



Much interest is being manifested throughout England concerning the recent cabinet crisis. In some quarters it is confidently believed that Mr. Chamberlain's defeat in the cabinet is at hand and that the new ministry which will then be formed will be of liberal tendency. It is not anticipated that the general election of parliament will take place before another year and many changes may occur in the political situation in that time.

A cloudburst in the vicinity of Papillion, Sarpy county, Neb., on August 14 caused much property damage and ruined crops in the vicinity, also causing some loss to stock owners.

It was announced from New York on August 15 that Joseph Pulitzer has given the sum of \$2,000,000 to establish a school of journalism at Columbia university in New York city. A new building for this school is to be erected at a cost of \$50,000. An advisory board appointed by the donor is to aid in devising a plan and course of instruction. Seven members of this board have already been named, being: Nicholas Murray Butler, president of Columbia university, ex-officio; Whitelaw Reid, John Hay, secretary of state; St. Clair McKelway, Andrew D. White, Victor F. Lawson of Chicago, General Charles H. Taylor of Boston, Charles W. Elliott, president of Harvard university.

Jurisdiction of the matter of the exclusion of Chinese labor has been transferred from the treasury department to the new department of commerce and labor, under the direction of Secretary Cortelyou. A new set of Chinese regulations have been prepared by Commissioner General of Immigration Sargent and have been approved by Mr. Cortelyou.

The North Atlantic fleet anchored off Oyster Bay, N. Y., on August 16 was reviewed by President Roosevelt on August 17. Many prominent visitors viewed the vessels during their stay in the bay. The fleet consisted of twenty-one warships and after the review at Oyster Bay it proceeded to Portland, Me.

The national reunion of the Grand Army of the Republic, which opened at San Francisco on August 16 attracted visitors from all parts of the United States. It is estimated that the number of visitors to the city will exceed 50,000. This meeting is the thirty-seventh annual national encampment. A most interesting parade took place on August 19 when ten thousand veterans of the civil war passed in review. The parade was strictly a military one.

Up to and including August 17 it is estimated that of the 60,000 strikers who took part in the strike inaugurated in Philadelphia, Pa., among the textile workers, but 10,000 remain idle. Many of these idle hands are idlers and it is feared that if they continue to remain idle they may compel some of the mills to close because of the lack of dye stuffs.

It was made known in Washington on August 17 that Colombia has rejected the Panama canal treaty. This action on the part of the Colombian senate has caused much criticism of that body and in some quarters it is believed that President Marroquin will cause the treaty to be again submitted to the senate with some

amendments. The reason given for the rejection of the treaty was the alleged encroachment on Colombian sovereignty which the opponents of the treaty contended would come from its ratification by Colombia. It is not yet known what action will be taken by this country in regard to the selection of the other route via Nicaragua.

According to the peace protocols with Venezuela and signed by that country and the allied powers of Great Britain, Germany and Italy, the emperor of Russia was to be asked to name the personnel of The Hague court which should pass on the contentions of these powers for preferential treatment in the settlement of their claims against Venezuela. The non-blockading powers will be represented by Wayne McVeagh, Judge Penfield and Herbert W. Bowen before The Hague.

The republican state convention of Nebraska met at Lincoln on August 18 and nominated John B. Barnes of Norfolk, Neb., for judge of the supreme court; W. G. Whitmore of Douglas county and C. S. Allen of Lancaster county for regents of the state university, and endorsed John L. Webster of Omaha, Neb., for the republican nomination for vice president in 1904.

Upon the occasion of the celebration of the birthday of Emperor Francis Joseph at Zapresio, in the province of Croatia, on August 18, a riot occurred and several rioters were killed by the police. In other places in the province, the peasants pillaged stores and stoned the military and it is feared that serious trouble is on foot.

Near the port of Hong Kong on August 18 two large ships collided, one being a Chinese cruiser which sunk an hour after the collision. 170 of the crew of the cruiser were saved, however, by the other ship, which also suffered severe damages. The loss of life is estimated at 14 persons, including the captain of the Chinese ship.

August 17, being the 100th anniversary of the permanent settlement of the city of Chicago, Ill., was appropriately celebrated in a small way, but the real jubilee will take place September 26 to October 1.

The annual session of the trans-Mississippi Commercial congress convened in the city of Seattle, Wash., on August 18. The attendance was large, every state and territory in the trans-Mississippi region being represented as well as Alaska and Hawaii.

It was reported from Washington on August 17 that Secretary Root is in correspondence with Governor Taft of the Philippines in connection with the construction of a system of railroads in the islands, amounting to some 600 miles. It is proposed that the government guarantee the interest on the bonds needed for the purpose of construction. Engineers are already at work making surveys in the islands and it is believed that the work of making railroads will soon be undertaken on an extensive scale.

Judge Rogers in the United States circuit court at St. Louis, Mo., on August 17 handed down a decision regarding the rights of a company in

relation to the discharging of its employees for certain reasons. This decision declares that a company has the absolute right to dismiss employees because they belong to the union, or for any other reason; that there can be no conspiracy to do a lawful act; that the so-called blacklist may be maintained and given out for the use of others.

It was recently announced from Bogota, Colombia, that a bill is ready authorizing the government to make a new canal treaty with the United States upon a fixed basis and also providing for modifying the national constitution. Much dissatisfaction is expressed because of the failure of the Colombian senate to ratify the canal treaty with this country and a hope is expressed that arrangements looking toward a new treaty will shortly be made.

Some 1,500 negroes, representing almost every section of the country, met at Nashville, Tenn., on August 19 to attend the fourth annual convention of the National Negro Business Men's league. Booker T. Washington, the principal speaker, was re-elected president of the league.

On August 19 the grand jury at Washington resumed its consideration of the affairs of the postoffice department, and it is believed that before the conclusion of the investigation there will be another list of indictments.

It was announced from Washington on August 18 that Mr. Riddle, the American charge at St. Petersburg, has cabled the state department that Mopravieff, the Russian minister to Paris, and Professor Matzen of the university of Copenhagen, have been named by the czar of Russia as arbitrators at The Hague of the cases between Venezuela and the blockading powers. The three are members of the international court of arbitration at The Hague.

On August 20 the Grand Army of

the Republic, in annual convention at San Francisco, selected Boston as the place in which the encampment of 1904 will be held and also elected the following officers: Commander in chief, Gen. John C. Black of Illinois; senior vice commander, Col. C. Mason Keene of California; junior vice commander, Col. Harry C. Kessler of Montana; surgeon in chief, George A. Harmon of Ohio; chaplain in chief, Winfield Scott of Arizona.

The first of the trial races between the American yacht Reliance and the English boat Shamrock III. took place off Sandy Hook on August 20 and attracted great crowds of sightseers and yachtsmen. The wind was so light, however, that the match was called off, although the Reliance was several minutes in the lead of the Shamrock III.

The serious illness of Lord Salisbury, late prime minister of England, was recently announced and on August 20 it was reported from London that his condition was critical.

A London cablegram dated August 20 says: Dispatches received at the colonial offices today from Zunguru, Northern Nigeria, dated August 15, give details of the destruction of the town of Burmi by a British force of thirty whites and 500 native rank and file. The enemy's loss was 700 killed, including the former sultan of Sokoto and a majority of the chiefs. The British loss was eleven men killed, including one officer. Sixty-two men were wounded. The enemy made a desperate house-to-house resistance.

It was reported on August 21 that from official sources comes the information that the Russian squadron recently sent to Turkish waters will leave within the next few days as the Turkish government has given adequate assurances that it will meet all the Russian demands. Notwithstanding this, it seems that all dispatches from Macedonia agree that the revolution in that province is spreading and is causing much anxiety in offi-

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