

UNITED STATES MAY INTERVENE IN CUBA SOON

Negro Rebels Seem to Be Beyond Control and Situation at Santiago Seems Acute—Hundreds of Homes Are Being Looted.

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HAVANA, May 24.—American intervention in Cuba is believed certain today here, following the receipt of dispatches from the provinces of Sancti Spiritus and from towns along the route of the Bayamo railroad, telling of fresh raids by the negro rebels. The situation in Santiago is acute, and it is generally feared that the government will be unable to control the situation without help from the United States.

The British cruiser Melpomene arrived at Guantanamo today for the protection of British lives and property. The rebels are running things with a high hand along the Bayamo railway, looting hundreds of homes and mistreating women and children.

All sugar mills in the Santiago province are closed and heavily guarded. General Mendicutti, who is in command of the government forces in Santiago, received orders today to show no quarter to the rebels.

NEW JERSEY HEARS MANY SPEECHES

TRENTON, N. J., May 24.—With President Taft, Colonel Roosevelt, Senator La Follette and Governor Woodrow Wilson pouring out appeals, denunciations and adjurations from the stump, New Jersey today is seeing the most exciting presidential campaign in its history.

La Follette makes seven speeches during the day. President Taft left Trenton at 8 o'clock this morning and was scheduled for a dozen speeches. In his early efforts he roared Roosevelt to a turn, paying comparatively little attention to Senator La Follette.

Roosevelt speaks at three big meetings tonight and is billed to address a crowd in this city tonight.

OROZCO THOUGH HURT, DIRECTS ARMY'S RETREAT

EL PASO, Texas, May 24.—Although suffering from a painful wound in the leg received in his disastrous battle with General Huerta's federal troops, in which the revolutionary loss is placed at close to 1,000 men, General Pascual Orozco, commander-in-chief of the Mexican rebel army, today is personally directing the retreat of his army toward Jimenez. There the rebel chieftain plans to make a final effort to halt the advancing federals and turn the tide of defeat which yesterday swept the rebels in confusion out of Rellano.

General Orozco narrowly escaped death in yesterday's battle. While giving orders on the firing line a shell burst and instantly killed one of his staff officers standing near. A fragment of the shell struck the rebel general in the left leg, inflicting a painful wound. A few minutes later the enemy's artillery started pouring a raking fire into the rebel ranks and the revolutionists, unable to withstand the hail of shells, retired to Corralitos. At daybreak today the army continued to Jimenez, where the rebels plan to make another stand.

Rebel leaders at Juarez admitted today that General Orozco was disastrously defeated at Rellano. Orozco, however, is strictly censoring messages, and few details of the rebel casualties are permitted to leak out.

DIES SUDDENLY.



E. F. A. BITTNER, A WELL KNOWN BUSINESS MAN, PASSES AWAY

Business circles were shocked Friday morning to learn of the sudden death of E. F. A. Bittner at an early hour following an illness of a few hours. He passed away at 6:30 a. m. at his home, 19 Genetta avenue.

Mr. Bittner was well known in this city, having resided here during the past four years. A year and a half ago he was a candidate for mayor but was defeated. He was engaged in a real estate, rental and employment agency business.

Mr. Bittner was born at Pittsburg, Pa., and was 61 years of age. He was a retired Methodist minister. The funeral services will be held from the Methodist church Sunday afternoon, interment in the L. O. F. cemetery. He leaves a wife and two married daughters.

PUBLIC MARKET WILL BE OPENED 7 TOMORROW

Institution Which is Expected to Solve High Cost of Living Will Open Its Doors for First Time Saturday—Success is Expected.

Market Building is Convenient and Housewives Will Probably Visit It Early.

Medford's new public market, which is expected to solve in some degree the high cost of living as far as this city is concerned, will be thrown open for business for the first time Saturday morning at 7 o'clock and the housewives of the city are expected to turn out in full force to patronize it. While the market may operate in a small way at first it is believed that it will prove a success from the first.

The market is designed to benefit both the producer and the consumer. It will give the farmer and truck gardeners an opportunity to display and sell their produce, and the consumer a chance to purchase direct. If successful it will help solve the high cost of living, stimulate truck gardening, encourage the farmer and keep the money at home.

The building in which the market is located was erected by the city at a cost of \$1800. It is situated on Riverside avenue and is so constructed that it will be convenient to producer and buyer. Everything is clean and cool.

TAFT IS WEARY OF FIGHT ON ROOSEVELT

PHILIPSBURG, N. J., May 24.—Speaking listlessly and in sharp contrast to his belligerent attitude in Ohio, President Taft addressed an audience of 1,300 persons here today. He was evidently wearied with the strife with Roosevelt. He spoke in a conversational tone and refrained from attacks upon the former president.

FOOD ROTTS AS STRIKE RESULT

LONDON, May 24.—With thousands of tons of perishable freight and foodstuffs rotting on the docks and wharves, the port of London is completely tied up today as a result of the Transport Workers' Federation strike.

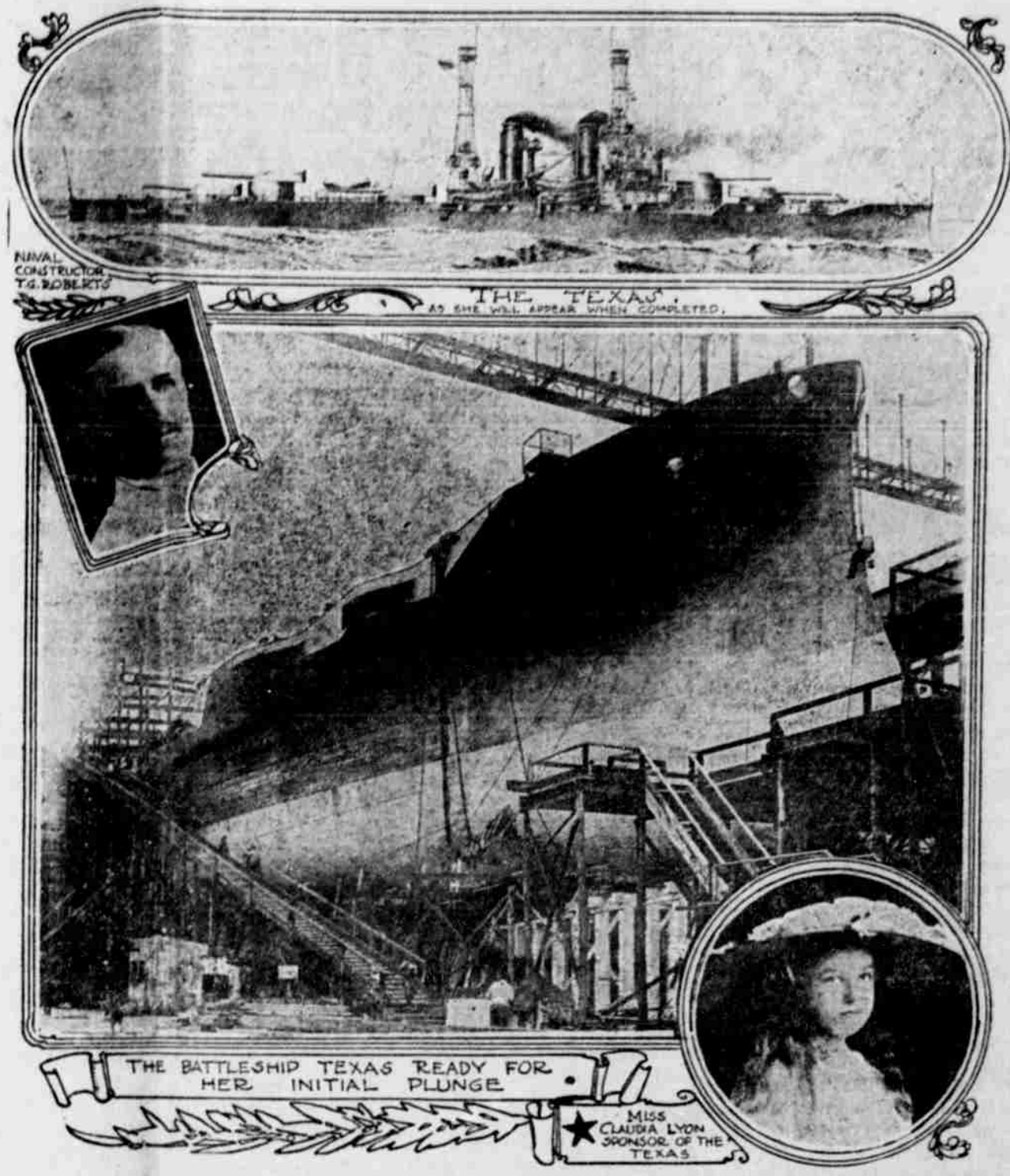
The board of trade is attempting to settle the grievances of the 130,000 dockmen, carmen, laborers and others connected with the docks. Master lightermen and all affected unions are represented at the board's inquiry. Order prevails everywhere.

MUST PAY CASH FOR RESERVATION

PORTLAND, Ore., May 24.—After June 1 it will be impossible to obtain Pullman reservations in Portland, Seattle, Tacoma and other cities in the northwest unless cash is paid, according to an order which has been made today by the Pullman company and which is concurred in by all the railroads operating in this territory.

Mississippi Valley Historians
BLOOMINGTON, Ind., May 24.—Indiana university is entertaining for three days the annual meeting of the Mississippi Valley Historical association. Several hundred members and a number of invited guests were present at the opening of the proceedings today. Professor A. C. McLaughlin of the University of Chicago is the president of the association.

UNCLE SAM'S GREATEST SEA FIGHTER, THE TEXAS, IS LAUNCHED



In the presence of a great assemblage, including many persons prominent in the affairs of the nation and of the State for which she is named, the Texas, the largest battleship in the world, was launched at Newport News, Va. Little Miss Claudia Lyon, daughter of Colonel Cecil Lyon, Republican National Committeeman from Texas, named the new battleship, and Governor Coakley, of that State, took part in the exercises.

SAYS SIX GUNSMEN WERE CHOSEN TO SLAY OFFICIALS

SAN DIEGO, Cal., May 24.—Reports that gunmen have come to San Diego to participate in the I. W. W. war here, which have been heard on the streets for several days are verified today by Chief of Police Wilson. Wilson says that six men were chosen by lot at a meeting in Los Angeles to come here and assassinate Mayor Wadhams, Councilman Schott, District Attorney Uley and himself. He declares that the police have seen the men here and shadowed them, but that they did not bring arms into the city, fearing arrest. The arms were to be furnished by sympathizers here, the chief declares.

Wilson says one of the six men weakened after arriving at San Diego, and gave the police department the story of the plot. The informer was to appear at the police station last night.

"I do not know why the man did not come," Chief Wilson said today "but I believe he has been done away with by his companions."

No arrests have been made in the case. Threatening letters received by the police and other officials here have been turned over to the federal grand jury in Los Angeles. The letters contained threats, warnings and abuse. It is declared.

Because of the intense feeling in San Diego and the fact that the wife of Mayor Wadhams recently gave birth to a child, the authorities have attempted to suppress all news of the alleged arrival of the gunmen.

JURY TRIAL IS DENIED H. K. THAW
WHITE PLAINS, N. Y., May 24.—A jury trial for Harry K. Thaw, slayer of Stanford White, in his appeal for release from the Matteawan insane asylum, was denied today by Justice Keogh, who turned down Thaw's application for a jury to hear his case.

GREAT DISPLAY OF GOLD NUGGETS IS TO BE SHOWN

What is said to be the handsomest display of gold nuggets ever gathered by any one man will be on display at the Medford National bank Saturday where the public is invited to call and see them. Thousands of dollars in virgin gold, just as it came from the earth will be displayed by N. Jerry, the "Nugget King" who has just arranged a new box of nuggets. The greater portion of the gold comes from this mining district. Mr. Jerry states that he has collected it in order to advertise this section and it will be shown by him extensively.

The collection is comprised of nuggets which are veritably the cream of the earth. Some exceptionally beautiful pieces of gold are shown. Those interested in mining will no doubt take advantage of Jerry's offer in placing them on exhibit.

Recently the nugget king has secured some very handsome specimens to augment his previous collection which has attracted much attention. The nuggets will be on display Saturday and Monday.

MONARCHS AT KING'S FUNERAL

COPENHAGEN, May 24.—Two thousand European notables, including four kings and four queens, attended today the funeral of the late King Frederick of Denmark, who died suddenly several days ago, alone and unattended, on the streets of Hamburg, Germany. The body was buried at Roskilde, in Frederick V's chapel. The royal personages attending the funeral included the kings of Denmark, Sweden, Norway and Greece; the dowager queens of England and Russia, sisters of the dead monarch; the queens of Norway and Denmark; Archduke Peter Ferdinand of Austria and Don Carlos of Spain.

King Frederick's body was entombed in the crypt where rest the bodies of 33 Danish kings.

IN QUALITY OF FRUIT IS HOPE OF NORTHWEST

SPOKANE, Wn., May 24.—Northwestern Fruit Exchange, headed by R. H. Parsons, of Medford, Ore., has opened joint offices in the Chamber of Commerce building, Spokane. H. W. Otis of Peshastin, vice president for Washington, has charge. The office is on an equal basis with headquarters at Portland and will handle the tree fruit crop of eastern Washington, northern Idaho and western Montana this season.

President Parsons, who is in Spokane with C. A. Malboeuf, secretary, and L. E. Metcalf, organizer, said in the course of an interview:

"Ten years from now the northwest should be producing 75,000 cars of apples, peaches, pears and other fruits. But we need not fear any danger of overproduction, for two reasons. In the first place, a large majority of the fruit trees planted will never come into bearing. Probably not more than 60 to 70 per cent of them will bear.

"In the second place, we will solve the problem of distribution. By meeting the demand by proper distribution and by stimulating a further demand, we will be able to dispose easily of what we produce.

"Another thing we need to do is to produce in this northwest a perfect fruit, as nearly as possible. It is essential to counteract the growing of fruit in the east. We cannot meet their competition on freight, but they cannot produce the quality of fruit we can here with our virgin soil."

JOHNSON READY TO LEAVE FOR LAS VEGAS

CHICAGO, May 24.—Jack Johnson the negro pugilist, spent today packing up his personal effects in preparation for a trip to Las Vegas, N. M., where he fights Jim Flynn in defense of his title on July 4.

Johnson leaves for Las Vegas tomorrow.

COMMONWEALTH CONFERENCE IS OPEN AT EUGENE

Many of the Most Pressing of the Problems Now Before the People of Oregon Will Be Discussed by Experts at Meet.

Taxation, Good Roads, Extension of Farm Areas and the Like Are Topics Discussed.

EUGENE, Or., May 24.—Many of the most pressing of the problems now before the people of Oregon will be discussed by experts before the Fourth Annual Commonwealth Conference, which began its sessions here today under the auspices of the University of Oregon. Prominent thinkers of the state presented papers on taxation, on good roads, the extension of farm areas, and kindred topics. General discussions followed each paper.

Tomorrow the Oregon State Conservation commission will hold joint sessions with the conference. Practically all of the forest service officials of the state are expected to attend these sessions.

"Taxation and Social Justice," was the subject of the first paper presented before the conference. The subject was discussed by Charles V. Galloway, member of the board of state tax commissioners.

W. K. Newell of Gaston, president of the Oregon state board of horticulture, speaking before the conference presented a paper on "Improvement of the Economic Organization in Oregon for Securing to the Producers a Full Share of the Values Created."

In the course of his remarks, Mr. Newell said:

"Farmers have been advised for many years that the very highest service which they could render the state was to produce two blades of grass where but one grew before. That by so doing the cost of living could be reduced and the entire country would grow in wealth and comfort. But the farmers are gradually awakening to the fact that something is wrong with this system, and upon investigation they find that they are receiving, according to Secretary Wilson's figures, only 41 per cent of the price that the consumer finally pays for what they are now producing. Why, then, try to produce more? Why not rather try to get a fairer share of what they are already producing?"

"The only means of so doing is by co-operative organization for securing united effort in growing specialized crops in localities best adapted to them, for wholesale buying of supplies, and as much as possible retail selling. Associations must be controlled by local boards of directors from among the stockholders, and a manager selected for his fitness, (Continued on Page 6.)

GOULDER BACK FROM FLOODED DISTRICTS SOUTH

Rev. W. T. Goulder returned Thursday from a month's visit to several cities of the south and east. He went east as a member of the missionary board and the building extension board of the M. E. church South. He visited Nashville, New Orleans, Louisville, and also his old home in Fulton, Ky. Mr. Goulder dropped in on that southern country just in time to witness the devastation and suffering wrought by the recent floods in that country. He saw sights that were appalling and heartrending—a mingling on one level of the richest and poorest of the flooded sections and all practically destitute of means of sustenance. He saw rafts floating on the water of flooded fields upon which there had taken refuge both white and black people, hogs, cows, dogs and chickens. Many people in those flooded districts, Mr. Goulder says, are coming to the Pacific coast this fall with the expectation of making their homes here.