

Cooperstown Courier.

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Prof. Birksland is at the head of the expedition which leaves Copenhagen this summer for Nova Zembla. He will have six companions and the object of the expedition is to study the phenomena connected with auroral display.

In Japan it is always the rule of politeness to pay a trifle more than the sum mentioned on your hotel bill. To settle the account net would be considered an insult, or at least a mark of great dissatisfaction. People who have traveled in Japan say that the Japanese always tip the waiter on entering a hotel.

Lars Moellers, the first Esquimaux journalist, is dead. He began by printing pictures, making the woodcuts himself. Nordenskjold gave him a press and type, and he thereupon set up and printed a paper which he distributed through Greenland with sledge and snow shoes. Other Esquimaux will continue the work.

Some of the territory which has recently been acquired by the United States is infested with animal plagues and parasites unknown to America. Congress has been asked for such legislation as would provide against animals from this territory being allowed to enter our ports, whether these animals are brought by individuals or troops.

Capt. Crawford J. Smith, of Philadelphia, late master of the British steamship Corunda, has received from President Roosevelt, representing the United States government, a handsome inscribed gold watch and chain, in recognition of the fact that he rescued the crew of the American bark Elja, which foundered on January 17, 226 miles south-east of Bermuda.

In some parts of Brittany a curious marriage custom prevails. On certain fete days the marriageable girls appear in red petticoats, with white or yellow borders round them. The number of borders denotes the portion the father is willing to give his daughter. Each white band denotes 100 francs per annum; each yellow band represents 1,000 francs a year.

The colossal equestrian statue at Rome of King Victor Emmanuel II. is now nearing completion. The statue is about 33 feet in height from the level on which the horse stands to the crown of the king's head. The feathers in his helmet are about five feet extra. There will be space for one or two persons to get into the head and for four or five in the head of the horse.

The western part of Persia is inhabited by a species of camel which is the pygmy of its kind. These camels are snow white, and are on that account almost worshipped by the people. The Shah presented the municipality of Berlin with two of these little wonders. The larger is 27 inches high and weighs 61 pounds. The other is 4 inches less, but the weight is not given.

President Merrill, of Fisk university, points out that the well-educated and competent Negro doctor has an amazing opportunity among the 8,000,000 of his race. President Merrill knows of 12 Negro doctors in Nashville alone and going well and six of them possessing property. He reports also that it is easier for a colored physician to build up a self-supporting practice than for the white doctor.

At a wedding breakfast at Paks, in Hungary, the best man was too attentive to the bride, with the result that the bridegroom's jealousy was excited. A fight between the two men ensued and the whole company present soon joined in the combat. The bridegroom, the best man, the father of the bride and her two brothers were killed, and 16 others present wounded, several seriously. The shock made the bride insane.

According to the Francis, the winner of the chief prize—£10,000—in the consumptive children's lottery, is a workman named Duthell. He was retaining a slate roof when he heard the newsboys calling out the result. He bought a paper and found that he had won. He had not a penny in his pocket at the time. So overjoyed was he that he ran away from his work and danced like a lunatic. He has a wife and three children.

That murderers sentenced to die in the electric chair are frequently not killed by the electric current, and that they would be buried alive if it were not for the autopsy which follows the electrocution, is the opinion of F. A. Stratton, vice president of the Westchester Lighting Co., of White Plains, whose business probably has brought him in the way of seeing more men shocked or killed by high voltage electric currents than any other man.

Abner Dunton, who claims the championship in athletics at Lincolnville, Mass., although 95 years old, offers to run a race, walk or wrestle with any man of his age for money. He is lively as a cricket in spite of his great age and can cover a mile as fast as most men. Another hale and hearty Yankee is Eli B. Bean, who has served as Justice of the Peace in Brownfield, Me., 54 years. Mr. Bean is 81 years old. He served in the civil war as captain and assistant quartermaster and was decorated for valor when the war ended.

ENCOUNTER WITH TROOPS

Clash Between Strikers and Soldiers at Lansford, Pa., in Which Several Are Injured.

LATTER BUSY QUELLING DISTURBANCES

Strikers Make Effort to Stop Car Containing Soldiers and Nonunion Men and Trouble Ensues—All Quiet at Thurmond, West Virginia, and Vicinity.

Tamagua, Pa., Aug. 30.—In an encounter between troops and strikers at Lansford Friday morning Capt. W. H. Heim, of company K, Twelfth regiment, was slightly injured. A half dozen strikers were bayoneted by the soldiers as a result of the fracas. Maj. Gearhart, in command of the troops here, says that he will appeal to the military authorities to put the town of Lansford under martial law.

From daybreak the troops were active in quelling disturbances and protecting nonunion men while on their way to work. As has been the case for the past few days, the troops were jeered wherever they went. The officers repeatedly admonished the crowd not to insult or molest the soldiers, but their words had but little effect. At five o'clock companies K and E were placed in trolley cars. One of the cars was run in front of the car which carried the nonunion men to work and the other in the rear. While passing through Coaldale and Lansford the soldiers were hooded, but as no stop was made the strikers did not make any violent demonstrations. At Summit Hill about double the usual number of men availed themselves of the protection of the soldiers and went to work. The pickets of the strikers made efforts to stop them, but the warnings of the soldiers held them at bay. When the workmen had been loaded onto the cars on the return trip through the valley the trouble commenced. The word that more men than usual were reporting for work spread through the lower part of the valley like wildfire and in a short time the streets were almost blocked with people. When the corner of Center and East Bertsch streets was reached the cars stopped to allow several nonunion men to get off. As the men stepped to the ground the mob made a rush for them. A half dozen soldiers sprang off the car, and with leveled guns, forced the strikers back and made a passageway for the nonunion men.

Soldiers Roughly Handled.

When the soldiers returned after escorting their charges to a place of safety, the mob commenced to close in around the cars. The strikers were in an ugly mood, and when ordered to disperse, merely yelled louder and pressed closer. As Capt. Heim, of company K, was about to jump from the car he was seized around the legs and thrown to the ground. A half dozen privates who followed him were roughly handled. One of the men had a portion of his shirt torn off, and, according to the enlisted men and the officers, a number of blows were struck. Maj. Gearhart, who was in command of the two companies, then ordered his men to disembark.

With clubbed guns and fixed bayonets the soldiers forced the crowd back. Many of the strikers stood their ground and would not move until the soldiers jabbed them with their bayonets. Some of the strikers, fearing that the troops would fire, rushed into the opera house on the corner, and for a time a wild scene of confusion reigned. In about five minutes the crowd had been pushed back to the curb line. In the melee several of the strikers were knocked down, while others suffered slight bayonet wounds. Capt. Heim was severely bruised by his fall.

All Quiet at Thurmond.

Charleston, W. Va., Aug. 30.—When the state troops reached Thurmond to preserve order and protect property in the mine region a request was made of Assistant Adj. Gen. Hutson, in command, to report to the operators at Rush Run for instructions. He refused point blank, and said he was there with his troops to act under instructions from the sheriff of the county to preserve order, and not to take instructions from operators. Sheriff Daniel then took three companies and the signal corps to Rush Run to guard the public roads and protect people. The remainder of the troops bivouacked at Thurmond. No outbreak of any kind occurred Friday. The governor's private secretary, Gen. Boggs, reported minutely to the governor at noon that the utmost quiet is prevailing, but he confirms the necessity for troops on the ground. The entire strength of the regiment now at Thurmond is not quite 300. It would be entirely inadequate in case of violence. The output in the New River field Thursday was 3,800 tons, about one-tenth of the usual amount.

Goblin Goes to Lansford.

Shenandoah, Pa., Aug. 30.—Gen. Goblin returned to headquarters here Friday, and after going over the situation with Col. Clement, who was in command during his absence, he decided to proceed to Lansford and make a personal investigation of conditions there. He left in the afternoon for the Panther Creek region, accompanied by Colo. Clement and Maj. Miller, and Farquhar. It is probable that the first battalion of the Twelfth regiment will be sent to that region, as Maj. Gearhart has made request for assistance.

FIGHTING IN VENEZUELA.

Revolution Still Active in the South American Republic—Carapano Seat of the Trouble.

Kingston, Jamaica, Aug. 30.—The German steamer Polaria, which arrived Friday from Venezuelan ports, reports that Friday last, August 22, while at Carapano, Venezuela, 700 rebels attacked that place stubbornly, and got inside the town, where they were met by a thousand government troops under Gen. Velutini. Severe fighting lasted the whole day, followed and ended in the disorderly retreat of the rebels, several of the latter being killed or wounded. Bullets repeatedly struck the steamer, and the lives of her crew being in danger, Capt. Hoff, her commander, communicated with Gen. Velutini and asked for protection. The general replied that the Polaria must clear out, as she had no right to be there. Her captain refused to leave the port, and telegraphed to the German cruiser Galle, Capt. Grafzorn, at La Guaira, asking for immediate protection. The Galle arrived at Carapano Sunday morning and protected the Polaria while the latter proceeded to take in cargo. This work was completed on Monday night, and the Polaria sailed under the protection of the German cruiser, which also left Carapano.

When the Polaria left Carapano the Venezuelan government officials were in fear of another and more serious attack on the place. Trade was completely crippled, and many atrocities were reported.

A dispatch from Willemstad, island of Curacao, Monday, August 23, announced that details had been received of the reoccupation of the port of Carapano, Venezuela, by the Venezuelan government forces. It would therefore appear that the fighting referred to by the Polaria followed an attempt on the part of the insurgents to recapture Carapano.

Extensive Improvements.

New York, Aug. 30.—Only the approval of the secretary of war remains to put into effect improvements along the North river docks in this city, which will cost \$2,000,000. It is planned to extend the piers from Thirteenth to Twenty-third streets, 1,000 feet. The harbor line is to be moved westward 200 feet, and the river narrowed to 2,700 feet between the New York and the New Jersey lines. These improvements will keep many of the large steamship companies from transferring their anchorage to Hoboken.

Boycott Is Not Illegal.

Spokane, Wash., Aug. 30.—In the superior court Judge Richardson held that a boycott is not illegal when peaceably conducted, and when so conducted must be dealt with by the criminal code, not by a code of equity. He denied the application of K. Tabashi, a Japanese restaurant keeper, for an injunction to stop the aggressive boycott of the Cook and Waiters' union, which tried to turn his customers away. Tabashi had applied for admission to the union, but was refused because of his race.

Accused of Perjury.

Washington, Aug. 30.—Richard T. O'Brien, formerly corporal in the Twenty-sixth volunteer infantry, who has been confined in jail here accused of perjury on account of his testimony before the senate Philippine committee, during the last session of congress, was arraigned before Judge Gurnea, who held that he had not committed perjury, and was released on \$5,000 bail. His trial probably will occur in October.

Mystery Cleared Up.

New York, Aug. 30.—Mystery surrounding a "supposed" murder, believed to have been committed near here 32 years ago, has been cleared up, says a Watertown (N. Y.) dispatch to the Herald, by the discovery of the "victim" hale and hearty, in Minneapolis, Minn. He is now on his way from that city to join the remaining members of his family.

Drank Poisoned Coffee.

Guthrie, O., Aug. 30.—As a result of drinking coffee containing arsenic, Mrs. Alice Combs and son Ernest, of Blackwell, are near death, and their recovery is doubtful. Unknown persons entered the house during the absence of the family, and it is supposed sprinkled arsenic through the coffee. They also stole numerous articles of value.

Making a Slow Trip.

San Francisco, Aug. 30.—An unusually slow trip from the Philippines is being made by the transport Buford, Capt. Croskey. The vessel sailed from Nagasaki on August 5, and is therefore out 24 days. On board are 462 men of the Eighth infantry and 104 men of the Twenty-fifth infantry, besides a number of saloon passengers.

An Exceptional Catch.

Gogebic, Mich., Aug. 30.—The exceptional catch of the seven-pound smallmouth bass was announced here, the lucky fisherman being Col. James Kilbourn, of Columbus, O., recent democratic nominee for governor of that state. The sport here has been unusually excellent this season.

Fatally Hurt.

Chillicothe, O., Aug. 30.—While an engine and four loaded cars were going up the B. & O. Southwestern coal chute Friday morning, the chute gave way and all fell through. Fireman Bazel and Switchman Falter were fatally hurt.

Appointed Postmaster.

Washington, Aug. 30.—The president Friday appointed Frank H. Barnard postmaster at Dunkirk, N. Y.

NICARAGUA MUST EXPLAIN

Colombia Will Demand Satisfactory Answer Regarding Alleged Participation in Revolution.

TO BACK UP DEMANDS WITH FORCE.

Will Wait Until Present Rebel Activity on the Isthmus Has Been Crushed—Information Causes Considerable Surprise in Diplomatic Circles in Washington.

Washington, Aug. 30.—Colombia will formally demand of Nicaragua an explanation in regard to the latter country's alleged participation in the revolution against the Colombia government and back-up her demand with the most formidable land and naval force she can muster, as soon as the present rebel activity on the isthmus has been crushed. Information to this effect was received from an authoritative source in Washington Friday.

Information Causes Surprise.

The above intelligence causes considerable surprise in diplomatic circles, for but a few weeks ago it was announced that Mr. Concha, the Colombian minister, and Mr. Corea, the Nicaraguan minister, had established an entente cordiale between their respective governments; that by-gones were to be regarded as by-gones, and that the time was ripe for a satisfactory understanding by the two governments. It is now learned that the initial movement toward the establishment of an amicable understanding between Nicaragua and Colombia was made by Mr. Corea, who also proposed to Mr. Concha an adjustment of the difficulties which have so long been pending over Colombia's claim to the ownership of a strip of what is claimed by Nicaragua to be a part of her coast line. Minister Concha declined to accede to the latter proposition, declaring that a claim which Colombia had brought forward for so many years could not be adjusted, or in fact, brought to any material degree toward adjustment by the methods suggested by the Nicaraguan minister. However, Mr. Corea was entirely willing to join Mr. Concha in the establishment of an entente cordiale.

Shortly after Minister Corea's arrival in Nicaragua, where he went some weeks ago on a leave of absence, the Colombian officials here, it is stated, received information to the effect that arms and ammunition for the Colombian rebels on the isthmus were being shipped from Corinto.

The Colombian legation here had been receiving reports of this character continually and in view of the arrangement effected with the Nicaraguan minister before he left Washington, Senator Concha lost no time in calling Mr. Corea's attention to the matter. The latter official replied that President Zelaya would immediately institute an investigation to ascertain if the reports were well founded. A short time ago, however, more reports were received in Washington to the effect that Nicaragua still continued her material support of the revolutionists on the isthmus and now Colombia, it is stated, finds her patience exhausted, and has decided to present a formal demand for an explanation. Meanwhile, it is understood the entente cordiale has only a nominal existence, and will not stand the test of an anticipated war with Nicaragua, but, nevertheless, Colombia is making preparations to back up her representations with a reinforced army and navy.

AGREE ON A SETTLEMENT.

Terms Reported Made Between Heirs of Mr. and Mrs. Fair—Denial by Interested Party.

San Francisco, Aug. 30.—By the terms of the agreement made between the heirs of the late Mrs. Charles L. Fair and Mrs. Herman O. Reichs and Mrs. W. K. Vanderbilt, Jr., the former are given more than \$1,000,000. Of this sum \$300,000 in gold coin has been paid by Herman Reichs, on behalf of his wife and sister-in-law, to Mrs. Nelson. The money was deposited in the First National bank, where it now stands in the name of Mrs. Nelson. Within a month the balance will be handed over to the heirs of Mrs. Fair, who will have in their own right more than a million dollars. In addition to this amount there is still considerable sum represented in the personal property of the late Mrs. Charles L. Fair, the value of which cannot be determined until her estate is appraised. It is, however, estimated by both parties to be worth between \$50,000 and \$60,000. According to A. R. Cotton, attorney for Mrs. Nelson, the personal property will be distributed by the probate court in four months.

This is the settlement made by the



COAL TRUST MAGNATE'S IDEA OF "HARD TIMES."

PREPARING FOR BATTLE

Mimic War Between White Squadron and Navy.

MUCH INACTIVITY ABOUT WARSHIPS.

Known as Period of Preparation, Begins with Arrival of Fleet and Everything Is in Readiness—Probable Scene of Next Naval Manuever.

San Francisco, Aug. 30.—The arrival of the working detail of men from the first admiralty's heavy artillery and the departure of men of the army observers who are to assist in figuring results in connection with the coming army and navy manuevers, were the most important developments here Friday in connection with final preparations for the opening of the great war game next week. The detail from the First Massachusetts were transported to Forts Adams and Greble to prepare camp for the main body that will come Saturday. The observers were taken out to Rear Admiral Higginson's squadron by the Leyden and Scorpion.

As far as can be learned from the various stations in this vicinity preparations are practically complete. Tests have been made and everything is declared in satisfactory condition. Especially is this true of the signal service. It is stated by those familiar with the department that there is no better outfit than they have here. There is material sufficient for a complete duplication, if necessary, in case of trouble. Every desirable point of observation along the shore of this island is covered, and to man the stations will require no little force, especially if all are to be guarded against attack. Outside of the Fort Adams reservation, stations are located at Castle Hill, Brenton's Point, Price's Neck and Easton's Point.

On the Water.

On board U. S. S. Alabama, off Menemasha, Light, Martha's Vineyard, Mass., Aug. 30.—With the first period of the war manuevers in which the White Squadron is to contend against the navy, arranged to begin at midnight Friday was the scene of much activity on board each warship of the fleet. Just when the battleships, cruisers and other boats will leave this anchorage is not known, except possibly by Rear Admirals Higginson, Hand Coghlan, the officers in command.

Although the period which starts at midnight is known as the period of preparation, it is believed that very soon after the opening hour arrives the squadron or some part of it will get under way and proceed to an investigation of the situation in the "enemy's" country. It is understood that during the period of preparation there may be actual bombardment or feints for the purpose of testing the efficiency of each part of the line of forts.

The squadron was augmented Thursday night by the arrival of the converted yacht Mayflower, the Gloucester and the Leyden.

The 250 or more marines who have been camping on Martha's Vineyard have returned to their ships. Orders had been put up since Monday, and the shore service had put the men in excellent condition.

The army observers who are to cooperate with the navy umpires in rendering decisions as to the results of the various manuevers have also joined the fleet. About 15 observers in all reported and under orders from Rear Admiral Higginson they were distributed among the various ships.

In the midst of the preparation a boat race arranged as a pleasant recreation for all before the beginning of "hostilities" took place between crews from the Massachusetts and the Kearsarge. Each crew consisted of 12 men, with a coxswain and the course was three miles. The race went off the Massachusetts; the boats were bow and bow almost all the way, and the winning crew finished only a quarter of a length ahead. The time was 26 minutes. The scene at the finish of the contest almost rivaled a university regatta. Permission had been given for all hands to view the event and there were 2,500 spectators ranging in rank from jacksies to rear admirals.

Find Headless Body.

St. Louis, Aug. 30.—A special to the Republican from El Paso, Tex., says: Two boys found a hand protruding from a sand pile, three miles from here and across the boundary into New Mexico, and investigation revealed a headless body. The police believe the body to be that of Jay Collins, a civil engineer who recently disappeared and supposedly was murdered. An investigation is being made.

Convention Closed.

Milwaukee, Aug. 30.—The convention of the National Postmaster's association came to a close Friday forenoon with the reading of a paper by Henry A. Castle, auditor for the post office department, Washington, D. C., on "The Magnitude and Importance of the Postal System." The delegates were given a steamer ride on the lake in the afternoon.

To Build New Flying Machine.

New York, Aug. 30.—Santos Dumont, the aeronaut, will, according to a dispatch from Paris, attempt the construction of an aerial vessel to carry eight persons. He plans to begin experiments with the machine in two or three months.

Famous Mare Sold.

New York, Aug. 30.—"Lucky," Philadelphia, the California horse mare, has sold to Isaac LaBod, the one-time great mare Los Angeles for \$10,000. She will be used for breeding.