

WAR DEPARTMENT LIKELY TO DISMISS THE CHARGE OF MISCONDUCT.

INQUIRY STILL CONTINUES

Major West Pursues It in Portland and Inspector-General in Manila. Tucker Denies the Charges and Resents the Interference.

WASHINGTON, July 6.—(Special.)—A preliminary report on the investigation of the charges preferred by his wife, daughter of the late General John A. Logan, against Lieutenant Colonel William F. Tucker, Paymaster in the Army, is favorable to the accused officer, and indicates that, unless further inquiries develop something to his discredit, he will not be court-martialed.

The conduct of Colonel Tucker at Portland, Or., and at San Francisco seems not to warrant the exercise of departmental discipline. Whatever attentions he may have paid in this country to Mrs. Myrtle B. Platt, an ex-Philippine schoolteacher, no evidence has been discovered by the Inspector-General charged with the investigation, to show anything more than a friendly interest in the charming widow.

Reports in circulation at the War Department assert that Mrs. Tucker, who inspired the investigation, employed private detectives to ascertain the truth regarding her husband's defection, but they were unable to obtain any accurate information which could be used in legal proceedings against Colonel Tucker.

The examination conducted by the War Department is not completed, and Major West is still making inquiries at Portland and San Francisco. The report of the Inspector-General of the Philippines, who is inquiring into the conduct of Colonel Tucker at Manila, has not yet been received. Preliminary statements have been received from Major J. G. Galbraith, who examined Colonel Tucker in Chicago and made inquiries among persons in that city to whom he was referred, and from Major West.

Colonel Tucker denied most emphatically that he had acted improperly, insisting that had done nothing to be ashamed of, and that there was no reason for departmental interference in what, after all, was a family affair.

ARMY NOT READY FOR WAR

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money been available for the beginning of the new fiscal year. Their supply of reserve naval guns and ammunition and of torpedoes is found to be much nearer the needs of the service than it has ever before been at this season of the year. The construction of guns for the new ships is progressing and armament for the armored cruisers about to be turned over to the Government will be ready by the time the contractors have finished the hulls and fittings of the ships. Hendway has also been made with the great guns for the two big battleships, although the contracts for these have not been signed. Orders for the forgings for these guns were placed two months ago with the Bethlehem, Midvale and Carnegie Works, and some of the forgings have been delivered at the Washington Navy Yard. It is recalled that some curiously expressed a few months ago when it was announced that the Navy had adopted a new policy of building guns in the Army gun factories. That curiosity was not gratified, but it may develop as a fortunate circumstance that as a result the naval gun shops are not now in danger of being taxed beyond their capacity.

Drydock on Puget Sound.

Only routine expenditures for construction and repair and on account of yards and docks are being made on either the Atlantic or Pacific Coast, according to officials here, but as Secretary Metcalf pointed out, one of the items is a drydock at Puget Sound, and it would not be surprising if a special effort were made to dredge out the channel at the Mare Island Navy-Yard, so as to make it accessible to the deep-draft battleships. There is a fine drydock in the Mare Island Yard, which might as well be in China, as far as the American Navy is concerned, unless the channel is dredged.

Materials and Labor Scarce.

Last year the Navy Department found it impossible to spend all of the money that Congress had appropriated for a machinery plant in the Bremerton Navy-Yard. That was because materials and skilled labor were scarce. As this is the only dock on the Pacific Coast now ready to handle a big battleship, some special inducements must be held out by the department to get trained navy-yard workers to make their homes in Bremerton, and it is believed that steps have already been taken in this direction.

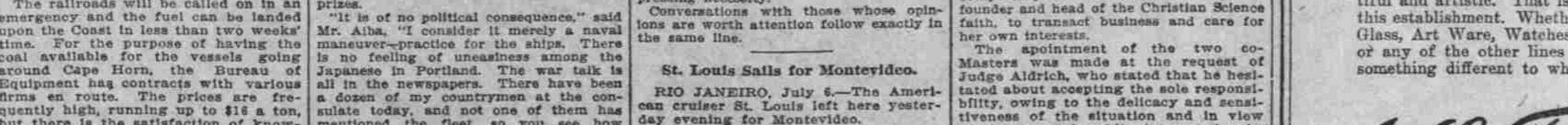
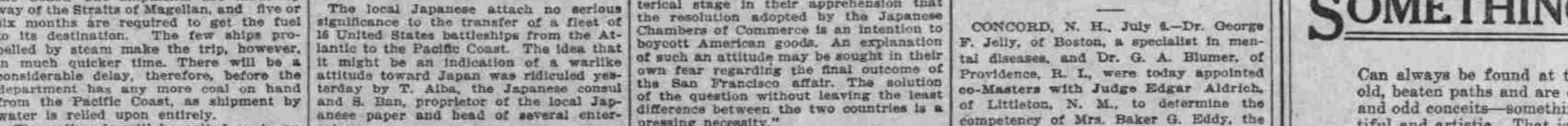
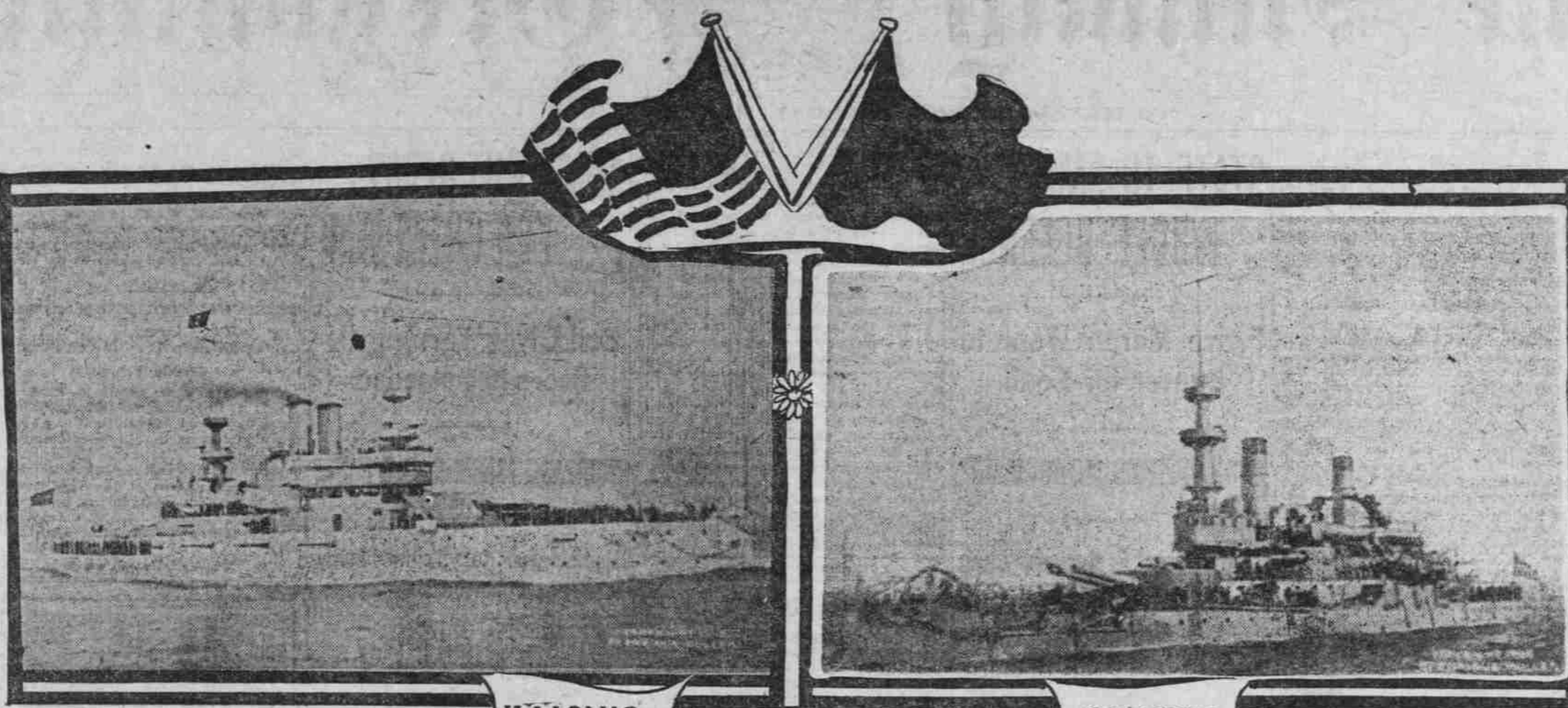
Altogether, notwithstanding the absence of any presence of hurry or anxiety among the few officials who remain in Washington, it is patent that much useful work is being done in a quiet way to put the Navy and the Army coast defenses in as good condition as the appropriation will permit.

COAL SUPPLY FOR WARSHIPS

Government Must Ship Large Amount to Pacific Coast.

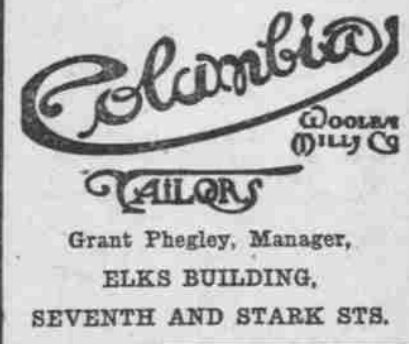
WASHINGTON, July 6.—The question of keeping on hand an adequate supply of coal to meet the needs of battleships of the Atlantic fleet that are to be sent to the Pacific Coast is one that the Bureau of Equipment will have to settle. Under ordinary conditions, the bureau has no difficulty in meeting all demands made upon it by the ships of the Pacific fleet, but to supply 16 large battleships and several cruisers in addition presents a new problem. Supplies of coal at San Francisco were lessened considerably during the past winter by the demand upon the Navy Department incident to the coal famine upon the Coast, the bureau of equipment, parting with a large amount it had on hand at cost price to public institutions and to vessels carrying United States mails across the Pacific. There also were public demands for coal at the Puget Sound station which the Government supplied. When the present season opened contracts were let for furnishing and transporting to the Coast 60,000 tons of coal, half of which was intended for Puget Sound and half for the Mare Island Navy-Yard at San Fran-

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MORE STRIKE TALK

Chicago Telegraphers Clamor for Decisive Measures.

FINAL ACTION IS DELAYED

Crisis Will Be Reached at Meeting Today When International Executive Board Expects to Postpone the Walkout.

CHICAGO, July 6.—(Special.)—A crisis in the affairs of the Commercial Telegraphers' Union will be reached tomorrow, when members of the International Executive Board of Organization will attempt to prevent a strike of the key operators in Chicago for the time being at least.

A decided difference of opinion regarding a conflict here developed today between the international officials and members of the executive board of the Chicago union. The international executive board members declared that in the view of the efforts now being made by United States Commissioner of Labor Neill to establish a peace basis, it would be unwise at this time to jeopardize chances for obtaining a satisfactory settlement with the Western Union Telegraph Company by declaring war against it. On the other hand, members of the executive board of the local union asserted that matters had reached a stage where the union operators were clamoring for action, and that a decisive step should be taken.

The local executive board and the

local executive board until a meeting scheduled for noon tomorrow.

DELAY SCHMITZ' SENTENCE

Prosecution Wants to Try Other Extortion Cases First.

SAN FRANCISCO, July 6.—Despite expectations to the contrary it is not likely that sentence will be pronounced upon Mayor Schmitz by Judge Dunne next Monday. There is excellent authority for the statement that the prosecution is ready to proceed at once with the prosecution of the Mayor on the other four charges of extortion that lie against him, and that it is desired to have subsequent sentences—assuming further convictions—run consecutively instead of concurrently.

It is understood that if this announcement is made by the District Attorney, the court will withhold sentence on the present conviction and will set the next of the extortion cases for immediate trial.

Halsey's Case Again Delayed.

SAN FRANCISCO, July 6.—The case against T. V. Halsey, agent for the Pacific States Telephone & Telegraph Company, who was indicted for the bribery of Supervisors, was continued until Monday when called before Judge Dunne. It was upon a motion to dismiss the indictment, but Judge Dunne said that on account of having been on vacation he had not had an opportunity to read the transcript of testimony.

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EDDY CASE NEARS END

Christian Science Founder's Mind to Be Investigated.

CONCORD, N. H., July 6.—Dr. George F. Jolly, of Boston, a specialist in mental diseases, and Dr. G. A. Blumer, of Providence, R. I., were today appointed co-Masters with Judge Edgar Aldrich, of Littleton, N. M., to determine the competency of Mrs. Baker G. Eddy, the founder and head of the Christian Science faith, to transact business and care for her own interests.

The appointment of the two co-Masters was made at the request of Judge Aldrich, who stated that he hesitated about accepting the sole responsibility, owing to the delicacy and sensitiveness of the situation and in view of the general public interest in the questions.

Rain Threatens Coffee Crop.

RIO JANEIRO, July 6.—The coffee crop in the province of St. Paul is threatened by heavy rain.

THINKS AMERICANS ARE AFRAID.

TOKIO, July 1.—The Nichi Nichi will say tomorrow: "The American feeling toward Japanese appears to have reached almost a hysterical stage in their apprehension that the resolution adopted by the Japanese Chambers of Commerce is an intention to boycott American goods. An explanation of such an attitude may be sought in their own fear regarding the final outcome of the San Francisco affair. The solution of the question without leaving the least difference between the two countries is a pressing necessity."

NO WAR TALK AMONG JAPANESE

Movement of the Fleet Regarded as Naval Maneuver.

The local Japanese attach no serious significance to the transfer of a fleet of 16 United States battleships from the Atlantic to the Pacific Coast. The idea that it might be an indication of a warlike attitude toward Japan was ridiculed yesterday by T. Alba, the Japanese consul and S. Ban, proprietor of the local Japanese paper and head of several enterprises.

"It is of no political consequence," said Mr. Alba, "I consider it merely a naval maneuver—practice for the ships. There is no feeling of uneasiness among the Japanese in Portland. The war talk is all in the newspapers. There have been a dozen of my countrymen at the consulate today, and not one of them has mentioned the fleet, so you see how little they think of it. War between America and Japan is all foolish talk. The Japanese in Oregon have no complaints whatever. The treatment they have received has been more than satisfactory."

Mr. Ban stated that a translation of the article in the The Oregonian, announcing the naval programme, had been printed in the Japanese paper, but that no comment concerning it had been made. He did not believe the matter had the slightest bearing on the disturbances growing out of the unsettled state of affairs in San Francisco.

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