

WAR UP TO HER

Colombia Must Take the Initiative.

MOODY CABLES THE ORDER

Secretary of the Navy From Now On Will Direct.

GREAT SECRECY ENJOINED

Battalion of Marines Will Sail From Philadelphia at an Early Date, and It is Now Proposed to Send Elliott to Command.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.—"Let Colombia take the initiative," is the restraining keynote of specific instructions which Secretary Moody has cabled to the American Naval Commanders in Isthmian waters. The Secretary has taken active hold in the shaping of the naval policy on the isthmus, and from now on the instructions, whether to naval or marine officials, will, as far as possible, be prepared at his personal direction.

It was announced today that while the situation on the isthmus was in no way alarming to the Washington Government, it was sufficiently delicate to warrant the most careful diplomatic handling, and for this reason secrecy has been enjoined upon officials of the department regarding the operations of the ships and marines. The only official information on the subject will be given out at the direction of the Secretary.

Marines to Sail at Once.
At a conference held this afternoon between Secretary Moody and Brigadier-General Elliott, Commander of the Marine Corps, the latter reported that upon 24 hours' notice he could get under way to Colon with the new Caribbean Sea battalion which is under orders to assemble at Philadelphia. This battalion, which it is intended shall go South on the cruiser *Itala*, now on her way to Philadelphia from Colon, will probably sail between December 25 and January 1.

General Elliott has been informed that unless the Isthmian situation enters upon a decidedly more peaceful phase in the meantime he will command this battalion, and upon his arrival will organize the three battalions of marines on the isthmus into a brigade of which he shall assume supreme command.

Camp for the Marines.

There were several conferences at the Navy Department today regarding the location of the camps for the marines on the isthmus. Last the administration may be put in the light of anticipating the Senate's ratification of the canal treaty by assuming obligations provided for in that convention, it has been practically settled that General Elliott shall not mass his forces along the Panama border unless the safety of the republic absolutely demands it. It is believed a more effective scheme will be to distribute the three battalions among the towns and villages of Panama other than the cities of Panama and Colon, leaving the Navy the protection of these terminals. It is possible that some marines will be encamped on the highlands in the vicinity of the border line, but General Elliott must determine this after his arrival on the isthmus.

Health a Potent Factor.

A potent factor in the shaping of the naval policy on the isthmus will be the health of the marines. Care will be taken in the selection of camps and every precaution against tropical illness possible will be observed.

In official circles tonight it was stated that Panama, while disclaiming any obligation to Colombia by a payment of a portion of her debt will voluntarily aid, as an act of comity, assume such share of it as in her judgment may be deemed necessary. It is expected that the formal expressions of the government on the subject is only delayed pending the statement of General Hayes, the desire being to note what demands Colombia wishes to make.

COLOMBIA HAD FEARS OF WAR

Disregarded Public Clamor to Hand American Minister His Passports.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.—President Roosevelt today transmitted to the House the third installment of papers relating to the recent revolution on the isthmus of Panama. The papers comprise the correspondence between the State Department and Minister Beaupre, at Bogota, relative to the Hay-Herran treaty, consisting of 129 letters and telegrams sent between March 15 and November 15, 1901. April 7, Secretary Hay telegraphed Mr. Beaupre to notify Colombia that the matter of the requests of Colombia to the canal and railroad companies for appointment of agents to negotiate cancellations of the present concessions was covered by treaty, "and any change would be in violation of the Spooner law and not permissible." April 15, Mr. Beaupre reviewed at length the feeling in Colombia toward the treaty. On its negotiation, he says:

"I am convinced the public had never expected better terms."
In a later communication on the subject of adverse public opinion toward the treaty, Mr. Beaupre said: "It is utterly impossible to convince these people that the Nicaragua route was ever seriously considered by the United States, that the negotiations concerning it had any other motive than the securing of an advantageous bargain out of Colombia, nor that any other than the Panama route would be selected."

The public discussion, he says, was largely along the line of the loss of National honor by the surrender of sov-

erignty, while private discussion was to the effect that the price was inadequate.

On June 5, Mr. Hay sent to Mr. Beaupre this telegram: "The Colombian Government apparently does not appreciate the gravity of the situation. The canal negotiations were initiated by Colombia, and were energetically pressed on this Government for several years. The propositions presented by Colombia, with slight modifications, were finally accepted by us. In view of this agreement, our Congress reversed its previous judgment and decided upon the Panama route. If Colombia should now reject the treaty, or unduly delay its ratification, the friendly understanding between the two countries would be so seriously compromised that action might be taken by Congress next Winter which every friend of Colombia would regret."

On June 10, Mr. Beaupre wrote that a decided effort was being made to change public opinion into a more favorable consideration of the treaty.

Hay Note Construed as Threat.

On July 5 Mr. Beaupre sent the following confidential telegram to Secretary Hay: "Have received information privately that a paraphrase of your cipher telegram on June 9 was received in the Senate secret session; created sensation. Construed by many as a threat of direct retaliation against Colombia in case treaty is not ratified. This, and the statement of just-arrived members of Congress from Panama that this department would revoke if the treaty is not ratified, caused alarm and the effect is favorable."

Minister Beaupre telegraphed Secretary Hay July 9 that he had been informed by a prominent Colombian that the treaty could not be ratified without two amendments, one increasing the price to be paid to Colombia by the United States to \$15,000,000, and another requiring the payment of \$10,000,000 to Colombia by the Panama Canal Company. A reply to this was sent by Secretary Hay that the proposed amendments would stand any chance of acceptance by the United States Senate.

In a later dispatch, Secretary Hay informed Mr. Beaupre regarding the proposed amendments.

"The president would not submit to our Senate any amendment in that sense, but would treat it as violating the negotiations and bringing about a failure to conclude a satisfactory treaty with Colombia."

On August 17 Mr. Beaupre cabled that President Marroquin informed him he should secure the passage of a law authorizing him to continue and finish negotiations for a canal, but under what conditions he could not state. Under date of September 5, Mr. Beaupre gave the conditions of this proposed law, as follows: It authorized the President of Colombia to conclude treaties for the canal or contract for the same with private parties. The price named was \$10,000,000 from the canal company and \$20,000,000 from the contracting parties or government; the concession to run 100 years, and lease not to include Panama or Colon. An annual rental of \$150,000 was fixed until 1967; lease renewable every 100 years on payment of 25 per cent increase; Colombian sovereignty over the whole territory and inhabitants; police and sanitary regulations wholly Colombian; a time limit to be fixed for completion of work.

Forerunner of Separation.

Mr. Beaupre remarked that it was highly probable that even these terms would not be acceptable to the Colombian Congress.

Under date of September 10, Mr. Beaupre cabled that the report of the committee had not yet been discussed in the Senate. He added:

"Fierce attack today in the Senate upon the appointment of Obaldia as Governor of Panama. The appointment is regarded

TAMMANY SELECTS HIM AS POLICE COMMISSIONER



EX-ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF NAVY WILLIAM M'ADOO.

NEW YORK, Dec. 19.—(Special.)—Unless something unusual and unforeseen transpires between now and January 1 to change the programme, it is stated on authority that it is usually unquestioned that ex-Assistant Secretary of the Navy McAdoo will succeed General Francis V. Greene as Police Commissioner. The question of choosing a suitable head for the police force is one that has caused Mayor-elect McCellan and Charles F. Murphy no little annoyance; but it is understood that both are satisfied that Mr. McAdoo possesses all of the qualifications necessary for a popular and proper administration of this department.

as being the forerunner of separation. A resolution passed by almost unanimous vote, which equivalent to vote of censure against the government."

In a letter which followed this cable message, Mr. Beaupre commented on the "separatist" tendencies of the newly-appointed Governor of Panama, which he said were "well known." "He is reported to have said," the letter continues, "that should the canal treaty not pass, the Department of Panama would declare its independence, and would be right in doing so. That these are his opinions there is no doubt."

Under date of October 21, Mr. Beaupre communicated a positive feeling of alarm in Bogota over the possible action of the United States should the feeling in Panama find expression in overt acts. This alarm, he said, was voiced in the Senate on the day previous.

On October 22 Secretary Hay cabled Mr. Beaupre: "If you find disposition on the part of Colombia to ask terms more favorable to

ALL THINK ALIKE

Solons Say Extra Session Should be Short

BUT FEAR IT MAY BE LONG

Will Repeal New Tax Law and Re-enact Old One.

NO CHANGE IN PORTAGE ROAD

Legislation Regarding Recorders' Fees Will Be Revamped, and the \$300 Exemption From Taxation Will Be Restored.

Nearly four dozen legislators slumbered in Portland last night. This afternoon most of them will move camp to Salem. The gentlemen look hale and hearty after their ten months' respite from lawmaking. The solons desire to end the session early so as to get home for Christmas turkey and stay there. That desire is unanimous. But they fear that the other fellow will keep them at the capital right up to the eve of Santa Claus' visit and then make them go back. And that fear is just as unanimous as the desire to go home.

"We can adjourn in two days," declared an Eastern Oregon lawmaker. "There's no need of new legislation."

"And you won't propose any?"

"Well, er, you see, I've got only two or three little things—a charter for example. But," he added extenuatingly, "the Legislature can dispose of them in just a little while—only a few minutes," and the circle of fellow lawmakers grinned.

Republicans undoubtedly will hold a caucus tomorrow afternoon or evening to determine upon a programme. Just what subjects of legislation will go on the programme Republicans do not yet precisely know. They hope to agree upon a procedure without discord and to carry it out. But a manifest apprehension weighs upon them that a caucus will not be entirely successful in holding the session strictly to necessary business.

On five subjects the four dozen members who thronged the legislative camp yesterday were practically unanimous:

First, the new tax law shall be repealed and the old shall be re-enacted, possibly with amendments for smaller rebate and lighter penalty.

Second, the Eddy corporation tax law shall stand.

the road, is not navigable to steamboats and that the portage road would therefore not serve its purpose until the National Government undertakes the canal project. They show that removal of those obstructions is included in the Government's plans and would naturally be the first work done by the Government. They argue, therefore, that it devolves upon the Oregon Legislature to present right of way to the Government in order that the canal may be built and the portage may be of service.

The champion of this appropriation bill in the Senate will probably be T. H. Johnston, of Wasco. In the lower chamber the men who will head the fight for the bill will be J. N. Burgess, of Wasco, C. P. Johnson, of Grant; N. Wheelodon, of Wasco, and R. J. Ginn, of Sherman. The whole Eastern Oregon delegation of 12 in the House and six in the Senate will unite to pass the bill. The Eastern Oregon men rely upon the co-operation of Multnomah's 12 in the House and seven in the Senate and of Columbia and Clatsop's three in the House and one in the Senate. Thus they expect to marshal from the above named counties 29 out of 59 votes in the House and 14 out of 23 in the Senate, besides votes from other counties which contain strong sentiment for an open river. It will be observed that this array of forces is quite formidable.

Many Legislators in Town.

The woods were full of solons yesterday. They spent their money to help out Santa Claus, dodged the raindrops as best they could and then went inside to dry their jackets and warm up on politics.

Among the notables were Representatives J. A. Buriel, of Walla Walla; W. M. Hinkley, of Umatilla; Charles V. Gallo-way, of Yamhill; E. H. Teet, of Multnomah; and J. H. Robbins, of Baker; a quintet of Democrats; C. P. Johnson, of Grant; R. J. Ginn, of Sherman; C. A. Danne-man, of Gilliam; H. C. Adams, of Umatilla; G. W. Ebeling, of Morrow; N. Wheelodon, of Wasco; J. N. Burgess, of Wasco; Charles Hines, of Washington; B. L. Eddy, of Tillamook; J. L. Hawkins, of Polk; Marion Hayden, of Benton; J. M. Hansbrough, of Douglas; S. B. Zermann, of Coos; L. B. Riddle, of Douglas; T. B. Kay, of Marion, and Senators Squire Farrar, of Marion; E. V. Carter, of Jackson; W. Taylor Smith, of Yamhill; B. P. Mulkey, of Polk; T. H. Johnston, of Wasco, and W. W. Steiner, of Sherman; George C. Brownell, of Clackamas, president of the Senate; L. T. Harris, of Lane, Speaker of the House, were also conspicuous. Members of the Multnomah delegation visited the camp in the course of the night.

No night will be made for retention of the new tax law. Members from Multnomah unanimously favor the old law. Of the 23 visiting members, as above stated, were interviewed, and all save one of the 23 said that their constituents

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THUGS FEAR NOT

Chicago Crusade Makes Them Bolder.

ROBBERIES ON ALL SIDES

House of Policeman Pilfered While He Is Asleep.

CITIZENS GREATLY AROUSED

Vigilance Committee Is Named to Wage Unceasing War on Footpads, and May Employ Men to Shoot Them on Sight.

FINANCE PLAN TOO RADICAL.

Senator Allison Talks on Asset, Currency and Kindred Subjects.

STOLE BY THE CAR

Seattle Ring of Freight Thieves Unearthed.

AMOUNTS TO THOUSANDS

Northern Pacific Pays High for "Lost Freight."

MANY EMPLOYES IMPLICATED

Goods Sent to Various Points in Alaska, California, Oregon and Interior States and Sold for What They Would Bring.

SHIPPED TO MANY POINTS.

Trains upon tons of merchandise. It is charged, have been sent to Alaska, California, to Oregon and Interior Western States, sold for what it would bring and the money divided between those implicated.

TRAGIC ATTEMPT AT MURDER

Young Man Plays Bold Trick to Get Fiancee to Break Engagement.

THE SELF-CONFESSED EMBEZZLING SECRETARY OF CALIFORNIA UNIVERSITY BOARD OF REGENTS

CONTRACTORS BUY CHEAP CEMENT.

PINKERTON SPOKE FOR HIM.

HE WILL TAKE CARE OF NOTED BANK ROBBER Just Pardon.

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