

NICARAGUA GIVES IN

Ultimatum From Knox Produces Quick Result.

WILL COMPROMISE OR ARBITRATE

Central American Nation Expresses Desire to Settle Emery Claim for Damages at Once.

Washington, April 6.—Secretary Knox was given to understand today by Minister Espinosa, of Nicaragua, that the Nicaraguan government would make an early effort to settle either by compromise or by arbitration the claims for damages of the G. D. Emery company, whose concession for cutting mahogany was cancelled.

BRITAIN WANTS AIR FLEET.

May Establish "Two-Power" Stand and for Dirigibles Same as Navy.

London, April 6.—Great Britain seems to be awakening to the fact that the other nations of the world are leaving her behind in the race for command of the air.

While the members of the house of commons were drawing the attention of the government to the fact that Germany has built or is building dirigible airships and urging the government to take up with energy the construction of a British fleet, there was being held today a meeting in the Mansion House under the chairmanship of the lord mayor of London in support of the same subject.

WISE ON PLUMS.

Wizard Burbank Has 517 Varieties on His Place.

Santa Rosa, Cal., April 6.—That the several varieties of toothsome plums now known to fruit lovers are destined to be relegated to the list of forgotten delicacies in the belief of Luther Burbank, the plant wizard of this city.

"I am now experimenting with 517 distinct varieties of plums," said Burbank today, "any one of which I believe is superior to any plums now known to the world. For the past few months I have been working and experimenting with this fruit and in taking an inventory of the results I have found that I have on my ranch at least 517 plums of which the layman has never heard."

Burbank has recently evolved a five leaf clover and states that an additional leaf will be forthcoming in the near future.

Czar Will Go Voyaging.

St. Petersburg, April 6.—Preliminary preparations are being made for a round of state visits by the emperor to the Scandinavian capitals, and possibly to London in the early summer. According to the plans his majesty will leave in June aboard the imperial yacht Standart, escorted by a division of the Baltic fleet and torpedo boats, and will go to Stockholm, Christiana and Copenhagen, and perhaps thence to England, to return King Edward's visit during the summer. This is the first extensive imperial trip projected since 1901.

Starvation or Massacre.

London, April 6.—A special dispatch from Teheran, describing the situation at Tabriz, says there is no doubt that a great tragedy is close at hand. If Tabriz holds out against the invaders, the dispatch says, thousands must die of starvation. If Tabriz falls, probably tens of thousands will be massacred. The rest of the country, however, looks on with traditional Eastern apathy.

Kentucky Counties "Dry."

Ashland, Ky., April 6.—Boyd county voted "dry" today by a majority of 107. In this city, the center of the iron industry, church bells were ringing hourly during the election. The victory of the "drys" here means that 96 of the 119 counties in the state are wholly "dry" under the county unit law.

GALE CAUSES LOSS.

Severe Wind Storm Passes Over Atlantic Coast States.

Boston, April 9.—Moving Eastward with increasing velocity, the storm which has done so much damage in the Central and Lake states today swept over New England, and a tale of woe has poured into this city from shipping interests as a result. The gale has varied in velocity from 50 to over 92 miles an hour, and shipping up and down the coast has sought shelter.

From off the Rhode Island coast it is reported that three barges with their crews have been blown out to sea, and staunch ocean-going tugs have started to their relief. On the treacherous sands off Cape Cod a sloop is reported ashore, and from Vineyard Haven it is reported that many vessels have put in there in a disabled condition.

In the path swept by the storm wires are just being restored to working order, and tales of loss of life and suffering are rapidly coming in.

Throughout Eastern Canada the gale was particularly severe, and from Ontario it is reported that many houses were unroofed. A schoolhouse at Guelph was demolished and many persons injured.

In Rochester, N. Y., the gale acquired a velocity of 58 miles an hour, and one man was killed. At Wheeling, W. Va., one man was killed and three seriously injured.

The oil country near Pittsburg suffered great damage in the gale, and over 2,000 derricks over the wells were blown down. The loss to oil men will total at least \$100,000. Houses, barns and fences throughout the country were wrecked.

MODJESKA PASSES AWAY.

Famous Actress Loses in Her Battle Against Death.

Los Angeles, Cal., April 9.—Madame Helena Modjeska, the famous Polish tragedienne and one of the most noted actresses of the American stage, died at 10 o'clock yesterday at her island home at Bay City, in Orange county, at the age of 65, after an illness of about two months. For several days she had been unconscious and her death was almost hourly expected. Bright's disease, complicated with heart trouble, was the immediate cause of death.

Gathered around the bedside of the noted actress when she died were Count Bozenta, husband of Madame Modjeska; Ralph Modjeska and his wife, son and daughter-in-law, of Chicago, and Dr. J. C. Boyd, the family physician. The fatal illness of Madame Modjeska has been a hard strain on the count and the other members of the family, who have watched almost incessantly at her side for a month past.

The body of the actress will be embalmed and taken to Los Angeles, where it will lie in a vault for some time. Later Count Bozenta will take the body to Cracow, Poland, the early home of Modjeska, and there it will be interred.

UNITED STATES AROUSED.

Nicaraguan President Must Account for Mutilating Papers.

Washington, April 9.—Nicaraguan mutilation of official dispatches to this government and continued grave conditions in Central America, are under earnest consideration of the Washington government. Investigation have convinced the officials here that cipher dispatches passing between John H. Gregory, the American charge at Managua, Nicaragua, and the State department at Washington were purposely mutilated.

It would not be surprising, in view of the unsatisfactory conditions, if the American government should take active steps to end the existing state of affairs in Central America and notify Nicaragua that henceforth peace must prevail at all hazards.

Moral suasion with Nicaragua has failed to accomplish the object sought—that of impressing her with the desire both of the United States and Mexico that there be a cessation of the contentions which keep other Central American republics constantly guessing. Intervention in Central American affairs has been talked of unofficially.

Autoists Sacrifice Car.

Dayton, O., April 9.—Rather than run down a little girl who was in their path, James L. Dinmore and F. O. Probasso turned their automobile down a 30-foot embankment and plunged into the waters of the Miami river today. The men were driving the car along the top of the levee, only eight feet wide, when the child was seen a few feet ahead. Probasso, who was driving said: "Is it the child or the river, Jim?" He received the reply, "The river for ours." Although the river was high both men escaped.

Balloon Italia Tumbles.

Schio, Italy, April 9.—The trial of the dirigible balloon Italia today ended disastrously. After maneuvering for some time at a height of 1,200 feet, the engine broke down and the balloon descended precipitately. It was badly damaged, but the aeronauts were not hurt.

OREGON STATE ITEMS OF INTEREST

NEW PROJECTS FOR OREGON

Reclamation Service Makes Three Filings in Eastern Oregon.

Salem—More irrigation projects are in view for Eastern Oregon. The United States reclamation service has made three important filings on Eastern Oregon streams within the past few days. The filings were made on the Umatilla, Owyhee and Malheur rivers and are on record in the office of the state engineer.

At this time the filings are not definite enough to admit of any enlargement on the proposed projects that the United States government expects to make. The filings must be approved and several months will be consumed before anything of a definite nature can result from them.

The topographical surveys that have been made in Eastern Oregon are the most valuable means whereby feasible reclamation projects are discovered. At the last session of the legislature an attempt was made to increase the appropriation from \$5,000 to \$20,000 annually for making these surveys. The bill passed the house but failed to pass the senate.

The bill failed mainly because the Eastern Oregon senators opposed it, those representing the section to be most benefited by the appropriation. Consequently, the irrigation projects must come more slowly. For every dollar the state appropriates for the topographical surveys the United States appropriates another dollar. Had the bill that was piloted through the house by Representative Rusk passed the senate \$40,000 a year would have been available.

The state engineer has gone to Wyoming to study the workings of the water code of that state, which was the model from which was formed Oregon's new code. Mr. Lewis expects to be absent about 10 days or two weeks.

NORMAL GETS LITTLE AID.

Eastern Oregon Indifferent as to Fate of Institution.

Weston—J. O. Russel, physical director and teacher of mathematics at the Weston normal, has returned from an Eastern Oregon trip in the interests of the school. Among the places visited were Hermiston, Arlington, Cove, La Grande and Elgin.

Mr. Russell reports that he met with much popular misconception as to the nature and sphere of normal school work, and the financial encouragement offered was rather slim. For instance, the La Grande subscription toward running the school until the end of the present year, which closes with commencement May 25, was only \$55. In Mr. Russell's view there is no hope for any general assistance throughout Eastern Oregon toward continuing the school until such time as it would be possible to obtain state aid by means of the initiative measure, which it is proposed to submit at the November election in 1910.

Smuggled Oats, Says O. R. & N.

Salem—Complaint is made against the Frank L. Smith Meat company by the Oregon Railroad & Navigation company before the railroad commission for false billing, by which, it is claimed, the meat company smuggled 60 sacks of oats into Portland with a consignment of baled hay from Hutchinson spur. It is the contention of the attorneys for the Oregon Railroad & Navigation company that persons and corporations other than railroad companies may be found guilty of a misdemeanor under the railroad commission act of 1907, and that when the corporation by false billing obtains transportation for less than the published tariff it may be prosecuted, and if found guilty, be subject to a fine of not less than \$50 or more than \$1,000.

Improve Drewsey-Burns Road.

Drewsey—A new road is being made this week over the Drewsey mountain, which is crossed by passengers en route to Burns. When completed the road will be greatly improved. Heretofore it has been so steep as to make it difficult for horses to pull even an empty wagon, and the drive down has been very dangerous. The new road is being cut around the mountain.

State Gets Ship's Guns.

Salem—Governor Benson has received a letter from Secretary of the Navy George L. von Meyer, stating that the 13-inch guns of the Oregon have not yet been condemned and consequently cannot be given to the state or to other applicants. It is understood the government will send two of the 6-inch guns to Salem for the state-house lawn.

Land to Be Thrown Open.

Salem—The desert land board, at its meeting in the statehouse decided to grant the application of the Deschutes Irrigation & Power company and throw open the company's segregation of about 8,000 acres. The land opened is known as list No. 6. The protest of A. M. Drake, of Portland, was thus overruled.

LOADS MUST BE HEAVY.

Some Absurd Blunders in New Oregon Road Law.

Salem—Among the quaint and curious blunders of the recent session of the Oregon legislature was the passage of a bill making it unlawful to drive a wagon on any improved road west of the Cascade range, weighing with its burden less than 2,500 pounds. The bill is house bill No. 81, and is designed to protect the roads from the result of overloading narrow-tire wagons.

The bill was referred to the house committee on roads and highways and by them amended and jumbled up. Section 2 gives county courts authority to regulate the weight of all loads of various commodities, between the first day of October and the first day of May of each year. Section 3 was amended to read, in referring to the weight of loads that may be hauled: "And the maximum weight thereof shall not be made less than 2,500 pounds nor more than 3,000 pounds for any vehicle having tires of any width less than four inches, nor less than 3,500 pounds nor more than 4,500 pounds for any vehicle having tires of more than four inches and less than six inches in width, nor less than 4,500 pounds for any vehicle having tires of six inches or more in width," etc.

The bill is intended to apply to counties wholly or in part west of the Cascade range. Any violation may be punished by county courts for contempt of court.

Gilliam Land Leased.

Mitchell—What is considered as the largest lease of land ever transacted in this county was completed recently when G. L. Frizzell, of Gird's creek, rented all his grazing and farming land to Perry Reames, of Mitchell. The property is considered one of the best stock ranches in this section. It consists of 2,150 acres, situated at the head of Gird creek. Mr. Reames has taken immediate charge, while Mr. Frizzell will drive about 300 head of cattle to Toppenish, Wash., where he has been feeding 650 head the past winter. The whole herd, 950 head, will be fattened for the northern markets.

Land Brings \$1,000 an Acre.

Milwaukie—Mrs. M. D. Reid has completed the sale of 22 acres of her home place to B. Lee Paget and others of Portland for an average of \$1,000 an acre. The land sold is under a high state of cultivation and contains one of the most productive grape vineyards in Clackamas county.

PORTLAND MARKETS.

Wheat—Bluestem milling, \$1.25; bluestem shipping, \$1.17½; club, \$1.12; red, \$1.15; Turkey red, \$1.15; red Russian, \$1.08; valley, \$1.10½.
Oats—No. 1 white, \$39¢40 per ton. Barley—Feed, \$31¢32 per ton.
Hay—Timothy, Willamette valley, \$13¢15 per ton; Eastern Oregon, \$16¢18; clover, \$12¢13; alfalfa, \$14.50¢15; grain hay, \$13¢14; vetch, \$13.50¢14.50; cheat, \$13.50¢14.50.
Apples—65¢¢82.50 per box.
Potatoes—\$1.25¢1.35 per hundred; sweet potatoes, 2¼¢3¢ per pound.

Vegetables—Turnips, \$1 per sack; carrots, 90¢; parsnips, \$1.50; beets, \$1.75; horseradish, 10¢ per pound; artichokes, 65¢¢85¢ per dozen; cabbage, 30¢4¢ per pound; cauliflower, \$2.50; celery, \$4.50 per crate; lettuce, head, 85¢ per dozen; onions, 40¢50¢ per dozen; parsley, 35¢ per dozen; peas, 15¢ per pound; radishes, 35¢ per dozen; rhubarb, 5¢ per pound; spinach, 6¢ per pound.

Onions—Oregon, \$1.75¢1.85 per hundred.
Butter—City creamery, extras, 29¢; fancy outside creamery, 27¼¢¢29¢ per pound; California, 27¼¢; store, 18¢20¢. Butter fat prices average 1¼¢ per pound under regular butter prices.
Eggs—Oregon ranch, 21¢22¢ per dozen.

Poultry—Hens, 16¢16½¢ per pound; broilers, 24¢25¢; fryers, 18¢20¢; roosters, old, 10¢11¢; young, 14¢15¢; ducks, 20¢22¢; geese, 10¢; turkeys, 18¢19¢; squabs, \$2.50¢3 per dozen.
Veal—Extras, 10¢10½¢ per pound; ordinary, 7¢8¢; heavy, 6¢.
Pork—Fancy, 9¢9½¢ per pound; large, 8¢8½¢.

Hops—1909 contracts, 9¢10¢ per pound; 1908 crop, 7¢7½¢; 1907 crop, 3¢4¼¢; 1906 crop, 1½¢2¢.

Wool—Eastern Oregon, contracts, 16¢18¢ per pound; valley, 18¢; mohair, choice, 23¢23½¢.

Cattle—Top steers, \$5.25¢5.50; fair to good, \$4.75¢5; common to medium, \$3.25¢4.50; cows, top, \$4.25; fair to good, \$3.50¢4; common to medium, \$2.50¢3.50; calves, top, \$5.50¢5.50; heavy, \$3.50¢4; bulls and stags, fat, \$3.50¢3.50; common, \$2.75¢2.75.

Hogs—Best, \$7.25¢7.50; fair to good, \$6.75¢7; stockers, \$5.50¢6; China fats, \$6.75.

Sheep—Top wethers, \$5.50¢5.75; fair to good, \$4.50¢4.75; ewes, ¼¢ less on all grades; yearlings, top, \$6.25¢6.50; fair to good, \$6.25¢6.25; spring lambs, \$9¢10.

EXTEND "DRY" TERRITORY.

Anti-Saloon League Makes Marked Gain in Eastern States.

Denver, April 7.—The anti-saloon forces were generally victorious throughout the state at the municipal elections yesterday. Of the 25 towns from which returns had been received at midnight 18 voted to become dry, while seven towns voted to license saloons.

In most cases the contending parties were designated by local names and in but few instances were the issues fought out on Republican and Democratic lines.

600 Saloons Must Close Up.

Detroit, April 7.—More than 600 saloons and 10 breweries will be forced out of business in the 19 counties of the state which voted "dry" at yesterday's election. Returns last night gave the "drys" 20 of the 27 counties in which the liquor question was voted upon, but later figures swung Owosso county, which has 19 saloons into the "wet" column by 172 majority.

Nebraska Breaks About Even.

Lincoln, Neb., April 7.—The question of saloon license was the dominating influence in elections in Nebraska yesterday, and the returns, while showing a few surprising changes, do not indicate a landslide to either side. The gains, especially in the smaller towns, are on the side of the "drys."

Local Option Wave Breaks.

Indianapolis, April 7.—The local option wave which has been sweeping Indiana suffered a setback in Blackford and Cass counties yesterday, thus breaking the string of victories for the anti-saloon cause. Both counties voted for the regularly licensed saloons and go on record with Wayne county for the "wets."

Alabama Liquor Law Valid.

Montgomery, Ala., April 7.—The Alabama state prohibition law was declared valid yesterday by the State Supreme court, all the judges concurring in the opinion. This is the second time the court has upheld the state wide act of the last legislature. It was attacked on several constitutional grounds.

Wisconsin Prefers Wetness.

Milwaukee, Wis., April 7.—April elections were held in a large number of cities throughout Wisconsin yesterday, the issue of "license" or "no license" being at stake. License carried in a majority of the places heard from. About 20 towns voted "wet," while about 14 voted "dry."

Kansas City is Republican.

Kansas City, Kan., April 7.—Incomplete returns at midnight indicated the election of W. S. Guger, Republican, as mayor of Kansas City by about a majority of about 500. In Kansas City, Mo., the proposition to extend the city limits carried.

Little Rock Stays Wet.

Little Rock, Ark., April 7.—Prohibition was overwhelmingly defeated yesterday in the municipal election, in which Mayor Duley was re-elected by a majority of 1,941 votes.

TRINIDAD BARS CASTRO.

British Government Will Not Allow Ex-Dictator to Land.

Port of Spain, Trinidad, April 7.—At the urgent request of the State department at Washington, communicated to the foreign office at London, the British government has decided not to allow Cipriano Castro, former president of Venezuela, to land at Trinidad.

London, April 7.—Great Britain's change from a policy of non-interference in the situation that threatens today in the Caribbean to a decision not to allow Cipriano Castro to land at Port of Spain, Trinidad, is a friendly act to America and other powers more directly interested in Venezuela. As soon as the State department pointed out that the deposed dictator of Venezuela probably would cause trouble in Venezuela, the foreign office decided to take action and instruct the officials at Port of Spain to prevent Castro from landing.

Slow to Accept Carnegie Gift.

Honolulu, April 7.—Although Andrew Carnegie promised to give Hawaii a library costing \$150,000 if the legislature would guarantee to maintain it in a suitable manner, the lawmakers of the islands are not yet unanimous and it is doubtful if the offer will be accepted. The donation has been enthusiastically hailed by the Honolulu library association, which has guaranteed to turn over its entire property and endowment to the project, but this has in no way moved many of the legislators from their apathy.

Act is Unconstitutional.

New Haven, Conn., April 7.—In sustaining a demurrer entered by counsel for the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad company, Judge Wheeler, of the Superior court, held today that the employers' liability act passed by congress in June, 1908, was unconstitutional.

WILL DEPORT CASTRO

France Tells United States He Will Be Driven Away.

PUT HIM ABOARD FIRST STEAMER

Will Be Returned to Europe, Where He Will Be Out of Touch With Venezuela.

Washington, April 10.—The French government has informed the State department of its determination to put into effect immediately its decision to expel ex-President Castro, of Venezuela, from Fort de France and compel him to return to Europe.

The program is to put him aboard the vessel first touching at Fort de France. If this is carried out, Castro will be on his way to Europe in a day or two, unless his physical condition is such that the ocean trip would put his life in jeopardy.

The State department officials are much gratified at the manner in which the French government has acted, and feel relieved that Castro is to be sent back to Europe, where he will have no immediate influence in the affairs of Venezuela, where his personal following is believed to be considerable.

HITCHCOCK PASSES AWAY.

Former Cabinet Officer Dies After Weeks of Illness.

Washington, April 10.—Ethan Allen Hitchcock, secretary of the interior under Presidents McKinley and Roosevelt, died here yesterday morning at 11 o'clock, aged 74. He had been critically ill for several days.

Mr. Hitchcock had been ill for some weeks. He contracted a severe cold while in the West, and his condition became so serious that he hurried to Washington to place himself in the hands of a specialist who had attended him during his office career here. He suffered from a complication of kidney, heart and pulmonary diseases.

At the bedside when the end came were Mrs. Hitchcock, the three daughters, Lieutenant Commander Sims, and a nephew, George C. Hitchcock, of St. Louis.

His condition had become steadily worse during the last two days. The body will be taken to St. Louis today, arriving there Sunday night. The funeral will be held Monday, the interment being at the Bellefontaine cemetery in that city.

NO COAL STRIKE LIKELY.

Operators Say Danger of Interruption of Business Remote.

Philadelphia, April 10.—Although a disagreement was reached at the concluding conference of the anthracite operators and miners today concerning the question of a wage agreement in the hard coal fields of Pennsylvania, there will be no strike and no danger of suspension of mining, according to miners' officials.

The operators rejected the modified demands presented yesterday by the miners. The answer of the miners was given to the miners today in a conference which lasted more than an hour.

The officials of the United Mineworkers of three districts will hold another meeting to decide upon a course of action.

The operators having headquarters in New York City left on the noon train, and announced they would give out a statement soon after their arrival.

Signs Point to Bear.

Washington, April 10.—Indications strongly point to the selection of Judge Bean for the new Federal judgeship in Oregon. The attorney general, at the request of the president, has been making inquiries as to Judge Bean's qualifications, and, so far as known, all reports are favorable. Senator Fulton made no recommendations, realizing that it was the president's purpose to make his own selection irrespective of politics and political endorsements. Judge Bean had endorsed Mr. Fulton for the position.

Ice Jam in Niagara River.

Lewiston, N. Y., April 10.—Owing to a jam of ice in the gorge just above here, the docks of the Niagara River Navigation company at Queenston and Lewiston are covered with about 30 feet of ice. The stay wires of Lewiston suspension bridge were carried away.

Unearth Pot of Gold.

Lexington, Ky., April 10.—While digging a posthole in an abandoned lot today, workmen discovered a brass kettle containing \$8,600 in gold and silver that apparently had been buried for a half century.