

MOVEMENTS OF THE ITATA

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THE INFORMATION RECEIVED AT THE NAVY DEPARTMENT

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CITY OF MEXICO (via Galveston), May 17.-El Universal, the only Government organ that has so far made any mention of the arrival of the Esmeralda at Acapulco, says that, in addition to the Esmeralda, other Chilean warships are expected at the Mexican ports.

A telegram from Guatemala states that the schooner Captain, just arrived, reports having seen two strange-looking vessels under full sail proceeding in a southerly direction.

THE CHARLESTON AND ESMERALDA.

CITY OF MEXICO, May 17.-The American ship, the Esmeralda, is lying at anchor near the entrance to the harbor of Acapulco. The Chilean Captain says his vessel has not called at any American port, consequently, he says, it is not probable that the United States authorities will interfere with the movements of either himself or his ship.

An officer of the Esmeralda, in reply to a question put to him in the telegraph office at Acapulco as to the probability of an old-fashioned battle between the Charleston and Esmeralda, said, in a jocular and rather ambiguous way: "Oh, the Itata is already out of danger. She has plenty of coal and provisions to carry her to her destination."

This remark has given rise to the report that the Itata could at sea and proceeded to her destination, while the Chilean warship steamed for Acapulco to throw the United States authorities off the track.

ACTION TAKEN AT WASHINGTON.

WASHINGTON, May 17.-No information regarding the movements of the Itata, nor have any further orders been sent to the Charleston under the future movements. The only telegram received to-day was one from Captain Remy, saying that the Charleston was still at Acapulco, and that nothing had been heard or seen of the Itata. The Esmeralda is also in port and had been refused coal by the Mexican authorities.

An order was sent to-day by Secretary Tracy to Commodore McCann, now on his flagship, the Baltimore, at Iquique, Chile, placing the Charleston under his immediate command, so that in future movements the vessel may be under his direction instead of orders from the Navy Department, as she has been since leaving San Francisco in search of the Itata.

This order will give Commodore McCann practically discretionary powers regarding the future course the Charleston shall pursue in the case of the insurgent vessel.

As there are now two acting Rear-Admirals in the Chilean waters-Commodore Brown on the San Francisco and Commodore McCann on the Baltimore-the command of the squadron will devolve upon Admiral McCann as senior officer, both Admirals, however, keeping their individual commands, and will in future act in concert.

It is not thought that the order of the Secretary to-day placing the Charleston under the direction of Commodore McCann will make any change in the policy to be pursued by the Navy Department relative to the pursuit of the Itata. The order was issued in view of the fact that the Navy Department were of the opinion that the movements of the Charleston, as well as those of other vessels of the Pacific Squadron in search of the Itata, could be better controlled under the orders of Commodore McCann than under orders from a superior from the scene of action as Washington.

Secretary Tracy said to-night that the situation remains practically the same as it was yesterday. The Charleston, he said, would remain as senior officer in command of the naval forces on the Pacific until the Chilean difficulty was settled, and would continue to be in command of the South Atlantic Station, when Commodore Brown would assume command of the Pacific Station.

It is thought that the Charleston will take at least two days, and perhaps longer, to coal, as ships of her class cannot load fast, owing to the fact that one of the coal bins, which will depend upon the quantity of coal she needs to fill her bunkers. By the time she has coaled, it is thought that she will be thrown on the whereabouts of the Itata, but for the next two days the Charleston will likely remain at Acapulco, in the meantime keeping a lookout for the Itata and watching her consort, the Esmeralda.

An official of the Navy Department said to-night that it was not likely that the Esmeralda would proceed to coal at any of the sea-coast towns on the Central American or Colombian coast, as these countries would undoubtedly act as Mexico has done in refusing to honor the neutrality laws by aiding the insurgents to replenish their coal supplies, or procure munitions of war.

AN USEFUL VESSEL. A Tribune Washington special says: The Pensacola is expected at Iquique to-morrow or next day, when there will be three naval vessels gathered at that port. Commodore McCann has orders to take the Itata by force, if necessary, and bring her to San Diego. The Chilean transport cannot be taken in Mexican waters, and her appearance there within the next twenty-four hours will therefore be observed merely. She can, however, be taken in Chilean waters, that nation having declared her an outlaw. The orders to McCann, in case the Itata eludes the Charleston, are to have one of the three vessels at Iquique intercept the fugitive ship.

The Navy Department has fortified itself with legal authority for the present pursuit, and this is the only ground on which the seizure of a ship upon the high seas after she is committed of an act of forfeiture within the territory is not inconsistent with the neutral rights of a nation to which it belongs. Whatever great principle of self-defense in its reasonable and necessary exercise will sanction an individual in a state nature may lawfully be performed upon the high seas.

There are other similar decisions. "The Secretary Tracy to-night," says the Tribune, "seems to be falling in with the distinction between the right to pursue and seize an offending ship and an obligation to pursue neutral rights of a nation to which it belongs. The Chamber of Commerce owns him several months' salary, and his accounts are all straight."

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At six o'clock this evening, when about a mile from the base of the mountain, the wagon overturned, throwing the occupants violently to the ground. All were less bruised, Robert Pratt and Miss Florence Hutchins being hurt more than the others.

They were brought to the Magnolia Hotel here, and the result of their injuries cannot be foretold. Among other members of the party was a dislocated elbow, a broken wrist and a broken collar bone.

It is remarkable that some of the party were not killed outright. The horses broke loose from the wagon when the accident happened and dashed down the mountains, but were not injured.

CUTTING AFFAIR.

A Stockton Young Man Stabbed Twice By a Colored Boy. STOCKTON, May 17.-Last evening about 6 o'clock a telegram message was received at the police station stating that a man was lying bleeding and nearly dead near the wheel factory.

Chief Fowler and officer Kenyon drove immediately to the locality indicated and commenced searching for the reported dying man. They were not making much progress when they were informed that the colored man who had been cut was at the house of Elmore Arthur, colored, who resides on Pilgrim street, near the race track. Thither the officers proceeded and found there Henry Weaver, a young man about thirty years of age, the person who had been cut. Dr. Beale was already in attendance on the wounded man, and stated that one of the wounds was serious but death was not liable to ensue. One of the wounds was an six inches deep in the left thigh and the other was little more than an abrasion on the ankle.

When questioned about his injuries and how he received them Weaver was extremely reticent, and at first flatly refused to talk. It was found out, however, that he had been in the employ of Elmore Arthur, a boy about fifteen years of age, a nephew of the elder Arthur.

Elmore Arthur was arrested and a charge of assault with a deadly weapon was placed against him.

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Further Light Thrown on the Hammond Grand Larceny Case. SEATTLE, May 17.-Charles R. Hammond, who is in jail here on a charge of two years grand larceny, wrote a letter to-day which, if the facts are as set forth by him, indicates that he is innocent, and that the charge of grand larceny was trumped up by English detectives to get the case out of the way in order to prevent disclosures of the doings at the Hammond house in London.

Hammond wrote a letter to Beck, who is having a second trial on a charge of grand larceny, but it was interrupted by the jailer. Beck told another prisoner while in jail at Snohomish that he committed the larceny for which Hammond was convicted.

In his letter Hammond makes an earnest appeal to Beck to speak out and reveal the facts concerning the case as he is in possession of.

GLOVE FIGHT AT SALIDA.

James Callens Knocked Out in the Fifth Round. MODESTO, May 17.-A prize-fight took place at Salida, six miles north of Modesto, this afternoon, between Hank Englehart, of Modesto, and James Callens, late of San Francisco, for a purse of \$200. Over one hundred persons were present. Both men came up in good condition.

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WORK OF AN INCENDIARY.

A Farm-House Fired and Burned to the Ground in Green Valley this morning. A house on the Durban ranch, which was recently sold to Mr. Tulloch of Selma, was seen to be on fire about twenty minutes after the occupants had left on a picnic. Constable Shipper, who was on the hillside near by, saw a man running toward the creek and in a few minutes saw smoke issuing from the building. Parties are out searching for the incendiary, but it will be hard to catch him, as the brush in the vicinity is very thick. The building was burned to the ground.

SHROUDED IN MYSTERY.

No One Yet Discovered to the Murder of G. W. Miller at Los Angeles. LOS ANGELES, May 17.-The murder of George W. Miller, proprietor of the Carlton saloon and lodging-house, Saturday night, is shrouded in mystery. Investigation indicates that robbery was not the object, as at first supposed, as papers and other articles on his person were undiscovered.

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An autopsy held to-day shows that the wounds on the left side of the head were evidently inflicted with a hammer.

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