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METEOR READY FOR WATER
Emperor's Yacht Could Be Launched Now If It Were Desired.

NEW YORK, Feb. 3.—Gay in a dress of fresh paint, its hull moulded into form, Emperor William's yacht, the Meteor, is ready for the water at Shooter's Island. The launching might occur today if it were desired. To the observer the yacht seems a completed vessel, stripped of its rigging. The painter's brush has already marked the water line upon its side and the last rivet has been fastened in its plates. Nearly all the portholes have been cut. With the completion of the deck flooring and the dockhouse, which will be done in a day or so more, all that remains to be done will be the fitting up of the interior and rigging. The 30 tons of load ballast already has been stowed away in the hold.
The Meteor will almost be completed when it is launched. Stepping the masts, upholstering the interior and finishing some of the detail work in some of the compartments is all that will remain to be done. The yacht may be ready to sail within two weeks after the launching. The deckhouse is being rapidly prepared in the shops, and will be put on this week and next.
Astonishing headway has been made in the last two weeks. Under electric lights a force of men has been at work at night. This has been done to avoid even a remote possibility of any hitch in the work.
The interior fittings and decorations of the Kaiser's American yacht are being made by a London firm of decorators, and the chief artist has interviewed the Kaiser, who said laughingly: "I shall send a torpedo-boat for my yacht some day before June 18, so you'll have to get her finished by then, as I want her to take part in the Kiel regatta."

Two Men Wounded by a Blast.
NEW YORK, Feb. 3.—Two men were severely wounded by a heavy blast of dynamite on the site of the old A. T. Stewart mansion, Thirty-fourth street and Fifth avenue. The men hurt are Morris Arnett, a watchman employed by a firm of builders, whose skull was fractured, and Ferdinand Holly, a furniture designer, whose arm was painfully cut in the thigh by a piece of flying rock. A building foreman who had charge of the blast was arrested.

AIR NOME SCANDALS

Investigation is Again Being Strongly Urged.

SOMETHING MUST BE DONE

Vigorous Contest Between Administration and Republicans Over Cuban Reciprocity Appears Certain—Withycombe's Mission.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 3.—The scandals growing out of the irregularities in the Nome district receive airing from time to time, and in spite of all efforts to the contrary, it looks as if an investigation was going to be forced. There is a disposition on the part of those who have the matter in direct control to await all the facts before passing judgment, while others feel that the men who have been charged, and in some cases found guilty and fined, should no longer continue on the payrolls of the Government. A mass of defensive material has been filed in the Department of Justice. It is understood that Attorney General has not had time to make a thorough examination, and this is the reason why action has been delayed. It is evident from the way matters are now progressing, that something will have to be done very soon.

Roosevelt's Stand Means a Contest.
Everything points to a vigorous contest between the administration and the members of the Republican party opposed to any reciprocity concessions with Cuba. The President listens to all arguments, but is firm in his contention for concessions to the island. There are rumors afloat that he has expressed some displeasure with the members of the ways and means committee about their action in the proposed sweeping reductions in the war revenue, but these cannot be verified in any quarter. The interviewers between the Chief Executive and members of the ways and means committee are guarded with considerable care. Further than the expression that he reiterates as to Cuba, nothing can be learned. Some suggestions have been made that Cuba might be benefited by increasing the countervailing duty on German and Austrian sugars, but this is generally rejected by those who feel that such an increase would simply cause trade relations decidedly harmful to the United States. There is a growing feeling on the Republican side that in order to avoid any conflict with the President, the House ways and means committee may report a bill granting concessions, although against their judgment.

Free Mail for Portland Districts.
Senator Mitchell has recently been urging the extension of free delivery service to Portland, Woodlawn and Fremont. He is advised by the department that inasmuch as the territory is very extensive, the case requires careful consideration, and the application has been referred to the San Francisco representative of the department for thorough investigation. The present condition of the appropriation is such that no additional allowances can be made during the current fiscal year for the purpose of extending the service to new territory, but in view of the importance of this case, a special investigation will be made the coming summer by the superintendent of the city delivery service, and the assistant superintendent at San Francisco, and it is probable action will be taken early in the next fiscal year.

Irrigation Committee Organized.
Representative Tongue today organized his irrigation committee and began consideration of the general irrigation bill recently framed by the special committee. Representative Ray, of New York, the most bitter antagonist of irrigation legislation, contended that this measure was unconstitutional, that Congress had no authority to legislate to improve the public lands, but merely to dispose of them. Ray had no supporters in his contention.

Mission of Withycombe.
Dr. James Withycombe, director of the Oregon Agricultural College experiment station, is in Washington conferring with the Secretary of Agriculture, Dr. True and other bureau chiefs, regarding problems which are of interest to Oregon agriculturalists. He is arranging for a more extensive introduction of forest plants and grasses especially suited for Eastern Oregon. Secretary Wilson is anxious to do everything in his power to assist Withycombe in also working to secure the meeting of the Association of American Agricultural Colleges and Experiment Stations in 1902, during the Lewis and Clark Exposition.

All Hope for Crocker Gone.
The Washington Times tonight confirms the statement made in the dispatches two days ago that the President has positively and finally refused to appoint B. D. Crocker, of Walla Walla, as Collector of Customs for Washington. It points out that this position is one of the most important in the Pacific Northwest. Charges were filed against Crocker last Fall, says the Times, and the President, on the basis of these representations, has decided that his candidacy cannot be considered. Senator Foster has not named another candidate.

Salem Public Buildings Work.
The lowest bid received for installing the heating apparatus in the Salem public building is \$731, by the Krouse Heating Company, of Milwaukee, but with the additional bid for pipe coverings the bid of Knox & Murphy, of Salem, at \$282, is the lowest, the former firm asking \$390 additional for this item. No award has yet been made.

Idaho Appointment Held Up.
At the request of the Idaho senators, the renomination of John B. West as Register of the Lewiston Land Office has been held up to await charges to be preferred by the people of that district.

Alleged Kidnaper Located.
CHICAGO, Feb. 3.—Chief of Police

PILOT BOARD IS OUT

Governor McBride Dismisses Commissioners.

BLAMED FOR BAD BAR SERVICE

New Men Are Named, "and All Possible Will Be Done to Aid Shipping and Prevent Delays," Says McBride.

OLYMPIA, Wash., Feb. 3.—Governor McBride today appointed an entire new Board of Columbia River and Bar Pilot Commissioners for this state, appointing

lap, Ia.; W. J. Evans, Dunlap, Ia.; unknown man.
The trainmen heard the second train approaching and jumped, escaping injury. The stockmen were all asleep in the back car when the collision occurred, their death and injuries resulting from being crushed.

Waterbury Charges Its Hotel Blaze to Incendiarism.
WATERBURY, Conn., Feb. 3.—The sun rose this morning on a blackened and smoldering mass of ruins that marked the main business section of the city. The scene about the city today was only a little less remarkable than that of the previous evening. Thousands of people stumbled around the icy streets, and with the greatest difficulty were restrained by the militia and police from venturing within the danger line. There was more or less disorder, but the police has been active, and the militia has been of great service in handling the crowds. The streets were piled with household goods and strewn with small articles thrown from the windows. Some of this property was confiscated by passers-by, but the amount of thieving was

CONGRESSMAN J. W. BABCOCK.
WHOSE BILL TO CUT DUTY ON STEEL AND PLACE A NUMBER OF ARTICLES ON FREE LIST CREATES SURPRISE AMONG HIS FELLOW REPUBLICANS.

ments to take effect at the expiration of the term of the present board, February 27. The new commissioners will be Charles E. Kerke and John Wilson, of Ilwaco, and Charles Payne, of Chinook. Retiring commissioners are J. J. Brumbach and N. C. Koford, of Ilwaco, and J. D. English, of Long Beach.
"Serious complaints as to the pilot service at the mouth of the Columbia River have been made by the press, masters and owners of vessels, and business men engaged in shipping from Columbia River ports. This state has a Board of Pilot Commissioners of the Columbia River and Bar."
"From such investigations as I have been able to make, I am not satisfied with the present board. It is charged that the shipping has suffered great delay by reason of inefficient pilot service. The State of Washington is greatly interested in the question of an open river to the sea, and everything possible should be done to aid shipping and to prevent delays. Such was evidently the intention of the Legislature in providing for the appointment of a Board of Pilot Commissioners."
"I have appointed Mr. Charles Payne, of Chinook, and Messrs. Charles E. Kerke and John Wilson, of Ilwaco, to succeed the present board, their appointment to take effect at the expiration of the term of the present board, to-wit, February 27, 1902. I shall expect these gentlemen to do everything in their power to prevent delays and to establish a system of efficient pilotage."

ENGINE DASHES INTO TRAIN

Brakeman Killed by Being Hurled With Two Cars From a Trestle.

DENVER, Feb. 3.—A Colorado Midland passenger train, westbound for Salt Lake and San Francisco, had a narrow escape from instant destruction Sunday morning, two miles west of Roma Vista. The locomotive dished into a freight train standing on a trestle 85 feet high, hurling the caboose and one freight car into the creek bottom and instantly killing Owen McCarthy, rear brakeman on the freight train.

CLOSE OF SCHLEY'S VISIT.
Nashville Paid the Admiral and His Wife Great Honor.

NASHVILLE, Tenn., Feb. 3.—This was Admiral Schley's busy day in Nashville. It marked the close of his visit, as he departed early tomorrow morning, and the people vied with one another in doing honor to him and his wife. The day's programme followed: A morning visit to the University of Nashville and Peabody Normal College; an inspection of relics of President James K. Polk at the residence of Mrs. George McComb; and a luncheon at the State Democratic Executive Committee; a great public reception at the Tabernacle; a dinner with Major and Mrs. E. R. Statham; and a brilliant reception at the University Club.

DRUNKARD'S DIRECTORY.

General Booth Announces He Will Compile One in Each Town.

LONDON, Feb. 3.—At a mass meeting held in Exeter Hall tonight, General Booth, the renomination of John B. West as Register of the Lewiston Land Office has been held up to await charges to be preferred by the people of that district.

WAR TAX SURPRISE

Babcock Offers Bill to Reduce Duties on Steel.

SEVEN TO SIX THE VOTE ON IT

Both Majority and Minority File Reports for the Repeal of the Law—Latter Would Not Let Accumulated Wealth Off.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 3.—The ways and means committee of the House, by unanimous vote, today ordered a favorable report on the war tax reduction bill. A surprise occurred when Babcock (Wis., Rep.) offered his bill largely reducing duties on the steel schedule and placing small articles on the free list as an amendment to the tea-repeal section. The amendment was defeated, 6 to 7, Messrs. Babcock and Ramsey on the side of the Democrats voting in the affirmative.
The Cuban reciprocity question also came up unexpectedly. Steele (Rep., Ind.) moved a 25 per cent concession on Cuban sugar. The motion was withdrawn, however, after a brief exchange of comment.
The closeness of the vote on Babcock's amendment reducing the steel schedule caused much comment. Messrs. Newlands and Cooper, Democrats, and Long and Hopkins, Republicans, were absent. It was explained on behalf of the absent members that they were either out of the city or detained at important committee meetings elsewhere, and the Babcock motion was entirely unexpected.
The motion of Steele for a 25 per cent reduction on Cuban sugar was regarded as rather facetious and as a rejoinder to the unexpected motion on the steel schedule. Robertson (Dem., La.), who is opposed to a reduction on Cuban sugar, was among those who voted for the Babcock amendment. Following this Steele made his motion and a sharp but good-natured parley occurred between Steele and Robertson. The latter suggested that if any motion on sugar was to be made Steele should broaden his proposition so as to include raw and refined sugars, placing them all on the free list. Steele did not press the motion, however, and after its withdrawal the incident was looked upon as humorous rather than as a serious move toward dealing with the Cuban question.

Majority Report.
Both majority and minority reports were filed on the war revenue repeal bill today. The majority report says the probability of early withdrawal of troops from Cuba, and the reduction of the tariff on the Philippines, will make further reductions possible, also reviews the condition of the treasury. In conclusion the majority report says:
"It cannot be denied that a large surplus furnishes temptation for extravagant expenditure. While Congress may generally be relied upon to keep the national expenses within reasonable bounds, it should be relieved from the pressure which comes with plausible schemes from every quarter to raid an overflowing treasury."

Minority Report.
The minority report approves the proposed reductions, but asserts they should have been made upon the war revenue act, with the retention of taxes on accumulated wealth. There is a general denunciation of the District tax, and it is urged that the report says it enables the manufacturer to charge far greater prices to home consumers than are received abroad for the same goods, which is characterized as plain robbery." The minority report adds:
"While approving in general the policy of repealing the war taxes, we insist that certain taxes on accumulated wealth should be allowed to remain. We refer to such taxes as are imposed on sugar and petroleum refiners. The tax of one-half of one per cent on the gross receipts of sugar and petroleum refiners in excess of \$250,000 yields about \$1,000,000 annually. This tax has been paid without demur or protest since its imposition, and it is a good example of a tax which monopolize these businesses, and from which colossal individual fortunes have been made. A repeal of this tax would result in a loss of revenue to the Government, but it is a fair place accumulated wealth under some form of contribution, and we know of no more equitable than a tax such as that imposed by the war revenue act on oil and sugar refiners."

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