



REQUEST FOR STRONGER COAST DEFENSE CAUSES EXCITEMENT

Deny it is Outcome of Assembly Action

LONG BEEN PLANNED

Sixteen Companies of Artillery Will be Established in California

NOT MEN ENOUGH FOR GUNS

According to Commanding Officer There is Only About One-Fourth of the Men Required to Handle Guns Protecting Frisco Harbor.

SACRAMENTO, Feb. 6.—Adjutant-General Lauck in emphatic making a statement today renewed the activities of his department at the request of the war department at Washington for the organization of 16 companies of artillery for coast defense is not a result of the passage by the assembly of the anti-Japanese school bill. General Lauck declared neither the governor or himself had the Japanese situation in mind when it was decided to accede if possible the request of the federal officials and establish an adequate coast defense. According to the commanding officer of the state militia there are available at this time nor more than one-fourth the number of men required to man the guns protecting San Francisco harbor.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 6.—Robert S. Oliver, assistant secretary of war, said tonight that the war departments request of Governor Gillett to organize 16 militia companies of artillery is mere a part of the general scheme of national defense. California, he said is one of the few states that had not a full complement of militia, the idea being to organize a company of militia for every company of regulars located at artillery posts.

BERLIN ALL READY FOR KING EDWARD

Keen Interest is Shown in the Forthcoming Visit of British Ruler

LONDON, Feb. 6.—The keen interest in the forthcoming visit of King Edward and Queen Alexandra to Berlin. They will start Monday morning and Tuesday will find them in Berlin, where no British king has been for the last 186 years. A large distinguished suite will accompany the king and queen. Those behind the scenes hardly expect to present the effort of ease in the relations of Great Britain. Germany will be attended by a much more striking success than that following the emperor's visit to the British court last year. The remarkable wave of newspaper militarism that has suddenly swept over England delights the friends of the larger army and alarms the supporters of the liberal party who see in this only unnecessary public expenditure and sentiment for war with Germany. Agitators declare the country must have more volunteers or adopt conscription. In all quarters of Germany is

OLD CONDUCTOR DEAD.

CHICAGO, Feb. 6.—More than 2,000,000 miles traveled in 47 years in performance of his duty as a passenger conductor on the Illinois Central Railroad is the remarkable record of William Thayer, who is dead from heart failure in Hinsdale. This long period of service was passed on the run between Chicago and Dubuque, a distance of 180 miles, over which Mr. Thayer made about 240 trips a year from 1853 to 1900. He retired eight years ago at the age of 74.

MORE NEIGHBORLINESS.

CHICAGO, Feb. 6.—Jacob Riis, who is in Chicago to deliver an address, declares that "The city is experiencing a crying need for more neighborliness." "More of that neighborly feeling," he said, "and there will be fewer tenements filled with baby killing rooms. In the old days all knew one another and there was no one so base as to see his neighbor suffer without extending a helping hand. Now-a-days who knows what his next door neighbor is doing, or in what condition he is?"

ASKS PENSION FOR RETIRED PRESIDENTS

BILL INTRODUCED BY VOLSTEAD PROVIDES \$12,000 TO FORMER EXECUTIVES.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 6.—"African Hunts" Magazine writing will not be necessary as occupations of ex-presidents of the United States if the bill introduced by Representative Volstead of Minnesota be enacted. This measure provides a pension of \$12,000 annually for every president after he leaves the White House. No duties will be required of the retired chief executive but should he again be elected the president's pension would cease during the term of office.

TALK SENSE THIS TIME.

NEW YORK, Feb. 6.—A seven hour work day, as suggested by the trades councils in Cleveland, Ohio,

is an absurdity, in the opinion of Herman Robinson, an organizer of the American Federation of Labor. "The hours of labor," said Robinson, "will not be further reduced, no matter how extensive or powerful the movement for a seven hour work day will become. The unions will not aim at the accomplishment of absurdities."

WHEN SCARLATINA ABOUNDS.

CHICAGO, Feb. 6.—Living in his own room and yet quarantined away from his family is the unique situation of Joseph Castle. He is a ticket agent for a railroad and his living apartments are in the second story and his office on the first floor. His three children have been taken ill with scarlet fever and his apartments were placed under quarantine. His room however, is an outside room on the second floor and opens on a balcony. From this balcony he has suspended a ladder and each morning he descends to the office and each night climbs back to his room.

DEMAND EMBARRASSES STATE DEPARTMENT

SENATORS REQUEST THAT RECENTLY NEGOTIATED TREATY BE AMENDED

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 6.—The demand of senators that the recently treaty with Panama be amended placed the state department in an embarrassing position.

Without knowing that any amendments were desired the Panama National Assembly ratified the treaty in original form. This action was taken the very day Representative Rainey made his speech in the house denouncing President Obaldia of Panama and William Nelson, counselor of legislation and judiciary agent of Panama in this country as filibusterers and buccaneers and declared Obaldia was selected by corrupt influence, and represented the worst elements of South American politics.

This speech aroused great indignation in Panama and the national assembly adopted unanimously strong resolutions denouncing Rainey and demanding retraction from the United States. While this condition was being excitedly discussed on the Isthmus a request came from the American state department for amendments. This request thereby lessening the expense by separating it from the whole estate. It confers ancillary jurisdiction so that all assets of the estate can be marshalled substantially in one court hereby obviating the filing of suits in different courts where the property happen to lie. It provides also that if a creditor has reasonable cause to believe that he was receiving a preference that shall be a bar to the debtors discharge. With practically no debate the message of the president vetoing the census bill itself was submitted to committee for action.

OSCAR HAMMERSTEIN SUES FOR LIBEL

HE INSTITUTES TWO CASES AGAINST NEW YORK PRESS AND ITS EDITOR.

NEW YORK, Feb. 6.—Oscar Hammerstein, manager of the Manhattan Opera House instituted two civil suits for libel through his attorneys today against New York Press and John A. Hennessy, the managing editor of that newspaper, alleging in each case of \$100,000. The statement charges as libelous was contained in a published letter severely reflecting upon Hammerstein.

CHOIR SINGER IS MURDERED

Terrible Fate of Clara Rosen of Des Moines

2 SUSPECTS ARRESTED

Police Declare Young Girl Was Waylaid by Disappointed Suitor

CRUSH SKULL WITH STONE

Beautiful Girl's Body Found Badly Mutilated—Evidence of a Desperate Battle Before She Was Overcome by Slayer.

DES MOINES, Feb. 6.—Clara Rosen, a soloist of the Lutheran church at Ottumwa, was murdered in an unusually atrocious manner last night. The badly mutilated body was found today and a widespread search is being made for her slayer. Miss Rosen was a beautiful young woman and 22 years of age. She was to be married next week to Sanford Carlson of Ironton, Wyo., a mine owner. The police say this love affair caused her death and that a disappointed suitor murdered his former sweetheart. She was waylaid as she was returning home from choir practice. The assailant dragged her to a lonely spot and crushed her skull with a sharp stone. A desperate struggle was shown in the sand. Signs show that she fought the man from the time he grasped her in the street until she fell unconscious at the point to which the murderer dragged her. Her skull was crushed in two places and a score of cruel blows were found on her bruised and torn body. At the spot where the body lay was passed and repassed many times during the night by the searchers. Two suspects were arrested, one at Oskaloosa giving the name of John Martin of St. Louis, who said he is a teamster. He had blood on his clothing and admitted that he had just come from Ottumwa. At Albia a man giving the name of William Travers was arrested on suspicion. Governor Carroll is considering the offering of a large reward for the murderer's apprehension. The mayor of Ottumwa has offered \$500 and the citizens \$400 more. Miss Rosen's diamond brooch and purse is missing. The police say the slayer took these to make the crime look like robbery.

CRUISE OF FLEET IS FINE TRAINING

REAR ADMIRAL SPERRY TELS OF FINE CONDITION THE FLEET IS NOW IN.

GIBRALTAR, Feb. 6.—Rear Admiral Sperry prior to the departure of the battleship fleet today for Hampton Roads expressed the greatest satisfaction as a result of the around-the-world cruise. He said the trip increased the power of the fleet, its mobility and toned up the men and officers to a high state of efficiency and that the fleet is in better condition today than when it sailed from Hampton Roads in December, 1907. Admiral Sperry believes the voyage will service to stimulate enlistments in the navy and that new standards in steam engineering, especially in the matter of economy in the consumption of coal will be created. The admiral said the gunning efficiency has been greatly improved and that the daily exercises and maneuvering had resulted in an ideal perfection of the technical work.

LINCOLN'S SON.

CHICAGO, Feb. 6.—Robert T. Lincoln, son of the martyred president, will not participate in any of the Lincoln meetings. He announces that his family will observe the anniversary day as in past years. He expresses his pleasure at the widespread plans that are being made to honor his father, but does not think that it would be meet for him to take part in any public celebration. He has, however, lent the historical Society a number of relics.

IN ALLISON'S MEMORY.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 6.—The splendid qualities, mind and character of the late Senator William B. Allison, 35 years a United States Senator, and for eight years a member of the house of representatives, was the subject of many eulogies in the senate today. Nineteen Senators spoke in praise of the public services of Allison which consumed the entire day.

CAPTAIN IS SUSPENDED.

GIBRALTAR, Feb. 6.—Captain Edward F. Qualtrough of the battleship Georgia has been suspended for six months, with a loss of ten numbers after having been found guilty by a court martial on charges of intoxication at Tangier during a reception given there by the American Minister, Samuel R. Gummere.

EXPECT A MISTRIAL.

UNION, S. C., Feb. 6.—A mistrial is probable in the case of W. T. Jones, the wealthy planter on trial here charged with murdering his wife by administering poison. The case was given to the jury at 8:40 last night. At 2 o'clock this morning a verdict had not been reached and the jury was locked up for the night and ordered to report at 9 o'clock on the re-convening of the court.

PLANS ELABORATE CELEBRATION.

CHICAGO, Ill., Feb. 6.—Chicago will usher in a week's celebration of the Lincoln centenary with appropriate service in all the churches of the city tomorrow. Keen public interest has been aroused in the celebration, which promises to become memorable in the history of the city. Each day during the first half of the week there will be anniversary exercises under the auspices of various clubs and other organizations. Nearly 200 speakers will be heard at memorial meetings in the public schools. The celebration will reach a fitting climax Friday, when more than 200 meetings will be held in armories, halls and public school buildings, where the public will be invited to demonstrate the affection and esteem they hold for the martyred President. Similar observances of the centennial will be held in cities and towns throughout Illinois.

OREGON LEGISLATURE TAKES UP ANTI-JAPANESE BILLS

MANSLAUGHTER CHARGE.

SEATTLE, Feb. 6.—W. C. Dudley, the Northern Pacific special agent who shot Alex. Smith a company watchman to death in a duel near the freight sheds Thursday afternoon will be charged with manslaughter in an information to be filed in the Superior Court today. Deputy Prosecuting Attorney F. H. Holzheimer made that decision yesterday after hearing the testimony at the inquest.

The formal investigation was held by Coroner J. C. Snyder yesterday afternoon. After listening to the testimony of eye witnesses, the coroner took the jury to the Seattle General Hospital where Dudley is under guard.

"I would like to make a statement about this case," said the wounded man, "but I have been advised to say nothing at this time."

WILLIAM J. BRYAN HAS NARROW ESCAPE

IS THROWN FROM AUTOMOBILE WHILE RETURNING FROM A LECTURE.

TAMPA, Fla., Feb. 6.—While returning from Sutherland College where he delivered a lecture on "The Prince of Peace" this evening, William J. Bryan came near losing his life. The big auto in which he was riding threw a tire on a bridge near Tarpon Springs and the machine plunged into the trestle work throwing the occupants out. Bryan was jammed against the rail and suffered considerable injury. At first it was thought his leg was broken but when he arrived at Tampa an examination showed he was only badly bruised. He is confined in his rooms at the Tampa Bay Hotel suffers considerable pain.

WEALTH OF ATHLETICS.

BOSTON, Mass., Feb. 6.—Seldom in the history of intercollegiate athletics in this section has there been such a wealth of runners, leapers and weight hurlers of high grade as will be seen in Mechanics Building tonight at the annual indoor games of the Boston Athletic Association. Relay racing will be the important feature of the program. There will be fourteen of these events and they will bring together the crack runners of Yale, Harvard, Brown, Holy Cross and other big Eastern colleges.

WALLABY WIN.

BERKELEY, Cal., Feb. 6.—By a score of 27 to 0 the Wallaby Rugby team defeated the University of California team today. The Australians outplayed the Californians.

BIG REAL ESTATE DEAL IN PORTLAND

Purchase of 36 Blocks at Cost of \$5,000,000 Causes Rose City to Think Big Things

PORTLAND, Feb. 6.—The Evening Telegram says: "Following close upon the purchase of a string of nine blocks of warehouse property in this city by the 'Mysterious Mr. Craig of Los Angeles,' comes the purchase of 36 blocks for \$5,000,000. The 36 blocks which are included in the present deal, lie in three tiers parallel to and immediately west of the nine blocks bought by 'Mr. Craig' being bounded by North Twelfth and North Sixteenth streets and extending 12 blocks north from Glison. The name of the purchaser is not yet public. The immensity of the purchase calls to mind a statement made by a member of the party which visited Portland last fall with John D. Rockefeller, Jr., that the Rockefeller interests intend to expend \$300,000,000 in the Pacific Northwest within the next few years. The Associated Press is unable to verify the reported sale of \$5,000,000 worth of property in the northern section of the city. Real estate dealers mentioned by the Evening Telegram as heavily interested in the transaction deny that any deal of magnitude reported by the newspaper occurred. They admit the market for the land of that section is very active but at least one of the prominent firms mentioned is buying and selling in the area reported has been included in the alleged \$5,000,000 deal.