

DUTCH WILL NOT INSIST ON WAR

Decide to Avoid Taking Offensive Unless Compelled to Do So.

Cabinet at The Hague Maps Out a General Plan of Procedure Against Venezuela — Hostile Preparations in Naval Dockyards Being Rushed Night and Day.

The Hague, Aug. 20.—After a nine hours' session, during which the dispute between The Netherlands and Venezuela was canvassed exhaustively in all its phases, the cabinet dispersed shortly after midnight last night, and Minister of Foreign Affairs Van Swinderen proceeded to the royal chateau at Het Loo, to acquaint Queen Wilhelmina with the result of the council.

The terms of The Netherlands' answer to the letter of President Castro, of Venezuela, were fully discussed, and it is understood that the actual text as well as the broad lines of action, drawn up to meet any possible eventualities, were agreed upon.

It is maintained that the present question is rather one of sovereignty and national honors, matters which are not so susceptible of solution by arbitration.

The Netherlands government is inclined for the present to adopt a waiting attitude, but it is ready to take energetic steps whenever the developments from the situation demand. It is agreed to push all necessary preparations in order to be ready to support an ultimatum, should it be decided to forward one to President Castro. Work will be rushed night and day at the naval dockyards to complete the preparations needed by the warships, so that they will be in readiness to reinforce the vessels now in the Caribbean by the end of next month.

In the meantime every effort will be made to find a pacific solution of the dispute, and especially in view of the fact that Queen Wilhelmina is opposed to resorting to war until all other methods have been tried.

UNIFORM FISH LAWS.

Anglo-American Commission at Work Under Recent Treaty.

Vancouver, B. C., Aug. 20.—The international fisheries commission appointed to draw up a uniform code of laws for the fisheries lying between Canada and the United States is in the city. It is composed of Professor David Starr Jordan, president of Leland Stanford university, and S. T. Bastedo, of Ottawa, who represents Great Britain.

It is not the intention of the commission to hold any public sittings, but it will spend a week on the coast gathering information respecting fisheries in the Straits of San Juan de Fuca and the Gulf of Georgia. Professor Jordan stated that they were acting in accordance with a treaty between Great Britain and the United States, signed last April, when it was agreed to appoint a commission to draw up statutes. It will be their duty to gather all possible information and prepare a report by January 1.

SEVENTY MINERS KILLED.

Explosion Wrecks Maypole Mine in England.

Wigan, Aug. 20.—The worst fears have been realized about the explosion which occurred in the Maypole mine yesterday. The entombed miners numbered about 70 and it is impossible that any of them can have survived.

Efforts at rescue, however, continue unceasingly. Thirty bodies were discovered today in the workings, but the fumes from the burning coal prevented the rescuers from reaching the others who probably are lying down in the mines.

A few bodies were brought to the surface today, but all were so blackened and mutilated that identification was impossible. At midnight an enormous crowd was still keeping a sorrowful vigil at the pit mouth.

Smallpox in Brazil.

Buenos Ayres, Aug. 20.—It has just been learned here that last week there were 151 fatal cases of smallpox and 50 of tuberculous on the coast of Brazil. The tribes occupying the valley of the Chaco have been subdued by the government troops after a struggle of revolt. The papers of the South Atlantic are much occupied with the Tacna-Arica dispute between Chile and Peru. Orders from London prohibit the importation of Brazilian alfalfa.

Machine to Pick Up Walnuts.

Fullerton, Cal., Aug. 20.—L. L. Sidwell, a Rivera walnut grower, is perfecting a machine to pick up walnuts by suction. The machine is operated by a gasoline engine, a four-inch hose being held just above the ground under the walnut tree. The suction draws the walnuts through the hose into a tank installed on the wagon. There is an exhaust near the top which separates the nuts from the hulls.

Kaiser Completes Fund.

Berlin, Aug. 20.—The emperor has given \$24,000 to the Koch fund for the resisting of the spread of tuberculosis. This donation completes the \$100,000 that Andrew Carnegie stipulated should be subscribed before his gift of a like amount, made last winter, should become available.

WORST IN YEARS.

Railroad Companies Furnish Men to Fight Fires.

Vancouver, B. C., Aug. 21.—A heavy pall of smoke caused by approaching forest fires hangs over this city, the air is oppressive and there are no signs of it clearing. The fires now burning in Vancouver's vicinity are the worst known in 10 years. They are now dangerously near the city, and are still burning fiercely. The Canadian Pacific and British Columbia Electric railways have large bodies of men out on the Lulu island line fighting the flames.

The fires are consuming hundreds of thousands of dollars' worth of valuable standing timber, leaving hundreds of acres of land with nothing but blackened snags. The worst fires are in the Squamish valley, and on Bowen island, but the blazes at Point Grey and in the Capilane valley are likely to prove very troublesome. The civic waterworks property is said to be threatened by the fire and a force of men has been sent out to check the flames.

The fire has got into the big timber of some exceedingly valuable limits, and it was reported at Squamish landing today that it was racing through the forest, and would, unless rain came soon, cause thousands of dollars of loss.

The forest fires that threatened Nanaimo and Ladysmith are well under control today. Much valuable timber has been destroyed, but no houses have fallen prey to the flames. The old workings of the Extension mine were gutted by the fire. The telegraph line along the E. & N. is burned down.

LAW SET ASIDE.

Australia Allows American Marines to Parade With Arms.

Sydney, N. S. W., Aug. 21.—There arose a circumstance in connection with the parade of American bluejackets and marines in Sydney which at one time promised to make it impossible for the carrying out of the program as originally planned, but the matter was adjusted and the men marched in accordance with expectations.

Imperial regulations forbid the landing of armed men in Australia. This fact was communicated to Admiral Sperry, who in turn informed the government that he would not allow his men to participate in the procession and reviews unless they came ashore armed. This was followed by a conference between Admiral Sperry and the commonwealth government, after which it was announced that the government had granted permission for the American sailors and marines to land armed, but without ammunition. This provision was accepted by the American commander.

HOLLAND TO PLAY LONE HAND

Needs No Help From Other Powers in Venezuela.

The Hague, Aug. 21.—The government of the Netherlands has no intention of giving out the terms of its reply to President Castro, of Venezuela, until it is delivered in Caracas through the German minister there, who is watching Holland's interests in Venezuela.

The subject has been mooted by some politicians that other powers having claims against Venezuela will join Holland in an action against that country. This, however, does not meet with favor here, and no such suggestion from any other power has officially reached The Hague.

The government of the Netherlands is confident of its ability to handle the situation single-handed, now that it has the sympathy and support of the United States.

Insult Castro's Flag.

Willemstad, Aug. 21.—The Dutch island of Aruba has furnished the latest incident in the existing difficulty between The Netherlands and Venezuela.

Five days ago a Venezuelan coast-guard vessel arrived at Aruba for the purpose of taking away the Venezuelan ensign. As soon as the purpose of the visit became known the people of the island started a demonstration.

Time to Suppress Castro.

Paris, Aug. 21.—The Temps this afternoon expresses satisfaction at the interpretation of the Monroe doctrine made by the United States by her indorsement of the plans of Holland to secure redress from Venezuela. The paper says: "The arrogant Castro, who insultingly ejected the French minister from Caracas, becomes daily more and more impossible. The time certainly has come for the settlement of the numerous international difficulties with Venezuela, and the action of Holland probably will open a way."

Ruef is Held for Trial.

San Francisco, Aug. 21.—Abraham Ruef was today held to answer for trial in the Superior court by Police Judge Cabaniss upon the charge of bribing ex-Supervisor J. J. Furey to vote for an electric street railway franchise for the Parkside Realty company, after a preliminary examination that consumed 67 days, the longest preliminary proceedings in the annals of the local police court. The bond was fixed at \$3,000, which was furnished.

Cholera Spreads South.

St. Petersburg, Aug. 21.—The center of virulence in the cholera epidemic has been transferred to Rostov-on-Don, where 31 new cases and 10 deaths were reported on August 10. The cholera is now working its way down the Black sea along the Caucasus coast.

NEWS NOTES FROM THE NATIONAL CAPITAL CITY

NEEDS LARGER NAVY.

Vessels Out of Commission Must Be Prepared for Emergency.

Washington, Aug. 22.—With the best portion of the American navy in Australian waters on its cruise around the world, and with demands for gunboats in Cuban waters, at San Domingo, Venezuela, Central America and various other places where American interests may need protection, the Navy department has been put to it to secure enough ships to fill urgent needs. Some vessels which have been long out of commission and others which had been relegated to innocuous desuetude because of their antique build and equipment have been ordered into commission, and it is probable that the next congress will be asked to provide for some additional gunboats which can on occasion be utilized for police duty.

The gunboat Ranger, an old iron and wood barkentine, will be placed in commission at Cavite. The Frolic, a mere steam yacht used during the Spanish war, will also be placed in commission and accompany the Ranger to New York. The Wheeling will be placed in commission at the Puget sound navy yard.

BALDWIN WILL LOSE MONEY.

Airship Does Not Come Up to Required Contract Speed.

Washington, Aug. 18.—The airship board of the signal corps today calculated that Thomas S. Baldwin's dirigible balloon traveled at the rate of 19.61 miles an hour during the official trial yesterday at Fort Myer. This speed is subject to correction.

Unless General Allen, chief signal officer, allows Baldwin further speed trials, the latter will now receive but \$5,573 for his military dirigible balloon. This is much less than the actual cost of delivering the airship to the government by Captain Baldwin. He estimates the total expense of building the ship at \$8,000.

Captain Baldwin was allowed three speed trials and now will have an opportunity to make three trials four endurance. An average in yesterday's speed trial will have to be maintained.

Enlarge Bremerton Yard.

Washington, Aug. 21.—Naval department officials have decided that Puget sound navy yard shall be made the principal naval station on the Pacific coast and are formulating plans for its enlargement. It already has been decided to recommend at the next session of congress that another drydock be authorized, making three in all, and that when this is under way, a fourth will be asked. It is the intention of the department to equip this yard so it can handle all repair work on the larger vessels on the Pacific and Oriental stations. Detailed plans are now being worked out.

Attack Immigration Law.

Washington, Aug. 21.—The Oceanic and Mercantile Steamship companies have appealed to the Supreme court of the United States the cases which were decided against them in the Federal court of New York and in which are involved the question whether the collector of customs is justified in refusing clearance papers to vessels which refuse to pay penalties imposed upon them for bringing undesirable aliens into this country. This brings into consideration the constitutionality of the present immigration law insofar as it deals with this point.

Stands All Tests.

Washington, Aug. 20.—The army airship board today decided that Captain Baldwin's dirigible balloon had met all conditions entitling him to the amount agreed upon for its purchase. The board calculated that the airship had maintained an average speed of 19.75 miles an hour while in the air two hours, one minute and 50 seconds, this speed being slightly more than the required minimum per cent of the maximum speed of 19.61 miles an hour.

California's Gift to Her Namesake.

Washington, Aug. 19.—Captain V. L. Cottman, commanding the cruiser California at Mare Island, has received \$2,000 from the silver-service committee of the State of California, to be awarded in yearly allotments for excellence in target practice, steaming and in the care of engines. The prizes are to be known as the California state prizes for the cruiser California.

Bacon Silent About Castro.

Washington, Aug. 20.—Assistant Secretary Bacon declined today to discuss the news from The Hague to the effect that the war minister had assured The Netherlands government that this country would interpose no objection to a blockade or other maneuvers on the part of The Netherlands against Venezuela.

Records Distant Earthquakes.

Washington, Aug. 19.—The Coast and Geodetic survey observatory at Cheltenham, Md., reports an earthquake beginning at 5:56 and terminating at 7:17 A. M. today. The medium phase was recorded at 6:10 A. M. The record indicates that the origin of the tremors was about 3,000 miles distant from Washington.

Bacon Takes to Mountains.

Washington, Aug. 21.—Assistant Secretary of State Bacon left Washington today for a month's vacation in the Rocky mountains, where he expects to hunt and fish.

CATCH JAP SEALERS.

Two Vessels With Crews of 59 Captured by Revenue Cutter.

Washington, Aug. 20.—Dispatches received today by the Department of Justice and the revenue cutter officials of the Treasury department state that two Japanese poaching vessels with total crews of 59 men have been captured by the revenue cutter Bear, near St. Paul's island, the chief island of the seal group in Behring sea. The dispatch received at the Department of Justice came from Assistant United States Attorney Raht at Valdez, who informed the department that the steamer Dora had just put in there.

The captain brought word of the capture, with the statement that the Hinzler Maru, the larger of the two vessels, was painted white in imitation of the revenue cutter Manning, which is at San Francisco, and that in further imitation of the United States vessel the Hinzler Maru carried forward yards of paper mache. The boat had a crew of 32 men and the Zeiki a crew of 27.

The captain of the cutter Bear in his dispatch to the revenue cutter service, says that the captured men will be taken to Unga, Alaska, and turned over to a United States commissioner. He says he has sufficient evidence to convict the men and it is therefore, assumed here that the vessel captured contained seal skins.

Extend Cable to Cordova.

Washington, Aug. 22.—Brigadier General Allen, chief signal officer of the army, today received information that the Washington-Alaska military and telegraph system had been extended to Cordova, Alaska, by the construction of a branch from the existing cable on the north side of Montague island to Cordova. The work was completed by the cable ship Burnside and the office of Cordova was called and opened for business on August 12. General Allen says the branch will be of great convenience, not only to the army, but also to commercial interests in Alaska.

Plans for Torpedo Fleet.

Washington, Aug. 18.—A plan is being outlined for a special board of construction to supervise the details of the fleet of torpedo boat destroyers and submarines which are now under construction or to be begun. On September 1 proposals for the construction of 10 destroyers authorized at the last session of congress are to be opened. It is stated today that by that time specifications for the submarines authorized at the same time will be ready. Bids for the construction of the submarines will be advertised to be opened on November 2.

Recruits for Pacific Fleet.

Washington, Aug. 18.—Determined that the Pacific fleet must have a full complement of enlisted men as well as officers for the approaching cruise to Samoa, orders were issued today by Admiral Pillsbury, acting secretary of the navy, for 250 additional men to be rushed to Mare island. Orders were wired to the officers of the training station at Newport, R. I., to assemble these men tomorrow night. It is said they will be sent to New York and from there to Mare island.

Press Rebate Cases.

Washington, Aug. 18.—The attorney general's office has been constantly in touch with the Interstate Commerce commission's representatives at San Francisco, where the railroad rebate cases are soon to be heard. It is reported that Attorney General Bonaparte has given orders that the agents of his office be in constant attendance at the hearings, as the reports are expected to have important bearing on rate and rebate litigation that is soon to be begun through the department.

Finishing Plans of New Warships.

Washington, Aug. 19.—Naval constructor Robinson, with a large force of assistants, today is busily engaged in completing the original plans and specifications for the two big new battleships, Florida and Utah, that are to be added to Uncle Sam's navy within the next two years. It was announced at the bureau of construction and repair today that it is hoped work on the hulls of the ships will begin not later than December 1.

Honduras Incident Straightened Out.

Washington, Aug. 19.—Advices were received today by the State department which led to the belief that the incident which caused the Honduran government to enjoin the expropriators of American Consul Drew Linnard and Vice Consul Reynolds has been satisfactorily explained and that they will soon be restored to their former status.

Sends Greeting to Francis Joseph.

Washington, Aug. 19.—The president sent a cablegram of congratulation to Emperor Francis Joseph, of Austria-Hungary, yesterday, the occasion being the birthday of the emperor. The message was in the usual form, expressing the president's wishes for the happiness of the emperor and for the prosperity of his country.

Garfield Completes His Tour.

Washington, Aug. 19.—Secretary Garfield, of the Interior department, returned today from an inspection tour through the public land states and territories, which was extended to Hawaii. He has been absent since June 1.

RIOTERS UNDER CONTROL.

Two Regiments of Soldiers at Springfield Ordered Home.

Springfield, Ill., Aug. 19.—That the race war situation in this city is considered much less serious was evidenced last night, when Governor Deneen ordered the First and Fourth infantry regiments to take trains for their homes today.

"I took this action after a conference with Sheriff Warner, Mayor Reese, Major General Young, Adjutant General Scott, General Foster and General Wells," explained Governor Deneen last night.

"Does that mean that you consider all danger of serious trouble past?" he was asked.

"It means that we can properly guard the city with the troops which will remain. There will still be the Second and Seventh regiments under General Foster in the Western division, and the Third and Fifth under General Wells. The departure of the First and Fourth will lessen our forces by about 1,000 men, leaving a good 2,000 here."

Major General Young said: "The mob element has had a lesson, and the way citizens with knowledge of riotous misdeeds are responding to the appeal for information on which to base indictments will furnish further instruction to the violently inclined. We are getting news on which we will be able to make many arrests of importance, and these arrests will render the situation much easier to handle. With the ringleaders behind the bars, there will be little for the military to do."

There were the usual baseless alarms last night, but up to midnight nothing of a serious character had occurred.

EVANS RETIRES.

Admiral Leaves the Service After 48 Years on Duty.

Lake Mohonk, N. Y., Aug. 19.—Far from grim warships and the sea where he spent nearly half a century in the service of his country, Rear Admiral Robley D. Evans, U. S. N., who is at this quiet mountain hotel, yesterday reached the age limit of 62 years and passed from the ranks of the country's active sea fighters. His has been the longest service (but two years short of half a century) of any man who has reached the rank of rear admiral in the United States navy. All through the day the hotel was thronged with admirers of "Fighting Bob," anxious to congratulate him on his 62nd birthday and to wish him many more happy and useful years. Telegrams by the score reached him from all parts of the country, all expressing felicitations and affection for the man who had done so much to build up the American navy. Many of the messages brought delighted smiles to the admiral's face, while others brought just a suspicion of moisture to his eyes. The telegram in particular which caused "Fighting Bob" many smiles came from an old friend in Washington and said:

"For some of us, skipper, your flag will always fly."

EUREKA IS SHAKEN.

Early Morning Trembler Likened to Big One of 1906.

Eureka, Cal., Aug. 19.—An earthquake shock almost as severe as the one of April 18, 1906, but not of so long duration, shook this city a 2:58 o'clock yesterday morning. It seemed to come from the west, and was what is known as a "twister." No one was injured, but considerable damage was done.

A second and lighter shock was felt at 5:30 o'clock. Chimneys were thrown down and people rushed from their houses in fright when the first quake shook the city. The courthouse was damaged most by the shake. The right arm of the statue of Minerva, carrying a spear, was twisted off the statue on the dome. The spear crashed through the roof of the building and into Judge Hunter's courtroom.

The statues on the north side of the building were shaken off and brick and plaster were loosened and fell to the ground. Plate glass windows in several business houses were cracked.

Unwritten Law in Colorado.

Denver, Col., Aug. 19.—The "unwritten law" was upheld today in Colorado by the act of Governor Buchtel in granting a pardon to George P. Nicolai, convicted of killing John Moore. Nicolai's wife was involved in the case. In granting the pardon Governor Buchtel said: "The laws of this state do not count this villain as a serious crime. Colorado is about 100 years behind all civilized states in the estimates which its laws place upon certain crimes. The peculiar intricacies of legal processes do not appeal to me."

More Warships to Venezuela.

The Hague, Aug. 19.—As a part of the plan to awe President Castro, of Venezuela, into submission and apology without an actual demonstration or bombardment of the ports, the Dutch cruisers Holland and Utrecht were ordered today to prepare for speedy dispatch to Curacao on August 29. They are expected to arrive at Curacao October 25, when the Netherlands will have five formidable ships in Caribbean waters.

Holland Has Free Hand.

The Hague, Aug. 19.—With the single proviso that no military occupation of territory must occur, the government of Washington is understood to have given the cabinet of The Netherlands a free hand to deal as it sees fit with President Castro, of Venezuela. The Netherlands' cruiser Friesland will not sail for the Caribbean before the end of next month.

TWO MORE DEAD AT SPRINGFIELD

White Man and Negro Girl Fall Victims to Mob's Rage.

Much Sniping at Night — Frequent Shots From Ambush — Governor Keeps Town in Uproar — Governor Offers Rewards for Lawbreakers and Calls for Evidence.

Springfield, Ill., Aug. 18.—Following the addition of two victims to the death list, sporadic outbreaks of lawlessness in various parts of the city and increased symptoms generally that the mob spirit still rules Springfield, Governor Deneen last night issued six proclamations offering rewards amounting to \$1,200 for the arrest and conviction of the riot leaders. The deaths now number five, but since one death was due only indirectly to the disturbance, no account has been taken of it.

The two new victims were J. W. Scott and a three-weeks old negro baby, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Payne, of Springfield. The baby succumbed to exposure when its parents started to walk from Springfield to Pittsfield in an effort to avoid persecution. Scott died in a hospital from wounds received Friday night.

Scattered sections of the city were in an uproar at different times during the early part of the night. Harvard park was again the storm center. Twice patrols were fired upon in that vicinity, but in neither case was any one injured. This is the section to which troops were called Sunday night by similar occurrences. Over in the western end of town in the vicinity of the state house and arsenal there were several cases of revolver firing by rowdies.

The marauders traveled in groups of two or three, obeying the orders of the militia patrols to keep moving, but as soon as they were well past the groups of soldiers they drew their revolvers and fired into the air and fled down side streets, escaping in the darkness.

Two arrests, apparently not connected with the rioting, added excitement and served to frighten timid residents. As a consequence calls for troops were frequent and the militia had a hard night.

A picket from Company L, Fifth infantry, fired five shots at a negro who attempted to break the sentry line at Eighth and Jefferson streets early today. The negro escaped.

Thomas Richardson, a brother of the negro accused of attacking Mrs. Mabel Hallow, fled to Mississippi last night after he had been attacked by white men in Harvard park. Tom Richardson was a teamster, and when attacked he jumped from his wagon, leaving the horses standing in the street, went to the railroad station, and boarded a train for the South.

YELLOW PERIL IS REAL.

Canadian Statesman Says America Has Cause to Fear.

Montreal, Aug. 18.—T. Hamer Greenwood, the most prominent Canadian in the British parliament, and a member of the executive committee of the Liberal party of Great Britain, who is visiting Canada, predicts a conflict between Japan and America. He says: "Japan is preparing to restrict the overflow of her people into countries where they are not wanted, but it does not require a prophet to foresee that the feeling between these swarthy John Bulls of the Pacific and the white races of America may soon grow acute and may mean war. Just now Japan is having a struggle to make both ends meet in national finance and has cut down her naval and military program by large amounts."

"I have no doubt myself, however, that when she gets over the enormous losses of the late war with Russia there will be trouble. If she can stir up and force an alliance with half awakened China the yellow peril will be a reality."

Volcano of Oil Burning.

Tampico, Mex., Aug. 18.—Despite every effort made to stop it the miniature volcano of burning oil in the San Geronimo district continues unchecked, consuming 100,000 barrels of oil daily. Workmen today are pumping immense quantities of sand and mud into the crater. Powerful centrifugal pumps are pouring a stream of earth into the vortex, but the fire burns as fiercely as before. Since the well began burning, July 4, more than 5,000,000 barrels have been destroyed. The oil is valued at \$1 a barrel.

Arkansians Draw Color Line.

Memphis, Tenn., Aug. 18.—Serious trouble is expected today at Truman, Polk county, Arkansas, over the importation of 12 negroes to work in the yards of the Springfield Lumber company. Last night the white employees of the company and residents of the town declared they would not permit the blacks to live among them and declared they would be driven from the county. A posse visited the camp, but the negroes fled.

Eva Booth is Stricken.

Warsaw, Ind., Aug. 18.—Overcome by the intense heat, after addressing an audience of 4,000 persons at the Womans Lake Bible conference, Miss Eva Booth, leader of the Salvation Army in the United States, fainted just after leaving the auditorium and is now under the care of physicians.