

GOOD EVENING

The Weather. Cloudy, probably showers; Saturday threatening, probably showers; cooler; winds southerly.

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SHOTS EXCHANGED BY FRENCH AND GERMAN PICKETS ON THE FRONTIER INDICATE DANGER OF EUROPEAN WAR

ON VERGE OF A WAR

France Awakens From Her Gaiety to Face a Most Serious Crisis.

KAISER WOULD BECOME THE MASTER OF EUROPE

Rouvier's Intention to Continue as Minister Gives Great Satisfaction Throughout the Republic.

(Journal Special Service.) Paris, June 16.—France and Germany are on the verge of war. The situation is considered strained. Reports from the frontier are to the effect that the feeling between the soldiers of the two nations is running very high. Several cases have occurred and in some cases the pickets have exchanged shots. The garrisons at the frontier posts have been increased by both powers and preparations are being quietly made by France to repel attempted invasion. France's Mediterranean fleet is lying off Tangier whither it has been sent in connection with the strained relations existing between Germany and France over the Moroccan question. France has asked Germany to explain what will be the exact bearing of the proposed conference on the Moroccan question for which Germany recently sent a notice to the powers before signifying its answer to the French government will be. It is evident that the kaiser has taken full advantage of Russia's discomfiture to humiliate and humiliate France. Even the return of Linstvitch's army will not materially change the situation as the kaiser is convinced that Russia will not be drawn into another war, and should she be, her coast would be at the mercy of the German navy. Statesmen believe that the kaiser contemplates not only the acquisition of a coaling station in Morocco, but the wrecking of the entire of Great Britain and the securing of an alliance with France, with the implied recognition of the kaiser as master of Europe. The announcement today that M. Rouvier will continue as minister of foreign affairs is a most gratifying development which has awakened from her slumber a woman who has faced with a serious situation of the last century.

All known fact of Rouvier is counted upon to successfully extricate France from the difficulties surrounding her. Rouvier is a great friend of Great Britain, and not like his predecessor, Delcasse, a sympathizer with Russia. It is now practically admitted that had not Rouvier taken hold when he did, the nation would have been plunged into a war with Germany, through Delcasse's failing to comprehend the kaiser's policy of humiliating France and reducing her to second place among the European powers.

HAY WILL REMAIN IN PRESIDENT'S CABINET

(Journal Special Service.) New York, June 16.—Secretary of State Hay is resting today at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Harry Payne Whitney of this city, after his trip from Europe where he went last March to recover his health. He is improved, but still pale and seems a trifle feeble. Asked whether he intended resigning from the cabinet, he said: "I shall remain in the cabinet until either President Roosevelt or myself says that I should resign."

WOULD MAKE MONDAYS FREE TO LITTLE ONES

The enormous success of flag day, when children were admitted free of charge to the exposition grounds, has impressed itself strongly on the minds of the fair officials and they are seriously considering the advisability of declaring each Monday hereafter children's day and admitting all youngsters free. This would be in accordance with the policy adopted at other international expositions and its advantage is evident. The man or woman with a family of children will gladly pay the half dollar for his or her admission if by so doing the little ones could enter without additional cost. That would be the very best way to get the crowds here, remarked an official on the grounds today. "I believe that President Roosevelt will soon issue an order instituting the institution of flag day."



ONE WEEK OF LIFE LEFT MARY ROGERS

Woman Convicted of Murder of Husband Will Be Hanged Next Friday.

CHLOROFORMED HUSBAND AFTER TYING HIS HANDS

Evidence of Cold-Blooded Killing Which Deters Gov. Bell From Commuting Sentence.

(Journal Special Service.) Montpelier, Vt., June 16.—Unless there is an eleventh-hour interference on the part of the governor, which is regarded as extremely unlikely, Mrs. Mary Rogers, convicted of the murder of her husband, will be hanged one week from today in the state prison. No visitors are permitted to see the condemned woman except her mother and sister and her spiritual adviser. She is said to be bearing up well, though the prison officials anticipate a breakdown before the fatal day. The scaffold has been erected in an unused wing of the prison. Careful tests will be made during the coming week and every precaution taken to prevent any bungling in the execution. Twice Mrs. Rogers has been relieved at the steps of the scaffold. Each time the Vermont governor, it is said, sought merely to give the law greater time to investigate and remove all possible doubt. Wonderful forces have been enlisted in the effort to save Mrs. Rogers from the gallows. Strangers to her and to her state have brought every possible influence to bear that she might expiate her crime of murdering a husband in the penitentiary, with time for her executioner, rather than man.

Women Fight for Her.

Mrs. William J. Bickensderfer had the woman of the east in the effort to have the governor commute Mrs. Rogers' sentence to life imprisonment. Attorneys for Mrs. Rogers took a final appeal to the state supreme court, giving as cause the lack of constitutional power on the part of the state courts. This was denied, the supreme court holding that no federal question was involved. This murder was peculiarly executed. Mrs. Rogers had a companion, Leon Perham, who assisted in the murder, and who related the story when the trial came, throwing most of the blame upon the woman. This is the evidence which seems to have influenced Governor Bell against commuting the woman's sentence. According to Perham, Mrs. Rogers had written to her husband, from whom she was estranged, asking him to meet her at 9:30 o'clock at night. After the meeting and a pretended reconciliation, Leon led the way into Morgan's grove, and by a winding path to the river. A great stone wall separated the grove from the river bank. The distance from the wall to the bank was less than half a dozen feet. "May and I walked along with Rogers until we came to a break in the wall."

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RICHARDS IS COMING

General Land Office Commissioner Ordered to Portland.

RECORDS FOR USE IN LAND FRAUD TRIALS

Secretary Hitchcock Lends Every Aid to Prosecuting Cases Against Alleged Timber Land Thieves.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Washington, D. C., June 16.—Secretary of the Interior E. A. Hitchcock has directed Commissioner W. A. Richards of the general land office to proceed to Portland at once in order to be present at the opening of the land fraud trials next Tuesday. At the present time Commissioner Richards is spending a vacation on his Wyoming ranch. It is supposed that he is now in the rough section of Wyoming, many miles from a railroad, and it is such is the case messengers will be sent for him at once. At the request of United States District Attorney Francis J. Heney, Secretary Hitchcock has also directed that several clerks in the general land office proceed to Portland at once. With them will be records and documents that will be put in evidence at the trials. All of them will remain in Oregon as long as needed. Anything or any one that is needed in the land frauds cases that the government can furnish will be given, Secretary Hitchcock having ordered everything that may throw any light on the cases to be sent Mr. Heney at once. When shown the above dispatch, Mr. Heney smiled and said: "Well, that's just right. I asked that the clerks be sent as well as certain records. We have a very large collection of documents, but will have the others on hand."

Will Cancel Sales.

Test Case to Be Made to Settle Certificates' Value.

Mrs. Mary Rogers Who Is to Be Hanged Next Week. Below Is a Portrait of Mrs. William J. Bickensderfer, Leader of the Movement to Save Her From the Gallows.

MADE \$10,000 A DAY PROFIT OFF BRITISH

American Contractor Cleans Up Fortune by Fleecing Army During Boer War.

(Journal Special Service.) London, June 16.—H. J. Meyer, whom the report of Sir William Butler and committee accuses of engineering deals with the stores department of the British army in the Boer war, is an American resident of St. Louis. The committee appointed to investigate the charges of graft by contractors and army officials of the Boer war has made its report. It proves that Meyer's transactions in buying oats from the stores department and the selling of the oats back, brought \$10,000 a day at one time. Meyer is the son of a chemical manufacturer of St. Louis and went to South Africa in connection with a cold storage company. Later on he was known as managing director of the Meyer company, limited, general contractors. It is understood that behind Meyer stand some much more important financiers. The identity of these, the committee reports, were precluded on learning that limitations would be placed on the inquiry by the war secretary.

MONTANA MEN MAKE RECORD TRIP WITH AUTO

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Helena, Mont., June 16.—From Butte to Helena in an automobile in virtually four hours, or about the same time as is consumed by Great Northern passenger trains has been accomplished in an ordinary stamper by A. Greene and four friends, Attorney-General A. J. Galen, Lou Frank, Ed. Murphy and S. W. Dudley.

HEALTH ENDANGERED BY DEBRIS FROM BIG FLOOD

(Journal Special Service.) Grand Rapids, Mich., June 16.—Decaying debris left by the flood of last week has seriously endangered the health of the west side. The board of health and city council are actively combating the danger. A force of men are at work removing the debris. The cruisers Chicago and Boston, which arrived this morning, are lying in the stream between the Burnside and steel bridges. Those desiring to go aboard will embark in small boats at any of the landings on the west side of the river. The principal points from which these craft are operated are located at the foot of Morrison street, south and north of the bridge, at the foot of Stark street and at Couch street dock. The fare is 25 cents for the round trip. The protected cruiser Chicago, Captain Moore, flagship of Rear-Admiral Goodrich, who brought Cervera and his men prisoners to the shores of the United States in the Spanish war, dropped anchor in Portland harbor, below the Burnside bridge, at 10:15 o'clock this morning, and a few minutes later the Boston, also a protected cruiser, Commander Niles, attached to Rear-Admiral Goodrich's Pacific squadron, lowered its ponderous bows into the waters of the Willamette, a few hundred yards below the Chicago. Immediately the Hugh McCulloch, revenue cutter, which has been here for several days, boomed forth a salute of 13 guns. The McCulloch salutes with 13 guns, six on the mainmast and seven on the foremast. "We do not answer the salute," was the reply, so the big guns of the flagship remained silent. Neither was the expected salute given as the warships passed the exposition grounds, and in explanation Flag Lieutenant Sargent said: "Uncle Sam does not shake hands with himself. The regulations forbid the vessels of our navy saluting a port of the United States. We are not permitted to carry out the plan that was proposed."

CRUISERS IN HARBOR

Chicago and Boston Arrive--Officers Welcomed by Fair Directors.

REVENUE CUTTER BOOMS SALUTE TO ADMIRAL

Head of the Pacific Squadron Brought Cervera to This Country After Destruction of the Spanish Fleet.

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FOUNDRY STRIKE MAY EXTEND OVER COUNTRY

(Journal Special Service.) New York, June 16.—President McArthur of the International Association of Foundry Men, has announced that if the employers of New York and New Jersey were to force a strike now by refusing to grant an increase of 25 cents a day, he will extend the strike to the entire country.

THREE NEGROES ESCAPE HANGING THROUGH WRECK

(Journal Special Service.) Decatur, Ala., June 16.—A train from Birmingham, bearing Harvey Smith, John Collier and Will Jackson, the three negro murderers sentenced to hang here today, was wrecked at Boyle, just out of Birmingham. As a result, a delay in the hanging may occur and the executions may not take place today.

WONDERS WHO SENT ROSES.

Just as the flagship dropped anchor a beautiful floral piece was brought aboard and presented to the admiral. "I see some Rambler roses in the basket," said Admiral Goodrich. "I think it was the first one to cultivate them in my old home in Connecticut. These and the other roses are beautiful. I wonder who sent them." "But no card accompanied the flowers." Rear Admiral Gaspar Frederick Goodrich commands the Pacific squadron, consisting of the Chicago, Boston, Bennington, Wyoming, Marblehead, Princeton, Perry, Paul Jones and Saturn. The Chicago, Boston and Perry are with him. Full 800 officers and men comprise the crews aboard the three vessels. The flagship Chicago is 325 feet long, 48 feet beam, displaces 5,525 tons, draws 29 feet 5 inches forward, 22 feet 11 inches aft, has 2,000 horse-power and mounts four 8-inch guns, 14 5-inch, nine 6-pounders, 2 3-pounders, 2 Colt automatic and 1 3-inch field piece. Her complement is 36 officers and 443 men. (Continued on Page Six.)

PEACE IS IN SIGHT

Internal Troubles and the Kaiser's Aggressiveness Force Czar's Hand.

ONLY FIXING OF DATE LEFT FOR SETTLEMENT

Plenipotentiaries Are Named by Japan--Several Weeks Must Elnapse Before Conference Takes Place.

(Journal Special Service.) Washington, June 16.—Peace negotiations continue to move rapidly forward and the opinion is fast gaining ground among diplomats that the negotiations will prove successful. Japan is known to be anxious for peace and it is confidently expected will not make exorbitant demands. Russia's internal crisis combined with the kaiser's policy of aggressiveness, which threatens to plunge Europe into a bloody war, makes the czar more than anxious to end the struggle in the far east. Minister Takahira and Ambassador Cassini were both closeted with the president again today and an announcement is expected later. The peace delegates selected by both countries. It is expected that Japan's demands will be substantially a recognition of Japanese protectorate over Corea, the return of Manchuria to China and international control of the eastern Chinese railroad, retaining of Port Arthur by Japan and a substantial indemnity. There only remains the fixing of the time of meeting and the number of the plenipotentiaries to the peace conference. Japan will name Marquis Ito, Baron Komura, minister of foreign affairs, and Marsha Yamagata, chief of the general staff, as plenipotentiaries. Two of Russia's representatives will be Baron Rosen, the newly appointed Russian ambassador to Washington, and M. Nelidoff, ambassador to Paris. Several weeks will elapse before the first meeting of the negotiators is possible and unless the president induces the belligerents to agree to an armistice the interim may witness another body battle in Manchuria. As all the news from the front indicates that Oyama is ready to strike and another Japanese victory would force Russia to accept Japan's terms.

TO HEAR THE TRUTH.

Czar Will Listen to Representations Made by Delegates From Sensitive.

(Journal Special Service.) St. Petersburg, June 16.—The czar has informed the delegates from the sensitive congress that he will receive them as individuals though not as an organized delegation. He has consented to their telling him everything they wish him to know regarding the condition of the country. This will be the first time since the czar ascended the throne that he has permitted any one to tell him anything at all about the affairs of the nation.

GRAND DUKE RESIGNS.

High Admiral Alexis, Uncle of Czar, Retires From the Navy.

(Journal Special Service.) St. Petersburg, June 16.—Grand Duke Alexis, high admiral of the Russian navy and uncle of the czar, and Admiral Axellan, head of the Imperial admiralty department, have resigned on account of criticisms of the navy by the Russian press.

FORTIFY AT ONCE PHILIPPINE ISLES

(Journal Special Service.) Washington, June 16.—On account of the present situation in the far east the naval war college and general board of the navy have recommended that another battleship be added to the Asiatic fleet and an order to strengthen it will probably be issued soon. The general board believes that, as a matter of policy, the American naval force in the far east should be strengthened to maintain the dignity of the United States and more closely approach the present dominant power of Japan.

ROUVIER WILL RETAIN CABINET PORTFOLIO

(Journal Special Service.) Paris, June 16.—Official announcement is made that Premier Rouvier has decided to permanently retain the position of minister of foreign affairs made vacant by the resignation of Delcasse. The selection of a new minister of finance will be made tonight or tomorrow.

THIRTEEN OHIO BANKERS SENT TO PENITENTIARY

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