

FUND FOR TESTIMONIAL TO THE GREAT BATTLESHIP MISSOURI.

The State Will Pay the Compliment to the Finest and Fastest of the Navy's Battleships.

The "Missouri," the fastest battleship afloat, the pride of the navy, is without a testimonial from the people of this State. She has had her speed trial and will shortly go regularly into commission.

"ALL THE PEOPLE WILL UNITE FOR THE PURPOSE." GOVERNOR DOCKERY. To the Editor of The Republic: "I most heartily indorse the proposition to purchase a suitable testimonial for the battleship Missouri. I think all the people will unite in making the necessary contribution for the purpose."

GIFT FOR MISSOURI SHOULD BE READY BY DECEMBER.

Fastest Battleship Afloat Expected to Be Commissioned in That Month—Navy Department Has No Preference in Regard to Style of Present—What Some of the States Have Given to War Vessels Bearing Their Names.

Table titled 'THE DESIRABLE FORM OF GIFT' and 'THE COST.' It lists various gift options like 'Naval officers from Missouri favoring punch bowls' and their respective costs, totaling \$300.

The Republic Bureau, 115 St. and Pennsylvania Aves. Washington, Oct. 23.—The new battleship Missouri will be ready for commission in December, and, following the universal custom, it will be in order for the State to present a testimonial to the ship named in her honor.

Naval officials have been expecting some word from Missouri relative to a presentation to the ship. No addition to the navy being the name of a state or a city has come into consideration without serious investigation.

There is no agreement among naval officers upon any particular form. Some incline to an article and some to another. Senator Cockrell has given the matter some attention, and his judgment is that a bronze tablet is entirely suitable.

The cabinet can be made of heavy glass and strongly framed. The pieces can be fitted into compartments, so that they need never be stored away, but when not in use can remain in their positions.

SIR HENRY DURAND TO SUCCEED HERBERT.

Removed in London That He Will Be Appointed as British Ambassador to the United States. London, Oct. 23.—The Exchange Telegraph Company, says Sir Henry Mortimer Durand, the British Ambassador at Madrid, will probably succeed the late Sir Michael Herbert as Ambassador of Great Britain to the United States.

MONTANA COPPER WAR MAKES IDLE 20,000 WORKMEN.

Shutdown of Amalgamated Company's Properties Follows Adverse Decision in Healy Mine Case.

OTHER INDUSTRIES AFFECTED.

Butte Tradesmen Besiege Justice Courts in Efforts to Attach Wages of Miners.

COMPANY OFFICIALS BITTER.

Charge That Suspension of Work Was Done in Order to Control Stock Manipulation Brings Forth Vigorous Denial.

Butte, Mont., Oct. 23.—By the general shutdown of the Amalgamated Copper Company properties last night, from 15,000 to 15,500 men are directly thrown out of employment, and others will be indirectly affected within a week, so that the grand total will reach 20,000 men.

In addition to these, numerous other enterprises, large and small, which relied upon the Amalgamated as their chief customer, will be obliged to curtail. In Montana alone approximately \$2,000,000 a week is cut off the payroll.

HEINZE'S ACCUSATIONS.

A. Augustus Heinze of the Montana Ore Purchasing Company to-day published a statement giving his side of the shutdown. He said it was a move on the part of Wall Street speculators against them.

"To lawyers like those who happen to be acquainted with the Northern Securities case, to which Mr. Heinze refers, his assertions that the provisions of Judge Clancy's decision are 'very near identical' with those of the order issued by the Circuit Court of Appeals in the merger case indicates either gross ignorance on Mr. Heinze's part, or a desire to pervert the facts."

LEADING TOPICS TO-DAY'S REPUBLIC.

THE SUN RISES THIS MORNING AT 6:20 AND SETS THIS EVENING AT 5:52. THE MOON RISES TO-NIGHT AT 8:22. GRAIN CROPS: ST. LOUIS—DEW, WHEAT 50¢ ASKED; DEC. CORN 49¢ BID. CHICAGO—DEC. WHEAT 50¢ ASKED; DEC. CORN 48¢ ASKED.

WEATHER CONDITIONS.

For St. Louis and Vicinity—Fair today; rising temperature; variable winds, becoming southerly. PART I. 1. Fund for Testimonial to the Battleship Missouri.

2. Five Persons Hurt in Auto Accident. Roberts Talks to Grand Jury. Folk Announces Candidacy To-Day. 3. Japan's New Way of Entertaining. Ready to Dedicate Fraternal Building. Increase of Divorce Deplored by Bishops.

KRATZ INDIGNANT AT THE ACTION OF FOLK, DOCKERY AND ROOSEVELT; NOW SEEMS CERTAIN HE MUST RETURN.

Declares That Prosecution of the Case Has Become Political Persecution—Will Ask Mexican Government for Protection for Sake of His Extensive Property Interests.

FUGITIVE CONSENTS TO FIRST INTERVIEW SINCE ARREST.

SPECIAL TO THE REPUBLIC BY MEXICO VIA GALVESTON. GUADALAJARA, Mexico, Oct. 23.—As a special favor, The Republic correspondent was permitted to see Charles Kratz to-day at noon. For the first time since he has been under arrest either on this occasion or when he was first imprisoned a year ago, Kratz consented to talk.

"I consider that this thing has been carried about far enough," said Kratz. The prosecution of this case against me has passed beyond the realm of prosecution of court in law and is now nothing more nor less than an outrageous piece of political persecution, pushed for furthering the ambitions of a prospective candidate for Governor."

"To whom do you refer?" I asked. "I mean Mr. Folk," said Kratz. He passed before continuing: "I and my friends here in Guadalajara feel that the American Government had no right to demand my extradition. We feel especially aggrieved to find that Governor Dockery has taken this step."

"Do you expect that you will be taken back to the States?" "No," said Kratz, emphatically. "I don't want it to be inferred that I am in the least bit worried about the outcome of this persecution, for I am confident that I will never be extradited."

"You can say for me that I will fight the case to the bitter end. If the State of Missouri is bent on making expense for me, I will see to it that it has a pretty penny of its own to pay."

"My attorney, Senor Castellanos, at once will ask the Government to grant me protection for the sake of my extensive business interests here. I am confident that with due justice I shall not be injured in my commercial relations while the case is mixed up in the legal formalities that my lawyer will develop."

"This case of mine is more than a year old and in that time a lot of things have come up that would clear me with anybody but a crowd of political intriguers."

"This afternoon at the solicitation of Charles Carroll and other business associates of Kratz, Governor Ahumada ordered that Kratz be not taken to the Penitentiary. He said that, in consideration of the formal petition presented to him, he would allow Kratz for the present to remain in prison in one of the offices of the Inspector of Police, where his family will be allowed to see him."

OLIVE OWL CARS ARE SUSPENDED.

Transit Company Has Increased Service on Other Lines While Reconstructing Tracks.

The St. Louis Transit Company began the work of laying the second rail on its Olive street line from Fourteenth street to Boyle avenue early this morning.

The work necessitated closing the traffic after that hour and the abandonment of Washington avenue was also increased. The service on Market and Chouteau lines doubled.

At the Transit Company offices, yesterday, it was said that this schedule was only experimental. "We believe," said the superintendent, "that it will prove satisfactory. We want to give the best service possible to the Olive street patrons, and if this is not a sufficient increase we will make such additions as the traffic seems to demand."

Transit officials were unable to say exactly how long the rearrangement of traffic would continue, but hoped that the work could be completed within two weeks.

GENERAL JOSE GUTIERREZ approached. The police official told Kratz he regretted exceedingly to be obliged to place him under arrest, but it was his duty, and he was compelled to perform it, however distasteful it was. He showed Kratz the commission and the telegraphic order from the Department of Foreign Relations to Governor Ahumada, commanding the apprehension.

"Do not let it worry you in the least," said Kratz. "I do not expect friendship to stand in the way of your performance of duty. While I am surprised that the Government should have taken up the matter with the United States, I am not afraid to go with you."

"Before you lock me up I insist that we have a drink or two together." To this the Inspector readily agreed on account of its being a hot day. Thereupon the officer and his prisoner sat out in front of the hotel on the veranda and drank to each other's health and to the confusion of the enemies of both.

"Krutz caught in BANK FAILURE." It is understood that Kratz lost heavily in the failure of the International Bank, which occurred Saturday. He had several thousand dollars on deposit in the Guadalajara branch.

Kratz knew that the police were after him, having been notified by his friends last week that a requisition had been received for him. He also knew that his residence had been shadowed by detectives for a week.

When the danger of extradition seemed probable Kratz solicited the good offices of Joseph Schneider, a lawyer, formerly of St. Louis, and Charles Carroll. These two friends are now working night and day for him. They have employed two of the shrewdest attorneys in the country, and not a stone will be left unturned to thwart the ends of the United States authorities.

It is thought that the legal formalities will consume a least a week or ten days before any action will be taken.

Kratz has done his best to make himself popular here, and to a certain extent he has been successful. He has bought an extensive fruit ranch, and with Carroll is largely interested in several mines which are said to be yielding a large profit.

MEXICAN GOVERNMENT AWAITS PRESENTATION OF FORMAL PAPERS.

SPECIAL TO THE REPUBLIC BY CABLE VIA GALVESTON. MEXICO CITY, Mexico, Oct. 23.—The Mexican Government is awaiting the presentation of the proper papers from the American Embassy for the extradition of Charles Kratz, the former St. Louis Consulman, who is under indictment on the charge of bribery.

Thirty-five days might be occupied in this proceeding, but it is understood that Ambassador Powell Clayton has everything ready to submit to the department at once. In turn the evidence and request will be transmitted to the Judge of the District Court at Guadalajara.

Kratz cannot be admitted to bail except on the consent of the department, and it is doubtful if bail could be arranged in any event before the first hearing in court.

"Senor Antonio Ramos Pedraza, acting legal counsel for the department having the case in hand, says that the law neither prohibits nor stipulates receiving Kratz on extradition cases, leaving the chief executive to his own judgment. Senor Pedraza said that, personally, he is of the opinion that Kratz should not be allowed to go out on bail, since he has jumped his bond in St. Louis."

STATE DEPARTMENT ASKS FOLK TO FORWARD OFFICIAL DOCUMENTS.

Washington, Oct. 23.—The officials of the State Department maintain strict silence in regard to the Kratz case, but the Republic correspondent learns that the department to-day telegraphed Clerk Attorney Folk to forward at once to Washington certain papers bearing upon the charges against Kratz, together with a formal request for extradition from Governor Dockery. When received these documents will be sent to Ambassador Clayton at Mexico City.



JOHN J. KEELY, Assistant Chief of Detectives, who probably will go to Mexico after Charles Kratz, in company with Deputy Sheriff Moran.

LONDON BELIEVES WAR INEVITABLE; RUSSIA OBSTINATE.

Lloyd's Trebles Its Insurance Rates on British Vessels Bound to the Far East.

VICEROY CAN START FIGHT.

Outcome Depends Much on the Influence Which Admiral Alexieff May Be Able to Wield at St. Petersburg.

SPECIAL BY CABLE TO THE NEW YORK HERALD AND THE ST. LOUIS REPUBLIC.

LONDON, Oct. 23.—(Copyright, 1903.)—"War is inevitable" was the report received to-day by a large British shipping firm from their agent at Yokohama, and most of the dispatches from the far East that have reached London are of an equally pessimistic nature.

From Paris and Berlin, on the other hand, come expressions of confidence that peace will be maintained.

The Vienna correspondent of the Daily Telegraph says it is known there that Russia absolutely refuses to yield one jot and that at the Japanese Legation, where hitherto a confidently peaceful view has been taken, the possibility of war is considered nearer.

"All appears," adds this correspondent, "to hang on a single thread. The decision does not rest with St. Petersburg, but lies in the hands of the Russian Viceroy in the far East, wherein his manager that war might be proclaimed in a night."

Prompt official contradiction was given of a Honolulu report cabled here by Reuter's agency that war has broken out, but British consuls were for the time adversely affected and Japanese stocks were offered down. From the general state of affairs, reports received from many quarters, it is evident that London considers the situation beyond question very serious, and the anxiety is deepening.

Lloyd's underwriters to-day put up the insurance rates to nearly treble what they were on Thursday. The general rate on British vessels for a voyage out to far Eastern waters on Thursday was 2s 6d per cent.

This afternoon one of the most influential English owners of Eastern tonnage could not get a better quotation than 10s per cent for a fleet with a warranty of no blockade running demand for any armaments of war to be billigents.

While underwriters had written £1000 lines on Thursday, they would not take more than 100 lines to-day. The rate for Japanese and Russian vessels likewise advanced from 7s 6d per cent to 2s and more. A good deal of speculation was also done, underwriters charging 50 and even 60 guineas on policies against a declaration of war only in the next three months.

PEKIN GLOOMY. Pekin, Oct. 23.—Although the rumor that Russia has ordered the Japanese workmen at Port Arthur to evacuate has been fully refuted here, reports received from that place confirm the statement and say that all preparations have been made for the dispatch of a special train.

Admiral Alexieff, the Russian Viceroy of the far East, has arranged to go to St. Petersburg for the purpose of opposing all of the concessions demanded by Japan in the pending negotiations.

While there is no signal tension, it is the generally accepted belief that war is unavoidable. Private advices from high sources in Japan, which have just been received, state that all the army and navy war preparations of Japan have been finished. The occupation of Ma-San-Po, Korea, has been accomplished, nominally by the presence of one or more warships. The practical occupation, which is expected to precipitate a naval contest for the control of the sea, which is deemed of the first importance, has been planned for the winter.

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