

MASSING TROOPS.

Mexican Government Preparing for Extensive Revolution.

El Paso, Tex., June 29.—Fifteen hundred troops have arrived in Torreon to protect that city from the expected attack by revolutionists, and the Americans are preparing to send their families to the States for safety, according to reports brought here last night by passengers on the Mexican Central.

It is reported that the revolutionists have attacked the village of Matamoros, Coahuila, about 15 miles from Torreon, and have occupied that town. Official advices relative to sending troops to Torreon say that with the forces already stationed there the town is "impregnable."

In Chihuahua there is considerable alarm among citizenry, and guards numbering from 20 to 25 soldiers in a single patrol are continually passing through the streets. A great many extra police have been sworn in to do guard duty.

Information brought here last night by passengers on the incoming Mexican Central train is that all bridges and approaches to Torreon on every road except the Mexican Central have been burned.

The international line out of Torreon, on which is located the town of Matamoros, reported to be in the hands of revolutionists, has suffered heavily, and the Coahuila Pacific is entirely tied up as the result of depredations committed by revolutionists. A pay train on the Coahuila & Pacific was attacked on Friday night, soon after leaving Torreon, but the crew succeeded in running the train back to Torreon and escaping.

There is a general movement of troops from Mexico City to north, according to news received here, and reinforcements are being rushed to Jimenez, which is said to be still in the hands of revolutionists.

"BET YOU MILLION."

John W. Gates Wakes Up Slow Old Illinois Town.

St. Charles, Ill., June 30.—John W. Gates, the "Bet You Million" man, who founded the home in this village for boys, slipped in here yesterday, and what he did during his short stay has left the town gasping. There will be no other topic mentioned here for the next six months. Epitomized here is what Gates did in about five hours.

Kissed his old mother. Got shaved by the town barber and gave him a \$10 gold piece.

Threw showers of quarters and half dollars to the street boys.

Was run home by a curious crowd. Bought a fine stock farm for \$25,000 and gave it to an old friend.

Begged for "dear old 5-cent cigar" and smoked it blissfully.

Yelled at the son of a friend to come and go to Europe with him and took him along.

Left for Chicago at 11:30 last night with Mrs. Gates and the boy, after one of the greatest days of his life.

Gates and his wife will tour Europe in an automobile.

Worst Ice Pack Known.

Seattle, June 30.—First to reach Nome of the fleet which sailed June 1 was the steamship Victoria, Captain Porter, who is the first home, arriving last night. The steamship brings news of the worst ice ever known in Behring sea since it has been navigated by white men, and Captain Porter is authority for the statement that vessels of the returning fleet cannot be expected on schedule time unless conditions have changed radically since the Victoria sailed. The Victoria arrived in Seattle with 62 passengers and \$650,000 in gold.

Officers and passengers of the ship describe the voyage to and from Nome as an unprecedented battle with ice. Great bergs which drifted from the Arctic ocean last fall, and are frozen in the Behring sea, packed as high as the steamer's stack, were found in 65 feet of water.

Expose Royal Grafters.

Lisbon, June 30.—A mass meeting organized by the Republicans and presided over by Bernardino Machado, the Republican leader, yesterday, passed resolutions demanding a vigorous investigation of the advances of money to the royal family and the misuse of public funds during the regime of the late King Carlos.

A strong force of police surrounded the meeting place, but there was no interference with the speakers, some of whom were most violent in their expressions. No untoward incidents took place.

Cloudburst Floods Homes.

Beatrice, Neb., June 30.—The Boue river at this place is on another rampage, caused by a two-inch rainfall and a cloudburst. The precipitation is placed at seven inches. The rise here was very sudden, and water is running over West Court street for several blocks. Thirty families in a low-lying section were compelled to abandon their homes. Traffic over the Union Pacific is abandoned, water running over one section of the track to the depth of eight feet.

Root Takes Treatment.

New York, June 30.—Secretary of State Root is at William Muldoon's health institute at White Plains, again for a course of medicine, health-bringing, hard walking and riding, cold shower baths and plain cooking. He went there on Saturday, not because he needed this treatment as he did last year, but because he obtained so much benefit then that he and his physician decided a short course of Professor Muldoon's curriculum each year would be a good thing.

Sherman Improves.

Cleveland, O., June 30.—Congressman James S. Sherman continues to gain strength. He slept much Sunday. His condition remains normal, and there has been no change made in the plans for him to leave the hospital not later than next Wednesday.

NEWS ITEMS FROM WASHINGTON, D. C.

NATION'S DEBT INCREASED.

Larger by \$1,793,794 Than It Was One Month Ago.

Washington, July 3.—The monthly statement of the public debt shows that at the close of business June 30, 1908, the debt, less cash in the treasury, amounted to \$1,793,794, which is an increase as compared with May 31, 1908, of \$1,793,794. The debt is recapitulated as follows:

Interest bearing debt, \$897,303,990; debt on which interest has ceased since maturity, \$4,130,015; debt bearing no interest, \$426,056,397; total, \$1,327,490,402.

This amount, however, does not include \$1,299,115,869 in certificates and treasury notes outstanding which are offset by an equal amount of cash held in the treasury for their redemption. The cash in the treasury is classified as follows:

Gold reserve funds, \$150,000,000; trust funds, \$1,299,115,869; general funds, \$189,612,920; in national bank depositories, \$168,212,314; in Philippine treasury, \$3,404,751; total, \$1,807,352,855, against which there are demand liabilities outstanding amounting to \$1,417,794,862, which leaves a cash balance on hand of \$389,557,993.

Treasury Report.

Washington, July 3.—From the treasury standpoint, the fiscal year just closed has been most satisfactory. Since about the middle of October last, when the period of money stringency set in, and the consequent depression in business began to be felt, there has been a constant falling off in government revenues up to the month just closed. For June a surplus is shown of nearly \$4,000,000. This fact, however, is not significant, as June is unfailingly a surplus month, largely due to the fact that it is the closing month of the fiscal year, when appropriations gradually reach the point of exhaustion. The month of June, 1907, showed a surplus of approximately \$11,000,000, and every preceding June for many years past has shown a large surplus.

Navy Yards Resume.

New York, July 3.—Wednesday was re-employment day at the New York navy-yard. All the men who have been on furlough and a large number of additional mechanics were put to work, the appropriation for the purpose becoming available at the beginning of the new fiscal year.

This re-employment day is coincident with the return to work of many mechanics at other government plants. From now on the actual work on the new battleship Florida will be pushed rapidly and the 5,000 men employed in the construction department of the navy-yard will have all the work they can do.

Captains on Anxious Seat.

Washington, July 3.—Two captains with the battleship fleet in San Francisco will probably be retired by the board of rear admirals next Friday. The board will meet Thursday to decide upon the men to be placed upon the retired list, and will forward its report to the secretary of the navy the following day. The report will be published at once, to relieve the anxiety of the officers. Upon compulsory retirement under the personnel act, March 3, 1899, officers are allowed three-quarters sea pay of the next rank above.

Japan Plans Reception.

San Francisco, July 1.—M. Arakawa, Japanese minister to Mexico, arrived here today on the steamship Tenyo Maru on his way back to his official post. He said Japan is planning a great reception for the officers and men of the American fleet. Arakawa is disposed to belittle the importance of the Chinese boycott. It was not, he said, materially affecting Japanese trade in the aggregate, being merely a merchant's quarrel.

Yankee Colony Bad Germ.

Valparaiso, July 2.—Augusto Durand, leader of the recent unsuccessful revolution against Peru, has arrived here from Iquique, Chile. He says the Peruvian government is misleading foreign opinion; that the last elections in that country were falsified and that the government is introducing into Peru a germ of the greatest danger by converting that country into a Yankee colony.

Federal Troops Ready.

San Antonio, Tex., June 30.—Officers at Fort Sam Houston are kept posted upon the progress of the so-called revolution in Northern Mexico, but have received no orders to make any preparations to march to the border. The consensus of opinion among them is that no federal troops will be needed.

Garfield Sails for Home.

Honolulu, July 3.—Secretary of the Interior James R. Garfield, who recently came here on the battleship Alabama to investigate the commercial and industrial conditions in these islands, sailed for San Francisco late yesterday on the protected cruiser St. Louis.

Shah Proclaims Amnesty.

Washington, June 30.—In a further effort to restore tranquility to the City of Teheran, the scene of the recent riots in Persia, the shah has proclaimed a general amnesty, according to a cablegram received last night by General Mortese, the Persian minister.

Roosevelt Refuses Pardon.

Washington, July 3.—Albert Brown, a negro, 23 years of age, who was convicted several months ago of killing his younger brother, Harvey, in a quarrel over a girl, was hanged in the jail yard today. President Roosevelt had refused to stay the execution.

FORBES IS VICE GOVERNOR.

Presidential Appointments for Philippines Announced.

Washington, July 2.—By direction of Secretary Taft, the bureau of insular affairs has announced the following appointments made by the president:

Vice-governor of the Philippines, W. Cameron Forbes, of Massachusetts, now a member of the Philippine commission.

To be member of the Philippine commission and secretary of finance and justice of the Philippines, Gregorio Aronata, of Manila.

To be members of the Philippine commission, Newton Gilbert, of Indiana, and Rafael Palma, a native of the Philippine islands.

Mr. Forbes is now on his way to the United States on leave of absence and is expected to arrive at San Francisco on the steamer Korea on July 13. He is a native of Milton, Mass., is 38 years old, a grandson of Ralph Waldo Emerson and a Harvard graduate. He has been secretary of commerce and police on the Philippine commission for years and participated in organizing the Philippine departmental system.

Messrs. Aronata and Palma are Philippine natives. The former, a jurist of marked ability, held office under Aguinaldo during the insurrection, being secretary of justice and a member of the congress. He has been solicitor-general and attorney-general here.

Mr. Palma, a graduate of the University of Santo Tomas, in Manila, a Manila lawyer and political writer for newspapers, has served in the assembly as a member from Cavite province.

Judge Gilbert, of Fort Wayne, Ind., lawyer, formerly state senator and lieutenant-governor of Indiana and a representative from the state in congress, has been a judge of first instance in the Philippines since September, 1906.

ROADS DOING WELL.

Commissioner Lane Receives Encouraging Reports.

Washington, June 30.—Returns generally from the railroads show that those roads not dependent upon coal, steel and lumber industries have been doing very well recently. "Of course, they have not done so well as last year. Generally, they have decided not to make any reductions either in wages or in rates of freight affecting the next three months, which is an indication that they believe that business will keep up."

"There are some curious things about prevailing conditions," continued Mr. Lane. "For instance, the Lehigh Valley the other day gave us a report of the earnings for the five months of the present calendar year, together with similar reports covering the preceding five years, and the showing this year was larger than that of any other year during the period indicated."

"The prospect for large crops in the West is extremely good. Railroad men do not expect normal conditions to be recovered suddenly, but look for steady improvement."

"The railroads must spend money in maintaining the roadbed and equipment of their lines in order to meet the demands of commerce, because they are most seriously embarrassed when they are not able to handle business offered them, and there is no doubt that there is an abundance of money in the United States which can be secured for legitimate railroad investment. This was shown by the floating of the Pennsylvania bond issue."

"The railway rate act is admitted by candid railroad men themselves to have been of inestimable value. The enforcement of the law against rebating and our tenacious purpose to stop discrimination have held them up to a conformity to the law that is without precedent."

Keep Neutrality Laws.

Washington, June 30.—The state department today received a telegram from Governor Campbell, of Texas, assuring the Federal Government that the state of Texas will do all in her power to prevent violation of the neutrality laws as a result of the reported revolution in Northern Mexico.

Las Vacas, which was attacked on Thursday, is directly opposite Del Rio, Tex. Acting Secretary of State Adee yesterday sent a message to the governor of Texas asking that he use every means to prevent any violation of the neutrality laws in connection with the disturbances along the Texas-Mexican border. The Mexican government has requested this government to take such precautionary measures.

Test Chewing Tobacco for Navy.

New York, July 2.—To determine which of a great variety of chewing tobacco will serve the needs of the United States Jack Tars for next year a board of paymasters will begin at the Brooklyn navy-yard a solemn conclave to last a week. A force of blue jackets detailed from the several ships at the yard will act as experts. On the result of the tests will rest the award of a contract for 100,000 pounds of tobacco.

Pinchot Coming West.

Washington, July 2.—Gifford Pinchot, chief of the forest service, left Washington Monday on his annual trip over the west. He will visit Portland in the latter part of July for two days and then go to Seattle. He expects to make a short stop at Spokane.

New Forestry Appointees.

Washington, July 2.—The forest service announces the following appointments on national forests: T. F. Cadie, assistant forest ranger, Fremont national forest, Oregon; E. E. Ping and Tony Locke, forest guards on Clearwater national forest, Idaho.

REBELS ADVANCE.

Apparently Going to Loot Rich City of Torreon.

El Paso, June 29.—El Correo, the conservative daily Mexican newspaper of Chihuahua, in its issue yesterday morning, which arrived here last night, has a story that an army of a strength variously estimated at from 4000 to 7000 men is marching on Torreon, one of the richest cities in the state of Coahuila.

The story, after reviewing the attack on Viesca tells of reported attempts to rob the pay train of the Mexican Central railroad, and says that the country around Torreon, which is so closely settled that there are stations about every four kilometers, is swarming with armed men, who appear at the railroad stations with guns and cartridge belts.

"These same reports," says El Correo, "say that three bridges on the railroad between Parass and Torreon have been burned, probably with the object of impeding the passage of troops into Torreon. The incendiaries also probably selected Torreon for invasion because they considered it a rich city to loot. Among the reports that we have heard is one which says that about 4000 armed men, nearly all of whom are inhabitants of ranches, are said to have passed Hornos, in the state of Coahuila, on the Coahuila & Pacific railroad, about 65 kilometers from Torreon."

"Whether the movement is directed against the government of Coahuila or against the federal government, no one is able to say. It is generally supposed the movement is not against the state, but against the federal government. One version says the revolution is wholly against the state of Coahuila, that the governor is not acceptable to the people of that state, and that he was forced upon them by the president of the republic."

"It is also said that a train of infantry has been sent to Torreon from Monterrey and a small detachment of cavalry."

Torreon, the town named by El Correo as the object of attack, is one of the richest towns in the state of Coahuila. There are six banks—the Banco Minero de Chihuahua, meaning a branch there; a branch of Banco Nacional de Mexico; the Banco de Coahuila; the Banco de Nueva Leon, and the Banco de Durango. The Banco Laguna, recently organized, has a capitalization of \$6,500,000. There are about 25,000 inhabitants.

DEATH IN TORNADO.

Minnesota Twister Kills Seven and Does Immense Damage.

Clinton, Minn., June 29.—A tornado struck this town at 5:25 o'clock yesterday afternoon, killing seven people and injuring twenty-five, some seriously. Twenty houses, a printing office and two churches were blown down.

The tornado, which was unaccompanied by rain, started three miles north of the town, destroyed two farmhouses that were in its path and swept over Clinton, which is a place of about 400 people.

A Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul mixed train was just pulling into the station as the storm struck the town and 15 cars were blown off the track, as was also a passenger coach containing 17 people. All were injured, among them Father Keavey, of Graceville, Minn.

The two churches destroyed are the Norwegian Lutheran and the First Episcopal.

Telegraph lines were blown down, but as soon as possible news of the disaster was sent to the neighboring cities. Soon help was on the way from Ortonville and Wheaton, near-by Minnesota towns, on the Milwaukee road, and from Millbank, S. D., which is but a few miles away.

SAW MRS. GUNNESS.

Two Witnesses Inform Detroit Police She Is Alive.

Detroit, June 29.—The Detroit police believe they are on the trail of Mrs. Belle Gunness, of La Porte, Ind., who is accused of wholesale murders on her farm near that city.

Two young women, Lulu Raymond and Grace Benson, whom the police had in custody yesterday afternoon and evening, are said to have met Mrs. Gunness since her supposed burned body was found in the ruins of her home.

The police claim that the statements of the two young women convinced them that Mrs. Gunness is still alive. They gave the names of other persons who are also said to know that the woman is alive.

Collision on Elevated.

New York, June 29.—Two trains on the Third Avenue elevated railroad collided at One Hundred and Second street, and part of one train was left hanging from the elevated structure. No one was killed in the collision, but 12 persons were injured, though probably none of them fatally. It was a rear-end collision, both trains being bound uptown, when the following train crashed into the other. The colliding trains were going at a moderate speed.

Bryan's Fortune.

Lincoln, Neb., June 29.—The taxable property belonging to Mr. and Mrs. William J. Bryan, real and personal, has been listed with the assessor at a total valuation of \$84,500. The returns show that Mrs. Bryan owns 53 acres of real estate, and Colonel Bryan 87 acres, a total of 137 acres. This is valued at \$29,125. The residence is returned at \$21,000, the Commoner at a valuation of \$19,000, and personal property not mentioned above at \$12,500.

Deadlock Broken.

Charlotte, N. C., June 29.—Congressman W. W. Kiteon was nominated for governor of the 60th ballot at 6 o'clock Saturday night by a majority of 60 votes in the Democratic state convention.

PRUNE MEN COMBINE

Packers of Northwest Organize for Protection.

FIX PRICE TO EASTERN BUYERS

Settlement of Disputes No Longer be Left to New York Exchange

—Also Instruct Growers.

Salem, Or., June 30.—Representatives of all the prune packers of the Northwest met here last night and organized an association for mutual protection and promotion of the interests of their business.

The organization is one that has long been desired by some of the packers, but which could never be effected heretofore for the reason that competition among packers has been too severe. In the season now about to open, the packers will work together for their common interests. The association will control all the Northwest prune pack.

Among the packing houses in the organization are H. S. Gile & Co., Willamette Valley Prune Association and W. C. Tillson & Co., all of Salem; the Roseburg packing houses, owned by Gile & Co. and Tillson & Co., Allen's packing house, of Eugene; Lang & Co., of Portland; Mason, Ehrman & Co., of Portland; French Packing Company, of Myrtle Creek, and the packing house at Vancouver, Wash.

The new association has formulated two forms of contracts which all the firms in the combine will use. One contract is that to be used in selling fruit to eastern buyers, and the other in buying from local growers. The packers have determined that they will no longer sell according to forms of contract put out by eastern buyers, but will dictate the terms of the contract or not sell at all.

The new contract contains a number of provisions favorable to Oregon packers. It gives the packer unlimited choice in selecting an arbitrary case of dispute where, as in the past, the arbitrators have been chosen from the New York Fruit Exchange. The new contract gives the packer the privilege of filling his contracts with smaller sizes of prunes if the crop produced does not contain the required quantity of large sizes. It gives the packer the right to route the fruit in shipping. It exempts the packer from liability in case shipment is delayed by congestion of traffic.

It provides that in case of dispute as to quality, samples for test shall be taken from one-fifth of the boxes of fruit; that no allowance for short weight shall be made unless it amounts to more than one per cent, and that in the counting test the size shall include the seventh prune and not the fifth only, thus, that 47 prunes shall be deemed in the 40-50 size and not 45 only.

The new form of contract with growers will be very explicit in requiring growers to deliver fruit cured in a first-class manner, free from all burned or slack-dried fruit. The packer is to be sole judge of quality and there is to be no arbitration in case of dispute.

The packer is to have the right to weigh back to the grower any fruit slack dried or otherwise unsatisfactory. The packer will not be required to take more of a grower's crop than 10 per cent in excess of the quantity estimated in the contract, but the grower must deliver all his fruit if the packer demands it, regardless of how much it overruns the estimate.

Arrest Divine Healer.

Salt Lake City, Utah, June 30.—The law against manslaughter has been invoked to punish Charles H. Titus, a "divine healer," who, it is alleged, permitted two of his small children to die from diphtheria without medical attendance. A third is very ill with the disease. A warrant for Titus' arrest was issued. Attention was first called to the case by an undertaker from whom Titus attempted to buy a coffin for his 2-year-old baby. He admitted that he had no burial permit and intended to bury the child in his yard.

Japanese Steamer Makes Record

San Francisco, June 30.—The new Japanese turbine liner Tenyo Maru raced through the Golden Gate yesterday, breaking all previous records between this port, Yokohama and Honolulu. The trip from Yokohama was made in 14 days, 12 hours and 45 minutes, and the Tenyo Maru made this port in 4 days, 18 hours and 50 minutes out from Honolulu, establishing new records for both distances. The best previous time from Honolulu was 5 days and 2 hours, made by the Nippon Maru.

Curtail Oil Output.

Findlay, O., June 30.—James C. Donnell, general manager of the Ohio Oil Company, yesterday issued a request that oil-drillers of the country curtail their production until a market can be had for the present supply of oil. He says it is impossible to build tankage for the production, and that there is being produced daily in the Illinois oil field alone more than 100,000 barrels.

Life Sentence for Orchard.

Boise, Idaho, June 30.—The case of Harry Orchard, sentenced to be hanged next Friday for the murder of ex-Governor Steunenberg, will be considered by the state board of pardons Wednesday. In spite of the fact that Orchard is anxious that sentence be carried out, it is believed the board will commute the sentence to life imprisonment.

Deliver Gifts of Dead King.

Lisbon, June 30.—The Portuguese royal yacht Amelio left this week for Rio Janeiro, having on board the gifts which King Carlos had intended to present to President Penna during his visit to Brazil, which he had planned to make this year.