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WILL BE FINAL

Findings of International Commission Will Be Carried Out.

FULL INCIDENT

Most of the Details for the Carrying Out of the Inquiry have been Arranged Including the Composition of the International Court, which will Make the Award—A Complete Lull now Prevails in Diplomatic Circles and Great Satisfaction is Expressed at the Peaceful Solution of what was a Grave Crisis—It is Believed that the Commission's Finding will Completely Discredit Rojstvensky's Statements Concerning the Presence of Torpedo Boats.

London, Oct. 29.—Profound satisfactions over the fact that an arrangement has been reached and the entire certainty that the result of the commission of inquiry will be to discredit Vice Admiral Rojstvensky's statements against the presence of torpedo boats among the North sea fishing fleet, marks the comments of the London afternoon newspapers almost universally. The admiral's story, it is pointed out, has the great advantage that it is capable of precise proof or disproof. The Russian admiral can only make good his case by producing the vessel whose presence he alleges was among the trawlers, says the Westminster Gazette. This feeling that the British contention will be upheld pervades all classes, and disposes the public to carry out the verdict.

The composition of the international commission is the immediate subject of communications passing through St. Petersburg and London. It has been suggested that it shall be comprised of five admirals, French, Russian and English and two from smaller powers, possibly Denmark and Holland, to be nominated by their respective governments. Nothing yet, however has definitely been decided. No American member has been suggested, though there might be an opening therefor in the proposal that one law jurist from a neutral power shall be included, in the commission. Thus far no time limit has been fixed for the end of the inquiry. After a fuller communication with St. Petersburg, it is now understood upon the conclusion of the inquiry now proceeding at Vigo, all the Russian ships will be allowed to proceed, only the material witnesses being detained.

The board of trade inquiry is likely to be opened at Hull next week and will be presided over by a naval officer, probably Admiral Sir Cyprian Bridge, assisted by a leading lawyer, the case being charge of the solicitor of the Board of Trade. The inquiry will be confined to ascertaining the circumstances from the fishermen's point of view and assessing the damage. The Russian embassy has not yet decided whether to accept the government's invitation to send a report. A report of the evidence will be forwarded to the international commission. The board of trade inquiry will express no opinion on the action of the Russian squadron.

After the excitement of the last few days a complete lull now prevails in diplomatic circles.

Lord Lansdowne and Ambassador Benckendorff today further discussed the composition of the international commission, but no final decision was reached. It is thought possible some British naval officers may participate in the inquiry going on at Vigo, similar to the courtesy being extended by Great Britain as it offers to the Russian embassy to send a representative to the inquiry at Hull.

The foreign office thoroughly agrees with the Russian understanding as to the moral obligation to carry out the findings of the international commission. The admiralty today recinded its orders stopping all naval leave, and the Pall Mall Gazette says that although all danger of war has passed, a great naval demonstration in the nature of practice is being planned as a sequel to the hostile mobilization.

ROJSTVENSKY MAY RESIGN.

A Statement to this Effect in Circulation—Report that the Russian Admiral Destroyed One of his Own Torpedo Boats, Mistaking it for a Hostile Craft.

St. Petersburg, Oct. 30.—The Associated Press is unable to obtain confirmation of the report that Vice Admiral Rojstvensky has offered to resign, a statement to which effect has been cabled to the United States. There is not the slightest disposition on the part of the admiralty to doubt the entire veracity of his report. The admiralty de-

LETTERS IN EVIDENCE.

CORRESPONDENCE BETWEEN McCUE AND WIFE ADMITTED.

The Letters were Written During the Period from 1899 to 1901—Case for the Commonwealth has been Closed. Defense will Begin Monday and They Expect to Close by Tuesday Night.

Charlottesville, Va., October 29.—When the trial of ex-Mayor McCue, charged with the murder of his wife, was resumed today the court announced that the letters written by the accused to his wife during the period from 1899 to 1901, offered by the defense and which were excluded yesterday, would be admitted as evidence, together with the letters written by Mrs. McCue to the defendant during the same period.

Edgar Crawford, a brother of Mrs. McCue, resumed the stand and identified the letters of Mrs. McCue.

Mr. Walker, of counsel for the defense, read the letters written by Mrs. McCue to her husband, some while she was away and others while he was absent from home. They were couched in terms of endearment and devotion. Some expressed solicitude for his comfort and suggested that he was making a mistake "tolling so hard." One letter read: "If you were only here I would be happy every minute."

The batch of letters written by the defendant to his wife were identified and read. They, too, expressed devotion and solicitude for her health. The letters were addressed to "Dear Little Darling," "Dear Little Sweetheart," "Dear Little Wife" and similarly. Reference was made to business success and money matters. The letters concluded by sending love and kisses, one expression being "with a heart full of love and a big sweet kiss," and another "Kisses from your old sweetheart. Other expressions were "God only knows how I love you," and "God only knows how I miss you."

The commonwealth introduced testimony to show the good character of their witnesses. After Sergeant Rogers had testified that he saw a dish in one of the windows found open in the McCue residence the day after the tragedy, the Commonwealth announced that it had concluded its testimony. Counsel for the defense stated that they expected to close by Tuesday night.

Court adjourned at 12:20 p. m. until Monday morning.

No Japanese Boats were Among the Trawlers.

Tokio, Oct. 29.—2:30 p. m.—The reported statement of an officer on board the Russian battleship Emperor Alexander III, with the Russian Baltic squadron now at Vigo, Spain, to the effect that there were foreign torpedo boats among the Hull trawlers when they were fired upon recently by the Russian warships and that the Japanese government was said to have purchased torpedo boats in England, coupled with the insinuation that the torpedo boats with the trawlers were Japanese, has been received in Japan with a mixed feeling of indignation and derision.

It is officially declared in the most positive terms that Japan has neither purchased nor ordered a single torpedo boat in England since the outbreak of the war.

Russian War Vessels at Tangier.

Tangier, Morocco, Oct. 29.—Four Russian warships, three torpedo boat destroyers and five colliers arrived here this morning. The Russian flag-ship exchanged salutes with the cruiser Kleber, and the British cruiser Diana.

The Russian vessels now here comprise the battleships Oslabia, Siyasi, Veliky and Navarin, the armored cruiser Admiral Nakhimoff and seven torpedo boats, besides colliers.

The Russian officers say they will remain here about a week. It is rumored that they will remain at Tangier until the inquiry into the North sea incident is ended.

ORDER RAILWAY CONDUCTORS.

Formed at Florence, S. C.—Will be Known as Fillyaw Division No. 455.

The Fayetteville Observer of yesterday says: Fillyaw Division, No. 455, Order of Railway Conductors, was formed last night at Florence, S. C., by Mr. A. B. Garretson, Assistant Grand Chief Conductor of Cedar Rapids, Iowa. Mr. Garretson is assistant to Mr. E. E. Clark, of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, who is the Grand Chief Conductor of the Order of Railway Conductors of America, and who was a member of the coal strike commission. The new division is named in memory of the late Captain DeLeon Fillyaw, of Wilmington, N. C., for many years a conductor on the old Wilmington and Weldon Railroad. Captain B. T. Jones, of our city, is secretary and treasurer of the new division.

IN THE WORLD OF SPORTS.

GRIDIRON GAMES IN MANY PARTS OF THE COUNTRY.

Carolina Wins from V. P. I. by the Score of 6 to 0—Virginia is Defeated by the Indians—Pennsylvania Causes Great Surprise by her Victory Over Harvard—Yale Easily Wins from Columbia—West Point Continues its Victorious March—Other Games.

(Special to The Messenger.)

Chapel Hill, N. C., October 29.—The University of North Carolina defeated Virginia Polytechnic institute at Blacksburg, Va., this afternoon by a score of 6 to 0. Both teams put up a magnificent game, both defensively and offensively. Carolina scored her only touchdown in the first half. The ball was fumbled and Townsend, the crack right end of the locals securing it ran 85 yards for a touch down. This beautiful run was easily the feature of the game. An easy goal was kicked, making the score 6 to 0.

In the second half Virginia carried the ball half the length of the field twice. Carolina held well however and Jacocks, quarter back, punted out of danger each time. The students here are jubilant over the result of the game as our team was defeated last year by the "Tecks." The game was hard fought from start to finish, and was a beautiful exhibition.

PENNSYLVANIA 11; HARVARD 0.

Cambridge, Mass., October 29.—The third surprise of the football season occurred at Soldiers Field today when the Harvard eleven was not only defeated and prevented from scoring, but was completely outplayed in every department of the game by the University of Pennsylvania. The final score was Pennsylvania, 11; Harvard 0. Only three times throughout the game was the Harvard eleven within striking distance of Pennsylvania's goal. On two of these occasions she fumbled the ball. On the third she was held for downs when only 12 yards away from the Pennsylvania goal. The game was a spectacular one throughout and the defeat of the Harvard team was hardly more unexpected than the game shown by the wearers of the blue and red. The Pennsylvania's play was extremely versatile, punting, delayed passes, quarter back runs, fake kicks and plunges through the line rapidly following each other.

Twenty five hundred followers of Pennsylvania occupied one side of the stadium, and the scene in that section when Pennsylvania scored was spectacular indeed. The crowd arose in a mass with rhythmic waving of flags, sang "The Red and the Blue" and when the game ended the students jumped into the field and in the wildest enthusiasm carried to their dressing rooms the team which had broken the long string of defeats which Pennsylvania had suffered at the hands of Harvard.

CARLISLE 14; VIRGINIA 6.

Norfolk, Va., October 29.—Carlisle Indians defeated the University of Virginia, 14 to 6 in a snappy game today. Virginia scored on the first half by Council breaking through a hole left guard Murphy made and running half the field for a touchdown. Yancey kicked goal.

In the second half the Indians adopted a desperate style of play and kept the ball in Virginia's territory until Libby, from the 36 yard line, put a place kick over the bars.

After the second kick off Carlisle rushed Virginia to her fifteen yard line. Council dropped back for a punt, but a bad pass spoiled the play and he was downed on Virginia's two yard line. Virginia lost the ball on downs on the play and Sheldon was pushed over the line.

Ten minutes afterwards Libby made a fair catch of Yancey's forty yard punt on Virginia's forty five yard line, and put a place kick between the posts for the final score.

Substitutes were freely used in the game, regular players being exhausted by the fierceness of the play. Flores, Carlisle's right end, was sent to the side lines for slugging.

PRINCETON 18; CORNELL 6.

Ithaca, N. Y., October 29.—Princeton won today's football game from Cornell by a score of 18 to 6, but the victors were forced to work their hardest to make gains, being outclassed by Cornell in many stages of the game, especially in the first part of the contest. The Cornell men showed their ability to advance the ball consistently and Birmingham did well in the punting, nearly always sending the ball more than forty yards and losing again in exchanges with Tooker.

At Knoxville—Sewanee 12; University of Tennessee 0.
At Nashville—Vanderbilt 38; Central 0.
At New Orleans—A. and M. college of Mississippi 10; Tulane 0.
At Lexington, Va.—St. Johns college 12; Virginia Military Institute 6.
Georgetown 17; Holy Cross 4.
Swathmore 9; Navy 0.
Yale 24; Columbia 0.
Illinois 6; Chicago 6.
Dickinson 6; Lehigh 0.
LaFayette 54; Manhattan college 0.

AT THE SEAT OF WAR

COMPARATIVE QUIET STILL PREVAILS IN MANCHURIA.

The Japanese have Captured Waitao Mountain and Wai Tou Shan—An Advance by the Russians will Probably Soon Begin—Russian Casualties in Recent Fighting Approximate 46,000 Men.

Comparative quiet prevails at the scene of operations in Manchuria, the combatants apparently being satisfied with their success in minor engagements; but, the weather having again become warm and fine, the belief is general that an advance by the Russians will shortly begin.

Russian Losses in the Recent Fighting.

St. Petersburg, Oct. 29.—General Sakharoff reports no general fighting October 28. There was occasional hand-to-hand along the Wai Tou front, but the Japanese fire was inefficient and the Russian casualties were insignificant.

The night of October 28-29 was quiet.

The general staff today issued a statement that the number of killed wounded and missing in the fighting which began October 9th and ended October 18th totalled 800 officers and 45,000 men.

Waitao Mountain in the Hands of the Japanese.

Tokio, Oct. 29, 4:30 p. m.—Official reports confirm the press dispatch of the capture of Waitao Mountain by the Japanese on October 27th, adding that at 10 o'clock on the morning of October 28th the Russians opened a vigorous fire against Waitao Mountain but stopped firing in the afternoon.

A strong force of Russians assembled at Kangtjenshan and Russian guards holding the heights north of Pinnitupao house completely disappeared. No other important engagements occurred on October 28th.

Japs Capture Wai Tou San.

Washington, Oct. 29.—The Japanese legation today received the following cablegram from Tokio: "Marshal Oyama reports that on October 27th a detachment of our right attacked the enemy at Wai Tou Shan, consisting of two battalions of infantry. The detachment met a stubborn resistance, but finally captured Wai Tou Shan and captured two machine guns. On October 28th the enemy continued cannonading Wai Tou Shan until evening and then disappeared. No other important engagements occurred on October 28th."

Positions of the Armies Unchanged.

Headquarters of Left Army (General Okus) in the Field, October 28, 3 p. m. via Fusan, October 29.—The positions of the armies are unchanged. The Russians are continually searching the Japanese lines with their artillery, firing night and day, with seldom any reply from the Japanese.

The Japanese army are now working the Yental mines digging enough coal for all military purposes. It is believed by mining experts that they can double the output.

The gauge of the railway has been changed to Yental and quantities of supplies and ammunition are arriving. New Commander of the Siberian Army Corps.

Mulden, Oct. 29.—Lieutenant General Linevitch arrived here today to assume command of the Siberian army corps. So popular is General Linevitch among the Siberian troops that he is generally known by them as "Uncle" Linevitch. No fighting of importance occurred yesterday or last night.

TO OPEN HEADQUARTERS.

Republicans Showing Some Activity in Wilmington for First Time in Several Years.

The Republicans are showing some activity in politics in Wilmington this year for the first time since 1898. Several weeks ago Mr. C. J. Harris, Republican candidate for Governor, and Mr. Thomas Settle, who formerly represented the Fifth District in Congress, spoke in Wilmington and last Friday night Mr. Oscar J. Spears, who has been candidate for various offices, and in nearly instance met defeat and who is now a candidate for congress from the Sixth District, spoke here.

It is understood that Mr. Ike Meekins, the Republican candidate for Lieutenant-Governor, will speak in Wilmington before the election.

If the Republicans had advertised their speakers well by distributing posters as well as getting the daily papers to mention the fact that they were going to speak, they would have probably had fairly good crowds, for many would have gone through curiosity. But they did not seem to be anxious whether they had any crowd or not, and as a matter of fact at the first speaking there were about a hundred present and about 30 to hear Oscar J. Spears. Barring the few Republican officeholders present, nearly all the rest were Democrats.

The latest move of the Republicans is the establishing of headquarters. They have just decided to establish headquarters in the Thacker Hall No. 22 South Front street. The headquarters are to be opened this week and literature favorable to the Republican cause will be on hand. A large supply of literature will be on hand and the public is invited to go to the office and enlighten themselves as to Republican doctrines. On the evening of election day the returns will be received at headquarters.

LETTER TO SECRETARY HAY

SENATOR MORGAN REPLIES TO A RECENT SPEECH IN NEW YORK.

The Secretary of State is Accused of Having Drawn an Imperfect Treaty with Panama—A Commission Necessary to treat with Panama to cure Radical Defects in that Hasty Negotiation.

Washington, Oct. 29.—Senator Morgan, of Alabama, in an open letter to Secretary Hay made public tonight, accuses that official of drawing an imperfect treaty with Panama and of having "sneaked out" of negotiations for the Nicaraguan route. The letter is intended as a reply to the secretary's recent speech in New York. After stating that no apology is due from any senator who voted against the ratification of the Hay-Varilla treaty for addressing the secretary through the press because of the fact that the secretary in his speech had assailed such senators, Senator Morgan says:

"It is not the sneaking out from Panama that disturbs the country; it is sneaking into Panama, after having first sneaked under the wing of the Panama Canal Company to find an excuse for an act that the country deplores." He charges that Minister Silitva, of Colombia, refused to sign the Hay-Herran treaty because it was in violation of the laws and constitution of Colombia, and that Dr. Herran was designated, as charge d'affaires, to conclude it. "Then," the senator adds, "the soft step and big stick of the President was referred to and Dr. Herran was threatened into compliance."

"The letter of Secretary Hay to Dr. Herran referred to in the speech of Senator Culberson, Senator Morgan declares was the feather that broke the camel's back.

"The President, he says, has commissioned an ambassador to treat with Panama 'in order to cure radical defects in that hasty negotiation,' and the Senator protests that Secretary Hay should have completed that work to meet the demands of both countries before he 'indulged in unbecomingly criticism, censures, and epithets against Democratic Senators.'" The letter concludes as follows:

"Before you charged the Democratic Senators with the crime of not believing a word they say in their criticism of your conduct and that of the President and with the meanness of being willing to partake of the feast, while decrying the alleged robbers who prepared it, would it not have been more in keeping with your exalted attitude toward them that you should have explained your hasty dealings with Bunau-Varilla, that you should have cleansed your robes from the contact with the culprits of the Panama Canal Company, and should have delivered the country from that 'body of death' that France has so long struggled to unload upon the United States."

THE DATE CHANGED.

W. L. I. Play to be Given on Thursday Night, November 10th, instead of Friday night, the 11th.

At the urgent request of several friends who are interested in the management in charge of the great comedy production to be given under the auspices of the Wilmington Light Infantry, have made a change in the date already announced for its presentation, from Friday, November 11th, to Thursday, the 10th.

A very successful rehearsal was held last night and from now on they will be conducted at the opera house. Every night this week will be given up to putting on the finishing touches.

It is said to be one of the most elaborate productions the company has yet undertaken and carpenters are now at work constructing special scenery, which was found to be necessary for the proper and successful presentation. Very attractive bill-board posters are being printed and are expected to arrive this week, when they will be posted around town in order to completely advertise the event.

Tickets will be distributed this week and announcement as to the price of same dates of sale etc., will then be made. We are told it will be the "best yet" and the W. L. I. have the reputation of never doing anything by halves.

Y. M. C. A. NOTES.

There will be Some Good Singing at the Service this Afternoon.

Those who are interested in good singing will do well to visit the Young Men's Christian Association this afternoon at five o'clock. There will be a soprano solo by Miss Rena Mills who is too well known to introduce, suffice it to say it will be a treat to music lovers. There will also be a contralto and tenor duet by Chas. Dushan and Mrs. F. A. Muse.

Rev. Lacy Little has been secured from a neighboring city, especially to address the men of the Young Men's Christian Association and consequently a large audience is desired. Mr. Little is staying with Mr. Spencer LeGrande. Help make his meeting a success. Remember the time, five sharp.

"Dolly Varden," the popular shade in this season's Dress Fabrics. Ask to see it at Rheder's.

MAKE CLAIMS

The Overwhelming Election of Judge Parker is Predicted.

NEXT CONGRESS

Will be Democratic, According to Chairman Cowherd, who Claims 225 Seats of the 386 in the House—The Claim is Based on the Strength of the National Ticket and on the Local Dissensions in Republican Ranks in the Middle West—Secretary Woodson says all the Doubtful States will go for Parker and Some Classed as Doubtful.

New York, October 29.—Urey Woodson, secretary of the Democratic national committee, who said he was speaking for the committee, today predicted the overwhelming election of Judge Parker to the presidency. He predicted that all the doubtful states will be Democratic and also that some states, called Republican, will be and are doubtful.

Secretary Woodson said: "I have every confidence that Judge Parker will be elected. I have been here one hundred days now and I am ready to announce from observation and what we have received that Parker is elected. All the doubtful states, so-called will be in the Democratic column and many of the states called surely Republican are now in the doubtful column.

"We will carry New York, New Jersey, Connecticut, Indiana, Maryland, West Virginia, Idaho, Colorado, Utah and Nevada. In other words, all the doubtful states are for us and for Judge Parker's election. "Illinois is doubtful. Ohio is even doubtful. The big men who controlled that state are now dead. The Republicans assume they are going to win there but we hear they might lose. Even California has sent good reports to us and we are hopeful of even carrying that state. Maryland is certainly as Democratic as Kentucky, and West Virginia, is as sure as Maryland."

MR. COWHERD'S ESTIMATE.

Prospects are that Democrats will Carry 225 out of the 386 Districts in the United States.

Washington, October 29.—Chairman Cowherd of the Democratic Congressional committee today issued a statement claiming 225 seats in the 59th Congress for the Democratic party. He bases this prediction on the claimed strength of the national ticket in the east and to "local dissensions in the Republican ranks" in the middle west. Mr. Cowherd says:

"As the situation stands at present the prospects are that the Democrats will carry 225 out of the 386 districts in the United States. In the estimate, I have included the states of Idaho, Utah and Wyoming. These are all doubtful as matters now stand. The Democratic chances are excellent in two of the three. Our gains in the east will be due largely to the strength of the national ticket. In the middle west they will be due more particularly to local dissensions in the Republican ranks. The long hold on patronage has bred much trouble in Republican districts, and the democrats will profit correspondingly by reason of it."

The details of the estimate follows: Alabama 9; Arkansas 3; California 4; Colorado 3; Connecticut 3; Delaware 1; Florida 3; Georgia 11; Idaho 1; Illinois 10; Indiana 7; Iowa 2; Kansas 2; Kentucky 10; Louisiana 7; Maryland 5; Massachusetts 4; Michigan 2; Minnesota 2; Mississippi 8; Missouri 14; Montana 1; Nebraska 3; Nevada 1; New Jersey 5; New York 19; North Carolina 10; Ohio 9; Pennsylvania 8; Rhode Island 2; South Carolina 7; Tennessee 8; Texas 16; Utah 1; Virginia 10; West Virginia 3; Wisconsin 6; Wyoming 1. Total 225.

Outward Bound.

The following vessels cleared yesterday: British steamer Skerrymore, Captain Cotton, for Bremen with a cargo of 10,250 bales of cotton. The cargo was by Axelander Sprunt & Son. British schooner Caledonia, Captain Firth, has cleared for Samana, San Domingo, with a cargo of lumber. Schooner Edith H. Simonton, Captain Stiles, for New York with a cargo of 20,540 cross-ties. Cargo was by the Eccleston Lumber Company. Columbia Wool and Zephyr in all shades at Rheder's.