

### INVASION FROM COLOMBIA FEARED

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#### ZELAYA TO VISIT AMERICA

#### Expected at San Francisco About June 15—General Bruise Arrested on Criminal Charge—Violent Earthquake at Antofagasta.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 31.—The steamer City of Sydney has just arrived here from Panama and other Central American ports, bringing the following budget of news:

When the City of Sydney was at Corinto the people were expecting an invasion from Colombia. The Government of Nicaragua, in order to make sure that it would not be caught napping, has stationed 500 men at Corinto.

General Bruise, who fled from Nicaragua some years ago, returned to his home on one of the Central American steamships last month. As soon as he set foot on Nicaragua soil he was arrested on a criminal charge. He was in jail with prospects of a speedy trial when the Sydney left.

President Zelaya of Nicaragua will probably visit the Pan-American Congress at Buffalo. He is to leave home next month and should reach San Francisco about June 15.

The Pacific Mail Steamship Company's coal yards, situated on Naos Island, in Panama Bay, recently suffered severely from fire, which was said to be still burning but under control when the Sydney sailed, having then burned for 15 days. Hundreds of men were at work on the huge pile of coal, said to amount to 7500 tons and valued at \$75,000. The fire resulted from spontaneous combustion.

San Salvador is to have a man-of-war. The government has purchased from her British owners the steamship Soy and will transform her into a cruiser, renaming her Salvador. The new warship is now at Acapulco and will go into commission at once. She is 600 tons net burden, 200 feet long, 34 feet beam and 13 feet deep. Her speed is given as 15 knots.

#### ERRAZURIZ IS IMPROVING.

Condition, However, Is Yet Very Serious—Violent Earthquake at Antofagasta.

NEW YORK, May 31.—A dispatch to the Herald from Valparaiso, Chile, says: President Errazuriz has shown some slight improvement since Tuesday, but his condition is very serious.

A violent earthquake was felt Tuesday in the Province of Antofagasta, accompanying an eruption of the volcano. In San Pedro landslides interrupted railway traffic, the reservoir pipes were cut and huts tumbled down. Several persons were injured.

According to a telegram from Antofagasta, two citizens of Chile were recently brutally whipped by a Bolivian officer and a couple of soldiers. The Chilean consul in Oruro promptly entered an energetic protest.

Vice-President Zanarte will open the regular session of congress on June 1. The government has granted an exequatur to Robert E. Mansfield, the new American consul at Iniquique.

La Union publishes an article praising the impartial attitude of the United States relative to the Pan-American Congress in rejecting the machinations of enemies of Chile, who want to drag the Tacna question into the debates of the congress.

#### ALFARA IN GUAYAQUIL.

Receives An Enthusiastic Reception On His Arrival.

NEW YORK, May 31.—The Herald's correspondent in Guayaquil, Ecuador, reports that President Alfara arrived there Tuesday and was enthusiastically received.

M. Fraudin, the French Minister in Quito, accompanied by several French captains and scientists, has arrived Guayaquil to meet the French Geodesic Commission which left Panama last Saturday.

#### ENGLISH COUPLE'S LUCK.

Bought Pictures for Few Shillings Which Are Now Valued at \$25,000.

NEW YORK, May 31.—According to the Tribune's London correspondent three pictures increased with grime were recently purchased in a curiosity shop by a thrifty husband and wife in Cheshire, England, for 15 shillings. Each of these when partially cleaned for the adornment of their modest dwelling proved to be by a noted painter. Experts were consulted and one proved to be the work of an early Italian master; another was a Corot and a third was a painting by a very English master.

Encouraged by the knowledge that what they had bought for a few shillings was worth £100, the couple returned to the obscure curiosity shop and bought for £5 a canvass blackened with age which was in use as a fire screen. This picture when cleaned disclosed the name of "Del Pompa," in one corner and has been identified as a rare work of an Italian painter. The Cheshire couple are now asking \$25,000 for their treasure, for which they gave a single £5 note.

GERMANY'S WITHDRAWAL.

Von Bulow Desires Recall of Mixed Brigade.

NEW YORK, May 31.—A dispatch to the Herald from Berlin says: It is reported that Count Von Bulow desires the recall as soon as possible of even the mixed brigade, which for the time being remains in China. As a number of men can only be kept with the colors in autumn, a relief of 1000 men will probably have to be sent out.

It is regarded as certain that a proposal has been made in regard to the new commander-in-chief of the allied troops.

The present subject of discussion between the powers is the question of indemnity. The proposal which enjoys the most favor is that of Germany and England, as a Chinese loan would probably be taken up in America which is undesirable.

MILITARY TOURNAMENT.

Opened by Lord Roberts Before Immense Assemblage—Brilliant Show.

NEW YORK, May 31.—A dispatch to the Tribune from London says: The military tournament just opened by Lord Roberts before an immense assemblage had special imperial features. Detachments from all the forces represented at the inauguration of the Australian commonwealth are massed with contingents of colonial cavalry, infantry and artillery. An Indian frontier village is the scene of stirring maneuvers with a final charge of horse artillery across a pontoon bridge and a vigorous onslaught of the rebels. It is a brilliant show, with twelve pounder guns drawn by bluejackets, cavalry waltzing and dancing quadrilles and the best military bands massed.

BRITISH INDUSTRIES LAGGING.

NEW YORK, May 31.—A dispatch to the Tribune from London says: The Post is calling upon British steel manufacturers to bring their machinery up to date, in accordance with the advice given them by William Garrett at the recent meeting of the iron and steel institute and admits that nearly all branches of applied science in England are from five to ten years behind Germany and the United States, and that it is merely possession of time honored business connections and her freedom from the far-reaching system of vested monopolies which enable Great Britain to hold her own for the time being in the staple industries of modern civilization.

HIDING THE REAL FACTS.

NEW YORK, May 31.—British newspapers which usually support the government, continue to grumble, says the London correspondent of the Tribune, because the British public are being kept in ignorance of the real facts of the war in South Africa. The Boers appear to be making steady progress in the south. In Cape Colony, near Colesberg, they are reported to have captured 500 horses.

TRACKAGE RIGHTS SECURED.

CLEVELAND, May 31.—A special from Pittsburgh says: First Vice-President and General Manager Joseph Ramsay, of the Wabash System, announced yesterday that his road had completed a trackage arrangement into Cleveland with the Big Four line. It is stated that the Wabash interests already have a station and terminal in Cleveland which may not be used. The trackage rights were secured for a distance of 31 miles from Wellington, Ala.

TO LECTURE IN AMERICA.

NEW YORK, May 31.—A dispatch to the Tribune from London says: The Rev. James Chapman, president of Wesleyan Training College, one of the most cultured men in the ranks of the Wesleyan ministry, has accepted an invitation of the theological faculty of Vanderbilt University to deliver a series of lectures in connection with the Cole lectureship in the spring of next year.

TO INVENT SUBMARINE BOAT.

NEW YORK, May 31.—A dispatch to the Herald from Buenos Ayres says: Senior Riccardoni, an engineer, has just made experiments with an improved system of wireless telegraphy. The results of the experiment are very satisfactory. He will soon try a submarine boat of his own invention which he believes is superior to any others.

STRIKERS GIVE IN.

DENVER, May 31.—The striking brick-makers of this city voted to return to work at the old scale of wages. Three weeks ago they struck for an increase of wages.

### FRENCH EXPLORERS KILLED.

LIMA, Peru, May 31.—A telegram from Cuzco received here announces that the French explorers, M. X. Revcaux and Lomont, have been assassinated by an Italian named Gnanone, in the Valley of Conception. Gnanone was afterward killed by savage Indians.

No particulars of the tragedy have been received.

### PRICE OF SUGAR REDUCED.

NEW YORK, May 31.—Arbuckle Brothers today reduced the price on all grades of refined sugar 15 points.

### WHEAT MARKET.

PORTLAND, May 31.—Wheat, Walla Walla, 59¢60.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 31.—Wheat, December, 1904, cash, 97¢.

CHICAGO, May 31.—Wheat, July, opening, 74¢; closing, 74¢07½.

LIVERPOOL, May 31.—Wheat, July, 8s. 11½d.

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