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THREE BIG BATTLES **WILL BEGIN SOON IN** EUROPEAN TURKEY

Armies of Balkan Allies Cross Frontier on All Sides and Turks Are Retreating.

SMALLER POSTS ARE ABANDONED

Bulgarian Army is Preparing to Attack Fortress of Adrianople.

GREEKS ON THE AGGRESSIVE Army of Sixty Thousand Ready to Attack Town of Servia.

REGIMENT IS EXTERMINATED

Servian Detachment is Reported Annihilated by Land Mines at Point on the Frontier of Novipasar.

BULLETIN.

LONDON, Oct. 21 .- A column of Greek troops was repulsed today when it attacked the Komiadis pass, which is held by the Turks, according to dispatch from Constantinople. Komiadis pass is on the Albanian frontier.

BULLETIN.

SOFIA, Oct. 21.-The Turkish warships today bombarded the Bulgarian fort at Kavarna. The customs house was destroyed and several shops and dwellings were damaged. Kavarna is on the Black sea, twenty-eight miles northeast of

four big battles probably will be begun that convention? ing small and unimportant towns, falling honest?" trenched positions.

The Bulgarian army will, it is thought, assertion that you never would? by the first to strike, the cause of its ob- Is it progressive to preach the "square jective point, the fortress of Adrianople. deal" but to ignore it in practice? grow that of the invaders. It was ru- racy's kite? mored today that two of the outer forts | If those virtues constitute a progressive, Kirk-Kiliszh had been captured, but there sent them?

are said to be 60,000 strong.

The Seventh regiment of Servian infantry are reported to have been exterminated by the excrossing the frontier into the district of ruin of the republican party, that its Novipazar, according to a news agency days of usefulness had passed, and asdispatch from Belgrade.

Servian Column Advancing,

RERGRADE, Oct. 21 .- A Servian column commanded by General Jaukovitch, captured the Turkish entrenchments at the village of Podujevo, near Mtrovitza, on the road to Prishtina during the night. The Turks with their Arnaut auxiliaries retired toward the south, leaving their colors, several cases of ammunition. eighty oxen and a large quality of forage.

Turkish prisoners taken by the Servians engaged, the Ottoman force at Podujevo tribesmen, besides three batteries of ar-

No details are given as to casualties.

American Aviators Eulist. CHICAGO, Oct. 21.-John Schaefer and day for Washington, where they will enlist with the Greek legation for army consulate. They are to fly two of the aeroplanes shipped into the disputed territory several weeks ago.

White Contradicts Witness Against Lieutenant Becker state?

NEW YORK, Oct. 21 .- James D. White, concede the claim or combat the contena policeman formerly attached to Lieu- tion? tenant Becker's "strong arm" squad, took would be praised in the end for killing

Crook Rosenthal. No conversation remately resembling this occurred, according to the police- hand, is a party of principles, not only said Mr. Perkins. "My total contributions lowing bulletin was issued at noon by

James D. Hallen, a state witness, who beginning. produced notes of what purported to be

such a conversation. who followed him, that Becker's raid on party, said: Rosenthal's place was "honest and square" and not made for revenge, as has believed in the country and labored the state charges, after Becker and the for it in hope and joy; it has reverenced gambler had quarreled.

The Weather

Forecast till 7 p. m. Tuesday: For Omaha, Council Bluffs and Vicinity -Fair tonight and Tuesday, colder to-

FOR NEBRASKA-Fair tonight and Tuesday; colder in east portion tonight; rising temperature Tuesday. FOR IOWA-Fair tonight and Tues-



American Voters Are Abandoning the New Party.

PROGRESSIVE IS MISNOMER

Number of Pertinent Questions Are Asked in Regard to Relation of Name to Principles and Practices.

By CHARLES D. HILLES. Chairman Republican National Com-

NEW YORK, Oct. 22.-(Special.)-Third term advocates say they cannot understand what has happened to their cause, why it has dwindled so in popular support in the last month, why it has been abandoned virtually by the great army of American voters.

mittee.

An opponent, who has had a keen interest in the progress of the campaign, might point out reasons which in his opinion tell why the American public has deserted the third term party.

The progressive party so-called, in the first place, was a name based on false pretense. Men have usurped that word "progressive" as a watchword to which

they were not entitled. Is it progressive to profess to change the organic law of the nation by destroying a part of it?

Is it progressive to take from the courts the finality of judgment which has stood as a bulwark of our liberties? Is it progressive to seek to turn over to an irresponsible democracy representing only a minority of the American people on the great issues of the day, control of the federal government for the next four years?

Is it progressive to question the authority and decisions of the United States supreme court?

Many More Questions.

Is it progressive to refuse to abide by the decision of a republican national LONDON, Oct. 21.—Three and perhaps convention, if you are a candidate before to Z.

within a few days on the territory of Is it progressive to assert that asse-European Turkey. The armles of the ciation with yourself turns a corrupt po-Balkan allies have now crossed the fron- litical boss or a trust millionaire into a tier on all sides, while the Turks are giv- "party leader," while association with of proof." ing up their frontier posts and abandon- your adversary stamps everyone as "dis-

back slowly on to their strongly en- Is it progressive to become a candidate for a third term after your sworn

The main Turkish army is growing in Is it progressive for a man who has strength. If the Bulgarians allow the been highly honored by the republican Turks time, the sultan's army will out- party to become the tail of the democ-

of Adrianople had fallen into the Bul- is it any wonder the American voters garians' Mands, and that the town of have resolved to reject those who repre-The fact remains and the voters have

The Greek army is preparing to attack come to realize that fact, that the repubthe Turkish army of 40,000 men concen- lican party is the real progressive party trated at the town of Servia. The Greeks of the United States and has been since its foundation.

Parallel to Greeley Movement. A prominent republican recalled the of Turkish land mines after how its campaign speakers predicted the declared with best of the Boosevelt campaign. Mr. Perkins present. This conquitation was for the ballot instead of six men nominated in the showed they were riding at a height other day the Greeley movement and serted the only way out for republicans was to join the Greeley party. But

Greeley did not secure the electoral votes of a single state in the union. United States Senator Heyburn of Idaho told of hearing his father and Governor Curtin of New Jersey argue the Greeley candidacy and of his father saying: Governor, it is easier to get out of the republican party than it is to kill it or to

get back into it." Governor Curtin got out and never got back, afterwards going to congress say there were no regular Turkish troops as a democratic member. There is a wide gulf between the republican party consisting of two provisional regiments of and thee democratic party and its allies, reserves and six companies of Arnaut and if a man goes floating along on an anti-republican wave, he is likely to get too far from shore to swim back. Republicans in this campaign have decided

to stay ashore. The republican party and President Robert Elliott, Chicago aviators, left to- Taft, its candidate, are true progressives. Is not a party progressive that has administered the affairs of this government

service in the Balkans. The arrangement for fifty years with only a brief interwas made through the Chicago Greek regnum, with the results which confront Would you dare say that the republican good. party has not been progressive when it Mr. Perkins contended that it would be has saved the nation from destruction, reorganized it, organized the great finan-

> Merely because someone claims some- given to aid Colonel Roosevelt. thing which belongs to you, should you

One element has arrogated to itself the To the New York state committee, the witness stand in Becker's defense right to be called "progressive," has de- \$15,000; to E. H. Hooker, for the national today and swore that Becker had never nounced the republican party as being fund, \$22,500; to the washington bureau,

> has no record to submit. Party of Principle.

The republican party, on the other of men. Men come and go, but our gov-This contradicted recent testimony of ernment has stood on principles since the

John Hay, a republican of the highest type, in his address at the fiftieth anni-White also swore, as did two witnesses versary of the birth of the republican

"For fifty years the republican party the flag and followed it; has carried it under strange skies and planted it on farreceding horizons. It has seen the nation grow greater every year and more respected; by just dealing, by intelligent labor, by a genius for enterprise; it has seen the country extend its intercourse and its influence to regions unknown to our fathers. Yet it has never abated one jot or tithe of the ancient law imposed on us by our God-fearing ancestors. We have fought a good fight, Perkins. "Why didn't you ask a member sliently. but also we have kept the faith. The of your own party for a memorandum? constitution of our fathers has been the You didn't ask Mr. Ryan to account for light to our feet; our path is, and will his \$450,000." Deg. ever remain, that of ordered progress, of

liberty under the law." President Taft will be re-elected if republicans are loyal to their party's prin-

THIRD TERM CAUSE WANING PERKINS DENOUNCES PENROSE AND HILLES

Financier Denies that He Underto Convention Car 02 31

Retract Statement. RYAN GIVES TO PARKER FUND Magnate Testifies He Contributed

Demands that anator and Secretary

WANTED TO SAVE ORGANIZATION

Forty-Five Thousand Dollars.

He Says He was Sure Parker Could Not Be Elected, but He Paid Party's Debts to Keep It Alive.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 21.-George W. Perkins today denounced as an "unmitigated falsehood" the charge that he had underwritten the Roosevelt pre-convention campaign this year in the sum of \$3,000,000. He testified that his total contributions were \$122,500.

Rising from the witness chair before the Clapp committee and shaking a clenched fist, Mr. Perkins shouted: "Among the long list of unmitigated

lies throughout this campaign, that statement perhaps ought to be placed at the top, because it is the largest. "I am in hope that Senator Penrose will

be here today. He made that statement on the floor of the senate, and he ought to be required to prove it, or like a gentleman he ought to take it back. There is not a scintilla of truth in it from A

"Just a minute," interrupted Chairman Clapp. "All that is necessary is that you deny it. All that the committee can do left Mercy hospital at exactly 7:20 a. m. is to determine the proof or the absence for the station, where he was to board a

Mr. Perkins was not to be stopped. stand. I want to know whether I can be charged with those things on the floor of the United States senate and not be given an opportunity to disprove them." brought before the committee and say He did not believe the senator should be "Did you ever enter into arrangement be on the way home. to underwrite any portion of Colonel

Roosevelt's campaign?" he was asked. 'Not one dollar." said Mr. Perkins. "Do you know of anyone else undertaking to do so?"

"I do not." Annanias Halo for Hilles.

declared with heat: out of the whole cloth and if Mr. Hilles tions have been made by the Harvester to have the books of the company audited purpose of establishing the coloners at Lincoln that the case will not be for the purpose of proving or disproving actual physical condition, with a view heard. the accusation."

and protested that he had been "villi- safe as possible. fied" as no other man had been and he insisted that the committee require his accusers to prove their charges. Senator Clapp replied that the com-

mittee had no means of doing that. should make such a charge as Mr. Hilles has made, I should make him prove it or dismiss him from office," replied Mr. Perkins, still standing and shaking his hand violently.

Point of location is sensitive to pressure and builet can now be distinctly located. General condition good.

DR. JOHN B. MURPHY.
DR. ALEXANDER LAMBERT,
DR. A. D. REVAN,
DR. SCURRY L. TERRELL,

The chair reminded him that he had his own behalf.

Makes Demands for Proof. want to know is whether the committee is going to bring Senator Penrose or Mr. Hilles back and compel him to make

easy to prove what had been contributed to the campaign fund from the treasury Roosevelt boarded the train in the rail- today let the initial decision day after cial system of the nation, inaugurated of the harvester company. He said that road yard at Twelfth street, half a mile the summer recess pass without announca settlement policy which has peopled a he was a member of the board of directaway. The train was then backed into ing a single decision. Decisions were vast territory, and brought about the tors of that company and chairman of the the terminal train shed, where the expected in the "hard coal case," the department has made it plain to the Maprosperity of the individual and of the finance committee and knew that not a colonel's baggage was received. cent of the company funds had been Mr. Perkins gave his contributions to

the Roosevelt pre-convention fund as foilows:

said to him in the Tombs that he (Becker) refrogressive, but this new organization \$32,500; for polls, etc., in New York and Brooklyn, \$16,000; gent to other states, \$19,500; to E. W. Sims, \$17,000.

"This statement is absolutely complete." were \$122,500."

Clashes with Pomerene. When Mr. Perkins resumed testimony he repeated that he thought the committee had confused the amounts contributed to Colonel Roosevelt's campaign in such a way as to make the aggregate appear larger than it really was. He placed in the record a statement showing that campaign expenditures in England during a general election for 600 members of Parliament amounted to \$6,000,000.

and William Flinn. Senator Pomerene wanted to know of the \$19,500 sent to various states. "I kept no memorandum," said Mr

Senator Oliver summed up testimony as

showing \$562,000 contributed by Mr. Per-

"I am not heer to be lectured." Inter-

rupted Senator Pomerene. Mr. Perkins rose from his chair and shouted. "I know what you are here for all right, just as well as I know what I

"Now You Just Keep Your Eye on Me."



ROOSEVELT STARTS FOR HOME

Colonel Leaves Chicago Hospital for Oyster Bay.

EARLY BULLETIN IS FAVORABLE

Patient is Slightly Restless, but Inflamation Has Decreased-Indications He Will Stand the Trip Well.

CHICAGO, Oct. 21.-Colonel Roosevelt Pennsylvania railroad train on which he was to make the journey home. He was He continued: "I want to know where taken out of the hospital on a wheel chair to an automobile ambulance. The colonel Secretary Wishes Supreme Court to

was accompanied by Mrs. Roosevelt. When he was ready to depart, the colonel said he was feeling well, but that be-He insisted that Mr. Penrose should be cause of his restlessness during the n'ght was somewhat sleepy and hoped whether his charge was "mere hot air." he would be able to get some rest after he reached his berth. He was cheerful and allowed to "get away with the situation." expressed pleasure that he was so soon to

He awoke shortly before 6 o'clock and was given his morning sponge bath and rub down. His breakfast consisted of bacon, three soft boiled eggs, buttered toast and a pot of tea. Mrs. Roosevelt had breakfast with her husband.

Dr. John B. Murphy arrived at Here Mr. Perkins rose from his seat the journey east as comfortable and as Webster, as attorney for the republican

Morning Bulletin.

At 7:10 a, m; the following official bullefin was issued: Pulse. temperature and respiration

Long before time to leave the hospital taken all along. been brought to Washington to speak in Colonel Roosevelt was fully dressed and over his street clothes he wore the heavy

"That is fine," he said, "but what I was shot. The hole in the right breast was not distinguishable at any great dis-The colonel walked from his room to

the wheel chair in the corridor. He was accompanied by Dr. John B. Murphy and Mrs. Roosevelt.

GARY, Ind., Oct. 21.-Colonel Roosevelt announced that he was not feeling any discomfort from the motion of the train, minutes to send last telegrams east. "It isn't bothering me at all," he told the correspondnts. "If the whole trip is like this. I shall get along fine.'

Patient Resting Well. FORT WAYNE, Ind., Oct. 21 .- The fol-Colonel Roosevelt's physicians: Colonel Roosevelt is resting well and is

very comfortable.
ALEXANDER LAMBERT, SCURRY L. TERRELL. Dr. Lambert said that the patient's condition was so favorable that it was deemed unnecessary to take a record of his temperature, pulse and respiration. "He looks like a well man," said Dr. Lambert, "but it is necessary that he be kept to himself and have absolute rest. There has been some further bleeding

dribbling, which shows that the wound is kins, Frank A Munsey, Dan R. Hanna healing as we hoped it would." state room adjoining Colonel Roosevelt's whether Perkins had any memorandum observation. At several Indiana towns and kept the patient under constant there were crowds, but respecting the request of the physicians they stood

Nurse Who Poisoned Patient May Die

Wiethville, Va., Oct. 21.—The trial of Sydna Allen, leader of the Hillsville outlaws, charged with the Carroll county court house murders, has been postponed from October 23 to November 7. This also postpones the trial of Wesley Edward.

Wiethville, Va., Oct. 21.—The trial in the 1904 list put in by Elmer E. Dover, credited "G. W. P." with contributions, probably were contributions obtained by Mr. Bilss from men suggested by Mr. Wards.

Wiethville, Va., Oct. 21.—The trial in the 1904 list put in by Elmer E. Dover, and other points along the Mississippi the late Marie M. Owsley, Greenwood, were made parties to the suit. On plaintiffs' complaint of fraud and unconscious today and it was feared she might not recover. She has been about the late Marie M. Owsley, Greenwood, were made parties to the suit. On plaintiffs' complaint of fraud and unconscious today and it was feared she might not recover. She has been about the late Marie M. Owsley, Greenwood, were approved today by the Interstate Commerce commission. The suspension of the tariff making the advances was deade of contributions, probably were contributions obtained by Mr. Bilss from men suggested by Mr. Wiethville, and other points along the Mississippi river to Rocky mountain destinations of the late Marie M. Owsley, Greenwood, were approved today by the Interstate Commerce commission. The suspension of the tariff making the advances was deade of contributions, probably were contributions, probably were contributions, probably were contributions, probably were contributions, and other points along the Mississippi river to Rocky mountain destinations of the late Marie M. Owsley, Greenwood, were approved today by the late Marie M. Owsley, Greenwood, were approved today by the late Marie M. Owsley, Greenwood, were approved today by the late Marie M. Owsley, Greenwood, were approved today by the late Marie M. Owsley, Greenwood, were approved today by the late Marie M. Owsley, Greenwood, were approved today by the late Marie M. Owsley, Greenwood, were approved

A BIG HIT

YORK, Oct. 20-To the Editor of The Bee: I wish to congratulate you on your Nebraska Development number issued today. The next Nebraska legislature ought to appropriate \$20,000 to send this publication into the eastern states to let the people there see what Nebraska is really like.

WILLIAM COLTON. MR. WAIT ASKS FOR APPEAL

Act on Electors' Case.

MAY REJECT THE APPLICATION Judges of the Upper Tribunal Arc Adverse to Considering the Matter on Such Short

Notice. LINCOLN, Neb., Oct. 21.-(Special Telegram.)-Secretary Wait this morning made application for an appeal to the supreme court of the decision by Judges Cornish, Stewart and Cosgrove granting straight upward, the bag burst, a writ asked by the Taft republican state central committee requiring him to place Rooseevit family physician, and Dr. John to ask for an appeal on such short no- than 15,000 feet. company, he owes it to me and to others B. Golden, Dr. Murphy's assistant, were tice. It is the opinion of the republicans

of taking precautions necessary to make | When notified of the appeal, John L. lightning. committee, announced over the telephone that he would waive all formal notices and technical differences and be ready to argue the case on its merits at once if the supreme court so desired. He expressed himself so confident of the justice of his case and the law and decisions sustaining it that, in his view, affirmation by the supreme court of the decree already issued was certain to follow, and would still further strengthen the position which the Taft men have

army overcoat he had on the evening he Opinions in Hard Coal and Union Pacific Cases Are Delayed

To avoid a crowd at the station Colone: time in many years the supreme court "Union Pacific merger" case or the state

The supreme court today advanced for early consideration cases involving the constitutionality of the white slave acts; ing company, charged with sugar customs frauds; the validity of the indict- exit of Americans. ment of United Shoe officials and the title to valuable oil lands claimed by

Two Unusual Deaths at Burlington, Iowa Sold for Almost Nothing

BURLINGTON, Ia., Oct. 21.-Two unusual deaths occurred in Burlington in the lion dollars is declared to have slipped street car motorman, was accidentally of the wound today, but only the normal room, killing both Grommell and his dog, Mrs. Katherine Krekel, aged 72 years. was found dead in a chair by her daughbeen dead two days when discovered.

ROADS PERMITTED TO RAISE

In mistake for a harmless drug, was still unconscious today and it was feared she might not recover. She has been about of the tariff making the advances was solved of all blame.

WARMINGTON, Oct. 21.—Regulations to restrict further the size and first or the weight of personal baggage of travelence commission. The suspension of the tariff making the advances was solved of all blame.

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LIGHTNING HITS A BALLOON

Two German Aeronauts Killed by Fall of Three Miles.

GAS BAG Airmen Are Caught in Storm and

Attempt to Avoid it by Rising Above It-Victims Are Prominent.

BERLIN, Oct. 21 .- The announcement of the death yesterday of Lieutenant Hans Gericke, winner of last year's in- save the very latest developments. Probternational balloon race in the United ably in ctnsequence, the conference States and head of the team of German which was expected to take place bedefenders in the races to be held from tween Secretary Knox and Ambassador Stuttgart next Saturday created a pro- Wilson was deferred for a time. Howfound sensation here today. He was jever, the ambassador probably will have thrown from his balloon at a height of an opportunity to discuss the situation three miles by the explosion of the gas and receive any suggestion that may be bag, which is believed to have been struck thought necessary for his guidance in by lightning. His aide, Lieutenant Steler the confidential talk with Secretary also was killed.

Gericks and Steler were making a trial ton tomorrow night to join President flight to test the new balloon which they Taft at Beverly. expected to use in the international races. Just above the town of Grossenhain they day is that, although the ambassador tempted to avoid by rising above the dis- retary Adee and the officials of the State turbance. When a mile in the air the department who are charged particularly craft was caught in an eddy and became with the conduct of Mexican relations, unmanageable. After a terrific rush nothing he has communicated has in-Fifteen Thousand Feet Hi

The shattered instruments which the intervention in Mexico. Hilles that the International Harvester the house surgeon, dressed the colonel's tee as republican electors on the official examined today. The recording apparature admissions that the revolutionary parture. At the same time a consultation the April primaries as republicans, but of 6,000 feet when they were suddenly much more serious aspect than ever be "This is an absolute falsehood, made was held, at which Dr. Scurry L. Terrell, since turned bull moosers. The judges of hit by a vertical gust of wind which the colonel's specialist, Dr. Arthur B, the supreme court are averse to hearing pushed them straight up with the violhas any reason to believe that contribu- Bevan. Dr. Alexander Lambert, the the case, claiming it is unfair of Wait ence of a hurricane to a height of more

> At this altitude the bag burst, either from the sudden change in pressure or, puted to be supported by the powerful as is more likely, from being struck by United States Will

Not Interfere With

Affairs of Mexico WASHINGTON, Oct. 21.-Secretary Mutsuhlto, returned today to Washing-

As ranking member of the cabinet Secretary Knox is "acting president" in Washington. He finds many problems pressing for consideration, principally the situation in Mexico, which he will discuss with Ambassador Wilson, waiting here on his way back to Mexico City.

While the United States intends to adhere to its policy of noninterference in the internal affairs of Mexico, the State dero government that measures to protect Americans in the troubled zone must not be relaxed.

These representations it is understood include intimations that the lines of comthe conviction of Charles Heike, former munication from the interior to Vera Cruz secretary of the American Sugar Refin- and Tampico, the principal ports on the Atlantic side, must be kept open for the

While some students of the question believe the United States might take transcontinental railroads under the land measures on its own account to keep grant acts. All were set for hearing on open an avenue of escape for Americans as it did in China and Nicaragua, officials here do not regard such a development

DULUTH, Minn., Oct. 21.-Half a mil-

last twenty-four fours. L. C. Grommell, through the hands of Marie A. Solms Ortmann, widow of the late Charles L. asphyxiated. He lived alone and it is Ortmann, a Detroit, Mich., millionaire, presumed was boiling some water in a whose death occurred fourteen years vessel over a gas stove, fell asleep and ago, according to clams made by her the vessel overflowed, extinguishing the and Waldemar Ortmann, a son, in a gas and causing the vapors to flood the lawsuit brought today in district court. The widow and son are suing James Swan, a Detroit attorney, and the Mooswa Mining company, in which he ter this morning. The old lady insisted is interested, for the title to 640 acres on living alone and it is supposed she had of mineral land on the Mesaba iron range. Swan, it is claimed, while acting as administrator of the Ortmann estate sold the 640 acres for \$1 an acre to his family physician, who later, RATES ON COOPERAGE it is said, reconveyed it to the Mooswa Mining company, of which Swan is declared to hold one-fourth of the stock. averaging about 25 per cent in the The property is now valued at \$500,000 YONKERS, N. Y., Oct. 21.-Miss Flor- freight rates on cooperage, including by the heirs. Rudolph Ortmann, Chience Harris, a nurse who collapsed in butter tubs, drums, well buckets, kits, cago; Edward W. Ortmann, Portland.

SECRETARY KNOX IS NOT INCLINED TO INTERVENE IN MEXICO

Returns From Japan and Has a Talk with Ambassador Wilson Over Mexican Situation.

NO REASON FOR POLICY CHANGE Conditions in the Southern Republic

Said to Be Growing Serious. REBEL LEADER CLOSE TO CAPITOL

Diaz with a Large Force in Very Outskirts of Vera Cruz,

PROTECTION FOR FOREIGNERS United States May Get Into the Con-

troversy When the Mail Steamer Siguranca Attempts to Discharge Its Cargo.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 21.-Official interest here today centered upon the situation in Mexica, where the rebellion. which has been in progress for months. has taken on a new and formidable phase as the result of General Felix Diaz.

The return to Washington of Secretary Knox from his Japanese trip; the presence here of Henry Lane Wilson, ambassador to Mexico, and interesting and important developments in the military situation at Vera Cruz within the last two days, were elements that served to concentrate attention on the Mexican trouble.

Secretary Knox was accompanied from Chicago to Washington by Mr. Wilson and he found himself upon his arrival here this morning well informed of al Knox before the latter leaves Washing-

The one fact that appears clearly tomet a thunderstorm, which they at has conferred at length with Acting Secfluenced the officials to change in any sespect the clearly defined policy of non movement in Mexico has assumed a fore and that a coalition between the rebel leader Zapata, who for the last year has maintained a formidable rebellion almost within sight of the Mexican capital, and General Felix Diaz, re-Scientifico, party that might jeopardize the very existence of the Madero government. So far, however, it cannot be established that these leaders have agreed to make common cause.

The military situation at Vera Cruz, according to the last reports to the department, was extremely interesting. Though there was promise of an important, and perhaps decisive battle between the rebel Diaz forces and the considerable army Knox and Ransford S. Miller, chief of that General Beltran has assembled under the far eastern division of the State de- the government standard on the outskirts partment, constituting the special em- of the city, it was confidently expected bassy dispatched by the president to that the important foreign interests in Japan to represent the United States at Vera Cruz would escape jeopardy and the funeral services of the late Emperor loss of the lives of the noncombatants be averted by an agreement between the two commanders to do their fighting outside of the city limits.

General Beltran has said that he would personally do all he could in conformity with orders from his government to capture the town to protect it from destruction. Furthermore, he told the foreign consuls that he would transsmit to his government their request to refrain from bombarding the town or fighting in its For his part General Diaz, who is in

complete possession of the city proper, offered to the consuls all possible guarantees to life and property so long as he maintained control. With the leaders on both sides in this frame of mind, the consuls felt reassured. According to today's reports everything in Vera Cruz is unusually quiet and

erderly and is likely to remain so unless the federal gunboats start to bombard the city. General Beltran's forces were about ten miles from town. A possible element of trouble is the issue of a decree by the government officer in charge of the gunboats, declaring the port of Vera Cruz closed. Indirectly this may drag the United States navy into the affair, as the American mail ship Siguranca has appeared in the har-

Rio harbor nearly twenty years ago, when the American pavy broke a rebel block-OFFICIALS I OUT TREASURY

bor and is there to discharge the cargo.

If the federal naval commander persists

in regarding the port as closed and re-

fuses to permit the ship to unload, the

situation would exactly parallel that in

OF DARKE COUNTY, OHIO COLUMBUS, O., Oct. 21 .- According to the report of state examiners today, officials of Darke county have paid out illegally \$291,148.54 within the last five years. The report states that the public treasury was "boldly looted" by padding for contracts twice over and paying for labor and material at exorbitant prices. The county officials used the court house for drinking and carousing, it is

New Baggage Regulation Held Up. WASHINGTON, Oct. 21 .- Regulations