

INJURIOUS EFFECT OF AGITATION

Filipinos Take Utterances of Politicians Seriously and Believe They Are Capable of Self Government.

Governor Wright Protests That Talk in America Interferes With His Administration.

PAPERS SPREAD THE BELIEF

Conservative Element, Fearful of Losing Prestige, Refrains From Expressing Its Real Sentiment on Matter.

Washington, Sept. 26.—In a letter to President Roosevelt, Governor Wright of the Philippines deprecates the discussion in the United States of independence for the Filipinos. Governor Wright states that the spoken and written utterances of prominent men are brought to the islands, forming the basis for editorials in the papers of the Philippines insisting that the Filipinos are now ready for self government.

The effect of the agitation in the United States is distinctly injurious, Governor Wright says, and makes the task of the authorities the more difficult. The discussion demoralizes and weakens the conservative and thoughtful elements, who are afraid to speak as they really think, lest they lose prestige.

CHALLENGES FAIRBANKS.

Senator Dubois Wants to Argue the Mormon Question With Him.

Spokane, Sept. 26.—A challenge to Senator Fairbanks, the republican nominee for vice president, to discuss the Mormon issue in his two speeches in Idaho, was made today by United States Senator Dubois.

Dubois' challenge is in the form of an open letter. He asserts that Mormonism is condemned by both the national democratic platform and by the Idaho democracy. The senator goes on to say that the question is one which will confront Fairbanks in Wyoming, Utah, Colorado, Idaho and Oregon, and, as Fairbanks is discussing the democratic platform and candidates, Dubois thinks the people have a right to know where the republican candidate stands on this proposition.

Populists Name Partial Ticket.

Boise, Sept. 26.—The populists of Idaho have placed a partial ticket in the field, as follows:

Presidential electors—Frank Forbes, Jesse Rummel and R. D. Jones.

Governor—T. W. Bartley of Moscow.

Secretary of state—Levi P. Hammond of Moscow.

Congressman—D. L. Badley.

Fairbanks in Montana.

Billings, Mont., Sept. 26.—Senator Fairbanks spent the greater part of the day discussing irrigation. The day was devoted to a tour of Yellowstone county, beginning at Glendive, on the eastern border of Montana, and closing here.

Parker to Go to New York.

Esopus, Sept. 26.—Many telegrams came today congratulating Parker on his letter of acceptance. A delegation of 36 democrats from Poughkeepsie came to Rosemont today and spent an hour with Parker. The judge will go to New York tomorrow.

Bryan Opens Nevada Campaign.

Reno, Nev., Sept. 26.—Bryan opened the democratic campaign in Nevada here tonight.

Headquarters in Indiana.

New York, Sept. 26.—It is understood the western headquarters of the national democratic committee will be established at French Lick Springs, Ind., next month, probably under the direction of Chairman Taggart.

Narrow Escape From Death.

Everett, Wash., Sept. 26.—Passen-

gers on a southbound Northern Pacific train experienced a narrow escape from death this afternoon near Arlington, where an explosive supposed to have been dynamite caused a shower of rocks and wood to fall upon a Canadian Pacific tourist car, splintering the roof and knocking out every window on one side. No one was seriously injured.

VERY SORRY IT HAPPENED.

Governor at Colon Regrets Outrage at American Consulate.

Colon, Sept. 26.—The American consulate at Carthagena having been twice recently besmeared with filth, Admiral Sigbee, with the flagship Newark, was ordered to proceed to Carthagena and investigate the circumstance. In a communication to the governor, Sigbee said:

"I find the expressions of regret for the acts of indecency on behalf of yourself and your government to be satisfactory, but that they have not been given publicity. I suggest additional precautions to prevent recurrence of the incidents and fuller publicity of the government's expressions of regret, in order to avoid a friendly visit assuming a more serious aspect." The governor complied, reiterating his regrets.

WHEAT FALLS FOUR CENTS AT THE CHICAGO MARKETS

Heavy Selling Causes a Slump and the Low Point is Reached Just Before the Session's Close.

Chicago, Sept. 26.—A break of 4 cents a bushel in wheat occurred today. The decline was due to general liquidation and the reduction of numerous stop-loss orders. Surprisingly heavy primary receipts contributed to the weakness.

At the start the market showed a fair degree of firmness, due to the strength of foreign grain markets, wheat prices at Liverpool being up nearly a point. As a result of heavy selling, prices started on the down grade, the declining tendency continuing throughout the entire session. The low point of the day was reached just before the close.

STRIKE ON CANADIAN PACIFIC.

Ask for Increase to Equal Wages Paid on American Roads.

Winnipeg, Man., Sept. 26.—The demand of the allied mechanical trades employed on the Canadian Pacific railway for an increase in wages has culminated in a strike, when about 700 workmen in the Winnipeg shops laid down their tools. Men at Fort William and other points also walked out. The men say they are asking for pay equal to the schedule that prevails on the Northern Pacific and other western roads south of the international boundary. This means an increase of from \$3 to 5 cents an hour over that which they have received. An official of the company interviewed tonight said it was the intention to fight the strike and a long struggle appears imminent.

SCHWAB BUYS IT IN.

Shipyard Plant at San Francisco Sold by Order of Court.

San Francisco, Sept. 26.—The sale of the great shipyard plant here, which was conducted at the main entrance to the iron works, was not largely attended, the most notable persons present being Charles M. Schwab, Receiver Smith and Attorneys Pollock and William M. Greene of New York. The property had to be sold by reason of proceedings instituted to wind up the affairs of the bankrupt United States Shipbuilding Company. Representative Schwab offered \$1,400,000 for the real property of the concern, and \$300,000 for the personal property. There were no other bids.

Vesuvius Still in Eruption.

Naples, Sept. 26.—The eruption of Mount Vesuvius continues, and although it has somewhat decreased, it is still most imposing, and its vividness has been augmented by the breaking away of the crust around the crater, which is being re-ejected with shakings, rumblings and explosions, making it appear as if the whole mountain would be rent from top to bottom. The Funicular railroad roadbed has been damaged by the flow of lava. On the Pompeii side the eruption is very threatening, and a great quantity of ashes is being ejected.

EUROPE WILL BE INVOLVED AND WAR WILL BECOME MOST TERRIBLE IN ALL HISTORY

British War Correspondent Expresses Conviction That Russo-Japanese Complications Will Spread.

St. Petersburg Officials Believe Japanese Are Planning Flanking Movement Against Kuropatkin's Left and That Battle Will Occur as Soon as Kuroki is Able to Concentrate His Forces—No News From Port.

Indications are discerned at St. Petersburg that the Japanese are planning a flanking movement against Kuropatkin's left to compel his retirement from Sin Tsin Tin. Kuroki is supposed to design crossing the Hun river at a point a considerable distance east of Mukden, whence he is expected to move down stream and co-operate with the army from Bianchan, while Oku and Nodzu hold Kuropatkin south of Mukden. The Japanese attacks on Da pass and Siangku are regarded as confirmation of this theory. The outposts of Oku and Nodzu have been in conflict with the Cossacks between Bentsiaputze and the railroad. No news has been received from Port Arthur.

Honolulu, Sept. 26.—Melton Prior, a British newspaper correspondent, who arrived today from Yokohama, says he feels certain the war in the far east will lead to European complications and the most awful war in the world's history.

Prior claims Japan displayed bad faith toward all the correspondents. This, he says, is his 27th campaign and the only one in which he has seen nothing. He believes that with the possible exception of the battle of Liao Yang, not one correspondent has seen a shot fired, and even doubts if the Liao Yang fighting was witnessed by newspaper men.

WHY ADVANCE IS SLOW.

Field Marshal Oyama Awaiting Arrival of Reinforcements.

St. Petersburg, Sept. 26, 5 p. m.—The cause of the extreme deliberation in the Japanese advance on Mukden was explained by a dispatch received from General Kuropatkin this afternoon, which indicated that Field Marshal Oyama has not yet concentrated his forces. Fresh troops are constantly arriving at Bentsiaputze, while others which recently reached Liao Yang are marching up the Taitze river to Scan Chan. These reinforcements presumably come from Japan. As soon as the fourth Japanese army at Scan Chan is sufficiently strong, it is now evident, the Japanese intend to resort to their favorite flanking tactics, move a formidable army against Kuropatkin's left, and compel the evacuation of Sintsintin.

They are evidently reconnoitering the ground over which the Scan Chan army will march up and cross the river. Meanwhile, General Kuroki is trying to seize and cross the Hun river, far east of Mukden. Thence he will move down the river and co-operate with the fourth army from Scan Chan; while Generals Oku and Nodzu engage Kuropatkin's attention south of Mukden. The attacks on Da pass and San Lun Ku, September 20, were the first symptoms of this vast flanking movement.

Kuropatkin now reports that Japanese scouts have been encountered near the Hun river, half way to Mukden, trying to seize Kaoutou pass, 10 miles northeast of Bentsiaputze, in order to clear the way to Fushan, and that Oku's and Nodzu's outposts have been engaged in skirmishing with Cossacks near Inpu, between Bentsiaputze and the railroad.

JAPANESE ON THE MOVE.

Preparing Extensive Movement East of Town of Mukden.

St. Petersburg, Sept. 26.—A dispatch has been received from General Kuropatkin, announcing that the Japanese are preparing an extensive turning movement east of Mukden. A large force is advancing from Liao Yang by way of Taishe to Scan Chan. Skirmishes have occurred in the valley of the Hun river, and at Inpu, between Bentsiaputze, and the railroad. There were many casualties at Inpu.

No Shortage of Fuel.

London, Sept. 26.—Telegraphing from

Chefoo the correspondent of the Daily Mails says:

"Photographs received from Port Arthur taken as late as September 14 show that the piles of coal stacked on Tiger's Tail at the beginning of the war are still there."

SAKHAROFF REPORTS FIGHT.

Japanese Attempt to Occupy Pass, but Are Defeated.

St. Petersburg, Sept. 26.—General Sakharov, in a dispatch dated yesterday, telegraphs that the Japanese advance guard during the last few days attempted to occupy Kaoutou pass, commanding the road to Fushan, but were repulsed by a detachment of the Russian advance guard.

On the south front all is quiet, although shots are exchanged daily and skirmishes occur between the advance posts.

WILL NOT ACT HASTILY.

United States to Proceed Cautiously in Contraband Cases.

St. Petersburg, Sept. 26.—Neither the United States nor Great Britain has yet renewed diplomatic representations to Russia on the subject of contraband. In diplomatic circles interest is felt over the ultimate issue of the matter. It is hardly believed either the United States or Great Britain purposes to let the matter rest in its present aspect.

While the Washington government won a distinct victory in the decision of the commission regarding contraband, which, in effect, recognized Secretary Hay's contention, it is thought the American government will still refuse to acquiesce in the placing of cotton, fuel and railroad, telegraph and telephone material in the list of absolute contraband. Nevertheless the authorities expect the United States will await the decision of the appeal from the tribunal in the Calchas and Arabia cases before proceeding further.

FORSAKE THEIR UNIONS.

Nine Thousand Men Return to Work Yesterday at Chicago.

Chicago, Sept. 26.—Nine thousand men returned to work without union regulations of any sort today, when the three-Chicago branches of the International Harvester Company works and the Pullman company reopened their shops after a shutdown of two weeks. The men not only returned to their former places as individuals, but agreed to reductions in pay of 10 to 20 percent.

WILL SOON ISSUE CALL.

President to Invite Peace Conference of All the Nations.

Washington, Sept. 26.—President Roosevelt's announcement on Saturday to the delegates of the interparliamentary union that at an early date he would invite the nations of the world to send delegates to a second peace conference whose work should be supplemental to that of the conference at The Hague is regarded as a historic advance toward the adjustment of inter-

national difficulties through the medium of arbitration.

Quite naturally, the question arose as to how soon the president might call the conference. He did not indicate, in his address, the probable time of his issuance of the call, but it can be stated that he will not await the conclusion of peace between Japan and Russia, both signatories to The Hague convention, before issuing his call. It is his present intention, in about six weeks, to bring the matter to the attention of the nations of the world, with a view of ascertaining their desires as to the time and place of holding the second conference. These preliminary inquiries will be made through the department of state. As soon thereafter as the replies received shall warrant, the president will issue his formal call for the conference, which probably will be early in the coming year.

DOG FINDS STOLEN HORSE.

Recognizes Old Friend Despite Disguise and Misfortune.

Paterson, N. J., Sept. 26.—"Dr." Rindard Deutscher recovered a horse today, through the sagacity of his dog, that was stolen from him last July. The horse had been so altered in appearance that it took the doctor some time to satisfy himself the animal was his, but so persistent was the Newfoundland dog that Deutscher finally recognized marks, and later it was found that the horse had been clipped and then his skin dyed. His tail had been docked and the end was still sore. His mane had also been shorn.

Deutscher's big Newfoundland dog Rex for two years slept in the stable with the horse. This morning while Deutscher was driving along Main street the dog suddenly leaped from the carriage, and running to a horse hitched to a huckster's wagon began barking and showing all signs of joy. The master called in vain. The dog would not obey him. He was about to use force when some one in the group that gathered remarked that the dog knew the horse. That set the doctor thinking, and, finally, he found the animal was his. The huckster was arrested, but he purchased the horse only a few days ago at Hackensack, and the authorities are now trying to trace the man from whom he was purchased.

SOUTHERN RAILROAD WRECK CLAIMS SIXTY-TWO VICTIMS

Bonfire is Built and Mass of Wreckage at Newmarket, Scene of Awful Disaster, is Destroyed.

Knoxville, Sept. 26.—No additional deaths of injured occurred today and the death list of the Southern wreck near Newmarket Saturday stands at 2. All the injured are reported to be doing well and only four or five are so desperately hurt that death is likely to result from their injuries. Twelve funerals of victims of the wreck were held today.

Today at the scene of the disaster a huge bonfire was built and the mass of kindling wood burned, together with small pieces of decaying flesh.

Building Gasoline Railway.

Everett, Wash., Sept. 26.—A standard gauge railroad is being built by J. W. Hall, of Stanwood, to connect the Stanwood mills with the Great Northern railroad, a mile and a half away. The cars will be run by a gasoline engine capable of hauling 10 to 12 loaded cars of lumber at a time. The little line will also haul passengers to and from the Great Northern depot.

Would Buy Offrey Concern.

Bellingham, Sept. 26.—A combination of western capital may secure control of the Pacific Packing & Navigation Company. This concern hopes to be able to bid in its properties when offered for sale in the federal court next month. The new company is said to be composed of Seattle and San Francisco capitalists.

Make No Comment.

St. Petersburg, Sept. 26.—All the newspapers here print President Roosevelt's statement to the delegates to the interparliamentary union at St. Louis regarding the organization of a second peace tribunal, but without comment.

Lady Curzon Improving.

Walmer Castle, Sept. 26.—The oxygen treatment of Lady Curzon is being continued, but in less quantity, and the patient is taking nourishment better.

MURDERERS RENDEVOUZ AT GENEVA

Conspiracy Which Culminated in Assassination of Von Plehve Hatched in Swiss City, Officers Declare.

Half a Dozen Russians Charged With the Blowing Up of the Minister of the Interior.

MANY CRIMES ARE PLANNED

Laws of Switzerland Make It Impossible for Russian Authorities to Cause Arrest of Men Responsible.

St. Petersburg, Sept. 26.—While some of the features of the plot which culminated in the assassination of Von Plehve, minister of the interior, are still baffling the police, the authorities profess now that they are certain the conspiracy was hatched at Geneva by half a dozen Russians, mostly Jews. The authorities know the names and addresses of the conspirators, but are unable to take legal action against them owing to the failure of the laws of Switzerland to interfere with political refugees, and therefore the Russian terrorists are at liberty to continue the work of the assassination of Russian ministers as long as they are able to find emissaries willing to risk their lives.

The six men who engineered the Von Plehve plot, according to the result of the police investigation, it is declared, organized a series of political crimes which began with the assassination of M. Bogdanovitch, governor of Ufa, in 1903, and ended in the blowing up of Von Plehve. Gerchunin, the assassin of Minister of the Interior Siplaguine in 1903, turns out to have been an emissary of the Geneva terrorists.

For the first time the fact is now revealed that Von Plehve's murder was preceded by four abortive attempts to encompass his death.

DARING ROBBERY AT SEATTLE.

Two Masked Men Kill One Person and Fatally Injure Another.

Seattle, Sept. 26.—Two masked men this morning shot and fatally injured one man, maimed another and seriously injured a third in holding up Conway's saloon in this city. The highwaymen entered the saloon and ordered Lou Conway, the proprietor, and his bartender to hold up their hands. Conway thought it a joke and refused. The bandit shot, hitting Conway in the arm, which will have to be amputated.

James Murphy, who was standing in front of the bar, turned to see what was the trouble and received a bullet in the abdomen. He will die. Gilbert McBeath, who was also in front of the bar, started to run. The bandit fired, hitting him in the side. The bartender and another occupant of the saloon held up their hands and escaped injury.

The robber who did the shooting ordered his pal to rifle the till, which he did, securing \$100. The two then escaped.

Fraud Case Started.

Portland, Sept. 26.—The proceedings leading up to the trial of McKinley Puter, Mrs. Watson, Marie Ware and others upon charges of defrauding the government of public lands were commenced today in the United States district court by setting Thursday as the day for hearing the demurrer to the complaints.

All Vote It Great.

The New Star bill which started yesterday is the talk of Astoria. And because it is such a fine one. The acts are up to the promises of the management and no better vaudeville has ever been seen here. Music and mirth sparkle at the Star.

Senator Hear Unconscious.

Worcester, Mass., Sept. 26.—Senator Hoar has been unconscious all day. It is believed he will live several days.