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DISCORD IN RANKS. URIBE-URIBE ALARMED BY A REPORT OF INTENDED MEDIATION.

WILLEMSTAD, island of Curacao, Nov. 10.—Advises received here from Capabo Velez, dated November 5, say that the report from President Castro to his brother, Celestino Castro, at San Cristobal, to the effect that the United States Government insists upon mediating between Venezuela and Colombia, caused the greatest excitement among the troops on the frontier. General Uribe-Urbe and General Mostedo Castro immediately set out for San Cristobal to obtain details. It seems that General Uribe-Urbe refused to believe the report, declaring that he had no fears as to the future of the Liberal cause, because President Castro had given him a cast-iron pledge not to forsake him.
"Should President Castro prove untrue to the Liberal cause," exclaimed General Uribe-Urbe, "it would be his ruin. The war will enter Colombia before Christmas."
There is considerable feeling against the Castro family among the Colombian Liberals and along the frontier. In consequence of a widespread rumor that Celestino Castro, who is commander-in-chief at San Cristobal, has been privately selling cattle to the army, the cattle being secured by means of alleged raids on Colombian conservatives. During one of these raids a dozen soldiers were killed on both sides. It is said that the cattle changed hands at a pre-arranged price of \$20 per head. The blood thus spilled is charged directly to Celestino Castro by the indignant people of Tachira.

Venezuelan Minister Resigns.
CURACAO, Nov. 10. via Haytian cable. —Dr. Eduardo Blanco, Venezuelan Minister of Foreign Affairs, has resigned his portfolio. He will be succeeded by Dr. Pachano. The cause of the resignation was a disagreement regarding the Colombian question, particularly the answer of President Castro to the Pan-American Congress in the City of Mexico, which was sent without Dr. Blanco's knowledge.

Father McTimpus Dying.
ST. JOSEPH, Mo., Nov. 10.—Father J. H. McTimpus, a priest who 30 years ago performed arduous labors among the Indian tribes of the whole Western Continent, is dying at Wapona, Kan.

HIGHWAY TO THE SEA

Immensity of the Columbia at "Below-Zero" Stage.
PORTLAND HARBOR NEGLECTED
Despite the Low Water and Mismanaged Improvements, Shipping is Experiencing No Delay, Except Below Astoria.

The Willamette and Columbia Rivers have for several weeks been hovering around the stage varying from zero to 1 1/2 feet below zero. It is the lowest since the river has reached such a low stage even for a short time, and not in the recollection of the oldest pilots has there been such a protracted spell of extreme low water. A dozen years ago the present low stage of water would have been appalling, had Portland been attempting to handle the same class of ships as those now coming to the port. Now, however, its effect is not serious, and the delays the river is so insignificant, compared with those at the mouth of the river, that shipmasters and owners have few complaints to make.
With the river gauges below Portland reading a foot below zero, there is still a big river sweeping seaward with a volume sufficient to show unbroken stretches of water many miles in length, carrying a depth of 20 to 25 feet, and of ample width for handling any ship in the world. These magnificent stretches of water are broken at intervals by short shoals, carrying at extreme low water but 20 feet. These intervening shoals, which alone prevent a 30-foot channel from Portland to Astoria, form in the aggregate a distance of less than five miles, but they are divided up in such a way that by working the tides, even at the present remarkably low stage of water, 20-foot and over 22-foot ships are taken down the river without delay.
The opportunity to view the Willamette and Columbia Rivers at a "below-zero" stage is not often afforded, and never before has it been possible to make the trip from Portland to Astoria on such a stage of water with a 22-foot ship as a means of transit. In order to view this highway to the sea at its worst, an Oregonian representative started several days ago on the British ship Leyland Brothers, laden with 2000 tons of wheat, and drawing full 22 feet of water. It was an impressive and interesting trip, and in no other place on the coast is there so good an estimate of the immensity of this wonderful waterway. Nature's greatest gift to Oregon, Washington and Idaho. The Leyland Brothers was in charge of Captain Joseph Turner, with the steamer R. H. Thompson, and right well was the big craft handled.

Barber Has Been Neglected.
A 22-foot ship leaving Portland with the water at zero stage will strike her first obstruction before she gets outside of the city limits. The Port of Portland dredged out a very fair channel from the deep water along Swan Island up to the beach at a short distance below Oceanic dock. Here the work suspended, and there is but 19 feet of water when the tide is out, a distance of several hundred feet, extending well up past the Elevation dock. There are excellent facilities for temporary channels which will have nothing that can get out of the harbor. The work temporary is used advisedly, for this same mud is lifted out of this place year after year, only to slide back in again with the succeeding tides. The dike at Postoffice bar has never performed the work that was expected of it, because it was built too low. It rises but four feet above extreme low water, and at that stage there is a heavy current rushing out into the channel. When the water rises above the four-foot mark it rushes over the top of the dike like a millrace, leaving the channel in a kind of an eddy, where it recedes and is not replaced by the increased volume of water, which ordinarily would scour it out to a good depth, were it properly confined.
The dredge is now working far enough below the dike to get it into the channel at the foot of it, but not behind it, where the mud would be retained, and as soon as the winter rains swell the Willamette until it rises over the top of the dike, the mud is carried back into the channel at the foot of the present bar. The deep channel between the Albina flour mills and the foot of Swan Island, and between St. Johns and Postoffice bar prove beyond the shadow of a doubt that there is plenty of water in the Willamette, even at its present remarkably low stage, and the matter of a deep channel for the entire length of the river depends entirely on confining that channel in proper limits. The mouth of the Willamette, which gave so much trouble two years ago, is in fairly good shape this season. The channel is not so wide but that a ship will pull over toward the shoals, if she gets too close to the edge of it, but there is no occasion for criticism until other portions of the river are in better shape.

Opposing Nature's Forces.
Rounding the Columbia enough water is found to float the largest ships in the world for a distance of three or four miles. The river is wide at this point, but nearly all of this vast body of water rushes seaward past the Sauvie's Island shoal, the water on the Washington shore being very shoal all along this part of the river. The big ships go bowing along until they are in jeopardy the life of Miss Stone. He made a definite declaration that the Oregonian Government would be held responsible for the death of Miss Stone and of all the consequences of her death should it be proved that the attitude of the Oregonian Government forced the brigands to kill their captives.

A Strike Averted.
SCRANTON, Pa., Nov. 10.—The community is greatly relieved by the action of the Temple Iron Company in reinstating the alleged blacklisted men and thereby averting a strike of its 5000 men. What prompted the company to change its position cannot be learned, as none of the officials will discuss the matter.

DICKINSON IS FIRM. He Refuses to Pay the Ransom Until Miss Stone is Released.

SOPIA, Bulgaria, Nov. 10.—Information has been received here from Doubeuta that the band of brigands holding captive Miss Ellen M. Stone, the American missionary, called about a fortnight ago at the village of Smetchevo, and subsequently proceeded to the monastery of Rilo, but the movements of troops compelled the brigands to flee toward the frontier, where they are now in hiding. It is also asserted that the brigands have recently been treating Miss Stone with more severity in order to exercise pressure and to compel a more ready acceptance of their conditions.
Consul-General Dickinson is inflexible. He insists that the surrender of Miss Stone must precede or be simultaneous with the payment of the ransom. His attitude is justified by the known determination of some members of the band, particularly the captain, Yane Sandaby, to kill Miss Stone and her companion as soon as the ransom is received, owing to the fact that the captives have now acquired information concerning the secret committees. Competent persons, however, express the opinion that the cupidity of the brigands will overcome their fear of revelations, and all such approve the declaration of Mr. Dickinson.
Yesterday, Mr. Dickinson made energetic representations to the Bulgarian Government against the movements of the Bulgarian frontier, reproaching the officials with the fact that notwithstanding their solemn promises to give him all assistance in their power, their action was embarrassing the negotiations, resulting in a settlement and placing in jeopardy the life of Miss Stone. He made a definite declaration that the Oregonian Government would be held responsible for the death of Miss Stone and of all the consequences of her death should it be proved that the attitude of the Oregonian Government forced the brigands to kill their captives.

Right angle must be made here, and the vessel headed straight for the Washington shore. There for over half a mile she is running at right angles with the natural course of the river. In slack water this straight line is the only way to get the ship on her course and keep her in the cut that has been made here, but on a strong ebb or flood the greatest difficulty is encountered. A few hours ago the down-stream wind to aid the current it is impossible to get a ship across without grounding her on the lower side of the cut. The Leyland Brothers tackled this straight line by heading up against the upper side of the cut until she was almost aground on the lower end of the cut, while her bow was hardly free on the upper side. By dredging much shorter distance straight across from Reader's to Knapp's a perfectly natural channel would be formed, through which ships could go regardless of wind and tide.

TURNED THE TABLES

Escaped Convicts Captured Sheriff and His Deputy, KEPT THEM PRISONERS AN HOUR
Executed a Promise of Immunity From Arrest, and Then Boldly Walked Through a Cordon of Policemen and Escaped.

TOPEKA, Nov. 10.—Sheriff Cook, of this county, and Deputy Sheriff Williams were captured by two of the escaped Federal Penitentiary convicts this afternoon at Pauline, five miles south of here, and held for several hours. The convicts, whose names cannot be learned, then escaped through a line of policemen, going east.

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YUAN SHI KAI, RECENTLY APPOINTED VICEROY OF CHI LI PROVINCE.

At 2:30 this afternoon some farmer boys near Pauline became acquainted with the fact that the convicts were in the neighborhood, and soon had a posse organized and were chasing the convicts all over the country. The escaped prisoners had no arms of ammunition, and were compelled to run before the posse, which was armed with 22 rifles, small pistols, clubs and almost every kind of small weapon. The sheriff soon heard of the condition of affairs, and started for the scene. He soon came up with the convicts, and both of the officers fired, wounding the men, but not disabling them. The convicts made a dash for it, and ran into the house of a farmer named Wooster. The officers followed. Sheriff Cook thought the convicts had run around the house, and he dashed through the open door, thinking to surprise them at the back door. But instead of this the convicts had gone into the house, and as the Sheriff entered he fell right into the arms of the convicts near the door. He was ordered to give up his gun, which he did. Deputy Sheriff Williams had by this time reached the house, not knowing what had happened, and, too, was gathered in by the convicts.
Before he was captured the Sheriff had been thoughtful enough to telephone to Topeka for help. Chief Stahl, with eight officers, hastened to the scene, and arrived there after the officers had been imprisoned about an hour. Chief Stahl immediately began negotiations with the convicts to give up their prisoners and to surrender themselves, but they could not see it that way. Farmer Wooster then managed to get a gun and make an attack on the convicts, but was laid low by a blow from the butt of a revolver. The convicts broke Wooster's right hand and cut an ugly gash in his head. The leader of the convicts then told Sheriff Cook that he would be killed if he made the slightest move looking toward their capture, and he promised to be good. In the meantime the police officers on the outside were afraid to do anything, because the convicts threatened to kill the imprisoned officers if they did.
At 7 o'clock the convicts had managed to revive Mrs. Wooster, who had fainted from fright, and placed Sheriff Cook and her in front of them as shields. They then started out, after first exacting a promise from Sheriff Cook that he would not permit any of the officers to fire at them. Then the prisoners left the house and started down the railroad track. They walked through a cordon of police officers, who could have easily captured them, but the Sheriff had given the convicts his word that they would not be molested, and they were not. After walking down for some distance the convicts suddenly disappeared through a hedge fence, after bidding the officers a mocking farewell. One of the police Sergeants in attendance said he could have easily touched the leading convict with his hand as they passed.
The convicts had got a good start before the officers had recovered from their surprise. Then some of the policemen wanted to pursue, but the Sheriff would not permit it, as he said he had promised immunity from arrest to the convicts. The Chief of Police then started back to town, but left some of his men on the scene, and they started on a chase later. They expect to capture the convicts before morning, as the entire county is aroused by the stirring events happening on the usually quiet Kansas Sunday. The

LUKBAN IS DEFIANT

Says He Will Not Surrender Until Americans Leave.
SMITH HOPES TO GET HIM SOON
Soldiers in the Disturbed Islands Ordered Never to Be Without Their Arms—The Federal Party's Convention.

MANILA, Nov. 10.—According to advices from Gathalagan, capital of Samar, Lukban, the insurgent leader, has sent a message to General Smith, declaring that he will not listen to negotiations for surrender until all the Americans have withdrawn from the Gathalagan Valley.
General Smith has ordered every American soldier in the Island of Samar and the Island of Leyte never to be without arms, even at meal time. He is determined that there shall be no more surprises. General Smith also directs that scouting must continue incessantly and that all rice and henp captured must be destroyed. He considers the capture of Lukban only a question of a short time.
The Federal party continues its meetings, but these are, as a rule, of turbulent character and very little is accomplished. Personal bickerings prevent harmony. General Huencamino challenged Senator Vasquez to a duel, but the latter refused to fight on account of the age of the challenger. Many provincial delegates have already left in disgust. The question of the franchise has been occupying much of the time of the convention. Intense antipathy is shown toward them and the sense of the convention was practically unanimous that they must go.
Incriminating evidence is accumulating against Gibson Easton, the representative of two of the largest firms in Manila, who was recently expelled from Samar on a charge of dealing with the insurgents, and he will probably be arrested and tried. Lukban's Commissary-General, who was recently captured, says that both concerns had agreements with Lukban to furnish 500 sacks of rice each year.

Sharrett to Go to Manila.
LONDON, Nov. 11.—Referring to the departure of Mr. Sharrett from Havana, Senor Chapelle from Manila, the correspondent of the Daily Chronicle at the Italian capital says the latter left without having completed his mission of settling the question of the monasteries in that city. He is, however, understood to have decided to continue the status quo, is sending the former ecclesiastic to the Philippines "to endeavor to arrange an agreement between the Filipinos and the American Government."

ANTI-VICE CRUSADE.

Report of an Investigation Made by a Milwaukee Committee.
MILWAUKEE, Wis., Nov. 10.—An anti-vice crusade is on in this city. A committee of three, that has been making an investigation for several weeks, made its report public tonight. Charges are made that the City Council disregards the law by granting saloon licenses for part of the year with a corresponding license fee. The report alleges that 22 "widow-makers" are doing business, and that there are in operation 118 saloons with wine-rooms and 16 that are connected with questionable resorts. The report exonerates the police from the imputation of deriving any revenue, and hints that they are hindered from the proper performance of their duty by "restraint from high places." The committee was appointed by the Ministerial Association of Milwaukee.

SHORTAGE IN OHIO VOTE.

It May Be 100,000 Less Than Was Cast Two Years Ago.
CINCINNATI, Nov. 10.—From perhaps half of the official returns from the 88 counties in Ohio received, it is estimated that the total vote may be 100,000 less than for Governor two years ago, when 928,572 votes were cast, and almost 20,000 less than for Presidential year, when the total vote of Ohio was 1,340,121. Notwithstanding the increase in population during the past 12 years, the total vote will likely be less than for President in 1888, when it was 81,941, and probably less than has been cast for Governor since that time with a single exception. The returns show the greatest shortage was among the Democrats outside of the cities, and it is still variously attributed to the silver question, prosperity, death of McKinley, election of President Roosevelt, Governor Nash, Senator Foraker and other causes.

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