

# A CARRIBBEAN BATTALION

More Marines to Be Sent to the Isthmus.

## OOGLAN REPORTS QUIET.

No Prospect of War on the Northern Coast - Loomis' Speech Causes Considerable Gossip - Its Effect on Reyes' Action.

Washington, Dec. 17.—At the instance of Secretary Moody, Brigadier General George F. Elliott, commandant of the marine corps, has issued orders for the formation of a new battalion of marines, to be known as the Caribbean sea battalion. This battalion will be regularly attached to the Caribbean sea squadron, though its immediate destination is Colon. It will be assembled at Philadelphia as rapidly as possible, and the Dixie already has left Colon to return to that place with the new battalion.

Rear Admiral Coghlan in a cablegram to the navy department dated Colon, Dec. 15, says that all is quiet on the northern coast. It is assumed from Admiral Coghlan's dispatch that the Atlanta and the Mayflower have completed their reconnoiter and that he is thereby enabled to give the department positive information regarding conditions on the northern coast.

Effect of Loomis' Speech. The speech of Assistant Secretary of State Loomis at the banquet of the Quill club in New York, in which he laid bare some pertinent facts regarding the attitude of Colombia toward the Hay-Herran treaty, was the subject of considerable gossip here, and there was much speculation as to the effect it would have on the future course of General Reyes, the special envoy of Colombia, now in Washington. General Reyes admitted that he had read Mr. Loomis' address, but declined to make a statement. "I am a diplomat," said he, "and it would ill become me to make any comment."

General Reyes is still engaged in the preparation of the statement he will submit to the state department and, while refusing to disclose the nature of it, said that much of it will be devoted to an argument setting out the reasons why the United States should see to it that Panama shall assume her share of the Colombian debt. General Reyes is uncertain when he will file the document with the department, but he thought it would be within the next few days.

Canal Treaty Received. A big expressman brought the Hay-Bunau-Varilla canal treaty, inclosed in a large steel box, to the state department and deposited it in the office of Chief Clerk Michael. The expressman

also had two tin bond boxes, which contained keys to the big steel box and to the smaller box contained within it inclosing the treaty. The various boxes were prettily sealed with red and blue silk ribbon, with a tag bearing an address to Minister Bunau-Varilla, care of John Hay, secretary of state. The Panamanian minister is expected to arrive in Washington from New York in a day or two, and the packages will be held subject to his order.

Until the boxes are opened the state department cannot tell whether the inclosed treaty is the original treaty, drawn here, countersigned in Panama and returned, or whether it is the ordinary ratification treaty supposed to have been exchanged in Panama. It will make little difference in the result, but the form of exchange may be affected. Minister Bunau-Varilla will remain in technical charge of the treaty until the United States senate has either approved or rejected it. If the treaty is approved, he will exchange this copy with one prepared by the state department, thus completing the negotiations and putting the convention at once into force.

The Cabinet Meeting. Various topics of interest and importance were discussed at the meeting of the cabinet, but no decisions of consequence were reached. The meeting was postponed from yesterday. Secretaries Hay and Root were absent. Secretary Moody mentioned the Panama situation only to refer to a letter which he had received from Rear Admiral Walker. He said that its contents did not differ essentially from the information which had been received by cable from the isthmus. Attorney General Knox received the congratulations of the president and his fellow cabinet members on his argument in the Northern Securities case before the United States supreme court. The cruiser Olympia, which has undergone repairs at the Norfolk navy yard, will sail for Colon for service as the flagship of Rear Admiral Coghlan, commanding the Caribbean squadron. It is probable that the Mayflower, now serving as flagship, will come to Washington on being relieved by the Olympia at Colon.

Military Preparations on Isthmus. Colon, Dec. 17.—The United States auxiliary cruiser Dixie is still alongside the dock here, landing stores, Christmas cheer, camp material, etc.

The Dixie disembarked her marines, numbering 330. They all embarked on a train for Empire Station, near Panama, where they will be quartered in the canal company's houses, which already have been repaired and made fit to receive them. Sixteen machine guns and six automatic guns accompany the marines.

The remainder of the United States auxiliary cruiser Prairie's marines are still on board that vessel. It is probable that they will be landed in a day or two.

## BUTLER'S EPIDEMIO.

Dr. Soper Reports That It Has Not Reached Its Limit.

New York, Dec. 17.—Dr. George A. Soper, a sanitary expert engaged by the Engineering News to investigate the typhoid epidemic at Butler, Pa., and its causes, reports in the current issue of the publication that the epidemic has by no means attained its culmination, about 50 per cent of the cases not having reached the critical stage.

The epidemic, which he regards as the most severe one of typhoid of recent record, he attributes to the suspension of the mechanical filtration of the city water supply. The report says that the water for the town is obtained from surface sources and is usually treated by mechanical filtration; but that during changes in the waterworks plant unfiltered water from Conoquenessing creek was supplied from Oct. 20 to Nov. 2, the epidemic starting on Nov. 5. In three weeks there were 1,000 cases, and up to Dec. 14 1,247 cases and 51 deaths had been reported.

Investigation of the drainage areas showed, he states, the existence of numerous sources of pollution, and particularly the occurrence of cases of typhoid on the banks of the Conoquenessing, since July.

Money is urgently needed for the relief of the sick and destitute, he reports.

## SEVENTY-FIVE HOMELESS.

Fire Causes Great Suffering at Millvale, Pa.

Pittsburg, Dec. 17.—Between seventy-five and a hundred people were rendered homeless and driven out into the cold with nothing on but their nightclothes by a fire which destroyed the planing mill and lumber yard of the Bennett Lumber and Manufacturing company at Millvale, Pa., and partially destroyed a dozen houses adjoining the burned mill property.

The fire started in the engine room of the planing mill about 1 o'clock and for a time threatened the entire town. Aid was requested from Allegheny, but before engines reached Millvale the fire was under control.

The loss was \$40,000.

## Alleged Boy Murderer on Trial.

Pittsburg, Pa., Dec. 17.—Charles Cawley, the eighteen-year-old boy who is charged with the murder of five members of his family at the Cawley home, Homestead, on Oct. 10, 1902, was placed on trial. The youth entered a plea of not guilty. Expert alienists report the boy insane, and his trial will be largely a formality, preliminary to his being sent to an insane asylum.

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## YOUNGHUSBAND'S EXPEDITION.

British Advance into Tibet Meets Terrible Difficulties. Calcutta, India, Dec. 17.—The British expedition which entered Tibet, after having crossed the Jelep pass at 14,380 feet above the sea level and reached Rituchangong on its way to the Chumbi valley, met with immense transport difficulties. The cold was intense, 36 degrees of frost being registered, but the Indian troops withstood the cold well. The Indian bullock transport suffered, and anthrax broke out among the Nepalese bullocks. Besides the native Indian troops, British artillerymen, a detachment of the Norfolk regiment, two seven-pounders and a machine gun form part of the expedition.

## Prominent Educator Dead.

Glens Falls, N. Y., Dec. 17.—Daniel C. Farr, Ph. D., for twenty-five years principal of the Glens Falls academy, has died at his home here of endocarditis after a long illness. He was fifty years of age, a graduate of Williams college and one of the founders of the Hudson River Schoolmasters' club and of the Associated Academy Principals of New York. He was also one of the founders of the New York State Historical society and was for a number of years its vice president. The remains will be taken to Ashby, Mass., for interment.

## To Join Greek and Angliann Churches.

Moscow, Russia, Dec. 17.—Mgr. Tikhon, Orthodox bishop of North America, is returning to America in connection with the negotiations commenced by Bishop Grafton of Fond du Lac, Wis., looking to bringing about more friendly relations between the Greek and Angliann churches. The abbot of the Monastery of the Innocents of Moscow, the richest establishment of its kind here, has been appointed coadjutor of Bishop Tikhon.

## An Ice Coated Village.

Paterson, N. J., Dec. 17.—A large part of the village of Haledon, a suburb of this city, is covered with a thick coating of ice as the result of the bursting of the Hopper's pond dam. The low ground on both sides of Belmont avenue was badly flooded, and today many acres of land are under thick layers of ice. The condition of many of the roads is such that traffic has been suspended.

## Fourth Class Postmasters.

Washington, Dec. 17.—The following fourth class postmasters have been appointed: New York—Port Kent, Martin M. Church; Sugar Loaf, Andrea Ten Eyck.

## Odell Off For Washington.

Albany, N. Y., Dec. 17.—Governor Odell has left Albany for Newburg. He will go on to New York later and will leave there for Washington.

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# CONSUL DAVIS IS UPHELD

State Department Will Ask Turkey to Make Amends.

## ACTED WITHIN HIS RIGHTS.

Defense of the Armenian Attarlan Was a Duty Which the American Representative Could Not Shirk.

Washington, Dec. 17.—Acting Secretary of State Adee has taken a firm stand in the matter of the assault upon United States Consul W. R. Davis by Turkish officials and police at Alexandria. He has cabled Minister Leishman to present the facts to the Turkish government and inform it that the case is one seeming to invite an expression of regret and reparation. The state department does not indicate what measure of reparation is expected, but it is understood that the Turkish government certainly will, by removal or otherwise, punish the offending Turkish officials at Alexandria and compensate Attarlan for the losses and injuries he has sustained.

The Turkish government is willing to compensate Attarlan and defend him. It is understood that the main offense is the assault upon the United States consul, a matter of gravity in international law. The consul has found reparation for the time being at Beirut, awaiting instructions from the state department or from Minister Leishman as to whether or not he shall return to his post.

The information that has reached the department is to the effect that Mr. Davis was acting entirely within his rights and powers and that while engaged in protecting, as was his duty, a naturalized American citizen he was set upon by five Turkish policemen and dragged along the ground. It also appears incidentally that upon recovering his footing the consul promptly and soundly thrashed all five of the policemen.

Mr. Leishman, our minister at Constantinople, under the department's instructions has made a quick inquiry into the assault, and, while the detailed mail report of the result of his investigation has not yet reached the state department, Acting Secretary Adee felt that cable advice warranted him in taking positive action.

## PORTE COMPLAINS.

Says Americans Won't Let Turks Drive Attarlan Out.

Constantinople, Dec. 17.—The porte has complained to the United States legation that the acting officials at the American consulate in Alexandria are preventing the embarkation of Attarlan, the naturalized American whose recent arrest caused Consul Davis to leave Alexandria, for whom the porte instructed the local authorities to obtain a passage on an Italian steamer at the cost of the government.

It was the opinion of the porte that the embarkation of Attarlan would remove the principal cause of complaint. The legation has not yet presented any demands for reparation.

The United States flagship Brooklyn left Beirut Dec. 14. It was said she was going to Egyptian waters for gun practice.

## Rochester Fire Still Burning.

Rochester, N. Y., Dec. 17.—The fire in the Wendell-Marshall factory still continues and is likely to do so for at least three days, as there are wood kilns in the building, one on each floor, and each of the kilns filled with dry wood. It is absolutely impossible for the firemen to reach the interior of these kilns, and the only thing they can do is to play streams upon the outside of them and wait until the wood is consumed or the fire dies out of itself. Thirty thousand feet of hose were used in the fire, and it is all frozen stiff and out of commission.

## Deputy Sheriff Murdered.

Riverhead, N. Y., Dec. 17.—William H. Rafford, a deputy sheriff and warden of the county jail here for more than fifteen years, was shot dead by A. Tuttle Reeves at Aquebogue, a village three miles from here. Rafford had gone to serve an execution upon Reeves, who has for years had the reputation of being very eccentric. The murderer dragged the body out of the house, barricaded the doors and windows and, armed with the double barreled shotgun with which he shot Rafford, prepared to resist arrest.

## Light on Manchurian Question.

Moscow, Russia, Dec. 17.—A copy of the Dainy Vostok, just received here, throws interesting light on the Russian attitude in Manchuria. An imperial commission which is drawing up regulations for Admiral Alexeeff's vicereignty, in rendering decisions, says: "The custom house question is not yet settled. It remains dependent upon whether Russia will retain Manchuria for herself alone."

## Santos-Dumont Coming.

Paris, Dec. 17.—Santos-Dumont starts for St. Louis in a fortnight to arrange for the installation of his huge dirigible balloon Santos-Dumont No. 7 and the hydrogen generators and to learn the quality of the gas preliminary to taking part in the dirigible balloon competition.

## Mrs. Manning World's Fair Manager.

St. Louis, Dec. 17.—Mrs. Daniel Manning of Albany, N. Y., has been elected president of the world's fair board of lady managers, vice Mrs. James L. Blair, resigned. She received thirteen out of fifteen votes.

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