

SIXTY THOUSAND OBEY STRIKE ORDERS.

First Two Calls Were Answered by About 45,000 Men.

GENERAL ORDER BY 14,000 MORE.

An appeal issued by the Amalgamated Association for Financial Aid--No Formal Call to Be Made to the Federation--The Strike Leaders Disappointed at the Situation at the Various Mills.

Pittsburg (Special).--The struggle for mastery between manufacturers and men in the steel industry is now fairly launched, and on the first show of strength the advantage is with the former. The general strike order issued by President Shaffer, of the Amalgamated Association, has so far been obeyed by only 14,000 men, according to the best figures obtainable here. The first two preliminary calls were answered by about 45,000 men, so that the total number now out is in the neighborhood of 60,000. The strikers made gains here over the showing of last night, and their prospects for further accessions at both McKeesport and Wheeling during the week are very favorable.

The action of the Amalgamated men at Chicago, Joliet and Bayview in refusing to come out, and their failure to secure any recruits in the Carnegie group throughout the Kiskiminetas Valley and the big plants at Youngstown and Columbus, Ohio, have been markedly disappointing to them. They are keeping up the fight, however, in a spirited manner, and claim that they have strength in reserve which will surprise their opponents. They assert that they have gained a foothold in the Carnegie mills in this city, and at the time desired the men will come out. They are pressing their advantage at McKeesport and Wheeling, and their organizations are still at work in those two cities. An appeal for financial aid has been made to organized labor and the general public, and it is expected that the responses will be liberal.

ALL CROPS GOOD BUT CORN.

Largest Production of Wheat and Oats for Many Years.

Springfield, Ill. (Special).--The Illinois Department of Agriculture issued a summary of reports from crop correspondents, dated August 1. The area of wheat harvested is 1,870,000 acres; estimated yield 31,100,000 bushels, the largest crop produced since 1894. Value at 62 cents per bushel amounts to \$19,230,000, the best returns since 1892. Area of oats, 3,775,000 acres, yield estimated 110,500,000 bushels, valued at \$34,880,000, a value that has been exceeded twice in 30 years--1874 and 1882. Corn acreage planted 8,688,000 acres, the largest since 1878; but on August 1 the condition is the most disheartening known in the crop history of the state, owing to unprecedented hot weather and drought. From most reliable estimates the department finds that the condition on August 1 was 46 per cent. of an average crop.

Boy Dragged Up in a Balloon.

Hillsboro, O. (Special).--Stanley Hopkins, the 12-year-old son of Grant Hopkins, a prominent citizen of Lynchburg, became entangled in the guy ropes of a balloon which made an ascension at the fair being held there, and was carried 2,000 feet in the air. Women and children fainted, and a scene of almost indescribable excitement followed. The boy showed presence of mind and clung tightly to the rope, which had wound itself about his arm. He was suspended directly over the parachute, and the ascent was unable to make his drop without endangering the boy's life.

Conscience-Stricken Thief.

Anderson, Ind. (Special).--Three weeks ago the jewelry store of J. M. Washburn was robbed of \$1500 worth of diamonds. Thursday Mr. Washburn was notified by the pastor of Saint Mary's Catholic Church, Chicago, that the diamonds were in his possession. Mr. Washburn returned from Chicago with the stolen property. The thief went to the Chicago office a few days ago and while in the confessional told the story of the robbery and turned over the stolen property to the priest, who immediately notified Mr. Washburn.

Lightning's Queer Work.

Jersey Shore, Pa. (Special).--Lightning played a most singular prank at the home of John Bonnell, in this place. A bolt struck the chimney of the house, coming down the kitchen flue, tore Mrs. Bonnell's right shoe from her foot and hurled it clear across the room. Aside from a slight shock the woman was uninjured.

Railroad and Express Safes Dynamited.

Memphis, Tenn. (Special).--The safes of the Illinois Central Railroad and the American Express Company in the depot at Bolivar, Tenn., were blown open and robbed by two masked men, after robbers had forced the night teleoperator into a box car and killed him.

Murdered by His Mother.

Wheeler, N. Y. (Special).--While lying in bed suffering from injuries received in a fall from a horse, Alvin Seaton, aged 20 years, of Glenmore, was murdered by his mother, who cut his throat from ear to ear with a razor. The woman was temporarily insane and alone in the house with her son.

Russians to Manuever in Finland.

Copenhagen (By Cable).--The Russians are about to hold extensive manuevers in Finland. Seven Danish vessels were started to transport troops and material from Revel, a fortified town of Finland, on the south side of the Gulf of Finland, to the scene of the military operations.

New Scalp for His Girl.

New Brunswick, N. J. (Special).--The attempt to furnish a new scalp to Miss Emma Lochs, of Sayreville, near here, by means of grafting pieces of skin taken from her thighs, has proved successful. The girl was scalped while at work in a factory, her hair catching in some machinery. The skin which has already been grafted is in a healthy condition. The operation will be continued from time to time until the sides of the head are covered with the new skin. It is impossible to graft the skin upon the crown of the head.

SUMMARY OF THE NEWS.

Domestic.

Assistant Postmaster John G. Pole and his family, while attempting to cross a mountain stream Sunday, about three miles from Lexington, Va., were swept down by the waters of a cloud-burst, and his wife and three daughters aged from one to eight years, drowned. Mr. Pole and a daughter about three years old escaped. The bodies were recovered.

Policeman Wardman Bissett was sentenced in New York to five and one-half years' imprisonment for accepting a bribe from the keeper of a disorderly house.

Robert Groin and Frederick Westbrook, rivals, had a duel near Jackson, Miss., and Westbrook was killed. Groin afterwards committed suicide.

A man supposed to be Wilfred Blundin, the Chelmsford, Mass., wife murderer, was arrested at Richfield Springs, N. Y.

Wm. H. Lowe is charged with having caused the death of Mary Ann Roughly in Henrico county, Va.

A bottle of nitro glycerine was exploded in a saloon in Chicago, and two men were killed and several wounded.

Branson H. James, a wealthy farmer, aged 70, fell down stairs at Broad Creek, Del. His back was broken.

The safe in the office of the Atlantic Coast Line Railway Company at Allentown, N. J., was robbed of \$2000.

Charles White, James Whitney and Edgar Lane were drowned in the Gallop Rapids, New York.

The annual convention of the International Typographical Union met at Birmingham, Ala.

John M. Linton died near Martinsburg from injuries received in a runaway accident.

Shamrock II. arrived at New York and received an enthusiastic welcome.

The executive board of the United Mineworkers, in session in Indianapolis, adopted a resolution recognizing the Amalgamated Association.

Mrs. Charles Gallagher, of New York, was frightened by a high wind on the York river, and became paralyzed and died.

Josiah Johnson Hawes, of Boston, said to be the oldest photographer in the world, died in New Hampshire, aged 94 years.

Peter Short, of Sussex county, Del., was seriously scalded while threshing wheat near Laurel, Del.

It is believed in Philadelphia that fatal defects have been found in the "Ripper" bill for that city.

James H. Jones, of Caroline county, Va., was dangerously stabbed by Campbell Madison.

Mrs. Harriet Vinson, mother of Colonel Capron, died in Clarke county, Va., aged 84 years.

Miss Effie Richey, aged 30 years, a bookkeeper, killed herself at Fort Wayne, Ind.

A report is told that he tried to kill his parents near Linden, N. J.

General Rufus Neely died at Bolivar, Tenn., aged 93 years.

Andrew Hamilton was drowned at Grand View, Va.

The steamer Norfolk, in the Roads, was burned to the water's edge, involving a loss of \$50,000. She was the handsomest steamer used as a transfer boat between Sewells Point and Old Point Comfort.

A report received at Washington from Admiral Kempff tells of the biting off of a leg of a quartermaster of the Annapolis by a shark while bathing at Iloilo.

In New York John Seager has sued C. C. Worthington, a millionaire pump manufacturer, for \$100,000 for alleged alienation of the affections of his wife.

Foreign.

The trial was begun in Sofia, Bulgaria, of Savaoff, formerly president of the Macedonian committee, and other leaders, on the charge of being involved in the murder of an alleged Turkish spy.

Andrius Wessels, the peace envoy, was not shot, but held prisoner. He was released by the British, who surprised a Boer laager.

The Sultan has practically yielded to the French demand with reference to the Quoy Company concessions.

The South African claims committee considered at London the losses of certain Americans caused by the war.

United States Consul Edmund Z. Brodowski died at the home of a friend in Eberswalde, Germany.

Mr. Rockhill at Pekin has sent word that the draft of a final protocol has been finally agreed upon.

The principal chef and five cooks in the royal kitchen in Madrid went on a strike.

France will be compelled to buy about twenty million bushels of wheat.

Lord Kitchener reported the capture by the Boers of a blockhouse near Brandfort, on the Orange river. Mail dispatches from Lord Kitchener give details of a plan that had been arranged for an attack on Cape Town by General De Wet, while Botha was to make for Durban.

There was a great unionist celebration at Bheheim, a luncheon being given by the Duke and Duchess of Marlborough to 7000 persons. Speeches were made by Mr. Balfour and Mr. Chamberlain.

United States Consul General Gudge has notified the Chinese on the isthmus that they are entitled to the protection of the United States.

Field Marshal von Waldersee was met at the railroad station in Hamburg by Emperor William, who greeted him most affectionately.

Several Catholic missionaries have been murdered on the Island of Queipart, off the Korean coast.

The government has decided to limit the number of Jewish students in the Russian universities. At Moscow they are entirely prohibited.

The White Star liner Oceanic, during a fog, ran into and sank the steamer Kinkora in the Irish Channel. Seven persons were drowned.

GETTING SERIOUS AT CARACAS.

The Colombian Minister Leaves the Venezuelan Capital.

IS DEEMED AN OPEN RUPTURE.

Mr. Herran Says the Situation in the South is Bewildering--The Official Advice Concerning the Probable Withdrawal of the Colombian Minister from Venezuela He Regards as Significant.

Willemstad, Curacao (By Cable).--The Colombian Legation left Caracas Monday.

Panama, Colombia (By Cable).--The suggestion that the United States end the conflict by taking sides with Colombia against Venezuela has caused great enthusiasm here and will make the United States extremely popular, as such a step would put an end to the state of anarchy existing.

Washington (Special).--There is no longer any doubt that relations between Colombia and Venezuela are strained to the breaking point as a result of the conviction entertained by the Colombian authorities that insurrection in their country is receiving active support from Venezuelan officials who are acting with the full knowledge of President Castro.

No official news is coming through from Bogota, capital of Colombia, owing to the interruption of cable communication. The dispatches from Venezuela indicate what the feeling must be in Colombia, and it is believed here that Senator Rico, the Colombian Minister, left Caracas in such a manner as clearly to convey to President Castro the knowledge that his government holds Venezuela responsible for recent events on the border.

Acting Secretary of State Adee received a dispatch from W. W. Russell, the American Charge d'Affaires at Caracas, asking authority to take charge of the archives and other property of the Colombian Legation during the absence of the Minister, and it is not doubted here that the Minister has left. The dispatch of Mr. Russell contained nothing which threw any light on the reasons for the departure of the Colombian Minister.

The news from Caracas was considered by the officials to be of such a serious character as to warrant the taking of steps to expedite the sending of United States naval vessels to both sides of the Isthmus.

Should the situation assume a more serious aspect or should there be any apparent danger of European intervention the Machias will be reinforced at Colon by the entire North Atlantic squadron.

BUSINESS DONE WITH THE CUBANS.

Reports of Receipts from the Various Custom-houses in the Island.

Washington (Special).--The division of insular affairs of the War Department has prepared a statement of receipts from all sources at the several custom-houses.

In the Island of Cuba for the six months ended June 30, 1901, as compared with the same period of 1899 and 1900. The statement shows that the total receipts from customs sources during the six months ended June 30, 1901, were \$7,947,805; for the six months ended June 30, 1899, \$6,916,861, and for the six months ended June 30, 1900, \$8,000,522.

The collections at the port of Havana cover a greater portion of the receipts and for the period of the six months ended June 30, 1901, were \$5,601,601; in 1900, \$6,125,444. Cienfuegos comes next with \$885,248, followed by Santiago with \$550,280, for the six months ending June 30, 1901. For the other years the amounts are somewhat smaller at both these ports.

FATAL EXPLOSION ON YACHT.

Eighteen Persons Injured, Two Fatally, on the Monongahela.

McKeesport, Pa. (Special).--Two persons were probably fatally burned and a dozen were less fatally injured as the result of a boiler explosion on a pleasure yacht in the Monongahela river near Peters creek. Robert Crispwell and Harry Osborn, both of this place, were so badly scalded and burned that they will probably die from the effects of their injuries.

The yacht Quail was owned by W. N. Campbell. She had just started on a pleasure trip on the Monongahela river when two of the tubes of the boiler blew out and in an instant the entire boat was enveloped in a cloud of escaping steam and flame. All the passengers, jumped into the river, and after much trouble were rescued by campers along the bank.

"JACK" WINTERS TELLS ALL AND GIVES UP GOLDEN BOOTY.

San Francisco (Special).--"Jack" Winters, who was arrested as a suspect in connection with the Selby Smelting Works robbery, has confessed and so far \$141,000 worth of bullion has been recovered from the bay, where he had sunk it.

For three days the detectives have tried all sorts of persuasion to make Winters confess, but apparently without effect. Finally Winters asked to see Superintendent Ropp, of the Selby Works, who, he said, was the only friend he had.

Ropp told Winters that they had a strong case against him and that he would be sent to prison for thirty years. He said: "You will be an old man when you get out and it will do you no good to hide the gold."

Winters finally told Ropp that he had taken the gold and would take him to the spot where it was hidden.

United States Consul's Death.

Berlin (By Cable).--Edmund Z. Brodowski, United States consul at Solingen, died suddenly at the house of a friend, a surveyor named Kubicki, in Eberswalde. Mr. Brodowski left Solingen Friday night and passed through Berlin Saturday, in perfect health. His wife has arrived at Eberswalde. The remains will be buried there. Mr. Brodowski was originally appointed consul at Breslau, where the foreign office refused to grant him an exequator, whereupon his appointment was changed to Solingen.

Senator Tillman Sued for Slander.

Columbia, S. C. (Special).--A suit for \$10,000 damages for slander has been begun against Senator Tillman in Edgefield by J. Young Jones. Tillman in a speech, it is alleged, said Jones was a crazy thing, just out of an asylum. Jones several years ago was in bad health.

Killed by Falling from a Trestle.

Clarksburg, W. Va. (Special).--Chas. Newell, of Mannington, fell from a Baltimore and Ohio trestle last night and was found dead this morning.

BOERS CAPTURED BLOCKHOUSE.

British Driven Off After a Fight--A Planned Attack on Cape Town.

London (By Cable).--A dispatch from Lord Kitchener, dated from Pretoria, says:

"A blockhouse near Brandfort, Orange River Colony, was rushed and captured by the Boers after severe fighting on the night of August 7."

"Elliott has captured 70 prisoners and large quantities of stock and wagons, which he is sending in. No details have been received."

A general narrative of the ejection of Sir De Wet from Cape Colony concludes with the statement that the raiders undoubtedly received a number of recruits from the colonial Dutch, an ample supply of food and timely information.

Lord Kitchener received certain information that De Wet intended to attack Cape Town while General Botha, as soon as he heard that the concentration in Cape Colony was effected, was to enter Natal with 5000 picked horsemen and make for Durban.

Mail dispatches from Lord Kitchener, issued in a parliamentary paper, say his constant endeavor has been to improve the fortifications along the lines of communication, thus releasing men from active service. The garrison of the railways have mostly been withdrawn.

STEAMER SUNK BY THE OCEANIC.

White Star Liner and an Irish Coasting Vessel Come Together.

Queenstown (By Cable).--The White Star Liner steamer Oceanic, Captain Cameron, which sailed from Liverpool Thursday for New York via Queenstown, arrived here and reported having been in collision in the Irish Channel with the steamer Kinkora, of Waterford, Ireland. The Kinkora sank. Seven persons were drowned. The damage sustained by the Oceanic will prevent her proceeding on her journey.

The collision occurred in a narrow channel between the two vessels. The Kinkora was a coasting vessel trading between Waterford and Limerick. She had a crew of 14 men. The Oceanic brought the seven survivors to this port.

Later details of the collision were obtained, and it was learned that the only damage sustained by the Oceanic consisted in a few dents to her port plates.

SIGNOR CRISPI DEAD.

Italy's "Grand Old Man" Passes Away at Naples.

Naples (By Cable).--Ex-Premier Francesco Crispi died here at 7:45 o'clock Sunday evening from fever. He was surrounded by the members of his family and several intimate friends.

His wife and daughter did not leave the bedside for 50 hours, and their friends were compelled to use loving violence to induce them to quit the chamber. When all was over, the daughter, Princess Linguaglossa, fainted and had to be carried out by her husband.

The news was telegraphed to King Victor Emmanuel and Queen Helena. It is rumored that Signor Crispi's will authorizes a prominent Italian politician to examine his papers and publish his memoirs.

TEN HURT IN RAILROAD WRECK.

Collision Between Two Sections of Excursion Train to Atlantic City.

Pittsburg, Pa. (Special).--Two sections of an Atlantic City excursion train collided near Confluence, Pa., on the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad, 84 miles east of Pittsburg. Ten people were seriously injured, and a number of others slightly hurt.

The trains left here shortly after 8 o'clock. At Confluence the first section was stopped, and the second section, rounding the curve, going at the rate of 35 miles, crashed into it. The engine of the second section and three cars were wrecked and traffic was delayed several hours.

Killed His Wife and Himself.

Scrannton, Pa. (Special).--Edwin Davis, a young carpenter, shot his wife and himself after a succession of quarrels. They had a quarrel a week ago, and he left her, taking his residence with his father. Sunday evening he went to his former home, and retiring to a room on the second floor, sent his little daughter to his wife with the request she bring him a glass of water. She left her sister and went upstairs with the water. She was gone less than a moment when her sister heard four shots. When the neighbors went upstairs they found the wife dead on the floor and three bullet holes in her head, while the husband was lying across the bed with a bullet hole in his forehead and a revolver in his grasp.

Fire in Illinois Town.

Champaign, Ill. (Special).--The business portion of Rantoul, a town of 3,000 people, was destroyed by fire. Telegraph communication was cut off almost at the beginning of the fire, and details are lacking. The fire started in a grain elevator. The Illinois Central depot burned next, and the flames spread to the business section.

A Postoffice Clerk Pardoned.

Columbus, O. (Special).--President McKinley has granted a pardon to John B. Bulley, serving a three years' sentence in the Ohio Penitentiary. Bulley was a clerk in the Toledo Postoffice and was convicted of stealing, opening and destroying a large number of letters. He is restored to citizenship. His term would have expired in September.

Bomb Exploded in a Church.

Paris (By Cable).--A bomb was exploded near the altar of the Church of St. Nizier, at Troyes, doing considerable damage to the thirteenth century windows, but not injuring any of the hundreds of children who, together with a priest, were in the sacred edifice at the time. A Spaniard has been arrested on suspicion of being the author of the outrage.

Death of Tilly Haines.

Boston (Special).--Tilly Haines, one of the best-known hotel proprietors in the East, died here, aged 73 years. He was the proprietor of the United States Hotel here, and of the Broadway Central Hotel, New York city. Death was due to a general breaking up of the system from advanced age.

Manufacturer Drops Dead.

Chattanooga, Tenn. (Special).--Patrick Walsh, a prominent manufacturer in the South, senior member of the firm of Walsh & Widener, dropped dead at his home here from apoplexy.

Why Britain Objects.

Washington (Special).--The State Department makes public the following: "A cablegram received from Commissioner Rockhill reports that the delay in signing the final protocol of agreement between the powers and China is due to objections raised by Great Britain against the International Commission for the revision of the tariff. The nature of the British objections is not stated. It also appears that the British Government asks the reconsideration of some clauses as to which no agreement had been heretofore reached owing to the opposition of several powers."

TRIED TO BLOW UP A BRITISH SHIP.

Attempt Made to Wreck the Mule Transport Mechanician.

NONE OF THE CREW INJURED.

While the Crew Were Asleep an Explosion Occurred, Due to an Agent Operating from the Outside--Plates Started and Water Let into the Ship--No Explosives on Board.

New Orleans, La. (Special).--What is regarded as an attempt of a Boer sympathizer to blow up a British transport occurred shortly after midnight, when there was a terrific explosion at the stock landing where the Harrison steamer Mechanician is moored. The Mechanician is to carry mules to South Africa. The explosion shook houses, rattled dishes and awakened people for some distance around. Most of the crew of the ship were asleep, but the explosion brought them quickly from their berths to the deck. An examination showed a large dent in the starboard side of the ship. Two plates at the water's edge had been sprung and considerable water was let into the ship. Pumps were immediately put to work, and when daylight came it was found the vessel was in no danger of sinking, and that the damage done was not serious. The crew of the vessel denied that there was any explosives on board, and there seems little doubt, according to the statements of those who examined the ship, that the explosion was from the outside and that some sort of bomb or torpedo had been used.

Alfred Leblanc, general agent of the Harrison Line, visited the Mechanician and a report of the damage done was submitted to him. He said three large plates on the starboard side of the boat had been stove in and 16 rivets had been broken off or knocked completely from their places. As the ship was making considerable water it was decided to shift the ballast so as to lift the damaged section out of the water. It is thought the damage can be repaired.

Agent Leblanc said the Mechanician will be loaded with a cargo of mules and get away for South Africa as soon as possible.

A British officer, who was on the ship said the explosion was terrific, and that a column of water went high up in the air and came down on deck.

Many of the muleteers, who have from time to time left the city on the British transports, have returned with complaints of ill treatment, and a number of suits are now pending against British ships in the Federal courts.

EXPRESS IN WRECK.

Observation and Parlor Car Plunge Down an Embankment.

Buffalo, N. Y. (Special).--The two rear cars, a Pullman observation coach and a parlor car on the Lehigh Valley Railroad Company's "Black Diamond Express," which left this city at noon for New York and Philadelphia, jumped the track and broke loose from the remainder of the train at North Leroy, 10 miles east of Batavia, shortly after noon. The train was running over 50 miles an hour at the time.

The parlor car remained on the ties, and no person in it was injured, but the observation car plunged down the embankment and dropped over on its side in the ditch. It was badly demolished, but only a few of its occupants, including Pullman conductor and porter, were injured, and they not seriously.

The cause of the accident is a mystery. Where the observation car went down the embankment the rails seem to have spread toward the edge. At the office of the Lehigh Valley Railroad Company in this city it was stated that the train was on time, but was running at the rate of between 55 and 60 miles an hour. The accident occurred at precisely 12:40 o'clock, and two hours later the passengers, including the injured, continued on their way.

Upholds Civil Service Law.

The Civil Service Commission has disapproved temporary appointments of Examiners Groves, McDonald, Bretzfelder, Jerome and Michael in the office of Appraiser Wakeman in New York.

The commission held that the appointment of these five men was illegal because they were not qualified under Section 2900 of the Revised Statutes. Secretary Gage has approved the action of the Civil Service Commission and directed Appraiser Wakeman to dismiss these men and to return the men recently transferred from his office to the docks for the examination of baggage to their original positions.

The vacancies created are to be filled from the Civil Service lists.

Historians to Meet.

The State Department has received a note from the secretary of the Italian Embassy, Mr. Carignani, in regard to the International Congress of Historical Sciences to be held in Rome in the spring of 1902.

The promoting committee asks that the Government of the United States send delegates to the congress and invites the participation of American scientists, artists and men of letters. The congress will include all subjects of a historical character.

The program of exercises has not yet been definitely decided. Suggestions for themes will be received until January, 1902.

To Protect Passengers.

Charles Page Bryan, United States Minister to Brazil, has transmitted to the State Department a translation of the regulations recently adopted in regard to the arrest of passengers leaving Brazilian ports on outgoing foreign steamers.

The order provides that the Chief of Police shall notify in writing the consular agents of the country to which the steamer in question belongs, or in cases of urgency, the captain of the steamer, of his intention to detain one of its passengers.

Capital News in General.

Mr. Russell, the United States charge d'affaires at Caracas, Venezuela, has been authorized by the State Department to use his good graces as the representative of Colombia in case the Colombian minister should withdraw from Venezuela. This is in response to Mr. Russell's request for instructions.

Rear Admiral Mortimer L. Johnson, commandant of the Port Royal Naval Station, has been selected to succeed Rear Admiral Sampson as commandant of the Boston Navy Yard.

Capt. N. H. Hall has been commended by the Navy Department for his work at Pekin.

The August report on crops from the Agricultural Department shows the following: Average condition of wheat, 80.3; corn, 54.0; oats, 73.6; barley, 86.9. Average condition corn declined 27.

The report of the board of survey on the cruiser Columbia, now at New York, is to the effect that she will not be in condition to receive men until thoroughly cleaned and fumigated.

The Navy Department has ordered the battleship Wisconsin, now at the Puget Sound Naval Station, to San Francisco, to be in readiness there to proceed to Panama in case the State Department asks for a war vessel on the Pacific side of the isthmus.

Our New Possessions.

Civil Governor Taft in the immediate future will reduce the police force of Manila by one-half. At present there are 1300 policemen for the city, whose population only numbers 250,000 souls. The Governor considers it unnecessary to have over 600 policemen, as they are not required for military purposes.

Commissioner General Weston asserts that the original reports of the frauds in the commissary department were much exaggerated and that the total money loss to the government turns out to be only \$750.

LIVE NATIONAL AFFAIRS.

Hawaiians Ask Protection.