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AMBASSADOR IN UNIFORM. American Representative Will Accord to Custom of Russian Court.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 4.—With regard to the courtesy shown respecting the uniform of the United States ambassador here, it is explained that the court officials have pressed the uniform question upon several of Ambassador McCormick's predecessors.

After a consultation with the court officials, Former Ambassador Charles Tower adopted for himself and for the secretaries of the United States embassy uniforms which satisfied the court requirements.

WILL RESIST UNIONS.

Boycotts and Other Methods Have Caused Master Mechanics to Organize.

Schenectady, N. Y., Feb. 4.—The master builders, masons, carpenters, painters and plumbers of this city have decided to organize a Builders' exchange. The motive is to cope with the trades unions which have a strong body known as the building trades section of the trades assembly, and which fix the price of labor for their members without reference to the employers.

The wages paid carpenters, plumbers, plasterers, masons, lathers and others are so high that building costs are exorbitant and the employers are determined to resist further encroachments.

BOSTON NEEDS IMPROVEMENT.

Movement on Foot to Better Present Government of City.

Boston, Feb. 4.—The board of directors of the chamber of commerce, through William N. Lincoln, the president, has sent invitations to business organizations to send delegates to constitute a general committee for the purpose of securing an "honest and efficient city government."

WOOLLEN WORKERS STRIKE.

Spinners Want Wages Increase and Weavers Object to Apprentices.

North Vassalboro, Me., Feb. 4.—A strike has begun in the mills of the American Woolen company here, the spinners asking for an increase in wages and the weavers objecting to the practice of teaching apprentices.

LETTER Writing RECEIVES MUCH ATTENTION

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work as it was understood that the management would not require them to teach apprentices.

FUSILLADE OF SHOTS.

Nonunion Men and Iron Workers Engage in a Hot Battle.

Elizabeth, N. J., Feb. 4.—There was a hot fight at Elizabethport last night between nonunion men employed at Townsend & Downey's shipyard on Shooter's island and a gang of ironworkers on strike there who live in Elizabeth.

The latter lay in wait for the nonunion men and when they left the Jersey Central wharf, where the steamer landed them from the shipyard, they were attacked with volleys of stones. Then there was a fusillade of shots exchanged, fired by both sides, but only one man was hit. He was a driver who happened to be passing the scene at the time with his wagon. He was shot through the foot. Several nonunion men were hit by the flying stones but only one was severely injured. He was badly cut on the head.

DREYFUS AFFAIR REVIVED.

Police Agent Discovers a Document That Will Cause Sensation.

Paris, Feb. 4.—The Liberte, an anti-governmental organ, states that a revival of the Dreyfus affair has been decided unofficially. Juarez, the socialist deputy, recently asserted, according to the Liberte, that he would shortly find an opportunity to make a sensational revelation in the chamber. This revelation is alleged to consist of a document which a police agent named Tomps recently secured and which is now in the hands of the war ministry. The government, says the Liberte, is so convinced of the importance of this document that it desires to reward Tomps with the decoration of the Legion of Honor.

THE BLUFFER SPIELS.

Jeffries Doesn't Seem to Want to Fight Corbett Very Bad.

Denver, Feb. 4.—The Post today received the following telegram from J. J. Jeffries:

"Joplin Mo., Feb. 4.—I do not take any stock in Jim Corbett's challenges and don't care what he does. I signified to the whole country that I was ready to fight him and he refused to come to my terms. As champion I have a perfect right to dictate to him. If he is sincere let him make a deposit with the Denver Post and I will pay some attention to him."

DO NOT LIKE SCHEME.

London Financiers Are Opposed to Proposal of China and Mexico.

New York, Feb. 4.—People here interested in silver and silver securities, says a London dispatch to the Tribune, look coldly upon the movement started by Mexico and China for the purpose of bringing about an agreement between silver-using countries. Some bullion brokers go so far as to say that if this currency campaign were to succeed on the lines indicated in President Roosevelt's message to congress, it would be a bad thing for the white metal.

NO EARTHQUAKES THERE.

Nicaragua Canal Route Will Be Free From Such Disturbances.

Washington, Feb. 4.—Secretary Hay has transmitted to the senate a report by James O. Jones on the subject of earthquakes along the line of the Nicaragua canal route. Mr. Jones made a tour of the route last autumn as a special agent of the state department, to investigate the reports of seismic disturbances. He says he found no evidence of any such phenomena that in any way would disturb the canal if constructed.

STATION WILL BE PALATIAL.

Proposed Twenty-Story Structure to Cover Present Site.

New York, Feb. 4.—Plans for the New York Central railroad to build a 20-story structure covering the entire site of the present Grand Central station became public at a meeting of the board of estimates at which improvement of the road terminals in this city were considered. The proposed new building will comprise a large hotel, department store and offices, besides the regular station and underground connections with the subway.

BATTLE DISCREDITED.

Probably Fight took Place, but Not of Proportions as Reported.

Tucson, Ariz., Feb. 4.—A special from Hermosillo states that there is little truth in the stories circulated about the alleged fight between Yaquis and Mexican regular troops near San Marcial. A small fight probably took place, but no such number were killed as was at first reported.

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RUSH ORDERS FOR NAVY YARD

Vessels Will Be Completed Rapidly—Trouble in Honduras Starts Things Up.

Marine Island Navy Yard, Calif., Feb. 4.—Rush orders have been received from Washington ordering that all work on vessels now in the navy yard be completed with the greatest possible dispatch. In view of this order an extra force of men will be employed at once and the night force was inaugurated last night to complete the repairs on the United States steamer Bennington.

Large quarters of stores were shipped to San Francisco to be transferred to Boston, New York and Ranger, now in the harbor. Vessels will sail for Honduras early next week. It is understood here that the trouble brewing in Honduras is the only reason for the animation now being shown at the navy yard.

SEA CAPTAIN DIES.

Well Known Skipper Falls Over Dead in a Railway Station.

Alameda, Cal., Feb. 4.—While sitting in the room of the station at Alameda Point waiting for a train, Captain William Whitney of the schooner Jessie Minor toppled to the floor and in a few minutes was dead, presumably of heart disease. He was widely known among the shipping and sea-faring men of the Pacific coast. He was a native of New Orleans, 67 years old.

REPORTS FAVORABLY.

Washington, Feb. 4.—The house committee on pensions today authorized a favorable report on the senate bill to increase pensions of all Mexican war veterans from \$5 to \$12 per month.

LOOK OUT FOR CATARRH

The cold-wave flag means zero weather, icy, moisture-laden winds, and the beginning of winter in earnest. To Catarrh sufferers there is nothing cheering in these climatic changes, for with the return of cold weather, all the disagreeable symptoms of Catarrh appear; blinding headaches, dizziness, a stuffy feeling about the nose that makes breathing difficult, chest pains, and as the disease progresses, a discharge of nauseating matter from the throat and nose keeps one continually hawking and spitting.

Catarrh is a most disgusting disease. The foul mucous secretions that are constantly dripping back into the stomach contaminate and poison the blood and is distributed throughout the body, and it then becomes a deep-seated, systemic, persistent disease that must be treated through the blood, for it is beyond the reach of sprays, washes, powders or external treatment of any kind.

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TEACHERS' EXAMINATION.

Notice is hereby given that the county superintendent of Clatsop county, Ore., will hold the regular examination of applicants for state and county papers at the courthouse, Astoria, Ore., as follows:

For State Papers. Commencing Wednesday, February 11 at 9 o'clock a. m., and continuing until Saturday, February 14, at 4 o'clock p. m.

Wednesday—Penmanship, history, spelling, algebra, reading, school law. Thursday—Written arithmetic, theory of teaching, grammar, bookkeeping, physics, civil government. Friday—Physiology, geography, mental arithmetic, physical geography. Saturday—Botany, plane geometry, general history, English literature, physiology.

For Country Papers.

Commencing Wednesday, February 11, at 9 o'clock a. m., and continuing until Friday, February 13, at 4 o'clock p. m. First, second and third grade certificates.

Wednesday—Penmanship, history, orthography, reading. Thursday—Written arithmetic, theory of teaching, grammar, school law. Friday—Geography, mental arithmetic, physiology, civil government.

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