

# Southern Port Is Blockaded

### Attempt to Land Telegraph Cable at Miami Brings About Queer Situation.

## MIAMI IS IN THE LIMELIGHT

#### United States Warships Blockade a United States Port in Time of Peace—Geographic Society Official Tells About Place.

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Miami, Fla.—Probably for the first time since the stirring days of the Civil war we find a southern port blockaded by United States warships. Happily, however, it is no crisis brought about by an uncompromising demand for the integrity of state rights, but to prevent a cable ship entering the port of Miami, the most southerly city on the Floridian mainland and the third largest in the state, from the standpoint of population.

Nestling beside the beautiful waters of Biscayne bay and separated from the Atlantic only by the peninsula of Miami beach, the city has rapidly come into its own, due to the strategic geographic location it occupies on the South Atlantic coast, and it gives promise to rival Jacksonville as a port of call. When one realizes that one-third of all the grapefruit in the United States comes from the county in which Miami is situated and that one-fifth of all the animal life in America north of Panama is to be found in the waters of the Gulf stream which have the golden strand of Miami beach in its front yard, and with the great potential agricultural wealth of the Everglades at its back door, small wonder that Miami has grown, as shown by the last census report, 440 per cent.

#### Rivals the Riviera.

Blessed with a year-round climate that rivals the Riviera, with ever-blowing trade winds that temper the semi-tropical sun, Miami bids fair to take rank with anything of its size in the United States for development along highly profitable and thoroughly businesslike lines.

It is not surprising that a telegraph company desires to bring the Barbados cables into Miami instead of Key West, a hundred odd miles south of this point; but there is some diplomatic hitch about England's control of cables which has caused this practically unheard of situation of United States war vessels blockading a United States port in the time of peace.

Three years ago the money on deposit in the banking institutions of Miami amounted to something like \$4,000,000, in the summer of 1919 to \$12,000,000, in March, 1920, to \$17,000,000, and today the amount is upward of \$20,000,000. Moreover, in permanent population it has grown in ten years from 5,471 to 29,549. During the winter months there are nearly as many traffic "cops" on its well-paved streets as there are in the national capital, ten times its size.

One of the most important developments of Miami beach is the inauguration and completion of the Miami aquarium and biological laboratory, located at the beach terminus of the wonderful 100-foot causeway stretching three miles in length which spans Biscayne bay, connecting the city with the ocean beaches. As the scientists generally agree that all land animals came originally out of the sea, the study of the myriad forms of life in the tropical seas will, it is believed,

develop links between the sea and land animals that will add much to the world's knowledge of this important question. Since the question of food has been accentuated as an aftermath of the world war, the eyes of economists have turned to the warm seas to develop the possibilities of its innumerable fish life.

Just as the shoemaker's child is proverbially without footwear, so it was that there was no aquarium or biological station on the entire Atlantic coast south of Philadelphia, and, consequently, no extensive and adequately equipped and situated institution to which the ichthyologists of the country could make pilgrimages and study at first hand the wonders of the fauna of the Gulf stream. Heretofore these specialists in zoology traveled to the aquarium at Naples, Italy, and to other European institutions, simply because there was nowhere in the warm seas surrounding the southern part of our own continent a place where they

have the means at hand to pursue their highly important work. Only a month or two ago, an entirely new species of tuna, one of the most valuable food fishes in the world, was located and described by the director of the Miami aquarium, and if these great fishes of the horse-mackerel family can be developed in a commercial way it will have an interesting bearing on the problem of lowering the high cost of living.

### Villa Debts to Be Paid in Full by Government

All personal loans obtained by Francisco Villa, Mexican bandit leader, who recently surrendered to the provisional government, will be paid by the government. It has been learned. The loans amount to \$40,000, Mexican. Villa is said to have given receipts for all the loans he obtained and these will be refunded upon presentation of the papers to the government by claimants. Villa still is at Salinas, awaiting the arrival of the supply train which was to take him and his men to Torreon.

## NEBRASKA IN BRIEF

### Timely News Culled From All Parts of the State, Reduced for the Busy.

### SCORES OF EVENTS COVERED

Robert Simmons, Scottsbluff, was chosen state commander of the American Legion of Nebraska at the annual session of the organization at Hastings. Other officers chosen are: Vice Commanders: E. S. Goodrich, Fairbury; T. J. Bressler, Wayne; Lyman Wheeler, Omaha; Chaplain, Dean C. R. Tyner, Hastings. Delegates to national convention, Earl Cline, Nebraska City; E. P. McDermott, Kearney; George Fawell, Lincoln; T. J. McGuire, Lincoln. National committeeman, E. P. McDermott, Kearney.

Keith county farmers are in high spirits over the prospective bumper wheat crops this year. Little threshing has been done so far in the county, but the few fields which have been threshed produced splendid yields. It is conservatively estimated that the crop will bring growers of the county around \$4,000,000.

The State College of Agriculture at Lincoln advises farmers of Nebraska who desire to plant Kenrad wheat this season to make arrangements at once to secure seed. A letter to S. C. Salmon, secretary, Kansas Crop Improvement Association at Manhattan, Kan., will put anyone in touch with farmers having a supply.

County Agent Clemmons at McCook has purchased from Kansas growers a carload of Kenrad wheat for distribution among Red Willow county farmers. A few small plots in the county were sown with Kenrad last year and results were so good many growers are anxious to secure the new variety for next season.

The Nebraska Potato exchange, with headquarters at Alliance, has contracted to market the potato crop of northwest Nebraska through the North American Fruit exchange of New York. The contract calls for the delivery of not less than 500 cars.

Mrs. Lydia Holland of Nebraska City, one of Nebraska's few women hog raisers, paid \$655 for a Poland China sow at a public sale at Shenandoah, Ia., the other day. It was the top price at the sale.

Sidney voters are taking keen interest in the special election called by the city council for Sept. 14, to vote on a \$100,000 bond proposition for improving the municipal light and water systems.

The Lincoln highway through Nebraska is being permanently marked with enameled signs of steel, 10x21 inches in size, carrying the standard marker in three colors.

The American Legion chose Fremont as the 1921 convention city for the organization at the recent meeting at Fremont, August 24 to 27 were the dates selected.

A Nebraska pig, bred by the University agricultural college, was shipped from Lincoln by airplane the other day to the Wisconsin state fair at Milwaukee.

The census bureau at Washington announced the population of Keith county as 5,294, an increase of 1,061 over the 1910 census, or 43.4 per cent gain in ten years.

The formation of a company of Nebraska National Guards at Auburn is progressing satisfactorily, more than 50 per cent of the required number having signed up.

Hemingford's Community club is planning a fall festival for September 15, principal events to be auto racing, baseball and other sports.

Fillmore county has a population of 13,671, a decrease of 1,063 persons since 1910, the census bureau at Washington announced.

In spite of the fact that rural teachers are being paid up to \$150 a month, a deficit of these school ma'ams exists in Sherman county.

It is estimated that 600 Nebraska G. A. R. veterans will attend the national encampment at Indianapolis this month.

Chadron's latest water bond issue of \$89,594 carried at a special election by the decisive majority of 4 to 1. Many women took part in the election.

Bishop Homer Stuntz officiated at the dedication of the new \$38,000 Methodist church at St. Edward.

Farmers in the Callaway district are planning to secure a carload of Kenrad wheat for seed purposes.

Officials of Dodge county have inaugurated a campaign against alimony slackers. They are to be given the choice of paying up or going to jail.

The stock company organized at Seward to solve the home shortage problem has already built four houses and has two more under construction. The houses are sold at about cost to residents and those back of the movement claim it is proving a boon to the city.

Since early spring fourteen blocks of brick paving have been laid at St. Edward.

Investigation of the charges filed against F. W. and Stanley Bartos, Wilber attorneys, on which disbarment proceedings were brought in the state supreme court, will open at Lincoln September 14.

A petition signed by nearly every man in Riverton was filed with the State Railway Commission, at Lincoln, asking for an order requiring the Burlington to stop its through passenger train at that place.

## Upper Slesvig Celebrates Return



King Christian of Denmark mounted on a white charger entering Upper Slesvig for the first time through an arch of triumph erected at Frederichsholm, Upper Slesvig, which until 1864 belonged to Denmark, voted to return in the recent plebiscite.

## Students Orate in Six Tongues

### World's Record Broken at Exercises in U. S. School in Constantinople.

### GREAT CROWD IN ATTENDANCE

Armenian, Turkish, Greek, French, Bulgarian and English Used in Addressing Cosmopolitan Crowd at Commencement.

Constantinople.—The world's record for the number of languages used in its commencement exercises will probably go to Robert college this year. Orations were delivered in six tongues, and, at that, the program was

less polyglot than it used to be before the war. Each of the orators spoke his native tongue, according to the traditions of the American school established 57 years ago. The school has American standards and ideals, and a majority of its teachers are Americans, but its aim is to educate men for service in their own countries, rather than in English-speaking countries.

#### Cosmopolitan Crowd Attends.

Armenian, Turkish, Greek, French, Bulgarian and English were the languages used by the orators, and the chapel of the college was filled with a cosmopolitan crowd typical of Constantinople's intellectuals. At the very time Admiral Bristol, the American high commissioner, was advising the 32 graduates to devote their lives to a lessening of the racial and religious hatreds of the Levant, war was going on at four distinct fronts in the Turkish empire, the British, French, Greeks and Armenians all being engaged in the conflict with the Turkish nationalists.

The band of the Second battalion British Cheshire regiment, which is guarding Constantinople from nationalist attacks, played for commencement and warships of the allied powers lay in Bosphorus at the foot of the heights on which Robert college stands.

#### Turkish Girls Graduate.

About the same time the Constantinople College for Women, another American institution, held its commencement exercises. Two Turkish girls were among the 23 young women graduated this year. The college is notable for having managed to keep its work going throughout the war and for having kept peace among its students from 17 nations, most of which were fighting either with or against America. The two Turkish graduates wore the same black academic gown as their classmates, but instead of the mortarboard cap wore white veils draped about their hair. A little Turkish woman who is a member of the faculty also wore the white Moslem head dress.

Admiral Bristol here also delivered the commencement address to the class, which contained one Jewish, nine Armenians, nine Greeks and two Bulgarians. Music for the exercises was furnished by the orchestra of the British dreadnaught, the Iron Duke, and the diplomas were presented by Dr. Mary Mills Patrick, president and founder of the college, which has conferred the degree of bachelor of arts upon 30 classes and numbers among its graduates prominent women in all the Balkan states.

## Blacked Boots Here for 52 Years



This aged Turkish bootblack declares that he has had this same stand in Constantinople for 52 years and that he once polished the sultan's shoes. He says that for more than 30 years he has not missed a day. His stand is just across the street from the American Red Cross headquarters.

IMPROVED UNIFORM INTERNATIONAL

# SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

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## LESSON FOR SEPTEMBER 12

### THE GLORY OF SOLOMON'S REIGN.

LESSON TEXT—1 Kings 10:1-13, 23-25. GOLDEN TEXT—Blessed is every one that feareth the Lord, that walketh in his ways.—Ps. 128:1.

ADDITIONAL MATERIAL—1 Kings 9:1-28; 10:14-25. PRIMARY TOPIC—A Queen Visits a King.

JUNIOR TOPIC—The Queen of Sheba Visits Solomon.

INTERMEDIATE AND SENIOR TOPIC—The Climax of Israel's Greatness. YOUNG PEOPLE AND ADULT TOPIC—Tests of National Greatness.

#### I. The Queen of Sheba Visits Solomon (vv. 1, 2).

Her visit was the result of Solomon's widespread fame. That which made him famous was:

1. The extent of his kingdom (4:21-25). He ruled over all the kingdoms from the Euphrates river to the Mediterranean sea, except the Phoenicians, but they were in alliance with him. This was the nearest to the realization of the divine promise, (Gen. 15:18), that Israel ever enjoyed. Yet the fulness of the promised possession shall be realized when the Greater than Solomon is king.

2. His great wisdom (4:29-34). It excelled that of the Chaldeans, Persians and Egyptians (vv. 30, 31). None of his contemporaries approached unto him in knowledge. He had a singularly comprehensive mind. He was (1) a moral philosopher—spoke 3,000 proverbs; (2) a poet—his songs were a thousand and five; (3) a botanist—he spoke of trees, from the cedar tree that is in Lebanon even unto the hyssop that springeth out of the wall; (4) a zoologist—he spoke of beasts and fowl, and of creeping things, and of fishes. He was superior in intellect to any of his own or any other age.

3. The temple (chs. 5 and 6). This was an exact reproduction of the tabernacle, double in size, in marble and gold. The amount of labor, skill and money expended on the building was exceedingly great (1 Chron. 22:14-16). Never before had such a costly structure appeared.

4. Royal palaces adjoining the temple (ch. 7). Following the erection of the temple he began the building of his own house. He was nearly twice as long in building this as in building the Lord's house.

5. His commerce (9:26-28; cf. II Chron. 9:10, 21). His trading ships went east as far as the Indian ocean, perhaps even to India; and west as far as Spain.

6. Army and navy (10:26-29; cf. 9:27). Such wealth and greatness would at some time provoke opposition, so he put his nation into a state of preparedness.

All this greatness was associated with the name of the Lord. It was known that his fame was due to his relation with the living God. No one ever had a greater missionary opportunity than he. Wealth and knowledge may be powerful factors for the extension of the cause of Christ.

#### II. The Queen of Sheba Astonished (vv. 3-9).

After the interview in which Solomon answered all her questions, she was overwhelmed with his great wisdom. She had pled him with hard questions to see if he could measure up to his reputation, and found that the half had not been told her.

#### III. The Queen of Sheba Gives Gifts to Solomon (vv. 10-13).

As was the custom, she brought gifts to Solomon, the king, the gold of which was in value between three and four millions of dollars.

This was a large gift for that time, but Solomon more than recompensed her. He gave her all she desired and in addition, of his royal bounty. While her gift to him was great, his to her was greater, even in keeping with his possessions. God gives unto them who give their hearts unto him—exceeding abundantly above all they ask or think (Eph. 3:20).

#### IV. All the Earth Sought Solomon (vv. 23-25).

His fame spread to all the earth so that the people came to hear the wisdom which God gave to him. They came with their gifts of silver, gold, garments, spices, horses and mules, so that silver came to be as common in Jerusalem as stone. There is a time coming when the Greater than Solomon shall be king over all the earth, and then all the people thereof shall come to him with their gifts, and he shall give unto them of his royal bounty. Happy, indeed, will all those be who recognize him and give their allegiance to him!

#### Good Conscience.

A good conscience is to the soul what health is to the body; it preserves constant ease and serenity within us, and more than countervails all the calamities and afflictions which can befall us from without.—Addison.

#### Cheerful Friends.

Everyone must have felt that a cheerful friend is like a sunny day, which sheds its brightness all around; and most of us can, as we choose, make this world either a palace or a prison.—Sir J. Lubbock.