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WABASH IS COMING INTO WASHINGTON

But Time Is Not Fixed, Says Mr. Gould.

NO ROUTE YET SELECTED

Railroad Magnate Talks Freely But Cautiously to Times Reporter on Plans Concerning Pet System.

(Special to The Washington Times.)

BALTIMORE, July 15.—"The proposition to enter Washington has been under consideration by the officials of the Wabash system," said George Gould to a reporter for The Times in Baltimore, last night, "but at present nothing definite has been done."

"I believe, however, it is only a question of a short while before the Wabash is going to have its connections with the National Capital. In the meantime we are concentrating our efforts here in Baltimore."

Prompt to the minute George Gould, the head of the Wabash, and a score of others of the biggest railroad systems in the country, arrived with a big party of officials at the Hiller Street station of the Western Maryland yesterday afternoon at 4 o'clock. A few minutes later he began the long-discussed inspection of the proposed tidewater terminals of his company. Every foot of about twelve miles of railway and the sites of shops, sheds and docks was gone over before Mr. Gould, highly pleased with the preliminary work done by his subordinates, concluded his labors and returned to the city proper, becoming the guest of Postmaster S. Davis Warfield at a dinner at the Maryland Club.

In Sparkling Humor.

Despite the fatigue of his journey and work, Mr. Gould was in a sparkling humor, replying vivaciously to the questions put to him. He seemed never to tire of describing his intentions toward developing his Baltimore properties, but beyond these things he was reticent, answering vaguely or with a joke. Concerning his troubles with the officers of the Pennsylvania system, he laughed and said:

"All of our program, to the smallest detail, had been carefully planned out nearly a year before we began actual operations."

Mr. Gould would say no more. Asked about Judge Morris' decision in the suit to prevent the removal of the Western Union poles and wires between Philadelphia and Washington, Mr. Gould said:

"The decision was expected and we knew we would win. We have just begun in the telegraph matter."

"One would expect a man of his standing and dignity in a man personally controlling properties worth \$250,000,000, but this expectation is not fulfilled in Mr. Gould's case. He is almost boyish in his enthusiasm, especially concerning the Wabash, which is evidently the particular pet of all his properties. This may be inherited. Wabash was the late Jay Gould's hobby," Mr. Gould said.

"There is no reason why Baltimore should not become the greatest shipping point in the country. Port charges are low. In New York they are high. Philadelphia is not far from the sea and has no harbor."

Mr. Gould spoke long on this topic. Then he was asked about Washington and Newport News. He was evasive in all answers.

Washington Plans.

"It would seem natural," he said, "that the Wabash should reach Washington, and I believe it will in time. At present Baltimore is taking up all of our time."

When asked if routes into Washington had been considered, he replied:

"The matter has been discussed. The Wabash has as yet, however, mapped out no route into Washington. We have made no choice."

When asked what route he thought would be most suitable, he replied:

"Undoubtedly a connection at Cumberland."

Some one present suggested that Mr. Gould might buy up the franchisees of the Washington, Baltimore and Annapolis Electric Line, which recently went into the hands of a receiver. This Mr. Gould smilingly answered, his eye twinkling:

"Isn't that route much too hilly and rough?"

This statement is true, and it shows that Mr. Gould has studied the topography of the country around Washington carefully. Mr. Gould was then asked if he had thought of buying the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal and building a railroad along its course.

"No; the country needs the canal," he said, "we don't."

WEATHER REPORT.

There has been a further fall in temperature in the lower lake region. Fair and continued cool weather is probable in all parts of the Washington forecast district tonight and tomorrow, except that the temperature will rise slowly in the western portion of the district tomorrow.

THE TEMPERATURE.

9 a. m. 67
12 m. 71
1 p. m. 72

THE SUN.

Sun sets today 7:24 p. m.
Sun rises tomorrow 4:48 a. m.

TIDE TABLE.

High tide today 11:50 p. m.
High tide tomorrow 12:03 a. m.
Low tide tomorrow 6:18 a. m., 6:31 p. m.

COLOMBIAN CHARGE SAYS CANAL TREATY MUST BE TAKEN UP

Special Session of Congress May Continue for More Than a Year If Attempt Is Made to Filibuster.

The reports which have gained currency within the past few days regarding the termination of the Colombian congress' special session, on July 20, are not based on correct premises, according to Dr. Thomas Herran, Colombian charge d'affaires here. He says all previous statements to the effect that the congress will go into regular session on that date are incorrect, and that the special session can continue indefinitely, or at least to the limit of thirteen months, if so desired by the President of the republic.

This rather startling announcement may be regarded as one of the results of the visit here of Senor Pedro Velez, of Cartagena, who has been in conference with Dr. Herran daily since Saturday last. He left Washington for New York last night and will be in conference with certain persons there before sailing to South America.

Correcting Wrong Advices.

Cable and mail communication with Bogota has been intermittent, and many contradictory statements have been transmitted to this country regarding the status of the canal matter and the prospective proceedings of the congress.

It remained for Senor Velez to correct some of these contradictory reports. This it was possible for him to do by speaking of his own direct and late information. Contrary to previous reports it has transpired that instead of coming here from Europe, Senor Velez in reality came direct from Bogota for the special purpose of going into the canal negotiations in detail with Dr. Herran.

His conference lasted practically from 9 o'clock in the morning until midnight on each of the three days the Colombian congressman was here. When the matter had been threshed out in detail, the difference in opinion as to whether the special session will end July 20 or not came to light and was answered in the negative.

Dr. Herran's Statement.

When Dr. Herran's attention was called to the matter today, he corroborated this view fully. He said:

"Contrary to previous reports, the special session of the congress will not end July 20. It will continue as long as the President so decrees up to a year from that date."

"The explanation of this state of affairs is that the congress does not meet annually as in the United States but only every two years. Because of the revolution last year, when the regular session should have been convened, the idea gained ground that the congress would meet on July 20 of this year."

"But this is officially declared impossible, because the regular time of meeting, according to the constitution, is in 1904. So no regular session can be called this year, and the present session instead of terminating in a few days can be prolonged to any date the President desires, up to July 20, 1904."

Action on Treaty Probable.

The most important result of this decision will be to make some action on the treaty by the Colombian congress practically imperative, unless obstructionists in either body intend to filibuster for more than a year to come. Such an outcome is, of course, not

DISPATCH FROM RAMPOLLA AT APOSTOLIC LEGATION

The dispatch from Cardinal Rampolla to the secretary of state, received at the apostolic legation this morning, read as follows:

"Holy Father passed a fairly tranquil night. His condition remains unchanged."

There was much anxiety about the Pope's condition at the legation last night, and the apostolic delegate, Monsignor Falconio, remained up until a late hour awaiting news from Rome. None came, however, until this morning.

HAWAIIAN CAPITALIST IS HELD FOR RANSOM

Prominent Chinaman Captured by Bandits in Twang Tung.

SAN FRANCISCO, July 15.—Advices from Canton, China, say that consternation prevails throughout that province in high Chinese circles over the kidnapping of Lamcho, the Hawaiian-Chinese capitalist, and three other prominent Chinese.

They were inveigled into what they supposed to be a friend's house near Sunwai, Twang Tung, seized and conveyed to the interior, where they were held for ransom.

After the capture one of the brigands sent word to a friend of Lamcho, in Canton, that he and his companions would be released for \$20,000 ransom. Lamcho, next to Ah Fong, is the best known Chinaman in Hawaii. On the death of Kalanukua and the ascension of Liliuokalani, Lamcho became her confidential adviser of Chinese affairs in the kingdom and went to China six months ago.

ROOT WILL RESIGN; OLIVER TO SUCCEED

Secretary of War Anxious to Resume Law Practice.

LEAVES CABINET THIS YEAR

New Assistant Understood to Have His Indorsement for the Promotion.

(Special to The Washington Times.)

Secretary Root has returned from his visit to the President at Oyster Bay, and was at the War Department today. The decision announced while he was there to the effect that Gen. Robert Shaw Oliver, of Albany, is to succeed Col. William Cary Sanger as Assistant Secretary of War has led to the belief, current in official circles, that Secretary Root intends to leave the Cabinet within the next few months, and that General Oliver will then step into his shoes.

It has been well known for many months that Secretary Root was anxious to leave the Cabinet and return to his law practice in New York as soon as he could do so without embarrassment to the Administration, and as soon as he could conclude certain work which he had outlined. It may now be stated with a reasonable degree of assurance that Secretary Root will not be a member of the Cabinet long after Congress meets in November.

Asserted His Intention.

As long ago as last winter Secretary Root is said to have informed Senator Mason, among others, that he would resign shortly after the adjournment of the Fifty-seventh Congress. The circumstance which caused him to so state to Senator Mason was the fact that the Senator had asked him to go to Chicago and take part in a function in that city during the spring. Secretary Root explained that he did not expect to be a member of the Cabinet at that time.

The fact that the general staff plan was not made operative until the middle of August instead of immediately after the passage of the bill, and the further fact that Secretary Root was selected as a member of the Alaskan boundary commission, led him to postpone the date of his departure from the Cabinet until he could see the general staff in full operation and the boundary matter settled.

BONAPARTE CONSULTS WITH THE PRESIDENT

Prosecution of "Crooked-Contract Men" Outlined.

SHAW, ALSO, AT OYSTER BAY

Delaware Political Affairs Presented by William M. Bryant—Two Other Guests.

OYSTER BAY, N. Y., July 15.—President Roosevelt is wrestling with the Postoffice scandal today.

Charles J. Bonaparte, of Baltimore, chief counsel for the prosecution of the "grafters" and "crooked-contract men," is a guest at Sagamore Hill. He took luncheon with the President, and both before and after the meal went over the much-voiced cases with the Chief Executive.

Secretary Shaw, of the Treasury Department; Ray Stannard Baker, the writer, and H. H. Kohlsaat, of Chicago, were also the President's guests at luncheon. After luncheon, William Michael Bryant is to arrive to consult with the President in regard to Delaware political matters.

STAMP BOOKS YIELD ALMOST \$200,000

Small Profit for Each Book Reached Large Total.

In three years the Government has realized almost \$200,000 profit from the sale of the little stamp books issued by the Postoffice Department. A report which Third Assistant Postmaster General Madden will issue in a few days shows that the profit on the little moisture-proof stamp books for the fiscal year which has just ended was more than \$70,000.

The cost of the books to the department is one-third of a cent each, and they sell for 1 cent. The sale has increased 28 per cent in the fiscal year just ended. They are in especial demand in climates where humidity makes it impossible to prevent stamps from sticking together.

Three years ago Mr. Madden devised the little book with pasteboard covers and sheets of oiled paper to prevent stamps from adhering to each other. Books were issued which contained twelve, twenty-four, and forty-eight 2-cent stamps.

In estimating the profit to the Government on the books the increased sale of stamps which they have probably brought about is not considered. Mr. Madden's report will also show a marked increase during the past fiscal year in the sales of stamps, postal cards and other supplies.

CONTRACT FOR TRUCK HOUSE GOES TO MR. DUNN

Structure Will Be Erected on Eighth Street Southeast—Will Cost \$17,000.

J. M. Dunn was awarded the contract this morning, by the Commissioners, for the construction of the new truck house for the fire department, to be built on Eighth Street southeast, between D and E Streets. His bid was \$17,950. The appropriation for the truck house only amounted to \$17,000, so it is probable that Mr. Dunn will be requested to make some slight change in his specifications. The other bids opened were Meade & Reynolds, \$18,960; Osterman & Butler, \$20,400; W. E. Mooney, \$18,992, and Gleeson and Humphrey, \$19,400. The building will be known as truck house G.

TO PAINT P STREET BRIDGE.

The P Street bridge across Rock Creek is to have a new coat of paint, according to an order issued by the District Commissioners today. The cost will be \$225.

PAY INCREASED.

John Fitzgerald, foreman in the Water Department prior to July 1, at \$1,400 per annum, has been increased to \$1,500, by order of the Commissioners, to take effect July 2.

POPE REMAINS IN CRITICAL CONDITION AND ATTENDANTS EXPECT THE END TOMORROW

The Pontiff Once Predicted That He Would Die on the Feast Day of "Our Lady of Mount Carmel."

THE PHYSICIANS' OFFICIAL BULLETIN INDICATES NO CHANGE FOR BETTER

ATHLETIC TRAINING FOR MEN IN ARMY

Regular Course for Department of the East.

INTER-POST COMPETITIONS

General Chaffee Orders Round of Exercises to Be Practiced in Earnest by All His Subordinates.

General Chaffee, commanding general of the Department of the East, acting upon authority of the Secretary of War, has issued general orders to the effect that athletics shall hereafter be made a feature of the military training of troops in his department. The Department of the East includes all the Atlantic coast States from Maine to Florida and along the Gulf, and it is to be divided into ten athletic districts, each embracing from two to thirteen posts.

The purpose of this order is to obtain definite results, and post commanders will be required to allot not less than a half hour each day—Sundays, Saturdays, and holidays excepted—when their whole commands are to participate in calisthenic and athletic exercises. The officers are directed to originate such exercises as will hold the interest of the men and improve their physical condition, and the post surgeons are to have advisory supervision over the methods of training.

Competitions Scheduled. It is contemplated that at stated periods there shall be post competitions, and the successful men in these are to participate in district competitions.

As soon as possible after the district athletic meet in 1904, it is contemplated that there shall be a department meet at West Point where the district teams will compete in events to be prescribed under instructions to be issued hereafter.

Capt. J. R. Lindsey, Fifteenth Cavalry, aide-de-camp, is announced as representative for the department athletics. The post commanders are directed if practicable to appropriate from the profits of the post exchanges a reasonable amount for athletics and for prizes for competition.

Fort Myer has been assigned to the Seventh district. The other posts in the division are Washington Barracks, Fort Washington, and Fort Hunt. Fort Myer will be the post at which the district meet of the Seventh district will be held.

SULLIVAN'S DISMISSAL WILL SHORTLY OCCUR

Randall E. Sullivan, the negro elevator conductor in the Geological Survey Building who handed an insulting note to a young woman employe, will probably be dismissed in a few days.

Sullivan's answer to the charges filed against him was referred to Henry C. Riser, chief clerk of the Geological Survey.

After considering the answer, Mr. Riser has recommended to the Department of the Interior that the man be dismissed.

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Refuse to Despair.

Those whose holiness' attendants, especially those who have been optimistic throughout the Pontiff's illness, have gained new faith in his staying powers. This faith, however, does not amount to hope, but is rather the refusal of those in despair to admit that despair has gained the upper hand.

As to final dissolution, it is impossible to make any kind of speculation. According to ordinary reasoning the Pope should have been dead long ago. But inasmuch as his holiness on several occasions, when all were expecting his end, gave signs of reviving, even his doctors do not try to approximate the time remaining to him.

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