

HOLLAND AWAITS DE REUS' REPORT

Action Against Castro Depends on Advice of Ex-Minister.

NAVY ANXIOUS FOR WAR

Possibility of Active Service Pleases. Blockade of Coast Likely Unless Venezuela Effects Compromise.

THE HAGUE, Aug. 22.—Holland's action against Venezuela and the text of her note to President Castro will depend largely upon reports of M. De Reus, former Dutch Minister to Venezuela, who was expelled by Castro, makes to the government. He is expected to arrive here next Monday.

M. Van Swinderen, Minister of Foreign Affairs, will consult with M. De Reus before the government takes further steps in the matter. The ex-Minister's arrival is eagerly awaited here. The press and public of The Netherlands take the Venezuelan affair most calmly. Naval officers are most interested in it and express pleasure at the possibility of seeing active service. The government, however, thinks there is a chance that the difficulty may be patched up by diplomacy.

A blockade of the Venezuelan coast, if it is undertaken, will not be done for some time, because the adoption of punitive measures will depend upon the tenor of President Castro's reply to Holland's representations.

FRANCE MERELY TO LOOK ON

Will Let Holland Attend to Spanking of Castro.

PARIS, Aug. 22.—Although France is watching with interest the developments of the Holland-Venezuelan situation, owing to her own troubles with the South American republic, it can be said authoritatively that she does not intend to mix in any way in the present controversy.

If the United States, as the recognized protector of Venezuela, has transferred the power of punishment to Holland, Holland is quite capable of acting, and France will be a sympathetic spectator. There is some conviction here in well-informed circles that it would be unwise for Holland to land troops in Venezuela, as this action would immediately be the signal for partition and result in the uniting of the Castros and those who oppose Castro for the defense of the country. It is believed an effective blockade would be more potent and successful.

BLACKLISTS VENEZUELA PORTS

Dutch West Indian Steamship Company Curtails Its Service.

WILLEMSTADT, Aug. 22.—Each day brings a new development in the difficult relations between the Netherlands and Venezuela, indicating retaliatory measures on the one side or the other. It was learned today that the Royal Dutch West Indian mail line had decided to temporarily discontinue its Venezuelan trips. The steamer Prins Willem V., of this line, from Curacao, Venezuela, brought Superintendent Dewries, who was interviewed today. He said:

"Although we don't fear that the Venezuelan authorities will molest our steamers in Venezuela, it is necessary to take precautions in connection with the quarantine regulations imposed by neighboring countries have obliged the company to discontinue its Venezuelan service for the time being."

The steamer of the Royal Dutch line on their regular schedule, call at the Venezuelan ports of Puerto Cabello, Guayana, Guantiamo, Eoba, and Curacao.

SEATTLE, Aug. 22.—Judge Silas H. Reid, United States Marshal G. G. Perry, Eastern District Attorney J. J. Crossley and other officials of the Third Judicial Division of Alaska, have been directed by the Attorney-General to proceed to Valdez at once to prepare for the trial of the Japanese section yesterday seized in illegal sealing on Pribilof Island on July 22.

The revenue cutter Bear has been ordered to the island to bring the crews of the prisoners to Unga or Unalaska for a preliminary hearing. Until this order was issued it was thought that the Japanese and two schooners seized by the Bear were all that were implicated in the raid, but the orders of the Bear make it appear otherwise.

CROPS DAMAGED BY STORM

Wind and Rain Sweep Over Southern Portion of Wasco.

THE DALLES, Or., Aug. 22.—Because of the electrical storm which, accompanied by a strong wind, swept over the southern and southeastern portions of Wasco County and other parts of Oregon sections yesterday and telephone connections with points to the east, south and west have been so badly disabled that messages could not be transmitted to these points. The only long distance line undisturbed was that north to Goldendale. Crops and other property, according to a messenger who came here, are damaged, though in many places harvesting has been completed. The most heavily stricken districts in this county were the Antelope and Shaniko sections.

WIN FIGHT WITH FLAMES

Fire in Hetch-Hetchy Valley Nearly Under Control.

SONORA, Cal., Aug. 22.—The forest fire which is raging in the vicinity of the Hetch-Hetchy Valley and around Lake Eleanor has not yet been subdued. Some progress has been made, however, by the large force of men engaged in fighting the flames, and it is hoped that the conflagration will soon be under control. The result of back-firing on the east and south sides of Lake Eleanor is already apparent, as the flames are showing considerable abatement.

Every available man in the district is out aiding the troops from the Yosemite Valley in the attempt to prevent the further spread of the fire.

ROBBED BY BOY TRAMP

California Lad Garrobed by Youth From Portland.

RED BLUFF, Cal., Aug. 22.—(Special.)—Bert Olson, a boy tramp, 11 years old, who says his home is in Portland, was arrested here yesterday while swimming with a number of other boys. Michael Hestler, 8 years old, displayed a check Olson snagged Hestler with a sock and took the money.

HISTORIC SPOT MARKED

Monument at Scene of Great Lincoln-Douglas Debate.

CHICAGO, Aug. 22.—The semi-centennial celebration of the great debate between Abraham Lincoln and Stephen A. Douglas was celebrated at Ottawa, Ill., yesterday on the spot where the "Great Emancipator" and the "Little Giant" stood during their argument of 50 years ago. In commemoration of the event a unique monument marking the spot in Washington Park was unveiled by Illinois chapter, Daughters of the Revolution.

A 24-ton boulder has been brought from the farm of M. Trumbull and placed on a concrete base in the park. On the face of the boulder a bronze tablet bears the following inscription: "This boulder marks the site of the first Lincoln and Douglas debate held August 21, 1858. Erected by the Illinois Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, Ottawa, Ill., August 21, 1908."

The semi-centennial celebration was directed by the La Salle County Historical Association, which has been planning for the event for over a year. The unveiling ceremonies were arranged under the auspices of the Daughters of the Revolution who gathered the funds for the installation of the monument.

Only Seven of 310 National Banks in State Willing to Take Up New System.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 22.—T. P. Kane, deputy controller of the currency, states that the published statement that a large number of National banks in Oklahoma had notified the controller of the currency to surrender their National charters and enter the State banking system, because of the opinion rendered by the Attorney-General that they can not lawfully avail themselves of the State guaranty laws was not in accordance with the facts.

"There are about 310 National banks in the State of Oklahoma," Mr. Kane said, "only 27 of which entered into the guaranty scheme. On August 8 last these 27 banks were notified that they must withdraw from the agreement. So far replies have been received from 22 of them. Twenty-seven have informed the Controller that they have notified the State Banking Board of their desire to withdraw from the guaranty agreement, and seven have indicated their intention to surrender their National charters and reorganize as state banks, and two only have actually come into voluntary liquidations for that purpose."

JACKIES ENJOY THEMSELVES AT SYDNEY

Entertainments for Enlisted Men, Many of Whom Go Ashore.

LUNCHEONS FOR OFFICERS

Five Hundred Marines Make Trip to Newcastle as Guests of Government—Others Witness Athletic Games in City.

SYDNEY, N. S. W., Aug. 22.—The city again today was en fête in honor of the visit of the American Atlantic battleship fleet. The entertainments of the morning and afternoon were designed principally for the enlisted men, many of whom were given shore leave.

Five hundred of the men started early this morning at the government in special for Newcastle and the Blue Mountains, returning to Sydney this evening. Many of the men preferred to witness the football and baseball matches, the aquatic sports and an exhibition by firemen of the city. For the latter event 20,000 spectators gathered and the American Jackies applauded the fine display made by the fire-fighters.

While there were no official functions scheduled for the day, numerous officers visited the city and were guests at various luncheons and other social functions. The event of the day will be a banquet this evening, tendered Admiral Sperry and the senior officers of the fleet by Vice-Admiral Pomeroy, British commander-in-chief of the British squadron in Australian waters.

While the sky is overcast, the men are enjoying their liberty ashore and are in the mood of the hospitality they are meeting on every hand.

FLAMES THREATEN TOWN

MILL, DRY KILNS AND COTTAGES AT BOW DESTROYED.

Fires Rage Near Ashland Forest and Appeal Is Made for Assistance.

ASHLAND, Or., Aug. 22.—A forest fire last night nearly wiped out the little town of Bow, ten miles south of here. The saw and shingle mill and dry kilns owned by Daniel Cain, with half a million shingles, were destroyed, as well as five cottages belonging to the mill company.

Many fires are burning throughout the county, but the majority of them are logged-off lands and but little damage is being done. Several towns threatened by fire for several days past are now declared safe by Fire Warden Lee.

INDICTS BIG GAMBLERS

Grand Jury Proceeds Against Vice at Atlantic City.

MAYS LANDING, N. J., Aug. 22.—The grand jury, summoned by Supreme Court Justice Trenchard at the request of Governor Pitkin, to investigate gambling and Sunday liquor selling in Atlantic City, late yesterday returned two bills of indictment. Charles Gendoff, a New York gambler, and a collector on alleged proprietors of the Millionaires' Club, operated in the fashionable Chelsea district and raided last Spring, were the persons against whom the bills were returned.

For failure to find indictments in two other gambling cases the jurors were reprimanded by Justice Trenchard.

NEGRO ESCAPES LYNCHING

Sentenced to Prison and Harried From Reach of Angry Mob.

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., Aug. 22.—After being tried and convicted of an attempt to attack a young white woman and sentenced to 21 years in the penitentiary, at a hurried session of court here yesterday, a Negro escaped on Thursday morning, and after narrowly escaping from a mob at Augusta by traveling a part of the distance in a gasoline boat and then on fast trains, Ralph Johnson, a negro of Augusta, arrived in Little Rock yesterday in the custody of a Deputy Sheriff and was immediately placed in the penitentiary.

BIG CONTRACTS IN HAVANA

New York Firms Secure \$16,000,000 Sewer and Paving Jobs.

NEW YORK, Aug. 22.—Nearly \$16,000,000 it is estimated, is involved in two contracts that have just been signed here, one providing Havana with a sewer system, and the other for extensive paving of the city.

The contracts just signed were between the McGilvey & Robkey Construction Company and the Cuban Engineering & Contracting Company, and the Uvalde Asphalt Paving Company.

SEE HOPE IN "DRY" SOUTH

Prohibition National Committee Sends Chaffin to Make Speeches.

CHICAGO, Aug. 22.—Arrangements have been made by the Prohibition National Committee, it was announced today, to hold three of the largest meetings of their campaign in the South. Eugene W. Chaffin, Prohibition candidate for President, will speak on prohibition day, October 10, at the Georgia State Fair.

LEGUIA ASSUMES OFFICE

New President of Peru Takes Over Reins of Government.

NEW YORK, Aug. 22.—Augusto B. Leguia has been proclaimed president of the Republic of Peru by the Peruvian Congress. This information was received here by Eduardo Higginson, the Consul-General of Peru in New York. Senator Leguia was elected May 21 last, and succeeds Dr. Pardo as president.

BOYCOTT IS EFFECTIVE

Japanese Liner Forced to Cross Pacific Without Cargo.

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 22.—Proof of the effectiveness of the Chinese boycott on Japanese goods was furnished yesterday when the Japanese liner Hongkong Maru arrived with no cargo. The deficiency was supplied by 500 tons of extra coal taken on at Nagasaki.

Of Chinese passengers the Hongkong Maru had only two. Eight took passage at Shanghai, but the boycott authorities heard about it and six were persuaded to go ashore and wait for an American liner. The other two were allowed to remain on the vessel for the reason that if they had awaited another vessel their registration tickets would have expired before they arrived here.

According to passengers on the Hongkong Maru there is a great business depression in Japan and a number of steamship companies are on the verge of bankruptcy.

YOUNG BURGLARS CONFESS

Oregon City Justice Turns Three Lads Over to Juvenile Court.

OREGON CITY, Or., Aug. 22.—(Special.)—Earl Paddock, Mert Lewis and Andrew Renton, all under 10 years of age, were brought into Justice Hanson's court this afternoon, charged with burglary. The lads broke into a building in Canemah Park and took, among other things, \$9.99 worth of soda water, \$2.50 worth of cigars, 50 cents worth of candy and \$3.00 worth of clothing. Paddock made a full confession of the affair and his two companions acknowledged the truth of his statements. Justice Hanson turned them over to the Juvenile Court. They will have a hearing August 23. Earl Paddock and Mert Lewis live in Canemah. The Renton boy has been staying there for some time, but was taken to Portland today by his father.

MONOPOLIZES WATER SUPPLY

Water and Power Company Shuts Out Pendleton.

PENDLETON, Or., Aug. 22.—(Special.)—The Wenaha Water and Power Company has filed on 10,000 inches water at three sites on Umatilla River between Bingham Springs station on the O. R. & N. and the head of the river. These three sites, with one on the Salween, of Western Oregon, monopolize the entire water and power resources of the Umatilla River. The city of Pendleton, which is now making estimates for a gravity water supply, is entirely shut out of the river supply unless the Wenaha Company permits the city to tap the water supply. There is considerable indignation here over the action of the company filling on all the available water and power sites a few days in advance of the city sending an engineer to the Upper Umatilla River to locate a water supply. The power sites will be used to furnish electric light and power for Wenaha Springs summer resort, it is said.

SCOUTS PENETRATE LINE

Horsemen Elude Men of Opposing Force at American Lake.

TACOMA, Wash., Aug. 22.—The problem at the American Lake maneuvers yesterday was, "Outposts and reconnaissance," and it was designed to determine just how well a dozen or less cavalry horsemen and scouts could pass a line of guns and men ten miles long and how the line could hold off 12 men who were doing the best to find out what it looked like.

Lieutenant J. W. Everington, of the Third Infantry, was in command of the patrol and his men were dressed in uniform and ferns over their uniforms and crawled into the very teeth of the enemy without being discovered. The officers in charge were highly pleased with the morning's work.

Tomorrow will be weekly inspection and pay day for the troops of Idaho and Montana.

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