

Highest of all in Leaving Power.—Latest U.S. Gov't Report

ABSOLUTELY PURE THE NICARAGUAN AFFAIR

ENGLAND BOUND TO HAVE THE INDEMNITY PAID HER.

Honduras Will Next be Asked to Pay Up What it Owes—British Press Opinion—The United States Commended.

Washington, April 22.—Dr. Gurnan, ambassador to Washington for Nicaragua, in receipt of a telegram from his Government stating that Corinto has been deserted by the native inhabitants. The cable connecting San Juan del Sur, the cable port, and Corinto has been cut, so that the British forces, which are in communication with their home Government, except by sending a boat to the cable station. The main body of the Nicaraguans who abandoned Corinto have crossed a lagoon and are strongly entrenched in the mountains. The situation at Corinto is regarded as a common of serious trouble, for the despatch indicates that the Nicaraguans are disposed to resist any further advance by the British. The British are reaching here in the effect that the Nicaraguans may further isolate the British at Corinto by burning the bridges across the lagoon separating the town from the mainland. The British position on an island, being separated from the mainland by a stretch of marshy ground. This is traversed by bridges, and without them Corinto is cut off from the shore. The Nicaraguans have retired to the shore end of the bridges and those well informed on the situation believe that the British make any movement to cross the lagoon the British will be burned by the Nicaraguans. The British are apprehensive of trouble on this score, as indicated by cablegrams from Colonel Gurnan, who has been ordered to command the British forces in the lagoon. This disposition has been made so as to have about 400 armed men, from an attack from the Nicaraguans, rather than with heavy deliberate purpose being sent to the town, for there is no evidence that the British desire to advance into the interior at present and it is probable that part of the original programme of operations, as made known to our Government, is abandoned.

There can be no doubt that the action of the Nicaraguan Government in detaching Corinto a closed port has entangled the most troublesome question, even there is no resort to hostilities, present. It is probable that alarming events in the future which will in fact affect the British position to involve the United States directly in the affair, in spite of the earnest disavowal of the Administration. The action means that no goods can now be entered at Corinto, and which has heretofore received over half of the imports into the country, without violating the national law of Nicaragua. The British may collect duty if any goods enter the place, but the latter would be liable to the Nicaraguans if they crossed the British lines into the interior. They must do this to find a market for their goods, and the great consuming class of the population live in the interior. In this connection, the attitude of the British at Corinto is problematic, conditional, as it is, upon collecting enough revenue from customs to make good the indemnity demanded.

No advice reached Washington up to noon today indicating any change in the Nicaraguan situation. Gresham was the guest of the President. The President has telephoned instructions that any news of importance should be sent to him through the State Department. The President will remain at Woodley today. The statement that England had needed to pay the indemnity of \$2,000,000, conveyed through Ambassador Bayard, to grant 14 days' extension of the time in which to pay the indemnity, has created the impression prevailing that Nicaragua cannot eventually pay the indemnity. The ex-Secretary, however, insists that his visit is for the purpose of meeting his wife. He adds that he believes the present embargo will facilitate rather than retard the canal by the United States. London despatches, however, generally contemplate movements against Honduras to ports of Honduras are liable to blockade or occupation.

The Nicaraguan Minister stated today that he had nothing to conceal regarding the information furnished him by his Government. He said he had notified the Nicaraguan Minister of Foreign Affairs several times that the United States would remain neutral. Although fully satisfied that the United States would maintain a neutral position, the Nicaraguan Minister did not abate a single effort to secure from this Government the use of its good offices in behalf of Nicaragua. For the past 10 days he has literally scoured the State Department, and the Minister of the Interior expressed the expectation of disorder on May Day.

LI HUNG CHANG. Yokohama, May 1.—Count Ito, President of the Japanese cabinet of ministers, and Count Tani, the Japanese envoy, have started for Che-Foo in order to be ready to ratify the peace on April 21, the date fixed by the peace envoys for the ratification. Tien Tsin, May 1.—Li Hung Chang, in response to an Imperial summons, has started for Peking. It is believed that the object of his journey to the Capital is to receive the Emperor's ratification of the treaty of peace arrived at between China and Japan.

A REASONABLE RATE. The P. C. Railway Commission announced that until further notice the fare from Puget Sound and B. C. ports to San Francisco will be \$15. Round-trip tickets will be \$25. From San Francisco the rate will be the same. Round-trip tickets will be issued at the low rate of \$5. These are very reasonable and will cause a considerable traffic this summer.

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HAPPENINGS IN THE PARLIAMENT OF CANADA.

Deaths, Accidents and Fires—Hantoba Will not be Plunged Into a General Election—American Fishing Boats Seized.

Ottawa, April 22.—In the House Dalton McGee's bill depriving the Government of the power to withhold writs by-elections was read a first time. Hon. T. D. Cameron, who introduced the bill, requires \$50,000 to complete the St. Lawrence canal. It was not contemplated to increase the amount than required by these improvements.

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BRITAIN AGREES TO THE NICARAGUAN PROPOSAL.

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