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## IMPORT TAX MONEY WILL BE REFUNDED

(Scripps News Association)  
Washington, June 14—The supreme court on the Philippine tariff case decided that the government must refund over five million dollars in duties collected by the military government stationed on the islands. Congress intended that the ratons should be without import tax but failed to word the law just right. The California delegation's result in today's conference is that condition are now such that an additional appropriation is likely, and the committee expects legislation will recommend more relief for San Francisco. Judge Morrow and W. T. Barnett were urged to support the government loan of ten million to organize California's national banks. They in turn are to loan small amounts to the builders. The arguments will be continued tomorrow when a definite reply will be made.

### OLD WARRIOR DEAD.

(Scripps News Association)  
Salinas, Cal., June 14—Francisco Castro died this morning at the age of eighty-three. He was the oldest native born in Monterey county and fought through the Mexican war with his relative, General Castro, against the American forces. He leaves a wife and thirteen children.

### FORESTORS OF AMERICA ATTENTION.

All members that can will please be at the meeting this evening. Brother A. Brauer Grand Secty will be with us. By order of Lecturer.

### PRESIDENT'S UNCLE DIES.

(Scripps News Association)  
New York, June 14—Robert B. Roosevelt, aged 77, and an uncle of the president, died at four this morning at his country home in Long Island. He was a Union democrat and the American Minister to Netherlands from 1888 to 1890. He was also treasurer of the Democratic national committee, a distinguished lawyer and merchant, and a sportsman of some notoriety.

## EXPLOSION KILLS SIX

(Scripps News Association)  
Liverpool June 14—An American line steamer, Haverford, from Philadelphia while preparing to unload this morning, was ignited by an explosion in the hold, which killed at least five persons and injured forty more. The sixth death happened on the way to the hospital. One of the dead was blown to bits and scattered over the dock. As the cargo was largely linseed oil it is believed that the fire started by spontaneous combustion. The fire lasted two hours before being extinguished. All the dead are stevedores.

### GIVES REFORM REMEDY.

(Scripps News Association)  
Des Moines, Iowa, June 14—Engineer Shonts was the principle speaker at the Silver anniversary of Drake university and said in part "The demands for reform while unreasoning and hysterical, are well founded and must be heeded. The West had drifted from the old standard of honesty and patient accumulation, into a mad rush for wealth. It must be brought back to its old moorings by calm and inflexible application of the Law."

### YACHTSMAN'S DAUGHTER MARRIES.

(Scripps News Association)  
New York, June 14—Miss Fanny Iselin, daughter of C. Oliver Iselin, the prominent clubman and yachtsman, and Mr. Philip Livermore will be quietly married this afternoon at the Iselin country place near New Rochelle, on the Sound. Owing to the recent death of the bridegroom's brother, John Livermore, only immediate members of the two families will be present at the ceremony.

### BANKERS CONVENTION.

(Scripps News Association)  
Old Point Comfort, Va., June 14—The annual convention of the Virginia Bankers' Association opened here today at the Chamberlain Hotel. It will last three days and in view of the large attendance and the excellent program which has been prepared promises to be highly interesting and successful. H. S. Hansbrough, of Winchester is the president of the organization.

### GENERAL MILES ORATOR.

(Scripps News Association)  
Lincoln, Neb., June 14—The annual commencement exercises of the Nebraska State University will be held this afternoon and evening. General Nelson A. Miles will be the principal orator of the day.

## TO ELECT SUCCESSOR TO MORRIS

(Scripps News Association)  
Portland, Ore., June 14—The Episcopal convention assembled this morning to elect a new bishop for Oregon to succeed the late B. Wistar Morris. The leading candidates are Rev. Charles Scadding of La Grange, Illinois and Rev. F. W. Clappett of San Francisco. A clash between the high and low churchmen is expected.

### AIR SHIP SAILS FOUR MILES

(Scripps News Association)  
Buffalo June 14—In the first attempt to sail an airship Roy Knabenshue was not successful and nearly lost his life. His machinery stopped and he fell into Niagara where he was saved by a tug and life saving crew. The second trial was more successful and Lincoln Beachy sailed for four miles in Virginia and circled the Washington Monument.

The ship landed in the White House grounds. The manipulator left his carjined in the Senate restaurant and returned to Virginia.

### POST OFFICE ROBBED

(Observer Special)  
Elgin June 14—Word reached this city late last evening that the Post Office at the Wallowa bridge had been robbed the previous night and several dollars and stamps had been taken. Suspicion rests upon the people were camping on the road. Officers at La Grande and Lewiston have been notified and arrests are expected.

### CAPTAIN GARST NEGLIGENT

(Scripps News Association)  
Norfolk, Va., June 14—Captain Perry Garst commander of the Rhode Island was found guilty of negligence in the grounding of a ship a short time ago. He will be retired and reduced in rank.

### LOSSES PAID.

(Scripps News Association)  
San Francisco, June 14—Thirty-one independent insurance companies have decided to settle the San Francisco loss on an honest basis. The companies held a meeting this morning and practically freed themselves from the Underwriters adjusting association. The revolt came because other companies were determined to resort to unjust arbitrary means as a settlement.

### NOMINATION NOT ACCEPTED.

(Scripps News Association)  
Washington, June 14—The Senate steering committee has decided to dispose of the nomination of Barnes as postmaster of this city.

### LARGE CHERRY SALE

Mr. G. W. Holcomb representing the Oregon Packing Company left for Portland last evening after practically contracting for the greater part of the cherry crop of this county which is principally grown in Fruitdale, Hay Park and Cove. The price said to be 4 1/2 cents per pound which is considered a profitable one for the growers. It is estimated that the present crop will be in excess of 200,000 pounds which at the price means about \$10,000. This of course does not include the fancy stock which will be shipped as usual as the price on this class of fancy stock is out of reach for tanning purposes.

### NEW OFFICERS ELECTED

The forty-sixth convocation of the Grand Chapter, Royal Arch, elected the following officers:  
Lot L. Pearce of Salem, grand high priest; F. W. Davis of Union, deputy grand high priest; A. H. Steiner of Salem, grand king; Edward Kiddle of Island City, grand scribe; David P. Mason of Albay, grand treasurer; James F. Robinson of Eugene, grand secretary; Frank J. Miller of Albay, grand captain of the host; A. Thurlow of Portland, grand lecturer.

### FLAG DAY OBSERVED

Sacramento June 14—Flag Day was celebrated with simple but impressive exercises by the public school today. Literary exercises, addresses constituted the program. Flags were seen flying from all business houses in the city.

## KILLED BY HEAD ON COLLISION

(Scripps News Association)  
Richmond, Cal., June—In a wreck between a passenger and a work train on the belt line between here and San Poia this morning three men were killed and nearly a dozen passengers injured. There was over 230 men on board. The train was made up of box cars and coaches. The dead are: Charles Alison machinist, Dennis Griffen a bricklayer and Ray Timbermen a brakemen. When the train came to the switch near which the accident happened the rear truck of one car ran off and threw two others on the side track and into an empty box car.

### CITY COUNCIL

The City Council met last evening in special session and spent several hours discussing various topics of city matters. The water committee decided that owing to the fact that the city pumps are located five ty feet above the water in this city, a wall a great saving in fuel and water on the pump could be effected by lowering the pumps ten feet and the committee was instructed to advertise for bids to be opened at the council meeting Tuesday night of this week.

The Ways and Means committee who were instructed to confer with the O. R. & N. Co. with a view of obtaining a deed in fee simple to the property where the old city hall stands. The deed to the present property has a reversion clause and in case the property ceases to be used for city purposes it reverts back to the O. R. & N. Co. The idea the city had in view was to sell it and use the money in securing a city park. The committee received the information that the company would re-deed the property for city park purposes and doubtless this will be the resort if so the jail building will be moved and steel cells will be placed in the Fire Department building.

The town cow came in for her usual share of censure but owing to the fact that there are about 300 in the city, it is quite a question to protect side walks lawns and personal rights and liberty. Unless defeated by remonstrance at the next regular meeting the council will introduce an ordinance providing for the grading and graveling of 6th street from Washington to I street.

If the property owners could have been present and heard the discussion on house numbering, they would lose no time but number, for if they do not within the next 30 days. There will be some thing doing sure enough.

At a former meeting the city engineer was instructed to investigate possibility of piping the water of Five Point creek for city purposes. But owing to the misunderstanding of authority nothing was done. However the preliminary survey will soon be made.

### SHOCK IN ARIZONA

Nogales, Ariz. June 14—An earthquake occurred at Guymas Mexico yesterday about noon. Several buildings were cracked but nobody was hurt.

## NINETEEN THOUSAND DOLLARS PER MILE

Albany O., June 13—Nineteen thousand dollars per mile for the Southern Pacific railway is the valuation fixed by the assessors of Western Oregon in Albany yesterday.

The assessors of the counties along the main line of the Southern Pacific held the meeting for the purpose of discussing the question of railway assessment, and, if possible, fixing a uniform rate of assessment; also to determine what should be the advance in railway assessment, to keep step with the full-valuation basis for all other properties adopted in most of the counties.

The valuation of \$19,000 per mile is notable, in that it trebles the assessed valuation of the Southern Pacific properties that has prevailed in the past. The average valuation placed upon the Southern Pacific stock in the past has been about \$6000. The new valuation is divided between rolling stock and road-bed, the former being assessed at \$3000 and the latter at \$16,000.

## MAJOR GENERAL OF MARINES.

(Scripps News Association)  
Washington, D. C., June 14—General George F. Elliott, the commandant of the marine corps, will probably be made a major general, at least a provision to this effect is contained in the Naval Bill as it has been reported from the Naval Committee. General Elliott has been urging the department to give the commandant the rank of major general on the grounds that he commands officers and men which exceed that ordinarily under the control of a major general in the army; and with the additions which have been made to the marine corps, together with the responsibilities devolving upon the commandant of that branch, it is agreed that the request for an advance of rank is justified. At the same time the provision in the bill is so worded that it would give the present incumbent the rank of major general, to his successors only the rank of brigadier general.

## GERMAN EVANGELICAL SYNOD MEETING

(Scripps News Association)  
Schnectady, N. Y., June 14—The annual convention of the Atlantic District of the German Evangelical Synod of North America opened here today at the German Friedens Kirche. The opening services will be held at the church this evening and will be conducted by the Rev. C. J. Noehren of New York. The first regular business session will be held tomorrow morning. This morning was principally devoted to the rectorator of delegates and sightseeing. On Saturday the ministers attending the conference will make an excursion to Forest Park, Ballston Lake. On Sunday afternoon the delegates will go to Albany to attend the services in connection with the dedication of the bells at the German Evangelical Church in that city. The convention will close on Monday when the officers for the ensuing year will be elected.

### NEW JERSEY G. A. R.

(Scripps News Association)  
Paterson, N. J., June 14—The annual encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic of this State opened here this morning with a business session. The attendance is quite large and the city is full of strangers who have been attracted by the encampment. The grand parade will be held this afternoon and it is expected that several hundred veterans will be in line. Other military and civic organizations will also take part in the parade. The line of march is nearly four miles long and, so many of the veterans are too feeble to march so long a distance, arrangements have been made for carriages in which they will ride. A large reviewing stand has been erected in front of the City Hall, and there the marchers will be reviewed by the commanding officer and his staff, the Mayor and a large number of prominent officials and invited guests.

### OPENING CROW RESERVATION

(Scripps News Association)  
Billings, Mont., June 14.—In accordance with President Roosevelt's proclamation the Crow Indian Reservation in this State containing about one million acres, is to be opened to settlers. The registration for the drawing began today in this city, in Miles City, Mont., and at Sheridan, Wyo. Hundreds of entries were placed on the records. The registration books will be opened for entry on July 16.

## ANOTHER MAN SHOT IN BED

(Scripps News Association)  
Los Angeles June 14—Geo. Scheck aged 22 years was shot and killed while in bed this morning. His wife, a beautiful lady of nineteen says the burglar shot when her husband asked him what he was doing. The murdered man's face is powder stained and the police are investigating.

### SLAVE DRIVER ON TRIAL

(Scripps News Association)  
Cape Girardeau, Mo. June 14—The preliminary hearing of James E. Smith and his seven associates, who were arrested and accused of conducting slavery on their plantation, was held today. Evidence showed that one negro worked five months and received three dollars and a half, and others, after months of work have received nothing. The United States Marshall says that he found a locked stockade and the negroes working in the field under a guard.

### AMERICANS KILLED BY MOROS

(Scripps News Association)  
Manila June 14—It has been learned that Lieutenant Bolton of the 70 Infantry and an American named Christian, manager of a plantation near Davao, were killed by Moros. Chief Mungalay and his brother are accused, as the dead man were guests at the chief's home previous to the killing.

### LEDoux TRIAL DEVELOPES NOTHING

(Scripps News Association)  
Stockton, Cal., June 14—Many witnesses testified in the Ledoux trial this morning. The line of questions had to do with a tracing of the defendant and deceased the last night he was alive and the defendant's movements the following day. Joe Healy who for a time was under suspicion of being an accomplice will tell this afternoon how the woman met him at San Francisco. The prosecution may conclude its case this week. The interest continues and the court room is packed.

### COOKS IN SYMPATHY STRIKE.

(Scripps News Association)  
San Francisco, June 14—Acting in sympathy with the sailors' union the Marine Cooks and Steward Association has declared a general strike in the ports from San Pedro to Seattle on all such boats as have in the past refused to concede union wages.

The conditions along the water front are practically unchanged and the steamer owners met to adjust matters the efforts came to naught.

The steamer Curacao will make an attempt to get away this afternoon. If successful this will be the first boat to leave since the hostilities began.

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