report. He also attempted to discredit it

Beirut is a city on the eastern shore of

the Mediterranean Sea and is a place of onsiderable commercial importa-

is probable that the action of the Turkish government and the conditions existing

at Beirut will determine whether the European squadron shall be sent to

ACTION OF ROOSEVELT.

President Orders Fleet to Go to the

Seene at Once. OYSTER BAY, N. Y., Aug. 27.—President Ropsevelt tonight issued orders that

eleation with the department and

communication with the department and will be kept fully advised of the details of the incident as they are ascertained. For several days President Roosevelt has been following closely the development of the situation in Turkey. With the coun-

try in such a turmoll as now prevails almost anything is likely to happen. With a view of considering the subject more carefully the President and Secretary of

State early in the day arranged for a conference tomorrow at Sagamore Hill. The Secretary is now en route to Oyster Bay. At the conference tomorrow, the President and Secretary Hay will consid-

er the Turkish situation carefully and probably will reach some conclusion as to the attitude of the United States as respecting the late serious phase of the

President Awaits Information,

In the absence of definite information

concerning the assassination of the Vice-Consul the President will take no decided step beyond that aiready taken in order-ing the European squadron to Beirut. This

action is viewed now as a precautionary measure. It is the determination of the United States to support its demands upon Turkey for the punishment of the mur-derer or murderers of Consul Magelssen,

but until the circumstances surrounding

the murder are known precisely, the United States, it is stated, will not take any

irastic action.

A demand, that officials of the United

A terms be afforded protection for their lives and property will be made and the Turkish government will be held responsible for the assassination of Vice-Consul Magelssen whatever may be the circum-

President Roosevelt is concerned

force to enforce them adequately.

of Nice. France:

WHEN COTTON WILL ARRIVE.

Brooklyn Should Reach the Scene in

Six Days-Other Ships to Follow.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 27.—Admiral Cot-ton, who was directed today to hold his squadren in readiness to proceed at a moment's notice to Beirut, cabled the

Navy Department as follows, under date

"Cable just received Machias at Genoa for coal Brooklyn has seven days, San Francisco six and a half days' coal at

en knots. Cannot exceed that speed with

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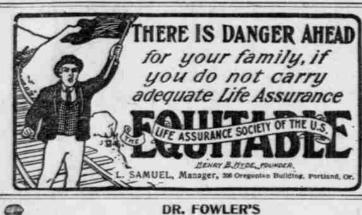
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Union Row Not Taken Into Account. Wind Prevents Launching of Airship

WASHINGTON, Aug. 7.—Public Print-r Palmer today made the statement that be order for the taking of the eath of boat off here today. A launching of the allogiance by all employes of the Government printing office was neither directly nor indirectly the result of the courty between the Booktinders' Union and Assistant Foreman Miller.

American Official in Syria Struck Down.

# TURKEY TO SUFFER

President Orders Fleet to Beirut.

# NO MERCY TO ASSASSINS

Reason for Singling Magelssen Out Is a Mystery.

PORTE PROFESSES IGNORANCE

Vice-Consul Is Attacked and Killed While Out Riding-Admiral Cotton Should Reach the Scene In Six Days.

### CAREER OF THE LATE VICE-CONSUL.

William C. Magelssen was 30 years of age, having been born at Braisburg. Minn., in 1873. He was the son of a Lutheran minister, and was educated in the common schools of Minnesota He was also a student of the Lutheran years. For a time he was assistant City Assessor of Sioux Pulis, S. D., and also associate editor of a paper called the Echo, published there. Ben ator Nelson secured him an appoint-ment as Consular clerk in Turkey a short time before he was made Vice Coosul, at Helrut, Syria, which oc curred September 20, 1809. His promo-tion was obtained largely by Consul Gabriel Bie Ravngal, who was of the same nationality (Scandinavi

WASHINGTON, Aug. 27 .- The State Department today received a cablegram from Minister Leishman at Constantinople announcing that William C. Magels sen, United States Vice-Consul at Beirut, Syria, was assassinated Sunday while riding in a carriage; also that the Porte for the crime. Prompt and vigorous action, as well, is being taken by the President and officials here to secure the punishment of the persons implicated in the assassination.

Minister Leishman, at Constantinople has been instructed by the State Department to demand a thorough investigation of the affair, and the punishment of those involved in the crime, and the European squadron, consisting of three warshire has been ordered to proceed immediately to Beirut to support the demands of the United States Minister, should this be found necessary.

Hay and Roosevelt to Confer.

This latter measure will be determined open as a result of conferences which have been held over the telegraph and telephone wires between the officials here during the day and evening with the President at Oyster Ray. The latter felt that no time should be lost in dispatching Admiral Cotton's squadron to Turkish waters, and he gave instructions to Acting Secretary Durling that immediate orders be given Admiral Cotton to proceed at once

More Americans in Danger.

The President's determination to lose no time in getting the squadron to Beiru was also due, in part, to information received by Acting Secretary Loomis, the State Department, tonight from the President of the American Board of Missions at Boston, indicating that an attempt had been made to burn the Euphrates College building at Harpoot. This dispatch said:

"Information just received that an attempt has been made to burn the Euphrates College buildings. Conditions in creasingly alarming. Great anxiety feltfor the safety of American citizens

Acting Secretary Loomis tonight cabled to Minister Leishman at Constantinopi to make immediate demands on the Ports take adequate measures for the protection of all Americans at Beirut and to prevent any attack on the college build-

No additional information of the assas sination was obtained at the State De partment during the day. In the absence of particulars, no motive can be ascribed for the crime and the State Department officials have no means of suggesting : theory as to why the Vice-Consul should have been killed. There have been no complaints about him or his work, and the meager cablegrams convey not the slightest suggestion of a cause for the

The President was informed immediate ly of the assassination, also of the step that had been taken by the State De partment to secure redress. Further de talls of the crime and the action of the Turkish government are awaited with interest by all Government officials.

Turkey Professes Ignorance.

Acting Secretary Loomis received a rather remarkable cablegram from Min ister Leishman tonight, in which the latter stated that he had called at the Turk-

# ion of the United States Vice-Consul, and hat the Minister of Foreign Affairs mphatically denied any knowledge of the

The cablegram gave no other information. Under the circumstances the State Department officials are inclined to be-Mayor Not Opposed to not in touch with the situation at Beirut. They do not attach sufficient importance Gambling. to Minister Leishman's last message to cancel the order for the squadron to sail.

Authorities.

SALCON LICENSES TOO LOW

the European squadron, under command of Admiral Cotton, should proceed immediately to Beirut, Syria, to be in readiness to support any demand made by the United States on Turkey on account of the assassination of William C. Megelssen, United States Vice-Consul at Beirut.

The President manifested anxious interest in the announcement of the assassination of Vice-Consul Magelssen, the first information concerning which was concerned to him by a representative of the Suppression of Dance Halls Are in Municipal Programme Outlined information concerning which was conveyed to him by a representative of the Associated Press. Shortly afterward he received from Acting Secretary of State Leomis a telegram communicating to him Minister Leishman's cablegram announcing the murder and advising him of the steps already taken by the State Department. The President tonight is in close communication with the department and to Salt Lake Officials.

GAMBLING-Prohibitive system leads to municipal grafting, and crooked games. Since the evil must exist, it is to the advantage of a city to make a source of revenue. Of course must be restricted and carried on under rules and regulations, and the supervision of the Police Department. SALOON LICENSES-Portland's rate of \$400 a year is too low, and sh

IMMORAL CLASSES-The immoral classes should be confined to one part of the city. Immoral houses are not to be allowed in residence portions DANCE HALLS-If there are any, they exist contrary to orders. No dancing is to be allowed in sallons and im

To prohibit gambling means merely take thousands of dollars from the city's coffers and put them in the pockets of municipal grafters. This was the contention of Mayor Williams in a discussion yesterday afternoon with visiting members of Salt Lake's City Council, upon the subject of restrictive and prohibitive policies toward gambling. The discussion was of particular interest, inasmuch as Salt Lake exercises the strictly prohibitive policy, and Portland is admittedly an town, and a difference of opinio existed between Mayor Williams and one or two of the visiting councilmen.

Expressions on other problems of muni-

purely restrictive policy toward gamblers moral houses. I am surprised if any such prevents robberies and crime as well as thing is going on and shall look into the diminates the possibilities of extensive grafting. It was his contention that under the prohibitive system unfairness becomes rampant in the clandestine gambling as professional gambiers are forced to resort to unfair methods where only a few can play, and they know that the victim, having been a party to the violation of an ordinance, cannot claim police

Councilman Black, who is being urged for the next Mayor of Salt Lake, coincided with the views of Mayor Williams. He expressed the belief that the policy

Favors Regulation by Police

isolation of Immoral Classes and

### MAYOR WILLIAMS' POLICY.

POLICE-Present force is efficient, but the force of 65 men is insuffic One hundred men are needed.

the situation as it has developed today, be-cause it indicates an intolerable condition of affairs in Turkey. He recalls the fact that only recently a Russian Consul was murdered in Turkey. announcing that William C. MagelsUnited States Vice-Consul at Belrut,
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in any form," said Mr. Black. "The pe ce have their instructions to see to I that none is allowed to buck the festiv tiger, or place money on the whirl of the roulette wheel or gamble in any way whatever. The town is shut tighter than a drum-supposedly.
. "But men gamble just the same, and

there are well-equipped gambling-house in active operation to which anyone with proper credentials or who doesn't look like a new member of the police force, can gain admittunce. Anyene who really wishes to gamble can find the opportunity just as readily as if the city were wide open and the treasury were being en-riched thousands of dollars a year," added Councilman Black, "while anyone that doesn't want to gamble wouldn't go near the games anyway, whether they were operated openly or in hiding.

"Of course there is the contention the other side," continued the Salt Lake councilman, "that open gambling exerts an immoral influence and adds a very undesirable element to the population of the city, as well as stands out as a glaring temptation to the youth and teh inne cent and the unsophisticated, but this i hardly the most liberal view to take of the situation, especially since the facts in the case hardly warrant so sweeping a ontention, and is only true to a very limited degree.

### Why Open Games Are Allowed.

"When I first came to Portland the prohibitive policy was in force," stated May-or Williams, "and I did not approve of it. It led to grafting and men were robbed of their money at games. People will gamble; some of them seem to have a passion for it that I can't understand, and it can't be stopped. Since the evil must exist, it is to the advantage of a city to make it a source of revenue. Of course it must be estricted and carried on under rules and regulations and the supervision of the Police Department."

"Some one tells me that the Portland Club is allowed to operate a faro-bank game, and that this privilege is not given to other gambling-houses," suggested one

"It is, if they pay for it," replied the Mayor. "There are 21 games, I think, that are allowed in the city, and any or all of these may be played by paying the re-

### Higher Saloon Licenses. Speaking of the licenses granted salor

Mayor Williams gave it as his belief that the present license of \$100 a year is not high enough. "In other towns it is much higher; for

nstance, in the little town of Aberdeen, Wash., which I visited several days ago, the saloonkeepers are charged \$1000 a year. I do not know of another town in the ountry where as low a rate is charged as in Portland, and I believe the amount should be raised." Referring to the Red Light district,

Mayor Williams said that good order is maintained in that portion of the town, 'It is my idea," said the Mayor, "to confine the immoral classes to one part of the "I do not believe they should be scattered, and nothing is more deplorable than immoral houses in residence portions. Where I have heard of such ho isting I have tried to drive them into the part of town where they are expected." "I notice there are several dance halls

### n the city," suggested some one. No Dance Halls,

"If there are, they exist contrary to my orders," replied Mayor Williams, "I have given the police strict orders that dancing not to be allowed in saloons and immatter.

"Is the Portland police force efficient?" was asked.

answered Mayor Williams "While there have been some claims in the past that the officers are not doing as well as possible, I believe these claim are not borne out by the facts in the

"Our force of policemen is hardly large enough. There are about 65 men in the department, and I believe there should be 100 I would be in favor of raising the force to that strength. The city is spread out, covering more territory, in fact, than San Francisco, and there should be more policemen, since they have so much ter ritory to cover. A hundred men would not be one too many.

# Visitors Were Entertained.

The visiting officials, of whom there are 22, were taken over the city in carriages, companied by Mayor Williams and a party of Portland officials. The Suit Lakers are on a junketing pleasure trip, but took advantage of the stop here to in quire into the way things are run in Portand. They passed through the city are eral days ago on the way to Astoria, but did not get an opportunity at that time to take in all the sights. All expressed themselves as more than pleased with the beauty of the city, its magnificent foliage and many fine residences. Every member announced a determina

tion to return here for the Lewis and Clark Exposition and expressed apprecia tion of the courtesy and hospitality with which they were received and entertained The drive included a visit to the Exposition grounds, the City Park and other its of interest. The Suit Lokers de parted at 6 P. M. for Spokane, their next topping place. Their party is made up as follows:

Police Chief John Burbidge, Municipal Prospects bright for Fall race meet. Page 11, Judge C. B. Diehl, Councilmen Black, Cattrell, Vigus, Spence, E. H. Davis, Hewlett, Eardley, Tuddenham, Fernstrom, Sharp and Arnold, City Recorder Joe Nystrom Building Inspector F. M. Ulmer, Russell Lowry, of the Salt Lake Tribune, Fish and Game Commissioner John Sharp, Parkkeeper C. A. Erickson, City Treasurer J. D. Dixon, A. P. Kessler, of the street department; City Engineer F. C. Kelsey, Leslie Spence, R. Johnson and F. Anderson.

# Boiler Explosion Causes His Death,

TUCSON, Ariz., Aug. 27.-A boiler explosion in the Southern Pacific rounduse at an early hour resulted in the leath of Fireman Phil Mayfield. The body was thrown 600 feet against an oil lank, and the neck was dislocated, jaw proken and leg mashed. The force of the explosion was so great that 20 feet of night Page 7.

The west wall of the engine-room was patrick Henry Scullen's reform meeting is a

He Advises a Reduction in Cavalry.

## FAST BECOMING OBSOLETE

Troops With Automobiles and Motors in Its Stead.

### LET SOLDIERS BUILD ROADS

Ex-Lieutenant-General's Final Letter to Secretary Root, Advocating Several Reforms, Is Made Publie Through Unofficial Sources.

### CONCLUSIONS OF MILES.

The day of the horse in military afpeace to build military roads of strat-

stiances for making speed.

that of the main body of the Army too great and injudici Five corps of cavalry should be continued, and a corpe of five regi-ments organized and equipped with automobiles, motor cycles and latest

WASHINGTON, Aug. 27 .- (Special.) -- The ast communication of Nelson A. Miles as Lieutenant-General of the Army to the War Office was made public today through unofficial sources in that Department. It is in the form of a letter to Secretary of War Root. In it are important and sensational recommendations for the Improvement of the Army service. The General regards the cavalry as obsolete, saying the automobile will take the place of the horse in the next war. For that reason he advises reducing the cavalry branch to the minimum, and the building of military roads of strategic importance throughout

the country in time of peace.

President Roosevelt and Secretary Root have had possession of General Miles' letter since August 8. They have kept it secret, however, the reason being, it is said, that it could not be revealed to the public until the recommendations were acted on. It is regarded as significant of a peculiar condition in the War Office that it should be given out now, only a few days after official announcement has been made that Secretary Root is soon to cease his administration of the War Department

### through resigning his Cabinet position. The Horse in the Spanish War.

General Miles, in his letter, cites the Spanish-American War as showing that value in military service. European armies, he says, have a much smaller proportion of cavalrymen to infantrymen than has the United States Army, Europeans depend on more modern appliances than the horse, using the blcycle,

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UNITED STATES SENATOR THOMAS R. BARD.

'It may be authoritatively stated that Senator Bard will not be a candidate

eration whatever would be consent to serve a second

for re-election. Nearly a year ago, shortly after his illness, he made up his

LOS ANGELES, Aug. 27.-The Herald says that United States Senator

Thomas R. Hard will not be a candidate for re-election

REFUSES TO RUN FOR A SECOND TERM IN THE SENATE

FROM CALIFORNIA.