

INSULT TO AMERICA

Castro Not Satisfied With Trouble With France.

FRENCH WARSHIPS ARE AT HAND

Falling Instant Apology, Their Guns Will Talk—United States May Take a Hand.

Washington, Jan. 20.—Three French warships are now off the Venezuelan coast preparing to deliver the answer of France to President Castro's treatment of M. Taigny, the French representative at Caracas, by a naval demonstration in Venezuelan waters. Two additional warships will join them as soon as they can make the trip across the Atlantic. Until the demonstration has been initiated, the French government will share with the president and Secretary Root the knowledge of the exact form which this expression of her displeasure at President Castro's action will take.

Meantime the delicacy of the situation at Caracas is greatly increased by news which has recently reached here from that city regarding the attitude President Castro now appears to be assuming toward Mr. Russell, the American minister. Unless this attitude is radically modified, it may be necessary to dispatch an American warship even nearer the Venezuelan coast than has already been planned. President Castro, it is said, will be given to understand that any treatment of an American representative such as that accorded to M. Taigny will not be tolerated. The cause which can be ascribed here for Mr. Castro's attitude toward Mr. Russell is that the former insists upon regarding as personal rather than official the efforts which Mr. Russell has made to assist a peaceful settlement of the Franco-Venezuelan troubles. The request of the French government that its interests in Venezuela be looked after by Mr. Russell was immediately granted for the reason that such a request is invariably granted by a friendly power however difficult the task.

France has adopted a simple program for her treatment of the Venezuelan situation. It provides for an immediate and comprehensive apology by Castro for his treatment of M. Taigny, which treatment the Paris officials regard as insulting and intolerable.

One dispatch sent to Mr. Russell last Sunday had not been delivered to him up to the time the last dispatch was sent by him to the State department. This is being inquired into by the department.

FUNDS FOR SEA WALL.

California Supreme Court Gives Favorable Decision.

San Francisco, Jan. 20.—The Supreme court this afternoon handed down a decision by which funds will soon be available for the completion of the San Francisco sea wall. The court sustained the validity of the so-called sea wall act, passed by the legislature in March, 1903, which authorized the state board of harbor commissioners to issue \$2,000,000 in bonds to complete the San Francisco sea wall.

The harbor commissioners proceeded to issue bonds under this act, but State Treasurer Reeves refused to approve the issue. The commissioners thereupon applied to the Supreme court for a writ of mandamus to compel the state treasurer to sign the bond issue. The court by its decision today directs the state treasurer to sign the bonds. The harbor commission, it is understood, will now issue bonds under the act from time to time until the full \$2,000,000 worth are on the market.

Afraid to Show His Face.

St. Petersburg, Jan. 20.—Distrustful of the spirit of his capital and perhaps remembering the incident of last January, when one of the saluting guns showered grape on the imperial chapel, the emperor will not come to St. Petersburg for the ceremony of the blessing of the waters of the Neva tomorrow. For the first time since the Empress Anna laid the foundations of the winter palace in 1732, the great church festival of the Epiphany will pass without the presence of the sovereign.

Big Grain Firm Fails.

Chicago, Jan. 20.—Announcement was made this afternoon of the suspension of the grain and commission firm of McReynolds & Co., of this city, one of the best known firms on the board of trade. The affairs of the firm will be wound up and it will go out of business, but the creditors will be paid in full and the assets are fully equal to the liabilities. The house has been a large handler of cash grain and controls three large elevators.

Funston May Go to China.

San Francisco, Jan. 20.—The call will say tomorrow that Brigadier General Frederick Funston will soon be relieved from the command of the department of California and ordered to the Philippines, where he will be placed in charge of one of the brigades which is being formed in Luzon with a view to their possible utilization in connection with any move which may be made against China.

BURTON WILL HELP.

Many Obstacles in Way of Appropriation for Columbia Jetty.

Washington, Jan. 19.—Chairman Burton, of the house committee on rivers and harbors, today gave a hearing to Senators Fulton and Gearin, H. W. Scott and J. N. Teal, of Portland, on the Columbia river jetty project. Representative Jones, of Washington, who is a member of the committee, was also present and took part in the discussion.

Mr. Burton is thoroughly familiar with the situation at the mouth of the Columbia and is fully aware of the fact that it would be good business policy to make an appropriation this session, not so much to extend the jetty as to protect the work that has been done during the past season. He realizes that, unless an appropriation is made, the sea end of the jetty, and particularly the unprotected tramway, will be left at the mercy of the heavy seas and liable to be damaged to the extent of several hundred thousand dollars.

But, while Mr. Burton is in sympathy with the Oregon men and while he recognizes the wisdom of an appropriation to protect the new portion of the jetty, he is not willing to give any assurance that such an appropriation will be made. There is no general river and harbor bill this session, and it is a serious question in Mr. Burton's mind whether it will be possible to put through special legislation in the interest of only a few emergency projects.

Mr. Burton stated, and the Oregon delegation agreed with him, that it would be utterly impossible to pass a special bill making an appropriation for this one project. Such a bill would be amended in the house and senate by the addition of appropriations for innumerable projects until in the end it would become a regular river and harbor bill, and under existing conditions a bill of that character would stand no show of passage.

But there are three or four other projects of importance, where emergencies exist similar to that at the mouth of the Columbia. Unless appropriations are made this session for the preservation of these works, the government will sustain a heavy loss. Mr. Burton is considering the advisability of reporting an emergency bill making appropriations for these specific projects only, but he is not yet satisfied that such a bill could get through without being amended to embrace many other projects.

Mr. Burton, because of the condition that exists in congress and because of the difficulties that stand in the way of special river and harbor legislation, will hold out no promises to the Oregon representatives, though he freely admits his interest in Columbia river improvement and expresses his personal belief that an appropriation should be made.

An appropriation of \$1,800,000 cannot be had, but it is possible that \$400,000 may be procured. Mr. Burton explains that it would be impossible to pass any bill which did more than provide funds to protect work already done.

EACH ISLET A REPUBLIC.

Russian Revolution Spreads to Dots of Land in Baltic.

St. Petersburg, Jan. 18.—In addition to the Caucasus and a few localities in Siberia, the open revolt is now chiefly confined to small islands off the Baltic coast, where the difficulty of landing troops hampers the subjugation of the revolutionists. The icebreaker Yermak, carrying detachments of marines and infantry, has been unable to reach the principal island, Osel, at the entrance to the Gulf of Riga, and is now awaiting a light-draft steamer to land the troops.

Following the example of their brothers on the mainland, the peasantry or even the tiniest islands in the Baltic have instituted independent republics. One of these, on the islet of Linsuitt, probably the smallest state in the world, already boasts of a second revolution and a second president, the citizens having risen and overthrown the first president. The present chief magistrate, Jannesson, is addressing them in proclamations as "my faithful subjects."

Petition to Save Constitution.

Boston, Jan. 19.—Eric Pape, the artist, left Boston yesterday for Washington with the "Constitution petition," which he expects to present to congress. While in Washington Mr. Pape will try to secure the signatures to the petition of many men prominent in national life, who have expressed themselves as favorable to the movement to save "Old Ironsides." The petition is an immense affair, and requires four men to carry it. It is estimated that over 20,000 persons have signed it.

New Governor for Alaska.

Washington, Jan. 19.—Assuming that J. G. Brady, governor of Alaska, proposes to resign his position, M. H. Perkins, of Nome, has been recommended strongly for that office. Senators Allison, Lodge and Piles called on the president yesterday, with ex-Governor Swineford and S. S. Ryan, of Alaska, to recommend Perkins' appointment. It is not known absolutely that Governor Brady intends to resign.

Peace With Insurgents.

San Domingo, Jan. 19.—A treaty of peace between the insurgent general at Monte Cristi and the government was signed today on board the American cruiser Yankee. This assures perfect tranquility throughout the republic. Monte Cristi is now in the hands of the constitutional government forces.

OREGON STATE ITEMS OF INTEREST

WANT HOP INSPECTOR.

Lane County Growers Are Tiring of Numerous Rejections.

Eugene—A number of hopgrowers of this vicinity are agitating the matter of securing legislation to better some of the troubles of hopgrowers. A meeting will be held here soon and an attempt made at organizing an association for the benefit of the industry.

One of the worst complaints against the dealers, for which it is believed relief might be had by legislation, is in the matter of rejections upon inspection. On this point the plan is to secure a law providing for a state inspector, whose duty it would be to inspect and grade all hops and brand the grade on each bale, so that sales would be made upon this inspection and the common complaints of dealers, after they have bargained for a purchase, would be wiped out.

It has been a cause of much provocation to the growers the way the inspectors usually act when "going through" a lot of hops. They will throw out a number of bales from some lots without cause and make all kinds of complaints; and, if the market has weakened since the bargain was made the grower confidently expects that the hops will be called "broken," "high dried," "slack dried," "mouldy," etc., and if nothing else is complained of then "not up to sample" is the charge that turns down many bales. The growers think this one of the first things that should be corrected by legislation.

It is proposed to have similar organizations in other parts of the state and to form a state federation for mutual good and to accomplish unity of effort on all important matters.

Fine Hospital for Albany.

Albany—What will perhaps be the best hospital in the state, outside of Portland, will be established in Albany soon. The announcement puts an end to speculation as to what would become of the palatial residence of the late Father Louis Metayer, of the Albany Catholic church, who willed all his property to his private secretary, F. C. Devine, of Portland. Mr. Devine has sold the property to Rev. Father Lane, Mr. Metayer's successor, who will turn the structure into a hospital. It is by far the finest building of its kind in Albany.

Yamhill to Raise Stock.

McMinnville—Yamhill county farmers will devote more time and land hereafter to stockraising, says an authority. He deduces this from the fact that, although the most of the ground devoted to grain this year has been sown, a great deal of land has been seeded to meadow and forage crops. This has been done to keep pace with the increasing livestock industry. "Lean years" have been one incentive to the farmer to turn his attention to diversified agriculture.

Heavy Rains in South.

Grants Pass—Southern Oregon is being visited by the heaviest rains of this season. Prospects are bright for their continuance, insuring big cleanups of placer gold. Two carloads of machinery was taken to the Granite Hill mine last week. The mine has electric motors, an electric pump, hoist, etc. The pump will throw a four-inch stream of water. Property is being bonded on all sides here on account of the new railroad. One man made \$2,000 profit on 40 acres adjoining the town, which he bought two months ago.

Grant County is Prosperous.

Canyon City—The sheriff reports the Grant county tax collections for 1905 as about \$70,000. The heaviest collection in any previous year was slightly under \$60,000. Notwithstanding the drain from the general attendance at the Lewis and Clark exposition, times are better and money easier than for years. Stockmen are gaining confidence in the market outlook, and the price of good range cattle is steady or advancing.

Plan Lumber Railroad.

Coquille—Plans are completed by John Yoakam and John Peart for a railroad up Cunningham's creek road to tap Peart's coal properties. The road will be ten miles, besides spurs to the Simpson company's large body of timber. The work commences soon. It will open up some of the finest timber in Oregon.

Wasco Grain Protected.

The Dalles—All of Wasco county is covered with from six to ten inches of snow. Snow is most welcome at this time, since it affords protection to growing grain from frost. The temperature is a little below freezing and indications are that the snow will continue.

Must Rewire Roseburg.

Roseburg—The Circuit court for Douglas county is in session in this city. All owners of business houses in this city have received notice from the board of fire underwriters that their electric wiring is defective and must be done again. Considerable indignation is expressed, and it is claimed that much of the wiring condemned is of the best quality and workmanship.

Coal Prices Doubled.

Baker City—The coal famine still exists. Dealers here hope to receive a few cars of coal within the next week, but the prices will be advanced from \$7 and \$8 to \$10 and \$15.

WILL IRRIGATE LAND.

Enthusiastic Citizens at Echo Form Waterusers' Association.

Echo—A mass meeting of the citizens was held here last week. The committee appointed to incorporate the Waterusers' association reported that the articles of incorporation and by laws adopted by the committee had been approved by the secretary of the interior and the articles of incorporation had been filed with the secretary of state. The report of the committee was approved.

A stockholders' meeting was then held and 8,482 shares at \$60 a share were subscribed. The following named stockholders were elected directors: H. T. Irvin, J. F. McNaught, A. C. Crawford, H. G. Newport and W. H. Skinner. The directors elected H. T. Irvin president, J. F. McNaught vice president, A. C. Crawford secretary and H. G. Newport treasurer.

The city was crowded with delegates and much enthusiasm was shown. The government was represented by J. T. Whistler, engineer, and Holgate & Williamson, reclamation attorneys. The Echo irrigation project is now a reality and work will go forward at once.

Riley Chosen College President.

McMinnville—At the semi-annual meeting of the board of trustees of McMinnville college Rev. L. W. Riley was appointed president. Mr. Riley was appointed pastor of the Baptist church in this city from 1901 to 1903, and since that time has been general missionary of the Oregon State convention. McMinnville college has been without an official head all the present school year, Professor Northrup acting in that capacity. The new president will assume his duties as soon as he can adjust his present work.

Power From River.

Salem—The Interior Development company has made a filing on 10,000 cubic inches of water per second on the Deschutes river, at a point about 31 miles south of the Columbia river. The company proposes to take the water from the river a short distance south of Shears' bridge, a well known crossing, and convey it through a flume down the river several miles, where it will be used to furnish power for the generation of electricity.

Regarding the Opticians.

Salem—The state board of optometry has filed its annual report with the governor. The financial statement shows receipts from all sources for the year \$1,244 10; expenses, \$390 13. There were 200 optometrists in the state January 1, 1906. The members of the board are C. W. Lowe, president; Herman W. Barney and E. O. Mattern.

Asks Oregon to Show in Florida.

Salem—Governor Chamberlain has received a proclamation, accompanied by an invitation from the governor of Florida, asking Oregon to participate in the proposed International Isthmian exposition, to be held in Tallahassee in 1908. Governor Chamberlain will call the attention of the next legislature to the invitation.

Ship Flour to Japan.

McMinnville—The Honck Milling company, of this city, has sent 9,400 barrels of flour to Japan since last August, besides supplying the local demand.

PORTLAND MARKETS.

Wheat—Club, 73c per bushel; bluestem, 74@75c; red, 70c; valley, 73c. Oats—No 1 white feed, \$27.50@28 50; gray, \$27@28 per ton. Barley—Feed, \$23.50@24 per ton; brewing, \$23 50@24; rolled, \$24@25. Buckwheat—\$2.50 per cental. Hay—Eastern Oregon timothy, \$13 50@14 50 per ton; valley timothy, \$9@10; clover, \$9@10; chest, \$8.50@9 50; grain hay, \$8@9. Fruits—Apples, common, 75c@81 per box; choice, \$1.25@1.50; fancy, \$2@2.50; pears, \$1.25@1 50 per box; cranberries, \$13@13.50 per barrel. Vegetables—Beans, 20c per pound; cabbage, 16@2c per pound; cauliflower, \$1.25 per dozen; celery, 43c@50c per crate; bell peppers, 35c per pound; pumpkins, \$1@1c per pound; sprouts, 6 1/2@7c per pound; squash, 1 1/2@1 1/2c per pound; turnips, 90c@1 per sack; carrots, 65@75c per sack; beets, 85c@1 per sack. Onions—Oregon, No. 1, \$1@1.25 per sack; No. 2, 75@90c. Potatoes—Fancy graded Burbanks, 70@75c per hundred; ordinary, 50@60c; sweet potatoes, 2@2 1/2c per pound. Butter—Fancy creamery, 27 1/2@32 1/2c per pound. Eggs—Oregon ranch, 27 1/2@28c per dozen. Poultry—Average old hens, 12 1/2@13 1/2c per pound; springs, 12 1/2@13c; mixed chickens, 12@12 1/2c; broilers, 15@16c; dressed chickens, 14@15c; turkeys, live, 15c; turkeys, dressed, choice, 17@20c; geese, live, 9@11c; geese, dressed, 12@13c; ducks, 15@16c. Hops—Oregon, 1905, choice, 10@11c per pound; prime, 8 1/2@9 1/2c; medium, 7@8c; olds, 5@7c. Wool—Eastern Oregon average best, 16@21c; valley, 24@26c per pound; monair, choice, 30c. Beef—Dressed bulls, 1@2 1/2c per pound; cows, 3 1/2@4 1/2c; country steers, 4@5c. Veal—Dressed, 3 1/2@8 1/2c per pound. Mutton—Dressed, fancy, 7@7 1/2c per pound; ordinary, 4@5c; lambs, 7@7 1/2c. Pork—Dressed, 6@7 1/2c per pound.

MARSHALL FIELD DEAD.

Pneumonia Takes Away Millionaire Chicago Merchant.

New York, Jan. 17.—Marshall Field, of Chicago, millionaire merchant and a leader in the dry goods trade of the world, died at the Holland house in this city at 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon, after an illness extending over more than a week, beginning with a bad cold and developing quickly into pneumonia, which affected both lungs. Mr. Field, although 70 years old, made a fight against the disease which the attending physicians characterized as braver and stronger than would have been expected of a man many years his junior. Mrs. Field and other members of the family were with him when he lapsed into the period of unconsciousness which ended in death. In an adjoining room were many persons prominent in the business and social life of Chicago, intimate associates of Mr. Field, who had gone to New York when the seriousness of his condition was made known to them.

An outline of the funeral arrangements was decided upon last night. The body will be taken to Chicago this morning on a special train over the New York Central and Lake Shore systems. There will be no service of any sort in this city. It is planned to hold the funeral service in Chicago at a date to be fixed, either from the Field residence on Prairie avenue or from the First Presbyterian church, whose pastor, Rev. Dr. Morrison, will, in either case, be the officiating clergyman.

FIXED SUM FOR HARBORS.

River and Harbor Congress Proposes Change in Methods.

Washington, Jan. 17.—The National Rivers and Harbors congress today adopted the report of the committee on organization, recommending the election of the following officers: President, Harvey D. Gouder, Cleveland, O.; one vice president from each state represented, to be named by the delegations; Colonel William H. Love, Baltimore, secretary; E. H. Sharewood, Philadelphia, treasurer.

Among those recommended for the executive committee were John W. Ferris, San Francisco, and A. H. Devors, Portland. The executive committee is charged with the duty of actively prosecuting the work of securing regular and increased annual appropriations for the improvements of rivers and harbors of the entire country, and to this end to take such steps and use such means as will tend to mold public sentiment in favor thereof.

Resolutions were adopted declaring that the national government should put river and harbor bills on a par with other great appropriation bills by annual appropriations, and direct all such work economically and continuously, without the waste incident to intermittent efforts. The resolutions urge an annual appropriation of at least \$50,000,000.

SWEPT BY BLIZZARD.

Wind Reaches 100-Mile-An-Hour Gait in Montana.

Anaconda, Mont., Jan. 17.—For two hours this afternoon Anaconda and Deer Lodge valley were swept by the fiercest storm in many years. As the weather observatory above the Washoe smelter the velocity of the wind registered as high as 100 miles an hour. Several inches of snow fell. The storm subsided at 6 o'clock.

A special to the Standard from Bozeman says the Gallatin valley was swept by a 40-mile gale and the storm has been raging all night.

Helena, Jan. 17.—Helena and Central Montana was visited this afternoon by a blizzard that lasted about an hour. The blizzard followed a lightning and thunder storm and was immediately preceded by a hard gale. The wind attained a velocity of 42 miles an hour. The temperature went to 15 above.

Missoula, Jan. 17.—A rather heavy blizzard visited this part of the state for the greater portion of the day. During the morning the wind blew a gale and in the afternoon considerable snow fell. The temperature was about at freezing point all day.

Errors Make a Shortage.

Oakland, Cal., Jan. 17.—R. A. Madder, postal inspector of this division, has discovered discrepancies in the account of Charles J. Harrington, clerk in charge of the money order division, indicating a shortage of several hundred dollars. This morning a representative of Harrington deposited with Postmaster Dargie a sum sufficient to cover all the apparent discrepancies, which Harrington says are due to a multiplicity of errors which have been permitted to go uncorrected. He denies any intention at embezzlement.

Threatens Lawmakers.

Des Moines, Jan. 17.—D. D. Clayman, an ex-convict, was arrested at the door of the senate chamber of the Iowa legislature this afternoon, charged with threatening the lives of Representative H. E. Teachout and Senator C. C. Dowell, because the latter failed to get him a job. Clayman was sent to the penitentiary for wife murder 12 years ago. He served out his time and then came to Des Moines, soliciting a job there; and the legislative session.

Hermann Sworn In.

Washington, Jan. 17.—Binger Hermann is once more a full fledged congressman. He took the oath of office just before the house adjourned this evening, went downstairs and drew his mileage and departed, and not a dozen men in congress were aware of what had happened.

DOWIE IS DEPOSED

Business Affairs Taken Out of Hands of Prophet.

WAS NECESSARY TO AVERT RUIN

Appointment of Triumvirate Dowie's Accession to Demands of Followers and Creditors.

Chicago, Jan. 18.—John Alexander Dowie has been permanently removed from financial control of the Zion City industries, according to assurances given the big creditors by the financial agents of the community. The appointment of the triumvirate, with great ostentation, it is now declared, merely cloaked Dowie's accession to the demands of Zion City and its creditors that all business arrangements be taken from his hands, leaving him religious leader only.

The awakening of the people of Zion has come at last, according to one of the large creditors in Chicago today. "They have been open in saying," he declared, "that they awoke too late and found that in Dowie they had something in the nature of a cross between a 'white elephant' and 'the old man of the sea' hatched on them."

"Dowie has squandered money in a most prodigal manner," said this creditor. "His trip around the world cost over \$1,000,000. He drew on the treasury for it. The trip to New York cost half as much. It was given out that the followers paid their own expenses. This was hardly true. The recent trip to Mexico was another expensive luxury for the old man. He spent thousands there. And for all those expenditures all Zion City has got out of it has been a few pale fire-works."

"The fact of the matter is that creditors have been promised for months that if they were lenient Zion's officials would get the old person out of the way."

HER NEW PRESIDENT.

France Elects Fallieres, Leader of Radical Elements.

Paris, Jan. 18.—Clement Armand Fallieres, president of the senate, was today elected president of the republic, to succeed Emile Loubet. His only rival was M. Doumer, president of the chamber of deputies. The total vote in the national assembly, consisting of the senate and chamber of deputies meeting jointly, was 849, and the vote was: Fallieres, 449; Doumer, 371; scattering, 28; not voting, 1.

Although several candidates were mentioned for the presidency in succession to M. Loubet, including M. Fallieres, president of the senate; M. Doumer, president of the chamber of deputies; M. Sarrien, ex-minister of justice; and M. Leon Bourgeois, the former premier, the real contest was between M. Fallieres and M. Doumer. M. Fallieres had the support of the advanced Socialist and Radical groups, constituting the famous party which sustained the Combes ministry. M. Doumer, however, was a formidable opponent, whose election to the presidency of the chamber of deputies last year, after breaking away from his former connection with the famous party previously referred to, gave the first blow to M. Combes.

When the first figures were given out, there was an outburst of enthusiasm, which was renewed after the corrected figures, giving Fallieres 449, thus increasing his already clear majority, were announced.

M. Fallieres returned to Paris from Versailles, escorted by a military guard of honor. He will take over his new duties February 18.

Castro Buying Machetes.

Havana, Jan. 18.—A German merchant who deals in machetes informed the Associated Press today that he was questioned recently by A. L. Bresler, an American, formerly a resident of Detroit, who is the Nicaraguan consul here, with reference to the purchase of 10,000 machetes for the Venezuelan government. The negotiations, the merchant said, were interrupted by the sailing for New York yesterday of Mr. Bresler, who will soon return to Havana. Mr. Bresler lived for some time in Venezuela.

French Have Panic of War.

Berlin, Jan. 18.—The Neue Nachrichten prints a dispatch from Metz to the effect that two French deserters have arrived at Ars-sur-Moselle (in Lorraine, six miles from Metz). They pretended to have left their regiments at Verdun, with 12 comrades, in order to escape service in a war which they expected soon to take place. The dispatch says there is a regular panic at Ars-sur-Moselle. The savings banks there have postponed payments.

"See America" Conference Great.

Salt Lake City, Jan. 18.—The Commercial club committee having in charge arrangements for the "See America First" conference in this city, January 25 and 26, announces that representation is now assured from all the trans-Mississippi states and from Du-luth in the North to New Orleans on the South.