

NEED OF WARSHIPS.

United States Must Bring Order Out of Chaos on the Isthmus.

Panama Has Declared Itself Independent of Colombia and the Mother Country Is Determined to Keep the Recalcitrant Child.

Washington, Nov. 5.—Vice United States Consul Ehrman, at Panama, cables the state department under today's date that the Colombian government warship Bogota is shelling the city. Eleven Chinamen have been killed. Mr. Ehrman has been instructed to protest against the bombardment.

If the consul's protest is not sufficient the commander of the Boston, which is by this time on her way to Panama from San Juan del Sur, 600 miles distant, will promptly seize the Colombian gunboat if necessary to stop the bombardment. This bombardment is in violation of all the rules of war, beginning as it did without the required notice. Moreover, the United States government takes the ground that it certainly interferes with the freedom of transit across the isthmus which this government is treaty-bound to maintain.

The United States government has received a cablegram from Panama requesting that it recognize the new government. The officials here are as yet in ignorance as to what this new government consists of, and have taken no action on the request.

Natives Are Well Prepared.

Panama, Nov. 5.—After the government officers were disposed of the formation of a provisional government was begun, and will be completed as rapidly as possible. The streets are filled with shouting crowds of citizens wild with joy over the action taken.

Forbids Troops Crossing Isthmus.

Colon, Colombia, Nov. 5.—The commander of the United States gunboat Nashville, Commander Hubbard, has notified the prefect of Colon and the Panama railroad officials that no troops from either end of the isthmus would be allowed transportation on the railroad.

ONE DEAD, MANY INJURED.

Two Kansas City Street Cars Collided on the Twelfth Street Incline During a Fog.

Kansas City, Nov. 5.—One person was killed and 19 others injured, four perhaps fatally, in a collision of two cable cars in a fog on the Twelfth street incline, near the Union depot, at eight o'clock Wednesday morning. The dead is Miss Nellie M. Luscombe, a clerk at John Taylor's.

Most of the injured were working girls, clerks in the big retail stores up town, who were on their way to work from their homes in Argentine, Armourdale and Wyandotte, Kan. The accident was due to slippery tracks. One train heavily laden with passengers had reached Summit street, four blocks east of the top of the Twelfth street viaduct, a structure four blocks in length that spans the railway tracks in the union depot yards. For the entire distance of eight blocks there is a sheer descent of about 30 degrees. At Summit street the first car had stopped to let off a passenger when the gripman lost his grip on the cable. Immediately the train started back, gaining great speed. A heavy fog made it impossible to see a block ahead and indescribable confusion ensued among the passengers, dozens of whom were too closely packed inside the closed car to make a move to save themselves.

CARRYING THE MAILS.

Uncle Sam Pays \$63,594,542 Annually for This Service, or at the Rate of \$42.80 Per Mile.

Washington, Nov. 5.—Mr. W. S. Shallenberger, second assistant postmaster general, submitted his annual report. It shows that the annual rate of expenditure for all classes of mail transportation service in this country is \$63,594,542 and that the rate of cost per mile traveled is \$12.89. There are 1,400 lines of traveling post offices, railroads, steamboats and electric cars carrying, covering 189,298 miles in length, with 10,555 employees. It is estimated that the railway postal clerks handled during the year 15,999,802,630 pieces of mail matter, exclusive of registered matter, and 1,387,664 errors were reported in the distribution, a ratio of one error to 11,530 correct distributions.

VOTES TO DEEPEN CANALS.

New York State Overwhelmingly in Favor of Spending Ten Million Dollars on Waterways.

New York, Nov. 5.—New York state gave a majority of nearly 250,000 in favor of the proposition that the state shall spend \$10,000,000 for improving its canals. The plan is to widen and deepen the Erie canal so that it will accommodate barges of 1,000 tons carrying capacity, and to improve the Oswego and Champlain canals. Under the law the state will be allowed to put out not more than \$10,000,000 of canal bonds at any time, and the first issue must cover the work for two years.

LEE TELLS HIS STORY.

Ex-Lieutenant Governor Says He Divided \$7,000 Among Senators to Kill the Baking-Powder Bill.

Jefferson City, Mo., Nov. 5.—In the trial of Senator Farris, charged with bribery, former Lieut. Gov. John A. Lee took the stand. He said he asked Farris to help defeat the bill to repeal the law prohibiting the use of alum in baking powders. Farris, witness testified, said it could be easily done by holding the bill in committee, but that the bill was an important one to the Royal Baking Powder company and that the boys of the committee needed money. He wanted \$7,000 of which \$1,000 was to go to each of six members of the committee on criminal jurisprudence of the senate and \$1,000 to the senator who introduced the bill. Lee arranged by telephone and telegraph, he said, with Daniel J. Kelley to get the money. A check for \$3,500 was received by Lee and deposited in the American Exchange bank of St. Louis. The bill was defeated and he drew out \$7,000 of the money and gave it to Senator Farris in his room at the Laclede hotel. Farris divided the money into packages of \$1,000 each. Lee got \$1,500 for his interest in the matter.

SEISMIC SHOCKS FELT.

St. Louis and Many Surrounding Cities Experienced Earthquakes Yesterday—No Particular Damage Done.

St. Louis, Nov. 5.—This city and vicinity experienced a decided earthquake shock, or series of shocks, at 12:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon. There is a difference of opinion as to how many. The earthquake was perceptible all over the city and was mostly felt in the high business blocks in the down town section of the city. One occupant of a high building said his chandelier swung three inches. The movement was from east to west. About one hour later another shock is reported to have been felt. It was less severe than the first.

A long-distance message from Louisiana, Mo., says that a perceptible shock was felt there about the same time.

Dispatches from Decatur and Cairo, Ill.; Chattanooga, Columbia, Nashville and Memphis, Tenn.; Louisville, Ky.; Evansville, Ind., and other places adjacent say the shocks were felt, but no particular damage was done.

REPORT ON SCHOOLS.

The Commissioner of Education Gives Some Statistics Regarding Pupils in the Institutions Devoted to Learning.

Washington, Nov. 5.—The report of the commissioner of education for the last fiscal year places the total number of pupils enrolled in the common schools during the year at 15,925,887, or over 20 per cent. of the entire population. The average daily attendance for 1902 was 10,999,273, being 69 per cent. of the total number enrolled. This is the largest average attendance on the number enrolled ever reported in the United States. The school term for the first time in the history of the United States reached 145 days. The average monthly wages of teachers for 1902 was \$49 for males and about \$40 for females. Less than 28 per cent. of the teachers were males, or 122,392 out of a total of 439,596.

SIX BLOWN TO ATOMS.

Explosion of Shells at the Naval Arsenal in Hudson River Wrecks Havoc and Death.

Iona Island, N. Y., Nov. 5.—Six men were killed and ten slightly injured yesterday afternoon by an explosion at the United States naval arsenal, one of the largest magazines in the United States, which is located here. The explosion occurred while men were drawing the explosive charges from a consignment of old shells recently sent here from the battleship Massachusetts. Three massive shell houses were totally destroyed and a rain of fragments of projectiles of all sizes was scattered in every direction. The force of the explosion broke windows at Peekskill, three miles below on the opposite side of the Hudson, and the detonation was heard for many miles.

WATER BILL CAUSED MURDER.

One Man Dead and Another Probably Fatally Injured in a Dispute at Kansas City Over \$1.23.

Kansas City, Mo., Nov. 5.—A dispute between landlord and tenant over a water bill amounting to only \$1.23 resulted last night in George N. Rodman, a city salesman for the Loose-Wiles Cracker company, shooting A. W. Burns, a finisher and decorator living at 1210 Woodland avenue, who died at 12:30 o'clock at the University hospital, and his brother, John Burns, who is probably fatally injured.

Baby Saved Mother from Prison.

Wewoka, I. T., Nov. 5.—In the federal court here Postmaster J. J. Denison, of Wetumpka, received three separate sentences of a year and a day each on indictments to which he pleaded guilty of tampering with the mails. The indictments against his young wife on similar charges were nolle prossed because of her young baby.

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