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The expression, the first of a personal nature since he was forced from office, was made on board the steamer Ypiranga during the brief stop of the vessel in this harbor. Dias had received the governor of Coahuila and the commandant of the port, who with their staffs had boarded the vessel at the direction of the government to present the greetings of Spain and the Mexican consul.

When he was approached by news-gatherers, he first he asked to be excused, pleading indisposition and explaining that though the symptoms had been extracted, he still suffered from an abscess on the lower jaw. However, after a consultation with members of his party the following statement was given to the Fraternidad Mexicana, the official press association of Spain:

General Dias is saddened by the recent events in Mexico and the increase of his countrymen. He voluntarily sacrificed his ambitions in the hope of obtaining tranquility for the nation, foreseeing that it was necessary to defend his cause. He was afforded a pretext for intervention.

The bitterness and deep disappointment which he felt was mitigated by the warmth of the manifestations of sympathy upon his departure from this country.

It has been said about a military dictator; but do you thus define a regime which rested upon an army reduced to 14,000 men?

General Dias, when he assumed power, had to deal with conditions regarding energy, but afterwards the nation opened and was more able to direct itself constitutionally. General Dias later policies were interpreted by his adversaries as a sign of weakness.

General Dias, confident in the good sense of the people, thought that the nation would disappear, but the people easily forgetting the merits of the Diaz administration, allowed themselves to be dragged into a revolution and a movement.

During the night the Ypiranga proceeded for Santander and Havre. According to the present plans, Dias will land at Havre and go with his family to Switzerland.

CLINCH MOUNTAIN TUNNEL REPORTED ON FIRE NOW. Knoxville, Tenn., June 17.—Fire is reported in Clinch mountain tunnel, north of Johnson City, on the Carolina, Chesapeake & Ohio Railroad. The fire is reported to have started about 10 o'clock and it may be several days before trains can be operated through the tunnel. The tunnel is about one mile in length.

WIDE BREAK ON NEW ORLEANS COTTON MARKET

New Orleans, La., June 17.—Reports of showers in west Texas, received from private sources, caused a wide break in the cotton market around the opening today. The weather map did not show any rain in the West and later supplementary reports from the weather bureau positively stated that no rain had fallen in the Houston district, which comprises the state of Texas, but the selling continued. Even when telegrams from Dallas stated that the reports of rains had been greatly exaggerated the ring kept on selling until a decline of a dollar to a dollar and a half a bale had been brought about.

Strangely enough, the old crop months were weaker than the new. July, the month that the public has believed right along would be the center of the bull campaign, broke below the 15 cent mark to 14.55, or 34 points below the level of yesterday's close. July was the weakest month on the board and during the first two hours trading was more than a dollar and a half a bale down from yesterday's last quotation.

August lost 30 points. The new crop months lost 23 to 25 points. At the middle of the morning the decline was checked on profit-taking by shorts. The weather forecast promised unsettled weather and local showers over practically the entire belt and this helped the bears not a little.

Around the middle of the morning the selling was partly based on the official report of showers overnight in the Oklahoma, Mobile, Vicksburg, Montgomery, Little Rock, Atlanta and Augusta districts. Bulls offered the market almost no support. At the lowest in the early trading October, the most active new crop month, sold down to 13.15.

LA FOLLETTE WILL OPPOSE PRESIDENT TAFT

Washington, June 17.—Senator Robert M. LaFollette, of Wisconsin, the father of all present day insurgents in the field against President Taft for the presidential nomination.

The word has quietly gone out to all parts of the country and progressive republican leaders in practically every state in the union are working for LaFollette delegates.

"Taft and sure defeat, or LaFollette and a chance to win," is the battle cry of the LaFollette forces. LaFollette's friends assert that the Wisconsin fighter is already assured of nearly one-third of the delegates to the republican delegation.

And this is not an extravagant assertion when the strong anti-Taft sentiment existing in all parts of the country is taken into consideration. Let us see if it is: In five states of the union—Oregon, Nevada, Wisconsin and New Jersey—the people of both parties will have a chance to vote for their preference for presidential candidate.

Oregon will be the first state to vote on the matter. All reports from Oregon indicate that LaFollette will lead by three to one. And anyone who believes insurgency is limited to Oregon is mistaken. It exists in every state in the union.

Wisconsin is the first state to officially start the LaFollette for president movement. At a meeting of three hundred progressive republicans at Madison, Wis., June 13, the Wisconsin branch of the national progressive republican league was organized and went on record for LaFollette for president. An executive committee was named to begin active work of organization.



The Lion and the Unicorn stop fighting for the crown. To see the owner put it on, they're off to London Town.

FURNITURE MEN ADJOURN MEET IN ASHEVILLE

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STRIKE MAY TIE UP COASTWISE SHIPPING

By Associated Press. New York, June 17.—Organizers of the coastwise seamen have said that they control between 15,000 and 20,000 men and that a general strike order, if obeyed, will tie up all coastwise shipping but the general situation will not take form until Sunday when a mass meeting will be held.

The Monus was due to sail at noon. Earlier in the day, Sira Cooper of counsel for Morgan line, said: "All this trouble is being stirred up by walking delegates who are trying to show that they are doing something to earn their salaries."

Henry T. Griffin, general secretary of the union, said in reply: "Every man of a Morgan ship that comes into this port will walk out as soon as he sets foot on shore. We gave the company until 10 o'clock this morning to answer our grievances and we have not heard a word from them."

The men ask for pay for overtime, better sleeping quarters and better rations. The Monus did not sail at noon although she continued to take on passengers. At half past eleven the crews of four Southern Pacific tugs detailed to head her straight in the stream also struck.

The El CID, another Southern Pacific ship due to sail at 3 o'clock, was also having trouble with her crew and the strikers said that forty stewards of the Cristobal of the Panama Railroad & Steamship Line, had walked out in sympathy and would take more men with them.

London, June 17.—The steamer Minnewaska, of the Atlantic Transport Line, was unable to sail for New York today, the crew refusing to sign on the old terms and the owners declining to grant an increase.

The ship owners at Liverpool are meeting the strike situation by importing foreign seamen, many of whom are taking the places formerly filled by Britishers. The men who refused to join the trans-Atlantic liners replaced by outsiders.

The mail steamer Britain, for Cape Town, which the strikers thought they had tied up at Southampton, got away this afternoon, picking up the crew in the Solent.

Southampton, June 17.—The stewards of the St. Paul, which is due to sail on June 21, replacing the steamer Majestic, have notified the owners of their intention to quit.

Stewards Strike. By Associated Press. New York, June 17.—Fifty stewards of the steamship Monus, plying between New York and New Orleans in the marine department of the Southern Pacific Railroad, struck today. They said they would take forty others with them and that 150 seamen, stockers and coal passers would follow the forty. The men quit without disorder.

Stewards Sailed Despite Strike. New Orleans, June 17.—The threatened strike of seamen on the Morgan line did not interfere with the sailing this morning of the steamer Comus for New York. Officials here of the Southern Pacific which operates the Morgan line say there has been no apprehension of a strike among the sailors here.

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Had Been Accused of Taking Money From the Big Four Railroad—Great Interest Taken in Case From The First.

Cincinnati, O., June 17.—Edgar S. Cooke, charged with embezzling \$24,000 from the Big Four Railroad, was today cleared not guilty by the jury which heard the evidence in his case.

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At the time court opened all that was necessary to wind up the case was the charge to the jury by Judge Charles J. Hunt and a verdict by the former.

It was the general opinion about the court house that it would not require lengthy discussion for the jury to reach a final decision and that the close of the sensational case would come before nightfall.

Judge Hunt delivered his charge to the jury soon after court convened. His instructions were brief. "Cooke is only on trial for embezzlement," said Judge Hunt, "and not for the commission of any other offense against the state or the laws of morality. The testimony as to other such alleged offenses is only of weight as affecting the credibility of Cooke's testimony. Regarding the testimony of Warriner and Mrs. Ford, the jury must consider the fact that by the same testimony these witnesses make themselves equally guilty with him."

The Majestic Lunch Co. Makes Assignment. The Majestic Lunch Company, composed of Messrs. J. O. Smith, R. M. Frazier and J. H. Griffin, made an assignment today. Mr. Edward F. Creswell being named as assignee. Mr. F. M. Shannonhouse is the company's attorney.

The company waived all claims insisting Mr. Creswell to settle all debts. The company has conducted business in the basement of the Buford hotel since January 21. There business has been operated under difficulties ever since its organization. First there was complaint from the Commercial National Bank employees that the odors and fumes from the restaurant were disagreeable. Three days after the lunch room opened it was closed for three days on account of complaint from the bank.

The Buford hotel recently put in a new elevator. The smoke and fumes went with the guests up the shaft, causing complaint by the hotel. Hindered in front and hindered behind, the company decided to go out of business, an make a voluntary assignment.

The Majestic was a popular place and was doing a good business, but the management hasn't yet learned the new art of bottling smoke, so quit business.

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BOLD BAD BANDITS HOLD UP TRAIN

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Posses were searching for them west of Yoncalla this morning but up to a late hour they were still at large. Although the two robbers brandished their revolvers, not a shot was fired. The mail clerks found themselves helpless before the weapons of the highwaymen. One robber held an effective range of five miles. The other covered while the other ripped open the mail sacks and ransacked their contents. It is not known how much booty the desperadoes secured.

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