

FIRMIN HAS BEEN AROUSED

A Violently Worded Proclamation Is Issued

ADMIRAL KILLICK'S DEATH

Subject for His Tirade Against Provisional Government

HATRED OF THE GERMANS IS EXPRESSED BY HIS FOLLOWERS—THE WAR ON THE Isthmus OF PANAMA CONTINUES UNABATED—TRAINS RUNNING.

PORT AU PRINCE, Sept. 12.—General Firmin has issued a violently worded proclamation to his partisans concerning the death on board of the Crute-a-Pierrot of Admiral Killick. He urges his followers to fight until the destruction of the Provisional Government of Bolsoner Canal, which he accuses of having excited Germany against him to a point of effecting the destruction of the Crute-a-Pierrot. The population of Gonaves and St. Marie are greatly excited. Bills expressing hatred of the Germans are being posted there, and threats of hostility to this nation are heard in the streets.

Situation Unchanged.
Colon, Colombia, Sept. 12.—The situation on the Isthmus remains unchanged. The Government is determined not to be surprised by any sudden movement on the part of the Revolutionary General Herrera. All approaches to Colon are well defended, and trains are running across the isthmus as usual.

Matos a Traitor.
Caracas, Venezuela, Sept. 12.—The Government has published a decree relating to General Matos, leader of the Revolutionary movement in Venezuela, declaring him to be a traitor and ordering him to be tried on the charge of piracy.

China Is Disturbed.
Pekin, Sept. 12.—The Government is disturbed at the apparent determination of Russia to delay the restoration of Manchuria. It asserts that Russia promised to evacuate New Chwang and return the Manchurian section of the Peking-New Chwang railroad when the Chi section of this line was returned by Great Britain. The members of the Imperial Government are frequently in conference with Paul Lesnar, the Russian Minister to China, urging upon him the fulfillment of Russia's promises.

Bound For Panama.
Washington, Sept. 12.—Secretary of the Navy Moody received the following cablegram from Commander Potter, of the Ranger:
"Panama (received) cipher message saying revolutionists near railroad line, situation, serious, transit across Isthmus still open."
The Navy Department has been advised that the two warships ordered to the scene of trouble on the Isthmus of Panama, a statement was gained today from a high and unquestionable official source to the effect that the protection of American interests and the enforcement of treaty guarantees are the only two considerations involved in the sending of additional warships to Panama and Colon.

It was pointed out that peculiar circumstances made necessary the dispatch of a force more formidable than the occasion really warranted. The Ranger, at Panama, has a complement of only 132 men. There was no other vessel available on the Pacific coast save the big battleship Wisconsin so that while it was sending a man to perform a boy's work, the Navy Department had no alternative.

Rear Admiral Casey, in command of the Pacific station, will go down to Panama on board the Wisconsin and take personal command of the naval forces upon his arrival there.

A CONFERENCE HELD TO DISCUSS MEANS FOR THE ENDING OF THE BIG COAL STRIKE.

HARRISBURG, Pa., Sept. 12.—A conference was held tonight between Governor Storer, Senator William Flynn, and W. K. McMullin, of Pittsburg; President Mitchell and District Presidents Duffy, Fahey and Nichols, of the United Mine Workers, for the purpose of discussing the means of settling the anthracite coal strike. The conference did not begin until after midnight.

HAY CROP IS SHORT

HOT WEATHER DURING THE SUMMER IS TO BLAME FOR THE CONDITION.
BURNS, Sept. 12.—The stockmen have finished haying and the crop is much lighter than last year. The shortage is attributed to the hot weather in June and July, which caused the water to dry up too fast. If the coming winter proves to be a hard one the stockmen will run short of feed, although there was some hay left over from last year. The shortage is shorter in the hills than it has ever been, and stockmen will be compelled to resort to feeding about the middle of November. They must continue feeding until the first of May or for about six months.
Of late years hay has not been kept as well as it did a few years ago. The present way of stacking hay with

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TRIED TO WRECK CAR

DROVE SPIKES JUST INSIDE THE TRACK—ROBBERY WAS THE MOTIVE, BUT IT FAILED.
NEW YORK, Sept. 12.—Two unknown men have attempted to wreck a trolley car on the National Park Line, near Woodbury, N. J. They drove large spikes on the inner side of one rail on a curve skirting a deep ravine. The car, luckily, was moving unusually slow, otherwise many passengers would have been killed. As it was the car left the track and twenty passengers were badly bruised. Some of them discovered two men running away through the bushes. They were pursued for some distance, but escaped. Robbery is presumed to have been the motive.

A BLESSING IN DISGUISE

KING EDWARD'S RECENT ILLNESS SEEMS TO HAVE GREATLY BENEFITED HIS HEALTH.
NEW YORK, Sept. 12.—There has been a marked improvement in the King's health since the coronation, says the Tribune London correspondent. His diet is strictly regulated in quality and character. Those who were once and feared with him in Scotland assert that he is in better health than for many years, and that his vivacity and cheerfulness are noticeable. His June illness is now regarded by many as a blessing in disguise, which may help to prolong his life for many years.

THE IRRIGATION CONGRESS

CALL RECEIVED BY GOVERNOR GER—HE WILL APPOINT THE OREGON DELEGATES.
(From Saturday's Daily.)
Gov. T. T. Ger has received a call for the meeting of the National Irrigation Congress, which meets in Colorado Springs, Col., October 6, 1902. The Governor is asked to appoint twenty delegates, and he is willing to do so if any representative citizens of Oregon who are desirous of attending the Congress, will express a desire to do so. The official call is as follows:
The Tenth National Irrigation Congress will be held at Colorado Springs, Col., October 6th to 9th, 1902. We shall celebrate a great victory, but we must consider the new responsibility placed upon the West by the National Irrigation Act, under the provisions of which the proceeds from public lands will hereafter be devoted to the reclamation of the arid lands in the sixteen states and territories affected, viz.: Arizona, California, Colorado, Idaho, Kansas, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Mexico, North Dakota, Oklahoma, Oregon, South Dakota, Utah, Washington and Wyoming.

The importance of this great act of constructive legislation—secured by the united action of the friends of National Irrigation regardless of politics—is not yet fully appreciated, even in the states most directly concerned. An entire day of the Congress will be devoted to the National Irrigation act, its operations and possibilities, and leading irrigation experts and business men of the country will be in attendance and take part in the discussion.

The American Forestry Association will meet with the National Irrigation Congress, and Forestry will be given proper attention.
Colonization, so important in the Western States, and therefore practically neglected at Western Conventions, will be handled vigorously.
Harmony in the West must be secured if we are to receive the greatest benefits from the National Irrigation Act.
A magnificent program for the Congress is assured. Local arrangements for the entertainment of delegates will be complete and satisfactory. Favorable railroad rates have been arranged.

Newspapers of the country are urged to give publicity to this call, and to keep before the readers the importance of the Congress. Governors of states, mayors of cities and officers of the organizations entitled to appoint delegates are urged to act promptly, and to select men who are enthusiastic for Western development.
The basis of representation in the Congress will be:
The Governor of each state and territory to appoint 20 delegates; the mayor of each city of less than 25,000 population, 2 delegates; the mayor of each city of more than 25,000 population, 4 delegates; each board of county commissioners, 2 delegates; each chamber of commerce, commercial club, or real estate exchange, 2 delegates; each organized irrigation, agricultural and live stock association, 2 delegates; each society of engineers, 2 delegates; each irrigation company and agricultural college, 2 delegates.
The following are delegates by virtue of their respective offices:
The duly accredited representative of any foreign nation or colony, the Governor of any state or territory, any member of the United States Senate and House of Representatives, member of any state or territorial commission, all members in good standing of the National Irrigation Association.

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Aberedeen, Washington, reports that three men perished while fighting the flames. The flames have driven many people from their homes, and many houses, barns and much livestock have been destroyed. At Lenta, six miles east of Portland, several houses burned today.
At least ten houses and barns have been burned in Clark county, Washington, and ten miles from Vancouver eight farm houses burned. In Portland houses are covered with ashes and cinders, and lights had to be turned on early this afternoon on account of the thick smoke which envelops the city.

At Tillamook.
Tillamook, Or., Sept. 12.—The situation today is not so threatening, but the excitement is not subsiding. With the wind blowing from the ocean and with indications of rain, fire fighters are taking rest.

In Washington.
Vancouver, Wash., Sept. 12.—Fire has been raging in the La Camas neighborhood ten miles from Vancouver, for the past three days. The fire has swept the country for twenty-five miles. A large amount of farm property, consisting of buildings and crops, has been destroyed. The wife of August Myers was burned in their house on La Camas creek, while her husband was from home fighting fire yesterday.

At Oregon City.
Oregon City, Or., Sept. 12.—Late reports from Springfield state that sixty people are homeless. All the country known as the Rocky Point section is burning. The fire reached Springfield this morning and destroyed the church school house, Macabee hall, Grange hall, postoffice, store and many dwellings. The people were forced to flee for their lives. Many horses, cattle and hogs are burned. The most valuable timber belt in Clackamas county is practically wiped out. The fires at Gladstone and Jennings station are under control.

Rain Is Needed.
Tillamook, Sept. 12.—(Noon.)—The wind shifted to the northwest last night and relieved this town from immediate danger. The forest fires have spread along the entire western bench of the Coast Range until the timber is blazing from thirty miles north to thirty miles south of here. Millions of feet of valuable stumpage are being destroyed. The fire will spread rather than diminish until a heavy rain comes.
A message received from Nehalem this morning stated that the school house and three farm houses had been burned there. Herman Tubbs had been the name of the owner of one of the houses burned. The names of the others were not learned. It is also reported that the Krebs mill, at Nehalem, has been destroyed.

Dark As Night.
Chehalis, Wash., Sept. 12.—At 9:30 o'clock this morning it was darker than midnight at Chehalis. At 5 a. m. the sky was a somber gray from the forest fires, and the light steadily grew less until it disappeared. At noon lamps are kept burning as at night.

SUED FOR BIG SUM.
NORFOLK, Va., Sept. 12.—Dr. William Schmoele, of Portsmouth, has been sued to recover \$5,000,000 by Charles H. Brown, of New York. Dr. Schmoele is the only surviving member of the former Memphis, El Paso & Railroad Texas & Pacific system. The suit was brought for the purpose of realizing on bonds issued by the ex-railway in 1867. Dr. Schmoele is the only man living on whom a summons could be served.

WILL HOLD HIS PLACE
AN EPISCOPAL MINISTER CANNOT BE DISCHARGED WITHOUT CAUSE.
FON DU LAC, Wis., Sept. 12.—Bishop Grafton has decided that according to the laws of the Episcopal church when a minister is called to the rectorship of a parish and the call is without limitation as to time, the tenure is for life unless terminated by mutual consent, or the pastoral relationship is dissolved as provided for in the canons.
The decision was in the case of the Rev. Edward M. Frank, rector at Sheboygan. The vestry asked for his resignation, but he declined to tender it. A paper signed by 60 parishioners complaining the Mr. Frank refused to resign and setting forth that he had been neglectful of his parish duties, was then prepared and submitted to Bishop Grafton. Another paper signed by 122 parishioners, asked to have Mr. Frank retained.
Bishop Grafton held that as they had shown nothing against Mr. Frank's moral character or found fault with his doctrine he could not be thus removed. The vestry then by a vote of five to four decided to discontinue the rector's salary.

TEXAS OIL FIELD FIRE
THE FLAMES ABOUT UNDER CONTROL AT BEAUMONT—A BIG GUSHER BURNING.
BEAUMONT, Tex., Sept. 12.—At daylight the fire in the oil field burned itself out, and tonight there are only four wells and two tanks burning. One of the wells is a big gusher, and there will be much trouble in extinguishing it. The oil is being drawn from the tanks, and they probably will burn themselves out tonight.

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UNION, Sept. 12.—William McDonaid, a steam engineer, was suddenly killed Tuesday, a few miles from Union.

SMUGGLING IN CHINESE
NUMBER OF UNREGISTERED CELESTIALS BROUGHT ACROSS BORDER FROM CANADA.
SPOKANE, Sept. 12.—Unregistered Chinamen are being smuggled across our British Columbia border in numbers which have caused the local authorities to take active steps to check the move. Several of the unwelcome visitors have been arrested lately and escorted out of the country with kind invitations to remain away. Wednesday morning about 4 o'clock, Sergeant Sullivan and Officer Briley, of the Spokane police force, ran across a party of five Celestials, whom they placed under arrest, and are now waiting in the city jail for a hearing before United States Commissioner Marshall. One of this band, which is said to have been smuggled across, and was booked to go to Tekoa, Wash., where cheap employment was waiting for them, is said to be what is called a "conductor." He, whose name is given as Charley Lee, is said to have been engaged for some time past in piloting his fellow countrymen across the United States border and thus defying the law. If he is convicted of this offense it is liable to go hard with him.
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noon it shone blood red through a pall of smoke that hung over the city. A special to the Times from Enumclaw, says:
"Forest fires of the most serious nature are pressing us on every side. Every team is being pressed into service to run people to places of safety, but none can say where to go. As usual, the water supply is cut off by the burning of the flume, and few wells have water. The fire is more serious than the fire of two months ago. Every effort is being made to protect the mill property. If the mill burns the town cannot be saved, and the lives of the people will be in danger."
Saw Mills in Danger.
ELMA, Wash., Sept. 12.—A great forest fire near here is being fanned by a strong eastern wind. Seven large saw mills are surrounded by flames, and are doomed, it is believed. The Cedar Shingle Company's mill, the Star Shingle Company, Ray's, White's, Cornell's, Deming's, and McLeary's are by this time probably reduced to ashes.
As a telephone message was being received from Ray's mills, five miles east of here, the wire went down, and nothing has been heard directly from there since. The Star mill and the village surrounding have been wiped out, and the people have fled to places of refuge. Some attempt was made to resist the encroachment of the fire, but the fighters had to retreat. White's saw mill is now burning and the wires have gone down.
Wagonloads of refugees are arriving hourly from the burning districts, and the stifling atmosphere and the approach of the flames is driving people out of Elma. Farmhouses and barns have been destroyed in every direction by the fire, which is traveling at race horse speed through the woods. The public schools have been closed and the pupils dismissed.
The blood red tongues of flames shooting skyward and leaping from top to top in the tall fir, the crash of falling timber, the roaring of the wild blaze in the breeze, the neighing of frightened horses and moaning of cattle and the excitement among the people whose possessions are sacrificed and themselves driven in frantic haste to seek shelter, all combine to form a most thrilling scene, and one which is not without its pathetic aspect.
The monetary loss will be great. The seven large mills have an aggregate value of over \$500,000 in their plants, and their combined loss will easily reach the million mark. The loss in timber alone amounts up already to \$500,000.
The air is becoming more dense every moment. Showers of cinders are falling, and breathing is very difficult. The Elma fire department has gotten all the available hose in readiness to make a stand for the protection of the city.

Logging Camp Burned.
Port Townsend, Sept. 12.—The lower Sound county is covered with a dense mantle of fog and smoke, the latter coming from the fierce forest fires prevailing along the shores of the Straits. The only damage thus far is reported at Twin Cliallum county, where Thompson's big logging camp was totally destroyed by a fire which for a time threatened the lives of men and animals. The entire logging paraphernalia was consumed.

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IT IS A FAKE.
SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 12.—Rev. Joseph McQuade, pastor of the Church of the Holy Redeemer, in a lecture on the Philippine Islands, delivered at St. Mary's Catholic Cathedral, pronounced the so-called Black Christ, brought to this country on the transport Buford, a fake, pure and simple. "The real Black Christ of the Philippines," he said, "is nothing more than a beautiful block of dark wood, fashioned by a sculptor to resemble the face of Christ. It is looked upon merely as such, and is not even specially venerated."

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