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She Stands Ready to Protect American Missionaries With Her Troops.

NEW YORK, March 20.—A special to the Herald from Washington, says: It developed today that Germany stands ready with troops to protect American missionaries in Shan Tung province. It was further ascertained that the Berlin government to the gratification of the United States recently despatched an expeditionary force from Kiaochow to Ichou Fu for the protection of American missionaries. This force suppressed the rioters at Ichou Fu, arrested the ringleaders who have been punished and taught the anti-foreign crusaders a lesson.

The state department has been informed that the German government contemplates another expeditionary force to the interior of Shan Tung, where most of the American missionaries are located, but it fully understands the willingness of the German authorities to take such action. In fact, I learned in a high diplomatic quarter that the German governor at Kiaochow has standing instructions to take such measures for the protection of, not only German missionaries and other interests in Shan Tung province as may seem necessary, but of American missionaries as well. Because of the peculiar relation in which Germany stands to the province of Shan Tung by reason of her acquisition of Kiaochow and of court property rights in the province, she is particularly desirous of preserving order in the territory. It is for this reason that her troops are ready for service at any point within the province where there is danger of attack upon foreign interests by Chinese fanatics. To a certain extent Germany consequently dominates the province and she undoubtedly would rather use her own troops to protect foreigners, than allow a third government to land a force to protect its own citizens, when such action might lead to its remaining permanently in the territory, which its forces temporarily occupied.

The fact that Germany dispatched troops to Ichou Fu to protect American missionaries has never hitherto been published. The offer of Germany to send a force to this point was received with pleasure by the authorities, who do not contemplate any designs whatever on Chinese territory and who are consequently very glad to assent to the German proposition.

Minister Wu Ting Fang, the diplomatic representative of China here, is inclined to look upon the reports of trouble in China as exaggerated.

GERMAN MEAT BILL.

Chicago Packers Predict Its Passage Will React Against That Country.

CHICAGO, March 20.—The Chicago packers are watching with interest the struggle in the German reichstag over

the meat bill. Three of them expressed themselves on the subject:

"The passing of the law in its present form," said one packer, "would restrict our exports to Germany. Under the terms of the bill, lard, hams and bacon which may be inspected easily would not be affected much. But canned meats and sausages, which cannot be inspected without being destroyed, would be excluded. This would reduce our exports of meat products to Germany 40 to 50 per cent.

"Germany would be injured by the bill as it would raise the prices of food and that country would find that there would be retaliation on some of its products.

"There is no question in regard to the injurious effects of the bill," said another. "It practically would exclude all our canned meats and sausages from Germany, where we have had a fairly good market for these products. But the question is not yet decided and I do not believe that the bill in its present form will become a law."

"The passing of the bill would be just as bad for Germany as it would be for this country," said a third packer. "It would prevent us from sending our canned meats to Germany and it would cause a serious increase in the cost of meats in Germany, thus causing suffering and hardship among the poorer classes of that country. I don't believe, however, the bill will become a law."

AFRAID OF UNITED STATES.

Central American States Object to the Amendment Proposed to the Hay-Pauncefote Treaty.

NEW YORK, March 20.—A special to the Herald from Washington says: It can be stated authoritatively that the state department has been informed that all the governments of Central America are opposed to the Davis amendment to the Hay-Pauncefote treaty.

In the opinion of the governments designated, the amendment places an entirely new phase upon the designs of the United States in connection with the construction of the canal. The neutrality of the waterway would, to a certain extent, have deprived the powerful republic of the North of an incentive to acquire their territory.

Since the war with Spain and the consequent expansion of the United States some apprehension has been expressed by the southern countries that the United States would next turn its attention to them.

The Hay-Pauncefote treaty was consequently hailed by the Central American nations as a guarantee that they would not be molested as the international neutrality of the canal would prevent interference in isthmian affairs by other governments. The Davis amendment however placed in the hands of this government the right not only to take measures for its own defense with reference to the canal but permits us to use force "for the maintenance of public order."

SAN JACINTO MOUNTAIN.

Earthquake Has Caused Large Cave in Its Surface.

CHICAGO, March 20.—A special to the Record from San Jacinto, California, says:

Great excitement prevails in San Jacinto, as it has been discovered that part of the San Jacinto mountain has slipped into a subterranean cavern. A territory covering sixty acres at an elevation of 4,000 feet was dislodged by the recent earthquake and had slipped 150 feet lower than it had previously stood for centuries.

The face of the new valley is thickly traversed with fissures and cracks. The great earthquake has been succeeded by dozens of light shocks and although these are becoming infrequent, residents are much alarmed.

7415 FRENCH TREATY.

Senator Davis Making Strong Efforts to Secure Its Ratification.

WASHINGTON, March 20.—Senator Davis, chairman of the senate committee on foreign relations and in charge of the French reciprocity treaty, said last night that notwithstanding the purpose to extend the time for the exchange of ratifications, he proposed to do all he could to obtain ratification during the present session.

The senator is preparing a careful statement showing the advantages to American interests which will attend the operation of the treaty. He expects to complete the statement in the course of a week and will ask that it be printed so that each senator may be supplied with a copy and consider it at his leisure.

Senator Davis will set forth that the

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treaty is a fair bargain for both powers. Only in eight cases, he points out, has there been a reduction of twenty per cent and in no instance to the detriment of an industry and labor. The average ad valorem duty remaining after the several reductions (which apply only to France) are sufficient, he says, fully to protect the American producer.

The French treaty will expire in four days unless an extension should be agreed upon by the two governments. No doubt exists at the French embassy of the willingness of the French government to extend the time of ratification for the year proposed.

DRY TORTUGAS DISPUTE.

Marine Hospital Determined to Force the Navy Out of Possession.

NEW YORK, March 20.—A special to the Herald from Washington says:

Secretary Long has sent instructions to the contractor who has been engaged in the construction of a coaling station at Dry Tortugas, directing him to suspend work until next November. This action has been taken in compliance with the recommendation of the surgeon-general of the marine hospital service who has called the attention of the department to the necessity for using Dry Tortugas island between April 1 and November 1, as a quarantine station and has expressed apprehension lest, if a large working force were on the island it should serve as a means for the transfer of bubonic plague or yellow fever to the United States.

The question of the final ownership of the island has not been settled. Under a presidential order it belongs to the war department which, having no use for it, permitted the marine hospital service to establish a quarantine station there. The navy, during the war with Spain regarded the island as a strong strategic station and obtained permission to establish a coaling station on it.

Considerable money has been expended in the establishment of the station and the navy department will point out that the government will lose a great deal of money if it is forced permanently to surrender the island to the marine hospital service.

GOVERNMENT TRANSPORTS.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 20.—Col. Bird, government inspector, has begun examination of the transports now in this harbor. It is understood that the Missouri will not be retained in the service, but will be replaced by the Badger, the name of which will be changed to Lawton. About \$100,000 will be expended for repairs on this vessel.

MR. JACKSON GOING HOME.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 20.—Peter Jackson will sail today for Sydney, where he intends to open a boxing school.

REGISTRATION OF VOTERS.

Total Number of Names on the Roll to Date.	
Astoria Precinct No. 1.	117
Astoria Precinct No. 2.	127
Astoria Precinct No. 3.	117
Astoria Precinct No. 4.	154
Astoria Precinct No. 5.	150
Astoria Precinct No. 6.	87
Astoria Precinct No. 7.	71
John Day Precinct.	29
Svensen.	27
Walluak.	19
New Astoria.	32
Warrenton.	24
Clatsop.	28
Seaside.	79
Melville.	12
Chadwell.	27
Youngs River.	24
Oney.	24
Knappa.	24
Clifton.	54
Westport.	17
Vesper.	3
Jewell.	3
Mishawaka.	13
Elise.	13
Push.	5
Total to date.	1327

NOTE.—The county clerk's office will remain open each Thursday evening, from 7 till 9, until the close of the registration period. This is done for the accommodation of those who can not conveniently register during the day-time.

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CONVENTION.

A republican convention for Clatsop county is hereby called to meet at the court house in the City of Astoria, on Saturday, April 7, 1900, at 10:30 o'clock a. m., for the purpose of electing delegates to attend the republican state convention to be held at the City of Portland, on Thursday, April 12, 1900, at 10 a. m., and the republican congressional convention for the Second congressional district to be held in Portland, Oregon, Friday, April 13, 1900, at 10 o'clock a. m., and for the purpose of nominating the following county officers to be voted for at the election to be held on Monday, June 4th, 1900, to-wit:

Two representatives, one commissioner, clerk, sheriff, treasurer, surveyor, assessor, superintendent of schools, coroner, one road supervisor for each precinct, one constable for each precinct, one justice of the peace for each precinct.

The committee recommend that the primaries in the various precincts be held on Wednesday, March 21, 1900. The following apportionment has been made, being one delegate at large from each precinct, and one delegate for every twenty-five votes or fraction, cast for Governor T. T. Gear at the election held in 1898:

Astoria Precinct.	43
Warrenton.	3
Clatsop.	2
Melville.	2
Chadwell.	2
Seaside.	5
Oney.	2
Youngs river.	2
Walluak.	2
Svensen.	2
Knappa.	2
Westport.	4
Vesper.	2
Elise.	2
Push.	2
Jewell.	2
Clifton.	4
John Day.	2
New Astoria.	2
Mishawaka.	2

Notice is further given that a primary election is hereby called to be held in the City of Astoria for the precinct of Astoria, for the purpose of electing 43 delegates to the republican county convention, to be held at the City of Astoria, on Saturday, April 7, 1900, at 10:30 a. m., said primary shall be held Wednesday, March 21, 1900, from the hours of 1 o'clock p. m. to the hour of 6 o'clock p. m. of said day. The following polling places in each ward of said city have been established, to-wit:

Ward No. 1—Engine House No. 1; Ward No. 2, at number 654 Commercial street, and ward No. 3, the old school house.

The following judges have been appointed, to-wit: Ward No. 1—Grant Trullinger, H. G. Smith and Thomas Mokko. Ward No. 2—F. L. Parker, H. D. Thing and D. H. Welch. Ward No. 3—T. J. Cornelius, W. B. Fainter and C. A. Linenweber. By order of the Central Committee. Attest: W. F. MCGREGOR, F. J. CARNEY, Chairman, Secretary.

NOTICE TO FISHERMEN.

The fishing season opens at 12 m. on the 15th day of April, 1900. All fishermen are requested to take out their licenses before they begin fishing; as no license will be issued from the patrol boat this season. Anyone found fishing without a license, or not having their boats and gear numbered as the law requires, will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law.

Licenses may be had at 469 Bond street, Astoria, Oregon, or 407 Oregonian building, Portland, Oregon.

F. C. REED, Fish Commissioner.

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Bank of England.	\$86,045,793
Bank of France.	36,050,000
Imperial Bank of Germany.	28,580,000
Bank of Russia.	25,714,920
Total.	\$176,372,855

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