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Paris, Jan. 20.—The reports cabled from Rio Janeiro that the Brazilian authorities were warned from Paris of a possible attempt to blow up the American battleship fleet while in the harbor there are true.

Some time ago certain suspicions indicating the existence of a plot to destroy the whole or a portion of the fleet, either at Rio Janeiro or in the Straits of Magellan were aroused and naturally communicated to Rio Janeiro and Washington. A chartered steamer was reported to have conveyed explosives for the use of the conspirators to Rio Janeiro, arriving there about the middle of December, and John Peckler, whose name is mentioned in the Rio Janeiro dispatches, was one of the men whose name was revealed here as implicated in the conspiracy.

The alleged plot is supposed to have some rather startling ramifications, but the evidence along this line is far from conclusive and rests chiefly upon the statement of an individual whose record was subsequently proved to be anything but creditable. Consequently, the whole affair is regarded with much skepticism, and indeed the presumption has been raised that it may have been a deliberately concocted scare. In any event, it is now believed here that if the plot actually did exist, the timely warning and precautions taken have completely frustrated the plans of the conspirators at Rio Janeiro and compelled them to transfer their operations further south, if not to abandon them entirely. The latter hypothesis is considered here to be most probable.

Only a few people here treated the story seriously; others regarded it as fantastic, while many dismissed the whole affair as a myth. The reports today from Rio Janeiro have been characterized as another weird chapter of the fantastic record. It is believed here that the action of the Rio Janeiro police grew out of the information forwarded to Rio Janeiro from Washington and this city.

TAKEN SERIOUSLY AT RIO.

Rio Janeiro, Jan. 20.—There were further developments according to the local police, to the efforts being made to unearth the persons responsible for the alleged plot to destroy part of the American fleet now in this harbor. Several arrests have been made.

The band which is supposed to have organized the plot is made up of foreigners. It is presumably composed of five Italians, one Canadian and two Germans. John Pedler is one of the Germans. Three of the Italians have been arrested here, and it is believed that the other members of the band have been taken into custody at Sao Paulo.

The members of the band counted on the assistance of a Spaniard named Rocco, who has lived in this city for a long time. A year ago, however, this man went insane and since then he has been shut up in a sanitarium at Montevideo.

PROVIDENT ANNUITY LIFE ASSOCIATION.

Chicago, Jan. 21.—A bill attacking the solvency of the Provident Annuity Life Association and asking for the appointment of a receiver was filed yesterday by Mrs. Belle D. Green, Bloomington, Ill., widow of a director. According to the declarator the company agreed to pay a \$5,000 gold bond upon the death

WOMAN'S BACKACHE



The back is the mainspring of woman's organism. It quickly calls attention to trouble by aching. It tells, with other symptoms, such as nervousness, headache, pains in the loins, weight in the lower part of the body, that a woman's feminine organism needs immediate attention. In such cases the one sure remedy which speedily removes the cause, and restores the feminine organism to a healthy, normal condition is LYDIA E. PINKHAM'S VEGETABLE COMPOUND. Mrs. Will Young, of 6 Columbia Ave., Rockland, Me., says: "I was troubled for a long time with dreadful backaches and a pain in my side, and was miserable in every way. I doctored until I was discouraged and thought I would never get well. I read what Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound had done for others and decided to try it; after taking three bottles I can truly say that I never felt so well in my life."

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makes red corpuscles. These little red wheels grow in the bone marrow. SCOTT'S EMULSION contains a power which feeds and puts new life into the bone marrow of pale people.

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Mrs. Green denies that she has received any money from the association. A. E. DeMang, of Bloomington, is president of the company.

Mrs. Green's husband was one of 500 persons who made the organization possible Oct. 19, 1907, by paying preliminary expenses and the amount of the first assessment before a charter was issued. Green died Nov. 31, after having paid his share, but without having received possession of the policy.

Since his death, it is declared, officers of the association have refused to pay the installments due under the contract and are said to have offered to return to Mrs. Green the dues received by them from her husband.

EMPLOYERS' LIABILITY.

President Will Send a Message to Congress on the Subject.

Washington, Jan. 20.—It became known today that President Roosevelt contemplates sending to Congress very early a message making recommendations for remedial legislation in the matter of the employers' liability act and which will meet the objections of the supreme court in its recent decision declaring the law unconstitutional.

Coupled with this the president expects to say something about the general subject of trusts, the exact nature of which is not disclosed.

SENTENCE CONFIRMED.

Washington, Jan. 20.—The president today confirmed the sentence imposed by court martial in the case of First Lieut. Allan Le Fort of the coast artillery, recently stationed at Fort Jay, N. Y. That officer was convicted on various charges of obtaining money under false pretenses by obtaining money on false checks, and false representation. He was sentenced to be dismissed from the army and to be imprisoned for five years.

CHIEF BIG HEART DEAD.

Guthrie, Okla., Jan. 20.—James Big Heart, ex-chief of Osage Indians, reputed to have been the richest Indian in the United States, is dead of paralysis at his home near Big Heart, Osage reservation, aged 67 years.

Big Heart was born in Henry county, Missouri. With 40 other Osages he volunteered in a company of Kansas cavalry and participated in several battles of the civil war.

Big Heart bought \$2,000 worth of valentines while in Washington a few years ago in connection with allotment matters and making them to prominent statesmen in Washington as well as to members of his tribes. He owned much valuable land and was a stockholder in two national banks.

RETIERING LOAN CHECKS.

New York, Jan. 20.—Large blocks of clearing house checks, amounting to about \$15,000,000, were retired today, and the amount outstanding is now in the neighborhood of \$20,000,000. It was stated at the clearing house that the highest amount of checks outstanding at any time during the financial crisis was \$100,000,000.

The rapid retirement of the certificates would indicate that within a few days all the clearing house checks will be back on a cash basis of mutual exchange.

A DOUBLE MURDER.

Object Was Not Robbery for Money Was Found in Ranchers' Cabin.

Weaverville, Cal., Jan. 20.—James Hebeau and Fred Holmes were found murdered this morning in their ranch home near Weaverville in three miles from Hayfork. One was shot in the head and the other in the breast. There is no clue to the murders and the motive of the crime cannot be explained. Robbery was not the purpose, for nearly \$100 was found in the house. It is believed the tragedy occurred last Friday, as neither of the men had been seen since by the neighbors of the nearest of whom lives a mile away.

Hebeau and Holmes had lived together for 25 years. Holmes was working for Hebeau. The first was aged 71, the second 55, and both are pensioners of Trinity county. Neither of them drank and they were never known to have had a quarrel between themselves or with anybody else. Sheriff Boyce and two deputies and Corporal Wallace left today for Hayfork.

AUSTIN'S APPLICATION FOR INJUNCTION DENIED.

Washington, Jan. 20.—The application of George W. Austin of New York for a restraining order against Secy. of the Treasury Cortelyou to prevent the latter from altering the terms of the Panama canal bonds to certain national banks was today denied by Justice Gould of the supreme court of the District of Columbia.

The court's decision was rendered following argument by counsel for Mr. Austin and the government. The ruling is practically a dismissal of the suit, although Mr. Austin has the right to file a demurrer asking for a formal dismissal. Mr. Austin's suit sought to enjoin Secretary Cortelyou from doing what was an accomplished fact and sought to invoke the injunctive power of the court in the matter without the discretionary power of a member of the executive branch of the government.

The circuit court which advertised for proposals for Panama bonds reserved the right to reject any bid. Judge Gould's decision, hinged principally on this point since in his answer to Mr. Austin's application he stated that the bonds were financially responsible and that his particular bid was rejected because it was for the best interest of the government.

S. F. BOND ISSUE.

San Francisco, Jan. 20.—The first step in a bond issue of \$5,000,000 for 14 public necessities was taken by the board of supervisors today, when it passed to print the declaratory ordinance.

No segregation of items or expenditure of the money was made. The \$5,000,000 total was derived from previous reports of the committee.

GREEK KILLS SHERIFF.

Ely, Nev., Jan. 20.—A telephone report from McGill, 14 miles north of here, says that Sheriff Davis has been killed by a Greek who was attempting to make an arrest when he was killed. The murderer escaped. A large posse is in pursuit and there is talk of lynching.

TILLMAN ATTACKS SECY. CORTELYOU

Comments on Failure of Secretary to Furnish Information Called for by the Senate.

PAYS RESPECTS TO ALDRICH.

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Washington, Jan. 20.—An animated debate occurred in the senate today, in which Mr. Tillman made many comments on what he termed the failure of Secy. Cortelyou to obey the resolution of the senate calling for information concerning the recent issue of Panama bonds.

Mr. Aldrich explained that the delay in the secretary's response to the resolution had resulted from the necessity of making a full statement of all the reasons that had influenced the secretary and that had taken more time than had been anticipated. He assured the senators that the information would be forthcoming and spoke in high terms of the secretary of the treasury.

"It is a little curious that an officer of the government should be willing to occupy the attitude of disobedience," he said, "when he has given considerable time to send in the information," said Mr. Tillman.

"The currency bill," he added, "is brought in by the president for consideration and it seems strange that the secretary of the treasury, who is directly responsible for our financial affairs, should refuse to send in a report giving the information we need. We are not too ill to go to New York to make a speech. It seems extraordinary, phenomenal, that we cannot get a report from him."

Mr. Aldrich answered that the secretary had written him a letter, which at the moment was on its way and that it would more fully explain the conditions.

"Those of us who know Mr. Cortelyou," said Mr. Aldrich, "know that he is never delinquent in his public duties and I think if the senator from South Carolina would have an opportunity to talk matters over with him, he would be satisfied."

"It did not take that long to issue the bonds," insisted Mr. Tillman. "That was a simple matter," retorted Mr. Aldrich. "The senator from South Carolina does not realize that he can put down on paper inquiries that will take many months and much work on the part of the force of a great department to answer it is much easier to ask questions than to answer them."

"The senator will recall," interrupted Mr. Tillman, "that these questions were asked by his own committee. Now, I will give some additional reasons why we should have this information forwarded to us. I have a letter from Mr. Kilberg, inclosing a report he received from the assistant secretary."

"This," he continued, "may give some light as showing why the secretary finds it so difficult to answer inquiries we have propounded. This is the letter, giving reasons why he refused to recognize bidders for bonds."

Mr. Tillman then read from Edward's letter: "You are advised that under the reservation made by the department, allotment was first made to individuals and institutions for amounts not exceeding \$10,000. The remainder was allotted to the highest national bank bidders."

"This course was followed, the letter continued, because it was not deemed wise in the currency stringency to withdraw money from the banks by making allotments to individuals, which resulted in leaving 96 per cent of the purchase price in the banks and allowed them to take out additional circulation on the Panama canal bonds."

"The circular made no reservation of bids," declared Mr. Tillman, referring to the language of the letter. "This is purely an executive function and when the facts are brought out, I think they will show that the secretary of the treasury has utterly disregarded the law in his anxiety, laudable as it may have been, to supply currency."

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In his letter to Senator Aldrich, Mr. Cortelyou said: "I am sorry that there should have been any misunderstanding as to the time when the information would be furnished. I expected I would be required a little more time to go over the mass of figures it involved. It is my desire, of course, that all business of this kind shall be disposed of promptly, but this matter is so important that I have felt it desirable that every feature of the report should be clearly stated, both for the benefit of the senate and in justice to the department. It is my desire to have the report submitted as a complete response to the resolution, and I hope to have it ready in the course of the next few days. It is all probably about the beginning of next week."

"The amount of work involved in the preparation of such voluminous data must not be fully appreciated by those who do not remember that the force in all the bureaus here which have to do intimately with financial matters have been for weeks working in the department, and to have this duty put upon them in addition materially increases their burdens."

FOR ROBBING MAILS.

R. W. Harwood, Joseph Reilly and Geo. Godfrey Charged With Crime.

San Francisco, Jan. 20.—Postoffice Inspector Dennis Coyne swore to complaints before United States Commissioner Peacock yesterday charging Robert W. Harwood, Joseph Reilly and George Godfrey with having robbed the United States mails of two registered packages valued at \$100 and \$5 respectively at Marysville on Jan. 14.

Harwood was the driver of the mail wagon between the postoffice and railroad station and claimed that on that morning he was held up by two men who beat him over the head and then rifled the registered pouch.

After a brief investigation Coyne believed that Harwood and secured a confession in which the driver admitted that he had planned the robbery with Reilly and Godfrey. He was arrested and taken to the jail. Reilly brought in Godfrey and the latter, determining to cut Harwood out of the profits of the enterprise, beat him on the head with a revolver and left him out of the division. Harwood and Reilly were then placed under arrest and later Godfrey was captured in Sacramento. They will be brought here for hearing.

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