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CRUISER RANGER SAILS TODAY

The Philadelphia Will Be Put in Readiness in Order That She, Too, May Be Sent Down to Protect United States Interests.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 16.—A telegram has been prepared at the Navy Department to go forward to the Iowa at San Francisco, ordering her to prepare at once to go to sea. When she advises the department that she is ready, an order will follow for her to proceed at once to Panama. The little cruiser Ranger, which is at San Diego, was ordered to sail today. She is very slow, however, making not more than six knots, and as the distance to Panama is about 2700 miles, it would require almost 15 days for her to reach her destination. The department, therefore, decided to dispatch the Iowa as soon as the battle-ship can prepare for the trip.

The cruiser Philadelphia, which arrived at San Francisco yesterday from the Samoan Islands, is to go at once into dry-dock at Mare Island for overhauling and general repairs, in order that she may be prepared, if occasion arirses, to go south to the scene of the trouble on the Isthmus.

The State Deparement is receiving nothing additional on the Colombian-Venezuelan situation except through mail advices, which throw little new light on the condition of affairs

Ranger Will Sail This Morning.

SAN DIEGO, Cal., Aug. 16.—The United States cruiser Ranger, under orders to proceed to Panama, has been taking on supplies today and will sail at 3 P. M. tomorrow.

Iowa Reaches San Francisco.

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 16.—The battleship Iowa arrived from Puget Sound this afternoon.

PLANS OF URIBE-URIBE.

Nicaraguans, Venezuelans, and Ecuadoreans Join His Standard.

NEW YORK, Aug. 16.—News has been received in this country involving Venezuela, Nicaragua and Ecuador in the attempt of General Uribe-Uribe, the Colombian rebel leader, to overthrow the Government of Colombia, says the Tribune. A year ago it was known to Colombian authorities that the rebels under General Uribe-Uribe were receiving material assistance from these republics, and recent developments and information received by Colombian secret service agents confirm the belief that these countries are preparing open and simultaneous attacks upon Colombia. It has further been learned that the plan of attack has practically been agreed upon. Large numbers of Nicaraguans have already joined the rebels in the department of Panama, and it will be these marauding bands that the United States will have to deal with if it becomes necessary to land marines at Colon or Panama to protect American interests on the isthmus.

Venezuela's point of attack will naturally be from the Colombian-Venezuelan border where the recent battles are reported to have taken place between Venezuelan regulars and an invading army commanded, according to Venezuelan authorities, by General Valencia. It is somewhat doubtful, however, if General Valencia had anything to do with this movement, unless war has already broken out between Venezuela and Colombia. If the present plans are carried out, the rendezvous of the Ecuadorian invaders will be in the southern part of the department of Cauca, where two Colombian rebel generals are now said to be encamped with 4000 troops.

According to the Tribune a number of the officers in the Army of Colombia were educated in the United States. Many naval officers have been trained by Captain H. R. Lemley, United States Artillery, retired, a brother of Captain Lemley, Judge-Advocate of the Navy. Captain Lemley was military instructor in Colombia for several years. The new Minister of War of Colombia, General Pedro Ospina, has also felt the effect of American influence. He is one of three brothers who were educated at the University of California. His father, General Marino Ospina, was president of Colombia from 1857 to 1860, and was deposed as the result of a revolution led by General Mosquera, Governor of the State of Cauca, who was aggrieved because of the alleged interference of the national government in local matters.

QUIET ON THE ISTHMUS.

Trains Crossing Without Military Escort.

COLON, Colombia, Aug. 16, via Galveston.—The situation yesterday was quiet everywhere, the government offices being closed in commemoration of the Feast of the Assumption. Since yesterday trains have been crossing the Isthmus without military escort. Several stations along the line have now been garrisoned with small detachments of troops.

Colombian Minister's Departure.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 16.—The State Department today issued the following:

"The State Department is advised by a telegram from Mr. Russell, Charge d'Affaires in Venezuela, that the departure of the Colombian Minister from Caracas was voluntary, and that he has the intention of returning to his post. Mr. Russell has taken charge of the Colombian Legation property and archives during the Minister's absence. Mr. Russell does not state that he has assumed charge of Colombian interests, as he was authorized to do if requested, and with the assent of the Venezuelan Government. It is inferred that he has not been asked to do so."

Germany Will Send Warships.

BERLIN, Aug. 16.—The South American difficulty is attracting much attention here. The German cruiser Vineta left Bahia, Brazil, August 12 for Trinidad, where she will await orders. The Tageblatt says the German cruiser Niobe is going to Caribbean waters after the Autumn maneuvers, and will remain there permanently. It is also expected that the German cruiser Geier will go to the Caribbean Sea when she can be spared from her station in China.

British Press Comment.

LONDON, Aug. 17.—The weekly papers discuss the quarrel between Venezuela and Colombia. The Spectator thinks that "American interference will have grave results," and that it is not impossible that the United States will occupy Panama, but it can see no reason why Great Britain should oppose such a course.

The Saturday Review, which takes the usual strong anti-American tone, says: "The time will come when the outrageous Monroe Doctrine will produce a deadlock between the European and American Governments. Neither Germany, Spain, France nor Great Britain will surrender legitimate claims to expansion in South America."

Paris Paper Predicts Land-Grabbing

NEW YORK, Aug. 16.—A dispatch to the Herald from Paris quotes the Matin as saying:

"It is in its possible consequences that the almost dramatic interest of the Venezuelan and Colombian conflict lies. Venezuela is not on the eve of war with Colombia; it is on the eve of war with the United States. It is not impossible that the whole Venezuela-Colombia affair will end by a bit of land-grabbing, and that here and there territory will be taken that will teach President Castro that it is dangerous to attack the United States, and will teach Colombia that it is dangerous to get it to defend them."

Invaders of Venezuela Disappear.

NEW YORK, Aug. 16.—A dispatch to the Herald from Caracas dated Thursday, says that the invaders on the Venezuelan frontier, have again disappeared.

BIG DEAL CLOSED.

Bethlehem Companies Will Go to a Big Shipbuilding Combination.

PHILADELPHIA, Aug. 16.—It was authoritatively announced today that within 10 days the control of the Bethlehem Steel Company and the Bethlehem Iron Company will be assumed by President Schwab, of the United States Steel Corporation. Mr. Schwab holds an option on the stock of the company at $24 a share, which expires August 25. More than 240,000 shares out of a total of 300,000 are now in the vaults of the Girard Trust Company, which acts as trustee in the transaction. The North American tomorrow will say:

"It is positively stated by Robert P. Linderman, president of the Bethlehem, and Joseph Wharton, its largest stockholder, the men who negotiated the sale of the property to Charles M. Schwab, that to the best of their knowledge and belief the Bethlehem will go to neither the Vickers-Cramp combination nor to the United States Steel Corporation. At the same time it was hinted and virtually admitted that in all probability it will land in a new shipbuilding combination. Mr. Linderman said: 'Without any positive knowledge, from what I have heard I am led to believe that there is a plan to join the Bethlehem in a shipbuilding combine which is to take in the Union Iron Company works, the Nixon Shipbuilding Company, the Newport News concern and Harland & Hollingsworth, but neither the Cramps nor the New York Shipbuilding Company. As I said, I know nothing as a fact beyond our sale of the Bethlehem to Mr. Schwab. What he does with it after paying the purchase price is no concern of ours.'"

Button Makers' Trust.

NEW YORK, Aug. 16.—Plans for a combination of button manufacturers of the United States, taking in all the important concerns in the country, are being perfected, says the World. Among the big manufacturers expected to enter the combination are the Newell Brothers' Manufacturing Company, of Springfield, Mass.; the Williston & McKnight Co., of East Hampton, Mass.; M. B. Shantz, Rochester; the German-American Button Company, Rochester, N. Y.; Shantz, Buffalo, and the Waterbury Button Company, Waterbury, Conn. Five of the largest concerns turn out daily a total of 200,000 buttons, and the daily output of those companies which are likely to enter the combine is about 275,000 buttons. Each year these concerns market upwards of 85,000,000 ivory buttons.

SUMMARY OF IMPORTANT NEWS.

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Foreign.

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Rhodes' contribution to the English Liberals caused much comment. Page 2.

Fifty British scouts were surrounded and gave up to a Boer force. Page 3.

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Eastern steel strikers are cheered by the attitude of Western unions. Page 2.

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Oregon Supreme Court renders a number of decisions and adjourns for the Summer vacations. Page 4.

Portland Elks took first prize for being the best uniformed lodge at the Tacoma Carnival. Page 4.

Both sides to the strike at San Francisco are preparing to carry on the struggle indefinitely. Page 4.

Marine.

French bark Fervaal, for Portland, from Antwerp, wrecked on Staten Island, S. A. Page 8.

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Oriental liner Indrapura arrived in port early this morning. Page 8.

The Sussex, a September grain-carrier, is reported at Astoria. Page 8.

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Weekly trade reviews report active opening and good outlook for Fall business. Page 5.

Bradstreet reports a better speculative sentiment in the stock market. Page 5.

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Congressional delegation unable to agree on a successor to Receiver Galloway, of the Oregon City Land Office. Page 1.

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Good reports from coal in Columbia and Yamhill Counties. Page 8.

Peterson inquest developed no evidence of foul play. Page 12.

Supreme Court of the Catholic Order of Foresters will meet in Portland in 1905. Page 8.

IS IT A BIG ERROR?

Stipulation In Davis Case Shows No Shortage.

GOOD BALANCE ON OTHER SIDE

Attorney Who Drew the Document Says It Was Intended to Show ex-School Land Clerk Short About $30,000.

SALEM, Aug. 16.—From the stipulation that has been signed by Attorney-General Blackburn and George G. Bingham and E. P. McCornack, it appears that George W. Davis, the defaulting clerk of the school land board, paid into the State Treasury some $29,539 48 more than he collected. In other words, the state is ahead of Davis rather than that Davis is ahead of the state, as has been generally supposed. This stipulation states that Davis received $414,548 89, and turned over to the State Treasurer $444,188 37. It also states all the facts upon which the case is to be tried, and it is particularly agreed that "no evidence shall be received other than this stipulation."

A suit was begun against Davis, and his bondsmen, Bingham and McCornack, on June 22, to recover $5000 alleged to be due upon Davis' official bond. This stipulation of facts was filed on August 1, and appears to be binding upon the state and upon Bingham and McCornack, but not upon Davis, as he is not a party to the stipulation. As there are several other matters in this agreement that will prove on close examination to be of interest, the stipulation is here given in full:

"The following facts are stipulated and agreed to by and between the plaintiff above named and the defendants, E. P. McCornack and George R. Bingham, and upon the questions of fact hereby agreed to no evidence shall be received other than this stipulation.

"First—That between the — day of September, 1890, and on or about the 15th day of January, 1895, Sylvester Pennoyer was the duly elected, qualified and acting Governor of the State of Oregon, and George W. McBride was the duly elected, qualified and acting Secretary of State of the State of Oregon, during the same time, and that the term of office of each terminated on or about the said 15th day of January, 1895. That Phil Metschan, during such time, was the duly elected, qualified and acting State Treasurer of the State of Oregon; that the first term of office of the said Phil Metschan expired on or about the said 15th day of January, 1895, but he having been duly re-elected at the June election of 1894, he duly qualified and on said last named date entered upon his second term of office, and he continued as such State Treasurer until the first day of the regular session of the Legislative Assembly in January, 1899. That from the termination of the office of Sylvester Pennoyer as Governor, as aforesaid, William P. Lord was the duly elected, qualified and acting Governor of the State of Oregon, and remined as such until on or about the first day of the regular session of the Legislature in January, 1899, and during the same period H. R. Kincaid was the duly elected, qualified and acting Secretary of the State of Oregon, and as such state officers they, ex-officio, constituted the Board of Commissioners for the sale of school and university lands, and for the investment of the proceeds arising therefrom.

"Second—That under and by virtue of the provisions of section 2726, of Hill's Annotated Laws of Oregon, they, as such Board of Commissioners, were vested with the power and authority to appoint a clerk to be known as the clerk of said Board of Commissioners, and it was by such section made the duty of such clerk, when appointed, among other things, to receive, receipt for and make immediate payment to the State Treasurer of the state of all moneys of the state for the sale of lands, or payable to the board on any of the loans authorized by law, taking his receipt therefor, specifying the particular fund to which said moneys belong, and whether received as principal or interest.

"Third—That on the 14th day of July, 1891, the defendant, George W. Davis, was by said Board of Commissioners duly appointed clerk of said board, in accordance with the provisions of said section 2726 of Hill's Code, and by order of said board, duly made and entered of record on said 14th day of July, 1891, the bond of said Davis, as such clerk, was fixed at the sum of $5000, and the said Davis, on the 25th day of July, 1891, together with the defendants McCornack and Bingham, as his sureties thereon, duly made, executed and delivered to plaintiff an undertaking or bond, a copy of which is correctly set forth in the plaintiff's complaint herein, reference to which is hereby made, and it is hereby made a part of this stipulation.

"Fourth—That such undertaking was approved by said board in the words and figures as follows, to-wit: 'Approved July 28, 1891, Sylvester Pennoyer, Governor; George McBride, Secretary of State; Phil Metschan, State Treasurer, and the oath of office of said Davis, as clerk of said board, was duly subscribed and sworn to by him on the 3d day of August, 1891, and on said day was duly filed in the office of the Secretary of State.

"Fifth—That the said Davis collected on account of principal of the irreducible school fund for the period ending December, 31, 1894, the sum of $272,260 00 and on account of interest on such fund to said date the sum of $81,667 43, and from the first day of January, 1895, to the 31st day of July, 1895, on said two funds, the total sum of $60,621 46; that with the exception of an error in bookkeeping of about $6 the said Davis correctly charged himself with, and at once reported all moneys by him received as such clerk.

"Sixth—That the books of said State Treasurer show that said Davis paid to such officer of the moneys so received by him, of the aforesaid funds, to and including the 31st day of December, 1894, the sum of $333,566 91, and from the first day of January, 1895, to the 31st day of July, 1895, the sum of $60,621 46, belonging to such funds.

"Seventh—That prior to the 14th day of January, 1895, the said Davis made a full statement, in the form of a report, to the said Board of Commissioners, of all moneys by him collected and moneys by him disbursed, which report, with the report of the said Board of Commissioners, was submitted to the Legislative Assembly of January, 1895.

"Eighth—That by House concurrent resolution number 3 it was 'Resolved by the House, the Senate concurring, that a committee of three on the part of the House, and two on the part of the Senate, be appointed to examine the books and accounts of the Board of Commissioners for the sale of school and university lands, with power to employ necessary clerical aid.' This resolution was duly adopted by the House and Senate, and a committee duly appointed; that on the 23d day of February, 1895, such committee made its report, which was duly adopted by the Legislative Assembly, and of which the following is a copy:

Your committee, appointed under House concurrent resolution No. 3, to examine the books and accounts of the Board of Commissioners for the sale of school and university lands have completed our labor, and beg leave to report as follows: We have, with the assistance of competent accountants, pursued our investigation in as thorough a manner as the time at our disposal would permit. The accounts for the lands sold have been carefully compared with the entries in the cash book, and also with the indorsements on the notes given for deferred payments, and the entries for cash sales with the considerations named in the deeds. We have carefully added up all columns of entries in the cash book and compared the total with entries in the ledger, and the credits in the ledger with the State Treasurer's receipts, and these with duplicates on file in the office of the Secretary of State. We have found the cash accounts absolutely correct, and all moneys accounted for; the clerical work is well and neatly done, and the system of accounts and general manner of conducting the business of the office to be plain, complete and comprehensive, reflecting credit upon George W. Davis, clerk of the board. We find the old school land tract book in bad condition, and renew the recommendation of the committee of last session. We have examined the applications to purchase state lands, and have found them to be in due form and in accordance with the requirements of law.

T. J. CLEATON, Chairman.

"Which report was published in the proceedings of said Legislative Assembly, and of which the said McCornack and Bingham had notice.

"Ninth—That the said Davis made false entries in his books by which he raised a credit of $939 49, of September 4, 1894, to $3629 49, so that the same appeared on his books as he having paid to the State Treasurer on account of school fund principal $3939 49, when he in fact paid but $939 49; that the payment of $2243 11 paid on the 2d day of November, 1894, was altered to show a payment of $3232 46, being false to the amount of $989 25, and on the 31st day of December, 1894, he falsely entered a credit of $10,449 94, making total false entries of $14,439 29, on account of school fund principal; that on account of school fund interest a credit of August 1, 1894, of $615 67 was raised in the sum of $2000, and a credit of $362 63 of September 4, 1894, was raised the sum of $3000, and a credit of $739 53, of September 29, 1894, was raised the sum of $5018 81, and a credit of November 2, 1894, of $863 71, was raised the sum of $5000, and a credit of $1381 49, of December 1, 1894, was raised the sum of $1, making in all a total of such false entries on account of school fund interest $16,507 79; that the said McCornack and Bingham had no notice or knowledge of any of the said wrongful acts of the said Davis until on or about the — day of February, 1901, but believed and relied upon the reports of the Legislative investigating committee.

"Tenth—That on the expiration of the term of office of the said Davis on the 31st day of July, 1895, he duly turned over to his successor in office all books of accounts, vouchers, records and property then in his care and custody, and made out a statement of account and report to the board of his doings from the said 1st day of January, 1895, which report, with the report of his successor in office and of said board, was submitted to the Legislative Assembly of January, 1897, but such session failing to organize, the same were reported to the Legislative Assembly of 1899.

"Eleventh—That by House concurrent resolution number 5, of said last-named assembly, it was resolved by the House, the Senate concurring, that a committee of three on part of the House, and two on part of the Senate, be appointed to examine the books and accounts of the Board of Commissioners for the sale of school and university lands, with power to employ the necessary clerical aid; provided the compensation of the clerk be $3 a day and only one clerk to be employed.' This resolution was duly adopted by the House and Senate and a committee was appointed. On the 17th day of February, 1899, the committee of the House reported to the House as follows:

Your committee, appointed under House concurrent resolution No. 5, to examine the books and accounts of the State Land Office, beg leave to make the following report:

Having been confined to the services of one clerk, only a partial examination could be made. Additional clerical assistance having been refused in the Senate, the members of the committee on the part of the Senate were on their request relieved from further service on said committee. So far as the investigation proceeded the accounts seemed correct and the books properly kept.

J. E. HALL, Chairman.

"Which report was adopted, and was

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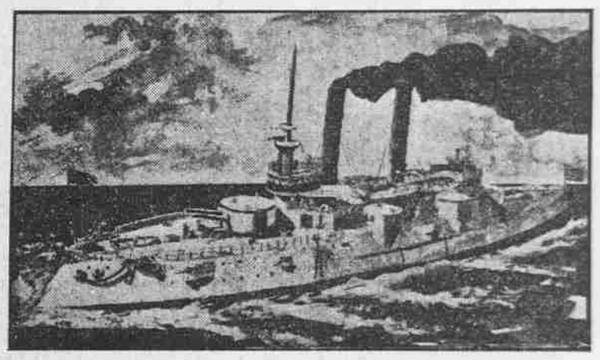

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THREE MEN, ONE JOB

Problem That Confronts the Oregon Delegation.

RECEIVERSHIP AT OREGON CITY

Galloway Has Held the Place 18 Months Beyond His Term—Republicans Fail to Agree on Man to Succeed Him.

A year ago last March William Galloway had completed his four-year term as Receiver of the United States Land Office at Oregon City. Nearly 18 months have passed since then, and there is yet no immediate prospect of the appointment of his successor. He is a Democrat, so there is no hope of his resigning; and his health is good, very good indeed. He still discharges the duties and draws the salary attached to the office, a hardship which he bears without a murmur. Such is the quality of his Democracy that it is said he would be the last man to complain if the Republicans should never be able to agree on a man to succeed him.

The Republicans want the office badly enough, but they cannot, at least do not, agree. Senator Simon agrees on one man, Senator Mitchell on another, and Congressman Tongue still another. But that kind of agreement doesn't shake the plum tree with sufficient vigor to bring down the coveted fruit, though it be so long overripe. Each member of the delegation feels under special obligation to certain friends and it so happens that no active political worker owes allegiance to more than one member of the delegation. In a number of instances the special friend of one is the siepac lenemy of the others, or of one of them.

Before leaving for Europe Senator Mitchell left word that the other members of the delegation need not wait for his return to fix up the Oregon City land office. He was in favor of recommending George W. Bybee, the postmaster at Sheridan, Yamhill County, and hoped the others would be willing to indorse that recommendation. But the others were not willing to indorse that recommendation. Senator Simon had previously recommended the appointment of J. W. Maxwell, of Tillamook, but he found the opposition was too strong to permit that appointment. Representative Tongue's choice was J. B. Irvine, of McMinnville, who was in the grocery business, but sold out when he deemed his chance of getting the Land Office appointment was good enough to warrant him in arranging his business affairs with that end in view. That's the way the matter stands at this date, and as long as it shall stand that way Judge Galloway will continue to reap the benefit.

It is believed that Senator Mitchell expected his recommendation to carry in this matter. His recommendation was sufficient for the appointment of George W. Colvig, of Jacksonville, to the post of Consul at Barranquilla, Colombia; also for the appointment of Henry Meldrum, of Oregon City, to the Surveyor-Generalship of Oregon. Other members of the delegation made no protest in these cases, being willing to yield those to him on his personal rather than official account. A similar privilege had been given Senator Simon in the early months of his term, when he named ex-Governor Lord for Minister to Argentina and George Steel for special agent in the forest reserve service, and when Steel resigned and was succeeded by I. A. Macrum. There is no particular limit where this personal privilege of a new Senator shall end, but Senator Simon found opposition when he asked for the appointment of Willis S. Duniway to succeed J. W. Ivey as Collector of Customs for Alaska. Likewise Mitchell finds opposition when he recommends Bybee for the Oregon City Land Office appointment. The other members demand consideration and will get it or know the reason why.

It is said that Senator Simon and Representative Tongue will confer soon, with the object of coming to an understanding. If they can agree on one man it is presumed he will be appointed. It is said, also, that they are not likely to agree on any man who has been mentioned for the place. Some of the political guessers say it will hardly be possible for any Yamhill County man to get it; that inasmuch as both Bybee and Irvine cannot have it, it will be impracticable to favor either, and that would end the county's chances. There is no intimation as to who is likely to be the harmony candidate, but there is abiding faith that the necessities of the case will bring Senator Simon and Congressman Tongue together on the matter.

The term of Register Moores will expire next January. He succeeded R. A. Miller, another Democrat who served several months over his time because of the inability of the Republicans to agree on his successor. Governor Gear was the first man offered that place, but he had not asked for it and declined the offer in the celebrated letter in which he gave notice that he was not a "miscellaneous candidate." Some time after that Mr. Moores was recommended for the office and he was duly appointed.

The receivership of the Oregon City office is the only juicy plum remaining ungathered of the Federal offices in Oregon. It pays $3000 a year and the work is said to be really easier than plowing stumpy land or digging ditches. Therefore it will not be necessary to draft anyone into the service. The number of good citizens who are willin' is believed to be somewhat greater than the number whom the delegation will find it expedient to recommend.

REPORTED WITHOUT WIRES

Message From the Lucania, 287 Miles From Sandy Hook.

NEW YORK, Aug. 16.—The Cunard line steamship Lucania, Captain McKay, which sailed from Liverpool for New York August 10, was spoken through the medium of wireless telegraphy by the Nantucket lightship shortly after 6 o'clock this evening. The Herald shore station, to which came the wireless message from the lightship, is located at Siasconset, a favorite Summer resort on the Island of Nantucket. The following message was among those received at the lightship from the Lucania, and then transmitted to the land station, signed by Captain McKay, in command of the Lucania:

"All well on board. We are 287 miles from Sandy Hook, and with clear weather expect to reach New York harbor Saturday. Please inform Cunard agents.

"M'KAY."

Appointed Governor of Cauca.

PANAMA, Aug. 16.—General Cordoba, ex-Governor of Cundinamarca, has been appointed Governor of Cauca.