

THEFT OF A MULE PROVOKED THE WAR

Funny Beginning of Central American Fuss.

NATIONS BECAME VERY MULISH.

Honduras and Nicaragua Having Become Imbued With the Distinguishing Trait of the Stolen Animal, Concluded to Fight It Out—A Question of Citizenship.

Washington (Special).—One mule—a mule belonging to Senor Ireneo Salgado—was the chief object in dispute between Nicaragua and Honduras which finally ended in the war that is threatening the peace of all Central America, according to official communications exchanged by the ministers of foreign affairs for the two republics, copies of which have been received in Washington.

The controversy began when Senor Augusto C. Coello, the Honduran minister of foreign affairs, wrote a note to Senor Jose D. Ramirez, the Nicaraguan minister for foreign affairs, on January 28, protesting against the theft of a mule from Ireneo Salgado by 35 Nicaraguan cavalrymen who were charged with entering Honduran territory.

In reply, Senor Gomez said the Nicaraguans were quite enterprising, although they passed near to the little town of Los Manos, in that republic. The taking of the mule was not denied, but Senor Gomez insisted in his letter that Salgado was not a Honduran citizen, but a Nicaraguan who had to leave that country because of the part he played in a revolution two years before. Consequently Nicaragua maintained that Honduras had no right to fly to the defense of Salgado's mule.

This note brought a spirited reply from Honduras, the minister for foreign affairs, announcing that Ireneo Salgado, the Nicaraguan refugee, was living in Tegucigalpa, happily engaged in trade there, while a man by the same name, a reputable and respected farmer, a Honduran of unquestioned citizenship, lived at Los Manos and owned the much-mooted mule.

Nicaragua replied that it was true that Col. Juan F. Rocha, who commanded a part of the cavalrymen, took a mule near Los Manos, but reiterated that the animal was not taken in Honduran territory. Disputes grew longer as the controversy waxed warmer. Other questions arose. Then the arbitration tribunal was opened and finally the break came when President Zelaya, of Nicaragua, withdrew his member of the board of arbitration and war between Honduras and Nicaragua actually began.

REVELATION IN VENEZUELA.

Willemstad, Curacao (By Cable).—A dispatch received here from Curacao, Columbia, announces that a powerful revolution has started in the State of Tachira, Venezuela, with Gen. Juan Pablo Penabaz as its leader.

IMPRISONED ON ROCK.

Harrowing Experience of A New Yorker On Island Cliff.

Los Angeles, Cal. (Special).—Imprisoned for two days and two nights on a narrow ledge of crumbling rock on Catalina Island and unable to communicate his danger to boating parties almost within sound of his voice, E. L. Sand, a tourist from Arcadia-on-the-Hudson, N. Y., was rescued by fishermen.

Descending a steep cliff to bathe at the mouth of an unfrequented canyon, Sand found himself unable to retrace his steps because of the crumbling character of the rocky cliff.

During the daylight, boating parties were almost constantly in sight, but his predicament was not observed and he remained unrescued. He almost collapsed after his rescue.

SHOT HIS FRIEND.

Double Tragedy Results From Slight Provocation.

Birmingham, Ala. (Special).—As the result of a shooting affray at Wylam, near this city, J. B. Brown is dying and W. M. Stinson, of Ensley, is critically wounded. Brown shot Stinson, but it is not known whether Brown's wounds were inflicted by himself or by Stinson.

Stinson and E. R. Britton, of Greensboro, Ala., who had been at Brown's house, are said to have become offended at a request of Mrs. Brown, and went away. Later they decided to return and apologize. Britton started to leave when he heard shooting in the kitchen. Brown had evidently shot Stinson and then tried to kill himself.

Stinson and Brown had been friends for years.

Another Naval Disaster.

Paris (By Cable).—The French torpedo-boat No. 263 and the destroyer Epe, while maneuvering without lights near Ajaccio, ran into each other.

Two men were killed and one was fatally injured. The torpedo boat was beached. The Epe was able to re-enter the harbor.

Glass Plant Buried.

New Martinsville, W. Va. (Special).—The plant of the New Martinsville Glass Company and several adjoining buildings were destroyed by fire, the loss being placed at \$125,000. On account of the food the firemen were handicapped for several hours a large section of the city was threatened. Dynamite was used to prevent the blaze from communicating to the adjacent property. The cause of the fire is unknown, but it is believed unslacked lime in the glass works absorbed water and developed heat.

Business Section In Ruins.

Birmingham, Ala. (Special).—The entire business section of Smitfield, a part of Birmingham, Ala., was destroyed by fire tonight, entailing a loss estimated at \$100,000. In addition to the business houses burned, 12 residences were consumed. The fire started about 7:30 o'clock in a negro restaurant and spread rapidly. Included in the list of burned buildings were the city dispensary, a number of general merchandise stores, two meat markets and two restaurants.

THE NEWS OF THE WEEK.

Domestic.

The traffic managers of Western lines met in Chicago and considered the safety question of lengthening the time of express trains, so as to decrease the number of accidents.

After the 8 o'clock argument, the government was in its fight over the routing of oil in its suit against the Standard Oil on charges of rebating in the State of Ohio.

The Oliver Iron and Steel Works and 25 business houses and dwellings were destroyed by fire in Pittsburg. No clue has been found to the \$173,000 missing from the Chicago Subtreasury.

Floods have caused considerable damage in Western Pennsylvania. West Virginia and Eastern Ohio. The lower portions of Pittsburg and Wheeling are flooded. Twenty or more fatalities have resulted. Sixty dwellings in Majorsville, W. Va., were swept away.

The jury which heard the charges of rebating between the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Railroad and the Sugar Trust were unable to agree and were discharged.

Edward Johnson, a lifeboat, was drowned in rescuing part of the crew of the British tramp steamer Gowanus, ashore off Long Island.

John Alexander Dowie, in a white robe, was conveyed to his grave in a white hearse drawn by white horses.

James March, aged 100 years, the oldest citizen of Lebanon, Pa., is dead.

Rachel Fisher, 25 years of age, was seriously injured in the crowd of people who thronged around the bier of John Alexander Dowie, at Zion City, in the hope of being cured of their ailments by touching the hem of Dowie's shroud.

State Highway Engineer W. W. Crosby, of Maryland, addressed the American Roadmakers' Convention in session in Pittsburg on the subject, "Blazing the Way in Maryland."

H. G. McDowell, president of the Farmers' Bank, of Canton, O., shot himself in the head at his home, dying instantly. He left no note or explanation of his suicide.

William J. Bryan says the railroads prefer regulation by Congress to control by the state, as Congress is farther from the people than the legislatures.

Miss Gertrude Harsh, aged 20, a stenographer, committed suicide by jumping from the thirteenth story of an office building in Cincinnati.

Speaker Cannon, in an address to the Porto Ricans at San Juan, declared it was the universal desire of the people of the United States that their country for self-government.

Mrs. Eddy's second cousin and her adopted son joined in the proceedings to have her declared incompetent to manage her affairs.

Shots were fired into the store of Hargis Brothers, in which Jim Jett, a brother of Curtis Jett, the feudist, was working.

Frank Rockfeller, brother of John D. Rockfeller, has sued to recover \$265,000 invested in a lead mine.

An investigation was begun into the charges of graft in the building of the Capitol in Harrisburg, Pa.

Admiral Berezford says the people, and not potentates or parliament, declare war on madmen.

Vice President Fairbanks states the country will restrain dishonest combinations of capital.

Twenty-two Greeks were drowned by the capsizing of a boat in the Sacramento River.

A move is on foot in New York to abolish the death penalty.

Foreign.

The ceiling of the old hall in the Tanrida Palace, St. Petersburg, in which the lower house of parliament meets, collapsed. While there were rumors of a plot, it appears to have been an accident.

Captain Rodie, of the Austrian-Hungarian army, declares that Japan is feverishly rushing work on her military and naval establishments.

The body of M. Petkoff, the premier of Serbia, who was assassinated in Sofia, Bulgaria, March 11, was buried in the public cemetery.

The British armored cruiser Duke of Edinburgh grounded in the harbor of Dover, but was gotten off without damage.

The Dutch troops captured an important rebel stronghold on the island of Celebes, Dutch East Indies. Edouard Toudouze, famous as a painter of ethnological subjects and landscapes, died in Paris.

The Sultan of Turkey received the American ambassador, Mr. Leishman, in private audience.

The semi-official Temps newspaper of Paris says that if the question of limitation of armaments is discussed at the coming peace conference international relations will become worse than before.

In a conflict between police and strikers in Belgrade, Serbia, five strikers were killed and 20 wounded.

THEY WILL NOT GO TO THE WHITE HOUSE

The Railroad Presidents Have So Decided.

MANAGERS NOT IN PERFECT ACCORD.

McCrea, Mellen, Hughtitt and Newman, It Is Said, Do Not Feel They Could Assume the Position of a Self-Constituted Commission to Present the Views of Hundreds of Railroad Companies.

RAILROADS AND MARKET.

While hundreds of brokers were cheering at the close of the trading on the New York Exchange over the end of the panic, the four railroad presidents who met in New York, in which 16 men met death, were not so jubilant.

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Entire Train Demolished.

Meadville, Pa. (Special).—The second section of freight train No. 75, on the Erie Railroad, was derailed six miles east of this place, and Engineer R. D. Logan and a brakeman were killed. Several other trainmen were seriously injured. The train was composed of six engines and 21 freight cars. It was running at a fast rate of speed, when the cross beam on the forward engine dropped to the track, derailing the train. The entire train was demolished.

Houses Floated Away.

Steuenville, O. (Special).—Six to ten members of two foreign families are reported to the officials at Mingo Junction to have been drowned in the flood. The houses floated away with their occupants. Every house in the east side of Mingo Junction is submerged, and 1,000 people there are homeless. Flood sufferers are being sheltered and fed in the mayor's office, lodgerooms and schoolhouses. At Empire every house but three submerged and 500 people are homeless.

DISASTER IN FRENCH NAVY

One of France's Finest Battleships Blown Up.

Toulon (By Cable).—A terrible disaster occurred here. The powder magazines on board the French battleship *Lena* blew up at 1.35, and as a result Captain Adigard, the commander of the battleship; Captain Vertier, chief of staff of the Mediterranean Squadron, and from 70 to 80 bluejackets are dead, while Rear Admiral Manceoron and hundreds of other men are suffering from injuries, some of them horrible in their extent.

Naval circles are aghast and the public is stunned by the appalling catastrophe, coming so soon after the loss of the French submarine boat *Lutin*, in which 16 men met death.

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Executive Order Issued By The President.

THE BARGAIN IS CARRIED OUT.

Settlement of the Eastern Question in California Accomplished—Japanese Who Expect to Enter Through Mexico, Canada or Hawaii Will Not Be Allowed to Come In.

Washington, D. C. (Special).—President Roosevelt issued an executive order directing that Japanese or Korean laborers, skilled and unskilled, who have received passports to go to Mexico, Canada or Hawaii and to come therefrom, be refused to enter the continental territory of the United States. This is practically the final chapter, except so far as the question may be taken up in treaty negotiations with Japan, in the issue growing out of the differences with that country over the action of the San Francisco authorities in prohibiting Japanese school children attending the schools set aside for the whites.

Authority to refuse permission to the classes of persons cited by the President to enter the continental territory of the United States is contained in the Immigration Bill, approved February 20. It was incorporated in that measure at the request of the President and in fulfillment of a promise he made to Mayor Schmitz and the school board of San Francisco during their negotiations at the White House, if the San Francisco authorities would rescind their action on the school question.

The promise of the President and that of Mayor Schmitz and his associates brought to a close the controversy over the school question, which had given the Washington authorities considerable concern. The President's order in full is as follows:

"Whereas, By the act entitled 'An Act to Regulate the Immigration of Aliens into the United States,' approved February 20, 1907, whenever the President is satisfied that passports issued by any foreign government to its citizens to go to any country other than the United States or to any insular possession of the United States or to the Canal Zone, are being used for the purpose of enabling the holders to come to the continental territory of the United States to the detriment of labor conditions therein, it is made the duty of the President to refuse to permit citizens of the country issuing such passports to enter the continental territory of the United States from such country or from such insular possessions or from the Canal Zone.

"And, whereas, Upon sufficient evidence produced before me by the Department of the Interior and Labor, I am satisfied that passports issued by the government of Japan to citizens of that country or Korea, and who are laborers skilled or unskilled, to go to Mexico, Canada and to Hawaii, are being used for the purpose of enabling the holders thereof to come to the continental territory of the United States to the detriment of labor conditions therein:

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WASHED THE BRIDGE AWAY

Three of Freight Crew Lost In Flooded River.

Pittsburg, Pa. (Special).—Three men drowned, a railroad bridge washed away, a county bridge in danger of following the railroad bridge into the Allegheny River, and an engine and five freight cars in the water are the first results of the rapid rise during the night of Deer Creek, near Harrisville, Pa., on the West Pennsylvania Railroad.

About 4:50 o'clock A. M., a freight train, eastbound, stalled on the bridge, but got no further than the second pier when it suddenly gave way. Before the engineer, fireman or a brakeman on the front part of the train could realize what had happened the bridge went down, carrying the engine, trainmen and five freight cars with it.

So rapidly had the Deer Creek risen during the night that it had attained a height of 16 feet instead of the normal, from 4 to 6 feet. So great, too, was the force of the current that one of the five freight cars, heavily loaded, was carried down the creek a distance of over a quarter of a mile before its progress was stayed. The engineer, fireman and brakeman had no opportunity of escaping, but were immediately dragged into the current and drowned.

Traffic on the railroad has been discontinued by the collapsing of the bridge, but the officials expect to have a temporary structure erected in a few hours.

Creeks Raging Torrents.

Pittsburg, Pa. (Special).—Dispatches from all sections of Western Pennsylvania report heavy rains and rapidly rising waters. At many places the downpour resembled a cloud-burst, and the streams are already beyond their banks. Much territory is submerged, and fears are entertained of dangerous floods.

In the Conemaugh region the streams rose at an alarming rate. Dunbar was inundated, and several buildings have been washed away from their foundations. Numerous bridges are threatened. In Allegheny County Charters Creek, Robinson Run, Pine Creek, Deer Creek, Turtle Creek and Giroux Run are raging torrents. The towns of Oakdale, Ingram, Carnegie, Wilmerding, Sharpsburg and Turtle Creek borough are already partly under water. At the latter place the rise came so quickly that many persons were rescued from their houses in skiffs.

Jamestown Stamped.

Washington (Special).—The Postmaster General decided to add a five-cent stamp to the ones and two-cent stamps already in use to constitute the commemorative series for the Jamestown Tercentennial Exposition. The five-cent stamp will be a like the one of the Department of the Interior of the head of Pocahontas, printed in blue. Eight million stamps are to be issued of this denomination, to supply the demand for foreign postage. The head of Captain John Smith, in green, is to decorate the one-cent stamp, of which 10,000,000 are being printed.

Will Not Take Train Off.

New York (Special).—The New York Central Railroad Company is not going to take off its 18-hour trains between here and Chicago unless the public refuses to buy tickets for them. Vice President C. F. Daly of the railroad, made the above declaration when asked about the petition from Chicago men addressed to the New York Central and Pennsylvania presidents, requesting them on the ground of safety, to make the time of the fast trains 20 instead of 18 hours during the winter months.

New Canal Commission.

Washington (Special).—After the reorganization of the Isthmian Canal Commission, with Colonel Goethals as chairman, it is probable that all seven of the canal commissioners will be on the Isthmus and the commission will become more of an administrative body than it was under Chairman Shonts. Under Mr. Shonts the commissioners were advisory of affairs rather than executive officials. They were consulted on engineering problems, and in some cases on administrative policy.

Easy On Captain Stogsdall.

Omaha, Neb. (Special).—Gen. A. W. Greely approved the findings of the court martial which last week tried Capt. R. R. Stogsdall and Lieut. A. L. Clark, of the Thirteenth Infantry, Captain Stogsdall, who pleaded guilty to drunkenness, was reprimanded. Lieutenant Clark, whose offense was neglect of duty while officer of the day, is sentenced to be confined to the limits of the post for three months and fined \$100. General Greely lectured the court on its leniency toward Captain Stogsdall.

In THE FINANCIAL WORLD.

London sold 45,000 shares of American stocks. It was said that much of the selling was for American brokers.

Asked what he thought was the matter with Reading, Winthrop Smith replied: "Reading is virtually cornered."

In Redmond & Co.'s security list are three of the new short-term notes which yield the investor 8 per cent. or better.

American Tobacco's net earnings in 1906 were \$26,490,000, a gain of \$1,194,000. The company now has a surplus of \$30,550,000.

President Fred T. Chandler, of the Philadelphia Stock Exchange, said: "Many big men have been hurt in the recent severe decline, and plenty of them who, a short while ago, were firmly entrenched on two legs and even imagined they had half a dozen legs to walk on are cripples today, and are willing to trade on much smaller lines. This may retard any rapid improvement."

Fanshawe, Cadwalader & Co. have on hand a small lot of 500 5 per cent. bonds on which the net profits for the first six months of 1906 amounted to over eleven times the interest charged.

Stuyvesant Fish's election as a director of Gould & Missouri Pacific Railroad was given as one of the many reasons for the slump in the market. It was contended to mean a stiff "war" between the Gould line to the Pacific and Harriman's roads. However, there was not much faith put in this excuse for the break in stock prices.

STATE OF PENNSYLVANIA.

Latest News Gleaned From Various Parts.

While Patrick Maloney, a member of the Williamson police force, was chasing a burglar from the Mosser tannery, at Newberry, at 5 o'clock the other evening, the man turned and fired, killing the officer with the first shot from the pistol. The man was evidently trying to gain entrance to the tannery and the policeman became suspicious. After chasing the man for a short distance and after coming close to the fugitive's heels Maloney was shot down, dying almost instantly. It is believed that the man was one of the professional burglars that have been working in the city for several months. The murderer is still at large.

The towboat *Cruiser*, one of the largest in the coal shipping trade on the Ohio River, struck the pier of the dam near Sewickley and sank in eight minutes. There were twenty-two men on the boat at the time and they clambered to the raft as the vessel went down. The raging flood in the river made the work of rescue dangerous, but a steamer