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UNDER THE NEW LAW

Nominations of General Officers Sent to the Senate.

MILES AT THE HEAD OF THE LIST

Chaffee jumps over fifty-three colonels and becomes a Major-General—Major Kohbe promoted to be a Brigadier-General.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 5.—The President today sent the following nominations to the Senate:

To be Lieutenant-General, Major-General Nelson A. Miles.

To be Major-Generals: Brigadier-General Samuel B. Young, United States Army; Colonel Adna R. Chaffee, Eighth Cavalry, United States Army (Major-General United States Volunteers); Brigadier-General Arthur MacArthur, United States Army (Major-General United States Volunteers); Colonels to be Brigadier-Generals: John C. Bates, Second Infantry, United States Army (Major-General United States Volunteers); Lloyd Wheaton, Seventh Infantry, United States Army (Major-General United States Volunteers); George W. Davis, Twenty-third Infantry (Brigadier-General Volunteers); Theodore Schwab, Assistant Adjutant United States Army (Brigadier-General Volunteers); Samuel S. Sumner, Sixth Cavalry, United States Army; Leonard Wood, Assistant Surgeon United States Army (Major-General Volunteers); Robert H. Hall, Fourth Infantry, United States Army (Brigadier-General Volunteers); Robert P. Hughes, Inspector-General United States Army (Brigadier-General United States Volunteers); George M. Randall, Eighth Infantry, United States Army (Brigadier-General United States Volunteers).

Also Major William A. Kohbe, Third Artillery, United States Army (Brigadier-General Volunteers); Brigadier-General Frederick D. Grant, United States Volunteers; Captain J. Franklin Bell, Seventh Cavalry, United States Army (Brigadier-General United States Volunteers).

Junior officers in the regular service have felt much anxiety over the prospect of being "jumped" by the promotion of newcomers into the service, under the present reorganization act. This announcement from the War Department will be of some comfort to those officers. Promotions will be made to the grade of First Lieutenant in the regular Army of all Second Lieutenants in that arm whose commissions antedate the war with Spain. These promotions will carry up all officers in the regulars who have had longer service than volunteers, but will leave vacancies for volunteer Second Lieutenants.

Attention is called at the War Department to the fact that the order of seniority of the general officers appointed today is determined by the dates in February stated in the nomination. Thus General Young being nominated February 2, Chaffee on the 4th and MacArthur on the 5th, will take precedence in that order wherever they may be promoted. Wood, being named as a Brigadier-General on the 4th, is ranked by Bates, Wheaton, Davis and Schwab and possibly by Sumner, the latter being nominated on the same date. But it is pointed out at the Department that one result of General Wood's name in this order would be that he follows the regular order of promotion. After that, to make him Lieutenant-General of the United States Army for 14 years. General Wood now stands No. 40 in the list of Army Captains. Captain J. Franklin Bell, who is No. 58 in the list of Captains, relative rank, was nominated to be a full Brigadier-General.

The appointment of General Chaffee to be Major-General of the regular Army is the first instance of his kind in the history of the Army. He began his career as a private in the Sixth Cavalry and will be the first officer promoted from the ranks to exercise command in the regular Army as a general officer. General Young and MacArthur are jumped ahead of Brigadier-Generals Wade and Merriam, and General Chaffee also advanced over those two officers, as well as over General MacArthur and Ludlow and 32 Colonels who had higher relative rank than he in the regular Army. The action in the case of General Chaffee is accepted in military circles as an indication that he is to be placed in supreme command of the military forces in the Philippines and that General Young and MacArthur, who are now in that country, are to be relieved shortly and assigned to duty in the United States.

The law provides for six Major-Generals, and the promotion of Major-General Miles leaves another vacancy in that grade, which is generally understood, will be filled by the appointment of Brigadier-General J. F. Wade, the senior officer of his grade.

There is still one vacancy in the list of Brigadier-Generals and another will be made by the retirement of General Schwab, who is said to be in failing health. General Dewey, of the Fourth Infantry, who has just returned to San Francisco from garrison duty in China, is booked for appointment as a Brigadier-General. It is expected he will be retired immediately.

Secretary Root said this afternoon that the military appointments made today did not necessarily involve any changes of commands in the Philippines, and that there was no purpose of relieving General MacArthur of the supreme command of that division in the immediate future. General Wade and Ludlow, who were recently ordered to the Philippines, will relieve General Young and Bates, who have served in that country for over two years.

A COLOSSAL TRANSACTION.

Morgan Syndicate Buys Out Andrew Carnegie.

NEW YORK, Feb. 5.—The Tribune will say tomorrow: "Negotiations for the sale of Andrew Carnegie's controlling interest in the stock of the Carnegie Company were brought to a successful conclusion Monday, J. Pierpont Morgan and his associates being the purchasers. The terms of the transaction cannot at this time be announced, but the transaction is a colossal one, rivaling the recent change of control of the Southern Pacific when that property passed into the hands of Union Pacific interests. Mr. Carnegie held nearly 84 per cent of the \$100,000,000 stock of the Carnegie Company. This stock has been listed on any stock exchange, but \$100 was recently paid for a 1000 share in the Carnegie Company.

"Assuming that Mr. Carnegie has disposed of his holdings at par, he will receive fully \$80,000,000 for his interest, while at the same time he will retain his 22 or 24 per cent interest in the \$100,000,000 bond of the Carnegie Company. The object aimed at by Mr. Morgan and the interests allied with him when treating with Mr. Carnegie was the assurance of an enduring peace in the steel industry of the United States, and this condition is now believed to have been obtained."

THREATENED BY BOERS.

Dutch Invasion of Lourenco Marques is Feared.

LONDON, Feb. 5.—It is reported in London that the Boers commanded by Blanke are threatening Lourenco Marques, and that Portugal has requested British assistance. It is further asserted that a British squadron has been ordered to Lourenco Marques. No official confirmation of the report is obtainable.

(The Blanke referred to is probably John Y. Fillmore Blanke, who was in command of a regiment of Irish and American rough riders in the service of the Transvaal. Blanke, who is an old West Pointer, first went to the Transvaal in 1884 of 1885.)

Meeting of Boer Sympathizers.

FRANKFURT, Feb. 5.—At a meeting of the Boer sympathizers here today, attended by some 200 people, a resolution was adopted appealing to Great Britain to stop the war in South Africa. Christian Dewet, a nephew of the Boer commander, was present, and was carried around the hall on the shoulders of the promoters of the meeting.

LAI D CORNER-STONE

Ceremonies at the Site of the Crematorium.

MASONIC OFFICERS OFFICIATED

Addresses by Friends of the New Enterprise—Grounds, Which Overlook the Willamette, Will Be Made Into a Park.

The corner-stone of the crematorium of the Portland Cremation Association was laid yesterday afternoon at the grounds of the Oregon City Railway, near Sellwood, by the Masonic Grand Lodge of Oregon, in the presence of a large gathering of residents from Portland and the surroundings. Three special cars carried the grand lodge officers and members of



CREMATORIUM AS IT WILL LOOK WHEN FINISHED.

Portland lodges to the grounds, where the impressive ceremony of the order was performed. The subordinate lodges assisting were: Hawthorne, No. 11; Washington, No. 4; Columbia, No. 14; Portland, No. 5; Harmony, No. 12; Willamette, No. 2.

The special cars were switched from the main line on the crematorium spur, and here the Masons formed a procession, the grand lodge officers in advance and the members of the subordinate lodges following, and proceeded to the chapel officiated and conducted the ceremony, assisted by the other grand officers, Frank B. Gibson, superintendent of the association, was master of ceremonies.

Another Casualty List.

LONDON, Feb. 5.—The War Office received a very heavy South African casualty list yesterday, showing in addition to 13 killed and 71 wounded in action, 52 deaths from disease during the present month. Last month 39 officers and 800 non-commissioned officers and men were killed in action or died from disease. The total death list from the beginning of the war shows 12,389 victims.

Watching the West Coast.

CAPE TOWN, Feb. 5.—Officials have been dispatched to watch all the bays along the west coast of Cape Colony against the landing of mercenaries or arms.

With the exception of one, all the guns of the British cruiser Sybille, wrecked last month near Lambert's Bay, have been recovered.

Dewet Will Do Some Amusing.

LONDON, Feb. 6.—A special dispatch from Cape Town says that General Dewet, according to Cape Town reports, intends to annex various districts of Cape Colony and then to commandeer the men and supplies, although he is not urging the colonists to join him.

Cianwilliam Farms Deserted.

CLANWILLIAM, Feb. 5.—Colonel Brandner drove the Boers out of Varrhyndor, capturing a number of wagons and a quantity of merchandise. All the farms in this region are deserted. The only being found except armed Boers was an English governess on one of the farms.

Infected With Plague.

CAPE TOWN, Feb. 5.—The Island of Rondebosch has been declared infected with bubonic plague.

BOER ENVOYS IN CHICAGO.

Viljoen and Wessels Aroused Great Enthusiasm.

CHICAGO, Feb. 5.—Wild waves of enthusiasm for everything Boer, with storms of hisses and howls of derision for Britain, her soldiers and her rulers, swept over a Central Music Hall audience tonight. Thrusting cheers for Kruger, Steyn, Dewet and Botha rang out with cries of "shame" for Kitchener and Lord Roberts from the audience which had assembled to hear the Boer envoys, Hercules D. Viljoen and P. Louter Wessels, plead their cause. The mention of the name of Queen Victoria called forth hisses and denunciations from the crowd.

Mr. Viljoen, who comes direct from the seat of war in South Africa, where he acted as field cornet, told of scenes which he had witnessed, and which he said his wife, torn from his arms, and his children, left without their husbands, children, destroyed and ruined. Kruger denied that President Kruger had deserted his cause to go to Europe, but asserted that it was only after days of entreaty that he was induced to go.

P. Louter Wessels, a cousin of President Steyn, of the Orange Free State, was confident of ultimate success. "No matter how dark the cloud may seem, there were never such bright silver brims about it as present," was his remark.

TO PRISON FOR LIFE

Sentence Was Passed on Henry E. Youtsey.

FOR AIDING IN GOEBEL MURDER

Prisoner Protested His Innocence, Declaring His Conviction Was Accomplished by Subornation of Perjury.

GEORGETOWN, Ky., Feb. 5.—Henry E. Youtsey was sentenced by Judge Cantrell this afternoon and tomorrow will be taken to Frankfort to enter upon his term of life imprisonment. Youtsey was pale and weak when he stood up to receive the sentence of the court. His wife sat near by and heard the sentence of the law consigning her husband to the penitentiary for life, but bore up under the ordeal bravely. Briefly, Judge Cantrell outlined the progress of the case from the time of the indictment until the returning of the verdict.

"Now," continued the Judge, "have you any reason to give why sentence should not be pronounced upon you?"

Youtsey shifted his position slightly and cleared his throat. One hand clutched the lapel of his coat and the other rested on the table. The courtroom was perfectly quiet. In a low but audible tone Youtsey spoke these words:

"I have nothing to say, except that I am innocent of the crime for which I am convicted," he answered the Judge. "It is the judgment of this court that you be removed by the Sheriff of Scott County to the state penitentiary at Frankfort, and there to be kept in hard labor for the period of your natural life."

The case of Barbour Weaver, accused of perjury in the Powers case, was called for trial in the Circuit Court this morning, but was postponed in the absence of more than half of the witnesses for the defense, was passed until afternoon to give attorneys an opportunity to prepare an affidavit of what the absent witnesses will testify to.

Senatorial Deadlocks.

LINCOLN, Neb., Feb. 5.—The fifteenth joint ballot on United States Senator was as follows:

Allen, Guston	.....	W. H. Thompson	.....
Hitchcock	.....	McJannet	.....
Crouse	.....	Loomis	.....
Barstow	.....	.....	.....

WAGES OF MINERS.

Joint Conference at Columbus Still Unable to Agree.

COLUMBUS, O., Feb. 5.—The Illinois operators forced the issue in the joint conference this afternoon, when they introduced a resolution to instruct the scale committee to draft an agreement covering the prices and conditions of both machine and pick mining, based upon the conditions in Illinois to the level of other states. Illinois has a run-of-mine standard, and a machine differential of 7 to 10 cents. In other states the price of mining is based upon screened coal, and the machine differential is much less. Ohio, Indiana and Western Pennsylvania operators say positively they will not accept the run-of-mine standard or a reduction in the machine differential.

Plague at Cape Town.

LONDON, Feb. 6.—According to a dispatch from Cape Town, a case of what is suspected to be the bubonic plague has developed there.

SUMMARY OF IMPORTANT NEWS.

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The transport McPherson is ashore near Matanzas, and will be a total loss. Page 2.

Congress.

The Senate formally laid aside the subsidy bill. Page 2.

The District appropriation bill was passed by the Senate. Page 2.

The Senate considered a hazing amendment to the West Point bill. Page 2.

Amendments to the postoffice bill were under discussion in the House. Page 2.

Foreign.

Preparations continue at the Hague for the royal wedding. Page 2.

Martinielli will be made a cardinal. Page 2.

Emperor William has returned home. Page 2.

The Chinese and foreign envoys met at Peking to discuss the question of penalties. Page 2.

German expeditions are still being sent out from Peking. Page 2.

Domestic.

Youtsey was sentenced to life imprisonment for complicity in the Goebel murder. Page 1.

The injunction proceedings in the Sanger case opened in Cincinnati. Page 1.

Mrs. Nation wrecked another Topeka saloon. Page 1.

Northwest Legislatures.

Oregon Senatorial deadlock continues. Page 4.

Mitchell's second effort to capture Oregon Democratic caucus proved a failure. Page 4.

Oregon House refused to reconsider barbers' Sunday closing law. Page 4.

Oregon Senate passed bill for constitutional convention. Page 4.

Work of expiring accounts of Washington officials for past four years will begin Thursday. Page 5.

Everett capital bill was introduced in both houses of Washington Legislature. Page 5.

Members of Idaho Legislature will likely leave for Boise on a visit to Oregon body. Page 5.

Pacific Coast.

Northern Pacific freight train in Cascade Mountains ran away yesterday, killed one man and injured several. Page 5.

Athens, Or., electric company may build plant which will supply power to four towns. Page 5.

Commercial and Marine.

General stagnation in the wheat markets. Page 11.

Another 50,000 barrels flour cargo from Portland. Page 10.

September grain ships make fast passages. Page 10.

Steamship Eva did not touch when leaving Columbia River. Page 10.

Steamers coming from London to Victoria via Suez Canal. Page 10.

Portland and Vicinity.

Corner-stone of crematorium laid by Masonic grand lodge. Page 1.

Miss Van Vleet testified in her own behalf before the school board. Page 5.

Municipal Judge Cameron fined five young men for playing "treese out." Page 12.

Park Commission protests against giving up a park block. Page 1.

Fruitgrowers' convention discusses various topics. Page 3.