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COLOMBIA DETERMINED TO SEND AN ARMY TO ATTACK AND WIN BACK PANAMA

Aroused Government Has Army of 4000 Men Consolidated at Titumati for Purpose of Invading Republic.

Indian Chief Requested to Have in Readiness Small Boats to Transport Troops Across Rivers—Warships Will Leave Colon and Be on the Alert, Ready to Land an Attacking Force the Moment It is Needed.

Colon, Jan. 12.—United States authorities here appear to be convinced from the tenor of reports which are continually brought in, that Colombia is determined to send an army to attack Panama.

Panaman authorities yesterday received confirmation of the fact that Colombia troops at Titumati number at least 4000 men, under command of General Ortia, Uribe-Uribe, Bustamante and Novo. The government learned these facts from reliable information at Titumati who contrives to send news events from that distance to Colon by means of signals and trustworthy messengers.

The news has also been received that the Indian chief, Inanquina, returned yesterday to Cartagena to interview Colombian officers regarding the request made by them for 300 Cayucoes (small boats) to be used by the army at Titumati in crossing rivers.

It is expected that all warships will leave Colon tomorrow for the purpose of making demonstrations along the San Blas coast. Vessels will land an attacking force the moment information reaches them that Colombian troops have crossed into Panama territory.

There are no signs of a Colombian army in the vicinity of Panama territory on the Pacific. The outlook is apparently warlike.

Government Scores Point.

Washington, Jan. 12.—The trial of August M. Machen, Groff brothers and Dr. and Mrs. George E. Lorenz, for complicity in postal frauds, begun in earnest today. At the outset the government scored two points when Justice Fritchard refused to make a rule requiring the district attorney to select the specific count of the indictment under which the defendants would be tried and also when he permitted cer-

tain people to remain in court after witnesses had been requested to retire.

Railroads May Consolidate.

San Francisco, Jan. 12.—Is E. H. Harriman paving the way for a big holding company or combine into which the Southern Pacific, Union Pacific, Oregon Short Line and Oregon Railway & Navigation Company will be thrown in the event of the United States supreme court declaring legal the Northern Securities Company of J. J. Hill and J. Pierpont Morgan? The latter corporation is the holding company for the Northern Pacific Great Northern and Burlington roads.

Step by step Harriman is changing the internal affairs and other matters of the Southern Pacific to make them correspond with those of the Union Pacific, Oregon Short Line and Oregon Railway. This is true of the Southern Pacific's law departments, its auditing and accounting departments, of its land office and of its mechanical affairs.

His latest move is to overhaul the Southern Pacific car accounting and tonnage departments, combine them and make the affairs of this merged office correspond to similar duties on his three other western lines. He has sent two men out from Omaha for these purposes. They commenced their work last week and will spend about three months making the desired change.

Erastus Young, general auditor of the four Harriman lines, has been given absolute charge of all Southern Pacific accounting matters at his office.

R. A. Barter is to have charge of the new merged office of car accounting and tonnage reporting, under Klink. The Omaha men who are here to instruct him in the duties of the place are from the office of Car Accountant W. D. Lincoln, of the Union Pacific.

And while the Omaha men have just commenced their work, C. W. Eberlein is rapidly completing his transformation of the Southern Pacific land matters to make them correspond with those of the Union Pacific.

All of these facts, taken in the aggregate, are causing on the part of any officials of the Harriman roads, quiet talk to the effect that when Mr. Harriman finishes the changes he has in mind on his four western properties, he will make public some corporate scheme for closer management either for purposes of operation alone or solely for the handling of their securities or for both reasons.

Hanna Re-Elected Senator.

Columbus, Ohio, Jan. 12.—The Ohio legislature by a separate ballot of the house and senate today, voted to return Marcus A. Hanna to the United States senate for a second term. Senator Hanna was re-elected by the largest majority ever given to a candidate for United States senator from Ohio.

FUN AT THE CONVENTION

Livestock President Keeps House Full of People in Smiles During His Witty Speeches.

MANY WOMEN IN AUDIENCE

Governor Chamberlain and Mayor Williams Welcomed the Visitors at Joint Session of Livestock Men and Woolgrowers Yesterday.

Portland, Jan. 12.—The opening of the National Livestock Association was held jointly with the National Woolgrowers Association's meeting today, and was characterized by wholesome mixture humorous and serious. Baker theater, where the sessions are being held, was filled to the doors long before the hour of opening. A large representation of women was a noticeable feature of the session. The house was divided off into sections and delegates from each state were seated together. No less than 22 states were represented.

President John W. Springer, of the livestock association, welcomed the audience to the joint session in a facetious vein. Springer's spirit of wit and humor could not be restrained and he soon had the entire audience in an uproar of laughter.

Governor Geo. E. Chamberlain was introduced to the audience by Springer as a man of democratic persuasion who could have anything he wanted, even in a republican state. Governor Chamberlain extended to the sheep and stockmen a hearty welcome in behalf of Oregon.

Mayor George H. Williams was then introduced by Springer and he, in behalf of Portland, welcomed the visitors to the city. His address struck sympathetic chords in the hearts of those present and was punctuated with frequent bursts of applause.

Colonel L. F. Wilson, of Texas, was introduced and responded to the welcome addresses in behalf of the National Livestock Association.

Senator F. E. Warren, of Wyoming, was introduced and replied to the addresses of welcome in behalf of the Woolgrowers Association of which he is president.

President Springer then took the floor and delivered his annual address. The address occupied the remaining time of the morning session.

In the afternoon the woolgrowers met alone and completed the business of their meeting. President C. H. Harding, of the National Association of Woolen Manufacturers, gave an address on "Mutual Interest to Wool Grower and Woolen Manufacturer." Harding's address was followed by a talk on "Facts About Shoddy" by Secretary John B. McPherson, of the Wool Manufacturers Association.

After several short addresses the convention proceeded to the election of officers. As a result Senator F. E. Warren was re-elected president, and Jesse M. Smith, of Utah, and Leo Trueblood, of Maryland, vice presidents. It was decided to hold the next meeting one day before the next livestock convention and at the same place. The convention was then adjourned sine die.

CHINA IS URGED TO BE NEUTRAL

Assurances of Russian Ambassador Are That Trade Interests of United States Will Be Protected.

Everything Possible Will Be Done to Confine Disturbance to Theater of War.

JAPAN'S DEMANDS REFUSED

Great Aim, in Event of Hostilities Will Be to Prevent Internal Strife in China, to Protect Her Welfare and All Foreigners

Washington, Jan. 12.—The following announcement has been posted at the State Department:

"The Russian ambassador called yesterday upon the secretary of state and conveyed to him the assurance of his government that the Russian authorities would place no obstacle in the way of full enjoyment by the powers having treaties with China of all the rights and privileges guaranteed by such treaties in Manchuria."

"What we have done," said the minister, "is to urge neutrality upon China in the event of war, so as to minimize the disturbance of trade, avoid internal disorders in China, guard foreign residents in the interior and avoid unnecessary complications in China's finances, and for the purpose of limiting, so far as possible, the theater of war, should war result."

"I have not yet received any intimation as to what action my government intends to take or what is the result so far of the deliberations of the elder statesmen. Baron Hayashi's view of the Russian circular, referring to treaty rights in Manchuria, is that it is contradictory."

"No treaty rights," the minister said, "can be of any real good unless Russia recognizes China's sovereignty in Manchuria. By this last declaration, Russia appears to do this, but at the same time she persistently refuses Japan's demand for a formal recognition thereof. That is the point on which such grave issue hangs."

Stronger Than is Believed.

St. Petersburg, Jan. 12.—Mr. Kurino, the Japanese minister, in an interview today declared that if war should come he believed it would be a long one.

"A majority of the people of Russia," added the minister, "and many persons abroad, have underestimated Japan's strength, the idea prevailing in well informed quarters that Japan would be unable to put more than 200,000 soldiers in the field, whereas if necessary Japan could muster more than 600,000 men."

Policy in Inaction.

London, Jan. 12.—A dispatch from Tokio to Reuters Telegram Company, says an answer from Russia will probably be asked at a fixed date. A news agency dispatch from Tokio says it is understood that Japan has informed Great Britain and the United States that her apparent inaction is not due to a desire for foreign mediation, but to a policy deliberately adopted.

Japanese Interests First.

Seoul, Jan. 12.—The emperor of Korea has ordered the opening of the Wiju subject to the acquiescence of China by telegraph. American, English, Russian, Italian and Japanese legations at Seoul are under guard. It is stated that sweeping charges will be made soon in the person of the Korean government, favorable to Japanese interests.

Debate in the House.

Washington, Jan. 12.—The house today for more than five hours considered the legislative, executive and judicial appropriation bill, but reached no conclusions on it. A variety of topics, including Panama and the tariff, were discussed during the course of the day. Adams, republican, of Pennsylvania, in referring to a dinner recently

given in New York city at which Mr. Olney spoke, made reference to the result of the recent New York municipal contest as a victory won by catering to those who desired free license in rum and immorality. This statement was resented by Fitzgerald, democrat of N. Y., in a vigorous speech.

When the item in the bill providing for expenses of the civil service commission was reached, Hepburn, republican of Idaho, took occasion to express his opposition to the civil service system as it now exists, and expressed a desire to amend the bill by striking out the paragraph providing for the existence of the commission. Discussion on civil service was pending when the house adjourned.

Czar and Admiral Communicate.

Paris, Jan. 13.—A St. Petersburg correspondent to the Herald says that communications of the highest importance are constantly passing between the czar and Admiral Alexeief.

GOOD PLAN TO ESCAPE

Car Barn Bandit Writes to Brother Giving Full Instructions How to Proceed.

BOTH ARE NOW PRISONERS

Had Not Schemers Not Been Interrupted in Time Notorious Criminal Would Doubtless Now Be Liberty.

Chicago, Jan. 12.—The plan of Emil Roeski, one of the car barn bandits, to saw his way out of jail, was laid with more chances of success than at first supposed. Assistant Chief Police Schuetler has found a letter from Roeski to his brother, Herman, who is now in jail on a charge of conniving to release Emil. The letter contained a plan of the jail, showing the location of Emil's cell.

Emil instructed his brother to climb a fire escape on a building across the alley from the old jail and then reach the jail roof by means of a ladder. With the ladder, he was to reach the window on the tier in which Emil's cell was located. With half a night to work in, the young bandit having sawed out of his cell, could have cut the bars of the window and escaped.

ST. LOUIS CHOICE OF DEMOCRATS

Surprise Is Sprung by the Committee in Turning Down Chicago and Making Selection of This City.

Leaders Concluded That Newspaper Influence at the Metropolis Would Disrupt.

POLITICAL STATUS GOVERNS

W. J. Bryan Joined Committeemen at Close of Meeting and Held Conference With Chairman—Time too Early for Plans.

Washington, Jan. 12.—The democratic national committee today furnished a surprise by selecting St. Louis as the place for holding the national convention in 1904. The date was fixed for July 6.

Previous to the meeting of the committee it seemed a foregone conclusion that Chicago would get the convention but political exigencies entered into the situation and a majority of the committee voted for St. Louis. For some hours previous to the meeting of the committee, there was talk in the corridors and among democratic leaders that the convention in Chicago might be subject to strong newspaper influence in favor of some particular candidate that would be lacking in St. Louis.

W. J. Bryan, when the committee had concluded its labors, appeared, but his visit was without any apparent political significance. He was warmly greeted by members of the committee, and invited a number of them to call on him, and held a conference with Chairman Jones. In answer to a question, Bryan replied that it was yet too early to outline issues for the coming election.

Eugene Samuel, representing the Equitable Life, was in the city for a few hours yesterday afternoon, returning at night on the Lurline.

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