

WOULD NEGOTIATE

Castro, However, Continues Active Preparations for War.

ASKS HOLLAND SEND NEW AGENT

Interprets Sending of Warships as a Threat and Takes Ammunition to La Guayra Forts.

Caracas, Oct. 29.—President Castro received on October 12 the second note from The Netherlands government, which fixes November 1 as the date for revocation of the transshipment decree of May 14, but it was not until the following day, October 13, that Venezuela's anxiously awaited reply was delivered into the hands of Baron von Zickendorff, the German minister, who is in charge of Dutch interests.

Dr. Paul, minister of foreign affairs, closed his answer to Holland by saying that, as an interruption of diplomatic exchanges exists between The Netherlands government and Venezuela, and as the Venezuelan government desires to arrive at an amicable agreement, he asked the government of Holland to send to Caracas a confidential agent with powers and instructions to settle all pending differences.

Holland makes no further threat in her note, but the fact that two Dutch warships left Holland at the same time as the note, and are now lying in the harbor of Curacao, has been interpreted here to be a direct though mute threat that force would be used on November 1 to compel revocation of the decree of May 14.

President Castro has answered this threat by making all necessary naval and military preparations to meet any reasonable emergency, and shells for the large coast defense guns on the La Guayra mountains were carried up to the mountains last week.

BEWARE OF JAP.

Hobson Says United States Doomed Soon as Fleet Leaves Pacific.

San Francisco, Oct. 29.—A few thousand Democrats in San Francisco were told last night by Captain Richmond Pearson Hobson that Japan is eagerly seeking war with the United States at an early date.

Hobson was sailing along smoothly discussing the campaign issues with fervid speech, when a voice in the audience asked him to enlighten his hearers on naval affairs.

The congressman, who is a member of the house committee on naval affairs, readily complied. He asserted that Japan had borrowed more than a billion dollars to be used in a war with the United States. The overtures of peace on the part of Japan, said the speaker, were to delude this nation into returning the battleships to the Atlantic so that Japan could seize strategic points in the Pacific and on the western coast of America, and by commanding the mountain passes could prevent relief from the East. He told his hearers that there are now in the United States 65,000 Japanese soldiers.

SELL GRAZING LANDS.

March of Civilization Causes Shepherds to Dispose of Holdings.

Lewiston, Mont., Oct. 29.—The sale of nearly 30,000 head of sheep here this week by Waite, Elliott & Peck to Ferguson and Yellowstone parties marks the retirement of another big Montana woolgrowing firm which has for many years figured conspicuously in the business.

With the influx of farmers from the Middle West these great tracts of land are becoming too valuable for agricultural purposes to justify holding them for sheep ranges. Land that will grow an average of over 35 bushels of high grade winter wheat, without irrigation, now commands about \$15 per acre, so it will be seen that these immense tracts represent a large sum of money.

Sultry Politics in Cuba.

Havana, Oct. 29.—The fight between the Liberal and Conservative parties for supremacy throughout the island becomes more bitter daily. The ill feeling has resulted in charges, which the authorities are investigating today, that the Liberals have stolen private property along the route of their campaign excursions. The Conservatives claim to give a number of instances in which they say the Liberals "appropriated lands." In the Eastern portion of the island serious clashes are expected.

Venezuela Remembers Bolivar.

Caracas, Oct. 29.—The birthday anniversary of Simon Bolivar, who liberated Venezuela from Spanish rule, was observed throughout the republic yesterday.

APPEALS TO DOUMA.

Servia Wants Russia to Aid Her in Balkan Conference.

Belgrade, Oct. 30.—Despairing at the prospect of being altogether ignored in the coming Balkan conference, the Servian parliament today telegraphed to the Russian douma asking that Russia ally herself with Servia and Montenegro. The telegram begged Russia to consider the alliance and said: "Do not abandon us to our affliction."

The message declared that Servia and Montenegro would never submit to Austria's absorption of Bosnia and Herzegovina.

The diplomatic corps here is awaiting indications from St. Petersburg as to what action, if any, will be taken on the telegram by the Russian government.

The new attitude of Servia and Montenegro places Russia in the peculiar position of having an opportunity to strengthen her hold in the Balkan peninsula, but she has already arranged the details of the proposed Balkan conference through Foreign Minister Iswolsky.

If Russia decides to heed the plea of Servia and Montenegro, a new situation will arise for the conference of powers to dispose of.

HUGE IRRIGATION PROJECT.

Great Dam, Third Highest in World, Scheduled for Nevada.

Reno, Nev., Oct. 30.—A reclamation project, second only to the great Carson-Truckee project in magnitude and of far-reaching influence in the development of this state, is about to be started in Lincoln county, the company to be known as the Nevada-Utah Irrigating & Development company.

The undertaking includes the construction of the third highest dam in the world, at an expenditure, including ditches and laterals, of \$750,000. The promoters are Salt Lake City capitalists associated with the Salt Lake, Los Angeles & San Pedro railroad, known as the Clarke route. The total number of acres to be reclaimed is 23,333.

This territory, lying within eight miles of Moab, which is half way between Caliente and Las Vegas, 50 miles from each place, is government land, and will be withdrawn under the Carey act.

The dam will be constructed at the head of Arrowhead Canyon and will have a width of 670 feet and a height of 185 feet.

GOVERNOR SERIOUSLY ILL.

Massachusetts Alarmed Over Condition of Chief Executive.

Boston, Oct. 30.—Governor Guild was seized with a severe attack of gastritis today. As this is the third dangerous illness experienced by the governor within a year, there is considerable anxiety over his condition.

Governor Guild had an attack of inflammatory rheumatism and a severe heart trouble on March 4. For nearly a week his condition was critical. He rallied, however, and after nearly three months' convalescence was able to take up his work at the state house.

He had been at his desk scarcely a month before he was stricken down with appendicitis on August 24, and was obliged to undergo an operation. He was able to take up his duties several weeks ago and has spoken once or twice during the present campaign.

Reach Pole by Drifting.

Copenhagen, Denmark, Oct. 30.—The famous Norwegian Arctic explorer, Roald Amundsen, leader of the Gjøa expedition, which discovered the Northwest passage, has planned a new exploit for the Polar regions next year. He will try to reach the north pole by adopting Fridtjof Nansen's plan of drifting northward on the Arctic current. He will, however, choose a more easterly starting point than Nansen did, probably because he fears a too close proximity to Bering strait. It is not improbable that Nansen's old ship, the Fram, will be used on this expedition.

Capture Seal Poachers.

Victoria, B. C., Oct. 30.—The seizure of more raiding Japanese sealing schooners at the Russian sealing grounds in the North Pacific is reported by the steamer Montage, which arrived this morning. The schooner Boso Maru was intercepted off the rocky at the Russian Seal Islands on September 6, on her way home from the Behring sea. Two boats, with six men, armed with rifles, were on the beach. The men were engaged in clubbing seals on the hauling grounds when the Russian patrol ship arrived.

Bulgaria to Make Amends.

Sofia, Bulgaria, Oct. 30.—The Fourteenth National Bulgarian assembly was convened for its autumn session this afternoon. The speech from the throne was read by Emperor Ferdinand, and was eminently pacific in character. He defended the recent course of his government.

OREGON STATE ITEMS OF INTEREST

ORGANIZE FOR GOOD ROADS

Business Houses Close so Proprietors May Attend Meeting.

La Grande—The organization of a County Good Roads league was the direct outcome of a successful meeting attended by nearly every business man of the city last week. For two hours every business house was closed so the proprietors could go to the meeting.

The new league will secure a list of petitioners and armed with it will appeal to the County court for liberal appropriations to better the county roads.

Many farmers heard Judge Scott, of Salem, and Walter Pierce, of this city, discuss good roads. Several others talked briefly. The officers of the new league are: W. T. Wright, Union, president; Walter M. Pierce, Einer Sebbelov, W. H. Bohenkamp, vice presidents; Charles E. Cochran, secretary, and William Miller, treasurer.

Water for Burns.

Burns—The well drilling outfit of Swain & Smith has arrived at Burns and will go to work next week drilling for water one and a half miles from town, at a spring that now flows 1,000 gallons per hour. The spring is 110 feet higher than the main part of town and has been examined closely by an expert on underground sources of water supply. The water finds its way through a crevice in bed rock and it is thought by the party who made the examination that if the bed rock is penetrated a bountiful supply will be found. The water is absolutely pure and six degrees warmer than other springs in the same range, indicating that it is of a sub-artesian nature.

Orders New Equipment.

Portland—The order for new equipment for the Harriman lines that was asked for last summer has been placed, according to notification received by General Manager O'Brien, of the Harriman lines in Oregon. The following new equipment for the O. R. & N. has been ordered: 500 50-ton flat cars, 200 40-ton stock cars, 10 cabooses, 5 steel coaches, 2 steel cabooses, 3 diners. For the Southern Pacific the following cars have been ordered: 200 box cars, 50 flat cars, 10 cabooses, 5 coaches, 2 baggage cars and 2 diners. Delivery of the new equipment will begin about January 1. The outlay for cars will be over \$1,000,000.

State Has Good Law.

Salem—That the compulsory education law and the eighth grade diploma law have been beneficial in keeping children in school is the unanimous testimony of school superintendents in the various counties of Oregon. Their statements in this regard are included in their special report to Superintendent of Public Instruction Ackerman regarding the general condition of educational affairs. Not one of the superintendents suggested a single amendment to the compulsory education law, so it seems probable that Oregon has one of the most effective statutes of the kind in the United States.

Change in Observers.

Roseburg—The local United States weather bureau office will change observers about November 1. Thomas Gibson, who has been in charge of this office for the past 18 years will be transferred to Portland to take a position in the office of E. A. Beales, chief of the bureau for this district. Mr. Gibson will be succeeded by William Bell, who was in charge of this station at the time Thomas Gibson took charge, March 27, 1890. One year before that date the office was in charge of William Brumfield, who having relieved William Bell, who had been in charge from 1888 to 1889.

Klamath Train Service.

Klamath Falls—A daylight schedule in and out of Klamath Falls went into effect Sunday, October 25, and traffic conditions are much improved. Connection is made at Weed with train No. 13 from the north and No. 14 from the south. The California Northeastern train leaves Weed at 2 a. m., arriving at Klamath Falls at 4:30 p. m. Leaving Klamath Falls at 7:30 a. m., passengers reach Weed at 5 p. m. This is the best schedule Klamath Falls has ever had.

Huckleberries Plentiful.

Klamath Falls—There were picked on Huckleberry mountain this season 40,000 gallons of huckleberries, according to the estimate of W. F. Arant, superintendent of Crater lake national park. As many more were picked from the Lake of the Woods patch, and it is said not more than half were gathered.

Start Digging Potato Crop.

Weston—The frosts of the last few nights have set potato raisers to work digging the tubers, of which hundreds of acres are grown on the mountainsides near here. How the crop will turn out can not be told. The prospects are for a short crop of good quality.

PLAN INSTRUCTION TRAIN.

Southern Pacific to Run Through Willamette Valley in November.

Corvallis—What is said to be the most pretentious train of its kind ever operated over any railroad in the United States will be run by the Southern Pacific company through the Willamette valley, starting the first week in November. It will be a demonstration train that will show the latest methods in dairying, agriculture, horticulture and stock raising. The train will consist of seven or eight cars and will be accompanied by the officials of the railroad company. Professor Withycombe, director of the Oregon experiment station at Corvallis, will deliver lectures at the various towns visited, and other professors from the Oregon Agricultural college will also accompany the train and give practical instruction to the farmers, dairymen and fruitgrowers.

Although the Harriman lines in this state have only recently taken up the work of educating the people of the rural districts to improve their products and increase their output the railroads have gone into it extensively. The train to be run next month promises to be the very latest development of the idea.

One car in the train will be devoted to agricultural exhibits and demonstrations, another to horticulture, a third to dairying and livestock. One car will have a number of model dairy cows for exhibition and practical demonstrations, with milking machines, cream separators and other appliances of modern dairy methods will be given. A model stall will be shown for the benefit of dairymen and owners of livestock. In another car practical demonstrations will be given in packing fruit.

The train will be out eight days and during that time the following cities will be visited, a stop of about two hours being made at each place: Hillsboro, Forest Grove, North Yamhill, Sheridan, Dallas, Independence, Wellsville, Albany, Shedd, Junction City, Eugene, Cottage Grove, Springfield, Brownsville, Jefferson, Salem, Gervais, Woodburn, West Stayton, Silverton, Hubbard and Aurora.

Tax Money Comes Easier.

Pendleton—Sheriff Taylor has collected and turned over to the county treasurer \$67,000 more in taxes this year than last, according to the report just completed by Deputy Sheriff Funk. Although the sum of money handled in the office were much less than for the preceding year. The errors only amounted to \$8.19. A total of \$328,716.48 has been turned over to the treasurer, while only a little over \$15,000 remains to be classed as delinquent.

PORTLAND MARKETS.

Wheat—Bluestem, 95¢/94¢; club, 89¢; fine, 89¢; red Russian, 86¢; 40-fold, 90¢; valley, 90¢.

Barley—Feed, \$2.60/2.50 per ton; rolled, \$27.50/28.50; brewing, \$26.50.

Oats—No. 1 white, \$31.00/31.50 per ton; gray, \$30.00/30.50.

Hay—Timothy, Willamette valley, \$14 per ton; Willamette valley, ordinary, \$11; Eastern Oregon, \$16.50/17.50; mixed, \$13; clover, \$9; alfalfa, \$14; alfalfa meal, \$19.

Fruit—Apples, 60¢/62¢ per box; peaches, 60¢/75¢ per box; pears, 75¢/81.25 per box; grapes, 75¢/81.25 per crate; Concord, 12¢/15¢ per half basket; huckleberries, 90¢/10¢ per dozen; quinces, 10¢/12.5¢ per box; cranberries, \$10.50 per barrel; nutmeg melons, \$1.25 per box; casahua, 2½¢ per pound.

Potatoes—80¢/90¢ per hundred; sweet potatoes, 20¢/2½¢ per pound.

Onions—Oregon, \$1.25 per 100 pounds.

Vegetables—Turnips, \$1.25 per sack; carrots, 85¢; parsnips, \$1.25; beets, \$1.25; artichokes, 75¢ per dozen; beans, 10¢ per pound; cabbage, 1½¢ per pound; cauliflower, 75¢/81¢ per dozen; celery, 40¢/75¢ per dozen; cucumbers, \$2 per box; egg plant, \$2 per crate; lettuce, 75¢/81¢ per crate; parsley, 15¢ per dozen; peas, 10¢ per pound; peppers, \$1.75/2¢ per box; pumpkins, 16¢/1½¢ per pound; radishes, 12½¢ per dozen; spinach, 2¢ per pound; sprouts, 10¢ per pound; squash, 1½¢ per pound; tomatoes, 40¢/50¢.

Butter—City creamery, extras, 35¢/36¢; fancy outside creamery, 32½¢/33¢ per pound; store, 17¢/20¢.

Eggs—Oregon selects, 38¢/40¢; Eastern, 27¢/32½¢ per dozen.

Poultry—Hens, 14¢/15¢ per pound; spring, 14¢/15¢; ducks, old, 12¢/12½¢; young, 14¢/15¢; geese, old, 8¢/9¢; young, 9¢/10¢; turkeys, 16¢/18¢.

Veal—Extra, 8½¢/9¢ per pound; ordinary, 7¢/7½¢; heavy, 6¢.

Pork—Fancy, 7¢ per pound; large, 5½¢/6¢.

Hops—Oregon, 1908, 70¢/80¢ per pound; 1907, 80¢/84¢; 1906, 14¢/15¢.

Wool—Eastern Oregon, average best, 10¢/14¢ per pound, according to shrinkage; valley, 15¢/16¢; mohair, choice, 18¢ per pound.

EVACUATE PACIFIC OCEAN.

Roosevelt's Order is Taken to Mean Confidence in Jap Professions.

Tokio, Oct. 28.—Although the American fleet has left here for Manila and China, the impression created by the attitude of the people of the United States toward the Japanese is still a matter of comment by the Japanese and vernacular press.

A report from Washington to the effect that President Roosevelt had ordered the Pacific fleet to proceed to the Atlantic ocean to participate in the spring maneuvers, thus temporarily evacuating the Pacific ocean, has created a profound impression here. The newspapers all comment on this action as an indication that the American people have confidence in the sincerity of the protestations of friendship on the part of Japan.

The proposed conference of the powers interested in the Pacific ocean to discuss the oriental question is gaining in popular favor. Every newspaper in the empire favors the proposed conference, and it is likely that some official action will be taken soon.

The tender Yankton left Yokohama today for Manila. She stayed behind for repairs of damage done by the storm encountered by the fleet on the way here from Manila.

SHOOTING IS LIMITED.

What Roosevelt is Free to Kill on East African Hunt.

London, Oct. 28.—President Roosevelt not having signified his intention of asking special privileges for his hunting trip in British East Africa through diplomatic channels, it is supposed that he will take out an ordinary 50-pound (\$250) license from the colonial office. This, however, has not yet been applied for, though it is always usual to demand such licenses several months in advance. Under them each hunter is limited to 60 animals, except in cases of lions, leopards, crocodiles and others, which are considered undesirable, of which he may shoot as many as he wishes.

As set forth in the new licenses, the president may kill "two elephants, two rhinoceros, ten hippopotami, 21 antelopes, two buffaloes, two earth hogs, two earth wolves, ten chevrotains, two monkeys, two marabou storks, two ostriches, two egrets and one chimpanzee." Giraffes, wild asses, secretary birds and a number of other species are forbidden to any hunter not armed with special privileges.

WILL RENEW WAR.

Anti-Gambling League Still Wants to Reform Nevada.

Reno, Nev., Oct. 28.—Undaunted by its defeat at the polls at the city election last Saturday, the Anti-Gambling league today held a meeting and made plans for carrying the fight to drive gambling out of Nevada to every city in the state. Committees were appointed to organize clubs in every county where efforts will be made to secure a popular vote on the question.

The league here intends to get out another petition asking for another ordinance and special election about three months hence. Attributing its defeat to the proximity of the general election and business conditions, it believes a vote at that time will bring a good majority in favor of closing gambling in Reno. The league voted to keep its hands off politics, for this year at least, and no effort will be made to have the candidates declare themselves before the coming election.

Fear Boat Has Capsized.

San Diego, Oct. 27.—Arrangements were being made at Fort Rosecrans late last night to send out a boat to look for four members of the Twenty-eighth Coast artillery and an army mechanic from San Francisco. The five men left for the Coronado islands yesterday morning on a fishing cruise expecting to return last night. They have not been seen since. They are Corporal Reynolds and Privates Blanchard, Wykoff and Crosby and Mechanic Hughes.

Limit Invitations to 400.

Amoy, China, Oct. 28.—As a precaution against any disturbances during the visit here of the second squadron of the American fleet, invitations to the Chinese reception to the fleet have been limited in number to 400. Many foreigners of bad character are assembling here, but no foreigners will be admitted to the grounds where the receptions are to be held, without a pass from the consular representatives of his country. Invitations to the Foo Chow students and naval cadets have been withdrawn.

To Use 5,000 Idle Cars.

Harrisburg, Pa., Oct. 28.—The Pennsylvania railroad is clearing the Petersburg branch, of the middle division, of all the freight cars which have been stored there since last winter, numbering about 5,000. The cars are being taken out to handle the increased freight traffic. About three miles of track are being cleared each day.

CAN'T FORCE PLEDGE

Compulsory Obligation in North Dakota Held Illegal.

PEOPLE MAY NAME A CHOICE

But Legislature Must Remain Free to Elect as They Please Without Being Pledged.

Bismarck, N. D., Oct. 31.—That provision of the direct primary law in this state which requires members of the legislature to vote for the popular choice for United States senator has been declared unconstitutional by the State Supreme court. The validity of the law in other respects, including the provision permitting electors to express their preference as to senator at the general election preceding the session of the legislature at which a senator is to be elected, is sustained. The opinion was written by Judge Fink and was concurred in by Judge Morgan, the third member of the court, Judge Spalding, returning a dissenting opinion.

An application had been made for a writ of mandamus in a proceeding brought to restrain the members of the legislature from electing a senator next week to succeed Senator H. C. Hanabrough, who was defeated in the primary nominating election last spring. The application was denied, and the members of the legislature are now privileged to vote for their personal choice for senator.

BURNING STEAMER IN PORT.

Passengers Driven by Intense Heat to Promenade Deck.

San Juan, Porto Rico, Oct. 31.—The steamer S. V. Luckenbach, from New York for San Juan, arrived here last night with fire in her hold still burning. All her passengers and crew, 31 in number, are well.

The fire was discovered at 4 o'clock on the morning of October 26, when the vessel was 580 miles south of Sandy Hook. The passengers were at once awakened and the small boats were brought out, prepared and made ready to lower away in case it should become necessary to abandon the steamer.

At 6 o'clock in the morning of the 26th, the steamer Philadelphia, of the Red D line, was sighted, and the plight of the Luckenbach was signaled to her. The Philadelphia answered: "I am coming alongside."

She drew near and acted as a convoy until the Luckenbach reached here. Both vessels came into port together. The heat and smoke from the fire forced the passengers to withdraw from their cabins, and temporary cots and eating tables were placed on the promenade deck for them. The officers did not dare open the hatches to combat the fire in the fear that the draft thus created would fan the flames.

USE AUTO WITH AIRSHIP.

Huge Balloon Carries Touring Car Instead of Basket.

Indianapolis, Oct. 31.—Something new in aeronautics was attempted here today when a monster balloon with a capacity of 110,000 cubic feet of gas shot up into the air with an automobile placed where a basket is usually suspended. The ascension was made at 4 p. m., the balloon carrying two occupants, Carl G. Fisher, of Indianapolis, and C. L. Bumbaugh, of Springfield.

The idea of the aeronauts is to be able at will to load up the balloon in the automobile. The machine used was a new 24-horsepower four-cylinder touring car, and when stripped of all unnecessary equipment, weighs 1,500 pounds.

The balloon descended near Southport, Ind., a distance of seven miles from Indianapolis, after being in the air two hours and ten minutes. The automobile was freed from the balloon and the aeronauts came to Indianapolis in it.

Cocaine in Schools.

Philadelphia, Oct. 31.—Scores of children in the public schools here are addicted to the use of cocaine, according to the confession of Edward Lee, a 15-year-old vender of the drug, and detectives are investigating the appalling condition. Young Lee and Michael Larkins were arrested with quantities of the drug in their possession. Lee told the officers that he purchased the drug at a house on North Tenth street, where a man made a practice of selling it to the schoolboys, who made "lots of money" selling to their schoolmates.

Prisoners Break Jail.

Missoula, Mont., Oct. 31.—Eight prisoners awaiting trial for various offenses escaped from the county jail last evening and at a late hour only one had been recaptured.