CRISIS REVEALED BRITISH AGENT

Mexico City Situation Deplorable, Says Charge in Report to Ambassador.

Entered Capital.

General Scott, Chief of Staff of the United States, and General Villa, Commander-in-Chief of the forces of the Gutlerres government in Mexico, have arranged to confer on the interuntional bridge at El Paso, with a view to arriving at an understanding that will permanently prevent further fir- trade." ing into American territory by Mexican factions fighting along the international lines.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 4 .- Sir Cecil Spring Rice, the British Ambassador, ransmitted to the State Department today a copy of a mail report from Charge Hohler, of the British legation

in Mexico City, saying conditions there a week ago were deplorable.

High commendation was given Eduardo Iturbide, ex-Governor of the federal district, for his effort in saving the lives of Britons and Americans when the Zapata forces entered the city. Since then Rurbide has succeeded in getting out of the hands of the Mex-

received today he is now in the United States.

Since Charge Hohler's report was sent conditions have improved, according to State Department advices. The Mexican convention reassembled today and discussed credentials of delegates. Neither the War nor State Department had any further advices as to the situation at Naco, but the belief prevalled that an adjustment of the difficulties there would be reached on the structure of General Juan Cabral with Soo Gutlerrez troops.

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\$880 Gutlerrez troops.
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the only tunnel on the railroad across
the Isthmus of Tehuantepec and several important bridges on the road, as well

as railroad bridges in the State of Oaxnea, have been blown up. The legation at Guatemaia City re-ported arrival of many Mexican ref-ugees but no Americans.

HOSTILE LAWS NOT LIKELY

California Legislature Leaders Intend No Anti-Japanese Action.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 4.—In an official but convincing way, the State Depart-ment has learned there is no intention on the part of the leaders in control of the California Legislature to bring for-ward any new anti-Japanese legisla-tion during the present session, which began today. It has been made plain that the leaders cannot prevent mem-bers from broaching measures of their own but it is understood such meas-

own, but it is understood such meas-ures will not receive support of the dominant party.

A disposition not to do anything that might leopardize the success of the Panama-Pacific Exposition by curtail-ing Oriental exhibits is understood here to have been a potent factor in bringhave been a potent factor in bring about the determination to avoid

MUTUAL DEFENSE SOUGHT

tonsive maneuvers than ever before, and chiefly with Congress, where there aiready is pending a bill for a council of National defense.

Cruisers Declared Needed.

This, more than all other agencies combined, would make for a co-ordination of all the Government agencies, many of which he far outside the fields of the Navy and the Navy Department." Admiral Knight cited the diversion of battleships and torpedo craft to uses widely different from that for which they exist, with resulting interruption of preparation for battle and the breaking down of efficiency. He said

defenses, said that foreign guns carry at their maximum elevation 21,000 yards, while 'our 12-inch guns on their standard carriage carry 13,000 yards, but could be mounted so as to carry 3 milar distance to those foreign guni It would take 10 months to make the change, but it would not necessitate any change in the fortifications."

Coast Has No 14-Inch Guns. "The increased range of the 12-inch guna," wrote the Secretary, "would be accomplished by a slight increase in the capacity of the chamber, which the design of the gun admits of, and by providing a slightly lighter projectile for the extreme range. No change of gun carriage is necessary to obtain this increased range for the 14-inch guns."

FOREIGN FOLK IN DANGER

Mr. Garrison said there were no 14inch guns now in the coast defense of
the United States proper, but that four
such guns were in process of construction for installation on the Pacific
Coast. He said that there were no guns
of a larger size except the 16-inch gun
destined for the Panama Canal. He
explained that there were two 14-inch
guns already mounted in the Panama
Canal fortifications and eight more in
the course of being mounted.

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"There are now in our possession," the Secretary added, "634 modern field guns and howitzers and 226 additional ones appropriated for and under manufacture—a total of 869. We have on hand or under manufacture 580,000 rounds of ammunition for these guns and howitzers. The latest (December 23) estimate of the Frankford arsenal indicates a capacity to manufacture 35,000 complete rounds a month. I presume there has been some change in the facilities of the private manufacturers to meet demand of the foreign trade."

BRITON SAYS FIRST CAUSES TER RIBLE FRIGHT.

Tenth, However, Is Little Noticed by Men in Trenches, Although Destruction Is Great.

SCARBOROUGH, England, Dec. 15.—

(Correspondence of the Associated Press.)—A popular young officer of the Yorkshire Light Infantry writes to his parents a description of the effect.

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"They hit a house. You can see the great shell—a black streak—just before it strikes—then, before you hear the explosion, the whole house simply lifts up into the air, apparently quite silently; then you hear the roar, and the whole earth shakes.

'In the place where the house was there is a huge fountain spout of what looks like pink finff. It is the pulverized bricks. Then a monstrous shoot of black smoke towering up a hundred feet or more, and finally there is a curious willow-like formation, and then—you duck, as huge pleces of shell, and house, and earth, and haystack, tumble over your head. The broken pieces of shell are horribly jagged, sharp-edged missiles—whatever they hit they tear, cut, lacerate and destroy. Yet, do you know, it is really remarkable how little damage they do against earth trenches; they seem much less destructive in soft sand or soil than when artiking against a huilding or a maknow, it is really remarkable how lit-tle damage they do against earth trenches; they seem much less destruc-tive in soft sand or soil than when striking against a building or a ma-sonry wall."

LATER CONSECRATION FRIENDS WILL HONOR OREGON PRELATE.

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and Congress is charged by Rear-Admiral Austin M. Knight, in charge of the naval war college. In a report dated at Newport, December 1s, and embedded in the revised record of naval bill hearings made public today by the committee.

Admiral Knight was one of the officers whom Representative Hobson, of Alabama, vainly sought to have called to testify before the committee. His statement was brought out by telegrams sent by Secretary Daniels to Admiral Knight and to Rear-Admiral Fletcher, commanding the Atlantic fleet, asking "whether there is lack of co-ordination in the Administration of the Atlantic fleet, asking whether there is lack of co-ordination what the Naval Way College says it should accomplish."

War College Makes Charge.

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The War College believes that lack of co-ordination does exist in the fleet, and between the Navy Department, and the fleet and Congress.

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AWAIT HUSBANDS.

United States Detention Station Houses Nipponese Till Spouses Come to

Goethals Advises Colonel Against International Fleet's Trip Just Now.

GOLD HILL EARTH MOVES

Garrison He Cannot Guarantee Channel Broad Enough to Admit Great Dreadnoughts.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 4 .- The possibilty of a postponement of the cruise of the international fleet from Hampton Roads to San Francisco through the

Roads to San Francisco through the Panama Canal, in connection with the opening of the canal and the exposition, was suggested today in the course of a conference between Secretary Garrison and Colonel Goethals, Governor of the canal.

Though the great earth slides at Cucaracha have apparently been conquered, according to Colonel Goethals' report, the earth movements continue in the neighborhood of Gold Hill. At that point the superincumbent masses of earth on the side of the canal, by their great pressure, are continuously forcing rock and soil in great quantities into the canal prism. The movement is sufficiently extensive to require the continuous employment of dredges to maintain the channel.

While this can be done to meet the needs of the present number and size of vossels that are applying for passage, Colonel Goethals reported that he could not guarantee that there would be a channel broad enough and deep enough for the great dreadnoughts, which will make up the naval parade

now considering whether it will be nec-essary to secure special legislation in case it is decided to abandon or post-pone the cruise because of the condi-tions of the canal.

Colonel Goethais arrived in Wash-ington today from West Point, where he had been visiting his son at the mil-itary academy. He will appear tomor-row before the House committee on ap-propriations to explain the estimates he has submitted for the continuation of construction work on the canal, inof construction work on the canal, in-cluding drydocks, coal wharves and pockets, machine shops and other es-tablishments necessary to the operation of the waterway.

BRITAIN'S REPLY FRIENDLY

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rials to European belligerents.

Delegations from New York, Philadelphia, Chicago and Baltimore, among them representatives of the German-American Alliance and the Ancient Order of Hibernians, appeared in favor of the resolutions.

C. J. Hexamer, of Philadelphis, president of the German-American Alliance, presented memorials adopted by that organization in many states, urg-

that organization in many states, urging the adoption of one of the resolu-These memorials included a

written by Mr. Hexamer to Preside Informal Reception to Be Given in Wilson, dated December 3, "in the in-terest of neutrality," saying that one of the nations engaged in the war "could get munitions from this coun-"Our failure in keeping strict neu-

PICTURE BRIDES WAITING

prohibit the exportation of arms and munitions. Only England and her friends can benefit by our unholy commerce in war materials. Every dollar made by a few manufacturers of war supplies is tainted with blood from the field of battle."

DENTIST HELD FOR MURDER

Coroner's Jury Holds That Illegal Operation Was Performed.

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Disputes Arise Over Proposed Constitution and Flag.

DESIGN OF EMBLEM ISSUE

Danish Ruler Is Not Sure Taste of Island Minister Is Representative of Subjects-Meeting to Settle Points Is Likely.

REYKJAVIK, Iceland, Dec. 4 .- (Correspondent of the Associated Press.)— Iceland is in the threes of a political erists and the people are hugely enjoying it because it provides them with something to talk about these long, cold Winter nights. It is a quarrel between the Liberal party, which is in the in touch with the situation. ascendency, and His Majesty the King of Denmark, the ruler of Iceland. It has led to the resignation of the Prime ascendency, and His Majerty in the property of Denmark, the ruler of Iceland. It of Denmark, the ruler of Iceland. It of Denmark, the ruler of Iceland. It has led to the resignation of the Prime has led to the resignation of the Prime hinister, Eggerz, but he has consented Minister, Eggerz, but he has consented to remain in office for the present, and to remain in office for the present, and to remain in office for the present, and to remain an office for the present and the residual property of the prime prime property of the prime prime property of the prime Minister, Eggerz, but he has consented

breaking down of efficiency, He said this was in many cases the result of lack of truisers and gupboats.

Navy Cost is Billiums.

Among other data just added to the report of the hearing is a statement of nearl expenditures for the current riseal year, showing that while the United States appropriated \$141,872,780.

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could call its own, and the King, it is said, promised that its desire would be gratified. The Liberal majority in the Parliament here, having complete faith in the patriotism and good taste of the In the patriotism and good take of the Prime Minister, authorized him to get up a flag and settle the matter personally with the King. But the King refused to consider the design submitted by the Prime Minister, alleging that there was no evidence that it was the sort of flag the Icelanders really wasted.

wanted.

The King has announced that he will summen before him some of the leading politicians of Iceland to see if some satisfactory settlement of the disputed of the Morks Twice Lost matters cannot be arranged.

OPEN SHOP" IS EXPECTED Eastern Operators Likely Will Cease Negotiations With Miners.

CLEVELAND, O., Jan. 4.—Eastern coal operators, it is believed, at an adformally to break off all negative.

With the United Mineworkers' Union.

That they plan to evict striking miners because they have paid no rent since the strike was called the 1st of April last, and will decide to make overtures to miners as individuals to work "open shop" under the scale rejected by the miners' organization, was the belief expressed tonight by those the present have reference to Upper Alsace, where engagements of a very violent nature continued in the region of Cernay (Sennization, Washington, Wash

Germans Finally Lose Town in Upper Alsace Region.

Battles Waged Violently for Positions, Which Change Hands Frequently -- Artillery Engagements Are Terrific.

erces of the enemy. We became pos-seed of several points of support held to the Germans in the region of Perthes and of Mesnil-les-Hurtus. Between the Argonne and the Meuse,

"Between the Argonne and the Meuse, as well as on the heights of the Meuse, there was intermittent cannonading, As effort made yesterday morning by our troops to occupy Boureuilles did not succeed.

"Our advance continued in the Forest of Lepretre, to the northwest of Ponta-Mousson."

A magnifying giass which may be at-ached to the pen or pencil is a new de-ice for the convenience of draftsmen.

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