CENTRAL AMERICAN TURMOIL

Nicaraguan Transport Loading War Munitions at Havana.

Getting Ready to Protect Herself in Case Other States Attack Her.

Havana, March 30.—A Nicaraguan transport is here loading twenty thousand rifles and a million rounds of ammunition, together with commissary supplies, sailing tonight. Captain Albaniz, formerly of the Spanish navy, in command, says the munitions have no significance, but are simply preparatory for Nicaraguan defense in the event of the attempt of the other states to force that country to join the Central American union.

RUSSIAN SQUADRON LOCATED

Rome, March 29.—The Argenzia Libera reports that a portion of the Russian Vladivostok squadron has arrived at Mikolaiewsk, Siberia, at the mouth of the Amur river. The Russian army corps has left Harbin for Chang Chun. One of the first acts of Gen. Kuropatkin upon his arrival at Mukden was to seek an interview with General Ma, commanding the Chinese troops. Ma refused to interview the Russian.

St. Petersburg, March 29.—A report has been received that Chinese, instigated by Japanese, have murdered the Russian civil engineer and several workmen on the railway near Chianse, China. From Harbin come the news that the Chinese government, in retaliation of the declaration of martial law at New Chwang, has stopped vessels taking fruit from Chinese ports to New Chwang on the ground that it is contraband of war.

London, March 29.—The Japanese legation has no confirmation of the report from Seoul that fifty Japanese and a hundred Cossacks were wounded in a skirimsh at Anju Lieng.

Berlin, March 29.—Der Tag states that Gen. Kuropatkin has sent back to Russia from Harbin Colonels Tschisci and Monajeff, declaring them incompetent.

BENNETT-BRYAN WILL CASE

New Haven, Conn., March 29.—The trial on the appeal of William J. Bryan from the decision requiring the probate of the sealed letter designating the disposition of $50,000 of the estate of Philo Bennett and naming Bryan as trustee, was begun before Judge Gager in the Superior Court at ten o'clock this morning. Beside Bryan sat Charles Town, Henry Newson and Harrison Hewitt, his counsel.

Mrs. Grace Bennett, the widow, sat among a score of witnesses. There were many women spectators. The jury was readily selected. When Clerk of the Probate Court Blake produced the will and sealed letter, identifying same, the counsel for Mrs. Bennett objected to the introduction of the sealed letter. The court took a recess till one o'clock.

FLOODS IN BOISE VALLEY

Boise, Idaho, March 29.—A perfect torrent of rain has fallen here since last night. The city is completely inundated. The rain has extended into the mountains and is rapidly melting the snow, swelling the streams and endangering life and property. The Boise river has risen three feet since last night. The police are warning the people on the low lands to get out. A heavy loss of sheep on the ranges is anticipated.

No Rebellion.

Sofia, Bulgaria, March 29.—Gen. Sarafoff today stated that the Macedonian insurgents have decided not to raise a rebellion this spring. The delay is for the purpose of giving the powers an opportunity to carry out proposed reforms.

Governor of Guam.

Washington, March 29.—Commander Dyer, of the cruiser Albany, was this afternoon appointed naval governor of the island of Guam.

Ger man Writer Drowned.

Berlin, March 29.—General Lettow Horbeck, a well-known military writer, while riding on a tow path near Oldenburg today, fell into the canal and was drowned.

COAL MINERS' TROUBLES

Telluride, Col., March 29.—President Moyer, of the Western Federation of Coal Miners, is still a prisoner in jail. No effort has been made to secure a bondsman. Attorney Murphy, of Denver, arrived here last night to defend Moyer. He was immediately waited on by a number of men and warned to leave the district. He appealed to General Bell for protection and is now escorted by a squad of soldiers. Five deported unionsits who attempted to return to Telluride were arrested by the military at Ophir Loop and thrown into the bull-pen.

Bennett-Bryan Will Case.

New Haven, March 30.—Ex-Judge Stoddard today continued his argument opposing the admission of the papers accompanying the Bennett will. He said in no case in this country where a paper was extraneous in character and written after the execution of a will, had it been admitted as a part thereof. He stated that the letter did not express the truth nor the transaction as Bennett understood it.

Bryan made several attempts to address the court on the ground that Stoddard misrepresented him, but the court refused to hear him and ruled that the letters could not be referred to at the present. Stoddard excepted. Bryan's counsel then began his argument in contradiction

NICHOLAS II., CZAR OF ALL THE RUSSIAS.

The peace loving czar who finds himself at war because of his empire's greed for land has ruled Russia nine years and is in his thirty-sixth year. The Hague peace tribunal was his idea, as was also the idea of despoiling China of Manchuria.

JAPANESE COASTING VESSEL SUNK

Cheefoo, March 30.—The captain, a sailor and one of the passengers of the Japanese coaster, Nanyei, have arrived at Lencahn and report that the Rusisan fleet sank the Nanyei near the Mian Islands on the Twenty-fifth. Seventeen of the crew and passengers were taken prisoners.

Defeated Pugilist Sore.

Chicago, March 30.—Besides fiercely roasting referee Graney, Young Corbett, on his arrival here this morning, denied the stories that he is broke. He stated that he had cleaned up $30,000 on the San Francisco race track. Corbett is to meet Tommy Mow.tt here Saturday night.

MONTANA MAGNATE FINED

Heinze Must Pay $20,000 for Contempt of Court.

Claimed He Removed Over a Million's Worth of Ore Contrary to Injunction.

Butte, Montana, March 30.—F. A. Heinze was fined $20,000 and Al Frank and J. H. Treriss $1000 each for contempt of court by Judge Beatty, of Idaho, this morning. Fines must be paid by 11 o'clock Thursday morning. The second contempt case was taken under advisement.

The fines were imposed for violation of the court's injunction. The prosecution claims that the defendants removed $1,100,000 worth of ore from the Michael Davitt mine, violating Judge Beatty's injnction.

KOREA NOT REGARDED NEUTRAL

M. Sauvorinef Declares That America Is Europe's Enemy.

St. Petersburg, March 30.—The Russian government has issued a declaration that after the recent Japanese proceedings, Korean ports no longer can be regarded by Russia as neutral. The declaration was precipitated by the fact that the Japanese advance guard occupied Haiju, a seaport southwest of Anju, on the 27th. M. Sauvorinef, writing to the Novoe Vremya today, proposes an Anglo-Russian alliance, contending that England is less dangerous to Russia than America. He says it is time Europe realized that America is her enemy.

Clothing Firm Failure

Pittsburg, March 30.—The firm of J. M. Gusky, for many years prominent clothiers, was placed in the hands of a receiver this morning. No statment has been given out.

Tobacco Package Coupons.

Washington, March 30.—By a vote of 8 to 4 today the Ways and Means Committee of the house refused to authorize a favorable report on the Tawney bill, to prevent the placing of tags and prize coupons in tobacco and cigar packages.

Harry Miller's Protest.

New Chwang, Manchuria, March 30.—A vigorous protest by United States Consul Miller today resulted in the Russians agreeing to a tentative restoration of the U.S. flag to building from which it was recently ordered lowered.

Five merchantmen decked today report seeing the Russian fleet off Port Arthur Sunday, fixing ranges for the shore forts.

Proclamation

Whereas, The Secretary of State of the State of Oregon has notified me in writing that pursuant to the provisions of an act entitled "An act making effective the initiative and referendum provisions of Section 1 of Article IV of the Constitution of the State of Oregon, and regulating elections thereunder, and providing penalties for violations of provisions of this act," approved February 24, 1903, the Direct Primary Nominations League of Oregon duly filed in this office on February 5, 1904, an initiative petition, containing 8,746 signatures properly attached thereto, and certified in accordance with law, demanding that a proposed law, the tenor and effect of which is hereinafter particularly set forth, for direct primary nominations shall be submitted to the legal electors of the State of Oregon for their approval or rejection at the general election to be held on the 6th day of June, being the first Monday of June. 1904,

Now, therefore, I, Geo. E. Chamberlain, Governor of the State of Oregon, in obedience to the provisions of said act herein before first mentioned, do hereby make and issue this Proclamation, to the people of the State of Oregon, announcing that the said Direct Primary Nominations League of Oregon has filed said initiative petition with the requisite number of signatures thereto attached, demanding that there be submitted to the legal electors of the State of Oregon for their approval or rejection at the regular election to be held on the 6th day of June, being the first Monday of June, 1904, a proposed law for direct primary nominations, having for its purpose and being, briefly, of the tenor and effect following, that is to say:

A Bill to propose by initiative petition a law declaring certain rights of political and voluntary political organization and of the members and candidates thereof; declaring the purposes of this law and prescribing rules for the construction of its provisions; defining a political party subject to the provisions of this law; providing for holding primary nominating elections preceding any election in this state (except special telections to fill vacancies, presidential elections, municipal elections in towns or cities having a population of less than two thousand inhabitants, and school elections) for the purpose of nominating all the candidates by all political parties subject to this law for all public offices to be filled at the ensuing election, and for a Senator in Congress; fixing the time for holding and regulating the manner of conducting such primary nominating elections; prescribing the manner of choosing candidates for nomination by the several political parties subject to the provisions of this law, and for making nominations at said primary nominating elections of th candidates of said political parties or election to public office at the ensuing election and forbidding the nomination of candidates for public office by such political parties in any other manner; providing for printing and distributing ballots at such primary nominating election by public officers at public expense; prescribing the qualifications of petitioners, electors and of candidates for nomination at such primary nominating elections; prescribing forms and procedure at such primary nominating elections and in proceedings relating thereto and statements to be made by candidates for nomination therest, prescribing the duties of public officers in relation to and at such primary nominating elections; providing for the nomination by political parties subject to this law, of their candidates for election as delegate to any constitutional conventions that may be called in this state; providing for the election by the several political parties subject to this law, of their central committeemen and defining their duties and powers as such committeemen; providing for the prevention and correction, and certain conditions, of errors, wrongs and violations of the provisions of this law and remedies therefor; providing for the prevention of frauds and the punishment of crimes and misdemeanors committed at such primary nominating elections or in the proceedings relating thereto; providing penalties and punishment for the violation of any of the provisions of this law; providin for contesting nominations made at such primary nominating elections; applying to said primary nominating elections so far as the same are not in conflict with the provision of this law, and as the same may be modified by the provisions of this law, the following sections of the general laws of Oregon as the same are numbered in Bellinger & Cotton's Annotated Codes and Statutes of Oregon, towit: Sections 1900, 1901, 1902, 1903, 1904, 1905, 1906, 1907, 1908, 1909, 1910, 9111 1912 1975, 2764, 2766, 2767, 2768, 2769, 2771, 2772, 2773, 2774, 2775 2776 2777. 2778, 2779, 2780, 2781, 2782, 2783, 2784, 2785, 2786, 2787, 2788 2789, 2790, 2801, 2802, 2803, 2804, 2805, 2806, 2807, 2808, 2811, 2812, 2813, 2814, 2815, 2816, 2817, 2819, 2820, 2821, 2822, 2823, 2824, 2825, 2826, 2827, 2828, 2829, 2830, 2831, 2837, 2841, 2843 2861, 2862, 2863, 2864, 2866 2867, 2868, 2869, 2870, 2871, 2873, 2874, 2875, 2876, 2877, 2878, and 2879; amending Sections 2865 and 2872 of Bellinger & Cotton's Annotated Codes and Statutes of Oregon; repealing the following sections of the general laws of Oregon as the same are numbered in Bellinger & Cotton's Annotated Codes and Statutes of Oregon, towit: Sections 2880, 2881, 2882, 2883, 2884, 2885, 2886, 2887, 2888, 2889, 2891, 2892, 2893, 2894, 2895, 2896. 2987, 2898, 2899, 2900, 2901, 2902, 2903, 2904, 2905, 2906, 2907, 2908, 2909, 2910, 2913, 2914, 2915, 2916, 2917, 2918, 2919, 2920 and Section 2890 of said Bellinger & Cotton's Annotated Codes and Statutes, as amended by an act entitled "An act to amend Section 2690. Title XXVVIII, Chapter X, of Bellinger & Cotton's Annotated Codes and Statutes of the State of Oregon, relating to hours of election," approved February 24, 1903, and published on page 213 of the general laws of Oregon of the legislative assembly of 1903; repealing all other acts and parts of acts in conflict with this law, or any part thereof, so far as the same relate to primary elections, primary nominating elections. or the procedure for any such elections under this law.

Done at the Capitol at Salem this 10th day of February, A. D., 1904.

By the Governor

GEO. E. CHAMBERLAIN, Governor.

F. I. DUNBAR Secretary of State

Notice to Contractors.

Office of Board of School Directors District No. 4, Lane County, Or.

Sealed bids will be received at this office until April 7, 1904, at 12 o'clock m., for moving and raising the Central school building as per plans and specieflations on file in the clerk's office.

The board reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

By order of the board.

Dated at Eugene, Or., March 24th 1904.

FRANK REISNER, Clerk Dist. No. 4.

FOR SALE—Gray oats, 37 cents per bushel, including sacks. Seasoned fir wood, $3.50 per cord.

ARTHUR JONES, Cor. First and Jefferson sts.