

## NEWS OF THE WEEK

In a Condensed Form for Our Busy Readers.

### HAPPENINGS OF TWO CONTINENTS

A Resume of the Less Important but Not Less Interesting Events of the Past Week

Wholesale dealers in diamonds have announced an advance in prices of 20 per cent.

Congress is very likely to approve a plan to advance the salaries of postal employees.

Chicago commission men have lodged a protest with Secretary Wilson, claiming the new meat inspection law creates a monopoly.

The threatened lockout in the building trades at Oakland is on. Nearly all the mills are closed and building is almost at a standstill.

Senator Burton, of Kansas, has been denied a rehearing by the Supreme court and will have to go to jail for six months and pay a fine of \$2,500.

Independent grain dealers of Chicago have told the Interstate Commerce commission how they have been ruined by rebates being given the favored.

Sam Jones, the well-known evangelist, dropped dead of heart failure on his way from Oklahoma City to his home in Georgia. Death came on his fifty-ninth birthday.

An explosion in a coal mine near Durham, England, killed 25 and entombed 200 miners. Rescue parties are working to reach the imprisoned men, who may not survive.

A new Elijah has appeared in Maine. China will ask all powers to make Japan give up Manchuria.

Moody says he has evidence to convict the Standard Oil company.

An explosion on a government steamer on the Ohio river killed three men.

Military supplies for use by the American army in Cuba are admitted free of duty.

Magoon has assumed the government of Cuba and Taft and Bacon have returned home.

All mail for United States troops in Cuba is sent to Havana and from there sent to its destination.

A Los Angeles street car ran away on a steep grade because the brakes would not work. Two men were killed and a score seriously injured.

The railway mail clerks running out of Houston, Tex., on the Southern Pacific, have gone on a strike as a result of trouble with the railroad company.

Detectives from London are investigating the alleged importation of English girls to work in South Carolina cotton mills contrary to the contract labor laws.

Monat Palace is again in active eruptions.

Wrangles of unions cause a threat of a general building lockout in Chicago.

A Toronto university student was the first to be killed by football this season.

Witte says that, while he has no ill feeling against the czar, he will never again serve him.

An Atlanta grand jury has indicted 20 white men for complicity in the recent outrages against negroes.

In his farewell address Taft told the Cubans that the United States will not leave till fair elections are assured.

Secretary Taft has informed a delegation of Isle of Pines citizens that it is useless to think of separation from Cuba.

The Chilean congress, city and property owners of Valparaiso, will combine to rebuild the city destroyed by earthquake.

John Barrett, now minister to Colombia, is slated for a better position, either ambassador to Brazil or vice-governor of the Philippines.

The department of Justice is gaining fresh evidence that hundreds of men, both white and black, are held in virtual slavery in Southern Florida by the lumbermen.

Cuban Liberals hail Taft and Bacon as saviors.

A son of Vice President Fairbanks has eloped with a Pittsburgh girl.

A lone highwayman held up a stage in the Tonopah, Nevada, district, and secured nearly \$5,000.

The Newfoundland cabinet is still worrying over the fishing privileges lost to the United States.

Booker T. Washington in an address to negroes strongly advised them to remain calm during the present trouble in the South.

Russia is expelling all Japanese from that part of Manchuria controlled by the czar's troops.

China wants American engineers to take charge of her railway construction and will pay \$25,000 a year on a five years' contract.

### NEXT POPE NOT A SAINT.

Need of a Politician at the Vatican is Widely Recognized.

Rome, Oct. 16.—In spite of the fact that the pope is enjoying perfect health, the matter of possible results of the next conclave, whenever it does occur, is being discussed among the cardinals, and this with no desire to anticipate the election or to be disrespectful to the pontiff. The feeling among the cardinals has changed greatly since August, 1903, and today there exists a tendency quite opposite to that which triumphed three years ago. In view of the Vatican's experiences with France, the cry this time will be not for a merely religious pope, but a political pope; not for a saint, but for a statesman.

Even the strongest opponents of three years ago of Cardinal Rampolla now favor his election. Rampolla failed in 1903 chiefly because he was vetoed by Cardinal Puzyna, in the name of Austria, speaking for the entire Triple Alliance.

Although Pope Pius has suppressed the right of veto shrouded by certain powers, the reason which induced the Triple Alliance to oppose Cardinal Rampolla still exist, and the church today is less able to afford displeasing the Central Empire. Consequently there are rumors of an experiment with a foreign pope, in spite of the disfavor of the Italians. For the last four centuries all the popes have been Italians.

### FOOTPADS HARD AT WORK.

Police Round Up All the Suspicious Characters They See.

San Francisco, Oct. 16.—Despite the energetic measures taken by the police in rounding up all ex-convicts and suspicious characters yesterday and today, the activity of the footpads and highwaymen continued. Several reports of robberies and attempted hold-ups were made to the police.

Carl Wilson, a laborer, was held up and robbed of \$6 by two men, while walking on Rush street, near Kearney, about 10 o'clock tonight. As the footpads stopped him Wilson fired a shot at them in the darkness. In their haste in searching him, the robbers overlooked the pistol which he had. Attracted by the shot, a night watchman came running up and also began shooting at the fleeing men.

Edward Lang, a street car conductor, reported to the police today that he was held up by two masked men at the north end of the Ferry building shortly before 12 o'clock last night. While one of them held a pistol against Lang's head the other footpad went through his pockets, and, according to Lang, robbed him of \$50.

An attempted hold-up was reported from Golden Gate park. The approach of some pedestrians frightened away the highwaymen.

### BIG GUNS NEEDED.

General Wood Also Wants Cavalry Sent to Philippines.

Washington, Oct. 16.—An argument against the reduction in the number of troops in the Philippines is made by Major General Leonard Wood, commanding that division, in his annual report. The total garrison, on June 30 last, numbered 20,043 men. "We are far from home," says General Wood, "and in case of foreign disturbances, even with all our troops concentrated at Manila, the force available would be scarcely sufficient to defend it from a serious attack. Moreover, a strong garrison should be maintained here until conditions pertaining to the civil government are well established and the animosities and disappointments incident to the building up of a local government under new and perhaps strained conditions have passed away."

General Wood suggests adding some artillery to the present garrison and sending to the Philippines one squadron of each of the cavalry regiments in the United States.

Public order has greatly improved in Mindanao. The rice output there is said to exceed any previous year and as the people have gone to work. As there is an large Mohammedan element there, and unexpected disturbances may occur as the result of action of religious fanatics returning from Mecca, the report says the garrison should be concentrated.

### Postal Deficit Less.

Washington, Oct. 16.—Postmaster General Clevely has given out an advance statement of the receipts and expenditures of the postal service for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1906. It shows a reduction of the annual deficit from \$14,572,584 for 1905 to \$10,516,996 for 1906, or \$4,000,000, or 27.52 per cent. The total receipts for 1906 were \$167,932,785, an increase over 1905 of \$15,106,198, which is the greatest increase for any year in the history of the service. The per cent of increase in receipts for 1906 is 9.88.

### Economy in British Navy.

London, Oct. 16.—The Standard this morning says the government purposes, before the end of the year, to remove 20 efficient ships from active duty, in order to economize for an active fleet. Six battleships of the Majestic class will be removed. All of these will be placed in the home reserve. The entire Royal Sovereign class, eight fine vessels, will be placed in reserve without crews, and four armored cruisers will be paid off.

### Rain Damages Cotton.

Houston, Tex., Oct. 16.—A heavy rain has fallen over the ground in part of Texas the past 24 hours, doing considerable damage to the cotton crop. There will be a heavy loss in rice.

## OREGON STATE ITEMS OF INTEREST

### OREGON FIR FOR PULLMANS.

Millions of Feet Used Every Year for Palace Cars.

Portland—In 18 months Portland has furnished between 40,000,000 and 50,000,000 feet of fir lumber for use in the construction of cars at the shops of the Pullman Car company, located at Pullman, Ill. In the purchase of this material, the company has expended close to \$1,500,000.

These figures are vouched for by Albert Jones, purchasing agent of the Pullman company, who was sent to the West 18 months ago to buy lumber. The first he used exclusively for siding on boxcars, and, besides the lumber bought here, more is continually being contracted for in other sections. Some of the material is dressed, such as flooring, siding and the like, while more has been shipped rough.

There is no prospective cessation of the buying so far as the pine is concerned, and, while yellow pine is also largely used, that it is not being drawn from this locality. In the construction of sleeping and passenger cars only hard woods are utilized, particularly for finishing the interior. Some material is often left in dry kilns four or five months, subject to slow heat and the air drying process, in order that when fitted in cars it is perfectly seasoned.

### Prices of Cattle Advancing.

La Grande—Peter O'Sullivan, who has just returned from a visit to Walla Walla county, says that one of the chief causes for the prevailing prosperity in all sections of that country is the increase in the price of cattle. Representatives of the Pacific Meat company are making large purchases, and Walla Walla buyers are looking for feeders. The range leasing plan has proved very satisfactory, and the forming of separate boundaries for cattle and sheep has resulted to the advantage of the cattle, which come from the range in fine condition.

### Apples at the Fruit Fair.

Hood River—The exhibit of apples grown by A. I. Mason, which took the sweepstakes and several other prizes at the Hood River fruit fair, consisted of three boxes taken from 9-year-old trees, planted 63 to the acre. The trees averaged five and a half boxes, and altogether he took 1,141 boxes from his orchard. In the entire yield there were only 64 wormy apples during the season and the trees were sprayed six times with arsenate of lead. In the whole yield there were only 54 boxes that went smaller than four tiers to the box.

### Teachers Are Scarce.

Baker City—Teachers are frightfully scarce in Baker county. The county superintendent offering high wages and good positions to the pedagogues of the county, but cannot get enough school ma'ams to fill the positions. As the result the teachers have had an increase in wages from \$35, the average last year, to \$50, which is this year's average. Teachers getting \$60 and over are common rather than teachers with salaries of \$40 or less.

### Wants Passenger Bridge.

Oregon City—For the accommodation of the people of Oswego, the Clackamas county court will be asked to negotiate with the Southern Pacific company to the end that the county may construct an upper deck on the company's railroad bridge to be constructed across the Willamette river at Oswego. The plan of the Oswego people who will petition the county court for this action is to secure for themselves a means of crossing the Willamette river and more direct communication with this city.

### Institute Arouses Interest.

Myrtle Point—The Farmers' institute and fair, which has just closed, proved a great success. It was a great success in convincing all vis-a-vis agricultural products convinced all visitors of the agricultural possibilities of the region about Myrtle Point. Dr. Withcombe of the Oregon Agricultural college gave an illustrated lecture on the treatment of the dairy cow. As this is a dairying region, this lecture was well attended and the farmers got many beneficial ideas from the doctor's remarks.

### Land Withdrawn From Entry.

The Dalles—The local land office is in receipt of a telegram from the commissioner of the general land office withdrawing from filing or entry, under the coal land laws, all the public lands embraced in the following townships: Townships 6 south, ranges 24, 25 and 26, E. W. D.; townships 7 south, ranges 24, 25 and 26, E. W. D.; townships 8 south, ranges 25, 26, E. W. D.

### Much Grain Accumulated.

La Grande—Homer Littleton, foreman of the Chas. Playe warehouse at Alsea, reports that a large quantity of grain has accumulated, owing to the embargo placed against railroad shipments of wheat from the interior points to Portland, on account of the grain-handlers' strike, but that shipments will now be resumed.

### Crook County Horses for Alberta.

Pendleton—Thirteen carloads of range horses were shipped from this city to Alberta last week. They are owned by M. R. Cowell, and were taken from the range in Crook county. The shipment was consigned to Shelby Junction, Mont., but the horses are designed for the Alberta market.

### ROCK CREEK'S FINE FRUIT.

Growers Busy Picking Large Crop of Apples and Pears.

Rock Creek—The ranchers along Rock Creek have stepped out of the hay harvest into the fruit harvest, and are picking apples and pears. Fruit men are proud of their orchards and claim that Hood River or any other locality in the Northwest can produce no finer fruit or more abundant yields. Fruit is shipped from this section to many important points in the East, and compares favorably with any of the products in these markets. The leading fruit growers are William Head and A. A. Carothers. The former has an orchard of 10 acres, the latter about 20 acres. Mr. Head has picked and shipped about 300 boxes of apples, peaches and pears to Spokane, Walla Walla and Pendleton and other points east, while some was shipped to Condon and Arlington. He estimates he will have 1,000 boxes of winter apples for shipment. Mr. Carothers has shipped 1,000 boxes of fruit and will ship 1,300 more. These gentlemen get the highest prices for their fruit. Fruit grown on Rock Creek captured first prize and gold medal at the Omaha exposition a few years ago. The exhibit was made by A. A. Carothers, and was a surprise to orchardists, packers and dealers.

### Hops Are on the Up Grade.

Salem—The hop market at Salem has assumed a very active condition in the last day or two, and now every dealer in the city has orders for hops at a slight advance over figures named a week ago. Krebs Bros. has received an order for 1,000 bales at 15 1/2 cents a pound. All other dealers are offering that price. Krebs bought the Clatsop crop of 175 bales at Dallas. Joseph Harris and Catlin & Linn were also buyers on the West side at 12 1/2 cents, while Lachmund & Pincus paid 17 cents for a choice lot bought from a dealer at Dallas.

### Modern Pyramid Builders.

Albany—The Modern Pyramid Builders was launched last week when the first lodge or local pyramid of the order was formed in this city. The local pyramid is the first subordinate branch of the order, and was named Pyramid No. 2, the supreme pyramid being Pyramid No. 1. Fred Fortmiller was chosen chief builder; W. Lair Thompson, scribe, and E. D. Cusick, custodian. The order starts with about 30 members.

### To Establish Big Sawmill.

Albany—A sawmill with a capacity of 20,000 feet per day is to be established six miles south of Brownsville by G. B. and E. H. Dickinson, of this city. A contract with the lessees of the land secured requires that the plant be in operation by January 1.

### PORTLAND MARKETS.

Wheat—Club, 64@65c; bluestem, 68@69c; valley, 67c; red, 61@62c.

Oats—No. 1 white, 42.50@43.24; gray, 42.22@42.50.

Barley—Feed, 20.50 per ton; brewing, 21.50; rolled, 23.

Rye—1.25@1.35 per cwt.

Corn—Whole, 42@47; c. s. cked, 42 per ton.

Hay—Valley timothy, No. 1, \$10@11 per ton; Eastern Oregon timothy, \$11@12; clover, \$6.50@7; cheat, \$7@7.50; grain hay, \$7; alfalfa, \$11.50; vetch hay, \$7@7.50.

Fruits—Apples, common to choice, 25@75c per box; choice to fancy, 75c@1.25; grapes, 50c@1.50 per box; Concorda, Oregon, 27c@30c half basket; peaches, 75c@1.25 per box; prunes, 25@30c per box; cranberries, Oregon, 43@45 per box; quinces, 11@12.50 per box.

Vegetables—Beans, 5@7c; cabbage, 1 1/2@1 3/4c per pound; cauliflower, 1 1/2@2.25 per dozen; celery, 50@90c per dozen; corn, 12 1/2c per dozen; cucumbers, 15c per dozen; egg plant, 10c per pound; lettuce, head, 20c per dozen; onions, 10@12 1/2c per dozen; peas, 4@5c; bell peppers, 5c; pumpkin, 1 1/2c per pound; spinach, 4@5c per pound; tomatoes, 30@50c per box; parsley, 10@15c; sprouts, 7 1/2c per pound; squash, 1 1/2c per pound; turnips, 90c@1 per sack; carrots, 11@12.50 per sack; beets, 11.25@15.00 per sack.

Onions—Oregon, 11@11.15 per hundred.

Potatoes—Oregon Burbanks, delivered, 80@85c; in carlots, l. o. b. country, 75@80c; sweet potatoes, 20@24c per pound.

Butter—Fancy creamery, 25@30c per pound.

Eggs—Oregon ranch, 31@32 1/2c per dozen.

Poultry—Average old hens, 12c per pound; mixed chickens, 11@12c; spring, 12c; old roosters, 9@10c; dressed chickens, 14@15c; turkeys, live, 16@21c; turkeys, dressed, choice, 20@22c; geese, live, 9@10c; ducks, 14@15c.

Veal—Dressed, 5 1/2@8c per pound.

### NOBLES FLY COUNTRY.

Stampede of Russian Rich to Refuge in Free England.

London, Oct. 12.—For some time past statements have been made with more or less authority to the effect that some members of the Czar's family were making secret arrangements to leave Russia, should certain eventualities occur, and take refuge in England. These statements have been regarded as part of the inevitable rumors to be expected to arise from the state of affairs in the Muscovite dominions. Investigations by the Publishers' Press correspondent, however, reveal circumstances which point to their truth.

Large quantities of jewels, pictures and furniture have arrived in this country from the imperial palaces in Russia just lately, and have been placed in safe storage. A leading banker told the Publishers' Press correspondent that consignments of property of enormous value had recently arrived there from Russia.

"We have received packets of jewels, costly furniture and numbers of pictures, the value of each of which runs well into five figures," he said. "The owners are very highly pleased."

The question put point blank as to whether they belonged to the Romanoffs, the reply was made that it was against the rules to give such information.

### CAR BLOCKADE IN THE EAST

Orders for Thousands Are Given That Cannot Be Filled.

Chicago, Oct. 12.—The congestion of freight traffic has increased so fast within the last few days that railway officials fear they are soon to be faced with a blockade. Conditions on the Eastern roads which have not only to handle the business which they originate but have the crops of the West pouring in upon them for export, are naturally the worst, but those on the Western lines also are rapidly becoming extremely serious.

With the approach of winter the movement of coal has grown heavier, aggravating the congested conditions which already exist, and traffic men say they do not know what they will do for fear when the year's enormous crop of corn is ready for market, as it will be now in a short time.

A line belonging to one of the big Eastern railway systems had orders for 4,235 cars which it could not fill. The Pennsylvania proposes to give notice that for 36 hours it will receive no consignments from the Pittsburgh district, the object being to get the tracks partly clear of cars which have accumulated on its lines.

### BUFFALO PLAGUED WITH SNOW.

Tears Down Wires, wrecks Orchards and Kills Two Men.

Buffalo, Oct. 12.—The storm of snow and sleet which swept over this part of the country last night and today was the worst in many years.

Telegraph, telephone and trolley lines were prostrated in all directions. The damage to the rich fruit belts of Chautauque, Niagara and Orleans counties is incalculable. Whole orchards of peach trees and other small fruits were crushed to the ground by the wet, clinging snow, which fell steadily for many hours.

Tonight the weather is clear and cold, and the lines of communication are being slowly re-established. Buffalo bore the brunt of the storm. The damage in this city alone is not far from a quarter of a million dollars, and two deaths occurred, which were directly due to the effects of the storm. All night the telephone and electric light systems were paralyzed. The streets were littered with broken wires.

### Indians Out on a Big Hunt.

New Westminster, B. C., Oct. 12.—The Stony Indians of Alberta have again broken loose, and are now on a wild game drive along the west line of the Rocky mountains. The game authorities have taken steps to have them pursued and driven out of the country, and a posse has been sent out. These Indians have always given the British Columbia game authorities trouble, as every fall they come into the province through the various passes and hunt for several months at the west foothills of the Rockies.

### Wireless Heralds the Charleston.

San Francisco, Oct. 12.—Heralding her approach a thousand miles away, by means of wireless telegraphy, the protected cruiser Charleston came into port this afternoon and went to an anchorage near Sausalito. It was not until late tonight that the quarantine officials completed their examination of the men on board. The Charleston comes here to be the flagship of the Pacific squadron, and will fly the pennant of Rear Admiral Swinburn.

### Two More Transports Sail.

Newport News, Va., Oct. 12.—The transport Admiral Schley sailed from this port today, bearing the Seventeenth and Eighteenth batteries of mountain artillery. The City of Washington with the First battalion of the Eleventh Infantry sailed tonight.

## BAY CITY IS ARMED

Vigilance Committee May Be Organized for Protection.

### MAYOR DOES NOT LIKE PLAN

Carnival of Robbery and Murder Has Stirred Honest Citizens to a High Pitch.

San Francisco, Cal., Oct. 13.—The general alarm caused by the numerous reports of hold-ups and robbery has seriously affected the attendance at all places of amusement. Hotel managers and others entrusted with the handling of large sums of money have made elaborate defensive preparations and there is a general arming on the part of citizens.

Discussing the propriety of the organization of a committee of safety in this state today to deal with petty criminals who now infest the city, Acting Mayor Gallagher said: "There shall be no lynching in this city, and I sincerely hope that at the meeting to be held in Union square today the leaders will have enough sense to do nothing that will injure the city."

"They will call it a committee of safety," the mayor continued, "but other cities will call it a vigilance committee, and that will do irreparable harm to San Francisco. It would be a confession that the people of this city are not capable of protecting themselves, and when I say the people I mean the authorities with whom the people have vested the power of government. The plan is un-American."

"The usurpation of the powers of suppressing crime by unauthorized persons is a crime in itself. I shall regard it as such and will not permit it."

"Should those men desire to co-operate with the authorities in ridding the city of thugs and criminals, I shall be glad to have their assistance, but they must not act independent of the municipality. I will not allow millionaires to take those steps any sooner than I would allow laboring men. There must be no violence committed by citizens. Lynch law does more harm than good."

### OLD GIRARD SLAVE PEN.

Discovery Made by Subway Workmen at Depth of 100 Feet.

Philadelphia, Oct. 13.—Subway workmen digging beneath Water street for the new tunnel station, uncovered at the depth of 100 feet what is clearly an old slave prison. The pen is composed of narrow cells in three tiers, with three-foot corridors between heavy walls. The cells run six to the tier. Each is large enough to hold six men packed in closely. Heavy iron bars covered the windows and in each cell were manacle supports. Directly above them is the house of Stephen Girard, an eccentric millionaire, who gave Girard college to Philadelphia, and whose estate is now valued at \$100,000,000.

In tearing down the old Girard home that the traction company bought, the prison was discovered. The old house is within half a square of the Delaware, and secret access by water would be easy. Girard believed in slavery, owned slaves and many Louisiana sugar plantations.

### Cold Persists in East.

Washington, Oct. 13.—The cold wave is persisting in the East. Another cold wave in the Rocky Mountain region, in Idaho and Montana, and moderating in the central valleys is the weather situation in a nutshell, as announced tonight by the Weather bureau. It is warming up in the West generally, reaching over 60 degrees in the vicinity of Chicago and the Mississippi valley and over 70 degrees west of there.

### Armour's Case Before Wilson.

Philadelphia, Oct. 13.—State Food and Dairy Commissioner Warren this week caused warrants to be issued for the arrest of several of Armour & Company's agents in this city on the charge of exposing for sale hams and other meats containing boracic acid. Assistant Food and Dairy Commissioner R. D. Schick and N. B. Critchfield, secretary of agriculture of this state, today went to Washington to meet Secretary of Agriculture Wilson and Dr. H. W. Wiley, chief chemist of the department, and lay the facts in the case before them.

### Forest Reserves Safe From Fire.

Washington, Oct. 13.—Gifford Pinchot, chief of the bureau of forestry, who has just completed a tour of the government forest reserves, called upon the president today. Mr. Pinchot expressed gratification with the results of his inspection tour and of the excellent condition in which he found the forest reserves. There has been only one big fire on the reserves during the summer, he says, and the burned area did not exceed 2,000 acres.

### Japanese Designs on Java.

Rome, Oct. 13.—The newspapers here today publish a private letter from Tokio that numerous Japanese emissaries have been sent to the island of Java, Dutch East Indies, with the mission to create incidents justifying a Japanese naval demonstration. It is reported that the Dutch authorities are much alarmed.

### MAGOON ARRIVES.

Will Take Charge of Cuba as Provisional Governor.

Havana, Oct. 10.—Charles E. Magoon, the newly appointed provisional governor of Cuba, arrived here this afternoon. Coincident with his coming, Governor Taft gave out a general decree proclaiming amnesty not only to the rebels, but to all persons charged with political offenses or crimes in any way connected with the revolution.

The steamer Mascotte, with Mr. Magoon, General J. Franklin Bell, Mrs. Taft and Mrs. Bacon, entered Havana harbor at 4 o'clock this afternoon. In the wake of the Mascotte came the battleship Texas with a detachment of 300 marines from Norfolk.

A launch carrying Mr. Taft, Assistant Secretary of State Bacon and Captains McCoy and Martin, sides to Mr. Taft, hurried out to the Mascotte. There followed another launch with General Funston and his aide, and a third with a committee of Cuban newspapermen, who carried huge bouquets of flowers which were delivered to Mrs. Taft and Mrs. Bacon with a brief address of welcome.

After the preliminaries to the mayor and the city council the party entered carriage and was driven to the palace, where Mr. Taft and Mr. Bacon and Mr. Magoon had a long conference in the governor's office.

Following this conference Mr. Magoon received the members of the press. He declined to discuss his plans for the future. He said he had expected, upon arriving at Washington, to have 30 days' leave of absence prior to his departure for the Philippines. He did not regret, however, the change in program and he declared himself gratified with being in Cuba. He said he would take up his residence with Minister Morgan as the minister's guest pending the departure of Mr. Taft. General Bell will reside at the army headquarters at Mariano. General ondon will make his headquarters at Camp Columbia.

### BID TO DIG CANAL.

Commission Invites Proposals to Complete Work on Isthmus.

Washington, Oct. 10.—Invitations for proposals to complete the Panama canal were issued today by the canal commission and the form of contract under which the work is to be done was made public by Chairman Shonts, who also gave out a letter written to the secretary of war giving the commission's reasons for contracting the work.

The contract provides that each bidder must undertake the entire work of construction. No bar will be offered to corporations associating in the undertaking, but they must be legally organized into a single body with which the government can deal. Bidders will not be considered if \$5,000,000. A certified check for \$200,000