

WILL HIRE CHINESE

Canal Commission Decides Upon Important Change.

CANNOT SECURE OTHER LABOR

Jamaica Negroes Are Inefficient, Not Enough Spaniards, and No Alternative Remains.

Washington, Aug. 11.—Chinese labor will be given a thorough test on the Panama canal. Contracts calling for 2,500 Chinese for canal work have been prepared, and advertisements will be issued by the Isthmian Canal commission in a few days asking for proposals from labor agents.

If the initial 2,500 Chinese prove a success, it is likely that many more will be taken to the isthmus to do the work, which is too hard for the Jamaicans now employed there in large numbers. Organized labor has offered much opposition to the use of contract Chinese labor, but the Jamaican workmen have proven inadequate, sufficient Spaniards cannot be had immediately to rush the work, and the Chinese are the last hope of the commission.

President Roosevelt, Secretary Taft, Chairman Shonts, of the canal commission, and other men prominently identified with the canal work are known to have delayed employing Chinese until it became evident that the other help available was not equal to the demands. The administration has taken the position that the canal must be dug at any cost, and although the president argues that there be no haste in employing Chinese, he did not stand permanently in the way of the plan to try the coolies.

It is the intention of the commission to ask for bids from labor agents who will arrange with the Chinese government for the exportation of labor, transport the Chinese to the isthmus under contract to work for a fixed wage and ship them back to China, thus relieving the commission of all detail work and all responsibility. A bond will be required of all contractors for a satisfactory fulfillment of the contract they may enter into with the commission. The employment of the Chinese will not displace the Jamaicans who are already there, but it is believed no more negroes will be hired if the Chinese prove a success.

CROPS IN MIDDLE WEST.

New York Central Official Brings in Glowing Report.

New York, Aug. 11.—W. C. Brown, vice president of the New York Central system, returned recently from a journey of more than 3,000 miles through the Middle West, undertaken with the object of ascertaining the actual crop situation. He visited Illinois, Indiana, Missouri and Iowa, and has prepared special reports on the conditions in Kansas and Nebraska. In all of these, according to his observation, the crops this year will be remarkable in both quantity and quality. Mr. Brown said: "I believe the United States this year will have a larger harvest of grain of all sorts than ever before and will market it at a better price, considering the size of the crops. The wheat crop in the six states in which I have personally made investigation will be magnificent. Kansas this year is going to produce a wheat crop of 90,000,000 bushels. Last year it produced 87,000,000 bushels. The corn crop is in splendid condition. In Kansas and Nebraska a corn crop on as large a scale as ever before has been practically secured. Iowa will produce 350,000,000 bushels of corn and probably 355,000,000. In Missouri, with the exception of four counties in the northeast, all the counties will have great corn crops."

Many British Teachers Coming. London, Aug. 11.—Thousands of applications are being made by teachers in all parts of the kingdom to take part in the excursion to the United States, which are being arranged for the coming fall and winter. Unless something arises making it possible to send a greater number, about 500 teachers, representing every class from kindergarten instructors to professors of England's greatest universities, will be included in the tour. It is planned that the first party, numbering about 30, shall sail for America November 30.

Runs Pacific Irrigation. Washington, Aug. 11.—D. C. Henry, of the United States Reclamation service, has been officially designated as supervising engineer for California, excepting that portion of the southern part of the state including the Colorado river and Yuma project, which has been assigned to L. C. Hill, supervising engineer for Arizona, and the Owens valley under L. H. Taylor, supervising engineer for Nevada. Mr. Henry has charge practically of the entire Pacific coast area, including the states of Washington, Oregon and California.

New Island in Bolling Sea. Tacoma, Aug. 11.—Captain Truebridge, of the steamship Northwestern, brings from the North a photograph taken by an officer of the revenue cutter Perry of the newly formed island, which lies 50 miles west of Dutch harbor, directly between the Bogosol islands, commonly known as Castle and Fire islands. It made its first appearance during June, and is now 900 feet high. The length could not be ascertained.

War Beacon Burns in Morocco. Meilla, Morocco, Aug. 11.—Beacons were lighted last night calling the combatants of the different tribes to assembly. It is believed that a conflict with the forces of the sultan will occur shortly.

MOB IS SUPREME.

Russian Terrorists Wreak Vengeance on Hated Police.

St. Petersburg, Aug. 15.—Advice received from Liban state that the riotous demonstrations that began there Saturday night still continue and that the Hooligan element absolutely holds sway in the city, the police being powerless to check it. Law-abiding citizens are unable to traverse the streets and a reign of robbery and rapine is in progress that will not be checked until troops are sent to aid the police.

So far all appeals to the government at St. Petersburg have fallen apparently upon deaf ears and this fact has emboldened the disturbing element to add murder to its other crimes. Five storekeepers have been murdered during the past 12 hours and hundreds of shops have been looted. The rioters raided the alcohol depot, and after filling themselves up on the fiery fluid, paraded the streets, shouting threats against the Jews and factory owners and storekeepers.

Three police officers have been murdered since Tuesday morning, the Terrorists apparently having seized upon the confusion as offering a magnificent opportunity to eliminate the hated members of the police who have been active in working against them.

There is one regiment of infantry in the local barracks at Liban, but it is mutinous and the officers some days ago took from the men all their ammunition, as it was feared that they intended to mutiny.

FIRST INSURANCE TRIAL.

Test Case Upon Earthquake Clause Set for Trial.

San Francisco, Aug. 15.—The first of the insurance cases involving the earthquake clause was set for trial today by Superior Judge Hebbard. The case is that of the Rosenthal Shoe company against the Williamsburg City Fire Insurance company. The attorney for the insurance people asked that the case be not set for trial until opportunity could be given the judges mutually to arrange with the insurance companies for a test case. He said that the insurance companies would demand a jury trial in each case, and unless proper arrangements were made for a test case the courts would be occupied for years in hearing insurance litigation.

The attorney for the plaintiff declared that there were points of fact in this connection that could not be settled by a test case. The court then asked the insurance attorney if he waived a jury trial, and was answered, "No." The judge then asked, "Do you demand a jury trial?" but could not get a direct answer.

The attorney for the shoe company then announced that to save time he would formally demand a jury trial. The case was set for August 27.

HAD PREPARED FOR FLIGHT.

Stensland Took House Furnishings and a Woman With Him.

Chicago, Aug. 15.—Testimony indicating that extensive preparations for flight were made by Paul Stensland, president of the Milwaukee Avenue State bank, and that a woman entered into these preparations, were secured by Assistant State's Attorney Olsen today, through the cross examination of Miss Allen McCracken, housekeeper for Stensland. It was learned that Stensland took with him in trunks and boxes sheets and other bedding, towels, window curtains, carpets, rugs and a silver dinner set. Some of this is said to have been traced to Harburo, Wisconsin. The large trunk that is being traced is said to be three feet high and bound with iron. The box traced to Wisconsin weighed 375 pounds when it was placed on an express wagon at the Stensland home on the day of the flight. Telegrams have been sent all over the world to trainmen to look for the big trunk.

Another warrant charging Cashier Herling with forging a note for \$10,000 in the name of Marlin S. Kirby was issued today.

Car Service Stopped. New York, Aug. 15.—Following the arrest tonight of three division inspectors of the Brooklyn Rapid Transit company on charges of assault, the company shut off entirely all of its surface lines leading to Coney island, taking the position that this was the only way to stop the rioting which has been in progress since Sunday morning at the points where a second fare was demanded by the company's employees. The elevated and express trains to the seashore were augmented. The inspectors were released on bail.

Try New Signal System. Rockport, Mass., Aug. 15.—The battleships and torpedo boat destroyers of the Atlantic squadron returned to Rockport harbor tonight, after a day spent in secret signal practice and in maneuvers. Since the warships have been in port here for the summer operations, the fleet officers have been studying a new system of signals entirely independent of wireless telegraphy, flags and siren whistles, and the maneuvers today included experiments in this new system, which is declared to be absolutely unique.

Rebel Headquarters Broken Up. St. Petersburg, Aug. 15.—The authorities attach great importance to the capture of revolutionists at Moscow and vicinity. They believe they have broken up the headquarters of the military fighting organization and arrested the leaders. In addition to seizing their clandestine printing establishment and a large supply of bombs and explosives, including shrapnel plans, the authorities secured elaborate plans to be used in the event of an uprising.

Freight Tunnels Under Chicago. Chicago, Aug. 15.—The freight bore of the Illinois Tunnel company will carry merchandise of all kinds in carload lots for the first time today. This movement will mark the practical completion of the Illinois Tunnel company's construction of freight railroads, construction which was begun five years ago, and which has cost its owners about \$30,000,000.

OREGON STATE ITEMS OF INTEREST

HOP CROP INJURED.

Drouth and Poor Cultivation Will Put Yield Below 120,000 Bales.

The long continued drouth and the poor cultivation in many sections are beginning to tell on the Oregon hop crop. Last year the state produced about 112,000 bales. It is beginning to look now as if this figure would not be exceeded this year, notwithstanding an increase in acreage of about 10 per cent. Estimates made by reliable dealers of the hop crop range all the way from 100,000 to 120,000 bales. At the time in the spring it was thought about 140,000 bales would be produced, but two months with practically no rainfall anywhere in the hop belt has had a telling effect on the vines. Scanty cultivation in many of the yards has caused even more damage than the dry spell. Prices were so low last year that some of the growers lost heart and neglected to cultivate their properties. They will be rewarded this year with less than half the production of their neighbors who attended to this important matter. An immense quantity of hops was sold on contract in the spring at the bare cost of production, and these sellers, almost without exception, failed to cultivate their yards.

It is estimated that up to the present time about 80,000 bales of the coming crop are tied up by contracts. Although the crop will fall short of early expectations, it will still furnish employment for all the pickers that can be secured. It will be what the growers call a "top crop," and will be easy to pick.

Much Hay in Tillamook.

Tillamook—Tillamook had another bumper hay crop this year, and with fine weather the past month it has been harvested in good shape. Most every barn in the county is filled to its full capacity, and there will be an abundance of feed next winter for the dairy herds, with the probability that it will not be all used before the next crop is harvested. The dairy business in Tillamook is increasing every year, and the dairymen are very prosperous, as they do not have to buy mill feed for their cows, but grow enough on their farms, and this with the green pasture keeps the cows in good condition.

To Meet at Hood River.

Pendleton—Judge S. A. Lowell, president of the Oregon Irrigation association, has set October 11 and 12 as the date for the holding of this year's convention of the association. Hood River is to be the place of meeting. By holding the convention on the above dates the meeting will take place during the biennial fruit fair, which is to be held at Hood River during October. Arrangements for the holding of the convention are now being made by the people of Hood River, and it is expected that a large delegation will be present from Eastern Oregon.

Dynamite Makes Hay Grow.

Pendleton—J. B. McDill, superintendent of the county poor farm, has harvested the second crop of alfalfa, and the yield will amount to about 180 tons. A portion of the land on this place was underlaid with a limestone crust about a foot beneath the surface, which detracted from the strength of the soil. Breaking up with dynamite was tried as an experiment upon some of the land, and has proved successful. The limestone crust beneath the surface prevents the crops from taking deep root, or the soil from retaining moisture.

Buyers Marcola Sawmill.

Eugene—H. C. Mahon has closed the deal by which the Hyland Lumber company sold to T. R. Yerger, of Los Angeles, \$50,000 worth of property. The transaction includes the sawmill, Marcola, 23,000 acres of one timber land contiguous to the mill, and two miles of tramway from the mill to the Wendling branch of the Southern Pacific. The mill sold has a daily capacity of 40,000 feet of lumber, and, being a new mill, is modern in every respect. Mr. Yerger will establish an office in Eugene.

State Aids Pendleton Cobs. Pendleton—President Leon Cohen, of the District Fair association, has received word from Salem that the formal application for \$1,500 appropriation had been favorably acted upon and the money was available. The fair is to be held here in September and \$1,500 was appropriated by the legislature for cash prizes for educational, agricultural, horticultural and stock exhibits. In addition \$250 worth of printed matter for advertising purposes will be turned out by the state printing office.

Coke for Takilma Smelter.

Grants Pass—The first load of coke for the Takilma smelter has left here. Captain J. M. McIntire, who has the contract for hauling, states that he has been offered more terms than he can use, as the teamsters would rather haul coke and matte than lumber. From now on until the rains put a stop to hauling the big freight teams will be kept busy taking coke to the smelter and returning with matte. It takes five days to make a round trip.

State Loses \$1,000,000.

Salem—That the state school fund would be \$1,000,000 better off if the purchasers of school sections in the Blue mountain forest reserve could be induced or compelled to relinquish their claims to the land, is the conclusion reached by State Land Agent Oswald West, after a careful examination. The land was bought from the state at \$1.25 per acre. If the state now had it, it could be used as base and would bring \$7.50 per acre.

Wants Cement Factory Site.

Oregon City—The Oregon City board of trade is in correspondence with a cement manufacturer of Kansas City, Mo., who is looking for a location on the coast with a view to establishing a plant. He represents that the plant will employ more than 250 men, with a monthly payroll of about \$25,000. An effort will be made to secure the factory for this city.

PLAN TO IRRIGATE.

Extensive System Planned for Grand Ronde and Indian Valleys.

La Grande—Two big irrigation systems, which will cover the entire Grand Ronde and Indian valleys and a portion of land in Walla Walla county, are being projected by local companies.

The organization to be known as the Grand Ronde Water company, is a corporation which will promote a \$2,000,000 irrigation project and besides furnishing water for irrigation on a large scale, the company expects to provide power for lighting where it is wanted. The water will be taken from the Big Miaw, which forms the boundary between Union and Walla Walla counties. The preliminary surveys for the big canal were made last year, and at the present time the engineers are engaged in making the final surveys and doing the cross sectioning.

The canal will take the water through a deep canyon. Its head is in section 35, township 3 south, range 42 east. After cutting through the high divide in township 1 north, range 41 east, it will be an easy matter to cover the Indian valley country and swing into the Grand Ronde. The main canal of the divide will be 24 miles long. The lateral distributing canals as planned will be 60 miles in length.

The promoters estimate that it will take four months' time for the large force of engineers now at work to complete the final survey. Construction work will be commenced as soon as the survey is finished.

Teachers Scarce in Lane.

Eugene—The regular quarterly examination for teachers' certificates was held in this city last week by County Superintendent W. B. Dillard, assisted by Professor M. H. Arnold, Professor D. C. Baughman and W. G. Martin. There were 61 applicants for county certificates and several for state papers. This is a smaller number than the average, and is a scarcity of teachers in the county this fall. Several outlying districts were unable to secure teachers for the spring term, and the outlook for the fall term seems even worse.

Banner Crops in Lane.

Eugene—The grain and fruit harvest is at its height in Lane county, with a wide demand for help at good wages. The Allen Packing company has just shipped its last cherries, two carloads, and is making preparations to handle a splendid pear crop which will soon be on the market. Grain is coming all the mills and is of fine quality, with a good yield. Hope continues to look well in some localities, but in others it is claimed the recent dry weather has done some injury.

Fort in Five Years.

Baker City—The largest land deal made in Baker county in a quarter of a century was closed a few days ago when Earl F. Cranston sold 720 acres in Powder valley within ten miles of Baker City, to Brown, Phillips & Geddes, owners of the Baker Packing company, for \$35,000, reserving this year's crop estimated in value at \$5,000. Five years ago this land was bought from the government at \$2 an acre and was a sagebrush desert.

Large Deal in Sheep.

Pendleton—One of the largest and most important sheep deals that has been consummated in this locality for some time took place recently when A. Smythe & Sons, of Arlington, sold to C. Oxnas, of well known Chicago buyer, 18,000 head of mutton sheep at \$3.50 a head, which is the maximum price. The amount involved in the transaction is \$63,000. Smythe & Sons will winter over about 25,000 head the coming winter.

PORTLAND MARKETS.

Wheat—Club, 68@69c; bluestem, 70@71c; valley, 71@72c; red, 66@67c. Oats—No. 1 white feed, 29c; gray, 28c per ton; new crop, 22c per ton. Barley—Feed, 23c per ton; brewing, 23.50c; rolled, 24@24.50c. Rye—15c per cwt. Hay—Valley timothy, No. 1, \$11@12.50 per ton; clover, \$7@7.50; cheat, \$6.50; grain hay, \$7; alfalfa, \$10. Fruits—Apples, common, 50@75c per box; fancy, \$1.25@2c; apricots, \$1.25@1.35; grapes, \$1.75@2c per crate; peaches, 75c@1.10; pears, \$2; plums, fancy, 50@75c per box; common, 50@75c; blackberries, 5@6c per pound; crab apples, 75c per box. Melons—Cantaloupes, \$2 @ 3 per crate; watermelons, 1@1.50 per cabbage. Vegetables—Beans, 5@7c; cabbage, 10c per head; celery, 55c@61c per dozen; corn, 15@20c per dozen; cucumbers, 40@60c per box; egg plant, 10c per pound; lettuce, head, 25c per dozen; onions, 10@12c per dozen; radishes, 4@5c; bell peppers, 12@15c; peas, 10@15c per dozen; rutabars, 2@2.50c per pound; spinach, 2@3c per pound; tomatoes, 60@90c per box; parsley, 25c; squash, \$1.25 per sack; turnips, 90c@1.10 per sack; carrots, \$1@1.25 per sack; beets, \$1.25@1.50 per sack. Onions—New, 1 1/4 @ 1 1/2c per pound. Potatoes—Old Burbank nominal; new potatoes, Oregon, 75@90c. Butter—Fancy creamery, 20@22 1/2c per pound. Eggs—Oregon ranch, 21@22c per dozen. Poultry—Average old hens, 13@23 1/2c per pound; mixed chickens, 12 1/2@13c; turkeys, 14c; turkeys, live, 16@22c; spring chickens, choice, 20@22 1/2c; geese, live, 8@10c; ducks, 11@13c. Hops—Oregon, 1905, nominal, 13c; 1906, nominal, 10c; 1906 contracts, 16@17c per pound. Wool—Eastern Oregon average best, 16@20c per pound, according to fineness; valley, 20@22c, according to fineness; mohair, choice, 28@30c per pound. Fish—Dressed, 5 1/4 @ 5c per pound. Beef—Dressed hogs, 3c per pound. Cows, 4 1/2 @ 5c; country steers, 5@6c. Mutton—Dressed fancy, 7@8c per pound; ordinary, 5@6c; lamb, fancy, 8@8 1/2c. Pork—Dressed, 7@8 1/2c per pound.

INSURANCE MONEY HELPS.

Rebuilding Operations in San Francisco Begin With Vigor.

San Francisco, Aug. 14.—The rebuilding of San Francisco has begun in earnest. There is little talk, there is little boasting, but there is a vast amount of work. It may be observed on every hand. It has suddenly grown to large proportions, due to increased payments by the insurance companies. These payments now total \$50,000,000—enough to warrant a decided step in advance in reconstruction. But still the \$50,000,000 represents only 20 cents on the dollar of the amount due the policy holders of the city. The thirty days' grace allowed by law, after the three months allotted for the filing of proofs of loss, have elapsed and the insurance corporations must now pay or flatly refuse.

The \$50,000,000 has not been paid with the same cheerfulness with which the premiums were collected, in fact, it is not an exaggeration to say that very large part of the amount has been "wrung" from the companies. It is still a question as to the sum which the policy holders will collect in the end. It is organization that has carried them to the point already attained, and it will be the organization that will carry them further. There is very little single handed fighting against the companies. Most of the individual suits filed are test cases to determine the validity of certain doubtful clauses and to decide how far the "earthquake clause" will prevail. The policy holders have been merged into a gigantic organization, which has employed a host of lawyers and will either force the companies to do the "square thing" or else announce their perdition to the world.

DOES NOT COVET TASK.

Nicholas Declines Post of Commander of Russian Army.

St. Petersburg, Aug. 14.—Grand Duke Nicholas Nicolaievitch, the Associated Press is informed by a member of his entourage, has declined to accept the post of commander in chief of all the troops of the empire, "where martial law exists," which was tendered to him August 4.

Whether this was decided before or after the duke at Krasnoyelo on August 10 is not known, but the ostensible reason is that Grand Duke Nicholas believes that such a post should not be given to a grand duke, but merely a military man. He advocates the appointment of General Linievitch, formerly commander in chief of the Manchurian army, but the emperor has not finally decided the matter.

The activity of the Terrorists in the provinces included, beside the usual harvest of assassinations, in Warsaw, an attempt on the life of General Karalieloff, chief of the gendarmes of Samara province, and the wounding of a Captain of Police Ivanoff, of Liban, by a youth who fired three shots at him on the street.

WILL TALK IRRIGATION.

Expert Engineers Meet in Conference at Boise September 3.

Washington, Aug. 14.—The fourth annual conference of the engineers of the United States Reclamation service will be held at Boise, Idaho, September 3 to 8, the fourteenth irrigation congress also being in session at Boise at that time.

This conference is in continuation of the general policy of holding annually a meeting of the principal engineers of the Reclamation service for the purpose of discussing matters of administration and economies of work. The bringing together of these engineers and prominent citizens of the West makes possible an interchange of views and a discussion of data leading to results of very great value in the furtherance of the purposes of the reclamation act.

Each of the engineers, experts and specialists in the various lines will submit a brief paper embracing some point of general interest, such as detailed methods of cost, keeping, of designing, construction, maintenance, or operation. Owing to the advanced condition of many of the irrigation projects now under construction it is expected that this conference will be of more than usual interest and importance.

Seven Mutineers Condemned.

Helsingfors, Finland, Aug. 14.—The trial by court martial of the Sveaborg mutineers commenced Saturday, and Lieutenant Kochanovsky and Emilianoff, aged respectively 20 and 21 years, and five soldiers were at the first sitting found guilty and condemned to death. All were shot and buried in a common grave without ceremony. Kochanovsky's father is a colonel of the guards at St. Petersburg. Emilianoff's mother appealed by the telegram to the emperor for a reprieve, but unsuccessfully.

Offer for Cunard Liners.

London, Aug. 14.—The Standard this morning states that the directors of the Cunard line on Saturday received a proposition offering terms to the company for the acquisition of the emigrant trade between Fiume and New York. The proposals involve the purchase of the Cunard steamships Slavonia, Uttonia and Carpathia, for over \$250,000, and a payment of an indemnity for the annulment of the contract between the Cunard line and the Hungarian government, which still has seven years.

Sultan Not in Danger.

Constantinople, Aug. 14.—Officials inform callers at the palace that the sultan was suffering from the effects of a chill during the past week, but that he has now completely recovered. His physicians, however, advised his majesty not to risk exposure to the open air, and hence the abandonment of the semaiik Friday. The local press is forbidden to publish anything concerning the state of the sultan's health or of the abandonment of the semaiik.

Are Granted Hearings.

Washington, Aug. 14.—In order that the food manufacturers of the country may have opportunity to make suggestions concerning regulations for the enforcement of the new pure food law, hearings will be held at the department of Agriculture from September 17 to 23.

RAILROADS TO HELP

Immunity for Testifying Against Standard Oil Company.

EVIDENCE INSURES INDICTMENT

Railroad Men Have No Hesitancy in Uncovering All Transactions With Oil Octopuses.

Chicago, Aug. 14.—Immunity to different railroad officials from prosecution for violating interstate commerce laws in giving rebates to the Standard Oil company is the price which the Federal authorities are paying for testimony upon which they will try to secure the conviction of the Standard Oil company and some of its officials. It was announced today by local railroad men that they have no hesitancy in uncovering all the transactions between the roads and the oil combine to the local Federal grand jury, because they are sure that by so doing they will be themselves exempt from prosecution.

When the oil combine prosecution was first launched, it was found by the Federal authorities that railroad officials familiar with the facts declined to come forward. An inquiry addressed to such officials brought forth an announcement of the railroad men's position by the different general counsel of the roads. Open notice was served that the officials of the roads would not give information because in so doing they would be placing themselves and their own railroads in danger of indictment and prosecution. After consultation between counsel for the railroads and the government the silence of the railroad men was broken and proof is now forthcoming upon which indictments will be voted by the grand jury. It was explained by one of the leading local railroad attorneys today that the definite understanding has been reached between their clients and the department of Justice that, in return for proof upon which to indict and convict the oil combine and its officials, the railroads will not be molested with any prosecution, so far as the giving of rebates to the Standard Oil company is concerned.

EVEN STOLE COLLATERAL.

Limit to Stensland's Crimes Not Yet Found by Inspectors.

Chicago, Aug. 14.—The belief that large amounts of collateral given as security for notes in the Milwaukee Avenue bank have been stolen practically became a certainty last night, when a note for \$9,000, known to be genuine, was found in Stensland's house at Byron street and Lawndale avenue. Search was made for the collateral security, but it could not be found. The discovery opened up a field for almost unlimited speculation as to how far the looting proceeded before Stensland disappeared. If the real estate and other securities in the bank have been stolen or are found to be worthless, the amount of money left to pay the depositors probably will be reduced as low as 25 per cent.

Assistant State's Attorney Olson was informed yesterday afternoon that President Stensland has large land holdings in Mexico, and that he may be in the Southern republic now. The information came in the shape of a letter from an acquaintance of Stensland. Mr. Olson said that it will take only 24 hours to run down the clue.

Government May Complete Work.

Washington, Aug. 14.—As soon as inventories have been taken the contractors' outfits seized by the Geological survey at Corbett tunnel and Shoshone dam, on irrigation projects of Northern Wyoming, consideration will be given to plans for completing those great contracts. The failure of the contractors is being investigated. It is likely the Geological survey will continue the work with the equipment and supplies seized, rather than let a new contract. More than \$1,000,000 is involved in the projects.

Greatest of Naval Reviews.

Washington, Aug. 14.—Orders for the formation of the Atlantic fleet to be reviewed by President Roosevelt at Oyster Bay, September 3, were issued at the Navy department today. The president will be aboard the Mayflower, and the fleet which he will review will be the strongest, if not the largest in numbers, ever assembled under the United States flag. It will consist of 43 vessels, carrying 1,178 guns, commanded by 812 officers, with 15,235 men. Rear Admiral Robley D. Evans will be commander-in-chief.

More Damage by Texas Flood.

Houston, Tex., Aug. 14.—The work of repairing the Southern Pacific tracks at Sanderson is proceeding rapidly, and unless there are further rains traffic will be resumed Thursday evening. The cloudburst yesterday washed away 6,000 feet of track and 1,000 feet of bridges in Meyers and Willow Springs canyons, near Langtry, in addition to the six miles already gone. One Mexican fell into a swollen stream and was drowned yesterday.

Railroads Offer Bribe.

St. Paul, Aug. 14.—A meeting of the State Warehouse and Railroad commissioners was held today for the purpose, it is stated, of acting on a proposition from the Great Northern, Northern Pacific and Soo Line railroads, which agree to reduce the freight rate on wheat 1 cent a hundred pounds provided the commission will call off the present investigation and agitation of freight rates on commodities. The proposition was rejected.

Custom Houses for Manchuria.

Peking, Aug. 14.—The Japanese minister has informed China that Japan is ready to establish a customs service at Port Dany and urges China to make similar arrangements at the frontier stations in Northern Manchuria, so as to place the traffic on the Japanese and Russian railways on an equality.

PANAMA IN DANGER.

Colombian Army Officers Detected in Plot to Secure Control.

Panama, Aug. 13.—An alleged plot on the part of prominent Colombian leaders to overthrow President Amador's government and proclaim Colombia's sovereignty over Panama, again has been frustrated through the activity of the police and government authorities. Compromising documents said to give indubitable evidence of the plot are reported to have been seized on two of the Colombian conspirators. Two Colombian generals said to be implicated in the conspiracy were seized by the police. President Amador has decided that all the obnoxious Colombians said to be implicated in the plot shall be expelled from Panama.

Generals Ruiz, Sandoval and Castillo and Colonels Diaz, Galindo and Mosquera and nine other Colombian officials are reported to be the ringleaders of the alleged plot. They had numerous confederates. Their plan was to accomplish a coup d'etat by which President Amador would be overthrown, and then proclaim Colombia's sovereignty over the country that was once a part of that nation.

An interview that the two generals sought at President Amador's palace aroused the suspicion of the police. Both generals were seized and compromising documents are said to have been found in their possession. It was reported that one of the generals was killed in resisting arrest, but this is denied.

GERMANY FEARS RESULTS.

American Secretary's Visit Adversely Criticized in Newspapers.

Berlin, Aug. 13.—Germany is smarting under Secretary Root's successes in South America. Under such titles as "The American Peril in Brazil," and "American Tricks," belligerent articles bearing the hallmark of government inspiration are appearing in the German press. They attack the United States for inducing Brazil to grant a preferential tariff reduction of 20 per cent on a variety of American goods.

The articles urge Germany immediately to counteract this move, which is asserted to be the first step in the annihilation of the Kaiser's trade in Brazil. It is suggested that Germany can offer Brazil two attractive concessions in return for a preferential tariff, namely, increased consumption of coffee and increased immigration. It is asserted that numbers of Japanese are settling in Brazil as the pioneers of a Japanese commercial invasion. The fatherland, therefore, will soon be confronted by the deadly rivalry of both the United States and Japan.

The Kaiser is advised to exhaust all the means at his command to preserve Germany's threatened interests before the "extraordinarily clever diplomacy" of the United States, which has already removed the old time Brazilian antipathy to North America's achieved greater triumphs.

WILL TRY 2,000 MUTINEERS.

General Inquiry Into Mutiny Will Cause Officers to Lose Heads.

St. Petersburg, Aug. 13.—After the preliminary investigations, the military and naval prosecutors have decided to try by court martial no less than 2,000 soldiers and sailors who participated in the Cronstadt and Sveaborg mutinies. The prospects of the men, however, have been brightened by the decision of the emperor to appoint two extraordinary commissions, headed respectively by Generals Vodar and Guncheroff and Admirals Molias and Makarov, to investigate the causes of the outbreaks at Cronstadt and Sveaborg, and to determine the responsibility of the demoralization. War Minister Rudiger and Minister of Marine Birleff are said