

U.S. COMMANDER READY TO ACT

Government Gives Naval Officer Free Rein in Landing Marines for Cuban Protection.

PRESIDENT GOMEZ TO PERMIT LANDING Gives Permission for American Forces to Protect Foreign Property—Troops in Battle.

Washington, June 1.—No marines have been landed at Daiquiri, according to state department reports today.

Havana, June 1.—President Gomez telegraphed General Montecada, the commander in chief of the Cuban army, who is at the scene of the hostilities in the province of Oriente, stating that the general might permit American marines to land on Cuban soil to guard foreign property.

The dispatch added that the Cuban forces then might retire from guarding such places and devote themselves to pursuing the insurgents.

Interest in Havana centers on the question whether the United States gunboat Paducah would land marines at Daiquiri to protect the property of the Spanish-American Mining Company. It overshadows completely all the reported occurrences from the theater of hostilities.

The American legation has received advices from Daiquiri that the plant of the mining company had been attacked, but that its assailants were held in check by 40 guards, who later were reinforced by 100 other men.

Later in the day Colonel Martí, chief of staff of the Cuban army, and Lieutenant Colonel Cousens, sailed from Santiago on the gunboat Haturí for Daiquiri to explain to the commander of the Paducah the situation on shore and to inform him that there was no necessity for landing American forces. It is understood here, however, that the Paducah will remain on watch off Daiquiri.

There was great excitement last evening in Havana when several of the newspapers issued extra editions announcing that a battle had taken place not far from Santiago, in which many rebels had been killed by the fire of the Cuban artillery. The government said there had been no battle, but that a collision had taken place between national and rebel forces, in which the former's artillery was brought into play, apparently with good effect. The extent of the casualties, it was announced, was unknown.

General Montecada, in command of the army, is still busy in Oriente province disposing of his forces for a decisive movement against the enemy. Numerous instances of depredations by the rebels are reported.

Skirmishes continued between the government troops and insurgents, but without important results.

Cuban Rebels Worsted. Havana, June 1.—The government today received a dispatch from Santiago stating that it was reported there that columns under Col. Valiente and Col. Vallant struck the rebels yesterday morning, the fight continuing into the evening. Artillery wrought havoc among the insurgents. Losses and the scene of battle are not given.

Government Troops Victorious. Santiago, June 1.—A battle at Mayala, near Palma Soriano, yesterday resulted in a complete victory for the government troops, under Gen. Mendíeta. Mountain artillery was used with terrific effect. One hundred and twenty-seven rebels and 18 women who encamped with them were killed.

CLARK WINNER Vote First Light in Rhode Island's First Presidential Preference Primary. Providence, June 1.—Returns from the first democratic presidential primary in Rhode Island show Speaker Champ Clark victorious. A very light vote was cast. Clark received 4197 votes, Wilson 1242 and Harmon 725. Delegates to the Baltimore convention will support Clark on at least one ballot.

MAY INVESTIGATE HIGH MEAT COST

Soaring Prices Since Packers' Acquittal Arrests Government's Attention.

Washington, June 1.—The high price of meat probably will be investigated soon by the federal government. An inquiry to supplement previous investigations is being planned at the department of justice. Soaring meat prices and the question whether the country's meat supply may be controlled in violation of the Sherman law were called to the department's attention by representative Edward's bill directing the attorney general to make an investigation.

Since the packers were acquitted at Chicago of criminal violation of the Sherman law, the department has been keeping in close touch with the meat situation. Attorney General Wickersham has had under consideration a civil suit for the dissolution of the National Packing company. U. S. Attorney Wilkerson, at Chicago, has been reviewing the evidence brought out at the criminal trial and Oliver E. Pagan, government special attorney has been studying the situation. It is intimated the federal grand jury recently empaneled in Chicago might investigate some charges regarding the testimony of certain witnesses in the criminal suit.

WARRANT ISSUED FOR TOM WATSON

Former Populist Candidate Accused of Mailing Obscene Matter.

Macon, Ga., June 1.—A warrant for the arrest of Thomas E. Watson, once candidate for president on the populist ticket, was issued by United States Attorney Akerman today. The warrant charges Watson with sending obscene matter through the mails. Watson is expected to be arrested today at his home at Thomson, Ga., and will be taken before a federal commissioner at Augusta.

The warrant is the outcome of an article in Watson's magazine alleged to reflect on the Catholic religion.

SENATE MAY INSIST ON TWO BATTLESHIPS

The Naval Affairs Committee Wants the Sea Fighters Constructed.

Washington, June 1.—Two battleships eliminated from the naval appropriation bill in the house may be restored to the bill in the senate. The naval affairs committee will support the plan. The committee began consideration of the bill today.

SHEPPERD DEFEATED

Kitchin and Underwood Delegates Will Control the Wake County Convention Wednesday.

Gazette-News Bureau. The Hotel Raleigh, Raleigh, June 1. S. Brown Shepperd, candidate for the state senate, practically conceded the election of his opponent, J. C. Little, at noon today. Kitchin and Underwood delegates will control the county convention Wednesday, which is expected to send Underwood delegates to the state convention. There was little voting in the county. Republicans are also voting.

AMERICANS FLEE

Foreign Residents Are Leaving Chihuahua and Rebel Zone in Mexico. El Paso, Tex., June 1.—Americans and other foreign residents are leaving the city of Chihuahua and the rebel zone in northern Mexico. The war-torn region from Washington recently for Americans to remove themselves from scenes of disturbance. It is believed, delegates to the Baltimore convention will support Clark on at least one ballot.

He Is Now Worth Some \$900,000,000; His Income About \$1.90 2-3 a Second



JOHN D. ROCKEFELLER ON THE WITNESS STAND

New York, June 1.—The litigation that has brought about the examination of John D. Rockefeller as a witness to tell of the present relations between Standard Oil and its former subsidiary companies supposedly disassociated from it under the judgment of the United States Supreme court, has involved also a quiet inquiry into the stock holdings and other forms of wealth of Mr. Rockefeller.

From all the data available, and one of the associate counsel in this inquiry said the available data were fairly exhaustive, the conclusion has been reached that John D. Rockefeller is now worth nine hundred million dollars (\$900,000,000).

This estimate, it is believed, comes within a few millions of being correct. It is a practical impossibility to arrive at an exact estimate, for the daily fluctuations of stocks may add or take away several millions from the oil king's wealth on paper. Mr. Rockefeller does not speculate. He invests, and when the market is quite high he sells. When it has dropped to the low levels he buys back what he sold and reinvests the profit in more low priced stocks or bonds. The great bulk of his wealth is invested in oil, railroad, banking and industrial stocks.

"Dissolution" Has Helped. The lawyers who have undertaken the task of calculating just what Mr. Rockefeller is worth have come to one conclusion that is noteworthy.

That since the "dissolution" of the Standard Oil trust under the judgment of the United States Supreme court, interpreting the Sherman anti-trust act, the wealth of Mr. Rockefeller has grown by leaps and bounds. It is reckoned he is now worth fully \$100,000,000 more than before the Supreme court judgment took effect. This is due to the enormous increase in market values of the stocks of many of the former subsidiaries of the oil octopus.

One year recently, since the panic of 1907, the income of Mr. Rockefeller reached the extraordinary total of \$187,500,000, it was learned yesterday from one of the investigators. This was his high water mark; in fact, more than double his ordinary income.

From his holdings of Standard Oil stock alone Mr. Rockefeller derives an income of \$10,000,000 every year. His income from other sources varies, running as high as \$25,000,000 and as low as \$15,000,000, so that his yearly income varies between \$55,000,000 and \$65,000,000, with an occasional flight beyond this mark.

\$114.10 a Minute. For the purpose of an average the Rockefeller income may be estimated at \$60,000,000 a year, or \$5,000,000 a month, or \$1,538,461.5 a week, or \$164,735.21 a day, or \$5,862.97 an hour, or \$114.10 a minute, or \$1.90 2-3 a second. In 1865, as he has recorded in his

autobiography, John D. Rockefeller achieved his first \$5000. Ten years later he was worth \$5,000,000, and in 1890 he was reputed to be worth about \$100,000,000, which was just the value of the Standard Oil company of New Jersey, created about that time.

The wildest guesses have been made at the amount of his fortune since 1900, when it was conservatively figured at about \$300,000,000. But even those who spoke of him as a billionaire have never dreamed he was so close to that title as his present store of wealth indicates, if the figures of the legal mathematicians who have taken the subject in hand are correct.

Mr. Rockefeller has never ventured to say what he was worth. Several years ago he placed the figures at "somewhere between \$300,000,000 and \$400,000,000," but he confessed on the stand he could not tell "within \$10,000,000 or more" just what he was worth if he really sat down to figure it up.

Has Given \$174,000,000. He has given \$174,000,000 to various charitable, educational and scientific institutions, but this has not made any impression on the vast principal of his wealth, being merely gifts out of the income.

Mr. Rockefeller's personal wealth, aside from his real estate, is estimated by the city of New York, for taxation purposes, at \$5,000,000. He pays taxes on that amount.

Court Approves Seaboard Assets Distributing Plan

Newark, June 1.—Vice Chancellor Stevens of the New Jersey Chancery court today signed an order approving the plan for distributing the assets of the Seaboard company, the holding company of the Seaboard Air Line railway company. The Seaboard company by the payment had about \$59,000,000 of stock outstanding. The order requires the liquidation of shares of first preferred stock of the Seaboard company by the payment of cash at the rate of \$101.74 per share.

The order provides for the even exchange of second preferred and common stock of the Seaboard company for second preferred and common stock of the Seaboard Air Line Railway company. If this stock is not exchanged it is to be sold by trustees on either the stock exchange in New York or at Baltimore, the proceeds to be paid to the court. A report filed by the trustees showed they handled \$2,925,013 in cash.

BILL'S INTRODUCTION KILLS MOTHER-IN-LAW AND SELF; HURTS WIFE

Buffalo, June 1.—G. E. Staples, a farmer of Angola, shot his wife and his mother-in-law, Mrs. Brown and then himself. Mrs. Brown and his murderer died instantly. The wife will live.

Three Endangered in Fire. Gazette-News Bureau. The Hotel Raleigh, Raleigh, June 1. The lives of three employees were endangered today when fire in the gas plant cut them off from escape, the men climbing out of a window and descending a ladder. The fire started from a disconnected gas pipe. The damage was small.

MRS. AB. M'CALL ON THE STAND

GIVE ASSURANCES TO THE PRESIDENT

Southern Leaders Tell Him His Delegations Are Going to Stick.

Washington, June 1.—President Taft through conferences with Representative republicans from the southern states is seeking to learn first hand what ground there is for the rumors that there will be defections to Roosevelt from the delegations pledged or instructed for the president.

He talked with leaders from Florida and Virginia. His luncheon guests were H. S. Chubb, national committeeman, and W. R. O'Neal and Henry W. Bishop, delegates from Florida. Representative C. B. Stump, state chairman and L. P. Summers, delegates from Virginia, and Judge J. B. Gaston, delegate from Georgia.

After the luncheon Summers said Virginia's 21 votes would stand firm for the president. Speaking for the Florida delegation's loyalty to Taft, Chubb said: "It is not a question of dislike for Roosevelt but one of personal honor and integrity; they come first."

It was said at the White House that both Taft and Secretary Hillier had communicated by long distance with many other southern republican leaders and are convinced that Taft has little to fear from the report that his instructed or pledged delegates are not to be trusted.

GERMAN SQUADRON RIDES AT ANCHOR

Powerful Cruisers in the Lower Chesapeake—Entertainment for Officers.

Norfolk, June 1.—The visiting German squadron, comprising a powerful cruiser-battleship and the cruisers Stettin and Bremen, are anchored in Lynnhaven Roads in the lower Chesapeake. The squadron proceeds into Hampton Roads Monday and will be welcomed by President Taft and Secretary of the Navy Meyer. Following President's Taft's visit, the squadron's officers will go to Washington where they will be entertained at the White House Tuesday.

THOUSANDS ASSEMBLE TO HONOR DEAD AIRMAN

Electric and Steam Traffic in Dayton Suspended for Five Minutes.

Dayton, O., June 1.—Thousands of citizens and hosts from distant places paid a final tribute today to the memory of Wilbur Wright, whose body lay in state for three hours at the First Presbyterian church. Throngs viewed the remains of the dead airman. During the funeral this afternoon all street car and steam road traffic here will be suspended for five minutes. Another tribute was the tolling of church bells throughout the city.

TO GET THOMPSON

Requisition Is Issued for Man Sentenced in Buncombe Who Fled to Tennessee. Gazette-News Bureau. The Hotel Raleigh, Raleigh, June 1. Governor Kitchin today issued a requisition on the governor of Tennessee for Phillip Thompson, under arrest at Johnson City, who escaped from Buncombe county, where he was sentenced to 18 months for larceny.

CADETS AND MIDDIES

Annual Baseball Game Between Two Government Institutions Will Be Played Today. Annapolis, June 1.—The annual baseball game between West Point cadets and Annapolis midshipmen will be played here this afternoon. Included in a record-breaking throng gathered to witness the contest are many dignitaries including officers of both arms of the service. Both teams are in fine shape. Congressman Father of 15. Parkerburg, W. Va., June 1.—The birth of his fifteenth child last night probably gives Representative John M. Hamilton the largest family of any member of the lower house of congress. Fourteen children are living. The latest arrival is a daughter.

Strictly Affirms That She Has Never Known Anything About the Death of Myrtle Hawkins.

HER HUSBAND ALSO GIVES HIS TESTIMONY

Rumor That Shellnut Is Man Who Gave Sensational Testimony in Grace Case, Atlanta.

Special to The Gazette-News. Hendersonville, June 1.—The fact that the defendants in the Hawkins case were to testify was responsible for an unusually large attendance on today's session of the court. Mr. Spainhour for the state asked permission to introduce J. C. Henley of Statesville. Strong objection was made by Mr. Settle for the defense, and the court ruled against the request. The defense counsel asked permission to hold a conference with their clients, which was granted.

Mrs. Daniel McCall was recalled and examined by Mr. Settle. She said she first took notice of Myrtle's condition the Sunday before the finding of the body, at John Berry's house. She was cross-examined by Mr. Spainhour. Had suspected the girl's condition for a week prior, but did not tell anyone. She recalled that she had told Jim Jackson, the night after the body was found, that if it was Myrtle she had committed suicide.

Mrs. Beatrice McCall. Mrs. Beatrice McCall was sworn. She is the daughter of Daniel and wife of Abner McCall, and is 21. She had known Myrtle Hawkins for years, and was her best friend. She said she had never known anything whatever of the girl's death. She did not know of her condition. She had been in jail since March. She had not known of anyone committing an abortion. She does not know whether Myrtle is dead or alive. She did not tell Bob Waddell or anyone that Myrtle was to give her a clock, a ring or other jewelry. She first saw the Britt and Shaffly women when they were brought to jail. She had never heard their names before.

Cross-examined by Mr. Spainhour: Witness has two older sisters. The next older is Carrie, living in Jacksonville, who is now here. She has been here for a week. Witness weighs about 110 pounds. She first heard of Shellnut a week or two ago, before her sister's visit. She had never heard of Deaver, one of yesterday's witnesses. Denied that Myrtle told her that she (Myrtle) knew Shellnut. She and Myrtle had been school mates and told each other their secrets. The reason Myrtle did not tell of her condition was that she knew they would be friends no longer. Myrtle was often at witness' house. She was sick the week before Myrtle's disappearance and the latter visited her daily. She was at home when she heard of the finding of the body. She started to go with friends to the lake, but on the way they met friends in an automobile and went to Hendersonville. She did not know Myrtle was missing until Hawkins brought her a note from Mrs. Hawkins. She did not hear until 5 or 6 p. m., Sunday, that the body was that of Myrtle. She was greatly worried; did not go to see Mrs. Hawkins because she was not able to walk that far. She did not send a note to Mrs. Hawkins but sent her husband Monday or Tuesday to ask about Mrs. Hawkins. She had observed no symptoms of the girl's condition. She went to the funeral but did not get out of the carriage. She again denied that Myrtle had promised her any jewelry. She admitted they had exchanged rings the Sunday before at Perry's. Tuesday, Myrtle gave her a ring, and told her to keep Myrtle's until called for. This ring was produced and identified by the witness. She did not recall whether or not she had ever seen the clock.

Mrs. McCall stated that she never saw Myrtle with the clock. Did not telephone to her at Mrs. Jackson's but asked Mrs. Jackson on Friday to telephone and ask if Myrtle was at home; and if she was to come and help her sew. She thought she would know Myrtle's handwriting. She knows her own writing. She identified a letter she had written to Myrtle and two letters Myrtle had written to her. She had known George Bradley about two years. Did not know whether George paid any attention to Myrtle or not. Denied that she knew Myrtle was heartbroken when she heard that George was married. She admitted that George and Myrtle were at her home often and that Myrtle often stayed all night. She and Myrtle had dressed alike. She had told Mrs. Andrews that she and Myrtle wished to dress alike. She and Myrtle had worked on a dress on the Tuesday before Myrtle disappeared. Myrtle was at her home a few minutes on Wednesday afternoon. Witness first suspected that the body was Myrtle when her brother, E. L. Over, identified it. She denied, however, she thought of going into mourning when the body was identified. Witness had known Boney Bradley since the third of last July. Had never seen him with beads except when he was arrested. He had been sick at George's and let it grow.

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NO P.O. APPROPRIATION FOR HENDERSONVILLE

Chance of a New Building There Soon Goes Glimmering. Gazette-News Bureau. Wyatt Building, Washington, June 1. There will be no appropriation for the postoffice at Hendersonville this year. This was made certain yesterday, when the supervising architect of the treasury department notified the house appropriations committee that Hendersonville is number 124 on the list of buildings to be constructed; that no drawing can be taken before March, 1913; that no contract is possible before July of next year and that no appropriation is recommended to be made this year.

In view of this recommendation, Representative Gudgee does not believe he can get the appropriation for the building until next session.

Rogers to Present Baldwin's Name. New Haven, June 1.—Governor Simon E. Baldwin's name will be presented to the Baltimore convention by Dean Henry W. Rogers of the Yale law school. Rogers will sit in the convention as a proxy.

Coffin Mars Is Ashore.

Key West, June 1.—The government cutter Mars is ashore on Bahama bank, and today sent wireless calls for assistance. The battleship Nebraska and two government tugboats have gone to her rescue.