

WRITERS ARE COMING HOME

Associated Press Correspondents Are Alone Treated With Consideration in Far East.

TACTICAL CRISIS REACHED

Newspaper Men Who Have Arrived at Victoria Say a Decisive Engagement Will Soon Be Fought.

Victoria, B. C., July 13.—William Kirton, war correspondent for the Central News and London Graphic, a military critic of considerable note, arrived here on the Canadian Pacific Railroad steamship Empress of India. He claims that the real reason for the refusal of the Japanese to allow any war correspondent to go to the front was the fact that a number of "irresponsible and sensational American newspaper reporters," who knew nothing about war or the duties of a war correspondent had been sent out by individual newspapers and that the Japanese included not only these persons in the ban of prohibition but also, on their account, the trained and veteran correspondents. Kirton says his statements are based on information imparted to him by responsible Japanese officials, civil and military.

J. Sheldon Williams, special war artist of the London Sphere, also returned from Tokio on the Empress. He declares that it is hopeless for correspondents of individual newspapers to remain in Japan or try to get to the front. The only men who are doing the real war reporting, Williams says, are the representatives of the Associated Press of America, who are scattered all over the war front, and doing what Mr. Williams cordially describes as truly splendid work. It is now understood in Japan that the tactical crisis of the war has been reached. Kuropatkin's decision to fight or fall back will determine the length of the war and men returning to Yokohama from the front just before the Empress left, expressed no doubt that Kuropatkin intended to risk all in a general engagement on a selected battlefield. Mr. Williams says Oscar K. Davis and other well known correspondents are preparing to leave for America on early steamers.

DOCTORS ARE IN SESSION.

Washington Medical Association Commences Its Work at Seattle.

Seattle, July 13.—The Washington State Medical Association opened its fifth annual session in this city today. In attendance there are about 150 physicians from this state, Oregon and Idaho. The meetings of the organization will continue until Thursday evening.

The sessions are being devoted to general discussions on subjects of importance to the profession, including the principal refractory diseases. Today the subjects of fever, tuberculosis and typhoid were considered in able papers by prominent practitioners. The association announced itself as opposed to medical schools in connection with state universities.

WAR RISKS ARE HIGHER.

Capture of British Steamer Sends Insurance Skyward.

New York, July 13.—Confiscation by the Russians of the British steamer Allanton has caused an advance in rates for war risks on steamers conducting ordinary trade in the far east, says a Times dispatch from London. Lines of insurance on British steamers warranted to carry no contraband and to engage in no blockade running written six months ago at 2s 6d per cent for 12 months are now being reinsured at 10s per cent.

Fire at Seattle.

Seattle, July 12.—The Gaffney warehouse, at the foot of Pine street, in this city, was destroyed by fire tonight. For a time the flames threatened the water front, but good work on the part of the firemen prevented them from spreading beyond the Gaffney building, a one-story structure, in which were stored hay and grain. The damage is estimated at \$20,000.

THOMAS IS LAUNCHED.

New Army Tender Put into the Water Yesterday at Ballard.

Seattle, July 13.—With appropriate ceremonies, the new United States army tender Major Evan Thomas was launched at Ballard this afternoon. The vessel was christened by 6-

year-old Natalie Fisher, granddaughter of Major Evan Thomas, who was killed in a battle with Monoc Indians 31 years ago, and for whom the craft was named. Many army officers and ladies attended the ceremonies which were conducted by Captain F. A. Grant. The new boat, which is to be used by the artillery corps in the Puget sound district, is 106 feet long, 23 feet beam and of 400 horse-power.

NEW CURE FOR LEPROSY.

A Physician Has Discovered Bacillus Which is Proving Successful.

New York, July 13.—Captain E. R. Rost of the Indian medical service has succeeded in cultivating the bacillus of leprosy, according to dispatches from Rangoon, Burmah, says a Times dispatch from London. He has made a substance from the culture which he calls leprolin and which, when injected into lepers, has marked beneficial action, alleviating the symptoms of the disease. The method of growing the bacillus is to extract the salts from the nutrient media and Captain Rost has discovered that the bacillus will not grow in the presence of salt. In order to make such nutrient media he distills beef extract soaked in pumice stone in a current of superheated steam and obtains a medium in which the bacillus of leprosy and also that of tuberculosis grows with the greatest ease. Over 100 cases of leprosy are being treated in Burmah by injections of this substance, and the treatment is also being tried in 30 places in India. Already four cases have been reported cured and in the great majority those under treatment, the improvement is said to be marked.

Alleged Violation of Treaty.

Colon, July 13.—A wharf is in course of construction at Cristobal, at which lumber and other supplies for the canal will be landed. The building of this wharf has given rise to misgivings on the part of the Panamanians that it will be a stepping stone to the establishment of a United States port at Colon. The order to the effect that vessels sailing from La Boca, the mouth of the canal on the Pacific side, must receive their clearance papers from the United States authorities is criticized here as a violation of the canal treaty.

EX-NORMALITES ELECT.

Graduates Choose J. W. Kerns of Enterprise President.

Independence, Or., July 12.—The Alumni Association of the Oregon state normal school of Monmouth has chosen the following officers for the ensuing year: J. W. Kerns, Enterprise, Or., president; W. C. Bryant, Moro, vice president; W. W. Wiley, Tillamook, second vice president; G. A. Hurley, Independence, secretary; Ira C. Powell, Monmouth, treasurer. J. W. Kerns, G. A. Hurley, J. B. V. Butler, Miss Cassie Stump and Miss Ella Nelson were appointed an executive committee.

The following is the number of the graduates of O. S. N. S. at Monmouth now living in the different counties of the state: Multnomah, 71; Polk, 58; Marion, 54; Lane, 43; Linn, 38; Yamhill, 24; Clatsop, 23; Clackamas, 22; Umatilla, 18; Sherman, 17; Union, 15; Washington, 14; Baker, 14; Benton 13; Coos, 14; Columbia, 10; Jackson, 9; Tillamook, 8; Wallowa, 7; Wasco, 7; Douglas, 11; Harney, 6; Klamath, 5; Lake, 4; Malheur, 6; Gilliam, 5; Morrow, 4; Lincoln, 2; Josephine, 3; Grant, 2; Crook, 2.

OFFICIALS ARE INVOLVED.

Mixed Up in Fraudulent Securities Issue at Port au Prince.

Port au Prince, Hayti, July 13.—The investigation into the issue of \$200,000 in fraudulent securities early last year has led to the discovery that high officials are implicated. The government, however, hesitates to arrest the accused, owing to the probable consequences of such action. The French and German ministers are protesting against the long imprisonment without trial of the foreign officials of the national bank charged with participation in the issue of the fraudulent securities. The government has promised that these officials will be brought to trial early in August.

Suit Against Railroad Company.

Boston, July 13.—A bill in equity has been filed in the supreme judicial court by Andrew B. Blume, holder of 1,000 shares of Mexican Central Railway stocks, to compel the production of the company's books in an effort to ascertain the significance of certain acts of the directors. These acts, which were ratified by the stockholders at the meeting held here May 4, relate to the term of office for which the directors should be elected. The order is returnable July 19.

THE NUMBER OF WORKERS

Almost 30,000,000 People in the United States Are Engaged in Gainful Occupations.

SHOWING OF CENSUS BUREAU

Of the Total 22,480,425 Are Men, 4,833,630 Are Women and 1,750,158 Are Children.

Washington, July 13.—A special report of the census bureau on occupations shows that in continental United States the total number of persons engaged in gainful occupations in 1900 was 29,073,235, which was one-half of the population 10 years of age and over and nearly two-fifths of the entire population. The total number comprises 22,480,425 men, 4,833,630 women and 1,750,158 children, of whom 1,264,411 were boys and 485,765 girls. Those of foreign birth aggregate 5,851,399 or one fifth of the total number of the gainful workers, and the statistics show that the emigration of 20 years has not increased the proportion of the foreign born in the working population of the country.

Those of foreign parentage aggregate 11,166,361, or over 38 per cent, almost equally divided between immigrants and children of emigrants. Manufacturing, trade and transportation and the professions show an increasing number of workers of each sex, while the agricultural class represents a diminishing proportion.

THIS GAMBLER IS DEFIANT.

Will Make Portland a Closed Town if He is Shut Out.

Portland Journal: War has broken out among Portland gamblers and the city administration. Yesterday afternoon at 4 o'clock a new house, operated by James McDevitt, formerly sheriff of Teton county, Montana, opened at Fourth and Stark streets in elaborately fitted-up apartments over the Orpheum theater. Faro was played from that hour until 11 last night. The proprietor says the game will open at 4 o'clock today. Although Chief of Police Hunt told Attorney Dan R. Murphy, counsel for the proprietor he would arrest the players and seize their apparatus if they began operations, no officer put in an appearance yesterday.

"We will operate our games, or no one will operate in this city," says McDevitt.

"I will not permit McDevitt or any others to start gambling houses," says Chief Hunt. "I will arrest them every day until it is so burdensome that they will have to quit. I will not only arrest the players, but will also seize the apparatus and the money that may be in sight when the officers appear."

"The Orpheum people came to me, with their counsel, late yesterday afternoon," continued Mr. Hunt, "and asked me if they could open their games. I told them they could not; that if they did, I would surely arrest them. They wanted to know what would occur then. I replied that arrests would be made daily, if they persisted in running. They wanted to arrange for the payment of a fine, but I refused to make any negotiations."

"It is a policy of this administration that no more persons be allowed to operate gambling games and when those who are now running quit, that will end open gambling."

"We did not expect Chief Hunt would give us permission to open our games," said Attorney Murphy, speaking for Mr. McDevitt. "We know the policy of the mayor and the administration, but we told the chief we would operate our games, or no one else would run. We have expended upwards of \$30,000 fitting up property for operation, and we will gamble or close the town. The chief's threat to arrest players spectators and seize everything in sight does not disturb us, for we will begin suit for the return of the property every time he seizes it, and will get it. If he arrests us every day, we will not quit."

The Orpheum club-rooms are above the theater and consist of one large room and two small ones. In the large room are faro tables and the roulette layout, and in the small rooms are poker tables. A large crowd was on hand when the games opened yesterday, and remained throughout the hours the games ran.

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