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CONDITIONS AT 'FRISCO IMPROVING

MESSAGES RECEIVED FROM GEN. GREELY

About Quarter of Million People Fed on Sunday—The Rebuilding of City.

Washington, May 7.—The military secretary received the following dispatch to-day from Gen. Greely, dated San Francisco yesterday: "Conditions are steadily improving. Arrival of 38 officers permits assignment to numerous camps of commanding officers to insure decency, order, sanitation. Rough estimates place the number of persons thus living at fifty thousand. Naturally such large bodies become threatening factors to the public health of the city. When practicable, further report will be made on the number of camps which is apparently increasing. Registration on census of the number is progressing. Presumably mouths fed to-day will approximate a quarter of a million. They are proceeding with methods calculated to reduce this number through installation of facilities for cheap meals and gradual restrictions on issue to male adults. Rations are plentiful as far as flour and potatoes go, but extremely limited as to other articles." Another dispatch received from Gen. Greely stated that on last Saturday the number of rations issued was 220,000.

Quake and Fire Proof.

Omaha, Neb., May 7.—E. H. Harriman's special train left here at 2:45 p.m. on what is expected to be a record-breaking run from the Pacific to the Atlantic coast. The highest speed was made between North Platte and Grand Island. In this state, where 200 miles were covered in 14 minutes, Mr. Harriman and party left Grand Island over the Northwestern railway and expect to reach Buffalo in time to catch the Empire State Limited, which will take them into New York at 10 o'clock to-morrow night, making the run across the continent in 71 hours and 27 minutes.

While Here Mr. Harriman Spoke to a Representative of the Associated Press regarding the situation in San Francisco. He said in part: "It is fortunate that the construction of many large buildings was only in contemplation. The erection of new buildings will result in making San Francisco the safest city in the country in which to reside, absolutely proof against quakes and fire."

"When San Francisco is rebuilt no material damage by any future earthquake need be feared. Under the new laws all buildings will be reconstructed on requirements which will prevent indiscriminate occupation of faulty structures, and which will promote the artistic or architectural effect, provided that the height of the buildings shall not exceed one and one-half times the width of the street, so that avenues will be widened, which will not only help the beautifying of the city, but will prevent the spread of fire in the future."

The presence of the United States troops was a great advantage to the people whose courage, while remarkable in itself, was undoubtedly kept up by the perfect security established by Gen. Funston. The debt of San Francisco to the United States army will never be discharged. California was never more prosperous than this year. The crop outlook is better than for many seasons past, and all business interests are on a sound basis, with banks strong in resources. Probably for this reason San Francisco is better able to stand such a calamity than any other city in the country.

"The saving of the docks and water front enabled the work of rescue and relief to be conducted much more effectively than would otherwise be possible. The saving of this part of the city was mainly due to the co-operation of the naval department, under Admiral Goderich, with the civil and other forces."

Petition For Receiver.

Chicago, May 6.—A petition for the appointment of a receiver for the Traders Insurance Company was filed in the federal court to-day. It was known yesterday that the company was in trouble, but it was announced and believed that the matter of its heavy losses in San Francisco against the stockholders of 3200 a share and as the stockholders are all wealthy men, it was believed that the trouble was at an end. To-day, however, some stockholders objected to the appointment, and it was known that the company was in the hands of a receiver. The company now has outstanding policies aggregating \$160,000,000. The officers of the company are T. J. Jeffs, president; S. A. Rothwell, secretary, and S. L. Collins, assistant secretary.

WAS FOUND DEAD.

London, May 7.—The death of Howard Carey, of New York, who was discovered May 4th shot dead in his room at a Kensington boarding house, is being investigated by the coroner. Apparently it is a case of suicide. Carey arrived here May 2nd and was staying at the boarding house with his cousin, Lord Fairfax. The latter testified to-day at the opening of the inquest that he and Carey dined and went to the theatre together May 3rd. The deceased appeared to be quite cheerful. The inquest was then adjourned. Carey's friends scold the idea of intentional suicide, and believe his death was entirely accidental.

CANADIAN DISPATCHES.

The Insurance Inquiry—Brakeman Injured by Explosion of Torpedoes.

Toronto, May 7.—The insurance commission will probably adjourn the session here on Wednesday and meet in Montreal on Tuesday, May 15th. Mr. Holman Evans, the president of the National Agency Company, was the first witness called to-day. The relation of his company with the North American Life was inquired into. Nothing of importance was added.

Strike of Bakers.

Hamilton, May 7.—The bakers are on strike for recognition of the union. A settlement is expected to-morrow.

For Theft.

Toronto, May 7.—Christopher Holland, for stealing \$13,800 from the Ideal Bedding Company, was sentenced to three months in the central prison by Police Magistrate Denison this morning. The magistrate said the sentence would have been heavier had it not been for extraordinary unprofessional conduct of the lawyer for the Ideal Company.

Mrs. G. Brown Dead.

Toronto, May 7.—News was received in Toronto to-day of the death of the widow of the late George Brown at her home in Edinburgh, Scotland. Mrs. Brown had a stroke of paralysis about three years ago, from which she nearly recovered, but she never regained full strength. Mrs. Brown was about 80 years of age.

Singular Accident.

Montreal, May 7.—Eugene Lyons, a C. P. R. brakeman of North Bay, is in Victoria hospital suffering from frightful injuries to his right side, caused by the explosion of torpedoes which he was carrying in his pocket. He had forgotten the explosives and went between cars to reprimand the conductor. The explosion occurred. The doctors fear internal injuries.

NATIONALIZATION OF LAND.

Scheme Which is Now Occupying Attention of Russian Authorities.

St. Petersburg, May 7.—If the present proposition for the nationalization of land in Russia be realized, it will probably result in a complete change in the material situation of more people than the single economic revolution in the world's history.

It is, briefly, a proposition not only to supply land to all landless peasants, but to round out and make adequate the land of those who rent or have insufficient lands, the amount of land to be allotted to each to depend upon the region, for each of which a certain formal area will be calculated, adequate to supply the personal and public necessities of a peasant family.

For this purpose it is proposed to take lands belonging to the crown, the Emperor personally, the church and private owners.

The state lands are to be leased, the prices to be based on production. The expropriated lands of private owners are to be leased to the government with interest bearing certificates, the details in each case to be worked out by separate commissions created for the purpose. The public lands shall also be appropriated to furnish wood.

ANTHRACITE WORKERS.

Conference Between Representatives of Employers and Miners.

New York, May 7.—What is expected to be the final meeting between the committees representing the anthracite mine workers and mine owners of Pennsylvania will be held in the office of the Trunk Lines Association in this city this afternoon, when an effort will be made to agree on a term of years and other minor details for the continuation of the award of the anthracite commission.

Agreement Reached.

New York, May 7.—The conference adjourned at 10 o'clock. As President Beer of the Philadelphia & Reading road, left the conference room he said: "Everything is lovely and the goose wangs high. We will give out a statement as soon as it can be typewritten."

It is believed that conferees have reached an agreement. After the meeting it was said unofficially that an understanding had been arrived at for the extension of the strike commission awards for another three years and that the companies had agreed to replace all men, except those who had committed acts of violence, in their former positions.

Fifteen persons were injured in a head-on collision of two trolley cars near Plainsboro, N. J., on Monday.



THE MARGHERITA MANDOLINE CLUB

THIS ORGANIZATION, UNDER THE LEADERSHIP OF SIGNOR E. CLAUDIO, WILL GIVE A CONCERT IN INSTITUTE HALL ON FRIDAY EVENING. IN AID OF THE DEVELOPMENT AND TOURIST ASSOCIATION. THE CLUB WILL BE ASSISTED BY SEVERAL LOCAL VOCALISTS.

MORE SUPPLIES ARE REQUIRED

STATEMENT BY DIRECTOR OF 'FRISCO RELIEF WORK

Number of Problems to Be Solved Before Insurance Companies Will Pay Premiums.

San Francisco, May 8.—According to Dr. Edward T. Devine, head of the Red Cross relief work, a total of 2,200 cars of goods here were sent since the fire up to May 1st. "This represents a large amount of supplies," he said yesterday, "but nothing like what we will have to have."

Safety deposit boxes in several big institutions were made accessible yesterday. The vaults opened were those of the Union Trust, Crocker-Woolworth, Canadian Bank of Commerce and Mercantile Trust. All the contents of the steel boxes were found intact.

Insurance Losses.

New York, May 8.—Efforts to adjust the losses and protect the reserves of the various insurance companies as a result of the San Francisco fire have not only resulted in a split in the New York Fire Insurance Exchange, but seems likely to bring about a tangle in the insurance world that will not be straightened out for a long time.

The Continental Insurance Company, through Henry Evans, its president has served notice of its withdrawal from the exchange. Further withdrawals are likely, and may result in the entire disruption of the exchange, which has maintained an agreement as to rates and commissions which all the companies doing business in this city pledged themselves not to violate.

MOB BEYOND CONTROL.

Guadeloupe Is in Hands of Rioters—United States Warships Ordered to Scene.

Washington, D. C., May 7.—Guadeloupe, French West Indies, is under mob rule according to a dispatch received at the state department to-day from the United States consul at that point. His dispatch says the mob is in control and the authorities are unable to restrain it. Election troubles are the cause of the disturbance. For several weeks there has been rioting which is supposed to have come to a head yesterday, which was election day.

At the request of the state department, the navy department has ordered Commander Southland, senior officer in command of the fleet at San Domingo, to send a warship at once to Guadeloupe to protect American interests. The sail from San Domingo to Guadeloupe is not more than 24 hours. There are six American vessels in San Domingo.

BURGLARS STOLE BONDS.

Chicago, May 7.—Burglars early to-day entered the office of Joseph Letter, who became famous several years ago when he attempted to corner the wheat market, blew open two vaults and escaped with bonds said to be valued at \$10,000 to \$20,000. All the securities are negotiable. The building in which the office is located is within half a block of police headquarters.

BRITAIN'S TRADE.

London, May 7.—A statement for April of the board of trade shows increases of \$18,857,000 in imports and \$14,469,000 in exports.

SEATTLE FIRE.

Dock and Loaded Box Cars Destroyed—Two Vessels Damaged.

Seattle, May 7.—(Special.)—A floating dock, filled with government supplies intended for shipment on the transport Sherman, was destroyed by fire at 3:30 o'clock this morning. The transport Sherman was lying alongside the dock and was damaged in the rigging. The masts and rigging of the French ship Daniel, lying at the north side of the dock, were damaged by the flames before she could be got out. The Corwin was taken off shore without injury. Before the fire department could reach the dock the entire warehouse and dock was a mass of flames, and the structure was beyond help. The fire was confined to the dock and the warehouse and the warehouse were burned, containing 16,000 sacks of oats.

The Sherman's supplies for her trip to the Philippines and thousands of rounds of Krug-Jorgensen cartridges were stored in the warehouse. The loss of the supplies and damage to the Sherman may delay her departure. She was to have sailed to-morrow.

NEW RUSSIAN CABINET.

St. Petersburg, May 7.—The new Russian cabinet has been completed and will be announced by an imperial ukase to-morrow as follows: Premier, Goremykin; minister of the interior, M. Stolyty; foreign affairs, Baron Iswolsky; finance, M. Rokossov; education, N. Kauffman; agriculture, M. Sitichinsky; commerce, M. Rukessloff; controller of the empire, M. Von Sosnovnabach; procurator general of the holy synod, Prince Shirinsky Schalamoff; minister of war, General Rudiger; minister of marine, Admiral Bireloff.

Baron Iswolsky, the new foreign minister, is about 50 years of age and is one of the most capable of the younger school of Russian diplomats. He was formerly minister of the Vatican and minister to Japan.

SENSATIONAL MURDER BY KURDISH CHIEFTAIN

Constantinople, May 8.—Nedjlm Eddy Bey, procurator-general of the Vilayet of Tripoli, North Africa, has been murdered in highly sensational manner by Ali Shamy, a former military governor of Scutari, a suburb of this city.

According to the reports received, Ali Shamy, who is a Kurdish chieftain, recently exiled to Tripoli on the charge of being concerned in the murder of Revan Pasha at Constantinople, was undergoing examination when he suddenly rushed upon the procurator-general, fixed his teeth in his throat and held on like a bulldog until his victim was throttled to death.

TENNESSEE FEUD.

Man and His Daughter Wounded by Mob—One of Attacking Party Killed.

Nashville, Tenn., May 7.—Marryll Winters was shot and instantly killed and Thomas Stewart and his young daughter were severely wounded during an affray at Stewart's home, near Pleasantview, on Saturday night. A few days ago Stewart received a letter warning him that if he and his family did not leave the neighborhood within ten days they would all be killed. On Saturday night a mob surrounded Stewart's home and opened fire upon it, and Stewart and his daughter were wounded. Stewart returned the shots and the mob scattered. Yesterday the body of Marvin Winters was found about fifty yards from Stewart's house, dead from a load of shot. Three arrests have been made.

THE "BAIT ACT."

Will Be Strictly Enforced Against American Fishermen—Whalers to Assist Revenue Cruisers.

St. Johns, Nfld., May 6.—Public sentiment throughout the colony strongly supports the Bond cabinet's aggressive enactment against the American fishermen, while from views expressed in official circles it appears probable that the premier has the endorsement of the British government, which believes the restriction measures proposed are within the colony's legal rights. The government will employ whaling vessels in addition to the revenue cruisers in enforcing the "Bait Act" against American fishermen. The new foreign fishing vessels bill is expected to pass the upper house of the legislature to-morrow. Both houses will be prorogued on Wednesday.

TIME RIPE FOR FOUNDING UNIVERSITY

Victoria the Best Location For Seat of Learning--Portion of Endowment Promised.

The question of the establishment of a provincial university in this province has been a live question during the past few days through the interest taken in the matter at the gathering of the Presbyterian Synod in Vancouver. It will be again prominently before the people during the coming week owing to the presence here of Dr. Potts, educational secretary of the Methodist church, who is to visit the annual conference of British Columbia which opens in Victoria on Thursday.

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The new university would therefore embark with a private endowment of probably a quarter of a million dollars apart from any endowment which the government might make. In addition it would have a location not only in the fairest city for such a seat of learning in British Columbia, but on one of the choicest spots in that city. It is understood that Lord Strathcona has given his assurance that if the city takes this step that the Hudson's Bay Company is prepared to donate a building site that magnificent belt of oak park overlooking Cadboro Bay. The site is a peerless one, commanding a view of the Gulf of Georgia, with Mount Baker in the distance and the bay is a delightful crescent of sand, affording the finest facilities for bathing.

Besides it is situated just outside the city limits and would therefore be free from the objection of being too close to the more congested centres of population. This is a matter to which the Development and Tourist Association should bend all its energies, for upon the founding of such a seat of learning in this city hinges a great deal of its future prosperity. The importance of the presence of the university in Victoria will have a more important influence in bringing population to the place even than its location and climate. It would attract students not only from all British Columbia, but from Washington and from the Asiatic side. Hearty co-operation among its citizens will result in the establishment of the university here within a short time.

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CLOUDS AGAIN GATHER IN RUSSIA

PARLIAMENT AND CABINET MAY CLASH

Feeling of Distrust Has Been Revived -- Jews Fear Trouble and are Fleeing to South

St. Petersburg, May 8.—The danger of another conflict between the government and parliament has been greatly increased by what has happened within the last 24 hours. The good impression produced by the official intimation of the new premier that the Emperor and the government were sincerely desirous of working in harmony with parliament, which was accepted in good faith by the leaders of the constitutional democrats, enabling them to counsel moderation, has largely been dissipated, and in its place the old feeling of mistrust has been revived. The Liberals are utterly stunned in view of the semi-official assurances on the subject by the unexpected promulgation late last night of the obnoxious fundamental law, though in a slightly modified form. At a stroke it put an end to the claim which the new cabinet tried to foster, namely, that the downfall of Witte cabinet was due to the imperial disapproval of the original draft of the law. An article in the law not mentioned in last night's dispatches, exempting crown lands from taxation and expropriating, and another reserving the power of amnesty for political prisoners to the Emperor, run counter to the already expressed will of the majority, and are bound to produce a clash.

The only commendable new feature of the fundamental law is a provision to the effect that imperial orders must be counter-signed by the president of the council of ministers, or the member of the cabinet whose department is affected, but so long as the cabinet is not responsible to parliament it is easy for His Majesty to dismiss an unwilling minister and replace him by one who will do his bidding.

The indignation aroused by the Emperor's attempt to build an artificial disk around the prerogatives of the crown has been intensified by the astounding action of the police last night in dispersing a meeting of some members of the lower house of parliament and of the upper house, or new council of the Empire, at the hall of the economical society. Without any warning the building was surrounded by the guard regiment and a detachment of cavalry, and a hundred policemen marched into the hall where Count Heyden, a marshal of the nobility and a member of parliament for St. Petersburg, was presiding and ordered the meeting to disperse under instructions from the chief of police. Vigorous protests were made that the meeting was entirely legal, but the police were inexorable, and the members of parliament left the hall after drawing up a formal protest which was signed by 28 of the members. M. Rodicheff, a member of parliament for St. Petersburg, hurried after midnight to the hall where the constitutional democrats were holding their convention and announced to the members there assembled the action taken by the police.

Seek Safety in Flight. Odessa, May 8.—Although the emigration of Jews to South Russia decreased during the last two months, it still averaged upwards of a hundred daily from Odessa alone, and the exodus from the less populous Jewish centres is proportionately larger in consequence of the general apprehension that the danger to the Jews is greater there than in Odessa, where they constitute fully a third of the half million population. The Jews believe that open conflict between parliament and the government is inevitable, and that they will be the first to suffer from the upheaval which is bound to result from such a conflict.

UP TO THE SENATE.

Ottawa, May 7.—Although the W. V. & Y railway amendment bill passed the senate committee the Canadian Northern is putting up a fight on the third reading, which has been put over till Thursday. Senators Bostock, Riley and Macdonald strongly support the bill. The result of the lobby now going on against free trade in railways in British Columbia will soon show whether the upper chamber is immune from corporatist control or is only human like the Commons.

DRIVEN ON ISLAND.

News Received From Portuguese Warship Which Disappeared Several Months Ago. New York, May 7.—A dispatch to a morning paper from Lisbon says: "The Portuguese warship Baptista Andrade, which was carrying a new governor to Mozambique, disappeared some months ago. It has now been found that she was driven ashore by a cyclone on a habitated African island. When found all hands were living and well."