CANAL WORK GOES AS IF BY MACHINE

Taft Says Wisdom of Decision in Favor of Locks Is Vindicated.

LANDSLIDES NO OBSTACLE

Time Has Come to Discuss Plans for Management and Maintenance, Says Taft—Strike of American Employes Has Begun.

COLON, Panama, Nov. 17.—President Taft sailed for Charleston at 6 o'clock this evening aboard the armored cruiser Tennessee, which was convoyed by the Montana, after four interesting days on the Isthmus. Before leaving the President said:

"This is the fifth time I have visited the Isthmus and I have gone over the whole line and looked into every part of the improvements. It is about 22 months since I was last here and in that time the progress has been most satisfactory. Indeed it is remarkable.

"The first thing that strikes one is the fact that work is being done apparently on every foot of the 50 miles of the canal and done under an organization of men, plant and materials that operates as economically and effectively as if it were a machine, with Goethals in control of a lever which sets and keeps the whole machine in operation.

Lock Canal Proves Best.

"When I was here 22 months ago the main question was the confirmation of the judgment of Congress in having adopted a lock-type canal instead of a sea-level. The extent to which Gatun dam and the locks have been completed has removed from every impartial observer the slightest doubt of the wisdom of the decision made and the feasibility of the plan adopted. This conclusion is further confirmed and clinched by the difficulties occasioned by slides in Culebra cut, which for a canal of 85 feet level necessitated only an additional excavation that could readily be taken care of.

"Any attempt, however, to sink a canal in Culebra to a depth of 85 feet below the present proposed level would lengthen the time of construction, wear the patience of the Americans, make the cost almost prohibitory and leave it an exceedingly doubtful question whether with the difficulty presented by the Chagres River such a canal would be possible at all.

Landslides No Difficulty.

"The Gatun dam lock, with the lake already 18 feet and slowly rising to a level of 85 feet, which will constitute the key to the whole plan of the canal, is so far advanced that, taken with Culebra cut and the locks on the Pacific side, a definite picture is given of what the canal is to be which inspires one with eagerness for its completion.

"The landslides in Culebra cut can be easily removed by further excavation and widening of the slope where they occur, merely adding something to the amount of excavation previously calculated upon, and to the cost, but the percentage of both time and cost will be very small, not enough to increase the estimates for the completed canal.

"The work is so far advanced that the time has come for the discussion of plans for the management and maintenance of the canal, for the government of Panama is peacefully pursuing its course and enjoying prosperity and political calm in the republic. The authorities in charge manifest every disposition to assist the United States in the construction of the canal and to conform to every detail of the obligation imposed by the treaty."

Strike of Employes Begins.

On the eve of the President's departure, 160 boilermakers, dissatisfied that after hearing their complaints last evening, the President would give no immediate answer to their demands, gave five days' notice of quitting their work and sailing for home. Several of the unions of machinists and blacksmiths are threatening similar action.

It is not proposed to strike, but simply to resign and leave the Isthmus. Only hourly employes, constituting 25 per cent of the force, are likely to be affected.

The canal officials are indignant at these employes for trying to enforce their demands, which the officials regard as unreasonable.

The President promised to consider the matter fully and cable his answer from Charleston, but this did not satisfy some of the hot-headed among the boilermakers.

Demand Unjust, Says Commission.

The Canal Commission this afternoon issued a statement, which in part follows:

"In the last year several petitions asking for an increase in pay were presented by the American canal workers, who are paid hourly and who number 1500, about 25 per cent of the entire American force. The Commission, after consideration, declined to grant the increases, not considering any justification necessary for such action.

"The standard pay on the Isthmus is 65 cents an hour, which is from 10 to 30 cents higher than in the United States. In addition, the workers receive free quarters, fuel, light, medical attention and other privileges not granted in the United States.

"The reason given by the 160 men who have resigned is that the President's promise to send his answer from Charleston is not satisfactory. This action of the boilermakers will not interfere with the canal construction work, and will cause only temporary inconvenience until their places are filled, which will be within a short time."

Living Cheap on Isthmus.

The Commission is not worried at the outlook. The salaried men are not affected. The President told the hourly employes, who demanded 10 cents an hour increase and six weeks instead of two weeks vacation with pay, that he thought more vacation than they were receiving was justified.

The canal workers get all their living supplies at wholesale cost from the commissaries and the Commission maintains that the cost of living here is only 50 per cent of the cost in the United States.

The President spent the day in investigating the Pacific division locks, and he enjoyed a four-mile sail on the Pacific entrance to the canal in a tug. He will make a stop of several hours at Guantanamo on Saturday afternoon to inspect the proposed naval base.

EX-CHIEF IS ACQUITTED

Nampa Man Escapes Penalty for Killing Another.

NAMPA, Idaho, Nov. 17.—(Special.)—W. H. Fleming, formerly Chief of Police of this city, was acquitted on a charge of manslaughter in District Court at Caldwell yesterday. The case went to the jury at 5 o'clock yesterday evening and the verdict was not returned until 1 o'clock this morning. It is understood the jury was unanimously in favor of acquittal on the first ballot, but one of the jurors insisted that a severe reprimand should be given the ex-officer.

The charge against Fleming was the result of the shooting of James Moore while Fleming was acting in his official capacity as Chief of Police, February 8. Moore was arrested for disturbing the peace and while being taken to the jail struck the officer and attempted to escape from custody. The officer fired three shots in his direction, one of the bullets entering the prisoner's leg just back of the knee. Moore died a few days later from complications caused by the wound.

Fleming resigned from office and was later arrested on a charge of manslaughter. At the trial the prosecution charged that the officer shot with intent to hit Moore, while the defense alleged that Fleming shot only to intimidate Moore into stopping and the wound was such as could only be made by a glancing bullet, one fired into the ground and deflected by a stone or similar substance. The shooting created a sensation in this part of the country and the outcome of the trial was watched with interest.

MRS. DEVOE IS SLIGHTED

SOME CHAIRS VACANT AT DINNER IN HER HONOR.

Affair at Seattle Is Largely Attended, However, and Diners Plan to Aid Other States.

SEATTLE, Wash., Nov. 17.—(Special.)—There was a dinner tonight at the Washington Annex, in honor of Mrs. Emma Smith Devoe, prior to her departure from Seattle—and many invitations were extended to local suffragists. Several, however, were not there, including Mrs. Homer Hill, Mrs. Edwin Fick, Mrs. Harvey Glenn, nor Mrs. George A. Smith—although all were invited and assigned toasts.

The dinner brings to mind humiliating circumstances which chagrined, not only Seattle suffragists, but all Seattle women, when the rupture between Mrs. Devoe and Seattle women occurred last July—the cause being refusal of credentials to these women to the state convention, as Mrs. Devoe refused to allow any delegate present not pledged to the Devoe interests.

However the banquet was largely attended by members of the Washington Equal Suffrage Association, of which Mrs. Devoe is president.

The sentiment was generally expressed that while there is no further use for the organizations in this state, they should be continued for the purpose of rendering all aid possible to the women of other states who are seeking the right to vote.

A plan was formally announced to form a suffrage association of the five "free states," which should put forth its efforts in the remaining states of the West.

GIRL TELLS OF KILLING

NELLIE SUTTON TAKES STAND IN MRS. TOTTEN'S TRIAL.

Wenatchee Murder Case Narrated by Maid Who Saw Brother Die and Was Threatened.

WENATCHEE, Wash., Nov. 17.—(Special.)—The story of the killing of James Sutton by Mrs. Noel Totten on August 10, last in Brender Canyon, a few miles above Cashmere, was unfolded yesterday on the witness stand by Miss Nettie Sutton, the sister of the dead man, as she narrated the facts leading up to the tragedy, of which she was an eye-witness, describing the killing of her brother by the discharge of a shotgun in the hands of Mrs. Totten.

Miss Sutton told how her father had discovered the fence across the road. While her brother was severing the wires, Mrs. Beebe, mother of Mrs. Totten, arose from behind a pile of brush some 20 feet away, approached him and pointing to a trespass sign said:

"Do you see that sign?"

Then Mrs. Totten arose from behind the pile of brush with a shotgun in her hands. The young man replied to Mrs. Beebe:

"I don't care anything for the sign."

Mrs. Totten said: "If you cut that last wire I will shoot you."

Just then the last wire snapped and true to her word the Totten woman fired. The frightened sister exclaimed: "Now you have done it." Mrs. Totten replied: "You shut up or I will shoot you, too."

Her little brother, Melrose, confirmed her story.

FLEET TO BE WELCOMED

LONDON PLANS ENTERTAINMENT OF AMERICAN TARS.

Bluejackets Objects of Deep Interest in French Cities, Where People Are Cordial.

LONDON, Nov. 17.—The Lord Mayor and the corporation will entertain a large number of the American officers and men at luncheon in Guildhall in the course of the stay of the American fleet in the Thames. The corporation today voted an expenditure of £10,000 for this purpose. It is hoped here that the visiting bluejackets will march through the city on the date of the occasion, which has not yet been determined.

A large body of men from the battleship Mississippi came into town today and drove about in carriages and taxicabs.

The appearance of groups of bluejackets in Paris has aroused keen interest and everywhere the men are cordially welcomed and photographed by representatives of the Paris papers. The system of giving the men shore leave in batches of 100 and 200 will be continued throughout the visit. Each group will remain in Paris five days. Ambassador Bacon will give a dinner to the officers of the fleet.

The streets of Cherbourg were animated by the presence of American bluejackets, who fraternized with the French seamen. Cherbourg is preparing a festival at the Municipal Theater.

Machine Shop Building Rapidly.

LA GRANDE, Or., Nov. 18.—(Special.)—Steel framing for the new $160,000 machine shop for the O. R. & N. in this city is well advanced and within a week the work will be finished. Bricklayers have begun work on the walls, and it is believed that the main structure will be completed in a month.

ARMED MEXICANS MARCH ON TEXAS

Marathon, Town of 500, Under Heavy Guard, in Path of Invaders.

60 MEN CROSS RIO GRANDE

Scouts Sent Out to Meet Hostile Band Not Yet Returned—Citizens Sleep on Arms in Fear of Sudden Attack.

EL PASO, Texas, Nov. 17.—Marathon, a town of 500 people, 200 miles east of here, is under heavy guard this morning owing to the report that a band of 60 armed Mexicans had crossed the Rio Grande from Mexico and are marching in that direction.

At 12:30 this morning the scouts sent out to meet the invaders had not returned and the exact whereabouts of the band had not been ascertained. At that hour sentries had been posted at all of the approaches to the town and the citizens were sleeping on their arms.

Marathon is about 100 miles from Rock Springs, where the burning of Antonio Rodriguez took place. Why the invaders are making that town its objective point cannot be learned. The telegraph operator at Marathon reports the town quiet, but apprehensive. The report that a band of Mexicans has crossed the river is seemingly authentic.

Nothing is known of the reported invasion at Marfa, Texas, at the hour mentioned.

The belief is held here that the revolutionist faction of Mexico is taking advantage of the Rodriguez incident to forward their plans and incite the public mind. Sympathizers with plans to overthrow the present regime in Mexico in this city express gratification over each demonstration reported and hint darkly that the trouble has only begun.

Mexicans living in this city and across the river in Juarez are, however, for the most part loyal to President Diaz, and warmly condemn all efforts of a revolutionary nature. The demonstrations which have taken place are minimized and declared to indicate nothing of the spirit or sentiment of the people.

RIOTS ONLY STUDENTS' LARK

Returned American Minimizes Importance of Outbreak.

Although he was in the St. Francis Hotel in Mexico City on the night of November 9 and narrowly escaped serious injury from brickbats and other missiles that were hurled through the windows by the mob of Mexicans in its "anti-American" demonstration, T. A. Smith, traveling freight and passenger agent for the National Railways of Mexico, who is now in this city, declares that the disturbance has no significance, inasumch as it does not reflect the real sentiment of the people of the Southern republic, and that the first reports were greatly exaggerated.

"The mob that paraded the streets was composed of about 500 students," he explained, "and everyone knows what a students' parade is. They pretended to be protesting against the burning of one of their countrymen at Rock Springs, Tex., but they really intended only to indulge in one of their students' pranks. As they marched through the streets they were joined by a crowd of malcontents and rowdies, who raised the cry of 'Down with the Americans,' 'Tear down their flag' and such disturbing sentiment. As they passed the St. Francis Hotel, which is conducted by Keefe Bros., of San Francisco, some of these rowdies hurled stones and brickbats through the windows.

"I was standing near the counter and one of them narrowly missed me. Of course there was lots of excitement. Women screamed and some of them fainted. But never was there the least indication of real danger. To show that the parade was not hostile to Americans and American institutions, it need only be pointed out that the office of the Mexican Herald, the American paper, was passed without an attempt at disturbance, while the building occupied by El Imparcial, the organ of the Mexican government, was attacked with stones. The Mexican papers did not take the matter seriously in their issues of the following morning."

Mr. Smith asserts that war between the United States and Mexico as a result of this uprising or from any other cause is so remote as to merit no consideration.

MEXICO CRUSHES REBELLION

Army Transfers Headquarters to Center of Danger Zone.

LAREDO, Texas, Nov. 17.—That the Mexican government is moving swiftly to crush any rebellion that may be brewing in the republic, was shown when General Villare, commanding the frontier department of the Mexican army, arrived in Nueva Laredo today with his staff and officially announced that his headquarters will be changed from Matemoras to Nueva Laredo.

The greater portion of the Twenty-third Regiment will arrive within a few days.

The swift change in base on the part of the Mexican commander is regarded as especially significant. Mexican officials will discuss the matter.

MEXICAN BORDER IS QUIET

Diaz and United States Authorities Prevent Outbreaks.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 17.—Everything is quiet along the Mexican border and the Texas authorities are taking the proper measures to obviate any possibility of clashes between citizens of Mexico and the United States, according to a telegram received today by the State Department from Governor Campbell, of Texas. Governor Campbell said he had no news of trouble in Uvalde, where a disturbance between Americans and Mexicans was reported.

Mexican Still at Large.

OKLAHOMA CITY, Nov. 17.—A report circulated last night to the effect that Oscar Opet, a supposed Mexican, wanted for the killing the Chief of Police at Anadarko, Okla., had been captured at Chickasaw, Okla., is untrue. His whereabouts was unknown today. The City of Anadarko has increased the reward for his capture from $800 to $1100.

KNIGHTS AGENTS STACY-ADAMS SHOES.

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Orrine is prepared in two forms. No. 1, a powder, absolutely tasteless and odorless, given secretly in food or drink. Orrine No. 2, in pill form, is for those who wish to cure themselves. Orrine costs only $1 a box. The guarantee is in each box. Write for Free Orrine Booklet (mailed in plain sealed envelope) to Orrine Co., 730 Orrine Building, Washington, D. C. Orrine is for sale in this city by Skidmore Drug Co., 151 Third St., and 372-374 Morrison St.

They know Orrine is a reliable and efficacious remedy for drunkenness and they will not offer you a substitute.

NOBLE, MENIAL, TOILS

RUSSIAN BARON WORKS WAY THROUGH COLLEGE.

University of Washington Has Student of Distinction Washing Dishes in "Frat" House.

UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON, Seattle, Nov. 17.—(Special.)—The University of Washington has a student who has the distinction of being from one of the noble houses of Russia. This is Baron Cr. Osten Lachen, who has created something like a sensation here.

When he first appeared on the Washington campus he was known as a dishwasher in one of the "frat" houses. At first Osten Laschen gained little notice in the chemistry department, in which he is working, but the professors, in conversing with him, found that he had traveled much, and that by his perfect diction and unusual accent he must have obtained an education unusual to a man of the position which he was then holding.

After queries by many professors it was found that he had attended the University of Zurich, Switzerland, as well as the University of Berlin. He is said to have a wide knowledge of botany and zoology.

Dr. Byers, of the chemistry department of this institution, said today that Lachen came to Washington from Japan "broke," and that Lachen happened into Bagely Hall at the university just at the time when some manual work was needed. He was put to do the work at 25 cents an hour, accepting the work most reluctantly.

Osten Lachen has been given a tutorship in German and will take up the work here. It is his intention to follow a strictly scientific course.

He was disinherited from the noble family because of his participation in student riots through which he endeavored to exemplify his freedom of thought and speech, as well as an attempt to expound his liberal ideas, against which his family were bitterly opposed.

Sousa Recovers From Illness.

NEW HAVEN, Nov. 17.—John Philip Sousa, bandmaster and composer, who was taken to the New Haven Hospital last week, suffering from an attack of malaria, left that institution today for New York. He seems to have fully recovered from his illness.

BUGABOO IS NOT FEARED

Classification Not Likely to Reduce Any Baseball League.

CHICAGO, Nov. 17.—Indications at the meeting tonight of the Board of Arbitration of the National Association of Professional Baseball Clubs were that the classification bugaboo would not cause the reduction of any league.

It was asserted that any league that could sustain claims to an advance in classification by the census would be advanced, but that population records would not be invoked to cause the reduction of any. This means that the Western League and Three I League will not be disturbed.

The board continued hearing evidence on protests and claims.

East Portland Gets Mail Station.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Nov. 17.—Station C of the Portland postoffice will be moved into new quarters on the north side of Belmont street, between Thirty-ninth and Fortieth streets, on March 1, next. This property has been leased by the department for ten years from Anton Knutson.

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