

ASKS FOR PEACE; READY FOR WAR

Castro Replies to Holland With Request for Negotiations.

Says Dutch Government Should Send Confidential Agent to Venezuela—Interprets Sending of Warships as Threat and Takes Ammunition to La Guayra Forts.

Caracas, Oct. 29.—President Castro received on October 12 the second note from The Netherlands government, which fixes November 1 as the date for revocation of the transshipment decree of May 14, but it was not until the following day, October 13, that Venezuela's anxiously awaited reply was delivered into the hands of Baron von Zickendorf, the German minister, who is in charge of Dutch interests.

Dr. Paul, minister of foreign affairs, closed his answer to Holland by saying that, as an interruption of diplomatic exchanges exists between The Netherlands government and Venezuela, and as the Venezuelan government desires to arrive at an amicable agreement, he asked the government of Holland to send to Caracas a confidential agent with powers and instructions to settle all pending differences.

Holland makes no further threat in her note, but the fact that two Dutch warships left Holland at the same time as the note, and are now lying in the harbor of Caracas, has been interpreted here to be a direct though mute threat that force would be used on November 1 to compel revocation of the decree of May 14.

President Castro has answered this threat by making all necessary naval and military preparations to meet any reasonable emergency, and shells for the large coast defense guns on the La Guayra mountains were carried up to the mountains last week.

Beware of Jap.

Hobson Says United States Doomed Soon as Fleet Leaves Pacific.

San Francisco, Oct. 29.—A few thousand Democrats in San Francisco were told last night by Captain Richmond Pearson Hobson that Japan is eagerly seeking war with the United States at an early date.

Hobson was sailing along smoothly discussing the campaign issues with fervid speech, when a voice in the audience asked him to enlighten his hearers on naval affairs.

The congressman, who is a member of the house committee on naval affairs, readily complied. He asserted that Japan had borrowed more than a billion dollars to be used in a war with the United States. The overtures of peace on the part of Japan, said the speaker, were to delude this nation into returning the battleships to the Atlantic so that Japan could seize strategic points in the Pacific and on the western coast of America, and by commanding the mountain passes could prevent relief from the East. He told his hearers that there are now in the United States 65,000 Japanese soldiers.

Sell Grazing Lands.

March of Civilization Causes Sheepmen to Dispose of Holdings.

Lewiston, Mont., Oct. 29.—The sale of nearly 30,000 head of sheep here this week by Waite, Elliott & Peck to Fergus and Yellowstone parties marks the retirement of another big Montana woolgrowing firm which has for many years figured conspicuously in the business.

With the influx of farmers from the Middle West these great tracts of land are becoming too valuable for agricultural purposes to justify holding them for sheep ranges. Land that will grow an average of over 35 bushels of high grade winter wheat, without irrigation, now commands about \$15 per acre, so it will be seen that these immense tracts represent a large sum of money.

Sultry Politics in Cuba.

Havana, Oct. 29.—The fight between the Liberal and Conservative parties for supremacy throughout the island becomes more bitter daily. The ill feeling has resulted in charges, which the authorities are investigating today, that the Liberals have stolen private property along the route of their campaign excursions. The Conservatives claim to give a number of instances in which they say the Liberals "appropriated lands." In the Eastern portion of the island serious clashes are expected.

Destroy Posted Papers.

New York, Oct. 29.—When presented with a rate schedule marked "not to be posted" at the hearing in the government suit to dissolve the Standard Oil company, William S. Kallman, a freight manager of the New York Central railroad company, testified that the reason for the order, despite the interstate commerce law requiring that tariffs be posted, was because the road found it difficult to keep posted papers from being destroyed.

Venezuela Remembers Bolivar.

Caracas, Oct. 29.—The birthday anniversary of Simon Bolivar, who liberated Venezuela from Spanish rule, was observed throughout the republic yesterday.

APPEALS TO DOUMA.

Servia Wants Russia to Aid Her in Balkan Conference.

Belgrade, Oct. 30.—Despairing at the prospect of being altogether ignored in the coming Balkan conference, the Servian parliament today telegraphed to the Russian duma asking that Russia ally herself with Servia and Montenegro. The telegram begged Russia to consider the alliance and said: "Do not abandon us to our affliction."

The message declared that Servia and Montenegro would never submit to Austria's absorption of Bosnia and Herzegovina.

The diplomatic corps here is awaiting indications from St. Petersburg as to what action, if any, will be taken on the telegram by the Russian government.

The new attitude of Servia and Montenegro places Russia in the peculiar position of having an opportunity to strengthen her hold in the Balkan peninsula, but she has already arranged the details of the proposed Balkan conference through Foreign Minister Iswolsky.

If Russia decides to heed the plea of Servia and Montenegro, a new situation will arise for the conference of powers to dispose of.

Huge Irrigation Project.

Great Dam, Third Highest in World, Scheduled for Nevada.

Reno, Nev., Oct. 30.—A reclamation project, second only to the great Carson-Truckee project in magnitude and of far-reaching influence in the development of this state, is about to be started in Lincoln county, the company to be known as the Nevada-Utah Irrigating & Development company.

The undertaking includes the construction of the third highest dam in the world, at an expenditure, including ditches and laterals, of \$750,000. The promoters are Salt Lake City capitalists associated with the Salt Lake, Los Angeles & San Pedro railroad, known as the Clarke route. The total number of acres to be reclaimed is 23,333.

This territory, lying within eight miles of Moah, which is half way between Caliente and Las Vegas, 50 miles from each place, is government land, and will be withdrawn under the Carey act.

The dam will be constructed at the head of Arrowhead Canyon and will have a width of 670 feet and a height of 185 feet.

Governor Seriously Ill.

Massachusetts Alarmed Over Condition of Chief Executive.

Boston, Oct. 30.—Governor Guild was seized with a severe attack of gastritis today. As this is the third dangerous illness experienced by the governor within a year, there is considerable anxiety over his condition.

Governor Guild had an attack of inflammatory rheumatism and a severe heart trouble on March 4. For nearly a week his condition was critical. He rallied, however, and after nearly three months' convalescence was able to take up his work at the state house.

He had been at his desk scarcely a month before he was stricken down with appendicitis on August 24, and was obliged to undergo an operation. He was able to take up his duties several weeks ago and has spoken once or twice during the present campaign.

Reach Pole by Drifting.

Copenhagen, Denmark, Oct. 30.—The famous Norwegian Arctic explorer, Roald Amundsen, leader of the Gjøa expedition, which discovered the Northwest passage, has planned a new exploit for the Polar regions next year. He will try to reach the north pole by adopting Fridtjof Nansen's plan of drifting northward on the Arctic current.

He will, however, choose a more Easterly starting point than Nansen did, probably because he fears a too close proximity to Bering strait. It is not improbable that Nansen's old ship, the Fram, will be used on this expedition.

Opium Smuggler Caught.

Seattle, Oct. 30.—Seth B. Stevens, known to customs officers throughout Puget sound districts as "Big Steve" and "Bug Seth," was arrested in Seattle today as a fugitive from justice. On September 15, 1906, Stevens and his wife, with George Berger, were arrested on a charge of smuggling opium into the country from British Columbia. Stevens and his wife forfeited cash bail of \$1,250. Berger was subsequently given a hearing and tried on the charge and acquitted by a jury. Mrs. Stevens died about two years ago.

Breaks Whaling Record.

Victoria, B. C., Oct. 30.—The steam whaler St. Lawrence followed the Orion to port today and the work for the present season off the west coast of Vancouver island has been abandoned. The two whalers took over 600 whales during the summer. The St. Lawrence broke the world's record. She took 241 humpbacks, 56 sulphur bottoms, 10 finbacks and 1 sperm whale. The crew's earnings range from \$300 to \$400 for the season.

Bulgaria to Make Amends.

Sofia, Bulgaria, Oct. 30.—The Fourteenth National Bulgarian assembly was convened for its autumn session this afternoon. The speech from the throne was read by Emperor Ferdinand, and was eminently pacific in character. He defended the recent course of his government.

HAPPENINGS GATHERED IN AND AROUND WASHINGTON, D. C.

Would Lose Revenue.

Revenue Bureau Opposes American Wines in Medicines.

Washington, Oct. 29.—The internal revenue bureau is strongly opposed to the contention of the California grape growers for a reversal of the committee's ruling of March 25, 1908, which prohibits the use of fortified American sweet wines in the manufacture of proprietary medicines or compounds. To do so, in the opinion of officials, would be to violate the law and to deprive the government of many millions in revenue annually. This would be accomplished, it is pointed out, by the general substitution in the manufacture of proprietary medicines, etc., of non-taxable sweet wines, which have been reinforced by the addition of a preservative acid, of non-taxable grape brandy for spirits which are taxed \$1.10 per gallon. The purpose of the law which does not require a tax to be paid on grape brandy when used for this specific purpose is said to have been solely for the encouragement of the grape and sweet wine industries.

Commissioner Capers has received a letter from Senator Perkins, of California, advocating the reversal, and transmitting a copy of a resolution recently adopted by the Manufacturers' and Producers' association of California, and the Trans-Mississippi Commercial congress at San Francisco. It also urges the reversal of the objectionable ruling.

Big Scores in Practice.

Manila, Oct. 30.—While the scores and figures of the cruiser and gunboat squadron made in target and battle practice, which has just been concluded, will not be made public until they arrive at the Navy department at Washington, it has been announced that all previous records have been broken. The Rainbow led in the gunboat squadron, exceeding all the scores made by the Wilmington, present holder of the trophy.

President 50 Years Old.

Washington, Oct. 28.—President Roosevelt was 50 years old yesterday, having been born October 27, 1858. So far as is known, no special preparations were made for an observance of the anniversary, and the president probably passed the day very much according to the routine which marks his everyday life. In the evening there was a birthday dinner at the White House, at which the members of the president's family were joined by a few friends.

Millions for Deep Channel.

Chicago, Oct. 30.—The proposed deep water channel in Illinois can be constructed in six years and fully paid for out of its water power earnings in 11 years thereafter, according to estimates submitted by Engineer Lyman E. Cooley. If the voters approve the \$20,000,000 bond issue next Tuesday, he said, the state will be able to make the best paying public investment that opportunity ever offered.

Negro Soldier in Hurry.

Washington, Oct. 30.—The attorneys for Oscar W. Reid, one of the negro soldiers who were discharged from the army on account of alleged participation in the Brownsville affair, endeavored today to have the Supreme court advance the hearing of his case. The case was decided against Reid in the United States circuit court for the Southern district of New York.

Willet Will Defend Dodd.

Mare Island Navy Yard, Cal., Oct. 31.—A telegram was received here today from the Navy department at Washington authorizing Paymaster P. J. Willet, who had been ordered to join the Solace, to remain at the navy yard until the conclusion of the court-martial of Lieutenant E. H. Dodd. The hearing of the case will now be completed as rapidly as possible.

Exceeds Contract Speed.

Newport, R. I., Oct. 27.—The cruiser Chester came in from sea today after two days of endurance test off the coast in very rough conditions. The cruiser exceeded her contract speed, made 23 knots an hour for 12 hours with the wind blowing more than 40 miles an hour and 26 knots an hour for four hours under somewhat less severe conditions.

Buffalo Leaves Bremerton.

Navy Yard, Puget Sound, Wash., Oct. 29.—The auxiliary cruiser Buffalo, which arrived here Saturday with a draft of enlisted men for the cruiser Charleston, will leave today for Mare Island and from there will proceed to Panama. The ship makes regular trips between Pacific coast yards and the isthmus carrying service men and naval supplies.

Mining Stock Tabooed.

Washington, Oct. 29.—In order to keep the organization free from the suspicion of evasion of legal requirements, George Otis Smith, director of the geological survey, has issued an order prohibiting members of the survey from owning stock in any mining company, the property of which is in the United States or Alaska.

Cabinet Meeting Short-Handed.

Washington, Oct. 30.—Today's cabinet meeting was of short duration, only the secretary of the treasury being present. The other seven members are making campaign speeches in behalf of Judge Taft, while Secretary Metcalf is ill.

Verdict Was Compromise

Plea on Which Hyde and Schneider Ask New Trial.

Washington, Oct. 31.—The arguments for a new trial asked for by Frederick A. Hyde and Joost H. Schneider, who were convicted last spring of conspiracy in connection with land frauds in the West, were taken under advisement today by Justice Stafford, of the Criminal court of the District of Columbia.

Counsel for the convicted men considered that the verdict was the result of a compromise, some of the jurors who favored conviction of all four of the defendants who were tried (Hyde, Schneider, Benson and Dimond) voting to acquit Dimond in exchange for the votes of the other jurors, who were inclined to acquit all.

The prosecution asserted that compromise verdicts were being rendered daily by juries. The defense charged that the court had erred in telling the jury that one of the defendants might be convicted of conspiracy.

Plans for Greater Navy.

President, in Message, Will Ask for Many Additions.

Washington, Oct. 27.—The president will ask congress in his annual message, it is said, to grant four battleships annually. He adheres to his belief that this is necessary. The president will also urge additional appropriations for the completion of a naval base at Pearl harbor and of the Hawaiian coast defenses, and he will probably ask for increased facilities at Mare Island for handling naval vessels. Another thing the president will ask congress for is adequate provision for equipping and defending the naval base at Guantanamo, where the Navy department has planned great yards. The location of this naval depot is in the vicinity of the Panama canal and is regarded as of strategic importance.

Strict With Sailors.

Manila, Oct. 28.—Sailors of the American fleet will not be permitted shore leave after 10 o'clock at night nor allowed to drink water from native wells during the stay of the American fleet here, according to a rule promulgated today. The first squadron of the fleet is expected to reach here November 1. The second squadron, under Admiral Emory, which went to Amoy, China, is expected to arrive November 8. The order issued today states that although the health officials expect to have the cholera stamp-out completed by the time the fleet arrives, they will take no chances.

Favors Navy Yard at Mare Island.

Mare Island Navy Yard, Cal., Oct. 29.—Rear Admiral Richard C. Holliday, chief of the bureau of yards and docks of the United States navy, left here today for Washington, after having completed his official inspection of the navy yard. From a statement made by Admiral Holliday before he left, it is believed that he will ask congress for a large appropriation for the development of the navy yard when the session begins this winter.

Only Congress Can Reinstate.

Washington, Oct. 30.—Secretary Wright said today that nothing could be done in the matter of reinstating Mingo Sanders, formerly sergeant of the Twenty-fifth infantry, who, with his battalion, was dismissed from the army without honor, for alleged participation in the Brownsville disorders. The only way now open for his reinstatement, the secretary said, was by special act of congress.

Wright All Right Again.

Washington, Oct. 28.—Orville Wright, the aeronaut, will leave Fort Meyer to his home at Dayton, Ohio, on Saturday, if his condition continues to improve. His sister, Miss Catherine Wright, who has nursed him at the army hospital, will accompany him. Mr. Wright desires to vote, even though it may be necessary to carry him to the polls.

Warships Leave Japan.

Washington, Oct. 28.—A cablegram to the Navy department from Admiral Sperry reports the departure of the fleet from Yokohama. The first squadron of battleships will return to Manila, where they are due October 31. The second squadron is now en route to Amoy, China, where it is expected to arrive next Thursday.

Frank Kiggins Dies Suddenly.

Washington, Oct. 28.—Frank Kiggins, of Tennessee, chief examiner of the civil service commission, died suddenly Monday of uraemic convulsions. John Kiggins, of Vancouver, B. C., is a brother.

Government Buys Silver.

Washington, Oct. 27.—The Treasury department today bought 7,500 ounces of silver for delivery at New Orleans and 50,000 ounces for delivery at Denver at 51.670 cents per fine ounce.

Whistler at Fort Worden.

Washington, Oct. 28.—Colonel Garland N. Whistler has been assigned to Fort Worden, Wash., and in command of the artillery district of Puget sound.

Rural Carriers at Oakland.

Washington, Oct. 27.—K. L. Thornton has been appointed regular, Jeremiah L. Thornton substitute, rural carrier on the route at Oakland, Ore.

EVACUATE PACIFIC OCEAN.

Roosevelt's Order is Taken to Mean Confidence in Jap Professions.

Tokio, Oct. 28.—Although the American fleet has left here for Manila and China, the impression created by the attitude of the people of the United States toward the Japanese is still a matter of comment by the Japanese and vernacular press.

A report from Washington to the effect that President Roosevelt had ordered the Pacific fleet to proceed to the Atlantic ocean to participate in the spring maneuvers, thus temporarily evacuating the Pacific ocean, has created a profound impression here. The newspapers all comment on this action as an indication that the American people have confidence in the sincerity of the protestations of friendship on the part of Japan.

The proposed conference of the powers interested in the Pacific ocean to discuss the oriental question is gaining in popular favor. Every newspaper in the empire favors the proposed conference, and it is likely that some official action will be taken soon.

The tender Yankton left Yokohama today for Manila. She stayed behind for repairs of damage done by the storm encountered by the fleet on the way here from Manila.

Shooting is Limited.

What Roosevelt is Free to Kill on East African Hunt.

London, Oct. 28.—President Roosevelt not having signified his intention of asking special privileges for his hunting trip in British East Africa through diplomatic channels, it is supposed that he will take out an ordinary 50-pound (\$250) license from the colonial office. This, however, has not yet been applied for, though it is always usual to demand such licenses several months in advance. Under them each hunter is limited to 60 animals, except in cases of lions, leopards, crocodiles and others, which are considered undesirable, of which he may shoot as many as he wishes.

As set forth in the new licenses, the president may kill "two elephants, two rhinoceri, ten hippopotami, 21 antelopes, two buffaloes, two earth hogs, two earth wolves, ten chevrotains, two monkeys, two marabou storks, two ostriches, two egrets and one chimpanzee." Giraffes, wild asses, secretary birds and a number of other species are forbidden to any nirod not armed with special privileges.

Will Renew War.

Anti-Gambling League Still Wants to Reform Nevada.

Reno, Nev., Oct. 28.—Undaunted by its defeat at the polls at the city election last Saturday, the Anti-Gambling league today held a meeting and made plans for carrying the fight to drive gambling out of Nevada to every city in the state. Committees were appointed to organize clubs in every county where efforts will be made to secure a popular vote on the question.

The league here intends to get out another petition asking for another ordinance and special election about three months hence. Attributing its defeat to the proximity of the general election and business conditions, it believes a vote at that time will bring a good majority in favor of closing gambling in Reno. The league voted to keep its hands off politics, for this year at least, and no effort will be made to have the candidates declare themselves before the coming election.

Fear Boat Has Capsized.

San Diego, Oct. 27.—Arrangements were being made at Fort Rosecrans late last night to send out a boat to look for four members of the Twenty-eighth Coast artillery and an army mechanic from San Francisco. The five men left for the Coronado islands yesterday morning on a fishing cruise expecting to return last night. They have not been seen since. They are Corporal Reynolds and Privates Blanchard, Wyckoff and Crosby and Mechanic Hughes.

Limit Invitations to 400.

Amoy, China, Oct. 28.—As a precaution against any disturbances during the visit here of the second squadron of the American fleet, invitations to the Chinese reception to the fleet have been limited in number to 400. Many foreigners of bad character are assembling here, but no foreigners will be admitted to the grounds where the receptions are to be held, without a pass from the consular representatives of his country. Invitations to the Foo Chow students and naval cadets have been withdrawn.

Prince Henry Up in Airship.

Friedrichshafen, Oct. 28.—Prince Henry of Prussia today made an ascension in the reconstructed Zeppelin airship. The count says the new dirigible is much better than the one that was lost during the attempt to make a flight lasting 24 hours. A great crowd gathered to see the air monster rise with the prince aboard. The ascension was entirely successful and the balloon with Captain Mische as pilot started in the direction of Euberingen.

To Use 5,000 Idle Cars.

Harrisburg, Pa., Oct. 28.—The Pennsylvania railroad is clearing the Petersburg branch, of the middle division, of all the freight cars which have been stored there since last winter, numbering about 5,000. The cars are being taken out to handle the increased freight traffic. About three miles of track are being cleared each day.

CANADA ELECTS LAURIER PREMIER

Majority Reduced From What It Was Five Years Ago.

Conservatives Lose Out in Ontario, Where They Expected to Make Greatest Gains—Quebec Will Send an Almost Solid Liberal Membership.

Ottawa, Ont., Oct. 27.—Elections for the Federal house of commons were held yesterday throughout Canada. Of the 221 constituencies in the dominion only two—Rouville, Ont., and South York, Ont.—returned members by acclamation. In all the others, with the exception of five, which will hold their elections later, there were contests.

The returns show that Sir Wilfrid Laurier, the present premier, who in the last house had a majority of 66, will be returned to the house for another five years, with a majority of between 55 and 60.

French Canadian Quebec remained loyal to the premier, electing a membership almost solidly Liberal.

Ontario, where the Conservatives expected to make their heaviest gains, did not come up to the opposition's expectations. The returns indicate an almost evenly divided membership, compared with 39 Liberals and 47 Conservatives in the last house.

Nova Scotia, which at the last general elections in 1904 returned a solid Liberal phalanx, gives the Conservative party several seats.

R. L. Borden, leader of the Conservatives, was elected by a substantial majority in Halifax, which supported him four years ago. All the ministers have been re-elected with the exception of William Templeton, of Victoria, B. C., minister of inland revenue, who lost by five votes.

Arrest 14 Night Riders.

Sixty-One Now Held in Connection With Reel Foot Outrage.

Camp Reno, Reel Foot Lake, Tenn., Oct. 27.—Fourteen prisoners were brought into camp today in connection with recent night rider outrages in this section. This makes a total of 61 now in custody here. Three mounted scouting parties went out and two of them returned. The third will not be back before tomorrow night. The detachment headed by Major R. E. Martin is prepared to go to Obion tonight to search for the mysterious masked men who were reported to have been seen near that town. After communicating with several people Colonel Tattom decided that the story was without foundation and recalled the orders.

Both Union City and Samburg, where the soldiers are camped, were the centers of interest today in the night rider troubles. A special term of the County court convened at Union City today and all of the evidence in the Reel Foot lake case was laid before the jury.

Wait Inspector's Report.

Decision on Star of Bengal Wreck May Have Serious Results.

San Francisco, Oct. 27.—The inspectors of hulls and boilers, who have been investigating the wreck of the ship Star of Bengal, which went ashore on the Alaskan coast some weeks ago, 111 lives being lost, finished taking testimony yesterday and took the case under advisement.

Captain Wagner, of the Bengal, has filed charges of cowardice against the tug captains for their action in cutting his ship loose and it is expected that the decision of the inspectors will bear weight in the proceedings resulting from these charges. It is stated here that the United States District attorney of Alaska will bring Captain Wagner's charges against the captains of the Kayak and Hattie Gage before the Federal grand jury.

Calls Will Forger.

New York, Oct. 27.—Declaring the signature in a will disposing of about \$1,000,000 a forgery, the will being that of Ambrose Burbank, who died in 1904, Dr. Alfred H. Hamilton, of Auburn, N. Y., a handwriting expert, created a sensation in the suit against Caleb H. Burbank, a nephew of the testator, during the trial in the United States circuit court here today. The nephew is executor of the estate and was named residuary legatee, in addition to receiving a direct bequest of \$600,000.

To Unveil Harrison Monument.

Indianapolis, Oct. 27.—A parade and other interesting features will attend the unveiling today of the handsome monument erected to the memory of former President Benjamin Harrison. Vice President Fairbanks will preside and the speakers will include John L. Griffiths, American consul to Liverpool, and General John W. Noble, of St. Louis, who was secretary of the interior during the administration of President Harrison.

Think Castro Is Bluffing.

Willemstad, Oct. 27.—According to letters received here, the people of Venezuela are confident of a prompt settlement of the dispute between that country and Holland. The refusal of President Castro to revoke the decree of May 14 is regarded as a bluff to distract attention from the doings of the revolutionists.