

BIG BRITISH DEAL IN COLOMBIA ALARMS

Canal Rights Said to Have Been Given.

MONROE DOCTRINE IN PERIL

State Department to Investigate Immediately.

OLD ISSUE RAISED ANEW

Situation Said to Be Similar to That in Which Japanese Sought to Buy Large Tract of Land on Magdalena Bay.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 21.—(Special.)—The report that Pearson & Son, the great English firm of contractors and exploiters, with its significant relations to the British government itself, had obtained a gigantic concession for the exploitation of Colombia's natural resources, involving the right to construct docks, quays, railways and canals, arouses intense interest, not to say keen concern, here.

The matter involves the acquisition by English concessionaires of tracts of land and harbor works in the Gulf of Darien, a stone's throw from the Panama Canal, and special interests along the Atrato River, a waterway which forms a part of the site of the Colombian route for an Isthmian canal.

Department Will Investigate. The details of the concession, which was procured by Pearson & Son by Lord Murray, formerly chief whip of the Liberal party, are understood here to be along the lines of a concession proposed some months ago, and if, indeed, they are the same the State Department had good cause to worry. The department, it is said, will institute an immediate investigation.

For several years it has been watching the situation, and with some of the department's experts the subject has been considered one of great diplomatic and strategic importance. If it proves, as is asserted, that Lord Murray has obtained a concession for the construction of a base on Darien Gulf, on the Caribbean Coast of Colombia, a direct conflict with the resolution introduced by Senator Lodge last year, inspired by the proposed purchase of a large tract on Magdalena Bay by a Japanese corporation, and which amounted to an amplification of the Monroe doctrine, will at once be apparent and will require some action.

Canal Feature Significant. The question would not be so significant were it not for the fact that the concession also includes the construction of railways, docks, quays and canals, the last named being of the greatest significance. That feature of the concession might be considered England's answer to the Panama Canal tolls question, the American attitude concerning which has caused keen dissatisfaction in Great Britain. The influence of Pearson & Son with the British Government is also of prime importance. The head of the firm is Lord Cowdray.

It was said as early as August 15 that it was believed here that influence of Cowdray with the British Foreign office had much to do with Great Britain's prompt recognition of the Huerta government in Mexico, Pearson & Son having secured great oil concessions contingent on such recognition.

MILES KNOWS NO PARTY

General Running on Platform of "Better Conditions for People."

FITCHBURG, Mass., Sept. 21.—Speaking of the announcement made last night by friends that he would be a candidate for the Republican nomination for Congress from the Third Massachusetts District, General Nelson A. Miles said tonight:

"I have not seen the published announcement, but I will say that while I am not seeking the office, if the people of the district want me I will serve them if they call me."

Asked as to which party nomination he would accept if it were offered him, he said:

"That is a question that I cannot answer. I am an independent in politics. If the people desire me to become a candidate and I should accept, I would advocate a platform of living wages and better conditions for the people."

CAR AFIRE; MAN BENEATH

Victim of Auto Accident Is Rushed to Hospital and Life Is Spared.

COLFAX, Wash., Sept. 21.—(Special.)—Arthur Jensen, proprietor of the Colfax Taxicab Line, drove his machine over an embankment on the fairground road Saturday night while en route after a passenger. The car landed about 20 feet down the embankment alongside the Spokane Inland Electric line. An incoming passenger train gave the alarm as the car took fire with Jensen pinned under. Aid reached him in time to save his life, and he was rushed to the St. Ignatius Hospital in an unconscious condition. He regained consciousness several hours later with no special injuries.

The taxicab was completely destroyed.

PONY RIDER'S RACE IS NECK AND NECK

TWO LEADERS HALF MINUTE APART AT LEWISTON.

Bill Rooke Takes Time to Eat Two Beefsteaks; Robert Gill Says He'll Dine at Walla Walla.

WALLA WALLA, Wash., Sept. 21.—(Special.)—Riding like mad, four men on horseback tonight are eating up the distance from Grangeville to Walla Walla in an endeavor to win \$250 in cash and a \$100 saddle, the first prize in the thrilling 150-mile pony express race, following practically the same roads Joaquin Miller used when he rode the pony express.

The quartette got off together at 10 o'clock at Grangeville and Bill Rooke threw himself from his saddle exactly at 5 o'clock at Lewiston, rushed into a restaurant, bolted two rare beefsteaks, swallowed some coffee, hurried out to a fresh horse and left at 5:24 1/2 for Walla Walla.

Robert Gill arrived in Lewiston at 5:22 and left three minutes later, just 30 seconds behind Rooke.

"It'll eat enough to make up for it when I hit Walla Walla," he called to the waiting crowd.

The other riders in the race, Montana Jarrett and James Chamberlain, had not been reported at Lewiston late tonight though they left Grangeville. The roads are poor the last part of the trip and they are not expected here until after daylight.

LONDON BANKS ALARMED

New Currency Bill Threatens Profitable Financial Agencies.

LONDON, Sept. 21.—Discussing the American currency bill in its financial columns this morning, the Daily Telegraph forecasts a possible invasion of the banking field here by American bankers as a result of the clause in the bill providing for the establishment of branches in foreign countries.

"This clause," says the Telegraph, "opens up a large question and one which may become somewhat embarrassing for London banks now holding profitable agencies for New York, Chicago and other American banks. Any addition to the keen rivalry already existing would, of course, be unpopular in Lombard street, but the invasion now threatened would be particularly unwelcome, inasmuch as it might be much dislocating and injurious to the existing arrangement."

'CARLSBAD COFFEE' COMING

Mrs. Vanderbilt and Mr. Waterbury Import Beverage Ready-Made.

CARLSBAD, Sept. 21.—Mrs. W. K. Vanderbilt and Lawrence Waterbury of New York are said to have shipped home a case containing 24 quart bottles of black coffee which is all ready for use except for heating. Carlsbad coffee is noted for its excellence and it is said that Mrs. Vanderbilt and Mr. Waterbury intend that "coffee made at Carlsbad" shall be a feature of a forthcoming dinner.

Curiosity is expressed here as to how the custom-house officers will treat this importation. It is said that while they are familiar with coffee extract they have never been called on to appraise coffee which has already been infused.

NEW COTTON PLAN FAILS

Chinese Taken to Mexico Hold for Prohibitive Price for Picking.

LOS ANGELES, Sept. 21.—(Special.)—The plan of cotton-growers just below the line in Mexico to solve the cotton-picking problem by employing Chinese labor has proved unavailing.

Chinese have been sent into Mexico in such numbers of late that the little town more closely resembles a Chinese colony than a Mexican city. Labor agitators have persuaded the Chinese to hold out for the prohibitive price of \$1.25 to \$1.50 for 100 pounds for picking cotton. This will prove a serious loss to the growers unless they can obtain expert pickers from Northern Mexico, or are able to persuade the Chinese to accept the prices offered.

HOP HONORS CONTESTED

Independence Pickers Wrest Championship From Miss Murray.

INDEPENDENCE, Or., Sept. 21.—(Special.)—Two hoppickers who worked in the yards near Independence, are contenders for the championship picking honors of 1913, at first believed to have been won by Miss Lela Murray, of Yamhill.

Miss Murray picked 1061 pounds of burrs in a day. Homer Mills, of Independence, says he picked 1100 and a fellow worker, whose name Mills cannot recall, harvested 1150 pounds on the same day. The daily average of Mills was 15 boxes; that of the other record picker 18 boxes.

STEAK MAY BE \$1 A POUND

Meat Packer Predicts Great Rise in Price in Ten Years.

CHICAGO, Sept. 21.—Unless there is an increase in the meat production in the United States in the next ten years, porterhouse steak will be selling at more than a dollar a pound, according to Gustav Bischoff of St. Louis, president of the American Meat Packers' Association, which will begin its annual meeting here tomorrow.

"If the production of cattle decreases in the same ratio and the population increases as it has, we will see the American workmen eating rice and spuds, but no meat," he said.

HUERTA SAYS HE'LL HAVE NO CANDIDATE

Promise of Impartial Election Made.

ORDER WILL BE MAINTAINED

Army to Be Used if Needs Be to Suppress Disturbers.

OPEN DECLARATION MADE

Parties to Be Left Free to Make Nominations and Work for Ideals, Without Hindrance From Federal Power.

MEXICO CITY, Sept. 21.—"Not only would it be an anomaly that the Government should have a candidate, but it can be further said that the Government has no predilection for nor will it aid any candidate."

In these words Provisional President Huerta today replied to the question whether he favored any candidate in the coming presidential elections.

President Huerta explained the attitude which the Administration would maintain as one of absolute impartiality, and added that it would take precautions to prevent any disturbance of public peace and order and would suppress any effort in that direction.

The President said he would use the army, if necessary, to keep order. "I want to declare once for all in the face of the whole nation," said General Huerta, "that I shall comply with the obligations I have assumed. These have for their basis the security of the Republic, leaving always complete freedom to the diverse political parties to launch candidates and do their work towards carrying to a happy conclusion their ideals, without aid or impediment from the Government."

HUERTA THOUGHT ELIMINATED

Administration Accepts Statement of Intention in Campaign.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 21.—Administration officials here regarded the statement made today by Provisional President Huerta that "it would be an anomaly for the government to have a candidate" as tantamount to a declaration that he would not be a candidate himself in the coming elections.

The tenor of Provisional President Huerta's remarks—that his government—(Concluded on Page 2.)

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LA FOLLETTE MAY JOIN DEMOCRATS

Change of Party Will Not Be Surprise.

REPUBLICAN CAMP IS GOLD

Senator Now Sees No Chance of Big Nomination.

TARIFF VOTE POINTS WAY

Attitude Regarded as Precluding Possibility of Ever Securing Presidency Through Party That Reared Him.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Sept. 21.—The announcement that Senator Bob La Follette, of Wisconsin, had joined the Democratic party would occasion little surprise in the United States Senate, and, as a matter of fact, many of La Follette's friends are expecting such an announcement at no distant date.

That La Follette contemplated a shifting of his political allegiance has been hinted at rather strongly ever since it was rumored that Colonel Roosevelt entertained the idea of seeking the Republican Presidential nomination in 1916. When Senator La Follette, with Senator Poindexter, of Washington, cast his vote in favor of the passage of the Underwood tariff bill, the opinion spread that La Follette's days under the Republican banner were drawing to a close. The switch of Poindexter from the Progressive to the Democratic party has long been expected.

Nomination Out of Reach. Among politicians in Washington it seems to be agreed that La Follette, whether he goes over to the Democratic party or not, has made it impossible ever to secure the Presidential nomination at the hands of the party in which he was brought up. That does not mean he could have been nominated by the Republicans had he voted against the Democratic bill, but by arraying himself so squarely against the Republican position on the tariff and voting for a bill placing on the free list practically all the products of the farm, not to mention many other articles whose producers in this country will suffer under unrestricted foreign competition, it is said La Follette has virtually read himself out of the Republican party.

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CHICAGOANS BID SUMMER GOOD BYE

CITY REDOLENT WITH MOTH BALLS AS FURS EMERGE.

Only Stoutest Boats Venture Out on Lake as Icy Wind Whips Breakers Into Foam.

CHICAGO, Sept. 21.—(Special.)—Bleak Autumn arrived in Chicago and vicinity today with a vengeance, running ahead of schedule. The advance agent of Winter crowded Indian Summer out of the usual engagement. The temperature dropped to 40 degrees above zero, and there were fitful gusts of icy rain, driven with cutting force by a high wind.

People got out their blankets, turned on the steam heat, resurrected furs and wraps and bade farewell to straw hats. The city was redolent with the odor of moth balls as Winter garments came into action. Blooming flowers and tender plants were hurried into basements or barns in fear of frost during the night.

Lake Michigan, harried by a continued high wind, tossed up angry yellow breakers which drove all sorts of small craft in great haste for harbor. Ample warning had been given of storms on the lake and mariners did not venture far out. Only the stoutest boats of steel construction and heavy tonnage ventured away from the coastwise runs.

The city, which only a few days ago was sweltering in heat and dust, had difficulty adjusting itself to the sudden change, this applying chiefly to the thousands who are poorly clad, fed and housed.

DULUTH, Minn., Sept. 21.—A record not equaled since the establishment of the weather bureau, in 1874, was made when snow fell today at nearly all points in Northern Minnesota and around the shores of Lake Superior. The earliest previous snowfall was recorded September 24, 1907.

SOCIETY GIRLS WILL SEW

Club Where Debutantes Will Learn Expected to Cut Living Cost.

ST. LOUIS, Sept. 21.—(Special.)—Several West End society girls and women have formed a sewing and millinery club and rented quarters in the Delmar building. Experts will give them instructions in dressmaking and the making of frames, trimming, lining, renovating and designing hats.

The club will open with its first classes tomorrow and it is expected that there will be a large enrollment. The formation of the club is the outcome of a desire to reduce the high cost of living. It is expected that nearly all this Fall's debutantes will soon be wearing dresses and hats of their own construction.

WOULD-BE CADETS FAIL

Many Vacancies Exist in West Point as Consequence.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 21.—Many vacancies exist at the West Point Military Academy as the result of failure of both principals and alternates in many cases to pass the cadet examinations and the failure of representatives to hand in nominations in answer to the request of the War Department.

There is no disposition to lower the standards of admission and it is believed aid of Congress will be sought to have the President fill all vacancies for which nominations are not forthcoming in time for the entrance examinations.

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Wife II Starts on Trail. Following the elopement, the Mrs. Busch of San Francisco went to Seattle in the hope of recovering some of the money she had lent Busch. Here she learned that Busch had become a bigamist for the second time.

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Lavey says he will contest the sale of the lamp rights. Lavey has profited nothing by the transactions of Busch in Canada.

MADERO'S SLAYER KILLED

Colonel Cardenas Reported Assassinated at Michoacan.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 21.—Lieutenant-Colonel Francisco Cardenas, alleged by the constitutionalists of Mexico to have been the assassin of Francisco I. Madero, ex-President of Mexico, has been assassinated, according to advices received at the headquarters of the constitutionalists here today.

The advices say that Cardenas was killed at Michoacan, whether he had been sent by President Huerta to take command of federal troops.

Noted Italian General Dead.

ROME, Sept. 21.—General Salza, who was head of the Italian Cyrenaica expedition, is dead today at Treviso, Italy.

SHREWD BIGAMIST DUPES OLD FRIEND

Canadian Dealings of Busch Revealed.

POSER SHOWS REAL BUSINESS

Factory Is Built on Borrowed Cash and Patent.

WIVES NOT ONLY GRIEVERS

Dual Personality, Unusual Ability, Thirst for Wine and Winning Way With Women Is Estimate of Crook by Former Friend.

A strange dual personality, unusual ability as a swindler and an over strong liking for wine and a winning way with women contributed to the financial success and the matrimonial fall of George J. Busch, bigamist and bogus heir to the Busch million in St. Louis, who fled to South America recently with his third wife after cleverly dodging detectives and Secret Service operatives across the continent. This estimate of Busch was made by Pat Lavey, of Portland, who says he has been made the "goat" in Busch's business operations.

While two women married by Busch and from whom he has obtained no divorce are bemoaning his departure with wife No. 3, Pat Lavey is contemplating the possible loss of an electric light stand patent which netted Busch several thousand dollars and from which Lavey himself anticipated a harvest of dollars.

Busch Negotiates Lavey's Patent. Lavey has been informed that Busch has turned the patent and a manufacturing establishment over to Canadian interests and a new factory for the manufacture of the lamp is being established at Winnipeg.

Busch and Lavey first met in Portland and the two became fast friends. The woman who was Mrs. Busch at that time was formerly Miss Claudia Windsor, daughter of a family of social prominence who formerly lived in Portland, but who has since moved to San Francisco. Mrs. Windsor-Busch, says Lavey, was talented and beautiful.

Lavey turned over the Canadian rights to a patented lampstand to Busch, who went to Winnipeg and promoted a company to manufacture the stands on a basis of 50 per cent of the returns for Busch and 50 per cent for Lavey.

Mrs. Busch Supplies Cash. Mrs. Busch was the backbone of Busch's business ability. She financed the proposition, using her own money and borrowing from her parents and friends. A prosperous business soon was built up.

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PRINCESS DEAF AND DUMB

Queen of Spain's Second Daughter, Like Second Son, Unable to Hear.

MANCHESTER, England, Sept. 21.—Relatives of the Queen of Spain have been shocked by the news that the second daughter of the Queen, like her second son, will be both deaf and dumb, says the Manchester Guardian.

It is feared that the little Spanish Princess is totally deaf and unless this can be corrected she will probably never be able to speak.

