

ARMY FOR PANAMA

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT TO SEND TROOPS TO ISTHMUS.

Will Preserve Order on Land and Allow Warships Now There to Leave—To Go as Soon as Treaty is Ratified—Columbia Still Says She Will Declare War.

Washington, Nov. 27.—Upon the ratification by Panama of the canal treaty, the Ninth and 16 regiments of infantry, now at forts Madison and Slocum, in New York, and McPherson, in Georgia, and the Twenty-eighth mountain battery will be sent to the isthmus to take possession of Panama and Colon. The purpose in making provision for sending soldiers is to free the admirals in command of the naval forces from the responsibility of preserving order on land. Were disorders to arise, threatening the transit of the isthmus, Admirals Glass and Coghlan would have to land marines, and thereby make it necessary to keep their ships in isthmian waters longer than intended.

If Columbia should make an attempt to send troops overland to the revolted state, this government will not wait for the ratification of the treaty. The mere fact that Colombia undertook to do anything of that nature would be considered a menace to free transit on the isthmus and against the dictum of the United States that there must be no fighting on the isthmus.

The feeling is growing that Columbia will declare war against the United States, but no development is expected before the arrival of General Reyes and his fellow-commissioners.

It is believed that after he has been given official information that there can be no backward step in Panama and advise Bogota to that effect, a declaration will be made by the Marroquin government, chiefly for the purpose of saving itself from downfall, and not with any idea of doing any fighting.

FOR CHICAGO TO SAY.

Can Get Both National Political Conventions if Wanted.

Chicago, Nov. 27.—Chicago can obtain both the Democratic and Republican national conventions of 1904 if she manifests a desire to get them, according to politicians of both parties who have begun to investigate the matter. President James J. Sheridan, of the Hamilton club, which is moving to secure the Republican convention, stated today that developments to date indicate that both national committees would like an invitation from Chicago.

President Sheridan is at work framing the Hamilton club committee which will go to Washington to attend the meeting of the Republican national committee, December 11, to file Chicago's bid, and is sanguine that any reasonable proposition from this city will be accepted.

From Milwaukee comes the news that the Cream City Democratic leaders are growing lukewarm about entertaining the Democratic convention next year and have decided to throw their influence to Chicago. The Milwaukee men frankly state that Chicago is in better shape to entertain properly a national convention, and that if this city desires the event, it may count on Milwaukee's assistance. Chicago supported Milwaukee's claims four years ago, and the latter is willing to reciprocate this year.

So far, the local Democrats have made no move in that direction, but as the Democratic committee has not fixed a date for its meeting, there is plenty of time to act. Both the Democratic and Republican committees will ask pledges of cash, a good share of which will be devoted to carrying on the presidential campaign.

Chicago may desire to entertain but one convention, and in that event the republican undoubtedly will be the one invited, inasmuch as overtures have already been made to their organization.

Terrific Explosion in Mine.

Fort Smith, Ark., Nov. 27.—Thirteen miners were killed and great damage was done by an accidental explosion of gas today in coal mine, No. 2, at Bonanza, Ark., 20 miles from this city. At nightfall only six of the victims had been recovered. The explosion occurred at 1 o'clock this afternoon. There were about 175 men in the various shafts at the time. All escaped without injury except the 13. The force of the explosion was terrific, and timbers were torn from the walls of the passages for several hundred yards.

The Treaty Sent to Panama.

New York, Nov. 27.—Federico Boyd and Dr. M. Amador, the Panama commissioners, who came to this country to frame the new treaty, today delivered a new treaty to the purser of the city of Washington, who will deliver it to the authorities in Colon. The commissioners brought the treaty down in a small sealed iron box. They took the greatest care of it, and did not allow it to get out of their sight until it had been turned over to the purser.

Large Mines Will Reduce Wages.

Morristown, Pa., Nov. 27.—Notices have been posted in all the mines of the Empire Steel & Iron company in Mount Hope, Hibernia, and the other big mines in Morris county to the effect that a 10 per cent reduction would be made in the wages of all miners, beginning on December 1. Also that only one shift of men would be used where two formerly worked. The order affects 3,000 men.

STONES FILL THE AIR.

Chicago Street Car Strikers and the Police Engage in Battle.

Chicago, Nov. 26.—Fierce fighting, in which the police used their clubs freely and twice their revolvers, marked the opening of the State street cable line by the Chicago City railway yesterday. As far as can be ascertained, nobody was seriously injured, although there were many broken heads among the rioters who came in contact with the clubs of the police.

While the fighting was going on in the streets, the usual conferences were in progress and propositions and counter propositions were passing back and forth. Late in the afternoon, it was said by Mayor Harrison, President Mahon, of the street car men, and the attorneys for both sides, that an agreement had been reached, but little definite information was known concerning its nature.

All day long on State street the company was hampered by the work of the mob, which piled obstructions upon the tracks, drove pegs and spikes into the cable slot and cut trolley wires in many places. The Archer avenue line was badly damaged earlier in the day and required several hours' work by a strong force of repair men, who were heavily guarded by the police. No attempt has been made to run cars on this line since the commencement of the strike.

In policing the four branches opened last week, as well as the State street line, patrolmen were stationed only at street intersections, except where trouble was most likely to occur. Fewer policemen were detailed to ride on the street cars yesterday than during last week.

Five trains were put into operation on the State street cable line. After removing spikes from the cable slots at Fifty-seventh and Fifty-first streets, the first train was blocked at Forty-first street by iron rails placed across the tracks. The crews began to remove the obstructions, when from behind followed a volley of stones came. The police charged the rioters with revolvers drawn. A running fight ensued, the police firing upon the mob. By this time a mob collected about the cars, and another charge by the police was made upon them before the obstruction could be removed.

JAPAN IS BOLD.

Will Try to Intercept Two Russian Warships Bound for Port Arthur.

St. Petersburg, Nov. 26.—A semi-official Russian agency has received from Tokyo a report to the effect that Japanese warships have been dispatched to prevent the Russian war vessels, Tsarevitch and Baian, reaching Port Arthur to join the Russian squadron there.

Regarded as Significant.

London, Nov. 26.—The alarming report from Tokyo that Japanese war vessels have been dispatched to intercept two Russian warships cannot be confirmed here.

It is possible this report is connected with the statement of the Japanese journal, the Nagasaki Shimpo, which announced yesterday that a Japanese squadron of 12 vessels had left Sasebo for an unknown destination.

The fact that such a statement should be issued by the Russian semi-official agency is, however, regarded as significant. Curiously enough, the Russian newspaper, Svet, a few days ago, expressed the belief that communications between Port Arthur and Japan had already been interrupted.

In Cardiff yesterday renewed activity was reported on the part of the Russian and Japanese agents, with a view to securing further shipments of coal.

Becoming Angry With Russia.

Seoul, Nov. 26.—The tension between Russia and Corea has become more tense by reason of a treaty made by the latter in connection with the opening of the port of Yong Ham Pho to foreign trade. The Russian minister is reported to have notified the emperor that if the port is thrown open to foreigners, Russia will take drastic action against Corea. To this end the emperor is reported to have declared that he did not consider it any of Russia's business what he did with his territory.

Carter Becomes Governor.

Honolulu, Nov. 26.—Governor Carter took the oath of office and was formally inaugurated yesterday at the capitol. There was a large assembly of federal and territorial officials and members of the army and navy. Edward S. Boyd, commissioner of public lands, tendered his resignation, and it will be accepted. All the other members of the governor's official staff will be retained, except Henry E. Cooper, superintendent of public works, and Alexander G. Hawes, Jr., private secretary to the governor.

Make Indian Work or Starve.

Washington, Nov. 26.—The annual report of the Commissioner of Indian Affairs Jones advocates the education of the Indian in the rudiments of the English language, and that he be taught that he must work or starve. The commissioner thinks his policy in a generation or more will regenerate the race, and that the Indian should be protected only to the extent that he may gain confidence in himself, leaving civilized conditions to do the rest.

Sultan Suffers From Cancer.

New York, Nov. 26.—The sultan of Turkey, frequently reported to be ill from one cause or another, is now alleged by the Vienna correspondent of the World to be suffering from a cancer of the intestines. He is said to have refused to undergo an operation.

LED INTO AMBUSH

MAJOR SCOTT DECEIVED BY MORO LEADER HASSEN.

Three Hundred Natives Killed—Major Scott and Five Privates Wounded on the American Side—Forces Under General Wood Completely Rout Rebels—Further Uprising Not Probable.

Manilla, Nov. 25.—Three hundred Moros are known to have been killed and many others were carried off dead or wounded, as a result of five days' severe fighting in Jolo between the American troops under General Leonard Wood and the insurgents. Major H. L. Scott, of the fourteenth cavalry, and five American privates were wounded. General Wood landed near Siet Lake, in Jolo, November 12. The Moros were soon located, and fighting began immediately and continued until November 17.

Major Scott was taking Panglima Hassen, the Moro leader, who had been taken prisoner, to Jolo. While en route, Hassen asked to be allowed to see his family. His appeal was granted, and he thereupon led Major Scott into an ambush, where the American detachment was fired upon. Major Scott was shot in both hands. Hassen succeeded in escaping during this unexpected attack, but is supposed to have been killed the following day.

The fighting took place in a country covered with swamps and rocks. The Moros were driven across the country from Siet Lake to the town which Hassen had made his headquarters, and where it was reported the Moros were 2,000 strong.

The rebel position was attacked in the bank by the American troops, who occupied the town and inflicted a loss of 50 killed on the Moros' side. Hassen with a small party, was surrounded. The rest of the Moros went into the swamps out of which they were driven on November 16, leaving 78 dead behind them. On November 17 the American forces renewed the attack on the retreating Moros, of whom 40 more were killed.

The rebel forces have been literally destroyed by these operations. General Wood says the indications are that there will be no extension of the uprising which was handled without difficulty.

On November 18 General Wood started on an expedition against a body of 2,000 Moros who are in the mountains back of Tabliti. No news has yet been received as to the result of this movement.

General Wood had under him two battalions of the Twenty-eighth infantry regiment, one of the Twenty-third regiment, a platoon of Captain George Batley's battery, two troops of the Fourteenth cavalry, and a detachment of engineers. Major Scott, assisted by a force composed of three companies of the Seventeenth infantry, a platoon of Captain D. J. Rumbough's battery, and a troop of the Fourteenth cavalry.

SHIP DISCOVERY LOST.

Wreckage Found in Northern Waters Seals Fate of Crew and Passengers.

Seattle, Nov. 25.—A special dispatch to the Post-Intelligencer from Juneau, Alaska, announces that J. Bent, a passenger on the steamer Excelsior, Captain Moore, arriving today, reports that a mass of wreckage from the steamer Discovery was washed ashore at the mouth of Seal river, 30 miles below Yakutat. Bent's information makes practically certain that the Discovery is lost, and leaves little hope for either passengers or crew. It is believed, in fact, that everybody on board perished.

The wreckage found, Bent says, consists of pieces of life boats, life preservers and large pieces of her hull. He states that a terrible storm prevailed for a week prior to November 16, on which date he boarded the Excelsior at Yakutat, having walked 90 miles from Seal river to catch the steamer.

The Yukutat Indians were watching the beach for bodies and they claim to have found a large piece of mast and a man's coat.

Ships Ordered to Colon.

New York, Nov. 25.—Orders to proceed to Colon are reported to have been received by the commanders of the battleships Kearsarge and Massachusetts, which are now at the New York navy yard. All the officers have been summoned by telegraph, and those who are here have been told they are to remain on board. The Kearsarge coaled last week and nearly all her stores are now on board. Sixty marines have been added to her company. The Massachusetts is in dry dock, but will be out in a few days.

Ship Lost With Many of Crew.

Point Arenas, Cal., Nov. 25.—The steamer Scotia has arrived here with five of the crew of the French bark Francoise Koppe, which was wrecked last week near Point Reyes. Thirteen of the crew are unaccounted for. The Francoise Koppe was bound from Newcastle, Australia, to San Francisco, and was 79 days out. The Francoise Koppe was loaded with coal. She was a steel bark of 1,728 tons and was built at Nantes, France, in 1900.

Robbers Try to Cut Rings Off.

Marion, Ind., Nov. 25.—Burglars entered the home of John Shippey, a lumber merchant, last night, and attempted to cut off the fingers of his daughter, Edith, to secure her diamond rings. The girl's screams caused the burglars to flee. Threemen have been arrested on suspicion.

SHOULD TAKE PART OF DEBT.

America's Influence With Panama Will Be Exerted to This End.

Washington, Nov. 25.—The British government is showing an interest in the fate of the bonds issued by Columbia and taken up by foreigners, mostly British and Dutch holders. Mr. Raikes, the British charge here, had a half hour's talk today with Secretary Hay at the state department, and it is believed this subject was touched upon.

The position of the department in brief is that it cannot dictate to the new republic of Panama what disposition shall be made of the money which is to be paid over by the United States in consideration of canal rights, but it certainly holds it is only right and just that Panama, in concluding a treaty of peace with Colombia, shall make provision for the assumption of a fair share of the national debt. So it is expected the moral force of the department will be put forth in this direction.

The state department has not yet been informed officially of the result of General Reyes' mission to the isthmus. It is believed here that the principal purpose of the visit of General Reyes is to try to effect an adjustment of his country's troubles by securing for the Colombian government some share of the money which the United States, under the new treaty, will pay to Panama.

WANT CUBA TO WAIT.

Senate Leaders Agree to Defer Vote on Reciprocity.

Washington, Nov. 25.—The Republican and Democratic leaders of the senate were in conference much of the time today over the question of fixing a time for a vote on the Cuban reciprocity bill, and, so far as they were empowered to do so, entered into an agreement to take the final vote on December 16, or a little more than a week after the convening of the regular session of congress. There was no opportunity to consult some of the Democratic senators who desire to speak on the bill, but it is not doubted that they will assent to the arrangement.

The treaty for the cession of the island of Pines to Cuba was today favorably acted upon by the senate committee on foreign relations, and it will be favorably reported to the senate at the next executive session.

The senate committee on foreign relations today authorized a favorable report on the bill giving effect to the Cuban reciprocity treaty.

EVERY COUNTRY AT FAIR.

Press Parliament at St. Louis Will Be of Extensive Scope.

St. Louis, Nov. 25.—The executive committee having in charge the world's press parliament to be held in St. Louis during the week beginning May 16, 1904, has announced plans for the parliament. It will include representative newspaper men from every country where newspapers are published. Arrangements already perfected indicate that it will be the largest and most notable gathering of newspaper workers ever held.

The traffic bureau of the exposition has issued a book, compiled by C. L. Hillary, traffic manager, containing full information regarding railroad matters pertaining to the fair. One point stated is that all exhibits transported to the Louisiana Purchase exposition from points in the United States will be returned free of charge to the point of shipment by the railroads which carried them to the exposition.

The contract was let today for the Indian building, which the government will erect at a cost of \$25,000.

Wholesale Cancellations.

Walla Walla, Nov. 25.—Wholesale cancellation of homestead entries in the Walla Walla land office district by the department of the interior is in prospect, over 60 claims being now recommended for cancellation. Notices for several of these were served today, thus revealing the fact that a wide-reaching investigation has been in progress. Most of the claims involved are in Franklin county, where a homestead rush two years ago drew out clerks, school teachers and all kinds of people.

Insurance Companies Combine.

San Francisco, Nov. 25.—A combine of all the plate glass insurance companies in this city has been formed, and as a consequence, rates on this class of risks will, it is said, be uniformly raised throughout the Pacific states. Although this branch of insurance does not command the immense volume of business of fire, marine and life, there is no less than \$100,000 a year in premiums that is divided among the seven or eight agencies here.

Another Cotton Mill Cuts Wages.

Fall River, Mass., Nov. 25.—The cotton mills known as the Fall River Iron Works, owned by M. C. D. Borden, of New York, will follow the other local mills in the reduction of wages. Nearly 10,000 operatives will be affected. Every mill in Fall River is now included in the reduction.

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