

REYES MAY BE RULER

Columbian Delegate Will Probably Receive Profound of the Presidency.

MINISTERS VISIT MEXICO FOR CONFERENCE

Transit Across the Isthmus Is No Way Interfered With.

MORE HOSTILITIES EXPECTED TO FOLLOW

Panama and Colon, in Hands of Opponents, Breed Strife.

MACHIAS KEEPS AN EYE ON THE RAILROAD

United States Gunboat Takes No Part in Fighting, but Sees to It that Foreign Interests Come to No Harm.

MEXICO CITY, Nov. 21.—General Pedro

Deza and General Holguin, the former minister of war of Colombia and the latter formerly finance minister, have arrived here to confer with General Reyes, a member of the Pan-American congress.

ORIZABA, Mex., Nov. 21.—General Rafael

Reyes of Colombia was on a train between Orizaba and Orizaba with the other delegates to the Pan-American congress today, when he was shown the Associated Press dispatch announcing the taking of Colombia by the Colombian liberals.

Reyes' Plans Unsettled.

When asked whether he would accept the presidency of Colombia and whether this liberal success would cause any change in his plans, he said: "I prefer not to say whether I will accept the presidency until I have conferred with General Ospina and George Holguin on my return to Mexico City tomorrow. So far I have declined the offer. I cannot say just now whether or not I may take a different view of the matter after conferring with my countrymen, but this latest event will not in any case affect my decision."

WASHINGTON, Nov. 21.—The secretary

of the navy has received the following cablegram from Captain Perry, commanding the battleship Iowa, dated Panama, today:

Everything quiet. No further interference since notification. Transit and telegraphic communication open. Colon in possession of liberals and quiet.

Rest on Their Arms.

COLON, Colombia, Nov. 21.—The city of Colon was perfectly quiet last yesterday and last night. It is claimed in behalf of the liberals that there has been no unbecomingly behavior. Foreigners are being respected and protected and transit across the isthmus is uninterrupted.

Break Must Come.

The feeling of the community cannot be regarded as antagonistic to liberalism. The existing conditions have created no panic, but it is recognized that the fact that the liberals hold Colon, while the conservatives are in possession of Panama, creates a state of affairs which cannot possibly continue.

Colonel Barrera reports that the government troops here numbered little less than 120 men. It was reported at first that twelve men had been killed and about thirty wounded, but the bodies of more dead men have since been discovered.

The inspector of customs escaped on an outgoing steamer. Several prisoners who were captured by the liberals have since been released.

General Zaldiva commands 300 liberal

troops at Gatun railroad station, about six miles from Colon. The liberals claim to be in possession of all the railroad stations between Colon and Lascasas, which is nearer to Panama than to Colon.

Panama Safe for the Present.

No immediate attack on Panama is contemplated. Colonel Barrera, a waiting for the arrival of Colonel of the liberal chief, Domingo Diaz, who is expected in a day or two. When Diaz reaches this city definite plans will be formulated.

General Patisso, the original commander of the liberal force, which captured Colon, is said to have intended to capture the Colombia gunboat, General Pinzon, in person, and some say that the general was drowned in an effort to reach it in a boat which capsized. Colonel Barrera, however, denies this, but there is no doubt that the capture of the boat General Pinzon was completed.

The United States gunboat Machias, if it

is understood, will not interfere with any of the fighting, but will protect the railroad and foreign interests. A few armed liberal troops left Colon by train this morning for Gatun.

The following cablegram was received at the State department today from Consul General Gunder, dated Panama, today:

Everything quiet. Communication restored and transit across the isthmus uninterrupted.

Still Erecting Defenses.

The government at Panama is still busy erecting breastworks in the vicinity of the railroad property, in the direction of which the liberal attack is expected.

The mayor of Panama started in a launch belonging to the canal company yesterday morning to report the state of affairs to General Alban. Since the mayor's return to Panama it has been rumored that he found the general at Chorrera and that he decided to take his forces back to Panama by land and reinforce the garrison there.

Certain sources of information have it that the canal company's largest launch was loaned to the government last Sunday to convey General Alban and his troops to Chorrera and that it was sunk on Tuesday near Taboga.

The political prisoners at Panama have

CHAMBERLAIN IN BAD REPUTE

Fresh Offense in Taken in Germany Over Recent Letter of Colonial Secretary.

OLD BIBLE IS GOOD ENOUGH

Seven Persons Lose Their Lives Over Proposition to Translate Scriptures into Modern Greek.

ATHENS, Nov. 21.—The agitation

against the proposal to translate the gospels into modern Greek was continued today. Twenty thousand persons assembled around the ruins in the temple of Jupiter Olympus and took part in a demonstration organized by the students. A resolution was passed calling on the holy synod to expunge any person who translated the gospels into Greek as now spoken.

Eight hundred marines were landed and operated with the troops in patrolling the locality. Several collisions occurred and occasional shots were fired. The students still hold the university buildings.

LYNCH DEFEATS PLUNKETT

Colonel Who Fought in Boer Army Elected to Parliament Over Unionist Candidate.

DUBLIN, Nov. 21.—The election today in the Parliamentary contest, Galway district, between Arthur Lynch, who fought as a colonel in the Boer army, and Horace Plunkett, a nationalist, resulted in a victory for the former by the following figures: Lynch, 1,247; Plunkett, 473.

On the whole the polling was conducted with comparative orderliness. A large additional force of police prevented numerous disorders, which were the outcome of drunkenness and riotous behavior. Women were conspicuous in these affairs and many of them were arrested.

In the event of Colonel Lynch's election being quashed on the ground that he is a traitor, Mr. Plunkett says he will decline to take the seat, but is willing to accept the seat if he will be returned straight or not at all. Colonel Lynch's friends seem satisfied that he will attempt to take the seat.

REAL KING BEATS REAL QUEEN

Domestic Encounter May Explain Draga's Sickness from Almost Fatal Poisoning.

LONDON, Nov. 21.—A special dispatch from Budapest today says a newspaper there asserts that Queen Draga and King Alexander of Serbia, recently quarreled and the king slapped the queen, who thereafter thereupon drank poison, but her life was saved by physicians.

MANY COOKS STIR THE BROT

National Commission and Exposition Officials Rival to Exert Authority.

ST. LOUIS, Nov. 21.—Another day was spent in fruitless conferences between the Expositions National commission and officials of the Louisiana Purchase Exposition company over disputed points in the rules and regulations adopted by the local organization for the government of foreign exhibitors. There is a difference of opinion as to whether the national commission or the local organization shall have supreme jurisdiction in this matter.

As the rules were adopted they gave to the local company the power to act as a board of appeals in any arbitration in any differences that might arise between foreign exhibitors and the exposition. The national commissioners hold that under section 4 of the act of congress, creating that body, it is entitled to this prerogative. Neither body seems willing to accede to the point.

After the commission adjourned last night the legislative and organization committees went over the regulations carefully and concluded they could not agree to the amendments made by the national commission. When the commission met today President Francis and General Counsel Blair asked them to modify the amendments and made lengthy arguments to that end. This the national commission declined to do, adjourning until tomorrow, after taking action on some appointments and matters of routine.

A letter was received from Miss Helen Gould accepting the appointment by the commission as a member of the Women's Board of Managers of the Louisiana Purchase exposition.

At a joint meeting of the executive and organization commissions this afternoon President Francis and Mr. Blair reported upon their conference with the national commission regarding the rules and regulations. Communication was received from the national commission indicating that an agreement had been reached on nearly all of the rules. The president and general counsel were directed to continue the negotiations with the national commission in which will permit the early promulgation of the rules.

Buffalo Reaches San Juan.

SAN JUAN, P. R., Nov. 21.—The United States training ship Buffalo arrived here today.

CASE AGAINST MRS. BONINE

With Jury Secured, Court Hears Circumstances of Ayres' Killing.

TAGGART TELLS WHY IT WAS MURDER

Assistant District Attorney, for the Government, Says the Woman Shot Maliciously After Her Advances Were Rejected.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 21.—The trial of Mrs. Lola Ida Bonine on the charge of killing James Seymour Ayres, Jr., was fairly launched today. The preliminary presentation of the case was made by Assistant District Attorney Hugh T. Taggart and after he had finished, a number of witnesses were heard. Mr. Taggart's statement consumed an hour and fifteen minutes and consisted for the most part of a review.

Mr. Taggart stated the theory of the prosecution to be that Ayres was murdered by Mrs. Bonine and that she gained access to his room through the window, reaching that by means of the fire escape. He attempted to show that she was plied by his non-attention to her.

Mrs. Bonine apparently was unmoved by his representation. Once or twice during the address she leaned over and spoke to her attorneys. The witnesses of the day did not throw any new light upon the killing.

In his address Mr. Taggart contended that the killing of young Ayres had been felonious and malicious and therefore was to be characterized as murder, as charged in the indictment. There was, he said, a tie between the prisoner and the dead man in the fact that Ayres was a student of dentistry and she had studied medicine. As a consequence she became a frequent visitor at his room in the hotel where they both lived, not only in the daytime, but at night as well, "and," he added, "the door was not always open when she was there."

He told of the quarrels between them, saying that Ayres ceased to speak to her and that she complained of his inactivity. "We expect to show," he said, "that while she made advances to him, Ayres did not avail himself of the opportunity thus offered beyond dancing with her again. He had danced with her on the night before the tragedy, but had shown that he was averse to the renewal of the former familiar intercourse. As an instance of his attitude toward Mrs. Bonine, Mr. Taggart said that Ayres had refused to accept a carnation from her on the Monday before the killing. It was therefore evident," he said, "that she was not indifferent, that the meeting had adopted resolutions of lament at the assassination of President McKinley and containing an invocation of the benediction of heaven on his successor's administration. These resolutions were read in the presence of the archbishops of the United States."

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The archbishops will meet tomorrow morning. After they have concluded there will be a session of the committee on the distribution of funds for the Indian and other relief. The committee is composed of Cardinal Gibbons and Archbishop Keane of St. Louis and Rev. Dr. Ryan, president of St. Joseph's seminary, New York, the treasurer of the Bureau of Catholic Relief, and other members. The committee will meet at the residence of Dr. Stephens. The present expectation is that Father Ketcham, the assistant director of the bureau, will be chosen.

ACTIVE CAREER COMES TO END

General Bullington, Who Has Brought Ordnance to High State of Efficiency, Retires.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 21.—General Adolbert R. Bullington, chief of the Bureau of Ordnance, will retire tomorrow, having reached the age limit. General Bullington became chief of the bureau in 1899 and during his incumbency many improvements have been made in this branch. His most important work was the strengthening of the high state of efficiency. Other improvements made during his administration were the equipment of a large volunteer force in the Philippines with small arms; the equipment of the newly organized force with small arms; the improvement of the armory, which is now a simpler and stronger arm, with increased velocity and which can be used either as a single loader or magazine rifle; the improvement and preparation tests of new field guns; the improvement of the new field gun, which is claimed, with the secret explosive "D," will make the United States lead the world.

IOWA BOARD SEEKS ADVICE

Health Commissioners Are Given Permission to Enforce Quarantine Against Sae and Fox Tribes.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 21.—Governor Shaw of Iowa today telegraphed to Secretary Hitchcock asking for some action looking to enforcing some smallpox regulation against the Sae and Fox tribes.

"Smallpox raging among the Sae and Fox Indians on their respective reservations in Iowa county, Iowa; thirty-five deaths. Doubt the authority of the State Board of Health to quarantine among themselves nor stay on reservation. I wire for instructions. Still Bullington a complimentary dinner last night."

TRY IT FIRST ON THE COLLIER

Then if All Goes Well Navy Officials Will Put Battleship Illinois in New Drydock.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 21.—The battleship Illinois left Newport News yesterday for New Orleans, where the Navy department has sent it to test the large floating drydock at the New Orleans naval station. In the interests of safety the collier Sterling, which is now loading at Lambert's Point, will proceed to New Orleans and take its place in the dock and then if all goes well Illinois will put it to the final test.

BATTLESHIP NEBRASKA WAITS

Less Than One Per Cent of the Work of Construction Is Accomplished.

MASS MEETING TALKS TAX

Municipal Housekeeping Gets Some Little General Consideration.

NOTABLE SPEAKERS HANDLE THE TOPIC

All Agree that Collection and Expenditure of Public Income Should Be Conducted with Care and Economy.

Six hundred voters gathered in the council chamber of the city hall last night to hear the discussion of plans for the reduction of taxation in Omaha and Douglas county and city governments, but was in no sense a consolidation meeting. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss any plan which promises to lower the rates of taxation.

It was a representative crowd that filled the council chamber. Business and professional men joined with laboring men at side by side. South Omaha was well represented in the meeting and voters from every precinct in the county were present. The Commercial club sent a large delegation. Various labor organizations were represented in the meeting. Business and professional men joined with laboring men in the meeting, which discussed the subject in which all are vitally interested—taxation.

For two hours and a half methods of economizing in public expenditures were discussed by rounds of applause. His utterances, with the exception of occasional outbursts of applause. All the speakers were given the closest attention and there was none of the wrangling which frequently characterizes mass meetings.

ARCHBISHOPS ARE IN SESSION

Benediction Is Called Down Upon Labors of President-Distribution of Funds Considered.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 21.—The annual meeting of the archbishops of the Catholic church in the United States began at the Catholic university today. Cardinal Gibbons presided and the assembly included Archbishop Williams of Boston, Corrigan of New York, Elder of Cincinnati, Ryan of Philadelphia, Ireland of St. Paul, Kain of St. Louis, Keene of Dubuque and Christie of Omaha. The assembly considered a number of matters of interest to the welfare of the Catholic church and reviewed generally the affairs of the hierarchy. The only feature of the proceedings formally made public after the day's work had been concluded was that the meeting had adopted resolutions of lament at the assassination of President McKinley and containing an invocation of the benediction of heaven on his successor's administration. These resolutions were read in the presence of the archbishops of the United States.

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MATHIS ASSISTS THE NEGRO

Alleged Murderer Admits that He Holds Lamp and Pistol While Lester Does the Shooting.

OXFORD, Miss., Nov. 21.—Will Mathis, the alleged murderer of the two Montgomerys who gave himself up last night in Dallas, was brought here today by a posse of city armen. When first arrested, it is said, Mathis confessed to having shot the two Montgomerys and gave a detailed account of the deed, which tallied with the confession made by the negro, Orlando Lester. Mathis' alleged partner in the crime.

reaching Oxford Mathis voluntarily made a statement before the coroner's jury. He said that he held the lamp and a pistol while the negro, Orlando Lester, did the shooting.

Mathis said he regretted having burned the bodies, but also regretted that he had not killed the other persons who had attempted to arrest him. Throughout the examination Mathis maintained a look of smug unconcern and defiance. He answered every question asked by Attorney Stone, Clevelo, Roan and M. A. Montgomery unhesitatingly and ably.

At the conclusion of the brief examination District Attorney Roan read a telegram from Judge Lowrey of Batesville, which said he was willing to hold a special term of court and give Mathis a trial at Batesville. Mathis was then hurried to the jail and locked up.

The jury that sat on the case of the two Montgomerys found that they came to their deaths at the hands of Will Mathis, Orlando Lester and Whit Owens and the three negroes. Mathis was held in jail without bonds. He was held in jail without bond as accessory to the crime. William Jackson and Mrs. Mathis will be held as witnesses.

M'KINLEY AT BROTHER'S TOMB

Brother of Dead President in Company with Widow, Visits Cemetery at Canton.

CANTON, O., Nov. 21.—Abner McKinley, brother of the late president, was here today. During the day he accompanied Mrs. McKinley on a short drive, which included a visit to the cemetery. Acting on the advice of her physicians, Mrs. McKinley has ceased to enter the vault, but Mr. McKinley went inside today. The casket is almost entirely concealed by flowers, which are received from time to time. Mr. McKinley went to Cleveland this evening to visit his sisters, Mrs. Duncan and Helen McKinley.

FREIGHT ENGINE TURNS OVER

Cottonbelt Train Leaves Rails, Bringing Death to Several Members of the Crew.

PINE BLUFF, Ark., Nov. 21.—Near Goldman, about thirty-five miles north of here, today the engine of a Cottonbelt fast freight jumped the track and turned over. Conductor Walter Noble of Jonesboro was killed and a brakeman, a fireman and an engineer were probably fatally injured. Six cars were demolished.

Movements of Ocean Vessels Nov. 21.

At New York—Sailed—La Bretagne, for Hav. At Yokohama—Arrived—Empress of Japan, from Vancouver, via Honolulu and Hahaione. At Glasgow—Arrived—Kastalia, from Hong Kong. Arrived—Empress of India, from Vancouver, via Yokohama. At Cienfuegos—Sailed—Kron, for Havana. At Antwerp—Sailed—Switzerland, for Philadelphia. At Queenstown—Sailed—Majestic, for Liverpool, for New York. At London—Sailed—Mitsopoli, for New York. At Rotterdam—Sailed—Potsdam, for New York. At Liverpool—Sailed—New England, for Queenstown and Boston. At Rio Janeiro—Arrived—Flinshire, from Sao Francisco, via Coronel, etc., for Antwerp.

CONDITION OF THE WEATHER

Forecast for Nebraska—Snow and Cold Friday; Cold Wave at Night in Eastern Portion; Saturday Fair; Northerly Winds.

TEMPERATURE AT OMAHA YESTERDAY:

Table with columns: Hour, Deg., Hour, Deg. Rows: 5 a.m., 8 a.m., 11 a.m., 2 p.m., 5 p.m., 8 p.m., 11 p.m.

MANY MEN READY TO WORK

Railroad Operators Say that All Forces Necessary to Move Trains Are Now on Hand.

NEW YORK, Nov. 21.—All was quiet at the yards of the New York, New Haven & Hartford railroad at Mt. Haven tonight. No attempt was made to do much work in the yard, but the Cannon Ball freight-express, which was made up during the day, left on schedule time.

"We are doing business all right and will receive no more delegations tonight," said Superintendent Wardrop. "All the men I want are coming in fast; in fact I can get more men than I can take care of. Tomorrow morning every engine we have will be at work and we will clean up the yards fast."

In addition to the sixty-five men who arrived this afternoon to take the places of strikers, several more arrived tonight. They came from the school fund September 4, 1901, or less than three months after their sale by the county. Before they were turned into the school fund, however, interest coupons, measuring a difference of 1 per cent were detached, to make the purchase for the state on the basis of 3 1/2 per cent interest. In this case are that while the bonds were in transit from Oteo county to the state treasury will compute probably more than \$5,000, and had Mr. Stuefer made arrangements with the county to take these bonds instead of waiting to the bonds on interest, the bond brokers that sum would have been saved to the school fund or to the county.

The people here have just begun to realize the significance of the transaction since the facts in the Burt and Cuming county bond deals have been brought to their notice. The middlemen in this case are not known to be associated with Treasurer Stuefer in any direct way, but the principle of the investment is the same so far as it means a direct loss to the school fund that was entirely unnecessary. This is especially true in view of the fact that the Oteo county bonds sold at par and that a special effort was made before they were negotiated to prevail upon the state officials to take them for the school fund.

ANOTHER SAMPLE OF STUEFER BOND DEAL

More Facts that Explain Why the Permanent School Fund Produces Smaller and Smaller Revenue.

(From a Staff Correspondent.) NEBRASKA CITY, Nov. 21.—(Special.)—Oteo county issued \$50,000 of funding judgment bonds on May 1 of this year. These bonds, under the constitution, are proper securities for investment for the state school fund. They bore 4 1/2 per cent interest and were payable at different periods, making an average for the whole series of about twelve years. These bonds were sold to an eastern bond broker June 18, 1901.

Forty-four thousand dollars of the same bonds was bought by State Treasurer Stuefer for the school fund September 4, 1901, or less than three months after their sale by the county. Before they were turned into the school fund, however, interest coupons, measuring a difference of 1 per cent were detached, to make the purchase for the state on the basis of 3 1/2 per cent interest. In this case are that while the bonds were in transit from Oteo county to the state treasury will compute probably more than \$5,000, and had Mr. Stuefer made arrangements with the county to take these bonds instead of waiting to the bonds on interest, the bond brokers that sum would have been saved to the school fund or to the county.

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HOW THE DEAL WAS MADE.

The story of the bond issue is briefly told. The \$50,000 of Oteo county bonds, now the property of the permanent school fund of the state, were issued to pay a judgment secured in the federal court at Omaha against Nebraska City precinct, Oteo county, and in favor of John Martin Clapp, the Hancock Insurance company and the Holliston bank. The judgment and costs amounted to \$31,687.75. When was obtained the middlemen decided to buy the bonds rather than levy a judgment tax for so large amount it would issue bonds to the amount of \$50,000 and immediately set about finding a purchaser. County Clerk H. R. Young and Members of the Board of Supervisors C. J. Mullis and Charles Norman went to Lincoln to ascertain whether they could dispose of them to the state for the permanent school fund holdings. Clerk Young says they received no encouragement and that correspondence on the subject was no more satisfactory.

Having no assurance or encouragement that the state would take them, correspondence was opened with firms dealing in bonds and in this manner they received a proposition from the federal court at Omaha. O. This firm agreed to take bonds bearing 4 1/2 per cent interest, payable semi-annually, at par, the county to pay \$60 to the firm for furnishing the blank bonds. These bonds were bought by Oteo county for \$50,000, but the county paid the balance of \$10,000 on the first day of each April in the years 1912-13-14-15-16-17; \$4,000 on the first day of each April in the years 1918-19-20-21.

To Lincoln by Way of Toledo.

The proposition was submitted to the board by the agent of the purchasers, Mr. Barnett, on April 8, 1901, and the issue of the bonds on the federal court at Omaha by the purchasers, Spitzer & Co., was authorized April 30, 1901.

On June 18 of the same year the bonds were ordered delivered to Spitzer & Co., delivery to be made at the Omaha National bank on satisfactory evidence being produced that the judgment held by John Martin Clapp, the Hancock Insurance company and the Holliston bank had been satisfied and a certificate furnished to that effect. In addition to the bonds the county delivered to Spitzer & Co. warrants for \$1,748.37 in the year 1900-1901; \$2,000 on the first day of each April in the years 1912-13-14-15-16-17; \$4,000 on the first day of each April in the years 1918-19-20-21.

PROMISED STATEMENT STILL DUE.

LINCOLN, Nov. 21.—(Special.)—Nothing additional was given out by Treasurer Stuefer today in explanation of the Burt and Cuming county bond deals.

ROOSEVELT THERE IN SPIRIT

President Sends Best Wishes to Team of Alma Mater, Urging It to Do Its Best.

CAMBRIDGE, Mass., Nov. 21.—President Roosevelt, who two years ago led the cheering for Harvard at the game with Yale, in reply to an invitation from the Harvard management to attend Saturday's game, tonight sent the following telegram: "I regret more than I can say that it is utterly impossible for me to come. Will you please give my good wishes to the team and say that I am sure they can win and that I count upon their playing without a letup from the first to the last."

OTOE COUNTY BONDS

Go from Nebraska City to Lincoln by Way of Toledo.

COUPONS CLIPPED OFF AS USUAL ENROUTE

Sold by County at 4 1-2, Bought by State at 3 1-2.

DIRECT NEGOTIATIONS NOT ENCOURAGED

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