

TRAIN PASSED POWER DIVISION HOME

President Taft's Special Placed In Danger by Miscreant's Work—Explosion Would Have Caused Wreck

SANTA BARBARA, Cal., Oct. 17.—President Taft's special train actually passed over the El Capitán 800-foot bridge, 25 miles north of here, early on Monday morning while 21 sticks of dynamite were in place all ready to be exploded, was the opinion expressed tonight by George W. Inge, an expert on explosives, employed by the Southern Pacific railroad to investigate the alleged attempt at bridge dynamiting. Mr. Inge returned to Santa Barbara tonight from El Capitán, accompanied by Sheriff Nat Stewart of Santa Barbara county and several other officials. He left for San Francisco later. "It was while the man was adjusting the fuse charge on dynamite," said Mr. Inge, "that the Mexican bridge walker, Gomez, discovered and fired upon him. The man ran, and as it was dark no good description of him could be given. "It was not until later in the day that Section Foreman Brown discovered the presence of this charge of 21 sticks of dynamite with the fuse attached. There was not sufficient structure placed to completely wreck the bridge, but from what I observed, it was clearly the work of an expert. "It seems to me that it was clearly his intention to wreck the stone abutments. Had both abutments gone, the abutments would have been totally destroyed, thus leaving the steel supports with no foundation. The first train over the bridge would surely have crashed to the bottom. But such was the man's delight, the sweeping before he had time to complete his work only the first charge of 21 sticks remained in place. After being discovered by Gomez, the man ran, leaving the fuse hanging out but not lighted. This was not found until after daylight, and as the president's train passed over the bridge at 5:51 a. m., it certainly passed over this charge of dynamite. "But for the timely discovery of the dynamite, Mr. Inge declared, the train following the first train over the bridge would also have been wrecked as the block signals, he said, would have been disturbed and the president's train did not pass the spot until nearly four hours after the discovery of the explosive, and it is not certain that his train would have been either first or second over the structure. George Mack of Naples, today identified the dynamite as being part of a large consignment used along the coast during the past year. Sheriff Stewart returned tonight from Goleta, where he had gone to investigate several rumors in connection with the alleged plot. He said that during the day he had picked up and searched nearly 50 clues, but these had all proved useless.

FIRST BATTLE IS INDECISIVE

(Continued from page 1.) valls, however, that the government has really achieved an important moral victory. The belief has been held here that if the first encounter between the revolutionaries and loyal troops proved decisive, the supremacy would be settled, here and then. Only a few unimportant towns outside of Hankow, Wu Chang and Han Yang have taken part in the uprising. Nanking, Chang Sha, Canton and the cities of known revolutionary tendencies have not responded to the call of the insurgents so far as can be learned. They are seemingly awaiting the result of the first encounter. Had the rebels overwhelmed the loyal troops, the absence of which would be held to indicate that the movement is not widespread. Desires Are Heavy LONDON, Oct. 18.—A special despatch from Hankow tonight says the imperialists still hold the trenches, but have lost several hundred men killed and wounded. Fighting lasted all day. The revolutionists after repeated but unavailing bayonet charges, fell back to Wu Chang. Trainloads of wounded were brought into Hankow. No International Force WASHINGTON, Oct. 18.—There is no joint international force acting as a unit in China, in the view of the state department. Each of the naval commanders is supposed to be acting under instructions from his own government, although it is contemplated that they should support one another if foreign interests are endangered by the military operations. It is stated positively that, so far, there is no called force, and consequently the question of seniority of naval commanders and right to direct the international operations has not been brought to an issue. Although the revolutionary disturbances first occurred in Soochow province, there has been no considerable development of unrest, and the American consul at Chung King reports comparative quiet at Cheng Tu, the capital, and a storm center in the early stages of the insurrection. He reports that nowhere in the province is the revolutionary movement anti-foreign, and that Americans generally are safe, although communication with the extreme eastern section of Soochow is interrupted. Negotiations Reported PEKING, Oct. 18.—American Consul-General Greene telegraphed today from Hankow as follows: "The rebels and imperialists, between the ships began at 7:50 o'clock this morning near the river and the railway station." The railroad station is on the north bank of the Han river, west of Hankow. Chinese officials report that negotiations are proceeding between Admiral Sir Chen Ping and General Li Yuan Heng, the revolutionary commander at Hankow. Cables to Vancouver VANCOUVER, B. C., Oct. 18.—How close the Chinese colony in Vancouver is following events in China is shown by the receipt today of cables recording minutely the progress of the revolution. The important cables read: CENSUS FIGURES ARE INACCURATE (Continued from Page 1.) building. Water services are just double the number in use in 1913. The figures being 4,487 compared with 2,252. The tramway traffic figures show a corresponding growth. The 1901 total of passengers carried being 2,294,286, compared with 5,223,259 with the 1913 year. These figures indicate that the population is here. The 1901 returns proved almost equally disappointing but a civic census taken immediately afterwards showed that over 4,000 residents had been missed and the prediction is made that a civic census now would prove even more conclusive evidence of the inadequacy of the recent count. LOSE NO TIME ON NEW HOTEL Contractors Begin Work on Structure on North Side of Yates Street Within Twelve Hours of Award Within twelve hours of the time that the contract was awarded to Messrs. Luney, Brothers, contractors, by the owners and builders, Messrs. 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"The checks, which are well yet estimated, and will not be fully paid for two or three days, it being possible that Spokane is included in the field of operations of the gang. The forgery was discovered by a clerk in the bank during the hot and cold Seattle mail. This was reported to the cashier, who at once started out to warn other banks in the city. Comparison with the genuine pay check by other banks revealed that practically all of the large banks of the city had received dozens of the forgeries in their Seattle mail. The forgery is a splendid imitation, and would pass without detection any person not familiar with the genuine pay checks. It was due only to a familiarity of the bank clerk with the company's pay checks that detection occurred today. The spurious check is a photographic etching. The paper on which they are printed is cheaper, however, than that used by the company, and it is a deeper blue in color. Killed by Watchman IONE, Cal., Oct. 18.—Herman Huber, committed from Sacramento county, was shot and killed tonight by the night watchman of the state reform school here while trying to escape. Huber, who was another boy, attempted to get away just before the call to the dining room was sounded. The pair passed all guards except the outside watchman. The latter fired, and the body of Huber was found in a field adjoining the school. He died before medical aid could be summoned. The night watchman said that he could not see the boys plainly in the darkness, and fired blindly as a signal. George Ellis is to try for the \$2000 prize offered for a successful flight from Vancouver to Calgary.

CENSUS FIGURES ARE PUBLISHED

Recent Count Gives Dominion Population of Little More Than Seven Millions—Less than Estimate

OTTAWA, Oct. 17.—The provincial census figures for 1911 were made public today. They show a population of about 7,100,000, which number slightly increased when the full returns have been received. Four electoral districts have not yet made complete returns, viz., Cumberland, Nova Scotia, Regina and Battleford, in Saskatchewan, and Yale-Cariboo, in British Columbia, which is estimated to give a population of 70,000. The population for 1911, less the districts not reported, is 7,081,899, an increase of 5,71,316 in 1901. The population by provinces is: Province 1911 1901 Alberta 1,111,101 811,101 British Columbia 427,736 407,977 Manitoba 1,181,691 1,285,213 New Brunswick 762,715 811,120 Nova Scotia 481,847 459,474 Ontario 2,515,902 2,182,200 Quebec 2,000,597 1,648,898 Prince Edward Island 10,000 10,129 Northwest Territories 10,000 20,129 Yukon 10,000 20,129 The following is the population of the principal cities and towns in Canada compared for 1911 and 1901 (subject to final revision): ALBERTA: Calgary 42,736 4,077 Edmonton 24,810 2,125 Lethbridge 8,048 2,072 Medicine Hat 2,572 1,570 New Spenborough 1,219 1,450 BRITISH COLUMBIA: Nanaimo 1,111 1,001 Nelson 4,472 5,273 New Westminster 10,129 10,129 Prince Rupert 4,771 4,771 Point Grey 1,319 27,010 Vancouver 100,812 27,010 Victoria 21,520 20,612 CANADIAN TOWNS: Brandon 1,111 1,001 Brantford 12,887 5,920 Charlottetown 2,125 2,125 St. Boniface 7,117 2,073 Winnipeg 128,490 42,240 ONTARIO: St. John 1,111 1,001 City 42,563 40,711 Hamilton 15,438 8,133 London 46,177 27,978 Port Arthur 11,216 5,214 St. Thomas 14,029 11,468 Sault Ste. Marie 10,179 7,169 Toronto 376,240 208,040 QUEBEC: Montreal 15,198 15,240 MONTREAL: Malvernville 18,874 3,968 Miramichi 2,125 2,125 Quebec 76,067 48,840 Sherbrooke 14,029 11,468 Three Rivers 14,441 5,981 CANADA: 1911 1901 Canada 7,100,000 6,125,000 Prince Albert 1,254 1,782 Regina 30,210 2,249 Saskatchewan 1,111 1,001

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