

AT GATES OF PANAMA

Liberals Control Railroad Within Two Miles of Resort City.

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AD VALOREM DUTIES ARE CUT ONE-HALF

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COLON, Nov. 22.—5 p. m.—The latest news obtainable here is to the effect that the liberal General Albin has arrived at Empire station, about twelve miles from Panama, with a force said to number 1,000 men.

An attack on that city is momentarily expected and much uneasiness is felt there. The liberal leader, Domingo Diaz, is expected shortly at Colon.

It is rumored here that Buena Ventura, a Colombian port on the Pacific coast about 400 miles south of Panama, has been taken by the liberals. Confirmation of this report is lacking.

Marines from Machias still guard the station and property of the railroad here. The liberals are open today and business has resumed.

The liberals here have given notice that the ad valorem duty on goods disembarked at Colon will henceforth be 10 per cent—25 per cent as formerly. All the stores in Colon are open today and business has resumed.

The Colombian gunboat General Pinzon is believed to be along the coast some where near Colon. When it left here it was short of coal. Transit across the isthmus is still free and uninterrupted.

No Protection Guaranteed.—It is reported that the government has addressed a communication to the United States consular setting forth that it cannot guarantee protection for Ishmalian transit.

Two sailing boats, having seventy-five soldiers on board, which left Panama yesterday, were reported to have left Key West for Colon November 18, was reported from Colon last night to have been signaled in the offing.

Advices received by the Panama Steamship and Railroad company, from their agents at Colon, state that the place is quiet and that the northern having passed the steamer had returned to port, having ridden out the storm without accident.

The officials of the company fear that if General Albin, after the fight at Chorrera, attempts to return to Colon, the place is likely to be burned and property worth millions destroyed. They say that during the insurrection of a dozen years ago the liberals and conservatives had a fight at Colon and the place was burned. On that occasion Captain McCalla, commanding the United States warship at Colon, was requested to land his marines to protect the property of Americans. He promised to do so after his men had breakfasted on shipboard, but while they were dining the town was set on fire and property worth \$5,000,000 destroyed.

Purpose in Announcement.—The answer of the Colombian government to the representations of Consul General Guzman to the effect that the government was unable to guarantee the integrity of the railway communication across the isthmus was purposely developed in order to make perfectly plain the fact that the United States was thoroughly justified in guaranteeing the place is likely to be burned and property worth millions destroyed.

General Reyes last night received a cablegram from Marroquin saying that he intended to resign and asking General Reyes to assume the office.

General Reyes who is here in the interest of the revolutionary party, says General Reyes is entirely acceptable to all but a few of the violent partisans. The proposition is to place General Reyes in office, declare a general amnesty and make up a cabinet composed of the various factions. This, it is believed, would end the revolution.

Alban Ready to Attack.—NEW YORK, Nov. 22.—Consul General Arthur O. D. Brigard of Colombia received a cablegram today from General Charles Alban, governor of the Department of Panama. The cable stated that General Alban

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MUST TAKE IT OR LEAVE IT

Dickinson Said to Contemplate Ultimatum to Compete with U.S. in Which Final Offer Will Be Made.

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today for Constantinople. Dickinson started with Spencer Eddy, to confer with United States legation secretary of the means of hastening, as to the best which has a solution in the dead-end of the relations between the two nations.

Mr. Dickinson is expected to return here, bringing with him a payment of \$100,000 to the United States legation in Constantinople. Dickinson is considering the advisability of presenting an ultimatum to the brigands in which he will fix ten days as the time in which \$100,000 must be accepted by the brigands as Miss Stone's ransom. If this is not accepted by her captives all dealing with the bandits, as far as the United States is concerned, will cease. If these conditions have not already been dictated by Mr. Dickinson the ultimatum will almost certainly be delivered on his return from Constantinople.

According to information received here from Constantinople last night, it is that the captives had been removed from a village near Dubinitza, where they were taken blindfolded and where only ruse could be obtained. A later report, according to the statement of a person who fled from Dubinitza last night, is that the captives had been removed from a village near Dubinitza to a point near the frontier and that Miss Stone got wet while crossing the river Struma.

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NEBRASKA MAINTAINS RIGHT

Senator Dietrich Believes This State Will Name Successor to Osborn.

(From a Staff Correspondent.)

WASHINGTON, Nov. 22.—(Special Telegram)—I believe Nebraska will be accorded the right to name a successor to the late Judge Luther W. Osborn, said Senator Dietrich today, "and that the senators from the state will readily agree upon the name to be submitted to the president for the appointment."

Senator Dietrich, after his talk with President Roosevelt regarding the consular generalship to Samoa, had a conference with the Hay of the State department as to Judge Osborn's successor. While nothing definite was arrived at the senator from Nebraska came away from the conference exceedingly pleased with the situation.

It is, however, a leaning on the part of the State department toward a new policy in Samoa, and that is to allow a representative of the natives to transact all matters affecting our relations with the other nations that are a party to the tripartite agreement and to cease being generally represented by a consul general.

How this can be brought about without a protest on the part of the commercial interests is not clearly defined, as our interests in the Samoa group seem to keep pace with our growth in other portions of the far Pacific. Senator Dietrich is not in agreement with the view taken by some officials of the State department, who believe that the interests of the United States can only be conserved by a diplomatic representative.

It is learned tonight that Secretary Hay has yielded his objections to appointing a representative of the natives to the consul general at Apsa, Samoa, and that he will not stand in the way of the senators from Nebraska selecting a suitable person for the place. He does not like the idea, however, of recommending to the president a man born in Germany, but prefers a native born American, who is believed to have no objections which Hay urges to such an appointment will be removed when the senators from Nebraska begin to bear down on the head of the State department.

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RESCUE PARTY IS DRIVEN BACK BY DAMP

Experts Make Strenuous Effort to Reach Their Comrades Without Success—Fire is Not Yet Extinguished.

BLUFIELDS, Va., Nov. 22.—At 11 o'clock this morning Superintendent Walter O'Mally of the Pocahontas Collieries company, along with State Mine Inspector William Priest, and S. Hurst, an inspector for the Canon, Heron & Bullitt company of Philadelphia, Robert St. Clair, assistant coal inspector; Morris St. Clair and William Oldham, subcoal inspectors; Frazier G. Bell, mining engineer, and Joseph Vardaman, manager of the Shamokin Coal and Coke company of Maryland, Va., composing a party of eight, entered the west main of the Southwest Virginia Improvement company's collieries for the purpose of examining the true situation with regard to the recent explosion and fire in the Baby mine and up to 6:45 o'clock midnight, have not been heard from.

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Union Pacific Executive Among Those Consulting in New York.

VAN SANT'S ACTION STARTS WILD RUMORS

Minnesota Governor's Announced Determination to Block Northern Securities Merger Gives Rise to Talk of Resignations.

NEW YORK, Nov. 22.—Horace G. Burt, president of the Union Pacific railroad, J. Kruttschnitt, vice president of the Southern Pacific, A. L. Mohler, president of the Oregon Railroad & Navigation company, and M. P. Tolson, president of the Chicago & Alton railway, all arrived in this city tonight, and today attended meetings of their respective boards of directors. It was also said that they were called here to attend a special conference of the operating heads of all railroads, of which Mr. Harriman, in the official hour, no statement was obtainable on this point, however.

There has recently been some discussion of a merging of the various lines controlled by what is commonly termed the Harriman syndicate, under an organization similar to the Northern Securities company, but no responsible authority can be obtained for this report.

Resignations Talked Of.—According to Wall street reports believed to be based on good authority, changes in the Northern Pacific directorate are to be made in view of the agitation in Minnesota against the joint operation of the Northern Pacific and Great Northern. Influential interests in the organization of the Northern Securities company said today that while they believed the company's plans for controlling the Northern Pacific and Great Northern railroads could not be upset through legal proceedings, based on allegations which they believed were unfounded, they believed that the different states, some changes might be forced. It was held by these interests that there was a question as to whether President Hill of the Great Northern railway under a strict interpretation of present laws, had an unquestioned right to be a member of the board of directors of the Northern Pacific railway. The same doubt existed as to the right of E. H. Harriman, chairman of the Union Pacific board. It was asserted that it was not impossible that both of these officers might retire from the Northern Pacific board.

Van Sant Sends More Letters.—ST. PAUL, Minn., Nov. 22.—Governor Van Sant today sent to the governors of North Dakota, Montana, Idaho and Washington letters stating the facts so far as he has ascertained them with regard to the alleged attempt to consolidate the Northern Pacific and Great Northern railways and asking for their opinion as to what action should be undertaken. The governor declined to give out the text of the letters.

Should the other governors be favorable to united action, it is probable that a conference will be called for at an early date. Such meeting will probably be at St. Paul, because it is here that the Northern Pacific and Great Northern companies have their headquarters and if an action at law is brought to break up the proposed consolidation it is most likely to be brought in this state.

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Forecast for Nebraska—Warmer and Generally Fair Saturday, Sunday Fair with Cooler in Western Portion; Variable Monday.

Temperature at Omaha Yesterday:

Table with 4 columns: Hour, Deg., Hour, Deg. Rows for 8 a.m., 9 a.m., 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 12 m.

BOARD IS GIVEN FREE HAND

Official Equalizers Are Authorized to Assess Chicago Traction Company Despite Protests.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Nov. 22.—The application of the Chicago Union Traction company and the Consolidated Traction company for an injunction restraining the State Board of Equalization from assessing the capital stock of these companies for 1900 was denied this afternoon by Judges Grosscup and Humphrey in the United States circuit court. The temporary injunction issued by Judge Grosscup Thursday was dissolved. No written opinion in the case was given. Judge Grosscup stated at length the reasons for the decision, explaining that later Judge Humphrey would file a written opinion.

The method to be followed in determining the value of capital stock for purposes of taxation was discussed by Judge Grosscup at length. As to bonds, he said, it would be grossly unfair to base the assessment on the stock value quoted on the stock exchange. These were frequently, if not generally, determined by circumstances quite distinct from the real value of the stocks in question.

He cited as an illustration the Northern Pacific of a few months ago. There nobody would contend that the real value of the stock exceeded par, yet the quotation reached \$1,000. Nor had any court decided that the equalization board must be governed by the quotable market prices of capital stock. It was the decision of the supreme court of Illinois in the franchise tax case recently decided, he said, that the valuation must be based on the "real value" of the stock. It will remain for the equalization board to exercise its judgment in determining the real value of capital stock for purposes of taxation.

CHICAGO, Nov. 22.—The refusal to grant an injunction against the sale of stock of the affected companies on the stock exchange, Union Traction common dropped 1 1/2 points to 10 1/2, while the preference issue declined 1 1/2 points to 2 1/2 of the North Chicago company fell 2 1/2 points.

MINERS MAY APPEAL TO ARMS

Three Hundred and Fifty Strikers Are in Camp Offering Defiance to Order of Court.

EABLINGTON, Ky., Nov. 22.—Tomorrow morning at daylight Judge Hall's order to the striking miners to disband their camp and disperse becomes operative. Tonight there are fully 350 men in the camp, all heavily armed and declaring they will not disband until they have secured their demands. They do not anticipate violence. They believe the men will simply say: "Here we are; what are you going to do with us?"

Judge Hall has prepared his order to Adjutant General Murray and Sheriff Hankins directing them to proceed against the camp if it is not removed or abandoned. All arrangements were perfected tonight to follow the instructions. Judge Hall declares that the armed miners must go and says all hinges on their action. Late this afternoon President Woods of the United Mine Workers and Attorney Yost arrived at the camp from Central City and conferences were held tonight.

The number of men in the camp is constantly increasing and another big tent has been raised. A heavy rain fell this afternoon and it became necessary to pitch the tents, which resulted in a wild rumor that the miners were throwing up breastworks.

PERSUASION, BUT NOT FORCE Striking Carriage Makers Permitted to Use Argument with Workmen, but Not Intimidation.

CINCINNATI, O., Nov. 22.—Judge S. W. Smith of the court of common pleas today issued a temporary restraining order in the application of the Anchor Carriage company, enjoining its striking employees from all acts of violence, and from interference with the business of the company. The order is made specific and does not prohibit peaceful persuasion to induce workmen to refuse to take the places of strikers, but it prohibits all picketing that interferes with the free movement of workmen; all gathering in crowds about the plant or about the working places of workmen having the effect of intimidation, as well as any kind of conduct having for its purpose forcible compulsion on the part of workmen with their wishes.

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