

JAPS SOUGHT COAL STATION MANZANILLO

American Consul Stadden Wrote
State Department of Efforts Made
by Togo Kisen Kaisa to Secure
Coaling Station at Campos.

PUBLICATION IN LONDON CREATES SENSATION HERE

May Explain Significance of Ameri-
can Military Maneuvers on
Mexico's Border.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 14.—The London Standard's explanation of the significance of the American military mobilization today created a sensation in government circles here. "The publication came simultaneously with unexpected official confirmation here of Japan's effort to establish a coaling station at Manzanillo.

In making formal report American Vice Consul Stadden at Manzanillo wrote the state department as follows:

"Negotiations are pending between the Toyo Kisen Kaisa, the Japanese trans-Pacific Steamship Line, and the National Railways of Mexico, looking to the establishment of a coaling station at Campos 2 1/2 miles from here on the National Railway.

To Supply Coal.

"The Toyo ships touch at Manzanillo on the way to Yokohama. If a coaling station were secured, these vessels would coal homeward bound at Manzanillo, and an effort will be made to supply coal to the Naxeria line of steamers plying in Mexican coast waters.

Stadden wrote his report February 10 and mailed it. It was received at the bureau of manufactures February 27 and reached the state department March 1, which, allowing a week for investigation, indicates that it might have played a significant part in the causes for military mobilization March 6.

"The Toyo Kisen Kaisa is very close to the Japanese government. It is heavily subsidized and practically government-owned. A coaling station for its fleet would be virtually an emergency coaling station for the Japanese navy.

Coal as Ballast.

Continuing his report, Stadden said:

"Until recently the Toyo Kisen Kaisa found a little cargo for its East bound ships, and it was planned to have these vessels carry coal to the proposed station at Manzanillo. Now the Toyo Kisen Kaisa is securing full cargoes of rice and general merchandise for Peru and it was planned that in the event of the establishment of a coaling station the coal could be brought from Japan in the steamers of the Mitsui company.

"The Mitsui company is said to be in communication with an American contractor for the port works at Manzanillo, who also holds a concession from the Mexican government for a coaling station at that port. Incidental to these negotiations, there are rumors that coal fields exist on the western coast of Mexico. One rumor is that the Southern Pacific railway has discovered coal along the lines of its proposed extension to Tropic."

"Moreover Stadden's statements are in direct conflict with the assertions of Ambassador Uchida and Ambassador de la Barra, who denied that any negotiations for a Japanese coaling station in Mexico had taken place.

Death of John Masson.

John Masson, a highly respected citizen of Siskiyou county, died Tuesday, February 28, from heart failure. Mr. Masson had been in poor health ever since he met with an accident last fall by which himself and wife were thrown from a buggy and both seriously injured, and it is thought this was the indirect cause of his death. He was a native of Scotland, and came to Northern California during the construction of the Oregon & California railroad. A wife and three sons survive him.

MISSING JOURNALISTS TELEPHONE OF SAFETY FROM MOUNTAIN CAMP

Newspaper Men Supposed to Have
Been Captured in Lower California

SAN DIEGO, Cal., March 14.—Telephoning from a San Diego and Arizona Railway construction camp, fifteen miles east of Tia Juana, Mexico, George Van Blarcom, a San Diego newspaper man, and three companions who had been missing since Sunday, sent word today that they were all safe. The party will arrive in San Diego late this afternoon and obviate the necessity of any move by the navy department, which had been asked to send a cruiser to Ensenada to demand a search.

SALEM GRANTS FRANCISE TO OREGON ELECTRIC

SALEM, Or., March 14.—"Speaking for myself, I desire to say that I look upon this franchise as a most fair and equitable measure, and I shall take great pleasure in signing this ordinance at once."

With these ringing words, Mayor Lauchman gave his approval to the Oregon Electric franchise which passed the council last evening granting the road a right of way along Front street and out of Salem on their way to Eugene. A fight was expected but it did not materialize.

FEW BIRTHS RECORDED IN GOTHAM'S SMART SET

NEW YORK, March 14.—Examination of the health department records proves that Elmer Glim was wrong again when she declared that there had not been a birth on Fifth avenue, New York's highway of fashion, in the last two years.

The records show that in 1909 there were seven babies born on Fifth avenue between Washington Arch and One Hundred and Fifth street, a distance of 110 blocks. In 1910 eleven births occurred in the same neighborhood.

FIREBOYS TO TALK OF EQUIPMENT

Will Decide on Type of Auto Engine to
Purchase With \$8000 Available at
Meeting to Be Held Wednesday
—Several Makes Considered.

At the meeting of the fireboys to be held Wednesday evening the department will discuss the expenditure of the \$8000 voted them by the city of Medford at a recent election and decide upon the type of equipment most needed by the department. Their findings will be incorporated in the form of recommendation to the fire committee of the city council who will in turn recommend to the city council the equipment it is thought best to add to the department for fighting of fires.

The fire boys are decided upon but two points. One is the purchase of a hook and ladder truck for use in the downtown district and the purchase of an auto chemical wagon is a mooted question.

WIRELESS STATIONS FOR AUSTRALIAN COASTS

MELBOURNE, Australia, March 14.—Thirteen high power wireless stations are to be established around the coasts. For obtaining the best results from the defensive power of the fleet it is suggested that the land forces be co-ordinated as far as possible.

GATES PLANS TRUST TO CONTROL BREAD SUPPLY

NEW YORK, March 14.—John W. Gates and his friends are today said to be the men behind a \$30,000,000 corporation which is to be formed to control the bread market of New York and surrounding territory. One billion loaves of bread are sold yearly in New York City alone.

Troops for Morocco.

PARIS, March 14.—It was announced today that two battalions of infantry and two batteries of mountain artillery would be sent to Morocco to uphold the sultan.

RELEASE OF AMERICANS DEMANDED

State Department Requests Libera-
tion of Edward Blatt and Harry
Converse Imprisoned at Juarez—
Were Arrested on American Soil

SUSPENSION OF GUARANTEE AIMED AT AMERICANS

But for Sympathizers, Insurrection
Would Have Been Suppressed
Long Ago Says Limantour.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 14.—The state department this afternoon asked the release of Edward Blatt of Pittsburgh and Harry Converse of Los Angeles, Americans imprisoned at Juarez, Mexico, declaring they were arrested on American soil. The demand was presented at the Mexican embassy here. The officials of the embassy recently stated positively that the men were arrested in Mexican territory.

NEW YORK, March 14.—Intimating that the suspension of the constitutional guarantee was directly aimed at Americans as well as insurgents, Jose Yves Lamantour, Mexican minister of finance, in a statement today declared that but for the aid of many Americans who had enlisted in the rebel cause the revolution would have been suppressed many weeks ago.

"Every report from the front," said Lamantour, "shows that the Americans are more active among the insurgents than the natives. As they could scarcely expect protection under their own flag, should they

GARBAGE NOW CAN BE MOVED

Mayor Completes Arrangements
With George Trot Who Will Call at
Private Residences for Garbage to
Be Removed.

The garbage disposal question is at last solved the mayor having secured the services of George Trot and his partner to remove from the restaurants and private residences such garbage as should be moved. Mr. Trot is operating sanitary wagons at night and will arrange with property receipts. If the property owner does not now clean up the city will take a hand as there will no longer be available the old excuse: "There is no way of disposing of it."

For 50 cents a month Mr. Trot will call twice weekly at residences and remove garbage. He comes at night and with a sanitary wagon. The garbage is removed to his place on eBar creek two miles distance and there burned if possible or treated to a heavy coating of lime. A portion of it is buried. In this manner is the old question solved.

\$20,000,000 TERMINAL PLANNED FOR BOSTON

BOSTON, Mass., March 14.—To carry out a steamship terminal project at South Boston, plans involving an outlay of \$20,000,000 were announced today. The specifications call for the erection within a year of eleven warehouses and factory buildings, a 5,000 horse power electric plant and terminal docks 1500 feet in length.

NO PROGRESS MADE IN ENDING DEADLOCK

AIBANY, N. Y., March 14.—Following a two hours' conference between Governor Dix, Mayor Gaynor and Charles F. Murphy, it was announced today that no progress toward ending the United States senatorial deadlock had been made. Murphy steadfastly refused to withdraw William F. Sheehan from the fight.

CALIFORNIA RAISES AGE OF CONSENT BUT LOWERS DIVORCE DECREE PERIOD

Behind Closed Doors, Assembly Dis-
cusses Measures—Period Between
Interlocutory and Final Divorce

SACRAMENTO, Cal., March 14.—Behind closed doors the assembly today passed Butler's age of consent bill raising it from 16 to 18 years. The doors remained closed while Tibbitts' bill to make six months the period between interlocutory and final divorce decrees instead of a year was passed. Absent members were arrested and brought in to vote on the divorce bill.

ANOTHER CASE OF PLAGUE DISCOVERED AT HONOLULU

HONOLULU, March 14.—Another case of cholera made its appearance today among those who had been exposed to infection and are in quarantine. This makes 25 cases since the disease first appeared here. There have been 21 deaths.

Join in an insurrection against the United States, they most certainly must take their own chances of being shot to death when caught committing depredations under a foreign flag."

With 12,000 insurgents in the field the revolution against the Diaz regime in Mexico is about to be successfully concluded according to Francisco V. Gomez, confidential agent here of the insurrectionists. Gomez said that Diaz soon will accept the demands of the Maderistas. He added that if the reforms demanded were granted the rebels would cease fighting at once.

Commenting upon the reported Japanese question underlying the Mexico situation, Juan Azcona, representing the insurrectionists, said: "Mexico would like to oust American interests and substitute those of Europe. The dictadura expects and hopes for an American-Japanese war, as its sympathies are pro-Japanese. The strong anti-American feeling in Mexico and the Japanese-Mexican conditions would not indicate that Diaz loves Japan more, but America less."

TENNIS CLUB IS ASSURED

Many Sign Subscription for Stock
in Sporting Corporation—Site Will
Be Secured on South Oakdale and
Four Courts Built.

The tennis enthusiasts of the city are making rapid progress in getting stock subscriptions to the capital stock of the Oakdale Tennis club, the subscription lists for which are now in circulation. Already a large number have subscribed to the stock and the venture is assured.

The club will secure a site on South Oakdale and build four courts three doubles and a single. There are a large number of enthusiasts in the city who devote much attention to the game and they are rallying to the support of the club.

TRAINLOADS ARE NOW ENROUTE FOR OREGON

Reports from railroad centers in the middle states indicate that the rush of homeseekers to Oregon during the colonist rate period will be far beyond expectations. The rates became effective March 10, and several trainloads of people are now speeding westward with others following them daily.

H. A. Jackson, assistant general freight and passenger agent of the Great Northern Railway company with headquarters in Portland, states that every indication points to a very heavy movement during the colonist rate period.

"The movement has exceeded expectations," said Mr. Jackson. "The overflow of the night of the 11th and morning of the 12th on our line required 13 extra sleepers. Great Northern No. 1 of the 12th from Chicago left in two sections and indications are that No. 3 will run in two sections. Our correspondence and inquiries indicate that the majority of parties inquiring are bound for Oregon."

19,220 PIECES OF MAIL ONE WEEKS RECORD

Growth of Medford Reflected in
Postoffice Business—Record of
Carriers is Kept for One Week
Showing Number Letters Received

5500 RESIDENTS SERVED DAILY BY MAIL CARRIERS

Medford's Postal Receipts Show
Greatest Percentage of Gain of
Any City in the Northwest.

Pursuant to an order issued to the postal authorities in Washington the Medford free delivery carriers have just completed records for a week just showing the amount of mail matter carried by them to patrons in the city of Medford. During the week ending March 11 the carriers delivered 19,220 pieces of mail. Of this amount 13,014 pieces were letters or first class matter, the remainder being papers and pamphlets. The combined weight of this matter was 2999 pounds of or over a ton.

As the carriers deliver only about half of the mail received in the local office the mail work a week comprises about 40,000 pieces, which is about 6500 pieces a day.

The carriers have also taken a census of their routes which shows that over 5500 people are served by the carriers.

Receipts at the local office shows a constant increase at the rate of 35 per cent a month and more.

The Medford post-office leads all postoffices in the northwest in percentage of increase during the past five years.

TEST OF ARMY EFFECTIVENESS

Mobilization of Troops Said to Be
Due to Dickinson's Desire to Give
Practical Illustration of Need of
Reorganization.

SAN ANTONIO, Texas, March 14.—"The mobilization is a demonstration of publication of the suppressed report of Secretary of War Dickinson which answered the McLachlan congressional resolution inquiring whether the army was not on an efficient basis," declared a high military authority here today. "Army men understand that Dickinson threatened to resign.

Unless allowed to show the people how unprepared the army is for real service. He tried to show this in the report which was suppressed in a spirit of economy. If it had gone to congress the lawmakers would have been forced to grant the army's demands for an efficient organization."

"Unable to get a report before congress thus, the army people understand that Dickinson tendered a conditional resignation to President Taft to become effective unless the president allowed a hurried mobilization of troops to prove what the report charged regarding preparedness."

"The Mexican situation was the reason seized upon as an underlying motive for ordering out the division to prove the army's own contentment that it was unfit for effective service," this authority continued. "It will be eleven days from the time the mobilization order was issued before a division will be in the field. You will find a major general commanding a division who never saw so many men in the field, and colonels seeing their regiments in their entirety for the first time since the Philippine war."

DIXON, Cal., March 14.—Going Dame Nature one better and disregarding precedent Tom Eibe is cutting his third set of teeth. Some time ago his teeth became so loose that he pulled them out with his fingers. Immediately a new set began to grow.

WISCONSIN SUFFRAGETTES MOBILIZE 4000 STRONG TO INVADE STATE CAPITOL

Women Enthusiasts Cross Lobby Bor-
der-Line and Bombard Legisla-
ture With "Votes for Women."

MADISON, Wis., March 14.—The Wisconsin suffragettes mobilized 4,000 strong at the state capitol and with Mrs. Emma Devoe of Seattle and Mrs. Helen Grenfel of Denver commanding, crossed the lobby border-line and bombarded the legislators with "votes for woman" badges. Under the guise of "maneuvers," the mobilization was a complete success.

MEXICAN REBELS STILL HOLD FORT AT TECARTE

TECARTE, Cal., March 14.—Well fortified by mescal, 35 Mexican rebels under General Luis Rodriguez, today still held the fort at the village across the line from here and are hourly hurling defiance across the border at the American soldiers on patrol. Three forces of rebels are reported near here—one at Dulrura, on the American side. In case they are able to evade the United States troops and make a combination they are expected to attack either Ensenada or Tia Juana.

JACK JOHNSON WEARS MOTOR OUT SPEEDING

OAKLAND, Cal., March 14.—A warrant is out today for the arrest of Champion Jack Johnson for automobile speeding. Policeman Wood who swoot out the warrant, says the colored fighter ran his machine so fast in West Oakland that the motor wore itself out and collapsed the champion's machine is laid up for repairs.

Hunting Bank Bandit.

CANANDAIGUA, N. Y., March 14.—Armed posses today are searching for men who last night dynamited the bank at Rushville, near here, and escaped with \$50,000. Details of the robbery have not been received.

GOULD WILL KEEP CONTROL

Slate Announced in February
Smashed in Four Places but Rock-
efeller and Kuhn, Loeb Hold is
Shown in Election.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., March 11.—George J. Gould will retain control of the Missouri Pacific railway, although the slate of directors announced in February by Gould, Rockefeller and Kuhn, Loeb and company was broken in four places at the directorate election today.

S. F. Pryor and S. C. S. Clarke, retained their places although Gould had announced that they would be dropped. E. B. Pryor, vice president of the Wabash road, succeeds J. J. Slocum who represented the Sage interests. R. Lancaster Williams, representing Frank Gould's minority was elected to the board.

The election was held in the private office of First Vice President Clarke. The polls were open three hours in accord with the Missouri state law.

O. L. Garrison, nominated George Gould, Frank Gates, Cornelius Vanderbilt and E. T. Jeffery; Paul Warburg, representing Kuhn, Loeb and company, nominated Edwla Gould and Kingdon Gould; Edgar Marsten of the Blair company and E. D. Adams, representing the Deutsche bank, nominated E. B. Pryor, S. F. Pryor and S. C. S. Clarke.

George Gould intended to leave one vacancy to be filled by the new president, but Williams announced his own candidacy and product enough proxies to elect himself, thus filling the last place on the board.

PLAGUE QUARANTINE ESTABLISHED AT HAWAII

HONOLULU, March 14.—Steamship and shipping companies here are in possession today of notification by United States quarantine officials that a quarantine would be imposed upon all vessels arriving or clearing from here because of plague conditions in the Orient. The Pacific Mail Liner Mongolia, from Yokohama, was the first vessel to be subject to the inspection.

COUNTY ACTS UPON BONDING FOR HIGHWAYS

Attorney A. E. Reams Employed to
Ascertain Legality of Proposed
Procedure Under Initiative Amend-
ment Passed by People.

NO IMPERATIVE NECESSITY FOR AN ENABLING ACT

Good Roads Advocates Enthusiastic
Over Prospects of Good
Highways.

The county court has taken immediate action on the matter of determining whether the county can issue bonds for the purpose of improving its highways, as stated by Attorney General Crawford in a recent interview, by requesting A. E. Reames, who ranks among the foremost constitutional lawyers in the state, to determine for them whether it be possible to make such an issue or not under the initiative law passed by the people at the last general election. It was thought for a time that the new law could not be acted upon without an enabling act by the legislature but Attorney General Crawford has given out an opinion to the contrary and in order to determine just what Jackson county can do in regard to the matter Mr. Reames has been asked for his opinion and advice as to the best manner in which to proceed.

"From a casual reading," stated Mr. Reames Tuesday morning, "I have failed to find any imperative necessity for the legislature to pass an enabling act, although such an act would determine the course of procedure definitely. But until I give the matter considerable more attention I cannot state positively that the county can proceed.

"However as far as I have gone I have not found a single matter which will prevent the county calling an election and voting bonds for road purposes. I will definitely decide the matter within the next few days."

Good roads enthusiasts in this county were greatly pleased to learn of the opinion of the attorney general to the effect that an enabling act was not necessary. People of Jackson county as a unit favor the expenditure of much money on highways and should a way be found to issue the bonds they will probably carry by a large majority.

WOLGAST AND MEMSIC TO FIGHT ON FRIDAY

LOS ANGELES, Cal., March 14.—Ad Wolgast, lightweight champion, and George Memmsic, challenger for the title, are fast rounding into shape for their 20 round bout at Vernon Arena next Friday afternoon, and their training quarters are daily visited by thousands of fans. The men are within a few pounds of the stipulated weight, 133 ringside.

STEER MARKET TAKES DROP OF HALF DOLLAR

PORTLAND, March 14.—Receipts for the week have been 2384 cattle; 138 calves; 1320 hogs; 6825 sheep; 41 horses.

The steer market broke a full half dollar on the week and buyers were reluctant to take hold. The large packers counting on conditions that formerly acquired have bought rather liberally and their feed lots are more or less heavy with cattle. The cow market did not suffer as much of a decline as the steer market but may be counted as having lost a quarter. Good calves sold up to the full value of the week previous.

The hog market remained about steady; the larger part of the supplies was made up of shipments from the Missouri River.

There was not much of a stay in the sheep market. A lot of heavy ewes that were rough sold at \$3.65. There was an attractive demand for good horses. Drafters having weight and quality sold from \$90.00. Delivery horses sold at \$325.00 for a team.