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RUSSIANS ADVOCATE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

Want the People To Decide For War Or Peace.

10,000 RUSSIANS KILLED AT SEA

The Censorship Has Been Removed from Foreign Dispaches and the Russians Are Appalled at Result of Engagement—Other War News.

St. Petersburg, June 3.—The Russian press this morning still is advocating more vigorously than ever the summoning of a national assembly even the reactionary Sviet joining in the general chorus.

In view of the current rumors, it is most significant that the papers which are more or less in the confidence of the government unanimously take the position that the people should decide the question of peace or war.

All censorship is now removed from foreign dispatches and the people are appalled at the horrible stories of the slaughter on board the Russian ships. The Admiralty has not yet been able to estimate even approximately from the foreign advices the loss of men, but as the ships were over rather than under manned, the total will be greater than the ordinary complement of the vessels, would indicate and probably will exceed 10,000, if only about 4,000 were saved.

Nebogatoff's Men Mutinied.

New York, June 3.—Details from a trustworthy source leave no room for doubt, says the Times dispatch from St. Petersburg, that Admiral Nebogatoff's sailors mutinied in the battle of the sea of Japan, and either threw the admiral and many officers overboard, or, according to another version, bound them in their cabins and hoisted the white flag. Eight men in Nebogatoff's squadron were, it is again aserted, hanged for mutiny while still in the red sea.

Frenchman Arrested as a Spy.

Victoria, B. C., June 3.—Advices were received by the steamship Kanagawa that a strong case is being made out by the Japanese government against Captain Bergouin, a prominent Frenchman of Tokio, formerly of the French legation, who, with his son-in-law, and a Japanese engineer in his employ, has been arrested, charged with being a spy in the Russian service. Copies of messages alleged to have been sent to Russia against giving information with regard to movements of the transports, warships and troops were found in his residence at Tokio. It was stated that the transport Hitachi and Sado were intercepted and the former sunk a year ago by the Vladivostok squadron because of information furnished by Captain Bergouin.

Strong protests were made by the French government regarding his arrest but no notice is being taken by the Japaese governmet which has a strong case against thealleged spies.

Mikado to Visit Orel.

Tokio, June 3.—It is planned to bring the battleship Orel to Yokosuka, where the emperor will visit her. A remarkable story is in circulation concerning the wounded on the Ora. It is said that at the opening of the fight 300 men were killed and wounded, and that the groans and shrieks of the wounded exercised so harmful an effect that it was decided to throw the mortally wounded into the sea. One hundred and forty, it is said, were thrown overboard. Those slightly wounded were fastened to the masts to prevent their interference with the fighting of the ship.

It is impossible to obtain any confirmation of the story, but later reports indicate that the Russians fought with desperate bravery throughout the previous to their surrender. The hull of the vessel is shell-marked, and her guns were smashed and [illegible]

[illegible] Seen Near Manila.

[illegible] 3.—Three warships were sighted at 2 o'clock and three more at 3 o'clock this afternoon and were steaming slowly, headed for the gulf of Lingayen. The ships are of different types and are painted a lead color.

No Trace of Russians.

Tokio, June 2.—10:30 p. m.—Admiral Togo, telegraphing yesterday, says:

"The ships sent northward to search for Russian ships returned yesterday. The cruisers Iwate and Yakumo and other vessels sent southward to find the Russian ships returned also today. They thoroughly searched the Shanghai course from Tsu Shima and vicinity, but on both sides found no trace of the Russians.

PRESIDENT CASTRO'S MESSAGE.

Declares Venezuelan Government is Friendly to the World.

Caracas, Venezuela, Thursday, June 1.—President Castro read his message to congress today. He said in part that the Venezuela government had maintained good relations with foreign countries in the degree that their respective representatives desired, and therefore the relations of Venezuela, with all countries, were relatively cordial.

The government had acceded to the desires of the respective representatives of the foreign countris so far as justice, equity and the dignity and honor of the nation permitted. On the other hand Venezuela had duly paid the allies the amounts peremptorily demanded by them and had then paid them 30 per cent of the customs duties collected at LaGuira and Puerto Cabello. When the claims of the allies had been paid the 30 per cent of the customs duties of LaGuira and Puerto Cabello would be devoted to the payment of the claims of the other powers, which had presented pacifically. In regard to the debts of Venezuela other than the claims of the powers, previously referred to, the government of Venezuela had twice sent General Jose Antonio Velutini to Europe to make new arrangements with her creditors.

DIVISION OF FREIGHT RATES.

Railroads Have Satisfactory Understanding About Atlantic Ports.

New York, June 3.—At the meeting of the Trunk Line Railway executives in this city, a satisfactory understanding has been reached as to the division of railroad freight rates from Atlantic seaboard points to the West, in competition with the gulf lines. Those attending the conference were Messrs. Thayer, of the Pensylvania, Caldwell, of the Lackawanna; Chamberlain, of the Erie, Miller of the Burlington, Highland of the St. Paul and Johnson of the Gould lines.

Immediately after adjournment of the committee, it went into joint conference with representatives of the gulf lines over the question of rates on sugar and coffee. No definite agreement could be reached, and another conference will be held two weeks hence.

Result of English Election.

London, June 3.—The bye-election in the Whitby division of the north riding of Yorshire yesterday, following the succession of Ernst W. Beckett to the Grimthorpe peerage owing to the death of his uncle Baron Grimthorpe, April 29, resulted in the election of a Liberal, Noel Buxton, by a majority of 446 over Gervais E. Beckett, Unionist, brother of the late member for Whitby. This is a crushing defeat for the government as the election was fought mainly on the fiscal question and in view of the fact that Whitby had been a conservative stronghold for 20 years.

Official Asked to Resign.

Philadelphia, June 3.—William H. Baker, assistant director of public works today by request, tendered his resignation to Mayor Weaver. This is the first move on the part of the mayor of what he terms "a general shake up in the departments which come under his jurisdiction. Baker was known as an organization man. The salary of the office is $4,000 a year.

ACREAGE REDUCED ELEVEN PER CENT

Says the Government's Report On Cotton Crop.

NEW ORLEANS MARKET SLUMPS

General Acreage of Crop Is 77.2 Per Cent, Against 83 Per Cent For Corresponding Date in 1904—The Report Disappoints the Cotton Bulls.

Washington, June 3.—The following bulletin on the condition of the cotton crop was issued by the department of agriculture today:

Returns to the chief of bureau of statistics of the department of agriculture show the total area planted in cotton in the United States up to May 25 to be about 28,120,000 acres, a decrease of about 3,610,00 acres or 11.4 per cent from the total acreage planted last year.

The average condition of the growing crop of May 25 was 77.2 per cent as compared with 83 on May 23, 1904; 74.1 at the corresponding date in 1903, and a ten-year average of 85.3.

The percentage of decreases in acreage in the different states (the comparison being with the total area planted last season) is as follows:

Virginia 13, North Carolina 10, South Carolina 11, Georgia 11, Florida 10, Alabama 8, Mississipi 12, Louisiana 14, Texas 12, Arkansas 15, Thennessee 10, Missouri 14, Oklahoma 11, Indian Territory 10.

The condition of the crop by states on May 25 was as follows:

Virginia 87, North Carolina 83, South Carolina 78, Georgia 84, Florida 88, Alabama 87, Mississippi 73, Louisiana 73, Texas 69, Arkansas 73, Tennessee 86, Missouri 84, Oklahoma 88, Indian Territory 81.

Slump at New Orleans.

New Orleans, June 3.—The government report caused a heavy slump in the cotton market today. The ring was crowded with traders at the opening and the galleries filled before the report was received. The opening was down. When the report came fixing the acreage reduction at 11.4 and the crop condition at 77.2, the market began to tumble.

There was a fall of 40 points from the highest of the day, and of 60 from the highest of the week. The bulls were completely routed. The government report on reduction was 2.85 below the average of the private estimates and 7.07 under the estimate of the Southern Cotton association.

New York Market.

New York, June 3.—The government's first monthly cotton report of the season, giving the average of the stock at 77.2 per cent and a reduction in acreage of 11.4 per cent, was preceded and followed by active selling, and excitement on th ecotton exchange today was feverish.

The market was weak from the pening under active pressure and before the report was issued July sold off to 8.15, October to 8.27 and December to 8.24. Immediately following the announcement of the government figures, there was great confusion on the cotton exchange during the New Orleans maket, which shot up over 20 points, causing a rally of 6 to 8 points here. This, however, was shortly lost. It then developed that the average condition was received in New Orleans at 75.2 instead of 77.2. July sold off to 8.19 in the New York market, a decline from last night of about 24 points, and lost ½ cent from the high point from last Wednesday.

They Must Have Been Warm.

Kalamazoo, Mich., June 3.—A moment after Miss Norad Westenbiser, of Ransom street, drooped into the stove a bundle of old love letters the stove blew up. A flying fragment of iron nipped a bow from her shoulder as it flew past, and her gown was set on fire and her life was saved only after her arms had been badly burned. The fire department put out the flames in the kitchen.

JUSTICE METED OUT QUICKLY.

Negro Kills White Man and Slayer Is Immediately Hanged.

Batchellor, La., June 3.—Ernest Lacour, while returning home from his livery stable, with his driver, when nearing the railroad track, encountered a number of negroes, one of whom drew a revolver and fired three shots, two taking effect and causing almost instant death.

The negroes were five in number, and were a band of musicians from Natchez, Miss. It seems that an hour or so previous to the killing, the negro band had some trouble with Mr. Lacour's driver, whereupon he went to the aid of the driver. The other negroes left the place, and going out to get weapons, lay in wait for him when he should leave his home.

Soon after the shooting, the alarm was given, and the negroes were captured, the one having done the shooting being hanged at once, while the other four were turned over to the new roads authorities.

Seaboard Increases Capital Stock.

Trenton, N. J., June 3.—The Seaboard company filed a certificate with the secretary of state increasing its capital stock from $40,000,000 to $72,000,000. Of this amount $18,000,000 is first preferred stock, $18,000,000 second preferred stock and $36,000,000 common stock. The increase was decided upon at a meeting of the directors of the company held today in Jersey City. The company was originally incorporated an May 15, 1895, to manufacture, buy, sell and mortgage, and otherwise dispose of rolling stock and other railway equipment. The officers are Thomas Ashenbech, president; William Bleton, vice president; John G. Quinby, secretary and treasurer.

To Sell Queen Isabelle's Jewels.

New York, June 3.—Five sets of jewels which are said to have once belonged to Queen Isabelle of Spain, will be sold here soon at auction. They are included in the collection of gems bequeathed to the Leland-Stanford, Jr., university of California by Mrs. Stanford. The valuation is placed at $1,000,000. Mrs. George Perkins Lawton, a niece of Mrs. Stanford, who resides in this city, in talking of the sale, said that only Mrs. Stanford's most intimate friends knew that the Isabelle jewels were owned by her. Neither Mrs. Lawton nor her husband could learn the exact manner in which Senator Stanford secured them.

Kentucky Railroad Sold.

Mt. Sterling, Ky., June 3.—Herbert E. Bailey, of Columbus, O., representing the stockholders in the Covington, Flemingsburg and Ashland railroad, has sold the road to the Cincinnati, Flemingsburg and Southeastern Railway company a new corporation, for one hundred and fifty thousand five hundred dollars, including rolling stock. The road is a narrow gauge, 17 miles long, but will be extended to the Tennessee line in Elliott county, opening the richest timber and mineral lands in the south, and will be made a standard guage.

Ward and Vokes Dissolve.

Boston, June 3.—Announcement is made that John Ward and Harry Vokes, known in the field of musical comedy for 20 years as Ward & Vokes, will dissolve partnership after tonigth's perforamnce at Haverhill, Mr. Vokes will form a new partnership with William West, a comedian, while Mr. Ward will appear under the direction of E. D. Stair.

Train Strikes an Oil Wagon.

Dayton, O., June 3.—Pennsylvania passenger train No. 28 struck an oil wagon near Stillwater Junction today. As the oil tank bursted the engine fire ignited the oil and Engineer Edward Gimby and Fireman Charles Pryor, both of Columbus, were burned to death, the driver of the wagon escaping uninjured. The train was not damaged.

BRIBERY CHARGED IN CHICAGO STRIKE

Grand Jury Investigating Stories of President Shea.

RIOTING BREAKS OUT AFRESH

Situation in Chicago Remains Practically the Same—Both Sides Are Contending the Balance Is in Their Favor—Nonunion Drivers Mobbed.

Chicago, June 3.—Members of the grand jury are endeavering today to gather more complete and later details of the bribe stories told by President C. P. Shea, of the Teamsters' union, and its former president Albert Young.

As the statute of limitations has run against most of the alleged bribery, matters concerning which Shea and Young testified, the investigators are prepared to search for later overt acts connected with the so-called "outlawed conspiracies." To this end the grand jury has directed the docket clerk to issue subpoenas for the records of the coal and other teamsters' unions. Mr. Shea and Mr. Young testified that the records would show proof of their statements that prominent coal men paid $30,000 in strike benefits when the down-town building owners substituted coal for fuel gas.

Rioting broke out afresh today in the lumber district when a wagon belonging to Rittenhouse and Embree company was attacked by a crowd of 100 persons at Thirty-second and Centra lavenue.

The mob threw stones and pieces of coal at the nonunion teamster. Two policement who were guarding the wagon, were hit by the missiles and slightly injured.

The policemen then were obliged to fire several shots into the air in order to keep the crowd at bay. Upon the arrival of additional police the crowd quickly scattered. No arrests were made.

Exposure of Land Frauds.

San Francisco, June 3.—The Examiner says today that the story of the land frauds in Oregon will be duplicated in California by the discovery of an elaborate system of robbery under color of law, by which means with the help of forgery, great tracts of the public domain in Modoc and other northern counties have been brought under private ownership. In many places this process has been worked at by means of dummy locaters but in some cases of which the examiner has proofs, the land thieves grown bold by the long immunity, have forged names of applicants on the files of the surveyor general's office.

Flames Kill a Child.

Duluth, June 2.—Agnes Blatte, the 6-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Blatte, of West Duluth, died in great agony as a result of burns. As she was playing her clothing caught fire and in her terror she ran wildly about the stret. Before she could be overtaken and the burning clothes stripped from her she was so badly burned that death resulted ten hours later.

Sever Storm in North Carolina.

Mount Olive, N. C., June 3.—A severe wind, rain and hail storm swept over this section unroofing buildings and laying crops in waste over a wide area. The power house of the electric plant in the town of Mount Olive was partially wrecked. In a large elm grove on the outskirts of town, numbers of sparrows were killed by the hailstones.

Well Known Insurance Man Dies.

Nashville, June 3.—Alexander S. Caldwell, loan agent of the Northwestern insurance company, died at his home here this morning, aged 47. Mr. Caldwell was one of the best known insurance men in the south. He was a brother of James E. Caldwell, president of the Cumberland Telephone and Telegraph company.