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WILL ACT AS PEACEMAKER

Chile's Offer to Mediate Between Colombia and Venezuela Accepted.

PEACEFUL SOLUTION DESIRED

Equadorian Government Has Officially Announced It Would Preserve Neutrality Regarding Conflict.

NEW YORK, Nov. 12.—A dispatch to the Herald from Bogota, Colombia, says:

The Colombian government has accepted the proffered mediation of Chile to settle the troubles between Colombia and Venezuela. In behalf of his government, Senor Heriberto, the Chilean minister in Bogota, made the offer. Minister Heriberto cabled to President Castro the same offer.

Acting President Marraquin has replied to the resolution of the Pan-American congress, which appealed to Colombia to have a peaceful solution of her difficulties with President Castro's government. Mr. Marraquin said in reply that Colombia desires to have an amicable settlement with Venezuela.

The Colombian government prefers to be on cordial terms with Venezuela and its grievances are entirely against President Castro's government. The Colombian minister of foreign affairs, Senor Mendez said in an interview that the Ecuadorian government had officially announced that it would preserve neutrality in reference to the international conflict in Colombia and would also adopt the same attitude in case of Colombia becoming involved in an international war.

STEEL PLATE COMBINE

All the American Mills Will Be Consolidated.

NEW YORK, Nov. 12.—The Herald prints the following:

It is stated in trade circles that a consolidation of steel plate mills is being planned and that the deal is being carried on under the direction of Chas. M. Schwab, president of the United States Steel Corporation. Conferences have been held in this city, the latest of which took place recently in Mr.

Schwab's office, but as far as the matter has not reached a stage at which it could be presented to bankers.

Since February 15 last a very rigid trade alliance has existed in the steel plate business. It was commonly known as the "plate pool," while its official name was the Association of American Steel Manufacturers. This association controlled incidentally the structural steel manufacturers. There are about 14 important plate manufacturers in the pool, some of which have been absorbed by the United States Steel Corporation. The present efforts of the promoters have been directed to consolidate into one company all the independent or outside steel plate makers. The necessity of a closer alliance than a mere association has become apparent within the last few weeks. A consolidation has been suggested and the manufacturers themselves are now studying the situation with a view to accomplishing this plan.

COLOMBIAN EXILES

Three Banished Colombian Leaders Arrive in New York.

NEW YORK, Nov. 12.—General Pedro Ospina, of Colombia, is here as an exile, having arrived today on the steamship Alene. Two other Colombian leaders were banished at the same time. General Saavedra and Holguin, General Saavedra departed at Port Limon, Costa Rica.

General Ospina gave it as his belief that the war in Colombia will soon be at an end. The insurgents are not very numerous nor well organized, their chief force being concentrated in the neighborhood of Panama. All the rest he described as roving bands making their homes in the mountains from which they base to commit depredation. He thinks the insurgent force without Panama does not exceed a thousand men.

YANUTSE VALLEY PEACEFUL

Chinese Are Busy Manufacturing Arms and Ammunition.

LONDON, Nov. 12.—Telegraphing from Hankow, the correspondent of the Times states that Dr. Morrison says the Yangtze valley is now peaceful, and no doubt is entertained that the court will return to Peking. Trade is very active here. The manufacture of arms and ammunition is proceeding on a great scale at all private Chinese arsenals.

GENERAL MERRIAM RETIRED

WASHINGTON, Nov. 12.—Brigadier General Henry C. Merriam will be placed on the retired list tomorrow on account of age. His present command, the department of Colorado, will be assumed temporarily by Brigadier-General J. C. Bates, commanding the department of the Missouri.

AGRICULTURAL DEPRESSION

Industrial Commission's Report Upon Question, Made Public.

COMPETITION OF THE WEST

Liberal Land Laws and Grants to Railroads Given as Prime Causes of the Unfavorable Condition.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 12.—The Industrial Commission today made public a review of the evidence taken before the commission on subjects of agriculture and agricultural labor.

As to the cause of agricultural depression the commission speaks as follows: The cause most often assigned for the depression of agriculture in the Eastern states is increased production due to the opening of lands in advance of the natural demand, especially through the agency of liberal land laws and grants of land in aid of railroad construction. The competition of the West has been rendered especially severe by the policy of the railroads in making freight rates relative low for long distances.

Old staple products having thus become unprofitable in the East it has been necessary for farmers to change their crops and vary the character of their output, taking up especially the culture of such products which are not easily transported long distances. Thus truck farming has largely superseded cereal growing along the Atlantic coast, but the farmers of the north Atlantic states now complain of severe competition of the states further south in this industry.

INDIGNATION GROUNDESS

Besentment of Germans at Chamberlain's Reference to War of 1870.

NEW YORK, Nov. 12.—The Berlin correspondent of the London Times and the New York Times says the Cologne Gazette and the National Zeitung point out that German indignation at the references made by Mr. Chamberlain in his speech at Edinburgh to the war of 1870 is groundless since Mr. Chamberlain approved the methods of the Germans by announcing that the British would resort to more severe measures if necessary.

The correspondents add that in any case it becomes the German Chauvinists, who have heaped every kind of malignant insult and slander on the British army to endeavor to rouse the "fury teutonics" against Mr. Chamberlain.

The Neue Nachrichten, the dispatch adds, deprecates the present attempts to sow hatred between the Germans and the British.

The latter, the paper says, have been justly offended by the insulting German attacks on King Edward. While sympathizing with the indignation at the British policy in South Africa, the journal thinks it unwise to drive Great Britain to side with the dual alliance.

SHOOTING WAS GOOD

Wisconsin Deer Hunters Must Be Poor Judges of Deer.

MILWAUKEE, Nov. 12.—The first day of the deer hunting season in this state was marked by three casualties, in which one of the victims will die and the other two will be crippled. The wounded are: Irving Seymour, Dover Station, Wis., fatally wounded; William Fremel, Oconto, Wis., hit in the leg, amputation necessary; Henry Belangia, Sturgeon Bay Wis., wounded in left hand, amputation necessary. Besides these two hunters have been killed and four wounded who got into the woods before the season opened. Last year during the season the number of hunters killed by being shot in mistake for deer averaged more than one a day.

CIGARETTE WAR

English and American Manufacturers Are Cutting Prices

NEW YORK, Nov. 12.—While the imperial company preserve silence, the American side has once again been forced to show its hand, says the London correspondent of the Herald. It announces a temporary rebate scheme in the following terms: "If, by December, you will send us on the subjoined form a statement which you have made of packet cigarettes imported or our own during November, we will during December sell you an equal quantity to cover the same selection of brands, the cigarettes being left entirely in your own hands. We allow you on such or equal orders sent us for December, a special rebate of 5 cents per 100 which we will remit as early in January as possible."

Meanwhile some British manufacturers who are outside the amalgamation are doing a little independent fighting. Underlying the Americans in the aim of their tactics, Phillips, for instance, brought out a line of guinea gold cigarettes at five for a penny the other day while Newman and Birmingham have put upon the market a brand of Virginia cigarettes at 25 for three pence and 10 for a penny half penny, which they are advertising as "anti-trust."

HAD NARROW ESCAPE

A Score of Women and Girls Have a Thrilling Experience.

CLEVELAND, Nov. 12.—The first which destroyed a building at 46 and 48 Euclid avenue, this afternoon, was attended by a thrilling experience of over a score of women and girls employed on the fourth floor. When the fire broke out the girls made a rush for the fire escapes. The fire spread so rapidly that they could not use the escapes, and it seemed that many must perish. Ladders were quickly sent up and all but three of the women were taken from the windows by firemen. The three who could not be reached jumped from the fifth story windows into nets held by the firemen below. Not one was seriously injured. The loss is about \$10,000.

ROUND-UP CONTINUES

Three More of Escaped Federal Convicts Taken In.

KANSAS CITY, Nov. 12.—Three more of the 26 fugitive convicts from Fort Leavenworth prison were captured near Cottonwood Falls, Kan., this afternoon by penitentiary guards after a fight in which one of the convicts was shot. The captured men are Gilbert Mullen (white), Fred Robinson (Mulatto), and Sol Sutherland (Irish). Sutherland was wounded, but not seriously.

DISMISSED SUIT

Proceeding to oust Parish Priest at Seward, Neb., Dropped.

LINCOLN, Neb., Nov. 12.—Bishop Bonamus, of the Catholic Diocese of Lincoln, announced tonight that he had dismissed the civil suit which sought to oust Father William P. Murphy, last parish priest at Seward, from the church property. Father Murphy was excommunicated by the bishop but refused to vacate the church property and in his refusal was supported by a number of the parishioners.

RUHLLIN-JEFFRIES FIGHT

BOTH MEN ARE CONFIDENT OF WINNING A VICTORY.

Training for the Big Contest Has Practically Ended and They Are in Prime Form.

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 12.—Interest in the coming contest for the heavy-weight championship of the world continues to increase. Both Jeffries and Ruhllin have practically finished their training and are fit to put up the fight of their lives. In an interview, Jeffries said:

"This gong can ring any minute for me now and I will be ready. No fighter was ever in better condition and though I am confident of success, I know I am not going against an easy game. I have a whole lot of respect for Ruhllin's ability but I know I can beat him. I will give him any kind of a fight he wants. He can rush the game or he can fight at long range."

Ruhllin and his manager, Billy Madden, are just as confident of victory as Jeffries. Madden figures that his protégé is faster than the champion.

"He is a stout for punishment," he said. "He is strong, perhaps not as strong as his opponent, but he has a clever defense. He is as good a ring general and he can put in blows with his right or his left with equal facility."

"I am not worrying about the rules which will govern the fight," said Ruhllin. "I am perfectly satisfied to fight under any interpretation that Harry Corbett might give them. He knows the rules as well as any person living and I am not afraid but that he will give us a fair show all during the contest."

The gloves that are to be used in the fight have been given into the custody of the referee. The set was made to the measurements of the fists of the two heavyweights and the pairs were sent to the two training camps for inspection. Both men declared themselves satisfied with them and they were sent back to be kept in charge of the referee until the time the men enter the ring.

IRISH CHANNEL STORM SWEPT

Many Vessels Are Lost and Kingston Harbor Is Strewn With Wreckage.

LIGHTSHIP CREW DROWNED

Was Run Down by Mail Boat Off Dover Pier and all Hands Were Lost—Many Other Deaths.

LONDON, Nov. 12.—A tremendous storm, accompanied with torrents of rain, is sweeping the north of Great Britain and Ireland. Reports continuously arrive of shipping casualties. Three vessels were driven ashore to-night at the entrance to Tyne. Four small vessels have been wrecked in the vicinity of Sunderland and another off Harlepool. Nine persons were drowned in these disasters. The gale in the Irish Channel is the severest for years. Five vessels have been wrecked in Kingston harbor, which is strewn with wreckage.

The mailboat Nord, which started from Dover for Calais, ran down the lights off Dover pier. The crew of the lights were drowned.

IMPROVE WEST POINT

Board of Visitors Recommend That Academy Be Rebuilt.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 12.—The most important feature of the report of the board of visitors to the West Point military academy is the recommendation that the academy be rebuilt. The report says "It has been nearly one hundred years since West Point was founded and from the birth of the institution nearly all improvements have been on the patch work plan. There is but one building constructed by the government that is in harmony with the day and generation. All others are uncomfortable and entirely inadequate to meet present conditions.

Few of them are equipped with any of the conveniences, to be found in the average public buildings in the country districts in many of the state.

SCORED A SUCCESS

Emma Eames Completely Captivated San Francisco Audience.

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 12.—A great success was scored last night by Emma Eames, the American prima donna, as Emma in "Lohengrin," at the Grand opera house. It was her first appearance in San Francisco and her triumph was complete. The big theater was filled to the doors with a fashionable and the applause was enthusiastic. The others in the cast, notably Madame Schurmann-Henk, Dr. Reszka, Bispham and Muhlmann were in good voice and aided to make the production a notable musical event. Madame Calve is suffering from an attack of bronchitis and will not be able to appear in Carmen for a week at least.

LAST BOAT FROM NOME

Brings 118 Passengers and \$350,000 in Gold.

SEATTLE, Nov. 12.—The steam schooner Arctic, Captain Erickson, arrived shortly before midnight from Nome with 118 passengers and \$350,000 in gold. She was the last boat but one to leave the Northern port and brought down many prominent business men. She reports meeting the Ralph D. Long at Dutch Harbor, short of provisions and water. It was said that her 60 passengers had suffered many privations before reaching port. The Long was expected to follow the Arctic to Seattle the next day.

CONSIDINE'S DEFENSE

Alleges Meredith Had Made Threats Against His Life.

SEATTLE, Nov. 12.—The defense today continued the presentation of testimony in favor of John W. Considine. Nineteen witnesses were examined today. The most important parts of the testimony related to threats against the life of Considine, alleged to have been made by Meredith.

TO CONFER WITH PRESIDENT

Business Men of the Country Desire Closer Relations With China.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 12.—An interview with President Roosevelt is to be held tomorrow by the representatives of the Boston chamber of commerce and the business men from various sections of the country in behalf of more

intimate trade relations with China. The movement for reciprocal relations with Canada began by the chamber of commerce has resulted in definite plans whereby the representatives shall give the executive their views on the merits of the question. It is understood the question is thus to be considered before the president writes his message to congress.

HIGHEST POINT REACHED

A United States Dollar Worth Forty-Eight Dollars in Colombia.

NEW YORK, Nov. 12.—Arrivals from the interior of Colombia bring the news that the exchange of paper money by Bar advanced to the highest point yet reached, says the Colon, Colombia, correspondent of the Herald. A United States dollar is actually worth 45 dollars in national currency in Bogota and 48 dollars in department money. Merchants of Barranquilla believe the value of the paper money will further depreciate and are holding as little as possible. They are converting all the paper money they get into coffee and other merchandise.

GUILTY OF TREASON

Polish Students at Posen Convicted of Conspiracy.

NEW YORK, Nov. 12.—The Berlin correspondent of the London Times and the New York Times says the trial of Polish students has just ended at Posen.

The court found that a league of Polish students was in existence with the ultimate object of re-establishing the Kingdom of Poland. Its operations were therefore treasonable. The court based its conclusion on the fact that the so-called "Polish national treasure" existed in Switzerland and that contributions for this fund were collected from the students.

SAME TREATMENT FOR ALL

Native Chiefs Assured of Same Canons of Justice as Britainers.

NEW YORK, Nov. 12.—A dispatch to the London Times and the New York Times from Allahabad says that at the inauguration of the new Northwest Province on King Edward's birthday, Chief Commissioner Deane assured the native chiefs that the same canons of justice that prevailed elsewhere in the British empire would be applied to their province. The new administration, he added, would bring them nearer the central government.

WAS AGENT OF JUNTA

MANY INCRIMINATING PAPERS IN HIS POSSESSION.

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PANAMA CITY NOT CAPTURED

Reports of Danger of the City Falling Have Been Very Much Exaggerated.

AMERICAN SHIPS ON HAND

Iowa Is at Panama and Machias at Colona With a Sufficient Force to Protect Foreign Property.

NEW YORK, Nov. 12.—Passengers arriving tonight on the steamship Oriaba confirm the news that the City of Panama has not been taken by the rebels. Among those who arrived was Mr. Hunt, agent of the Panama railroad and steamship line, at Panama. Mr. Hunt said the reports as to the danger of the city falling have been very much exaggerated.

"The Iowa was at Panama when we left, and the Machias at Colona, with a sufficient force to protect foreign interests. The rebels have been very careful and have not molested American property."

WILLIAMS COLLEGE PRESIDENT

Dr. Edward Herrick Will Likely Succeed Dr. Franklin Carter.

NEW YORK, Nov. 12.—It is believed in Baltimore that Dr. Edward Herrick Griffin, professor of the History of Philosophy and Dean of the Faculty of the Johns Hopkins University, will be the next president of Williams College, to succeed Dr. Franklin Carter. At the recent meeting of the trustees in New York Dr. Griffin received five votes out of a total of 15 cast.

Dr. Griffin says two months ago he was informed that his name had been proposed for the presidency but he declined the honor. Now, however, his name will remain and, although he will accept the presidency if sufficient inducement is offered, he says he is reluctant to leave Johns Hopkins.

WANTS FURTHER DETAILS

President Roosevelt Calls for All Facts Regarding Arrest of Iglesias.

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