

AMERICAN MARINES ORDERED TO GULF

2000 to Embark and Wait at Cuba.

TRANSPORT TO SAIL TONIGHT

Taft Says He Will Concur if Congress Orders Action.

MEN TO CAMP NEAR FLEET

Troops Will Be Held at Guantanamo Ready to Proceed to Mexico at Moment's Notice if Situation Seems to Demand It.

EL PASO, Texas, Feb. 17.—Rebel forces began this afternoon storming the palace with a 12-inch cannon, said a private telegram received here today from Mexico City.

MEXICO CITY, Feb. 17.—The Federal forces were preparing tonight to use dynamite bombs in an assault on the Diaz positions. It is reported that Francisco de la Barra will be arrested at the first opportunity for alleged complicity in the rebellion.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 17.—Two thousand United States marines from various barracks along the Atlantic coast were ordered to Cuba today, to be held in readiness for possible use in Mexico. Half of them will leave tomorrow night from Philadelphia on the Army transport Meade on its way from Newport News for the purpose. The second thousand will start from Norfolk on the Naval transport Prairie, which, it is expected, will depart Wednesday. The marines will be drawn from the Barracks at Norfolk, Washington, Philadelphia, New York, Portsmouth, Boston and Charleston.

Guantanamo Objective Point. Guantanamo is the objective point of the marines, who will be established in camp in connection with the fleet, under the command of Rear Admiral Badger. Whether these men will get farther than Guantanamo will depend upon Mexican developments. Besides the movement of the marines, two army transports were ordered tonight to proceed at once from Newport News to Galveston, Texas, where they might be close at hand for the movement of troops from the border should any unexpected emergency arise. Early in the day the Third Cavalry at Fort Sam Houston was directed to hold itself in readiness to embark for Galveston prepared for foreign service.

No Transports Available. The government has no transports available in gulf waters and investigation disclosed that to engage any commercial vessels in time of emergency would entail enormous expense and delay would ensue in preparing them for transport service. It was therefore determined to send two of the transports at Newport News to the Texas port to await further orders. It was not announced which transports would be sent, but the McClellan, Sumner and Kilpatrick are prepared for service.

The marine brigade will be in command of Colonel Lincoln Karmann, the First Regiment, which leaves for Philadelphia, being in charge of Colonel George Barnett, of Philadelphia, with Lieutenant-Colonel John A. La Jeune, of New York, second in command. The second regiment, sailing from Norfolk, will be under Colonel Joseph H. Pendleton, who was active in the recent activity of American marines in Nicaragua, and Lieutenant-Colonel Charles G. Long, who also was in Nicaragua, will be second in command.

All Available Marines Sent. The withdrawal of this large number of marines means, it is said, that that branch of the defensive service of the country probably will be obliged to go entirely unrepresented in the inaugural parade. President Taft plainly is worried by the fact that although he has only 15 more days to serve in the White House the situation in Mexico shows little signs of becoming less troublesome. The President told friends today that he realized what a difficult thing it would be for a new administration to gether up the reins of government and understand the conditions in the Southern republic in a few weeks, or in a few months.

Long Study Required. He is of the opinion that it would take at least six months for Mr. Wilson and his cabinet to grasp the details of diplomatic negotiations, of troop and battleship movements, and of internal necessities that he and his cabinet have acquired in two years close study of a condition that never has ceased to confront them. He has informed his advisers that he will be President until Mr. Wilson takes the oath of office, and that if intervention is demanded by Congress on his last day in office, he would not hesitate to concur. But he hopes that he will not have to act and then move in the background, leaving a new President and an inexperienced administration.

Dr. James Monroe Taylor Quits on Account of Advanced Age. Poughkeepsie, N. Y., Feb. 14.—Dr. James Monroe Taylor, president of Vassar College since 1888, tendered his resignation today to the board of trustees to take effect at the end of the school year in June. The board also announced that it had received the resignation of Mrs. J. Ryland Kendrick, principal of the college, effective at once. Dr. Taylor's resignation was due to his advanced age and the growing responsibilities of his position. Mrs. Kendrick resigned because of ill health.

TRAVELING PUBLIC TO BE CHECKED UP

STATE RAILROAD COMMISSION SEEKS INFORMATION.

Data Wanted Cover Wide Field and Portland Traction Solution May Be Found.

SALEM, Or., Feb. 17.—(Special.)—With the aim of getting at the exact status of the Portland traffic situation, the State Railroad Commission has worked out an arrangement with the Portland Railway, Light & Power Company whereby the streetcar conductors will keep a close tab on the traveling public.

The data will relate to how many persons are carried on the various lines, at what time of day, how long the stops are and for what they are made, how many persons are carried at each trip during the rush hours and whether or not the cars are loaded above capacity. The conductors will turn in this information to the general offices, where it will be referred to the Commission at certain intervals. To gauge the accuracy of the information thus obtained, the Commission periodically will send out its own men, unknown to the conductors, to gather up the same information. The two reports will then be compared and the reliability of the company's figures thus gauged.

The Commission is also carrying on an investigation to determine, on its own initiative, the most prevalent cause of the traffic delays, and also the average time consumed in each stop. These investigations are being conducted with the aim of improving the transportation situation in Portland, as before the Commission attempts to take any steps in instituting reforms, it wishes to secure all the data obtainable.

CASE OF SALMON DEFINED

Judge Bean Settles Puzzle, Favoring Columbia River Packers.

What constitutes a case of salmon was decided yesterday by Judge Bean in the United States District Court in the case of Andrew Nilson and 40 others against the Columbia River Packers' Association, it having originated as a libel suit against the American ship Rucee. The complaint recited that the plaintiffs had engaged themselves as sailors and fishermen to work at the cannery of the defendant company at Chignik Bay, Alaska, at so much per month and a certain percent on each case packed. There was no dispute as to the contract, nor as to the amount paid per case, except that the word "case" was understood to mean 43 one-pound talls, while many of the cases packed contained half-pound talls, doubling the amount of cans in these cases.

The suit hinged entirely as to what constituted a case, and Judge Bean decided that the size of the can had nothing to do with the case as long as it was of the same general character. In deciding the case in favor of the Columbia River Packers' Association a number of Federal and state decisions were cited that referred to suits of a similar character in other lines of the canning business.

LENT SENDS HALIBUT HIGH

Fresh Fish in Seattle Now Wholesale at 9 1/2 Cents.

SEATTLE, Wash., Feb. 17.—(Special.)—Lent sent halibut prices soaring skyward again. Fresh fish that sold at 8 1/4 cents wholesale a few days ago now sells at 9 1/2 cents, with an added bonus of 50¢ for the catch of an independent schooner and 50 cents for every 500 pound box brought by steamer.

Orders for halibut have fairly stamped Seattle fish dealers since the beginning of Lent, but the largest quantities, which have come in with the spell of good weather, have not been sufficient to meet the heavy demand. In the last two days 268,000 pounds, worth at the present price about \$25,486, have been brought to Seattle from the Southeastern Alaska banks.

DRYDOCK CAISSON BURSTS

Site at Pearl Harbor May Have to Be Abandoned for New.

HONOLULU, Feb. 17.—Ocean pressure burst today the bottom of the great caisson which had been sunk for the construction of the Pearl Harbor drydock. There were no fatalities, but the loss in machinery was heavy. The wreck of the caisson also dissipated years of work in the attempt to build a firm foundation for the huge dock.

HEAD OF VASSAR RESIGNS

Dr. James Monroe Taylor Quits on Account of Advanced Age.

ROADS ASK RIGHT TO LEASE TRACKS

Southern and Central Pacifics Act.

JOINT USE IS RAILWAYS' AIM

Permission for Long Agreements Is Desired.

HEARING IS FEBRUARY 19

Lovett Arrives in San Francisco to Supervise Presentation of Case to Railway Commission—Officials Accompany Him.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 17.—In carrying out the order of the United States Supreme Court for the dissolution of the Harriman railroads, the Central Pacific Railway Company, the Southern Pacific Railway Company and the Southern Railway Company joined in an application today to the State Railroad Commission for permission to execute agreements which they maintain will be necessary before the mandate of the court can be obeyed.

While the complete separation of the Central Pacific and Southern Pacific railroads is required, the practical operation of the roads, as mapped out by their officials, calls for the joint use of certain portions of their track and for agreements for use of other sections.

Lovett Is in Charge. Robert S. Lovett, former chairman of the executive board of the Harriman system, arrived here today personally to supervise the presentation of the case to the Railroad Commission. With him are Gerritt Fort, of Omaha, traffic manager of the Union Pacific Railroad; John A. Munroe, vice-president of the Union Pacific, in charge of traffic; and Thomas Price, assistant secretary of that company.

The substance of the applications of the railroads, in which they ask for the ratification of five distinct contracts, is as follows: 1. The joint use by the Central Pacific and the Southern Pacific of the tracks of the Southern Pacific between Sacramento and San Francisco, via Benicia and Port Costa. It is proposed that the lease shall run for a term of 999 years and that the Central Pacific shall pay a return of one-half of 5 per cent annually upon the value of the line.

Joint Use Alleged Essential. It is pointed out that the joint use of the line is necessary for the continuance of the transcontinental line to San Francisco by way of the Central Pacific and Union Pacific. 2. The execution of a lease from (Continued on Page 2.)

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ETNA COVERED WITH SNOW

Italy Has Coldest Winter in 20 Years With Below-Zero Weather. ROME, Feb. 17.—The exceptionally cold spell prevailing throughout Italy reached its climax tonight in a snow storm after the temperature had fallen several degrees below zero. At Messina the Winter has been the severest in 20 years. Mount Etna is entirely white with snow and presents a magnificent spectacle at night.

JOAQUIN MILLER'S SONGS ARE ENDED

Poet of Sierras Dies in Mountain Cabin.

DEATH APPROACHES SILENTLY

"I Am Dying—Pity Me, Pity Me!" Almost Last Words.

LIFE ONE OF ADVENTURE

Venerable Author of Verses, Who Lived Many Years at Eugene, Or., Keeps Faculties Until End and Works on Secret Verses.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 17.—Joaquin Miller, the poet of the Sierras, died today in his one-room cabin, which he built with his own hands in the Piedmont hills many years ago. His wife was with him. The end came at 3 o'clock in the afternoon, with warm sunshine flooding the room where lay the author of "Songs of the Sunland." Ten minutes after the aged poet had died his daughter, Juanita, arrived with Dr. J. C. Stout, who has been attending him since the final illness came last Thursday, but the daughter and physician were too late for the farewell. Colonel John P. Irish, of Oakland, Miller's closest personal friend, reached the little home less than five minutes after death came. It had been his intention to take the poet to an Oakland hospital.

Medicine Not Taken. Earlier in the afternoon he spoke frequently to his wife and to his daughter, Juanita, whom he addressed in the tenderest tones. His eyes glistened with love when he gazed upon the figure of his daughter kneeling beside the couch, with head bent in prayer. When his wife would endeavor to persuade him to take the medicine prescribed for him this afternoon, he gently pushed her hand away and said: "Don't let that mislead you."

Since his collapse last Thursday Miller frequently spoke of Colonel Irish, his lifelong friend, and reminded his wife and daughter and attending physician that he and Irish had made a pact over 25 years ago whereby either one of the two men was to complete funeral arrangements for the other. The poet frequently spoke of his wife's sister, Miss Hattie Leland, of New York City, and a brother, George Melvin Miller, a broker of Eugene, Or., who had spent a month with him at the Heights several weeks ago.

Body to Be Cremated. Following the wish of the poet, his body will be cremated. Years ago he entered into a pact with Colonel Irish that whichever of them survived should (Continued on Page 5.)

HILLMAN CREDITS PARDON TO PRAYER

APPEAL TO DEITY AIDED, SAYS CONVERTED CAPITALIST. Millionaire, Free, Quits Real Estate Business, Confesses Religion and Plans Convicts' Home.

64 SOLONS DECIDE TO EXTEND SESSION

22 Senators Join Move Begun in House.

ANTI-WEST MEN CONFIDENT

Purpose Is to Consider Probable Vetoes Messages.

COALITION TAKES STAND

Ironclad Agreement in State Senate of Confidential Nature and Names Are Not Made Public. Houses at Variance.

STATE CAPITOL, Salem, Or., Feb. 17. (Special.)—The undersigned members of the Oregon State Senate, hereby agree with each other that we will remain in session for a period of five days after the forty (40) days period shall have elapsed for the purpose of considering the vetoed messages of the Governor, if any, if necessity shall arise therefor, and will remain in session to consider and dispose of said vetoed messages.

ECONOMY PLAN POPULAR

Vast Interest Shown in Projected League of Housewives. Expressions of interest have become so extensive and insistent among the women of Portland regarding the movement to be initiated for the formation of a housewives' league to attack the problem of the high cost of living that Mrs. A. King Wilson, chairman of the home economics department of the Woman's Club, has announced that the meeting today at 2 P. M. will be open to all. Arrangements have been made to secure the large assembly hall in the Women of Woodcraft Hall, and it is believed that definite steps will be taken to handle the problems of distribution from producer to consumer.

Speakers who have been secured for the meeting today are: Father E. V. O'Hara, Dr. Esther Pohl Loveloy, Dr. C. A. McCrum, A. P. Bateham and C. A. Malboucuf.

NEW HEILIG LEASE SIGNED

Theater to Be in Pittcock Block, Which Fleishhackers Will Build.

The new Heilig Theater will be located in the Pittcock block, for which excavation is now being made in the block bounded by West Park, Tenth, Washington and Stark streets. Calvin Heilig, who is now in San Francisco, has signed a lease therefor, after negotiations with the Fleishhackers, whom he went south to meet. Mr. Heilig will return to Portland within a day or two, when it is expected, full details regarding the proposed new theater will be announced. Decision as to whether the Pittcock block shall be made more than eight stories high still pending. It is understood that the theater will be announced by the Fleishhackers soon.

COOK RESENTS ATTACK

Explorer Would Sue Newspaper in Pasadena for Libel.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Feb. 17.—(Special.)—Dr. Frederick Cook, Polar explorer and claimant to honors for first locating the North Pole, is ready vigorously to resist any attempt to impugn his words. This was made evident today when he called on Deputy District Attorney Blair and asked for a criminal libel complaint against the Pasadena News, a daily paper in Pasadena. He avers that the newspaper, in an editorial on his return, intimated that he is a faker and that his stories are not to be relied on. Deputy Blair refused to issue the complaint, saying that he did not believe a jury could decide such a point.

AUTO HITS BISHOP'S WIFE

Mrs. Mary Martin Injured and Driver of Car Disappears.

Mrs. Mary Martin, wife of Bishop Martin of the Episcopal diocese of Vancouver, Wash., was struck by a rapidly driven automobile about 11 o'clock last night at Fifth and Main streets, receiving serious injuries. One of her legs was badly crushed. She was picked up and taken to the apartments of friends at Fifth and Main streets. Mrs. Martin was alone when the accident occurred, and was returning from an Episcopal mission meeting held on Second street. The driver of the car did not offer assistance, and drove at a high speed away from the scene of the accident, say witnesses.

