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MAY ESTABLISH NAVAL BASE IN CANAL ZONE

Winston Churchill Has Project for the Carribean Sea—Significant to American Government.

PLAN EXPANSION IN WEST INDIES.

Understood that Large Naval Loan Will Be Floated in Anticipation of German Development.

London, Dec. 16.—Panama Canal possibilities begin to loom huge in the eyes of British naval dignitaries and experts.

One of the sensational developments of the session of parliament in January is expected to be a statement of plans of the new first Lord of the Admiralty, Winston Churchill, and a feature of significance to the American government, will be a project for the establishment of a great naval base in the Caribbean Sea, near the Panama Canal.

Mr. Churchill considers his transfer from the home office to the admiralty as a promotion, and is bent on making a record.

When questioned by Lord Charles Beresford as to the views of the admiralty upon the question of placing Port Royal in the condition of a first class naval base for the cruisers protecting British trade routes through the canal, he replied that no change of policy was necessary "at the present moment."

It is an open secret, however, that the government is preparing a large scheme of naval expansion in the West Indies. The Unionists are ready to go much further in the same direction, if given a chance.

Their naval attitude towards "naval volition" is indicated in the overwhelming vote by which the Lords rejected the naval prize bill—a measure intimately affecting the United States.

As there seems no doubt that the new German Reichstag, to be chosen January 12, will be invited to pass a navy bill largely extending the limits thought sufficient prior to the latest Morocco quarrel, the London government is taking time by the forelock; and though Mr. Churchill hopes for a reduction in the naval estimates, it is understood that he contemplates a big naval loan.

THINKS ITALIAN WAR PICTURES ARE FAKE PRODUCTS

Washington, Dec. 16.—Italy, through its Ambassador, here today appealed to the state department to stop the exhibition in the United States of motion pictures alleging to portray the massacre of Arabs and Turks in Tripoli by Italian soldiers. The Ambassador insisted the pictures were "faked" and had been produced by motion picture firms on American soldiers.

In replying to this appeal the state department informed the Ambassador that while it had no authority over the making or exhibiting of motion pictures, it would do what it could toward stopping the exhibition of the objectionable pictures.

A copy of the Ambassador's letter about the objectionable films, was sent by the state department to the mayors of New York, Philadelphia, Chicago and other large cities with the request that everything possible be done to stop the exhibition of the pictures.

THOUSANDS OF WELL ARMED ARABS GET READY AT AZIZEA

Paris, Dec. 17.—The Temps' correspondent with the Turks telegraphs from Azizia under date of Dec. 15th that thousands of well armed Arabs have been concentrating there during the last two days. A body of noted Arab fighters arrived at Azizia on that date after 48 days' marching.

KING'S HOST DIES BEFORE HIS ROYAL VISITOR ARRIVES

Delhi, Dec. 17.—King George, who yesterday left for Nepal on a shooting expedition, was notified before his departure of the death of the Maharaja of Nepal. Shemsher Jang Bahadur, on Dec. 11. Before his death the Maharaja expressed the wish that his illness would not interfere with the King Emperor's visit. The succession of his son has already been announced, and the mourning ceremonies will be hastened. The King has decided to fulfill his engagement.

PREPARATION FOR THE RENEWAL OF CONFLICT

Trade in Interior of China at a Standstill and Travel is Dangerous—Revolutionists will Resume Fighting on Termination of Armistice Unless Peace is Made.

Shanghai, Dec. 17.—Tang Shao Yi, the representative of Premier Yuan Shi Kai, accompanied by his suite, arrived here this afternoon and was met by a great concourse of people, including the foreign consuls. The streets were densely crowded with people, who, however, appeared apathetic. Tang Shao Yi made a formal visit to Dr. Wu Ting Fang, the foreign secretary in the revolutionary cabinet, and agreed to the proposal that the meetings of the government republican delegates shall commence tomorrow at the Town Hall.

Each side is represented by five delegates, who include Tang Shao Yi and Dr. Wu Ting Fang. Dr. Wu made a formal complaint that Premier Yuan has violated the armistice by attacking the revolutionary forces in Shan-Si, Sen-Si and Anhwei. Tang promised to convey the protest to the premier.

Grave reports have reached here from the interior. Trade and commerce are at a standstill and economic conditions are becoming desperate. Travel is extremely dangerous owing to looting and discontent among the soldiers, who are on half pay. In the northern part of Kiang-Su, Anhwei and Kiang-Si, the floods continue, and millions of natives are starving.

Unless peace is arranged and relief organized, the rigors of winter are likely to drive the masses of Chinese in the central provinces to desperation. According to Nanking advices the revolutionists are making extensive preparations to resume fighting immediately the armistice is ended.

THIRTEEN TO ONE ODDS NOTHING TO LIEUTENANT MUNOZ

Mexico City, Dec. 16.—Crouched behind a pillar in the corner of the court yard of the barracks in Cuautillan, State of Mexico, Lieut. Ceferino Munoz, of the Tenth Cavalry yesterday won a fight with twenty mutinous troopers, in which he killed three, wounded several and escaped unhurt.

The men had been drinking and made a rush for the barrack doors, shouting "viva la Laiberta." Lieut. Munoz ordered them to quarters, whereupon they opened fire on him.

Springing behind the pillar he took shots with his revolver and thoroughly cowed those he had not hit.

CHRISTMAS SHIP WAS DELAYED IN LEAVING NEW YORK

New York, N. Y., Dec. 16.—The steamer Lusitania Christmas ship of two continents, was delayed in going to sea tonight on her return voyage, by a fog which forced her to anchor in Gravesend Bay, near the entrance to the Narrows. The big liner left her pier at 6.25 p. m. and spent nearly two hours groping her way down the harbor before she hove to. Finally at 11.27 p. m. she got away.

Loaded with tons of Christmas presents, the steamer arrived here from Liverpool at 7 o'clock yesterday morning and was scheduled to sail on her return trip at four o'clock this afternoon with an equally large load of Yuletide gifts, for friends and relatives abroad.

After record breaking work at loading and unloading the vessel was in readiness to sail at that time. But the weather conditions were not favorable for negotiating the tortuous channel beyond the Narrows. The fog grew still thicker ere the ship finally left her pier, where she had lain impatiently two and a half hours over time.

She had on board 850 first and second class passengers and 1,000 third class.

GETTING READY FOR WORK ON THE VALLEY RAILWAY

Special to The Standard.

Fredericton, Dec. 17.—Mrs. Miles Merritt died at her home at Marysville, Sunday morning about ten o'clock. Deceased had been ill only a short time, and her many friends throughout the Province will regret to learn of her sudden death. Two sons, Frank and Edwin and one daughter, Fannie, all of Marysville, survive. The funeral will be held Tuesday afternoon.

Ross Thompson, chief engineer of the St. John and Quebec Railway Company, is here to organize surveying parties for a construction survey for the St. John Valley railway.

THE RUSSO-PERSIAN DISPUTE MAY YET HAVE HAPPY ENDING

Paris, Dec. 17.—The Temps says that the Persian minister at Paris has informed the foreign office at Teheran that the attitude of M. Sasonoff, the Russian foreign minister, during his recent visit to Paris, leads to the belief that a conciliatory solution of the Russo-Persian question is highly probable.

BRITISH SPEECHES NEED BACKING OF BRITISH DEEDS

Cologne, Dec. 16.—The Cologne Gazette inspired Berlin despatch says today, commenting on the London News article in which Anglo-German relations are discussed:

"The News copy asserts that the desire for better relations will not be satisfied until English speeches are followed by English deeds. One could believe from reading the News that the greatest good will exists among the English, and the closer relations between Great Britain and Germany would be in no wise difficult."

"Unfortunately, it must be said that the News is far from expressing public opinion in England, which now, as formerly, approves the policy which can be blamed for the present situation.

"Of course," continues the Gazette, "there are some prominent Englishmen who have preserved the historic British openmindedness towards us. Lord Charles Beresford appears to have joined these recently, but their influence is not strong enough to banish the hypnosis with which the English regard German policies, and what they believe to be behind them. The conviction that Germany is threatening Great Britain with every sinister plan, is so firmly rooted through years of incitement by a certain section of the press, that it would be difficult to shake off. How deep this conviction is, and how it rises to blind hatred, can be seen from the libels which have been uttered against Germany."

MONCTON THE SCENE OF ORDINATION OF ST. JOHN CLERGYMAN

Special to The Standard.

Moncton, Dec. 17.—Before a large congregation, Percy Coulthurst, curate in Trinity church, St. John, and Rev. David Jenkins, of Woodstock, were ordained priests in St. George's church this morning.

The interesting and impressive ceremony was performed by his Lordship Bishop Richardson, of Fredericton, who was assisted by Revs. E. B. Hooper, of St. John; A. F. Burt, of Shediac; W. B. Armstrong, of Petitcodiac, and W. B. Sisam, of Moncton. The sermon for the occasion was preached by Mr. Hooper.

Mr. Coulthurst continues his labors in St. John, while Mr. Jenkins goes to the Church of England mission in Albert county. His Lordship addressed a large audience in the Y. M. C. A. Hall this afternoon, on elements essential to national stability and strength, and this evening preached to a large congregation in St. George's.

VARICOLORED HUES TABOO FOR UNIFORMS OF CANADIAN TROOPS

Special to The Standard.

Ottawa, Dec. 17.—The Minister of Militia is putting into effect a new rule with regard to the selection of uniforms for the militia. Under the old system the cloth for the uniforms was purchased without any stipulation as to color standards, the result being that different regiments wore varied hues of red or of green, and this has caused comment on review days. Hereafter the cloth will be manufactured in Canada specially for the militia under the supervision of a textile expert.

EVIDENCE TO CONVICT RICHESON

Capsule Filled with White Powder Found in Rooms of Accused Clergyman in Cambridge, Mass.

PICTURE POSTCARD FROM AVIS LINNELL.

Police Take Van Load of Property from Premises—Case of Defence is About Completed.

Boston, Mass., Dec. 16.—A capsule filled with white powder and a souvenir postcard written by Miss Avis Linnell, are to be figures in the prominent exhibits to be offered by the prosecution at the trial of Rev. C. V. T. Richeson for murder, which will begin on Jan. 15, with Judge A. Sanderson, presiding.

The capsule was found in Richeson's desk at his room in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Carter, 147 Magazine street, Cambridge, and the postcard, together with a volume of other correspondence was among the property of the accused preacher which the police seized when they ransacked his lodgings. They carried off books, manuscripts and other personal effects sufficient to load a van which with Captains Armstrong and McGorr, as guard, was driven to the court house in Pemberton Square. The confiscated property is now held by the prosecution as evidence.

John L. Lee and Beverly Harrison, counsel for Richeson, left for their homes in Virginia today to spend Christmas, having with the assistance of William A. Morse and Phillip R. Dunbar, of Boston, got the defence of the clergyman in such shape that they will be ready for the case when it is called.

SEVERE EARTHQUAKE GIVES MEXICO A BAD SHAKING UP

Mexico City, Dec. 15.—Mexico was rocked from ocean to ocean and from Guananajato in the north to the Isthmus of Tehuantepec in the south, by an earthquake today. One old woman was so badly injured in a falling hut that she may die. Mrs. Dora Chenoweth, wife of an American dentist, succumbed to heart trouble aggravated by the shock.

The disturbance was most severely felt in the state of Guarrero, and especially in Chilpacingo, the movement was much greater. A few flimsy Mexican buildings were thrown down.

Telegraph and telephone wires were snapped and for a time the city was without light and electric power on account of the breaking of cables, but aside from the throwing down of a few adobe walls no serious damage was done.

BIG STEAMSHIP MERGER COMBINES MANY VESSELS

London, Dec. 17.—Announcement was made today of the fusion of the Union Castle Line, the Royal Mail Steam Packet Company and the Elder-Dempster Lines, making a combined total of 181 vessels of 738,000 tonnage.

STOLE CHICKENS THEN OBJECTED TO BEING ARRESTED

Special to The Standard.

Halifax, Dec. 17.—Two men went into a grocery store on Saturday night, and stole a pair of chickens. The police appeared on the scene when the prisoners commenced to fight. A comrade interfered in their behalf and a lively melee ensued, with the result that over 1000 people witnessed the arrest of all three.

GEN. REYES IS BUSY RAISING RECRUITS

Mexico City, Dec. 16.—A special despatch to the Herald from Monterey says that a high official at that place has received word from the vicinity of Galeana, in the State of Nueve Leon, that General Reyes has arrived there, and is engaged in recruiting.

RESULT OF CIVIL SERVICE EXAMS

List of Those Who Passed Includes Many from the Maritime Provinces.

Numerous Names of St. John Persons Appear as Passing for Clerkships and Outside Service.

Ottawa, Dec. 17.—The result of the November civil service exams held at different centres throughout Canada have been published, the list of those passing including, J. D. Callaghan, Charlottetown; R. S. Hood, Yarmouth, N. S.; B. G. McIntyre, Charlottetown.

Stenography sub-division B. of 3rd division—M. Carter, St. John, West, N. B.

Clerkships, sub-division B. of 2nd division—C. E. Steeves, Surrey, N. B.; Harry R. Munroe, Taymouth, N. B.; B. M. Harmon, Woodstock, N. B.

Qualifying examinations for the outside civil service—St. John, N. B., R. S. Anderson, W. L. Brown, G. P. Rutland, C. G. Day, G. L. Elliott, Margaret Kennedy, E. A. McDade, J. W. McIntyre, E. E. Simon, H. M. Cleary.

Charlottetown—Winifred Corcoran, J. J. Low, R. Monahan, J. D. Mooney.

Halifax—P. B. McKinnon, C. W. Meyer, P. L. Smith.

ANOTHER GERMAN SCARE SAID TO BE A MERE ROMANCE

Cologne, Dec. 17.—The Rhenish Westphalian Zeitung publishes a story of an alleged discovery of a plan on the part of Great Britain to blow up Wilhelmshaven.

The Zeitung professes to have received its information from one of the best informed officials, who said that the postal authorities, becoming suspicious of repeated money orders in favor of deck officers and chiefmates, finally seized some of the letters passing through the postal department.

These showed that the plans to the entrance to the Wilhelmshaven harbor, as well as plans of the water supply and the contents of the secret code book, had been betrayed to the British admiralty.

London, Dec. 17.—The story that the British admiralty has secured plans of the locks and water supply, and the secret signal codes of Wilhelmshaven with the idea in event of war of blowing up the harbor entrances, and thus blowing up the German fleet, is regarded here as a mere romance. It is further alleged that to avoid this supposed danger the German fleet kept for weeks to the open sea during the recent crisis.

These stories are supposed to have been betrayed by German officers to the Rhenish Westphalian Zeitung, which is strongly anti-British and the organ of the war material trade.

THIRD WIFE WASN'T SATISFACTORY BUT COSTLY IN DISCARD

New York, Dec. 17.—A settlement has been effected between Nat Goodwin and Edna Goodrich, by which the actress receives $115,000 in cash and real estate to the value of $500,000, according to the American this morning, which gives Miss Goodrich's attorney as authority for the statement.

Miss Goodrich secured a divorce from her actor husband last March; she was his third wife. The reported settlement is in lieu of a marriage pledge of half the income from $850,000 worth of real estate and stocks, it is stated. According to the quoted statement of the attorney, Goodwin sometime ago turned his stock holdings into standard bonds, and Los Angeles, Cal., real estate.

LARGE STORE-HOUSE AND OTHER PROPERTY BURNED AT HUDSON

Hudson, N. Y., Dec. 17.—Fire starting at 4 o'clock this afternoon in the large storehouse of the New York and Hudson Steamship Company here, burned that building and its contents, spread to the Washburn ice house, which was also destroyed, and to the Hudson Wholesale Grocery Company's building, all but one end of which was saved. The total loss is estimated at more than $200,000.

READY TO OVERTHROW MEXICAN GOVERNMENT

Laredo, Tex., Dec. 17.—Private advices received here last night say that General Geronimo Trevio, in command of the federal army in Mexico, is closing on the town of Galeana, where General Bernardo is declared to have established headquarters, preparatory to launching a rebellion against the government of Mexico.

IMPERIAL TREASURY FILLING

German Budget Will Show the Benefits of Fiscal Reform Policy and Silence Skeptical Foreigners.

NATIONAL DEBT IS MUCH DECREASED.

Berlin, Dec. 16.—The imperial budget for the year beginning April 1, 1912, according to the Norddeutsche Allgemeine Zeitung, will propose ordinary expenditure of under 2,850,000,000 marks ($712,500,000), an increase of less than 100,000,000 marks ($25,000,000) over last year.

The revenue fully met the expectations pronounced at the time of the fiscal reform in 1909. Conditions are so favorable that the government now asks authority to borrow for extraordinary expenditure only 43,700,000 marks ($10,925,000) against 97,000,000 marks ($24,250,000) in 1911.

The statement points out that the government while reducing the loan, it is authorized to make by 50,000,000 marks ($12,500,000) yearly since 1909, did not avail itself of the authorization in 1910-11. The statement is given out partly in answer to the foreign allegations regarding the fiscal embarrassment of the German Empire and partly to show how successfully the plan of 1909 for sanifying the imperial finances is working.

The imperial debt which rose without a break from 1877 to 1909, and jumped from 2,300,000,000 marks ($575,000,000) to 50,000,000,000 marks ($12,500,000,000) in the years from 1906 to 1909, decreased 108,000,000 marks ($27,000,000) in the year ending September 30, 1911, while 40,000,000 marks ($10,000,000) of treasury bills due on October 1, were retired.

WEATHER MAN SAYS CHANCES ARE GOOD FOR SNOW AT LAST

Washington, D. C., Dec. 17.—There are strong indications that the coming week will be marked by rain or snow and generally unsettled and disagreeable weather throughout the United States, according to a bulletin issued tonight, by the weather bureau.

"Temperatures generally," says the bulletin, "will undergo decided changes and the precipitation which will be in the form of snow and rain in the northern, and rains in the southern districts, will be above the normal.

"A disturbance that is now over the western plateau, will advance eastward and cross the great central valleys Monday and Tuesday and reach the eastern states by Tuesday night or Wednesday.

SCHOONER STRUCK BY RAILROAD CAR FLOAT IN DENSE FOG

Norfolk, Va., Dec. 16.—The three masted coasting schooner Joseph Jordan, of Machias, Me., was struck by a New York, Philadelphia and Norfolk Railroad car float during a dense fog today. She lost her jibboom and most of her gear. The Jordan, bound from Philadelphia to Paramaribo, Brazil, with coal was lying off Thimble light in lower Chesapeake Bay for harbor. The car float was being towed by a tug from Cape Charles to Norfolk.

STEAMER SINKS IN HALIFAX HARBOR, ONE MAN ABOARD ESCAPES

Special to The Standard.

Halifax, Dec. 17.—The coasting steamer Aven sank at her dock this morning. The cook had put on a fire in the galley stove at 6 o'clock, returning to his bunk. He was called by the mate an hour later, who said that the steamer was sinking.

The cook rushed to the deck without any clothes on his body, and got on the wharf just as the boat went down. The other members of the crew were on shore at the time of the accident. The steamer was beached last night and an examination will be held this morning. It is supposed that one of the sea valves was left open.

CHANCE OF A SECOND TERM POOR

Clifford Pinchot Informs Meeting of the Republicans That Nomination of Taft Would Be Impossible.

FORMER CHIEF OF U. S. FOREST SERVICE.

Party Must Meet Demands of Age if Period of Usefulness is to Last, He Says.

Boston, Mass., Dec. 16.—That the developments of recent months have made impossible the renomination of Mr. Taft and that the country is turning rapidly to Lafollette as the next Republican presidential nominee, were among the decrarations made by Clifford Pinchot, former chief of the U. S. forest service, before a gathering of progressive Republicans in Tremont Temple, tonight.

"Unless the Republican party will meet the demands of the times by throwing itself squarely into the progressive movements, its time of usefulness is past," said the speaker. "Modern conditions demand modern treatment. The Republican party needs to be cleansed of its open sores."

The gathering was so large that an overflow meeting was necessary.

DEATH LIST OF MINE DISASTER AMOUNTS TO EIGHTY-FOUR MEN

Briceville, Tenn., Dec. 16.—Twenty-one more bodies were found today in the Cross Mountain Mine, in which an explosion occurred a week ago this morning.

This brings the death list to 84 and President Stevenson of the Knoxville Iron Company, owner of the mine, stated tonight he believed this accounted for every man entombed.

Five were rescued. The company has claimed from the first that but 85 men were in the workings when the explosion occurred, but the miners say there were more.

Fifty-nine women were made widows, and 147 children left fatherless, as a result of the disaster. In addition there are ten or twelve other dependents. It is probable all bodies will be removed by Sunday night. Only one of the 84 men killed carried life insurance. The relief fund has passed the $20,000 mark.

SUFFRAGETTES GROW VERY MILITANT AND ATTACK CHANCELLOR

London, Dec. 16.—David Lloyd George, chancellor of the exchequer, was seriously injured while leaving a woman's Liberal meeting here this evening, at which he had just made an address. A male suffragist hurled a brass bound box at the Chancellor, which struck him full in the face cutting his lip and badly injuring his eye. A doctor who attended the Chancellor's injuries said that he had a narrow escape from losing the eye.

Sir Edward Grey and Lloyd George both addressed the meeting in favor of including female franchise in the government's suffrage bill next year. The police had taken extraordinary precautions to exclude militant suffragists from the meeting but evidently some of them forced their way through the barriers.

AFRICAN STATES GROWING HOSTILE TO THE ITALIANS

London, Dec. 16.—No confirmation has been received here, of a report from Constantinople that the Turks and Arabs have been successful in an attack on the Italian position at Benghazi.

The scene of the reported hostilities was formerly the gateway for the receipt of supplies and reinforcements by the Turks. The unfrequented positions of the frontier between Egypt and Tripoli, have now been sealed up by Viscount Kitchener, British agent and consul general who had adopted measures of the strictest neutrality.

Outside of the immediate threats of war, it is reported that the Italian commercial interests continue to suffer owing to the hostility of Mohammedan populations of Zanzibar.

Zanzibar and other points on the African coast are so incensed against the Italians, that the Italian mail boats have been obliged to cancel their calls.