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MEXICAN SITUATION SERIOUS; MAY SEND WARSHIPS THERE

Disorder Is Spreading in the Southern Republic and Is Cause of Apprehension.

FEDERALS UNABLE TO PROTECT AMERICANS

Latter Now Pay Tribute to Rebel Bands—Villages and Ranches Raided.

VESEL TO VERA CRUZ.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 21.—The gunboat Wheeling has been ordered to Vera Cruz, Mexico, to protect Americans in the critical situation which has arisen there. The Wheeling is cruising between Tampa and Key West.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 21.—The continued disorders and widespread rebel activities in Southern Mexico, in which official dispatches today say small towns and ranches have been attacked and pillaged and women carried off and the bandits demoralized for the populace, arouse apprehension for the safety of Americans in the disturbed zone. That the Mexican government is providing little or no protection for the foreign interests has been made evident by the recent action of American planters in announcing that they proposed to pay tribute to the rebel zapata so to protect their growing crops against other rebel bands and raiders. The State Department officials admitted today that their reports were of a condition so grave as to indicate that the presence of a United States warship might be necessary to protect the Americans.

BATTLE IN MEXICO.

Federals Engage the Main Army of the Rebels.

EL PASO, Tex., Jan. 21.—Heavy fighting between the main rebel army and the twenty-third battalion of the federals was in progress at Villa Ahumada between Juarez and Chihuahua city on the Mexican Central railroad yesterday, says a report.

NO BALL FOR PRES. WILSON

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Decided That Dancing Shall Not Be Feature of Inauguration of President.

BALL GIVEN UP.

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WILSON EXPLAINS IT

Says His Family Will Participate in Reception at Inauguration.

TRENTON, Jan. 21.—President-elect Wilson declared today that if arrangements for the capitol building as a substitute for the inaugural ball, Mrs. Wilson and Misses Wilson would attend. The Governor said the impression that the members of his family would not be present probably had arisen from his letter to William Corcoran Eustis, the inauguration chairman, in which he intended to convey he said, that the ladies should not be expected to stand in line and shake hands. Wilson said that his reason for opposing the inaugural ball was chiefly because of the indirect expense to the government, and not because he thought dancers might indulge in the turkey trot, the grizzly bear and other such dances.

QUITTS MARCH 3.

Wilson Will Retain New Jersey Governorship Until Last.

TRENTON, N. J., Jan. 21.—Gov. Wilson announced today that he will not relinquish his office as governor of New Jersey until March 3, the day he leaves here for the inauguration in Washington.

JEFFERSONIAN SIMPLICITY.

President-Elect Wilson Will Travel to Capital as Ordinary Citizen.

TRENTON, N. J., Jan. 21.—President-elect Wilson will travel from Trenton to Washington in an ordinary car with his family. One thousand Princeton students will travel on the same train to Washington and march in the inaugural parade and will give the Princeton cheer when the president-elect arrives there.

Several Fist Fights.

Hunter took the chair and Pratt went to Hunter's seat on the floor. Judge Vets, a Democrat, declared the speaker could not designate any other than the speaker pro-tem to take the chair and called upon Speaker pro-tem Wood to preside. This Wood proceeded to do and Hunter yielded the chair to him. Pratt started to resume the chair himself and Wood refused to give up the chair. Pratt violently threw Wood off the platform. Wood promptly rushed back and the men grappled, but were separated. Pratt got hold of the gavel and declared the House adjourned. Pratt shouted from the chair to the sergeant at arms to close the doors and allow no one to leave. He then called the roll. Both sides lined up and paucity reigned on the floor as well as on the platform. In a few minutes another fight occurred. Representative Sproule being kicked in the stomach, but the encounter was short. Finally an agreement was reached by both factions to adjourn.

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MEXICAN VOLCANO ACTIVE TODAY

Hundreds of Refugees Flee From Near Colima—Ashes and Gases from Crater Cause Much Fright.

GUADALAJARA, Mexico, Jan. 21.—The volcano Colima was in violent eruption last night. Thousands of people are fleeing from the villages to ranches in the vicinity. It is believed that there was some loss of life in the remoter parts. Hundreds of refugees arrived in this city today on a train composed of box cars. The fleeing people had found it necessary to shovel away a quantity of volcanic sand before they were able to move the cars. For many miles along the way the train had to be stopped frequently to clear the track of debris. Very little lava was ejected from the crater, which emitted vast quantities of smoke and sand, while suffocating gases formed an unusual feature of the eruption. The activity decreased during the night, but volcanic dust is now settling in this city.

FEAR TROUBLE IN OLD MEXICO

United States Prepares to Send More Warship for Americans' Protection.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 21.—Prepared to reinforce the cruiser Denver at Acapulco, Mexico for protection of Americans, the cruiser Annapolis has been ordered to San Diego from whence the Denver was ordered south. Officials say there is no intention of sending the Annapolis to Acapulco now.

TROUBLE IN MEXICO.

United States May Send Vessel to Vera Cruz.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 21.—Disquieting reports of a grave situation at Vera Cruz, Mexico, today caused the State Department officials to seriously consider detaching one of the warships of the first division of Atlantic Fleet at Guantanamo for immediate duty at the Mexican port. If no reassuring news comes during the day this may be done.

ALLIANCE IN AND OUT TODAY

Steamer Arrives From Eureka and Sails Soon Afterward for Portland.

The Alliance arrived in Eureka about 4 o'clock this morning and sailed before noon for Portland. She had a large through passenger list and also much through freight. Among those arriving on the Alliance from Eureka were the following: Mrs. T. H. Toppendorf, H. D. Starrett, A. A. Hale, F. B. Toppendorf, C. A. Buck, Z. R. Lowett, F. J. Blackesby, C. R. Eastman, Jack White, Geo. J. Senk and A. Wiklund. Among those sailing for Portland on the Alliance were the following: O. R. Signallness, Ruby Endicott, Frank Crane, Frank Vail and Walter Vail. Capt. Lofsted and the sailors on the Alliance got in a mixup this morning and all of the sailors walked off the ship for a few minutes. However, the trouble was adjusted in a few minutes and the sailors returned aboard and left on her for Portland. Just what the cause of the trouble was no one appeared to know.

CLANCY'S BOND REJECTED.

San Francisco Labor Leader Must Furnish New Security.

CHICAGO, Jan. 21.—The \$60,000 bonds tendered in behalf of Eugene Clancy of San Francisco were not approved by the court because of objections made by District Attorney Miller, who prosecuted the Union leaders at the Indianapolis "dynamite conspiracy" trial. The bail was declared insufficient because the liability of the security was limited by stipulation and for other reasons.

NEW U. S. SENATORS.

Knute Nelson Again Honored by Minnesota—Rhode Island Elects.

ST. PAUL, Jan. 21.—Knute Nelson was re-elected to the United States senate in the legislature here today. He received the unanimous Republican vote. Rhode Island Elects. PROVIDENCE, R. I., Jan. 21.—Judge Lebaron Bradford Colt of the United States circuit court of appeals, a well known Republican, was elected to the United States senate by the legislature here today to succeed George Peabody Wetmore.

GERMAN ADMIRAL DEAD.

Former Minister of Marine Succumbs Today.

BERLIN, Jan. 21.—Admiral Von Holmann, formerly Imperial Minister of Marine, died today at the age of 73.

BRIAND NEW PREMIER.

Completes Selection of New Cabinet For France.

PARIS, Jan. 21.—Aristide Briand, the new French premier, completed the formation of his cabinet today and submitted the list to President Fallieres. Don't forget that we have resumed our MID-WEEK TAFFY SALES SPECIAL PRICE OF 15CTS POUND EVERY WEDNESDAY. LEWIS' CONFECTIONERY. Libby COAL. The kind YOU have ALWAYS USED. Phone 72, Pacific Livery and Transfer Company.

BALKANS GIVE TURKEY TWO WEEKS IN WHICH TO DECIDE

ADRIANOPLE IS STILL STRONG

Bulgarians Discover that They Cannot Starve Out the Beleaguered Turks.

LONDON, Jan. 21.—The Bulgarians have discovered that they have been completely misled in regard to conditions in the beleaguered Turkish fortress of Adrianople, and have consequently decided that prompt change in their policy will be necessary. Two weeks ago they were informed that the fall of the fortress could be expected hourly, but a recent council of war held under the presidency of King Ferdinand came to the conclusion that the Turkish commander of the fortress was able to economize supplies in the fortress to such an extent that the garrison would be able to resist perhaps for several months more. Commanders of the Bulgarian forces now know the truth and Bulgaria has determined to force a speedy solution, so as to put an end to the heavy expenditures and permit the men under arms to return to agricultural work. Otherwise the next harvest may be lost.

NEW GULF STREAM.

Warm Current From Equatorial Pacific Found by Australian. SYDNEY, N. S. W., Jan. 21.—The discovery of a new gulf stream is reported by Commissioner Dannevig, of the Australian fisheries department. He has found a warm current which originates in the equatorial Pacific and flows toward eastern Australia and Tasmania at the rate of seven miles an hour. The current is 100 miles wide.

SNOW STORM HITS OREGON

From Five to Eighteen Inches in Portland and Ten at Salem—Traffic Closed.

Saturday's Portland papers tell of the snow there, as follows: Within the city limits the snowfall this morning ranged from 5.8 inches to 18 inches, the smaller amount representing the official measurement taken by District Forecaster Beals at the Weather Bureau. Away from the business district, where the temperature was not affected by the skyscrapers, there was an increased depth. Even by taking minimum figures, as given by Mr. Beals, it makes the heaviest snowfall to occur at Portland in 12 years, or since January 1, 1901, when the amount was six inches. The water content of the present storm is placed at .70 inch. Beyond the congested business district of the city, the depths of snow soon after daylight this morning in the following localities were: Council Crest, 18 inches; Portland Heights, 16 inches; near Mt. Tabor, 15 inches; in the Mt. Scot section, 13 1/2 inches; and Sellwood, 9 inches. With the exception of two poorly working wires into Seattle, telegraphic service is cut off. No wires could be had up to noon, either east or south. Train service is demoralized, as a result of two train accidents, combined with the storm effects. A snowslide between Portland and The Dalles on the O-W. R. & N. was reported, but the report could not be verified because the railroad company's line to The Dalles went down at midnight. Other Oregon towns Friday night reported as follows: Albany—Five inches of snow fell, followed by rain. Salem—Close to 10 inches of snow fell. Astoria—Snow storm began early Friday night. Carlton, Or.—Snow fell to the depth of two inches. Vancouver, Wash.—Sleighting enjoyed. Ice in the upper Columbia river will probably cause the steamer Dallas City to postpone her next trip to The Dalles, as it is said to be very thick, both above and below the locks. The steamer Tahoma may also have to give up her trips to The Dalles until the danger from the ice is over.

STRIKE IN NEW YORK.

About 125,000 Garment Makers Out—Clash Over Settlement.

NEW YORK, Jan. 21.—Ten thousand of the 37,000 affected by the agreement Saturday between the shirtwaist and dress manufacturers and their employes rebelled on the terms of the proposed settlement, and remained on strike. The other 27,000 went to work at increased wages. There are still approximately 125,000 workers on strike in the garment trades.

Ultimatum Presented to Porte Yesterday and Hope for Peace Is Expressed.

DANGER OF RESUMPTION OF WAR VERY REMOTE

Powers Expected to Take Hold of the Situation and Prevent Further Hostilities.

VIENNA, Jan. 21.—Increasing optimism was displayed today in the telegrams from Constantinople regarding the peace situation. It is regarded here practically certain there would be no resumption of hostilities. Even should the Ottoman government's reply to European note of advance, it is thought the powers, once having taken hold of the situation, will not allow the belligerents to resume warlike operations.

LONDON, Jan. 21.—Bulgaria, Serbia and Montenegro Monday presented an ultimatum to Turkey, giving the Ottoman government fourteen days in which to make a favorable reply to their demands, according to a dispatch from Constantinople.

Representatives of the Balkan allies will therefore directly notify General Savoff, the Bulgarian commander-in-chief, that the armistice has ended as soon as it becomes apparent that there is no hope of peace the plenipotentiaries reaching mutually satisfactory arrangements. The hostilities will commence four days afterward.

Full power to declare a resumption of hostilities against Turkey was telegraphed to Dr. Daneff, leader of the Bulgarian delegation, and his colleagues, by the Bulgarian Premier, J. S. Gueschoff, who told them to exercise it whenever in their opinion further peace negotiations became useless.

CALL SOLDIERS BACK.

Servian Officers and Men Are Ordered to Return at Once.

BELGRADE, Jan. 21.—All officers and men of the Servian army, who have been on a leave of absence, have received orders to return immediately to their regiments.

ROOT REBELS AT FREE TOLLS

New York Senator Against Toll Provision of Panama Canal Act.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 21.—"The United States should either submit the Panama free toll question to an impartial arbitration, or retire from the position we have taken," was the declaration of Senator Root in the Senate today in a speech favoring the repeal of the free toll provisions of the new Panama Canal act. Senator Root took the position that congress should not have passed a law that discriminated against foreign shipping and granted free tolls to American coastwise shipping. Root declared that congress had become tired before the bill was taken up last summer and that the bill never received proper consideration.

Root declared that "Decent regard for the opinions of mankind was one of the motives set by the people of these colonies in the great declaration of their independence." He outlined the relations between the United States and Great Britain, which led to making the Hay-Pauncefote treaty in 1901, under which the canal was constructed. "The United States gave up nothing it then had," said the senator. "Its obligations in that treaty were entirely looking to the future. But Great Britain gave up its right to the protectorate over the Mosquito Coast, which was showed would be the eastern terminus of the canal."

From the treaty, Root read the declaration that the proposed canal was to be open "on equal terms to all."

"On that representation, Great Britain relinquished her right to all control over the future of the Panama Canal and consented to the abandonment of the Clayton-Bulwer treaty."

"You are not at liberty," Root asserted, "to discriminate in tolls as between American ships going from Portland, Maine, to Portland, Ore., and Canadian ships going from Halifax to Victoria, or Mexican ships going from Vera Cruz to Acapulco. Such discrimination violates the principle of equality we have guaranteed the world."