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He Delivered an Ultimatum to the Sultan, Threatening to Leave Constantinople if Matters Were Not Settled at Once.

PARIS, Aug. 23.—While the officials of the French Foreign Office decline to confirm or deny the advice from Constantinople, announcing that the French Ambassador has sent the Sultan a practical ultimatum, personally informing him that he would leave Constantinople with the entire staff of the Embassy if the matters in dispute were not settled immediately. They admit having received a telegram from M. Constantine which has been laid before the council now sitting at the Blysee Palace. The correspondent learns that M. Constantine has been given a free hand. Any step he finds proper to take will be fully endorsed. The foreign minister, M. Delcasse, if he deems necessary, will withdraw the French Ambassador from Constantinople and M. Bey, the Turkish Ambassador, who is now in Switzerland, will be notified not to return to Paris, in which case M. Bey probably will withdraw the legation to Bern, as he is also accredited as Minister to Switzerland.

No naval demonstration is yet contemplated, but the Sultan will probably be seriously inconvenienced by the closure of the Turkish Embassy here, which is the center of the espionage maintained to watch the numerous young Turks and other disaffected Ottoman subjects and voluntary exiles who make their headquarters in Paris, and who will have a free hand if diplomatic relations between France and Turkey are completely broken off.

It has been suggested that the French Government issue orders for the bourse to cease dealing in Turkish securities, but it is not likely that this step will be taken, as it would injure the French bondholders. The entire Turkish group fell on the bourse today.

According to a special dispatch received from Bern, M. Constantine has been given a free hand for the use of the Turkish Embassy.

The Sultan's Fears.
NEW YORK, Aug. 23.—The French Government is thoroughly in the attitude toward Turkey, and is fully aware that at the present moment, no foreign power would raise any objections to a French fleet resorting to most drastic measures, says a Paris dispatch to the Tribune.

According to information that has reached Paris, the real reason for the Sultan changing his mind and declining to fulfill his promise was due to his hopes that the obstreperous clamor of the Nationalist party in France would induce M. Delcasse, the Minister of Foreign Affairs, to disavow Constantine. The Sultan's great objection to the French concession is that if the Constantinople quays were under the control of a French or other foreign company there would be disquieting facilities for the landing of conspirators and their baggage. But Constantine gave the Sultan the option of buying back the dangerous quays by paying 40,000 francs for them within six months and provided the port with a scheme for raising the cash.

The French Government has several other trump cards up its sleeve to play before resorting to naval demonstrations or acts of hostility, such as the seizure of customs dues or bombardment.

Says France's Case is Weak.
NEW YORK, Aug. 23.—Oscar S. Straus, ex-United States Minister to Turkey, is of the opinion that in the present situation as between France and Turkey much will depend upon the attitude of England, Austria, Roumania and Greece with Russia, of course, the most important factor outside of the two principals.

"The situation has a very serious side," said Mr. Straus, "inasmuch as the objecting countries, namely England, Austria, Roumania and Greece, in pursuance of whose protests the Sultan has announced that he will never give up the quays, are morally bound to side with Turkey. I use the word 'morally' in the ordinary sense, though I question whether it should be used in respect to international matters."

Mr. Straus said that the probabilities, however, are all in favor of a peaceful settlement, though the situation is one of great seriousness containing an element of danger. It was Mr. Straus who developed the diplomatic plan by which the Sultan was brought to settle the American indemnity claims. He believes that the position of France today is vastly weaker than that occupied by the United States then.

Russia Mobilizing a Force.
BRUSSELS, Aug. 23.—A dispatch to the Petit Bleu from Vienna says:

According to advices from Galatz, 20 Russian torpedo-boats and several dispatch-boats have arrived at the Dniester delta, and Russian troops are commencing to mobilize along the Turkish frontier.

THE FIELD ARTILLERY.

Nine New Batteries Organized—Changes in Philippine Service.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 23.—Acting Secretary of War Sanger, upon the recommendation of Colonel Randolph, Chief of Artillery, has directed that the last increase of artillery be organized into nine batteries of field artillery, their stations, numbers and commanding officers to be as follows:

- Battery 23, Fort Douglas, Utah, Captain A. Crockett.
 - Battery 24, Fort Ethan Allen, Vermont, Captain John Conklin, Jr.
 - Battery 25, The Presidio, San Francisco, Captain J. D. White.
 - Battery 26, Manila, Captain Charles G. Woodward.
 - Battery 27, Vancouver Barracks, Wash., Captain Harry L. Hawthorne.
 - Battery 28, Washington Barracks, D. C., Captain John E. McMahon.
 - Battery 29, Jefferson Barracks, Mo., Captain Charles T. Mencher.
 - Battery 30, Fort Ethan Allen, Vermont, Captain E. E. Gayle.
 - Battery 31, Fort Walla Walla, Wash., Captain E. F. McCheslin, Jr.
- These batteries will be formed out of several old batteries and the newly enlisted men for the artillery corps.
- In connection with the organization of field artillery, General Chaffee has called a recommendation that the Fourteenth Battery of field artillery, now stationed

at Manila, be organized as a mountain battery, and the Acting Secretary and Chief of Artillery have approved this recommendation with the modification of dividing the Fourteenth Battery into two mountain batteries. They will be equipped for service in the Philippines.

GUESSING CONTEST.

Different From a Lottery, According to the Attorney-General.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 23.—Attorney-General Knox has rendered to the Postmaster-General an opinion on whether a certain Western daily paper has violated the law prohibiting the use of the mails for advertising lotteries, gift concerts and similar enterprises. A paper some time ago announced a guessing contest, advertising that it would give 100 prizes aggregating \$10,000 in value, to persons making nearest estimates of the number of paid admissions to the Pan-American Exposition at Buffalo, from the day of opening to the day of closing. The Attorney-General says that until practically forbidden by law, the remedy is with Congress and not with the department. He says that the contestants must go into a careful inquiry as to the facts about the exposition, public interest and attendance to date, and continues as follows:

"Such estimates, therefore, while necessarily dependent in many respects upon chance, are likewise affected by the intelligent calculations of a thoughtful observer. As penal statutes must be construed from their language, and not from the conclusion that the giving of prizes as a reward for superior intelligence in estimates, where the human intellect is exercised in making such estimates, is in the purview of the statute."

HOWISON INCIDENT CLOSED.

Captain Lemly Compiling the List of Witnesses.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 23.—At the Navy Department the matter of service of Admiral Howison on the Schley court of inquiry is considered as a closed incident so far as the department is concerned, and one which should be left to the consideration of the court itself.

Captain Lemly, Judge-Advocate-General of the Navy, and Advocate-General of the Schley court, has returned and will at once begin the work of compiling a list of the witnesses to be summoned before the court of inquiry. It is expected that this list will be ready for submission to Admiral Schley early next week. Captain Lemly will give practically his entire attention to the Schley case from this time on, leaving the details of the Judge-Advocate-General's office to those who have handled them in his absence.

Naval Retirements and Promotions.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 23.—Important retirements and promotions in the United States Navy will occur within the next few weeks, as announced at the Navy Department today. Among them is that of Rear-Admiral Schley, who will retire from the active list October 10. Other retirements are those of Captain Farnholt, September 2; Captain Allen within a few days; Captain Robinson, September 2; Captain Perry, September 25, and Captain Ide, September 27.

As a result of these retirements, 45 promotions in the navy will be made. The promotion of Rear-Admiral Schley will promote two lieutenants to the grade of Rear-Admiral. They are Captains Frank Wildes and Henry Ghies.

POPULISTS OF IOWA.

Nominations by the Middle-of-the-Road Convention.

DES MOINES, Ia., Aug. 23.—Middle-of-the-Road Populists of Iowa assembled in state convention here today. The attendance was very small. The following ticket was nominated:

Governor—L. H. Weller, of Nashua.
Lieutenant-Governor—Perry Engelo, of Newton.
State Judge—J. R. McDonald, of Des Moines.
Railway Commissioner—Luke McDowell, of Shelby County.
Superintendent of Public Instruction—J. C. Hendall, of Woodbury.

All the nominations were made by acclamation. The resolutions adopted in favor of the Omaha National platform, demand cessation of grants of public franchises to private concerns, extend sympathy to the Boers, endorse direct legislation and declare for equal taxation.

Stone Wants to Be Senator.

ST. LOUIS, Aug. 23.—Colonel Moses Wetmore said today:

"Ex-Governor Stone is not a candidate for the Democratic Presidential nomination in 1904. Governor Stone is a candidate for the United States Senate, and nothing else. You can say that, regardless of all announcements to the contrary, and you can also say that he is the next United States Senator from Missouri. He is the only man in the race having a show of election."

Colonel Wetmore is a close business and personal friend of Governor Stone, who was reported much better today.

Bryan Will Not Leave Lincoln.

LINCOLN, Neb., Aug. 23.—The report that W. J. Bryan will soon move to Chicago to make that city his headquarters is denied. Mr. Bryan is out of the city, but his brother, Charles W. Bryan, said that the report was news to him, and he was satisfied there was no truth in it whatever. He said W. J. Bryan would continue to live in Lincoln and publish his paper here.

Virginia Auditor's Report.

RICHMOND, Va., Aug. 23.—The report of Auditor Marie response to the resolution calling for a statement of the expenditure of the civil contingent fund by Governors for the last 20 years was transmitted to the Constitutional Convention today. Its contents, however, were not made public.

Clayton Chosen Chairman.

DES MOINES, Aug. 23.—At the meeting of the Republican state committee R. C. Clayton, of Oskaloosa, was chosen the Sixth District, was chosen chairman.

Ethnological Display.

ST. LOUIS, Aug. 23.—At a meeting today of the committee on ethnology and anthropology, of the Louisiana Purchase Exposition, it was decided to recommend to the executive committee a plan for a comprehensive ethnological display to take in about 90 tribes from all parts of the earth, including representatives of the American Indian and natives of the islands possessions.

Austrian Minister to Mexico.

NEW YORK, Aug. 23.—Count Gilbert Hohenhausen-Gerlachstein, recently appointed by Emperor Francis Joseph as Austrian Minister to the City of Mexico, arrived in New York on the Hamburg-American liner *Fuerst Bismarck* today. The Count is the first Minister of Austria to Mexico since the execution of the Emperor Maximilian.

WHEAT AND FLAX
Idaho Growers Will Have
Good Crops of Both.

INCLINED TO PART WITH GRAIN

Portland Buyers Are Now Practically Excluded From the Clearwater District, but Sooner or Later Will Get Their Rights.

LEWISTON, Idaho, Aug. 23.—(Staff Correspondence.)—The Idaho wheat crop is of less importance to Portland and Oregon, just as previously to Washington and the Puget Sound ports. This, however,

CANDIDATE FOR MAYOR OF NEW YORK.



BIRD S. COLER.

NEW YORK, Aug. 23.—John C. Sheehan, of the Greater New York Democracy, said today that the name of City Controller Bird S. Coler would be presented to the anti-Tammany conference September 9 as a candidate for Mayor.

is an unnatural condition of affairs caused by an unnatural diversion of trade, which has not even the excuse of state loyalty to commend it. The Washingtonians who have come into the Evergreen State within the past dozen years have, under the benign influence of the Northern Pacific Railroad, acquired a feeling of local or rather state patriotism which causes them to pull and pull hard, for the Puget Sound ports. This loyalty, while effective to a degree, would vanish in thin air if it cost anything, but all other things being equal, we may expect to see a portion of the Washington wheat crop seaward from Washington ports even though it might be tributary to Portland.

With Idaho, the case is different. This rich country owes nothing to the Puget Sound ports. The state loyalty dodge cannot be worked when the Puget Sound grainbuyer gets over the line near Moscow. The O. R. & N. Company gets considerable wheat at Idaho at Moscow, and also from near Lewiston, but from the big producing and rapidly developing Clearwater Country. Portland buyers are practically excluded. Sooner or later, however, Portland will get her rights in this country, and meanwhile will rejoice with Idaho at the rapid development and prosperity of the country. Winter wheat harvest is well on toward completion in this state, and the returns already at hand indicate a yield of about 4,000,000 bushels of wheat. This amount would be considerable for the stockholders of the Clearwater Country, but the fact that the Idaho farmers are not placing all of their eggs in one basket.

Fortunes in Flax.

The flax crop of Idaho this season will bring larger returns to the grower than they would receive for 1,250,000 bushels of wheat. This industry, which is of such recent date as to almost come under the head of new business, has proved a successful season that in many cases it has paid growers a greater net profit than the cost of the land on which it is grown. In Nez Perce County over 35,000 acres of flax were contracted for at about \$1 per bushel guaranteed, with the further proviso that the grower was to have the additional benefit of an advance in the Chicago market. On this basis, some of the early arrivals were sold as high as \$1.63 per bushel, the grower realizing over \$2 per acre for his crop. In addition to the 35,000 acres contracted for, there was about 15,000 acres produced by other growers.

The wheat and high price of oats last year was another factor in the size of this year's Idaho wheat crop, for there is quite a large acreage in this cereal and it is yielding enormously. There is also more barley than there was last year, but this is a small factor, compared with flax and oats.

Wheat Yield Heavy.

The wheat yield, like that of Walla Walla County, is better than was expected early in the season, but there is less disposition to overestimate it than there is in some parts of Washington. The acreage is somewhat larger than it was last year, and some of it is new land. The increased yield is due more to the remarkably favorable climatic conditions than to additional acreage. The exception to these conditions was found only in some early-sown spring grain. The Nez Perce farmers are hustlers and have their crops in early, and this year some of them suffered by it. The early-sown spring grain had fine weather for awhile and came along so fast that a late frost caught it just as it was emerging from the boot and left some of it fit only for hay. Other spring grain a week later, had not reached a state of development where the frost could hurt it, and is now turning out 30 bushels to the acre.

Regarding Smut Explosions.

There is some complaint of smut, but not as much as is heard in Washington. In this connection a new theory is advanced regarding the threshing machine explosions which have been so numerous in Washington. A wheat man from the Palouse country who came down here

yesterday, sets forth the theory that it is poor oil and not smut that causes the explosions. There have been other years when smut was as bad as it is this year, but never before have there been so many threshing machine explosions. Nearly all of the explosions have been in the vicinity of Colfax, and, according to the man from the Palouse, they were caused by a poor lot of cheap oil that was shipped in to that point. When used on a machine, the lubricating qualities of the oil were soon exhausted, journals ran hot, gas generated in the closed boxes and long before there would be any danger with good oil, the threshing machine was a subject for the insurance adjuster. The Palouse man said he wasn't selling oil, and did not know the name of the kind that had been used in the threshers, but he wanted machine men to know that something besides smut could cause an explosion of a threshing machine.

Farmers Will Sell.

The Idaho farmers seem more inclined to sell wheat at existing prices than the Washington and Oregon growers. They will at least sell enough to pay their bills, and some of them will let go everything when they can get 45 cents, which is 5 cents under the regulation price demanded south of Snake River. The spring crop in the Clearwater is fully two weeks ahead of that in the Palouse, and considerable grain has already been

MEETWAREXPENSES
Colombia Gives Notice It Will
Make Forced Loans.

ADDRESS TO THE GOVERNORS

The Payment of All Accounts for War Material Pending Will Be Suspended—The Machines Arrived at Kingston.

CLON, Colombia, Aug. 23 (via Galveston).—An official decree, dated Bogota, July 18, and addressed to the Governors of the departments, was published today. It says:

"A new aspect of the war, which seems to kindle anew with the help of foreigners who threaten the frontier, places the government under the necessity of assuming a different attitude from that maintained hitherto, and forces it to proceedings which it has previously tried to avoid."

"It has been resolved: First, to suspend the payment of all accounts for war material pending, and to limit the expenses to the payment of the armed force and the administration; secondly, to proceed to expropriate all the necessary elements for the feeding, equipment and mobilizing of the army; thirdly, to levy forces and voluntary loans, according to circumstances, and to impose war contributions in order to meet the expenses of each department without depending upon the national capital."

"The Governors are hereby amply authorized to proceed in these matters according to the requirements of the case, and each Governor must assume the responsibility in order to save the situation within his territory."

Castro Liberates a Conspirator.

NEW YORK, Aug. 23.—A special to the Herald from Caracas says: General Juan Pielri, who was Minister of War for President Crespo during the revolution of 1892, while on his way to Guaymas to assist in his arrest, was arrested on the shore of Lake Valencia. General Pielri, it is announced, had been in hiding 14 months, conspiring against President Castro. He was brought to this city immediately after his arrest and was paraded in the streets from the German station. After the promenade he was escorted to the central square of the city and set at liberty by order of President Castro, to the great surprise of the populace. The citizens were astonished. This is a popular movement on the part of President Castro. The city is perfectly quiet.

New Venezuelan Revolution.

NEW YORK, Aug. 23.—The *Williamstown*, Caracas, correspondent of the Herald says: There is excellent authority for the statement that a new Venezuelan revolution, led by Liberals, is being arranged. The leader of this revolution, was a member of the political situation in Venezuela, is more than serious. No one is allowed to leave the country without special permission. At the Limon River, where an American company employs 200 men, one morning only 15 were found on the premises, the others having been forcibly recruited during the night to defend the country.

State Department Without Advises.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 23.—The progress of the complications between Venezuela and Colombia continues to attract the attention of the authorities here who occupy the position of disinterested observers of an affair in which the United States has no direct concern, except properly safeguarding American interests. The State Department has no recent official advices from either country.

The Machines at Jamaica.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 23.—The gunboat *Macias*, which is on her way to Colon, has arrived at Kingston, Jamaica.

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