

UNITED STATES MAY TAKE PROMINENT PART

Pacific Fleet Will Go to Central America Where a Free For All Fight Is Threatened Between Four of the Small Republics.

Panama, Feb. 27.—Advices were received here late this afternoon that the vessels of the American Pacific fleet have been hired by the navy department at Washington to rendezvous in the west coast of Central America for the purpose of protecting American interests. A free for all fight is threatened between Nicaragua, Honduras, Salvador and Guatemala, and the situation is so serious that an outbreak of hostilities may occur at any time.

Nicaragua and Honduras are lined up on one side and Guatemala and Salvador are lined up on the other. Diplomatic relations between the countries have been broken off and all the countries are preparing for eventualities.

President-elect Taft during his recent visit to the isthmus let the fact be known that he was tired of periodic revolutions and uprisings in Central America and it is believed that drastic measures will be used by the United States to put an end to present conditions.

THE FAIR CO-ED MUST GO.

Governors of Wesleyan University, New York, Decide to Abolish Co-Education.

New York, Feb. 26.—Thirty elderly gentlemen, sitting behind closed doors, decided by an almost unanimous vote to abolish co-education at Wesleyan university. The 1906 far-co-ed must go elsewhere for its education. There are now forty young students at the university at Middletown, Conn. Dancing has been going on at the Wesleyan gymnasium for some time in spite of the fact that the discipline of the Methodist church forbids this form of amusement. The students may take their answer to their petition to use the gymnasium for dancing in the resolution ending co-education for what is the college without the fair co-ed? There was some consolation for the women, however, in the following report: "The committee on establishment for a separate college for women recommends that such college be established by this board as soon as the necessary funds are provided, and that the matter of details, including the consideration of the amount of money necessary to such an establishment, be referred to a special committee to report at the annual meeting in June."

THE SERBIAN QUESTION.

Trouble Between Austria and Serbia, But War Not Expected.

Berlin, Feb. 26.—The foreign office has now received word from St. Petersburg, or Belgrade, that the Serbian government has declared that Serbia cannot hope for support from Russia in the event of an outbreak of hostilities between Austria-Hungary and Serbia. It is apparent that matters are being permitted to drift, and if this circumstance is seen the serious danger.

The declaration of policy in the Serbian parliament yesterday by M. Novakovich, the new premier, is considered fairly moderate in view of the excited state of the Serbian feeling. Serbian students in the Polytechnic school at Gothen have received telegraphic orders to join the colors, and many Austrian students in Germany are homeward bound in expectation of war. The best official opinion here, however, is that there will be no war between Austria-Hungary and Serbia.

ANOTHER IMPERIAL LINK.

Fort Churchill Will Form Safe Line of Communication.

Ottawa, Feb. 25.—At a meeting of a corps of guides today, Lieut. J. W. Tyrrel, the well known explorer, read a paper on the Hudson Bay route from a military point of view. He declared Fort Churchill to be by far the most feasible of the ports of the bay. He said Davis straits could be relied upon for unobstructed traffic from July 15 to November 1, with the possible exception of two weeks at each end of the season. From a military standpoint it would be advantageous to have so retired and safe a line of communication with Great Britain.

WHICH IS IT TO BE?

Splendid Solidarity or Dismemberment Asks Mackintosh.

London, Feb. 26.—C. H. Mackintosh, urging tolerance within the empire, in the Standard, asks which it is to be, splendid solidarity and unification or gradual dismemberment. "Canada speaks plainly for permanent unification and consolidation, a truly Great Britain, surrounded by a galaxy of kindred states all acknowledging one sovereign, one flag, one constitution and one great national destiny."

AFTER HAMILTON MURDERER.

Large Reward Offered For Slayer of Miss Kinrade—Police Are Active.

Hamilton, Feb. 26.—A provincial officer has been applied for in the Kinrade murder case, as the local police confess themselves at a loss to find any traces of the tramp. Miss Kinrade's condition is serious. She had only just recovered from an attack of malaria fever, and the shock of the tragedy has made her case a dangerous one. Kinrade has offered \$1,000 and the city council \$500 for the arrest and conviction of the murderer.

Vancouver Harbor Improvements.

Vancouver, Feb. 26.—A large civic deputation, including Mayor Douglas and several aldermen and business men, left by private car this afternoon for Ottawa to lobby in favor of harbor improvement, etc., for Vancouver.

VETERAN ENGINEER KILLED.

Fast Mail Train Struck Broken Rail—Engine Turned Turtle.

Minneapolis, Minn., Feb. 26.—Frank Dunn, aged 63 years, the oldest engineer pulling a throttle on the Milwaukee railroad, was instantly killed this morning at 6:30, when the fast mail left the track at Kellogg, Minn. James Sperbeck, fireman, was seriously injured, but it is thought he will recover. The fast mail doesn't stop at Kellogg and Engineer Dunn was coming toward Minneapolis at close to 40 miles an hour when his engine struck a broken rail as he was entering the village. The locomotive turned turtle. Dunn remained at the throttle and was crushed to death. Fireman Sperbeck was bruised and cut and may have been internally injured. The fast mail consists entirely of mail and express cars.

GOVERNMENT HAS MORE CASH.

Ontario Public Accounts Show Slight Surplus Although Land Department Receipts Are Less.

Toronto, Feb. 26.—With a cash balance of \$45,838.36, Hon. A. J. Matheson, the provincial treasurer, brought down the public accounts in the legislature today. The total receipts are placed at \$8,602,002.96, and the total expenditures at \$8,557,064.60. The amount on special deposit at the end of 1907 was \$1,561,881.61, and at the end of 1908, \$2,924,278. The amounts of current account cash respectively were \$112,202.44 and \$147,868.50. The government therefore is better supplied with cash on hand than a year ago. The smaller balance is due to a falling off in the receipts from the lands department, lumber having been a less productive source of revenue than was anticipated.

BURLESQUE IS SUPPRESSED.

Censor of Plays in London Places Ban on "An Englishman's Home."

London, Feb. 25.—The censor of plays has forbidden the production at the Apollo theatre of the burlesque of Du Maurier's "An Englishman's Home." The burlesque would have occupied eight minutes. The humor turned on the big alien population of London and other large cities in England. In the burlesque the commander of the invasion, bursting into the Englishman's home, finds in the tenant his long lost uncle. After mutual explanations a surprise the uncle asked what the invading force came for. The nephew replied "To take England." Whereupon the uncle says "You are too late. We have taken England long ago." The use of the Apollo theatre says he cannot imagine any objection to the burlesque. It neither ridicules the patriotic Englishman nor offends any foreign power. The censor gives no reason for his suppression of the burlesque.

NOT DICTATED FROM ROME.

Cardinal Logue's Repudiates Charge Against Irish Bishop.

Dublin, Feb. 24.—Cardinal Logue has written a public letter warmly repudiating the charge that the opposition of the Irish bishops to the compulsory teaching of the Irish language in the National university of Ireland was inspired from Rome. He declares that the Irish bishops are not dictating from Rome. The Cardinal declares that Rome knows little and cares less about the subject and has issued no direction on the matter. Cardinal Logue also condemns the attitude of the Gaelic League on the Duke of Norfolk, with whom he says, he has never discussed this or any other Irish public question.

TURKEY GETS INDEMNITY.

Differences Between Turkey and Austria Amicably Settled.

Constantinople, Feb. 26.—The Austro-Turkish protocol for the settlement of the difference arising out of the annexation of the provinces of Bosnia and Herzegovina by the former power, was signed here this afternoon by Grand Vizier and Marquis Pallavicini, the Austro-Hungarian ambassador. Under it, the Turkish government gets \$100,000,000 indemnity. The boycott committee today announced the suspension of the boycott on Austrian goods.

RUSSIA TO OCCUPY PERSIA.

10,000 Troops Have Embarked For the Caucasus.

Odesa, Feb. 26.—The early occupation of Northern Persia by Russia is indicated today in the transfer of the Russian force in the Caucasus to the Persian frontier. Since Sunday 10,000 troops have embarked on the Black Sea fleet for the Caucasus to take the place of the men that are being sent to the frontier. Russia is said to be acting with the full approval of England, the two having agreed that the revolutionary conditions in Northern Persia warrant outside interference.

Investigating Mysterious Fire.

Morrisburg, Ont., Feb. 26.—Provincial Detective Rehm is investigating the fire at Williamsburg on February 18th, when the family named Dreppelt, occupants of the house, escaped with their lives, but without wearing apparel. It is believed the detective has an idea who fired the place and a warrant has been issued for his arrest. The man who fired it, it is alleged, is well known here.

Two Companies Seek Incorporation.

Ottawa, Feb. 26.—In the senate today a bill to incorporate the British Colonial Fire Insurance Company was read by Senator Choquette. A bill to incorporate the Dominion Burglary & Plate Glass Insurance Company was introduced by Senator G. W. Ross. The senate then adjourned until Tuesday afternoon.

Volunteer Homestead Excursions.

Ottawa, Feb. 26.—The Canadian South African Service Association, which will meet here tomorrow, will discuss the question of running homesteaders' excursions to the west this year for the benefit of the volunteers who desire to locate on the land given them by the government.

Vancouver Minister to Retire.

Vancouver, Feb. 24.—Rev. J. P. Westman, pastor of the Mount Pleasant Methodist church, announces his retirement from the ministry on account of ill health.

ALBERTA'S THIRTY-NINE CONSTITUENCIES.

