

# NEWS ITEMS FROM WASHINGTON, D. C.

## RELATIONS SEVERED.

### Venezuelan Consul Prepares to Leave Washington.

Washington, July 11.—The diplomatic relations between America and Venezuela, that have existed uninterruptedly for more than half a century, though in recent years severely strained, were yesterday completely severed. At 3:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon Senor Veloz-Gaitico, the Venezuelan charge d'affaires, called at the state department by appointment to present to Acting Secretary Bacon notice from his government that he was to quit his post here, closing up the Venezuelan legation in Washington and repair forthwith to Venezuela.

The charge explained that the action of the state department in withdrawing Jacob Sleeper, the American charge, from Caracas, and in closing up its legation there, made it necessary for his government to take similar action in the case of its legation in Washington.

The charge made no demand for his passports, nor could he do so consistently, in view of the fact that Foreign Minister Paul had declined to issue such passports to the American charge when he withdrew from Caracas, on the ground that there was no necessity for passports, the country being in profound peace, and his person not being threatened in any way. Senor Veloz stated that the files and papers of the Venezuelan legation would be placed in the custody of Senor Jacobo Pimental, the Venezuelan consul general in New York. This statement is regarded as an indication that the Venezuelan government will follow the precedent established by the United States in refraining from closing the consulates. No arrangement has been made for the transaction of any diplomatic business which Venezuela might find it absolutely necessary to transact, through some unforeseen contingency.

## FOR MERIT ONLY.

### New Chief of Army Engineers is Not a Politician.

Washington, July 10.—President Roosevelt recognized merit when he appointed Colonel William L. Marshall as chief of engineers of the army. He picked the best man in the engineer corps, and the one who, in the opinion of unbiased officials of the department and of the army, was most entitled to the promotion, and in recognizing the merit of Colonel Marshall, he placed the corps in the hands of the man most competent to handle it. In deciding upon Colonel Marshall, the president was swayed by Secretary Taft, who from the first has favored the selection of Marshall for this post.

Colonel Marshall is physically a man of the Taft type, and for that reason there may have been a bond of sympathy between them. Last fall, when the army riding tests were held, the president threatened to retire Colonel Marshall because he failed to make the ride. But the failure was not due to the disinclination on the part of the new chief of engineers; it was due to the fact that no horse could be found in all the army stables who could carry the rotund colonel for a full day's ride, as he tips the scales at nearly 300 pounds.

### Killed in Paraguay Revolution.

Washington, July 10.—Information received at the state department yesterday is that the estimated loss of life in the recent revolution in Paraguay was from 100 to 150 persons, while 100 were wounded. The information came to the department in a dispatch from Edward C. O'Brien, American minister to Uruguay and Paraguay. The revolution began on July 2, when the minister of war was taken prisoner. The dispatch came by way of Buenos Ayres, dated July 7, and at that time the City of Asuncion, where the revolution began, was tranquil.

### Chinese Make American Uniforms.

Washington, July 9.—Secretary of War Wright has received from Connecticut manufacturers of khaki cloth a protest against the use of English-made khaki for uniforms. The protest reflects that the uniforms were not only of British material, but were made up in Manila by Chinese labor, thus excluding not only American manufacturers of khaki, but American labor in the production of uniforms. The complaint was made through President Roosevelt.

### Trouble Brews in Honduras.

Washington, July 7.—Information has reached the state department of a proposed revolutionary movement against the government of Honduras under the leadership of former President Bonilla. No details are given. The governments of Salvador and Guatemala have given directions to prevent any movement of that character taking form in those countries.

### Agreement With Mexico.

Washington, July 11.—A perfect understanding between Mexico and the United States as to this government's purpose to take all steps possible to prevent violations of neutrality laws on the Mexican border, was reached at a two hours' conference between Acting Secretary of State Bacon and Ambassador Creel.

### Two Years for Forgery.

Chicago, July 10.—Daniel Keller, ex-captain in the United States army, recently convicted of defrauding the government through the use of stolen quartermaster's checks, was yesterday sentenced to serve two years at hard labor in the federal prison at Leavenworth, Kan.

## BRAZIL IS STUBBORN.

### Insists on Selling Warships to Japan If She Likes.

Washington, July 7.—Because they say the United States is interfering wantonly in the carrying out of her naval plans, Brazil, through her diplomatic agents here, is planning a sweeping system of retaliation, whereby 20 per cent preferential tariff to Americans in Brazil will be abolished and Brazilian war craft disposed of in any way which the Brazilian government sees fit.

"The movement will be begun by concerted agitation in the Brazilian newspapers," a Brazilian diplomat said to a United States naval officer. "We consider it our right to do what we please with our ships. It is nobody's business. There is no reason why the United States should closely supervise our naval programme and ferret out each informal agreement which may or may not have been reached."

Proof that Brazil has already sold one torpedo-boat to Japan prompted these statements. It is said that Brazil has ordered 26 battleships to be built in European shipyards, and that these vessels, when completed, will be turned over to Japan.

## SNAKE INDIANS DEFIANT.

### Drive Off Sheriffs, Who Go to Investigate Trouble.

Muskogee, Okla., July 9.—The sheriffs of McIntosh and Okmulgee counties went to the Old Hickory grounds, near Henryetta, yesterday to investigate the uprising of Snake Indians and were driven away from the camp by thirty armed Indians and negroes. Before sending them away, Crazy Snake delivered a message defying the laws of the state and the United States government, who, he declares, have no authority over the Indians.

The officers will get into communication with Guthrie and it is probable that state troops will be sent to disperse the malcontents. Crazy Snake is the leader of several uncivilized Creek Indians, many of whom do not speak English. They find the laws of the new state objectionable and they are enraged by Crazy Snake's assertion that they are being cheated in the land allotments.

## Bids for Naval Colliers.

Washington, July 7.—The navy department today opened bids for the purchase of three steam colliers of American registry, 7200 tons deadweight, maximum cost \$525,000. Of the four bids received, the Mason company, of Boston, offered to sell its colliers, the Everett, Maiden and Melrose, for \$725,000, and the New York Shipbuilding company, of Camden, N. J., bid to construct three vessels, 7450 tonnage, at \$439,000 each. The Maryland Steel company, of Baltimore, bid to build one vessel for \$403,000; two for \$397,000, or three for \$395,000 each, all of the twin screw type, 12 knots, 7200 tons; single screw type, 12 knots, 7200 tons, \$377,500 each for two, \$376,000 each for three vessels. Cramp & Sons, of Philadelphia, bid for \$475,000 for one or all three, 11 knots, 8200 tons.

## Consul Will Investigate.

Washington, July 3.—General A. L. Meyer, commanding the department of Texas, has telegraphed to the war department that he has sent four troops of cavalry to Del Rio, near the scene of operations of the insurrectionists in Mexico. American Consul Ellsworth, at Porfirio Diaz, state of Coahuila, Mexico, has informed the state department that he is going to make a trip to the Las Vacas country, the scene of one of the recent disturbances between the rebels and the Mexican troops, to investigate conditions there. While he will report his findings to the state department, he is making the investigation entirely on his own responsibility.

## Reds and Blacks Clash.

Washington, July 9.—There has been a clash between the Snake Indians and negroes near Sonora, Okla., according to dispatches received by the Indian Protective association, of Washington from Eufaula Harjo, orator of the four Indian tribes. Several complaints have been registered here of late by the Indians, who declare that the whites, through government officials dealing with half-breeds in Oklahoma City, are obtaining possession of their land with but nominal remuneration, and this is understood to have been the cause of the trouble.

## Transport Sails.

San Francisco, July 8.—The army transport Thomas sailed yesterday for Manila via Honolulu and Guam with a full cargo of commissary stores. She carried a number of passengers, including several army and navy officers and members of their families, 20 enlisted men for the navy, 83 enlisted men for the marine corps at Manila, and 90 marines for Guam. On returning to this port the Thomas will undergo extensive repairs.

## Paper Trust Pays Fines.

New York, July 7.—Twenty-two members of the Manila & Fiber Paper Manufacturers' association, who were fined \$3000 recently for operating a combine in restraint of trade, paid their fines to the United States circuit court today. The other two companies are expected to pay their fines in a few days.

## Troops Fight Forest Fire.

Washington, July 9.—The war department has ordered Colonel W. S. Schuyler, commander of Fort Huachuca, on the Mexican border in southern Arizona, to render all possible assistance in the suppression of a serious fire raging on Huachuca mountain in the Gila national forest.

## CONVENTION OPENS.

### Democratic Hosts Appear Unanimous for Bryan.

Denver, Colo., July 8.—With cheers from 10,000 throats, with the swell of political oratory and the inspiring spectacle of a vast multitude of people, the Democratic national convention began its deliberations yesterday. The session, lasting a little over two hours, was notable more for its impressive magnitude and spectacular opening than for the business accomplished. It gave, however, the opportunity for the opening echoes of the convention enthusiasm in the keynote speech of the temporary presiding officer, Theodore A. Bell, of California; a heated skirmish incidental to the contest in the Pennsylvania delegation; and, finally, a unanimous tribute of homage and respect to the memory of the late Grover Cleveland.

But the enthusiasm of the opening session was comparatively brief, intermittent and tempestuous, without that long-sustained and frenzied clamor which is still reserved for the future. The day was devoted chiefly to the primary formalities, and the committees appointed are now at work perfecting the permanent organization to be presented today. Meantime the convention hosts chafe over the two days' delay which must intervene before their great purpose is accomplished—the nomination of a presidential candidate.

## CARS GETTING BUSY.

### Decrease of 36,720 Idle Freighters in Two Weeks.

Chicago, July 8.—The report of the American Railway association, giving the number of idle freight cars in the country on June 24, shows that during the two weeks from June 10 to 24 there was a decrease of 36,720 in the number of surplus cars. About one-third of this represents a decrease in the number of idle box cars.

The improvement was by no means uniform the country over. In the New England states there was an increase in the number of idle cars, while the Middle Western state showed substantial decreases. There were on June 24 a total of 312,847 idle cars in this country and Canada on the roads reporting to the American Railway association, compared with 349,567 on June 10, and with a maximum of 413,338 on April 29.

The decrease reported is the fourth consecutive decrease in two months, or a total reduction of 100,491 idle freight cars.

The resumption of mining in parts of the bituminous coal fields, which were idle for most of the month of April, was the first important factor which operated toward a decrease in the number of idle cars, while more recently the increased demand for box cars, much of it seemingly connected with the crop moving requirements, has further decreased the idle list.

## PROSTRATIONS CONTINUE.

### Twenty-Three Die in New York With Maximum of 93 Degrees.

New York, July 8.—Twenty-three persons were killed and scores prostrated by the heat wave in the 18 hours ending at 12:30 o'clock last night. Within the last 42 hours the hot spell has killed 44 persons. Relief is promised by the weather bureau today. The streets were sizzling with a temperature of more than 80 degrees at 7 o'clock, and before the day was over the 90 mark had been passed. The humidity early in the day was as high as 78, but fell to 73 in the afternoon, thereby saving the lives of scores of babies in the tenement districts, where the suffering, as usual, was greatest.

Hundreds of prostrations were reported to the health officers and police, and thousands were affected less seriously and cared for in their own homes.

## Russian Grip Tightens.

Berlin, July 8.—The Lokal Anzeiger yesterday published a dispatch from its correspondent at Teheran, who says that the Russian influence at the Persian capital is increasing. The cosack brigade has received the permission of the shah to take over the machine gun section, as well as a number of field guns, and the Persian artillery barracks have been placed at the disposal of the cosacks. Enlistments in the Persian cosacks are being sought, and the recruits are being placed under Russian instructors. The Persian people are displaying much annoyance.

## Twelve Dead; 91 Degrees.

Philadelphia, July 8.—Though the maximum temperature was a few degrees below that of yesterday, the weather bureau thermometer registered 91 as the highest mark, and there was much continued suffering from the hot wave here. The names of five persons were added last night to the list of those who died in this city from the effects of the heat, bringing the total up to 12 deaths. Scores were prostrated.

## Garfield En Route West.

San Francisco, July 8.—Accompanied by his private secretary and confidential stenographer, Secretary of the Interior Garfield boarded last evening's train for Portland, Or. On his way there he will thoroughly investigate the reclamation work on the Klamath river. He will also make an examination of the various Indian reservations of the Northwestern states.

## Boston Was Hottest.

Boston, Mass., July 8.—Boston was the hottest city in the United States yesterday, with the exception of Washington. In both cities the maximum temperature recorded by the government bureau was 94. Two deaths and 30 prostrations were recorded. On the street the mercury went to 96.



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