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## WAR VESSEL TO CUBA

Cruiser Des Moines Sent to Key West at Request of State Department.

### EIGHT HOURS' RUN FROM HAVANA

Ship Will Be Used for Asylum for Americans if Needed.

### PRESIDENT WATCHING SITUATION

United States is Prepared to Take Any Necessary Action.

### NO INTERVENTION INTENDED NOW

Government Will Not Take Charge Unless Rebellion Assumes Proportions of General Confusion.

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## TWO PAYMASTERS SELECTED

Colonel Sniffen Named for Army and Director Rogers Chosen for Navy.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 11.—Word was received at the War department today from Oyster Bay that President Roosevelt has appointed Colonel C. Sniffen as paymaster general of the army to succeed General Dodge, who retires today. Secretary Bonaparte announced today that the president had selected Pay Director R. B. Rogers to be paymaster general of the navy. There has been a splintering of opinion at the War department in regard to the selection of Sniffen as paymaster general of the army. He is ninth in the list of pay directors, with the rank of captain. He was appointed to the pay corps from California in March, 1878.

The new paymaster general has been in the service since March 3, 1877. He was appointed paymaster with the rank of major at the time by President Grant, whose private secretary he had been for several years. Few officers have more intimate knowledge of everything pertaining to Grant's administration than General Sniffen. He is a native of New York and was appointed to the pay corps in March, 1878. Colonel Towler, of the pay corps was the ranking officer, but he does not retire until nearly two years after General Sniffen, and he waived his seniority in favor of his junior so that General Sniffen might become brigadier general before he reached the rank of colonel. General Sniffen will serve until January 1, 1908.

The new paymaster general is one of the most popular officers in the army and has long been regarded as one of the most efficient men in his corps. He served in the Spanish-American war and has spent several years was stationed in Washington as assistant paymaster general. The retirement of General Dodge caused a number of other promotions, namely, Lieutenant Colonel William H. Conroy to be colonel, Major Elijah W. Halford to be lieutenant colonel, and Captain John R. Lynch to be major. Colonel Conroy has been in the pay corps since 1881, when he was appointed from Ohio. Colonel Halford was secretary to President Harrison. Major Lynch is a negro and was once a member of the house of representatives from Mississippi and was later fourth auditor of the treasury.

## MAINE MAJORITIES LOWER

Prohibition Question Said to Have Been Principal Issue in the Campaign.

PORTLAND, Me., Sept. 11.—With fifty towns and plantations missing out of 22 in the state, the return for the election of Governor William T. Cobb received a plurality of 7,586 in yesterday's election. The vote of the 60 towns heard from give Cobb, republican, 67,488; Davis, democrat, 60,712.

Most of the missing localities are accessible only by canoe or stage and may not be heard from for several days. Governor Cobb holds odds to the republican vote of four years ago in the missing towns his plurality will approximate 8,000, but this will be the smallest plurality received by any governor since 1884.

In the Second congressional district 114 out of 129 towns voted. Charles Littlefield, 18,388 against 11,261 votes cast for Daniel J. McGillicuddy, democrat. The republican plurality shows a net loss of 4,152, as compared with the vote of four years ago. In nearly all the sixteen counties the democrats elected at least a portion of the local tickets and in some they made a clean sweep. It is believed that many recounts may be necessary on account of the closeness of the vote.

## DEPOSITORS OF HIBERNIA SAVINGS BECOME SCARED FROM SOME UNASSENTED CAUSE.

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 11.—For some unknown reason some of the depositors of the Hibernia Savings Bank started a run on the bank today. The Hibernia is the biggest savings bank on the Pacific coast, having 450,000 depositors, and the deposits amount to over \$9,000,000. The bank always has been noted for its conservatism and is regarded as a strong institution. When the run started today police were called to keep the people in line and depositors were paid off as fast as they appeared. Five paymaster clerks were kept busy, and no advantage was taken by the bank of its rules requiring notice before a deposit could be withdrawn. Joseph B. Tobin, one of the officers of the bank, stated that he knew of no cause for the run. He said the bank was able to pay all depositors who applied for the money.

## DESPERATE FIGHTING EXPECTED.

HAVANA, Sept. 11.—So far as war developments went, today was one of the quietest since the outbreak of the insurrection, but the public interest was deeper and discussion more animated and earnest than on any preceding day. The government's outright declaration that the war will be prosecuted to a finish was everywhere the sole topic of conversation. That fighting of a far more desperate character will result than the war which has spread throughout the provinces is not doubted in any quarter. The fear of an attack by the insurgents on Havana is spreading and there are rumors more or less authentic from all directions of new uprisings.

The news that the United States is sending one or more warships to Cuba is exciting great interest here. There is a general belief that if marines are landed to protect American property and persons, they will not be likely to be withdrawn until peace is thoroughly established with a guarantee of its continuance.

Members of the cabinet and other government officials who were shown the Associated Press dispatch declared that they were not especially concerned, as the administration had nothing to fear from the United States, which has always shown Cuba every friendship. All seemed to regard the sending of a warship as only the usual precautionary measure wherever special disorders exist.

## ATTITUDE OF PALM ADMINISTRATION.

Concerning the present attitude of the government and the views issued by President Palma, General Rafael Montalvo, secretary of public works, said today: "The government has been entirely too lenient with the rebels. Our desire to avoid fraternal bloodshed has been mistaken for vacillation. The suspension of constitutional guarantees was necessary to affect the arrest of several senators and congressmen who form the central revolutionary committee in this city and whose actions have been closely watched lately by men of the secret service."

As to rumors that the rebels proposed attacking Havana General Montalvo said there were but a few important bands on the outskirts of the city and no large force near Havana. The city itself was amply protected.

"Aggressive action now will be begun," General Montalvo concluded, "against the rebels."

## COMMISSION FIXES HEARING

Interstate Commerce Commission Will Meet Tuesday at Chicago on Export Questions.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 11.—In view of the petitions and requests which have reached the Interstate Commerce Commission to allow changes in export and import rates on less than thirty days' notice the commission today decided to conduct an inquiry into the whole subject at Chicago Tuesday, September 18, in the United States court rooms, beginning at 2 o'clock p. m.

The hearing will cover the rates in the central west and the transcontinental lines. All persons, commercial bodies or common carriers are invited to be present, and in addition the commission invites written statements of interested persons who may desire to present their views in that manner, the same to be mailed to the offices in this city on or before October 1.

## SURVIVOR'S STORY OF RIOT

Man Who Escaped from Siedlce Tells of the Slaughter.

### TERRORISTS MAKE SHORT FUTILE STAND

Soldiers Loot Wine Room of Hotel, Get Drunk and Town is Then at Their Mercy.

WARSAW, Sept. 11.—The correspondent of the Associated Press interviewed a refugee from Siedlce today. The man said: "I was staying Saturday at the Kupiecki hotel in Siercie. Suddenly, at 9 o'clock in the evening, I heard two shots, which were at once followed by a volley. In a few moments a number of Jewish women and children rushed into the hotel, pursued by soldiers. The shooting continued for an hour. Then the only noise from the streets was the crying and moaning of the wounded. At midnight several soldiers were heard singing and shouting. They said that troops had been searching houses to discover members of the terrorist band. To this end they went through the Wiktor hotel and pillaged the wine room. They got drunk rapidly and, coming out on the streets, began wholesale murder and plunder."

Batters' Answer Bomb. At 2 o'clock Sunday morning terrorists who were defending a house on Pienska street threw a bomb at the soldiers. Batteries were at once brought into play and bombarded the houses on Pienska and Warsaw streets. The Kupiecki hotel was destroyed. Refugees were fleeing through the streets, and as they ran the soldiers constantly fired volleys at them.

"I ran with the others and managed to reach a church in safety. Here hundreds of fugitives, men, women and children, already had congregated.

"This was at 4 o'clock Sunday morning. I had passed down Sokolowka and Polwca streets and found that the market place had been burned.

"At 10 o'clock two days lack of food and water forced the refugees in the church to leave it. We made our way through streets covered with debris. There were many dead bodies and wounded persons lying about. We finally reached the village of Rookow."

### WOUNDED NOT ATTENDED.

"Most of the families in Siedlce, who barricaded themselves in their houses in fear of the soldiers, have now been three days without supplies. The wounded have not been cared for, as the soldiers will not permit physicians to enter the town."

This refugee would not give his name, as he feared persecution by the police.

"I had a small hardware store on Pienska street. At midnight Sunday soldiers broke into the store and destroyed it. They could not find any money, so they looted it. The artillery fire on Pienska street made it necessary for us to lie flat on the floor until Monday night. Then the fire was so severe that we were forced to flee. We made our way through the streets and the children were wounded. When they reached the fields we were almost starving."

Other refugees declare that the principal plunderers were the restivists, who passed through Siedlce on Monday on their way home.

### TROUBLE AT WARSAW.

In a search for terrorists here last night, about 200 houses were ransacked by troops. About 1,000 arrests, mostly Jews, were made. Many children were taken into custody. They are employed by the terrorists to execute attempts upon government officials, because the movement of children does not arouse suspicion and they are not liable to receive punishment. All suspects have been ordered expelled from the city.

### TOWN BOMBED.

STAVROPOL, Sept. 11.—It is reported here that the village of Shulgut has been bombarded by artillery in consequence of disorders there following the arrest of M. Onipko, the peasant leader of the late parliamt, who is to be tried by court-martial for complicity in the uprising at Cronstadt last July.

The inhabitants fled and their houses were destroyed.

According to reports the artillery is now moving against the village of Petrofskaja.

### NEWS AT CAPITAL.

ST. PETERSBURG, Sept. 11.—Telegrams received by the newspapers of the capital, mostly from refuge sources, united in giving the fighting at Siedlce the character of an anti-Jewish attack. Only the most general details, aside from those already telegraphed, are obtainable here on account of the censorship and the difficulty in using the telegraph wires from Siedlce.

Hebrews here fear the massacre is continuing. Newspapers declare the signal for the massacre was given by displaying a red lantern from the tower of the city hall.

### FIGHT AT HARBIN.

HARBIN, Sept. 11.—Fifteen political prisoners have been killed and fourteen have been wounded in a fight with their guards following an attempt to escape.

### EYESIGHT OF ENGINEERS

Burlington Railroad Issues Statement Regarding Differences with Its Employees.

CHICAGO, Sept. 11.—The Chicago, Burlington & Quincy railroad today issued the following statement regarding the difference between the company and its engineers:

"The only question at issue is the adoption of some standard as to eyesight of passenger engineers in certain specified service. Even the committee for the men admitted to the company requires some standard, tested scientifically, as by 'aid trials,' as necessary, the only difference being as to what it shall be and where it shall be applied. The company offered to say the matter before the Interstate Commerce commission, but the committee advised the adoption of some standard as to eyesight of passenger engineers in certain specified service. Even the committee for the men admitted to the company requires some standard, tested scientifically, as by 'aid trials,' as necessary, the only difference being as to what it shall be and where it shall be applied. The company offered to say the matter before the Interstate Commerce commission, but the committee advised the adoption of some standard as to eyesight of passenger engineers in certain specified service. 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