride of gold remedy cures or kills, but there is none as to alcohol. It is one of the most reliable preservatives, and is used largely for anatomical specimens.—Salt Lake Herald.

An ancient lyre dated 2000 years before Christ has come to light. It is reported to have been found by a democratic politician who was looking up material for the next campaign, and will be modernized so as to be used in 1892.—Times-Mountaineer.

Superintendent Porter reports that it costs only 11 cents per capita to take the census in the United States. When the well-informed citizen of Seattle and Tacoma reads that he will go off behind the house and smile. There are things about that census which even the superintendent wots not of.—Spokane Review.

A Russian physician has made a series of elaborate experiments to test the old-time notion that fluids taken with food weaken the action of the gastric juice. He finds that "to take fluids with the meals is almost as important an adjunct to digestion as is the mastication of solid food preparatory to swallowing it," but that, as at other times, there is a limit to the amount of fluid one can swallow with impunity and comfort.

That journalistic accuracy in Arkansas is receiving some much needed attention is evinced by the following, from the Hot Springs, Arkansas, Tom Cat: "We desire to warn those of our readers who may be inclined to trust the man who is going around the streets of Jonestown claiming to be John the Baptist. We have taken great pains to look the matter up, and know that he is not what he purports to be. John the Baptist is dead. The real John the Baptist didn't have a full bloom on his nose, a red bandanna tied around his neck and a pint bottle in the caboose pocket of his overalls, as did the man we saw yesterday."

Chairman Springer of the ways and means committee has introduced a

measure providing for a free admission of all wool. It is a striking fact, though, that no democrat can be found who has the fairness to the west and the independence of the manufacturing interests of the east to propose a bill for the free admission of woolsens as well as wools. It is safe to say that no such bill will ever pass the democratic house. The republican party protects both the wool grower and the manufacturer: if the democracy wants an issue on that it ought, in common fairness, propose free trade on both—not free trade in wool and protections in woolsens.

A Benedictine Abbey Burned. PARIS, Jan. 12.—The Benedictine abbey at Freampne burned last night, causing a loss of 2,000,000 francs.

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