



CONTRACT TO STAND

PRESIDENT SO DECIDES

Report of Government Printing Investigation Is Published.

PROTEST OF MERGENTHALER

On Protest of Mergenthaler Company Investigation is Made of Department of Public Printing—Wives of Printers Assistants Hold Stock in Rival Concern.

Oyster Bay, Sept. 10.—President Roosevelt today made public the report of the Keep commission on its recent investigation of affairs in connection with the government printing office at Washington.

The inquiry was held on account of a protest received from the officials of the Mergenthaler Type setting machine company, against the award of a contract by public printer Frank W. Palmer to the Lanston Monotype company for type setting machines.

The president decided after an examination of the Keep report that the contract for the Lanston machines would stand.

The Keep commission reported that if the contract could be set aside "such course would be desirable although the commission states expressly that no corruption payments or promises of payments passed from the Lanston Monotype company to the public printer or to any person connected with the government service.

It was developed by the investigation, however, that two important assistants of the public printer was indirectly interested in the Lanston company. "Their wives being stock holders therein."

The commission shows that a fair and impartial tests of the Lanston and Mergenthaler machines was not made, and reports the purchase of so large a number of the Lanston machines as "improvident, and indicated great partiality and bias on the part of the public printer."

The commission regards the purchase as mal-administration.

The text of the president's memorandum follows in part. "The conclusions of the commission are hereby approved, save the latter part of conclusion one."

It does not appear that there is any question as to the validity of the contract in question. If it had not been for the conduct of the Mergenthaler company in preferring the charge discussed by conclusion two, that of corruption, I should agree with the commission that it would be desirable to

set aside the contract, if such course were legal. "But second only to corruption in a public officer in the point of iniquity is the making a baseless charge of corruption and this is what the commission finds the Mergenthaler company to have done in this case."

CAPTAIN COMMITS SUICIDE

Rescued Crew of Fishing Schooner Report Companions Lost in a Fog. Bothay Harbor, Minn., Sept. 10.—Schooner Ella J. King arrived in today with eight men of the crew of the fishing schooner Joseph U. Cromwell.

The crew report Captain Frazier as having committed suicide at sea and eight men lost in a fog while fishing.

BARON KANEKO VISITS PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT.

Spent Three Hours in Conference With Chief Executive.

Oyster Bay, Sept. 10.—Baron Kaneko the special commercial envoy of Japan to the United States spent three hours today in conference with President Roosevelt. "My visit to the president" said the Baron, "was purely social. There is nothing significant or important about my call."

SEATTLE THEATRE ROBBED.

Burglar Who Knew the Combination of the Safe Gets \$328.

Seattle, Sept. 10.—Burglars robbed the safe of the Central Theatre, early Sunday morning and got \$328 in cash.

The safe was not blown open which shows the robbery was committed by some one who knew the combination.

KURDS JOIN THE TARTARS

Starvation and Death Faces People of Baku.

Governor Reports That Disturbances Continue Though on Smaller Scale, Few Killed or Wounded Yesterday—Hundreds Killed at Zan gesuraki.

Tiflis, Sept. 10.—The governor of Baku reports that firing was continued all last night and today, though on a smaller scale, and but few were killed or wounded.

Director Technoli of the Technological institute at Baku telegraphs saying "men are starving and dying" and imploring the immediate dispatch of the necessities of life.

The first news was received today from the Zanguesurski district where it is reported that many Armenian villages are wiped out and hundreds of persons have been killed. "The whole Tartar population has risen and have been joined by at least 4,000 armed kurds.

St. Petersburg, Sept. 10.—M. Pappke the St. Petersburg representative at Baku said today that the situation at Baku still continues to show improvement.

NURSES ARE SCARCE

SEVEN DEATHS OCCUR

Distinguished Catholic Clergyman Victim of Yellow Fever.

QUARANTINE INEFFECTUAL

County Authorities Besiege State Board of Health for Help to Care for Fever Patients—Yellow Jack appears at Balon Rouge in Spite of Quarantine.

New Orleans, Sept. 10.—Official report up to 6 p. m. New cases 27, total 2,289; Deaths 7, total 361; Under treatment 256.

New Orleans, Sept. 10.—The unfavorable part of today's report is the unusually large number of deaths.

Another distinguished member of the Roman Catholic clergy is in the list of dead, Father L. W. Green of the Jesuit College, passed away this afternoon after being ill one week.

The supply of yellow fever nurses is almost exhausted. The demand for them is increasing on account of the discovery of fever in distant parts of the state. Two more nurses were sent to Tullalah, today and an equal number to Kenner. The county authorities are besieging the State Board for men and women to take care of patients and, unless the supply is enhanced, there will be a nurse famine.

The inefficiency of the county quarantines was manifested today, when the official announcement was made that a case of fever had appeared at Baton Rouge. Ever since the fever broke out here Baton Rouge has been tightly bottled up. No person was allowed to enter the town until it was proven that the traveler had not visited any infected place. The Marine hospital certificates were ignored and all persons were required to spend seven days in a detention camp near Baton Rouge despite their detention in other camps.

Though the number of new cases in New Orleans today was disappointing and the death report was so unfavorable no doubt is expected but what the fever is under control and will be exterminated within a short time.

BASE BALL SCORES.

Portland, Sept. 10.—Portland, 2; San Francisco, 0.

Seattle, Sept. 10.—Tacoma, 5; Seattle, 0.

San Francisco, Sept. 10.—First game, Los Angeles 0; Oakland, 3; Second game, Los Angeles, 2; Oakland, 1.

JAPANESE ENVOY IS ILL

New York, Sept. 10.—Baron Komura is ill and all social engagements of the Japanese envoys were today either cancelled or postponed. The Japanese envoy is suffering from intestinal trouble. His illness is not considered serious by the physicians in attendance.

DEATH FOLLOWS TORNADO

Lawton, Oklahoma, Sept. 10.—A tornado passed over the vicinity of Lawton last night killing two persons and seriously injuring nine others. The dead are Mrs. E. M. Childers, and John Ross. Several houses were blown down and much property destroyed.

OBJECT TO TREATY.

Inside Facts Concerning Pending Treaty Between Cuba and Great Britain.

Havana, Sept. 10.—Two of the principal commercial and economic associations, responding to a confidential request made by the foreign relations committee of the senate, for advice as to whether the pending treaty between Cuba and Great Britain ought to be ratified, declared emphatically against its ratification.

On reason given is that Cuba's commercial interests are too inevitably bound to her great customer. The United States to allow the granting for ten years of such privileges to British ships and citizens as those named in the treaty. Another reason is that the adoption of the treaty would allow such privileges to British warships as well as her merchantmen as are not warranted by the relations between Cuba and Great Britain and which are permissible in view of the relations between Cuba and the United States.

FEAR IS EXPRESSED

Russian Soldiers Desire to Remain in Manchuria.

Associated Press Correspondent Visits Russian Army Headquarters to See How Prospect of Peace is Viewed—Soldiers Cheer For Roosevelt.

Gunshu Pass, Manchuria, Saturday, Sept. 9.—A correspondent of the Associated press has made a survey of the Russian position along the entire line from Mongolia to their present headquarters, his object being to ascertain the manner in which the efforts for peace is viewed by the army. Negotiations will receive no official recognition in the field prior to their successful conclusion, the army keeping in a state of preparedness for battle until the receipt of a telegram from Emperor Nicholas, declaring the treaty to have been signed.

The soldiers were engaged in feasting and other forms of celebration. Thousands daily drinking to the health of President Roosevelt.

The correspondent was everywhere asked by the men if he was an American and on being answered in the affirmative they captured him and tossed him many times in the air after the manner of Cossacks, while the officers gently protested against the seemingly questionable form of their admiration.

Everywhere the soldiers eagerly scanned the news and expressed their joy by singing which continued late into night, interspersed at intervals with cheering for Roosevelt.

Among the soldiers generally there is a feeling of apprehension regarding the internal affairs of Russia and many expressed a desire to remain in Manchuria indefinitely.

TODAY'S WEATHER.

Portland, Sept. 10.—Western Oregon and Western Washington, Monday, cloudy with showers along the coast.

CZAR GIVES UKASE

UNIVERSITIES TO OPEN

Government of Educational Institutions Placed Hands of Professors.

POLITICAL DEMANDS IGNORED

Liberal Autonomy Is Granted To All Universities Pending the Elaboration of Permanent Regulations Along the Same Lines.

St. Petersburg, Sept. 10.—An Imperial Ukase was published this morning granting a liberal measure of autonomy to the universities pending an elaboration of permanent regulations along the same lines.

This is considered as insuring the opening of the universities on September 14 and the resumption of the educational life in Russia which has been at a standstill with the students and professors in the higher schools on a strike since last February.

The ukase fails to give the right of assembly or grant any other political demands for which students have been agitating, but the placing of the government of the universities in the hands of the professors, meets the principal grievances of students in regard to the purely academic life in which the faculties and the students are thoroughly in sympathy with each other because of their common efforts to remedy their grievances.

DEVASTATION COMPLETE.

Remains Of Seven Victims of the Dynamite Explosion Unidentified.

Connellsville, Pa., Sept. 10.—The scene of complete devastation in the vicinity of the Rand Powder Works, which were destroyed by an explosion yesterday, beggars description. Men are at work today ploughing over and digging in the debris in hope of finding more bodies but only an arm, shoulder, foot or portions of charred bodies is found, and it is likely the bodies of the six men who are missing will never be identified.

The dead bodies now recognized number twelve, while the six which yet remain unidentified and the child who was killed by being run over by a wagon have swelled the death list to nineteen.

CRAZED BY FARM LIFE.

Privation on Nebraska Farm Drives Husband and Wife Insane.

Chicago, Sept. 10.—A pitiful case came to light to-day when Joseph and Annie Holdobler, husband and wife, were declared insane and committed to Dunning asylum. Their mental breakdown was due to the lonely life and drudgery

of farm life near Wakefield, Neb. They came to this country from Germany, a few years ago and started to build a home on the Nebraska prairies. Then, two years ago, a baby was born—but it was dumb.

The mother whose reason was already tottering because of her isolated life, broke down completely, when this new misfortune became apparent. The father, worried by his insane wife, and his dumb child, plodded along until one day he threw up his hands and began gibbering to his horses. Meanwhile, another baby had come, a bright, perfectly developed and mentally equipped youngster, but the parents could not realize this fact. A few days ago the couple appeared in Chicago. They were detained, and today's inquiry and the commitment is the result.

PRINTERS TO STRIKE.

President of Typographical Union Says One Hundred Cities Will Be Involved

Indianapolis, Sept. 10.—From information given out by James M. Lynch, president of the International Typographical Union, a strike of the union printers employed in the Typothetae shops in St. Louis and Cincinnati may occur tomorrow and within a few days 100 cities throughout the United States may be involved.

RIOTERS IN CUSTODY.

Tokio, Sept. 10.—The total number of riot suspects in custody now exceeds 1,650. Formal charges have been made against 160. The remainder will probably be released.

FRESH SHOCKS ADD TERROR

Mount Vesuvius and Crater on Island of Stromboli Still Active.

The Last Shock Creates Less Damage, But Extends Over Greater Area—Funds Are Rapidly Coming In From Many Sources.

Rome, Sept. 10.—Further slight earthquake shocks today caused additional terror among the inhabitants of Calabria.

The damage however was insignificant although the disturbances affected a more extended area, reaching as far as Naples.

The activity of Mount Vesuvius is increased, while the violent eruption of the ancient crater on the island St. Romboli is still in progress.

The pope is deeply effected about the disaster and has instructed the church men to afford every possible aid.

Funds are coming in rapidly from all sources.

The Ministerial council today voted \$50,000 for the relief of the sufferers, and Premier Fortis personally gave a similar amount.

Along the Gulf Saint Eufamia, Fairing Island and Stromboli all the picturesque villages are totally ruined. Many deaths are reported mostly among women and children.

COMMANDERS AT THE FRONT ARRANGE FOR ARMISTICE

Godzyandiana Manchuria, Saturday, Sept. 10.—At 1 o'clock this afternoon a Japanese commissioner bearing a white flag arrived at a post near the railway and handed the Russian officers a letter from Marshall Oyama to general Linevitch congratulating him on the conclusion of peace and begging him to appoint a Russian plenipotentiary to meet the Japanese and arrange for an armistice.

Marshall Oyama appointed General Tukushima as plenipotentiary on his side and suggested Chakhedza as the meeting place.

General Oku's Headquarters, Sept. 9. General Fukusima left Kalyuan yesterday to meet the Russian generals and arrange the details of an armistice.

All correspondents are still kept thirty miles in the rear of the army which has not yet been informed of the signing of the peace treaty.

RUSSIA LOWERS DUTIES ON AMERICAN PRODUCTS

Oyster Bay, Sept. 10.—At the conference between President Roosevelt and the Russian Plenipotentiaries, Mr. Witte by the direction of the Emperor of Russia presented the following communication to the president.

"Some years ago in consequence of a misunderstanding in the interpretation of the most favored nation clause, there

was established in Russia on several articles of American production a customs duties on a higher scale than was levied on the same articles imported from other countries. His Majesty the Emperor has commanded me to inform the President of the United States that he has been pleased to order a discontinuance of the levying of such higher duties on the American products."