



According to advices received from London on June 20 a bloody battle has been fought in Morocco in which the forces of El Menebhi were almost wholly destroyed by the rebels under Bu Hamara. The losses are put at 6,000 fighting men, and one report had it that the leader of the government forces was killed.

The situation at Serbia is growing somewhat complicated owing to the attitude of the powers toward the new government. On June 20 it was reported that Great Britain had practically broken off diplomatic relations and the English minister had been ordered to return home. The Dutch representative at Belgrade has been instructed by his government to assume the same attitude as Great Britain toward the new government.

A project is on foot to build a new railroad in Alaska starting from the southern coast at Resurrection bay northward to the Tanana river. This will extend a distance of about 413 miles and will make the interior of the country accessible at all seasons of the year. The scheme is under the control of prominent capitalists and its success seems assured.

On June 20 Governor Cummins of Iowa on receipt of advices that a crisis was approaching in the street railway strike at Dubuque, Ia., sent to that city three additional companies of militia. The present strike was instituted on May 7 since which time all efforts to operate street cars in Dubuque has caused rioting, and troops were sent.

The Very Rev. Herbert Vaughan, cardinal and archbishop of Westminster, died in London on June 20. Cardinal Vaughan was born on April 15, 1842, and became archbishop of Westminster in 1892. Aside from his work as a church prelate, his great life work was the founding of the foreign missionary college at Mill Hill, near London.

A Washington dispatch under date of June 21 says: "General Greely has been informed that 580 miles of the submarine cable to be laid between Puget Sound and Alaska have been shipped from New York to Seattle. The remaining 750 miles will be shipped from New York in August. This is the first long cable ever made in the United States. It is of the seamless rubber type. Captain Edgar Russell, signal corps, has started for Seattle to make preliminary arrangements for laying the cable and will be followed in August by Colonel James Allen, who has general charge.

Recent reports from China brought news of an insurrection in the province of Yunnan which is causing grave alarm. It is said that the insurgents now number about 50,000 and so far the government forces have fared badly in their encounters with the rebels.

The eighteenth session of the imperial Japanese diet convened on May 8 came to an end June 4, according to a cablegram from Tokio via Victoria, B. C. The main achievement of the diet was the passage of the naval expansion bill.

On June 21 the textile council declared the strike in the Lowell, Mass. mills at an end. The strike began on March 30 and involved about 17,000

operatives, and the cost in wages alone was about \$1,300,000.

On June 22 the state board of election commissioners at Jackson, Miss., ordered a state primary election to be held on August 6. This action means that the United States senator from Mississippi will be chosen by popular ballot. Senator Money, the incumbent, and Governor Longino are candidates for the position.

The special session of the Kansas legislature called to devise a way to repair the damages done by the floods in Kansas, met at Topeka on June 24. Various plans have been advanced for the relief of the flood sufferers.

It was reported from Manila on June 22 that the charges that American officers looted public buildings in Manila after the surrender of the city in 1898 have been revived and may possibly lead to a formal investigation.

According to advices from London, throughout many parts of Ireland thousands of acres of potatoes have been ruined by recent frost and rain and it is feared that the failure of the Irish potato crop will entail much hardship on the peasants.

The strike of the street car employes in Dubuque, Ia., was settled on June 23, the street car company agreeing not to discriminate against union men; to recognize the union's grievance committee; to allow appeals to directors from the general manager's decisions; to reinstate all strikers, and to give clearance cards to Devereaux, Noonan and Hennessy, whose discharge caused the strike.

It was reported from Frankfort, Ky., on June 23 that it has been determined that the special term of the Harrison circuit court to try Jett and White for the Marcum murder will be convened at Cynthiana Monday, July 27, Judge Osborne presiding.

New developments in the situation with regard to Russian occupation of sections of China are looked for as a result of a visit recently made by the Russian war minister to the emperor of Japan. It is reported, however, that the Russians are increasing their forces in China, and a raid on the frontier of Thibet was recently made by 1,000 Cossacks.

A cablegram from St. Petersburg under date of June 23 says: A new edict, sanctioned by the czar, prohibiting the sale in Finland of guns, ammunition or explosives of any sort, except under the most severe restrictions, has been issued. Violations of the provisions are punishable by a heavy fine or imprisonment. The holding of rifle meetings is also interdicted, except by special sanction of the governor general of Finland. The edict is regarded as being a long step towards the complete disarmament of the Finns.

The United States European squadron, Rear Admiral Cotton in command, anchored at Kiel on June 23 and was met by the German fleet commanded by Prince Henry and saluted. Demonstrations in favor of the American fleet were participated in by the townspeople.

It was reported from Belgrade, Serbia, on June 23 that in accordance with instructions from their governments,

the ministers of France, Holland and Turkey have withdrawn from the city, thus following the lead of Great Britain. United States Minister Jackson has also left Belgrade. On June 24 the new king entered the capital and was received with great enthusiasm.

On June 24 it was announced from Washington that President Roosevelt had sent a letter to the attorney general urging a vigorous prosecution of those charged with dishonesty in the postal department and suggesting that special attorneys be appointed to assist in this prosecution. In accordance with this plan, Attorney General Knox has appointed Charles Bonapart of Baltimore a special attorney, and a like appointment will be tendered to Mr. Holmes Conrad, former solicitor general.

Ex-Congressman Driggs was indicted by the federal grand jury at Brooklyn, N. Y., on June 24 for alleged connection with the securing of contracts from the United States government for certain automatic cashiers for the postoffice department. It is said that Mr. Driggs has been receiving a salary of \$12,500 from this company for introducing the machines.

Harvard University at Cambridge, Mass., held its 267th commencement on June 24 and degrees were bestowed upon 1,368 men by President Eliot.

The resumption of the debate on the Irish land bill in the house of commons on June 24 was marked by the introduction by Mr. Wyndham, chief secretary for Ireland, of an amendment designed to remove the difficulty in regard to the retention in clause I. of a provision for a minimum price at which the tenants may retain their buildings and permit bargains to be made outside the judicial zones. This amendment was adopted without division and it is regarded as almost certain that the success of the Irish land bill is now assured.

In the United States court at Macon, Ga., on June 24, Judge Speer imposed a fine of \$100 each on three young men for holding a negro in involuntary servitude. This fine was afterwards remitted during good behavior. The offense was that the young men, who are prominent farmers, caught a negro who had gotten

in debt to them, gave him a whipping and made him go to work for them. Judge Speer said that the problem of the times could not be solved by harsh measures, and he wanted it understood that the laws of Georgia were against such treatment.

A Washington dispatch dated June 24 says: The youngest member of the union of American republics has come forward with the first contribution toward the fund of \$125,000 required to provide a new home for the bureau in this city. The contribution is \$1,500 cash, the full amount of Cuba's quota, and Director Rockhill is looking forward to similar prompt action on the part of the other South and Central American countries.

On June 24 Sir Thomas Lipton, the owner of the yacht Shamrock III., which is to race the American yacht Reliance in the near future, arrived in New York and President Roosevelt sent Adjutant General Corbin to welcome him on behalf of the president.

It was recently announced from New York that Ira D. Sankey, the evangelist, is now hopelessly blind. It is said that Mr. Sankey's trouble has been growing on him for the last two years as a result of an attack of trachoma.

The board of conciliation which was created for the purpose of adjusting any grievances in the hard coal regions and which is composed of three representatives on each side, met in Wilkesbarre, Pa., on June 25 and organized. William Connell of Scranton, one of the operators' representatives, was chosen chairman and Thomas Nichols was elected secretary of the board.

It was recently announced that a departure in the navy is marked by the issue of a circular from the navigation bureau calling for the enlistment of electricians for the wireless telegraph, who are expected to be secured for \$30 per month.

The special session of the Kansas legislature recently called for the purpose of providing relief for the flood stricken sections of the state, passed fifty bills, only two of which are general bills. One of these general bills is to remit taxes on property

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