

## NEWS ITEMS FROM WASHINGTON, D. C.

### SAYS PEACE IS RESTORED.

Honduran Cabinet Minister Sends the News to Washington.

Washington, Aug. 15.—The fact that peace has been fully restored in Central America and an expression of confidence expressed that it would be maintained, is given in a cablegram received here today by Dr. Ugarte, minister from Honduras, from the minister of foreign affairs of his country.

Mr. Dodge, the American minister to Salvador, will leave Salvador for Tegucigalpa on August 18 to take up directly with the Honduran government the matter of the consular and vice consular at Ceiba, whose exequaturs were cancelled owing to their alleged intervention in international affairs in Honduras.

### MAKE RATE DECISION SOON.

Important Ruling to be Made by Interstate Commission.

Washington, Aug. 11.—During the next month or six weeks it is possible that the Interstate Commerce commission will decide upon the question of the reasonableness of the proposed increase of railroad freight rates in Alabama, Georgia, Tennessee, Florida and portions of South Carolina, in the southern territory and Texas, in the Southwestern territory.

The proposed increase in the several Southern states embraces practically extensive increases proposed throughout the country at this time. The decision will have an important bearing on rates in general.

### Good Job Awaits a Learned Chief.

Washington, Aug. 14.—A chief is needed at the government executive office for the insane, and a civil service examination was held today to fill the vacancy. Notwithstanding the fact that the position pays \$1,200 a year there was no over abundance of applicants for the job. The reason perhaps lies in the fact that the successful applicant must be possessed of a fund of knowledge that would enable him to hold down a chief clerkship in almost any of the departments and render it unnecessary for him to don a cook's apron.

### Mystery at Oyster Bay.

Oyster Bay, Aug. 14.—The unusual activity at the government executive office here, which has been apparent for almost a week, both day and night, has become the subject of considerable curiosity. Rudolph Forster, acting secretary to the president, and the force of clerks under him recently have been the hardest worked men in the village. Their duties begin early and at times have continued far into the night. The executive office staff has been augmented by the arrival of two clerks from the Washington executive office.

### Malone's Place Filled.

Washington, Aug. 12.—Dr. G. C. Bantz was today appointed assistant treasurer of the United States, in place of the late J. L. Malone. Mr. Bantz has been an employee of the Treasury department for 35 years and recently has filled the position of deputy assistant treasurer. William H. Gibson, assistant cashier of the cash room, was promoted to be deputy assistant treasurer in place of Dr. Bantz. James A. Sample, now a division chief, was appointed to be deputy assistant treasurer.

### Engineers Sent to Hawaii.

Washington, Aug. 14.—The War department has issued orders to Company A, First battalion of engineers, to leave San Francisco for Honolulu, sailing on November 15, 1908. The first battalion of engineers is now on duty at Fort Mason, California. These engineers are to make a survey preliminary for the fortifications in and around Honolulu and at Pearl harbor, where the government is to construct a large naval station. After their work at Hawaii, they will return to Vancouver barracks.

### Confer About the Hazards.

Oyster Bay, Aug. 11.—Secretary of War Wright and Colonel Hugh L. Scott, of the West Point academy, arrived here today to discuss the West Point hazing cases with President Roosevelt. Secretary Wright said: "I see a whole lot of trouble has been stirred up over these cases since my last visit here. I had no idea the matter was to be made of such national importance." Colonel Scott refused to make any statement whatever regarding the cases.

### Pleas for American Fruit.

Washington, Aug. 13.—Ambassador White at Paris has addressed the French government with a view to the suspension of the decree prohibiting the importation of sulphured fruit, with particular reference to California dried fruits, pending the report of the American board which is to investigate the whole subject of the importation of preserved fruit and other edibles. Otherwise, if the importations of French fruits may be seriously affected.

### May Order Rectifier's Marks.

Washington, Aug. 13.—The commissioner of internal revenue has informed W. M. Hough, attorney of the National Wholesale Liquor Dealers' association, that there is ample authority of law for the government to prescribe the marking of packages of spirits and liquors in the hands of rectifiers as in the case of marking the products of distillers.

### MOLOKAI LOCAL STATION.

Lepers From Mainland May Not Be Sent There.

Washington, Aug. 13.—Though virtually a part of the United States, the leper colony on isolated Molokai, cannot recruit its death-marked population from this country. It is this fact that makes it impossible for government officials to comply with the request of the territorial authorities of Arizona for the speedy removal of aged Mrs. General Warwell, whom the terrible disease has claimed for its victim.

According to Dr. H. G. Geddings, assistant surgeon general of the public health and marine hospital service, the leper settlement at Molokai is strictly a territorial enterprise. There exists neither law nor precedent to warrant the removal of a leper from a state or territory, however, to the settlement, and Dr. Geddings voices the opinion of the bureau that the Hawaiian health authorities would not approve such a move.

### Favors Policy of Peace.

Washington, Aug. 14.—Naturally the American government is interested in knowing what the Dutch intend to do in Venezuela, and it is not surprising therefore that the Holland government is sounding American Minister Beaupre at The Hague as to what the United States might do in the varying contingencies that are likely to arise. While the United States under certain conditions may be open to criticism regarding any prospective course in Venezuela, it is not believed that any co-operative punitive agreement with any foreign power will be sought. On the contrary an arrangement for a peaceful settlement of differences would be gladly welcomed.

### Robbers Torture Women.

Washington, Aug. 13.—Three masked men entered the home of Miss Maria de Garmo in a remote part of the county yesterday morning and after battering down the door, bound and gagged Miss de Garmo and her niece, Miss Lizzie Hartman, the only occupants of the house, and robbed them of their jewelry and a small amount of cash. Carpets were slashed, mattresses ripped open and chests broken into. When no large sum of money was found, the women were tortured until the elder one fainted and the men left. Miss Hartman, bleeding and cut, at last freed herself from the ropes and released her aunt.

### Hitchcock Off to Chicago.

Washington, Aug. 15.—Chairman Frank H. Hitchcock, of the Republican National committee, accompanied by his secretary, James T. Williams, Jr., arrived in Washington this morning from Hot Springs, Va., where he conferred with Mr. Taft yesterday. Mr. Hitchcock started for Chicago this afternoon to meet Eastern and Western officials of the national committee, who are to meet there and open the Western headquarters. Mr. Hitchcock had no political engagements here, but closed and surrendered the last of the rooms used as Mr. Taft's pre-convention headquarters.

### Alaska Wireless Station.

Washington, Aug. 12.—A wireless station in Prince William Sound, Alaska, is to be erected by the Navy department, the exact site to be selected shortly. This will be 500 miles from the military wireless station being installed at Fort Gibbon, and will form a connecting line between that station and the naval wireless station at Northhead, Washington. The government will be able to maintain wireless communication up the Pacific coast to the Alaska station.

### Asks Bids on Coal for Fleet.

Washington, Aug. 12.—It is expected that proposals for transporting coal to Magdalena bay, Mexico, will be received in the bureau of equipment until noon, August 17. The proposals are to be for 15,000 tons of semi-bituminous coal for the vessels of the Pacific fleet. The bidders are required to state whether the vessels bearing the coal may be diverted from Magdalena bay to Brownston, Wash., if the cargoes are required there.

### Colonel Hoxie Retires.

Washington, Aug. 11.—Colonel Richard L. Hoxie, one of the veteran officers of the corps of engineers and who for some time past has been in charge of the fortification and river harbor work in Baltimore and vicinity, was placed on the retired list of the army today on account of age. He is succeeded at Baltimore by Major William E. Craighill, who until recently was stationed at Mobile.

### Will Do Special Service.

Washington, Aug. 15.—The gunboats Albany and Yorktown today were detached from the Pacific fleet by the Navy department for special service on the Pacific coast. These vessels were only nominally a part of the Pacific fleet, having been engaged in protecting American interests in Central America.

### Bullets in Flag at Tabriz.

Washington, Aug. 12.—Dispatches from Tabriz today state that the American flag over the United States consulate was shot away yesterday. The dispatches are brief, but the authorities say they believe the shooting of the flag was accidental.

### FIRES IN IDAHO.

Kootenai Falls Prey to Flames and Sand Point is Threatened.

Spokane, Aug. 12.—A Sand Point, Idaho, special to the Spokesman Review says:

With the wind blowing a gale and the adjacent town of Kootenai wiped out, it seems that no power can save Sand Point. At 8 o'clock last evening a small forest fire north of Kootenai was blown into the town and the town of 300 inhabitants was burned to the ground.

The Humbird Lumber company has a \$200,000 mill at Kootenai, which burned to the ground, and which was only partly insured. At present the fire is within 2,000 feet of the Panhandle smelter, which seems doomed.

The homeless people of the little hamlet of Kootenai have been brought here, and are being cared for by citizens. All of them lost their belongings.

Over 500 volunteers are fighting the approach of the flames. Sand Point has a population of about 10,000. An appeal has just been sent to the Spokane fire department for aid.

It was impossible at midnight to learn the extent of the damage by fire at Sand Point. The telegraph wires are down and connection is lost with the regular telephone line, but the operator of the Independent Telephone office at Sand Point, states that Sand Point is in no immediate danger. The town of Kootenai was burned, but the big mill of the Humbird company was saved.

Reports are conflicting regarding the smelter at Ponderay, near Sand Point, one report declaring that it was burned while the other states that the forest fire was near but the smelter was still safe.

### THOUSANDS PERISH.

South China Scene of Desolation Following Typhoon.

Hongkong, Aug. 12.—In a report issued today from the headquarters of the government relief station it is stated that advices from Southern China give details of appalling conditions among the victims of the recent typhoon, which laid waste an immense territory along the coast and killed thousands of natives.

The report says that more than 1,500,000 refugees are at the point of death from exposure and starvation, and that many thousands have succumbed since the disaster.

The tales of hardship and destitution are pitiful in the extreme. Scores of refugees in all quarters are without shelter of any kind, forced to spend days and nights huddled together like stormbound sheep. In some districts there is only sufficient food to supply one meal a day. More terrible are the conditions in other localities, where there is absolutely no food, and the people are dying by the hundreds. The dead are piled in heaps, no burial being possible.

### MEXICANS USE TORTURE.

Tear Out Americans' Nails to Secure Names of Confederates.

Pittsburg, Aug. 12.—Police officials here have received news of the torturing of William Moffatt and Edward Maloney, who were arrested recently in Mexico City on a charge of robbing a bank messenger. Moffatt and Maloney, the police here say, were well known to them before leaving for Mexico.

Two companions escaped the officers when the Pittsburgers were arrested and the Mexican police demanded their names. Refusing to betray their companions, the men allege that they were strapped by the wrists to the bars of their cells, while the officials with forceps tore the nails from their hands. Unable to bear the agony, the men gave the names of their companions.

"I suppose," said Captain of Detectives Edwin T. McGough today, "if it were not for the record of the men, their torture would mean international complications."

### Allege Yankee Roads Allied.

Winnipeg, Man., Aug. 12.—Reports received here today that railroad lines in the United States, particularly the New York Central line, are furnishing strikebreakers to the Canadian Pacific and supplying equipment which the Canadian road is unable to repair in its crippled machine shops, have greatly agitated the strikers. The officials of the union declared today that if this report is found to be true, sympathetic strikers will be declared on all roads furnishing men and equipment to the Canadian Pacific.

### Up Goes Price of Apples.

St. Louis, Aug. 12.—The fifth annual convention of the American Applegrowers' association opened here today with more than 100 apple growers from Central and Western states attending. Of importance to the public is the prediction of officers and delegates to the convention that apples this year will sell from \$2.50 to \$3 a barrel on the trees and that before the season ends they will be selling at \$7 with \$10 a barrel for choice ones.

### Tornado in North Dakota.

Mandan, N. D., Aug. 12.—A tornado struck Mandan last evening and caused damage to the extent of \$50,000. One boy was picked up by the wind and carried three blocks. The roof of the Inter-Ocean hotel was loosened and crashed into the dining-room. The Dollar hotel was unroofed. Houses were tipped over and many windows shattered, but no fatalities occurred.

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