

AWFUL CRUELTY TO PRISONERS

Wretched Treatment of Inmates of Bogota Prison.

COLOMBIA GENERAL TALKS

Unfortunate Creatures Only Allowed Standing Room and Prominent Men Are Loaded With Heavy Chains and Live in Filth.

fact Uribe-Uribe, the Colombian revolutionary leader, now in this city, issued a statement last night regarding the treatment of political and military prisoners by the present Colombian government. He said:

"The penitentiary at Bogota is a small one and then in it has been crowded more than 2000 political prisoners besides 500 ordinary criminals. In order to get sleep, the prisoners have to take turns lying down as there is not room for all to lie down at once. Their beds are the damp, cold and filthy pavement of the prisoner. Their being neither water nor sanitary facilities, the wretched breathe only poisoned air and smallpox, dysentery and typhus fever, which have been playing havoc among the unfortunate creatures.

"These statements are contained in the records published by the official board of health. Well known and prominent men have been loaded with heavy chains. Among the prisoners is a large number of boys from 10 to 14 years. The methods followed for sending people to the dungeons have been copied after those of the inquisition; that is, the anonymous denunciations.

"General Mariollano Velez the commander in chief, on being appealed to by the prisoners and finding himself powerless to put a stop to the horrors, resigned.

"The government promised to release the prisoners if I would issue a manifesto advising the Liberals to stop fighting. In spite of the fact that the government has not kept its word the fighting will cease for a time. When, however, the Liberals have succeeded in gathering sufficient money and ammunition the fighting will be resumed. When it begins again I shall return to Colombia to lead the Liberal army."

HAD DESIRED EFFECT.

A Woman's Tears Defeat Plans of Social Economics Club.

CHICAGO, May 22.—A woman's tears defeated certain members of the Social Economics Club in their plan for applying for membership in the Federation of Colored Women's Clubs.

Mrs. William Krohn, after arguing against all the other speakers burst into tears and Mrs. Ida Wells Barnett, a colored member of the club out of sympathy, moved to lay the application on the table. When the debate opened the members present appeared to favor the resolution asking for membership.

The women who had spoken most radically on the other side were the first to offer Mrs. Krohn sympathy. Mrs. Barnett rose at once and moved that the resolution be laid upon the table.

President Dickinson, who was strongly in favor of the resolution, put the motion without hesitation. The vote stood eight to five in favor of tabling the resolution. There were about twenty-five members present but half of them refused to vote.

MONSTER BATTLESHIPS.

Admiral Bowles Recommends That One of 16,000 Tons Displacement Be Built.

NEW YORK, May 22.—If the report heard at the navy department proves correct, says a Times special from

Washington, and congress approves the recommendations of Rear-Admiral Bowles and the construction board, the United States may have a battleship of 16,000 tons displacement with corresponding armament, thus providing a warship of formidable proportions. The largest battleship now owned by any naval power is of a little more than 15,000 tons displacement. It is related that the largest one present at the funeral demonstration in honor of Queen Victoria, was a Japanese battleship recently completed and displacing 15,000 tons. Great Britain has several battleships of equal tonnage on the way, and Italy's Lepanto of 15,900 tons.

The British and Japanese battleships of 15,000 tons draw 27 feet of water or more. That would prevent their entry into many of our harbors and the fact that many American harbors cannot afford water for vessels of such draught has led to the construction of battleships drawing the least water, consistent with stability. The mean draught of the Maine class will be less than 24 feet. The idea is to produce a vessel that will not draw much more with the displacement of 16,000 tons.

Some members of the construction board hope to secure designs promising a speed of 21 knots which if obtained would make the new battleship equal in speed and superior in power to most of the armored cruisers now afloat and make her a formidable antagonist of the powerful battleships built.

DELEGATES TO CONVENTION.

Rig Party to Leave Chicago to Be Present at San Francisco.

CHICAGO, May 22.—Between 50 and 75 members of the Railroad and Warehouse Commissions of the Eastern and Middle Western states will depart from Chicago next Tuesday in a special train for San Francisco, where they go to attend the thirtieth annual convention of National Association of Railroad Commissioners. Many of the delegates will be accompanied by their wives and other members of their families and the party will occupy six Pullman cars. The delegates will gather in Chicago Monday and in the afternoon they will hold a meeting to discuss in advance a number of questions that will come before the convention.

From Chicago the route will be via the Burlington to St. Paul, the Great Northern to Neche, Canadian Pacific to Vancouver, the Northern Pacific line to Portland and thence to San Francisco over the Southern Pacific.

Probably the most important question to be considered by the commissioners at their convention will be the proper interpretation of gross earnings of railroads.

LOUBET RECEIVES MORGAN.

New York Banker Has Brief Talk With the French President.

NEW YORK, May 22.—President Loubet has just received J. P. Morgan, the American financier, says a Paris dispatch from Paris. General Porter, the United States ambassador, presented Mr. Morgan at the Elysee Palace, and the banker thanked the president of the French republic for the decoration of the Legion of Honor which was presented as one of the honors conferred upon foreigners in connection with the exposition of 1900.

Mr. Morgan, in the course of a brief conversation, assured President Loubet of the sympathy and admiration of the United States for France. The president answered in the same general pleasant manner and congratulated Mr. Morgan upon his fluent use of the French language. The interview lasted barely five minutes. All rumors to the contrary, nothing was said about the Panama canal. Any reference to this subject in a conversation with the French chief of state would have been construed a gross breach of etiquette.

WHEAT MARKET.

PORTLAND, May 22.—Wheat, Walla Walla, 61.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 22.—Wheat, December, 102 1/2; cash, 97 1/2.

CHICAGO, May 22.—Wheat, July, opening, 73 1/2@73 3/4; closing, 73 1/2.

TROUBLE AT ARMY POSTS.

Larger Number of Men Arrested for Intemperance Since Abolition of the Canteen.

NEW YORK, May 22.—The Times says:

General Brooke has sent an order to all commandants of posts in the department of the East to send to him on September 1 a complete report of the results which have ensued on the abolition of the army canteen. Officers say that these reports will show beyond cavil that intemperance has largely increased under the new regime, and it is predicted that the next congress will give serious consideration to the real situation as it has developed.

Seven privates, absent without leave from Fort Ethan Allen, Vt., have just been locked up in the military prison at Governor's island. They disappeared from their post immediately after pay day of this month and their troubles are attributed by the officers to the abolition of the canteens.

A reporter interviewed a number of officers at Governor's island and every one of them was saying "I told you so," when the case of Fort Sheridan, Fort Snelling and Fort Ethan Allen were called to mind. The officers there regard it but a matter of a short time when the public sentiment of the nation will demand the re-establishment of the canteens.

Captain Adams who was acting Adjutant-General at Governor's island in General Sheridan's absence said that since pay day there had been unusual trouble in nearly every post in the department and he understood that the number of men arrested had been larger than usual and there have been a noticeable number arrested for intoxication. He was not prepared to say just what the percentage of increase was. Trouble is reported at Fort Hamilton, Fort Schuler, Fort Wadsworth, Fort Hancock and Willet's Point.

Pay day at Fort Totten, Willet's Point Long Island sound, came last Wednesday and the 490 soldiers stationed there drew about \$20 per man. Since that time there have been wild and hilarious times in the saloons of Whitestone, the nearest village to the reservation and in the half dozen road houses that are situated at intervals along the road that leads from the fort to the village.

The records at the fort show that for the first twenty days of this month there have been seven court martials on drunk and disorderly charges and twelve for absence without leave. The twenty-one absentees and the twelve now in the guard house will add considerably to those figures. There have been since the last pay day as many as ten men absent without leave at one time from one company of less than 100 men.

Commenting on this Major J. W. Black, the commandant of the fort, stated that the number was unprecedented in his recollection. Major Black, Adjutant Howell and every officer and soldier interviewed at the fort gave without hesitation the opinion that the change was for the worse in the general discipline and was due entirely to the abolition of the canteen and the turning over of the soldier of his monthly pay in his pocket to the tender mercies of the outside saloon keepers who thrive in the vicinity of military posts.

The force now at Fort Totten consists of four companies of the Second battalion of engineers, the nucleus of three companies of the new Third battalion of engineers that is being recruited and the Eighty-second company of the coast artillery. With few exceptions all these men are veteran soldiers of the highest branches of the service, and in character are well up in the average of the American soldier.

TO CAPTURE GOLD MINES.

Property of New York Company in Mexico Surrounded by Revolutionists.

NEW YORK, May 22.—A dispatch to the Herald from the City of Mexico, says:

The gold mines owned by the Omitlan Exploration Company, of New York, in Guerrero del Oro, states of Guerrero are surrounded by revolutionists, according to the latest advices.

William Nivon, of New York, manager of the mines, says that there are four Americans and seventy Indian laborers at the mines and that they have constructed fortifications commanding the trails to the mines.

It is thought that the purpose of the revolutionists is to obtain the arms of the Americans. Government troops have been dispatched to the scene. It is hoped that they will arrive in time to prevent the capture of the mines.

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