

A REQUEST FOR WARSHIPS

American Interests Threatened by the Colombian Outbreak.

J. Edward Simmons Asks the State Department for Protection at Panama as Well as Colon—Fears Inter-Railroad Traffic Will Be Interrupted.

The State Department this morning received a letter from J. Edward Simmons, of New York, the president of the Panama Railroad, requesting that warships be sent to Colon, Colombia, and also to Panama. Mr. Simmons's letter was evidently written before he had been advised that the Navy Department had already ordered the Machias to prepare to go to Colon. He seems to carry the idea, however, that more than a single warship is needed at the scene of the threatened trouble.

Mr. Simmons states that he apprehends serious difficulties arising from the revolution now threatening. His fears are based upon advice received from the railroad's agents in Colon, Panama, and other places. He does not say that there has as yet been any damage done to American interests or interference with traffic across the isthmus, but the situation he believes is threatening.

Due haste will be made in preparing the Machias for her trip to Colon, but it is not probable that any other ship will be sent there, certainly not unless more serious trouble than is now apprehended results.

There is no warship immediately available on the Pacific Coast which could be sent to Panama, which is on the west side of the isthmus.

The battleships Iowa and Wisconsin of the Atlantic Station are in the vicinity of Puget Sound, and orders will be sent at once to Admiral Cagney to move southward in order to be in readiness to proceed to Panama should the presence of a warship there be demanded.

Telegrams were received at the State Department today either from Colombia or Venezuela.

THE HOWISON STORY DENIED.

No Expression of Opinion Given on the Schley Case.

The officials of the Navy Department discredit the story telegraphed from Boston to the effect that Rear Admiral Howison, who has been selected as a member of the Court of Enquiry, had expressed himself in favor of Sampson early in the controversy concerning the battle of Santiago.

When Admiral Howison was requested by Mr. Hackett to spend a week or two at the Navy, to serve on the court, he was explicitly asked if he had ever expressed any opinion in the matter. Admiral Howison replied that he had no bias in the case and that he had said nothing concerning the controversy. He added that he saw no reason why he should not serve as a member of the tribunal.

TO WAIT FOR MR. LONG.

The Acting Secretary Will Not Act in the Chandler-Evans Incident.

Frank W. Hackett, Acting Secretary of the Navy, will do nothing in regard to the letters of ex-Secretary Chandler, containing allusions to the attack made upon him by Rear Admiral Evans in his book, "A Sailor's Log." The letters were both addressed to Secretary Long and the matter will be left entirely to him. If he takes it up at all, he will do so until after he returns from his vacation.

Shortly after that time the Schley Court of Enquiry will begin and the chances are that it will overshadow the Chandler incident so that no action will be taken upon it.

Mr. Hackett is shortly to retire from office and does not care to have anything to do with the case.

GOING TO YELLOWSTONE PARK.

A Mission in Connection With the Meteorological Observatory.

Wills L. Moore, Chief of the Weather Bureau, will leave early in September for the Yellowstone National Park. Capt. H. M. Chittenden, Superintendent of the Park, has requested the War Department to make an inspection of that region with a view to the establishment of a meteorological observatory and Secretary Root, acting favorably on the request, has asked Mr. Moore to undertake the investigation.

Mr. Moore will leave as an Colonel John H. Hingham, the Assistant Secretary of Agriculture, returns to relieve him of his duties here.

Facilities for good telegraphic communication will, it is said, be a factor in determining the location of the observatory. The meteorological features of the region have never been investigated. Its wonderful topography furnishes wide variations of weather which will be most interesting to the meteorologist.

Mr. Moore expects to spend a week or more in the Park and will arrange his itinerary as to return by way of Salt Lake City and Denver.

PAYMENT OF LEGACY TAXES.

John W. Yerkes Says the Time-Limit is One Year.

John W. Yerkes, Commissioner of Internal Revenue, today rendered a decision in regard to the legacy tax, in which he held that payment of the tax must be made within one year of the testator's death, and prior to the distribution of the estate.

The law is compulsory, says the Commissioner, that every executor, or other person in writing to the Collector or Deputy Collector of the district where the deceased grantor last resided, within thirty days after he shall have taken charge of the trust.

The decision is made at the request of Charles C. Cole, collector of the Twenty-first District, Syracuse, N. Y., who enclosed in his letter a notice filed by E. J. Northrup, attorney at law, and the executor of the estate of Pamela S. Rogers. The law in cases of this kind is not generally known.

CRIMES OF A CANADIAN.

A Jealous Man Kills His Wife and Wounds His Daughter.

SAULT-STE MARIE, Mich., Aug. 8.—A double tragedy was enacted in a Canadian home yesterday afternoon when Frederick Schultz shot his wife and twelve-year-old daughter during a fit of jealousy. His wife died almost instantly and the girl, who was shot through the breast, cannot live. Schultz fired at his wife and the daughter, who was clinging to her mother's neck, received the bullet.

The murderer, after emptying the revolver of all but one shot, turned it on himself, but did not inflict an injury. Schultz remained in the house for half an hour and then made his escape.

Excursions to Ocean City, Md., from August 8th, leaving at 10:30 a. m. Special rates. Enquire at 100 Fourteenth st.

SUNK BY THE OCEANIC.

The Oceanic Collides With the Steamship Kinross.

QUEENSTOWN, Aug. 8.—The big White Star steamship Oceanic, which sailed from Liverpool yesterday for New York, collided this morning, off Tuskar Rock, Ireland, with the steamship Kinross, of the Waterford Steamship Company, bound for the various ports of the west coast of the British Isles. Several of the crew have been rescued, but eight of the Kinross's men are missing and it is possible that they were picked up by other vessels during the fog.

The Oceanic has a hole four feet long in the plates of her port bow, two feet above the water line, and was compelled to remain here for an examination.

After an examination by divers the Oceanic left here at 3 o'clock this afternoon for New York.

THE CONDITION OF CRISPI.

Italy's ex-Prime Minister Passes a Quiet Night.

ROME, Aug. 8.—Ex-Prime Minister Crispi passed a quiet night. The weakness of his heart and the nervous muscular depression is increasing.

The stability displayed by Signor Crispi, who has been extremely ill for a long time, is regarded as a remarkable instance of physical weakness being dominated by mental power.

Several times during the last ten days the bulletin issued regarding his condition seemed to presage death, but soon afterward a political or other memory awakened the patient from his torpor and he vigorously discussed some incident in his career, after which he would relapse into unconsciousness.

His physicians are astonished, and now admit that he may lie in his present state for months.

THE WISH OF THE EMPRESS.

Her Remains to Be Buried in the Family Circle at Potsdam.

BERLIN, Aug. 8.—It was the express wish of Empress Frederick that her remains should be interred at Potsdam and confined "in the narrowest family circle."

With the exception, perhaps, of King Edward of England, no foreign crowned heads will be present or represented at the funeral.

COLOGNE MANUFACTURERS ACT.

The Government Urged to Protect Them Against America.

COLOGNE, Aug. 8.—At a meeting of the Manufacturers' Union of the district of Cologne a resolution was adopted declaring that an agreement on the new tariff bill would be likely to increase the prosperity of the agriculturists.

The manufacturers, however, decided to strongly urge the Government to take sufficient protective measures against the all-powerful competition of America, which is the danger. If the bill is not rejected by the Central League of Germany, the manufacturers will take the question up immediately.

BRITISH TRADE RETURNS.

The July Report Shows a Large Increase in Imports.

LONDON, Aug. 8.—The British trade returns for July show that there was an increase in imports compared with last month of £2,765,555, chiefly in articles of food and drink.

There was a decrease in the exports compared with the corresponding month of 1899 of £16,736.

GOLD FROM THE KLONDIKE.

A Serious Drought Likely to Curtail the Product.

YANCOUVER, B. C., Aug. 8.—The steamer Islander has arrived from the north, bringing \$150,000 in dust. Most of this was carried on the train bound for Seattle.

The drought which would result in the output from Klondike being much lower than expected this season.

AMERICAN HORSES WIN.

Two Races Taken at the Brighton Meeting Today.

LONDON, Aug. 8.—The race for the Working Plate of 150 sovereigns at Brighton today was won by Richard Croker. With J. Reel in the saddle, Richard Croker was second and Korroko third. The betting was 5 to 4 on Viper, and 100 to 8 against the other placed horses.

The race for the Southdown Plate of 200 sovereigns was won by Frank Gardner's Encobar. Richard Croker's Minnie Dee was second and Mr. Wigand's The Reeve third. The betting was 4 to 1 on Encobar, 5 to 2 against Minnie Dee, and 6 to 1 against The Reeve.

HUNT FOR SMELTER THIEVES.

San Francisco Detectives Make a Mysterious Arrest.

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 8.—What the detectives have gained by the mysterious arrest made last night in the gold robbery case is it is impossible as yet to tell. The utmost secrecy is maintained about the case, and the name of the prisoner has not been made public. It is said, however, the man is merely suspected of complicity in the plot, which was so successfully carried out, to get the half ton of gold from the smelter at Gardiner.

The loss is about \$25,000 and the recovery of the bullion and reward of the thieves.

BURNED TO THE WATER'S EDGE.

Steamer Norfolk-on-the-Roads Destroyed at Her Pier.

NORFOLK, Va., Aug. 8.—The river steamer Norfolk-on-the-Roads burned to the water's edge at daybreak today at her pier at Norfolk-on-the-Roads. She was the passenger transfer boat used by the Norfolk and Atlantic Terminal Company (Sewell's Point Railway) between Sewell's Point and Old Point.

The loss is about \$4,000, partially insured. The crew had a narrow escape.

The Accidents at Chesbourg.

Chesbourg, Aug. 8.—The United States training ship Saratoga arrived here today. She will remain for a few days.

General Harrier's News.

VIENNA, Aug. 8.—The "Newe Frede Presse" announces that General Harrier died last night at Sterzing in the Tyrol.

To Forget Venice.

VIENNA, Aug. 8.—"Information" says it learns that Italy proposes to convert Venice into a first-class naval harbor, and that in carrying out this plan she will dredge the canals and fortify the islands.

Flynn's Business College, 8th and K.

Business, Shortland, Typewriting—\$5 a year.

THE LOYAL FILIPINOS ACT

Efforts to Combat the Hongkong Junta's Influence.

Leaders at Manila to Organize a Strong Local Body and Decide Upon a Policy—Sumner's Report on the Situation in Batangas.

MANILA, Aug. 8.—The decision of the insurgent Filipino Junta at Hongkong to continue the war against the Americans has aroused the archipelago and it is believed by the officials here that the efforts of the latter will do much toward extinguishing the last lingering sparks of rebellion. In view of the recent declarations of the Hongkong Junta, several of the most prominent Filipino leaders have left this city for the purpose of visiting the camp of General Alvarado. After a consultation there, the leaders will form a strong local junta and adopt a policy to combat that framed by the revolutionary element's Hongkong representatives.

General Sumner has returned from Batangas and has a good report to offer. He says that the American reinforcements recently sent there are most active, but that a favorable opportunity had not yet been presented for engaging the Filipino forces. The insurgents have temporarily retired from the field, but the Americans are hopeful of stamping out the belligerents or bringing them to terms within a comparatively short time.

The financial situation in Luzon is causing some uneasiness and Governor Taft has taken measures to solve the problem. He held a conference today with the Governors of Panay and Camarines, as well as officials of the Philippine treasury, and the financial question was thoroughly discussed. For the purpose of relieving the present trouble it was arranged that the central treasury shall advance funds sufficient to cover the expenses of immediate and necessary provincial improvements, and also to restock the numerous districts which have been impoverished through the prevalence of the rinderpest among the cattle and the plague of locusts.

Captain Stafford, a New York man, has been appointed physician for the civil officials, their families, and their employes.

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A BRITISH POST CAPTURED.

Twenty-five of Steinecker's Horse Made Prisoners.

LONDON, Aug. 8.—Gen. Lord Kitchener has telegraphed the War Office that the British have captured and captured a post of twenty-five men of Steinecker's Horse on the Sabi River, in the Lydenburg district of the Eastern Transvaal. The burghers came on the British troops so suddenly that they had practically no time to get away. According to reports recently received from the Transvaal, the Boers are exhibiting renewed activity and are causing a great deal of trouble. It is understood that a force will be sent out immediately to try and release the captured troops.

SHOT BY A BOER SPY.

Three Policemen Severely Wounded in Pretoria.

PRETORIA, Aug. 8.—A Boer spy, believed to be a resident of Pretoria, who took the oath of neutrality and afterward rejoined his command, entered the town this morning. Three policemen started upon the man with their revolvers. According to reports recently received from the Transvaal, the Boers are exhibiting renewed activity and are causing a great deal of trouble. It is understood that a force will be sent out immediately to try and release the captured troops.

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SANTOS-DUMONT'S MISHAP.

The Aeronaut Has a Narrow Escape in Paris.

An Accident to His Balloon Makes It Unmanageable and He Lands on the Roof of a Hotel—Trying for the Deutsch Prize at the Time.

PARIS, Aug. 8.—M. Santos-Dumont, the aeronaut, met with an accident this morning. He started at 6:30 o'clock in his attempt to make the trip from St. Cloud around the Eiffel Tower and return in order to secure the Deutsch prize. He reached the tower in nine minutes.

When half-way back, about fifteen minutes after he started, he noticed that the front of the balloon was bulging inward, which would indicate that the gas was escaping. Thereupon, M. Santos-Dumont attempted to drive air into the balloon, which is a small balloon within the large one, but the motor failed to act. Then the gas went out of the rear balloon, which hung in a flabby way and threatened to catch the screw. M. Santos-Dumont became fearful of an explosion and fell and, in order to avoid this, he stopped the motor, thus leaving the balloon at the mercy of the winds. It drifted about a while and then came down in an awkward position between two blocks of the Exposition Trocadero Hotel, where it hung suspended. M. Santos-Dumont climbed up to the roof as quickly as a cat by means of a rope which was lowered and escaped without injury.

Meanwhile the people at St. Cloud were beginning to congratulate M. Alme, the former secretary of the Aero Club, and a partisan of M. Dumont, on the apparent success of the young Brazilian's attempt to win the prize. When it was seen that the balloon had ceased to advance and was flapping and drifting away there was an immediate rush for cabs, automobiles, and bicycles. There was a general stampede, the cry being "to the Eiffel Tower," for when the balloon sank it was hidden by trees and appeared to be drifting toward the tower. M. Deutsch drove Prince Roland Bonaparte, who is president of the committee of the Deutsch prize, in his automobile. M. Alme took a cab with his wife and daughter. M. Georges Besnon drove out.

When the exit of the Bois de Boulogne was reached it was learned that the balloon had caught in the Trocadero Hotel. The only place where a view could be had was a small yard at 12 Quai Passy belonging to a restaurant keeper named Hugo. The committee gathered in this place. Prince Bonaparte explained the cause of the accident to a correspondent and made a sketch to explain the failure of the balloon to work.

M. Santos-Dumont told the story of the accident to the few persons who were admitted to the yard. Around his wrist he wore the religious medal presented to him by the Countess D'Eu, daughter of the late Dom Pedro, of Brazil, which he had proudly kissed, saying: "It was this that saved me."

He was as merry as a cricket. M. Dumont's worst enemy, if he has one, cannot say that he is not a genuine and plucky sportsman. He has a new machine, operations were begun. The pompiers, accompanied by M. Santos-Dumont and a few others went to the roof. There the machine lay at an angle of 60 degrees, the screw resting on the roof of the lower pavilion of the hotel and the prow leaning against the side wall of the upper pavilion, ten yards from the summit. The balloon proper hung limp and bulky from the explosion when it collided with the gable chimney. The balloon was diagonally across and bridged a yawning cavern sixty feet deep. If it had not caught as it did, the chances are 100 to 1 that M. Santos-Dumont would have been killed, but the young Brazilian seems to bear a charmed life.

M. Santos-Dumont first ascertained that the motor had not been damaged. Then ropes were affixed to the prow and efforts made to hoist up the machine, but the angle was too great. Then all the available men fixed a rope round the screw end of the machine, using the chimney stack as a fulcrum. After the machine had been hoisted up, the ropes were attached to the stern and the balloon hung perpendicular and then descended into the yard. The roof suffered somewhat during the operations and there were several escapes from injury of the people up there, some of whom said partly down the steep incline.

M. Deutsch, the donor of the prize, said to a correspondent: "I am terribly upset by this accident and being fearful lest the accident should happen to some one desirous of gaining my prize. I wish to retire, but the committee say I cannot honorably do so. Consequently, I must remain, but I am filled with moody apprehensions."

While on the roof before the release of the balloon Artillery Lieutenant Nox, who was the official timekeeper of the balloon's start, told a correspondent that he timed its progress through glasses. It reached the Eiffel Tower in nine minutes and rounded it one minute later and laid the course for home. The time limit for the round trip in order to win the Deutsch prize of 100,000 francs is thirty minutes.

Prince Bonaparte attributed the accident to the same cause as Prince Roland Bonaparte—the failure of the motor to pump air to fill the inner balloon so as to compensate for the gas which had escaped. When the motor fell in a baby way the screw began to cut the suspensory wires, and the only chance left to M. Santos-Dumont was to stop the machine and drift with the wind.

When M. Santos-Dumont was asked if he would not try the machine again and begin all over again he said he had not had time as yet to think about it. The Quai Passy, and there was great excitement. M. Santos-Dumont and Prince Bonaparte were the least excited of any of those present. Much sympathy was expressed with M. Santos-Dumont over today's mishap. He has a charming manner and makes friends constantly.

A Mortgage for \$5,000