

AFFAIRS AT THE ISTHMUS

Colombian Minister Goes to Colon

U. S. Mountain Battery May Go

Special to the Mail.

Panama, Dec. 18—Arrangements were made today for a cruiser to go to Cartagena to conduct Minister Beaupre of Colombia to Colon.

No reason is given, but the presumption is that it is to give Beaupre an opportunity to communicate freely with Washington regarding affairs at Bogota.

Fort Leavenworth, Dec. 18—One thousand rounds of fixed ammunition for the Twenty-eighth mountain battery arrived by express today.

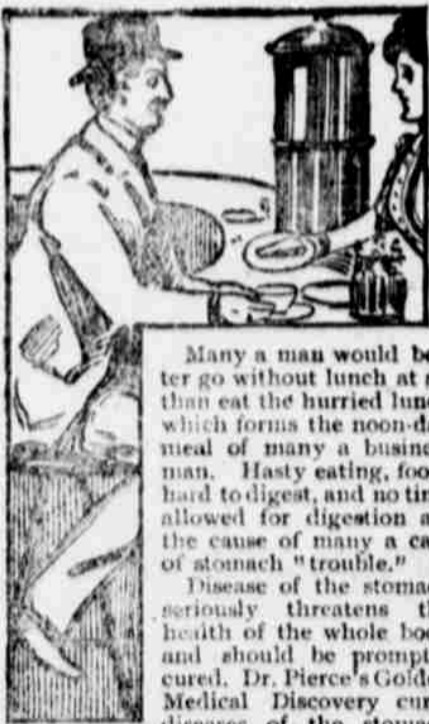
The battery is now prepared for an immediate call. If ordered to the Isthmus, it will probably go via San Francisco for operations on the westward side.

Wives of Great Men.

Few great men have paid more enthusiastic tributes to their wives than Tom Hood, says the Denver Times. "You will think," he wrote to her in one of his letters, "that I am more foolish than any boy lover, and I plead guilty. For never was a wooer so young of heart and so steeped in love as I, but it is a love sanctified and strengthened by long years of experience. May God ever bless my darling—the sweetest, most helpful angel who ever stooped to bless a man."

"I want thee much," Nathaniel Hawthorne wrote to his wife many years after his long patience had won for him the flower "that was lent from heaven to show the possibilities of the human soul." "Thou art the only person in the world that ever was necessary to me. And now I am only myself when thou art within my reach."

"The wedded life of Wordsworth with his cousin, 'the phantom of delight,' was a poem more exquisitely beautiful than any his pen ever wrote. "All that she has been to me," the poet once said in his latter days, "none but God and myself can ever know."



Many a man would better go without lunch at all than eat the hurried lunch which forms the noon-day meal of many a business man. Hasty eating, foods hard to digest, and no time allowed for digestion are the cause of many a case of stomach "trouble."

Disease of the stomach seriously threatens the health of the whole body and should be promptly cured. Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery cures diseases of the stomach and other organs of digestion and nutrition. It enables the perfect assimilation of food and the proper nutrition of the body on which physical strength depends.

"Nine or ten years ago my health became very poor, and in 1894 was so far gone that good doctors pronounced my case the worst they had ever treated," writes Mr. Harvey Phillips, of Florence, Ala. "I had acute stomach trouble, liver complaint, catarrh and was nervous to such an extent I could not sleep. I finally got three bottles of Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery and some Pellets. Took them according to directions on the bottles, and in a few days noticed a decided improvement. I commenced to get more rest at night and could eat with pleasure, where formerly food was like chips to me. When I had used three bottles of the 'Discovery' I was a new man; could eat mince pie for supper, go to bed at seven P. M. and sleep until seven A. M. I am now working at my trade (carpentry), every day in all kinds of weather, and think if I had not taken your medicine I would now be under the sod."

Dr. Pierce's Pleasant Pellets cleanse the clogged system from accumulated impurities.

GREAT BRIDGE OPENED

Bridging East River at New York

(Special to the Coast Mail.)

New York, Dec. 18—Big ships and little ships, tugboats and rowboats, naphtha launches and steam launches, and scows and craft of every conceivable size and description swarmed in the East River opposite the Brooklyn navy yard today and shrieked their whistles and fired their guns to apprise all within hearing that the new Williamsburg Bridge, after an expenditure of \$20,000,000 and eight years of toil, was at last an accomplished fact. It was a day of jubilation for New York in general and for Williamsburg in particular, for to the people of the last named section of the metropolis the completion of the new bridge means freedom from the dangerous crush they have been obliged to contend with for years in crossing the old Brooklyn bridge. The ceremonies attending the formal opening were simple but impressive. The chief officials of the city, together with the representatives of the Federal government, army and naval officers, distinguished engineers and other invited guests, assembled in the center of the gigantic span across the river and listened to orations appropriate to the occasion delivered by Mayor Low, Bridge Commissioner Lippenthal made the opening address, turning the bridge over to the city.

The general public was not permitted to cross the bridge today to avoid the possibility of a crush, such as was the case at the opening of the Brooklyn bridge, which resulted in the death of more than a score of persons.

In the construction of the massive approaches whole blocks of buildings were razed.

The length of the bridge between its terminals is 7,200 feet, or over one and a third miles. The main span from the center of one tower to that of the other, is 1,600 feet long. The width of the structure is 113 feet, as compared with 85 feet, the width of the Brooklyn bridge. Its minimum height above high water at pier head lines is 122 feet on either side of the main span is 135 feet. The heights of the cables on the top of the towers is 338 feet at the center.

Three thousand and forty eight tons of steel have been used in constructing such of the towers, while nearly 17,000 tons have been put into the great approaches. In each of the suspension cables, which are 18 3/4 inches in diameter, there are 7,795 separate wires, these wires being 3,500 long and three-sixteenths of an inch in thickness. Six and one-half million feet of timber were required to construct the bridge and the steel employed amounted to 40,000 tons. It was necessary to excavate 125,000 cubic feet of earth and to tear down several hundred buildings and houses.

Both of the towers are planted on solid rock foundations. For the Manhattan anchorage 3,000 piles were driven through the clay and sand until they reached a solid foundation. The anchorage on the Williamsburg side is said to rest on natural sand. The bridge is provided with two drives for carriages, four trolley tracks, two elevated tracks, two footwalks and two bicycle tracks.

SECOND BOTKIN TRIAL

Attorneys Expect to Clear Murderer

(Special to the Coast Mail.)

San Francisco, Dec. 19—Mrs. Cordella Botkin, convicted of poisoning Mrs. John F. Danning with a box of candy appeared in court this morning with a deputy, and her trial was set for Feb. 15.

Her attorneys expect to obtain her release before the trial is held, due to the slipshod manner in which the case has been handled.

WANT WAR LOAN

Russia Applies to Paris and New York

Englishmen Generally Favor Japan

St. Petersburg Uneasy at Situation

(Special to the Coast Mail.)

London, Dec. 19—Dispatches from Paris financiers this morning state that urgent inquiries have been made at the French capital as to the possibility of raising a new Russian loan of twenty five million pounds.

It is understood that similar inquiries have been addressed to New York. Financiers are loathe to undertake it as it is regarded as a war loan.

Lloyd's again advanced insurance rates on Japan bound vessels today. The Admiralty has issued secret orders to the Asiatic squadron.

Englishmen unofficially seem to favor the Japanese side, and hundreds are daily making application to the Japanese minister to enlist, many of them being navy officers. On account of the Japanese law which forbids the enlistment of foreigners, the minister is compelled to decline.

St. Petersburg Dec. 19—The papers today are devoting columns to the Japanese trouble and express fears that popular sentiment among the Japanese is so strong that acts of aggression are liable to commence at any time, and that Japan may descend on the Caroon coast with out a formal declaration of war.

How to Make Apple Vinegar.
Place in a stone crock all the parings from apples as they accumulate and keep covered with water. When soft squeeze the pulp through a jelly bag, put the liquid in jugs, adding any sweets that may have been saved and a very little brown sugar, not more than half a pound to one gallon of liquid. Tie a thin cloth over the mouth of the jug and set in a warm place to sour. If a little vinegar plant, or, as better known, "mother," is added the vinegar will be ready for use more quickly.

ALASKA STEAMER ASHORE

Panic But no Loss of Life

(Special to the Coast Mail.)

Seattle, Wash. Dec. 17—Steamer Amaran on Harbor reef at Port Simpson, in a fog, on Dec. 15th. The shock stove in her false bottom and threw her 75 passengers into a panic. The vessel floated at high tide but broke her tall shaft in going off. The Farrallon Tows rescued the passengers and brought them to Seattle.

Where They Got Left

From Tuesday's Daily.

On Saturday evening last, a quartet of gay gamblers put up a job on the night marshal by removing the life-size wooden Dutchman sign from Bonbrake's cigar store into the middle of the street, covering it with a white sheet. The marshal was onto the racket. Approaching the group in a manner oblivious to the presence of the ghost of ginlet, he (the marshal) was asked if he would grant them an interview with a celebrated member of the society of booze, then languishing in the town jail. "O, yes," he replied, "but first, you must put that sign where it belongs. They promptly complied with the request, and were then escorted to the jail to enjoy their interview. Being impressed with an idea that they wished to "do time," in a sympathetic effort of condolence with the distinguished prisoner, the marshal, after inducting them into office, promptly locked them in, and gave them an hour in which to accomplish their mission. That's where they got left.

His Occupation.

"He never works, does he?"
"Oh, yes; he works any one he can for anything he can."—Chicago Post.

ANOTHER BOAT IN THE SPRING

Portland Telegram

F. P. Baumgartner, local agent of the California and Oregon Coast Steamship company says it is very probable another steamer will be put on the Coos Bay route about April 1. The proposition is under consideration by his company, and he states is looked upon with considerable favor.

Putting a steamer on the run early in the spring, Mr. Baumgartner declares, would be a profitable move. During the spring and summer months a good business could be built up to a sufficient extent to make it possible to leave the vessel in commission during the dull winter months. A number of factories and mills will be in operation at North Bend by that time, and a good portion of their product will be shipped to Portland. The Navarro got but very little cargo sailing this way.

San Francisco has built up an extensive trade with the Coos Bay towns, but Mr. Baumgartner says it was secured by a sort of a reciprocity arrangement. San Francisco merchants buy Coos Bay coal, and the people at the latter place patronize Bay City wholesale houses. If the residents of Portland would get coal down there, the local agent of the steamship company states, it would be an easy matter for them to extend their trade relations in that section of the country. A steamer and perhaps two or three of them could then be kept in steady commission between Portland and Coos Bay towns. They would always be assured of being able to secure coal cargoes for the return trip. At present a steamer from here is compelled to return light.

OREGON SOLONS GATHER

Scrapping Over Their Line of Action

(Special to the Coast Mail.)

Salem, Or., Dec. 21—Promptly at 10:03 o'clock speaker Harris dropped his gavel and called the House of Representatives to order.

The proclamation of the Governor was then read calling a special session. Eddy introduced a resolution providing that the old organization of the House continue during the special session, and this was agreed to.

Edwards introduced a resolution providing that the standing committees of the last session be continued. Eddy proposed that the rules of the last House be adopted. Both resolutions were agreed to.

The first fire works occurred when Elyen, of Linn, introduced a resolution providing that the House transact no business except that for which the special session was called, adjournment to follow correction of the tax law. Scarcely had the resolution been read when Eddy offered a motion referring the resolution to the Committee on Resolution. Elyen called for the yeas and nays on the motion to refer. The resolution was referred by a vote of 34 yeas to 12 nays, a strict party vote.

Burleigh's concurrent resolution providing for adjournment sine die Wednesday, Dec. 23rd, was referred to the Resolutions Committee, and ten minutes later Burleigh moved a recall of the same, to take action. The motion was lost, six Democrats voting for recall.

The Senate convened at 10 a. m. After roll call Senator Tuttle, of Clatsop county, took the oath of office and was seated.

Resolutions were adopted providing that the old organization of the Senate continue during the special session.

The vacancy in the office of Sergeant at Arms was filled by election of G. P. Terrill, of Mehama.

MARTHA WASHINGTON'S HANDKERCHIEF

A Colorado woman has written to the World's Fair management saying that she possesses a handkerchief made by the wife of George Washington, and that she would like to dispose of it for exhibition purposes. In her letter she says:

"The handkerchief was a big one, and wearer doubled it to three corners to place it around her neck. It is about one-fourth of a yard square and hemmed on one side. It is some of her own work. You never saw such fine work. I got in California 13 years ago from Martha Washington's great-granddaughter. She was very old."

How to Clean With Gasoline.

A woolen cloth dampened with gasoline will make the dirt disappear as if by magic when used for cleaning porcelain sinks, bath tubs or marble wash-bowls. Gasoline is also a sovereign remedy for bugs. It can be literally poured on the mattress, springs and bed without injuring the most delicate carpet, and every bug will disappear. The daintiest neckwear which it is impossible to wash, if left over night in an airtight vessel of gasoline, will look fresh and new when carefully dried.

ITCH FOR A SCRAP

Japanese People Hot at Russia

Government Resisting the Pressure

Special to the Mail.

Tokio, Dec. 18—Popular feeling toward Russia today is at its highest point. It is believed that if put to a popular vote, Japan would almost immediately declare war.

The government is showing great steadfastness, although the pressure is enormous. The cabinet haven't yet sent a reply to Russia's communication.

JAPAN AT WORLD'S FAIR

Exhibits From the Mikako's Realm Have Already Started for the World's Fair at St. Louis

(Special to the Coast Mail.)

St. Louis, Dec. 17—Japan has started her first shipment of exhibits to St. Louis for the World's Fair. This information was conveyed to the exposition authorities in a letter from K. Sugawa, who has been appointed Director of exhibits by the Japanese Government.

Mr. Sugawa will leave Japan early in January receive and direct the placing of exhibits from his country. He states that his government will send 40 young men to assist in the installation of exhibits and to remain in charge of them during the term of the exposition.

Mr. Sugawa will make a more complete display of that wonderful country's resources and progress than it has ever made at any previous exposition.



Miss Ida M. Snyder, Treasurer of the Brooklyn East End Art Club.

"If women would pay more attention to their health we would have more happy wives, mothers and daughters, and if they would observe results they would find that the doctors' prescriptions do not perform the many cures they are given credit for."

"In consulting with my druggist he advised McEirac's Wine of Cardui and Thedford's Black-Draught, and so I took it and have every reason to thank him for a new life opened up to me with restored health, and it only took three months to cure me."

Wine of Cardui is a regulator of the menstrual functions and is a most astonishing tonic for women. It cures scanty, suppressed, too frequent, irregular and painful menstruation, falling of the womb, whites and flooding. It is helpful when approaching womanhood, during pregnancy, after childbirth and in change of life. It frequently brings a dear baby to homes that have been barren for years. All druggists have \$1.00 bottles of Wine of Cardui.

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