

ALL FEARS OF A RUPTURE ARE NOW VANISHING

Sailing of Great American Armada Dissipated Fears of War With Japan.

WANTED CONGRESS TO HOLD SHIPS

Strange Attitude of Some Congressmen and Newspapers Commented Upon.

Citizen Correspondence.) WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—The armada is sailing south from Hampton Roads, and nervous people are relieved that its going was accompanied by no rupture in our relations with Japan.

No Cause for Alarm. That there was any real ground to anticipate that Japan would show resentment because our ships went on a cruise so well informed person now believes.

Japan wanted a man in Washington who could get as close to President Roosevelt and leading American statesmen as the ambassadors which some of the European powers have stationed here.

Tokyo believed Takahira would fill the bill. He had been stationed in Washington during the Chinese Boxer troubles and during Japan's war with Russia and had acquitted himself well.

SAYS REASONS FOR MR. RAMSEUR'S DISCHARGE WERE SUFFICIENT

Mayor Campbell has received a letter from vice-president and general manager Achert of the Southern Railway relative to the recent shake-up of the Asheville division of the Southern.

GREAT JETTIES OF MISSISSIPPI ARE COMPLETE

Biggest Channel Undertaking of American History Now at An End.

WORK WAS BEGUN FOUR YEARS AGO

Almost Parallel Walls Running for Distance of Three and Four Miles.

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 23.—One of the greatest channel making undertakings in the history of American river improvement will be brought nearly to completion this week when the jetties at the mouth of the South-west Pass of the Mississippi river are finished.

The new jetties were begun four years ago. They are on a larger scale and more substantial than the famous jetties at the Mississippi's South Pass, an outlet which for over 39 years has been the river's commercial entrance.

Probably few walls ever have been constructed under greater difficulties than these jetties. They are made of willow, scantling, stone and concrete.

The jetties have no foundation, but rely for stability upon their extremely broad bases, being from 100 to 150 feet wide at the bottom. In contrast to this great width of base, the concrete capping which forms the top of the jetties and which is the work receiving its finishing touches this week, is but a few feet wide.

PRESIDENT TO STAND BY HIS LATEST ORDER

He Will Not Listen to Appeals for Return of Troops to Goldfield.

HE THINKS NEVADA SHOULD ACT HERSELF

Mines are Resuming Work and Special Deputies are Being Sworn In.

(By Associated Press.) WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—The appeals to President Roosevelt to have federal troops remain in Goldfield, in the opinion of White House officials, indicate a desire on the part of those sending them to rely solely on the national government for protection.

MALLORY TO HAVE A QUIET FUNERAL

Late United States Senator of Florida Asked to Have No State Ceremonies.

(By Associated Press.) WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—In conformity with his dying request, conveyed in a telegram to the sergeant at arms, the late United States Senator Stephen R. Mallory, of Florida, who died last night, will not be given an official funeral but it will be conducted privately and without ostentation.

SEAMAN DIES. SAN JUAN, Porto Rico, Dec. 23.—Benjamin Northway, a fireman on the United States battleship Missouri, who was landed here on Saturday suffering from peritonitis, died today.

FOOT AND HAND CUT OFF; JUGS OF LIQUOR LOST

Flood of Cut Rate Liquor Responsible for Two More Tragedies of Rail.

CARS PASS OVER TWO DRUNKEN MEN

Victims are Now in the Mission Hospital Suffering From Serious Injuries.

Another tragedy on the railroad and another calamity due to prodigal indulgence in cut rate liquor took place yesterday afternoon at Blountmore when Ben Pressly lost a foot and W. D. Fowler a hand under the wheels of a freight train, while jugs and flasks of liquor they bore were smashed on the roadbed.

The men after the cars had passed over them lay inert and drunk beside the roadbed where they were placed and then were taken to the Mission hospital where Pressly's foot and Fowler's hand were amputated and it was stated that the men though maimed would not die.

ACTOR'S ACCUSER WILL GET SENTENCE

Blackmailer Found Guilty of Squeezing \$1,000 From the New York Comedian.

(By Associated Press.) NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—Hugo C. Voelck, brother of Elsie Voelck, in whose behalf charges were brought against Raymond Hitchcock, the comedian, pleaded guilty to an indictment alleging extortion before Judge Rosinsky today and was remanded for sentence to tomorrow.

ALL DEPOSITORS WILL GET MONEY

(By Associated Press.) ATLANTA, Ga., Dec. 23.—State Treasurer and Bank Examiner Robert E. Park, after examination of the Neal Bank, which failed to open today, said that he believed the depositors would eventually lose nothing.

HOPKINS SAYS THAT YOUTSEY LAID THE PLOT

More Sensational Evidence is Produced in the Trial of Caleb Powers.

DEADLY RIFLE IS AGAIN IDENTIFIED

Meshes of Law Appear to be Slowly But Surely Closing on Youtsey.

GEORGETOWN, KY., Dec. 23.—The seventh week of the trial of Caleb Powers for the alleged complicity in the assassination of William Goebel, opened today. Police Judge J. N. Hubbard, of Grayson, Ky., was recalled to identify a letter written by him to Powers, which embodied the substance of his sensational testimony given Saturday relative to the plan to kill Goebel outlined to him by Youtsey. The letter was written by Judge Hubbard to Powers while the latter was in the Newport jail.

Albert Melton, in whose possession was found the Marlin rifle with which Goebel was shot on the stand today to identify and trace the gun. Melton identified the weapon by its number but was unable to say positively who gave it to him. Directly after the shooting of Goebel Melton went into the hall of the executive building where several persons were gathered about the door of Caleb Powers' office from which the shot was fired. Some person handed the gun to Melton during the excitement.

An interesting turn in the trial is the arrival here of W. J. Davidson, assistant secretary of state under Powers and before that superintendent of public instructions. Davidson will take the witness stand in defense of Powers. Davidson left Kentucky about the time Taylor and Finley, in the testimony of Youtsey and Golden he is charged with being one of the conspirators in the Goebel assassination but he was not indicted with the others. Since leaving Kentucky nearly eight years ago, his whereabouts have been unknown save to a few friends. He said today that he had been in a small town in Indiana near Indianapolis, most of the time engaged in the construction business.

SLAYDEN-FAKES' STORE WAS ENTERED

Slayden, Fakes & Company's wholesale warehouse was again tapped by thieves last night, but, as far as is known, they secured nothing. The evidence of burglary was discovered by Night Watchman Sims, who found the front door loose. He summoned Mr. Davis and the police, who could detect nothing missing. The cash drawers had been rifled, but as no money had been left therein, the thieves gained nothing for their trouble. It is thought the intended robbery was the work of some one concealed in the store.

STREET CAR MEN WOULD NOT GO OUT FOR XMAS

Impending Strike is Delayed Out of Consideration for the Public.

WON'T INTERFERE WITH HOLIDAYS

Men are Making Their Demand For More Pay and Shorter Hours.

(By Associated Press.) PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 23.—The executive committee of Amalgamated Street and Electric Railway Employees, who have been authorized by the local branch of the organization to call a strike if the Philadelphia Rapid Transit company does not accede to their demands for increased wages and improved conditions, tonight issued a statement to the public in which it was stated that no strike would be called tomorrow or before Christmas.

PEACE MAKER MEETS DEATH IN A DUEL

Three Cornered Pistol Fight in South Carolina May Result in Three Deaths.

(By Associated Press.) CHARLOTTE, N. C., Dec. 23.—B. W. Welch and W. T. Clyburn and Berry Mobley were fatally wounded in a duel which took place at Kernshaw, South Carolina, early Sunday morning. The tragedy grew out of a trivial difficulty between Welch and Mobley which was later settled by a fist fight. The men shook hands and made up, but a few minutes later Welch, angered by some remark of Mobley's, drew his pistol and opened fire emptying his revolver at close range. Clyburn stepped between the combatants, receiving two of the bullets and falling dead at Welch's feet. Mobley returned Welch's fire killing him instantly. He received four of the bullets from Welch's pistol and fell mortally wounded. Welch was a member of, and manager for the Health Supply Company; Mobley was one of the most prominent merchants of the town and Clyburn was at the head of the Clyburn Stock company. The three were numbered among the leading citizens of the town. Mobley will die. Welch and Clyburn were first cousins and were friends. Clyburn was acting as peace-maker and endeavoring to prevent the tragedy when he was killed.

CHECK FORGER IS RUN TO EARTH

E. C. Smith, alias R. I. Couah, wanted here for alleged forgery and obtaining money under false pretenses is under arrest in Johnson City, Tenn., and Detective Frank Jordan went to that place yesterday to bring the fugitive here. Smith is charged with forging the name of the Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company to a check for \$10 on which he received money from Joe Johnson who runs a store in Grace, just outside the city limit. Mr. Jordan left yesterday afternoon and is expected to return some time today.

SLAYER OF LITTLE ALTHEA GREEN SITS GLOOMILY IN PRISON

Joseph Lance, who killed Miss Althea Green by the reckless shot he fired from the Toxaway train at Buena Vista Saturday evening, is in Buncombe jail under commitment from Dr. E. R. Morris, county coroner, and there he will doubtless remain until the next term of Superior court since there is no need on the part of the state to call for an inquiry before a magistrate and Lance's attorneys have no present expectation of asking for a preliminary hearing. Lance being quite willing to remain in prison, the fact prison is the safest place for him because it has been many years since the people were so thoroughly aroused over anything as over this wanton and cruel act which sent a young girl to an untimely grave, causing her to die in her mother's arms with the pathetic words on her lips, "Mamma, I don't want to die."

