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SAPOLIO Reduction Plant Burned FLORENCE, Colo., July 21.-A fire, said to be of incendiary origin, entirely destroyed the big plant of the El Paso

Reduction Company, near Florence, early today. Loss on the plant will reach \$25,-900, and on ore, \$25,000. Insurance about \$100,000. The mill was owned by Philadelphia capitalists.

NASHVILLE, Tenn., July 21.-The posse of revenue officers and deputy mar. shals that went to Putnam County to ald in capturing the illicit still where the battle of Saturday occurred, returned here tonight. They found the still and destroyed it. None of its operators was caught, however.

INQUIRY AND SUIT

Charges Against Schley to Be Investigated.

THE ADMIRAL WILL DEMAND IT

After the Naval Inquiry He Will Suc the Author of the "History of the United States Navy" for Libel.

WASHINGTON, July 23 .- The Washingon Post last night telegraphed Admiral Schley that in an editorial it insisted that owed it to himself, as well as to his friends, to begin proceedings against Mr. Maclay, the author of the "History of the United States Navy," to disprove the latter's charge, adding: "Will you do this? lease wire statement." Today it received the following telegram:

"Great Neck, L. I., July 23.-Editor Washington Post: I believe the first step should be investigation of all matter by a court, then a civil action afterward, I am preparing to take this course

"W. S. SCHLEY." The Post in the morning, as a result of extensive inquiries based upon the Admiral's dispatch, will say, in part:

"Admiral Schley purposes to ask an investigation at the hands of a naval court of inquiry and then to sue Historian Maclay for libel. His action is the sequel to the development during the past week, when the entire country has been stirred by the publication of the unexampled abuse poured out upon him in the third volume of E. S. Maclay's history of the United Staes Navy, in which publication Schley is said to have run away, 'in caitiff flight,' and is, in addition, deunced as a coward, a cur and a traitor,

"The Schley court of inquiry will unloubtedly be one of the most celebrated cases in the naval or military history of the country. The high rank of the officers involved in the controversy, and the intense public feeling which has been aroused will combine to give to the investigation a dramatic interest. Nothing has occurred in Weshington for many years that will compare with it. The appoint-ment of the court of inquiry is expected to be made by Secretary Long, though it would be in the power of the President to make the selections, if he chose. This is hardly likely to occur, however. Mr. Long has already stated that if Admiral Schley requested a court of inquiry he would grant the request, and has also expressed his willingness personally to se-lect the court. While he has not made any statement as to its personnel, there is every reason to believe that he favors Admiral Dewey and Rear-Admirals Ramsay and Benham, the two latter being now upon the retired list. The name of Admiral Walker has been suggested, but It is known that he has expressed views upon the Sampson-Schley controversy in antagonism to Schley, and his appoint-ment would, therefore, be seriously questioned. It is said that Dewey, Rameny and Benham have always carefully avoided giving an opinion as to the merits of the controversy.

Three names are mentioned because that number is specified in the regula-tions for courts of inquiry. There is a possibility that Admiral Dewey might ask to be excused, as he would have a right to do, but it is also morally certain that in this event he would be specifically detailed by the Secretary for service on the board. This would make his attendance imperative. Secretary Long has, from the moment that a court of inquiry was sug; gested, favored the appointment of Admiral Dewey, believing that his appoint-ment would give the highest character to the court, and that any decision it might reach would be accepted by the American

The Grounds of Criticism.

With respect to the matters to be in-quired into by the court of inquiry, the Post will say that it might be difficult to state briefly the exact questions which will come before the court, but that Ad-miral Schley condensed them in a letter written to Senator Hale, chairman of the Senate committee on naval affairs, February 18, 1899. This letter divided the critclems of himself into four heads, as fol-

First-The alleged delay off Clenfuegos, Second-The alleged slow progress to-ward Santiago de Cuba from Clenfuegos.

Third-The retrograde movements on the 26th and 27th of May (this refers to the turning of the fleet from Santiago towards Key West.)
Fourth-The battle of Santiago and the

destruction of Cervera's fleet. It is to be expected, says the Post, that Admiral Schley, in his letter to the Secretary requesting a court of inquiry, will specify these grounds of criticism, and that Senator Long will, in turn, repeat them in his orders assembling the court. It is expected that as soon as Secre-tary Long receives request for a court

of inquiry from Admiral Schley, he will name its personnel and issue an order for its asembling. Admiral Sampson, who will, next to Admiral Schley, be the principal figure at the inquiry, is stationed at the Bos-ton Navy Yard. Of the Captains at San-tiago, Captain Cook, of the Brooklyn, is at Annapolis; Captain Clark, of the Oregon, is at League Island; Captain Chadwick, of Admiral Sampson's flagship, the New York, is at Newport; Cap-tain, now Rear-Admiral Taylor, of the Indiana, is at the Brooklyn Navy Yard; Captain, now Rear-Admiral Evans, is detailed as a member of the inspection and survey board in this city; Captain Higginson, of the Massachusetts, is commander of the North Atlantic Squadron; Lieutenant-Commander Wainwright, of

of the Hartford, which is now off the coast of Sweden. Captain Philip, of the Texas, is dead, ert of inquiry differs from a courtmartial in that it has no power to in-flict a sentence. It is organized simply for the purpose of investigating questions of fact, but it has authority to make the

the Gioucester, is superintendent of the Naval Academy at Annapolis; Lieutenant Sharp, of the Vixen, is executive officer

inquiry complete and exhaustive. An important officer of the court will be the Judge-Advocate and Recorder, who interrogates the witnesses. Secre-tary Long will undoubtedly take unusual care in the selection of this officer who will be chosen from the list of Captains who participated with Dewey in the Manila battle. Under the Naval regulations. Admiral Schley will be allowed port Thomas sailed this aft the attendance of counsel who will have the right to suggest questions to the Judge-Advocate. It is not known whether schools in the Philippines.

Admiral Sampson will ask the privilege of being also represented by counsel.

The sessions of court undoubtedly will be open, although its members have the right to prevent this.

SCHLEY'S REQUEST FOR INQUIRY He Is Sorry There Should Be a Controversy Over the Matter.

NEW, YORK, July 23.-The Herald will ay tomorrow: Rear-Admiral Winfield Scott Schley has asked Secretary Long to appoint a court of inquiry to determine the facts in regard to his course in the Santiago campaign. The Admiral drove from Elm Point to the Great Neck, L. I., postoffice yesterday afternoon and a few minutes before 3 o'clock mailed a letter which was addressed to John D. Long, Secretary of the Navy, at Washington. Though the Admiral would not talk of this letter, the nature of its contents was known to others in Great Neck and known to others in Great Neck, and there is no doubt that Secretary Long, when he opens it today, will find in it a request for a formal and official inquiry. When Admiral Schley was pressed to make some statement of his position, he wrote the following sentence:

wrote the following sentence "I really think that as this matter is liable to take the form of a judicial investigation. I ought not to be subject to interview. I think that action is preferable to words, and I have decided to act. More than this, I ought not to be expected to say, but I will add that it is a very great pity that there should be any controversy over matters where everybody did his best."

THE OKLAHOMA OPENING.

Injunction Proceedings at El Reno Will Not Delay.

WASHINGTON. July 23.-Secretary WASHINGTON, July 28.—Secretary Hitchcock said today with reference to the effort to prevent the opening of the Okla-homa Indian lands to settlement by in-junction proceedings at El Reno, that the preparations of the department for the opening would proceed as if no suit had

"We shall not let the matter go by dewe shall not let the matter go by de-fault." he said, "but we apprehend no obstacle from the proceedings. Any one can bring a suit."

The Secretary today took cognizance of reports coming from Oklahoma that the

men who are registering at El Reno and Fort Sill are doing so with the intention of transferring their rights to others at normous profits.
"That is absurd," said he, "because it is

impossible under the regulations for them to transfer their rights. They take an oath to use their rights for their own exclusive benefits. There can be no speculation in these numbers. Oklohoma Law and Order League.

FORT SILL, O. T., July 23.—A law and order league has been formed here to suppress the dozens of crooks who have infested the country since the Klowa-Comanche resigntration began. The or-ganization has decided to print and dis-tribute 1000 handbills bearing the follow-

dence men, pickpockets, thieves and crooks who are caught plying their vo-cations that they will be hanged to the nearest tree.

The Day's Registrations. EL RENO, O. T., July 23.-Today's registration at El Reno was 10.881; up to date

103,929 have registered here. Lawton to day registered 2403, making the total for that place 27,946. The grand total is 131,875.

IMPORTATION OF NEGROES.

Alabama Labor to Operate Chicago

CHICAGO, July .23 .- The advent at Melrose Park tomorrow of 600 negro workingmen, 25 women and three preach. ers, imported from Mobile, Ala., by the Latrobe Steel & Coupler Works, is awaited with interest by the residents of the suburb and the 200 workmen now employed in the plant. Threats of the workmen to strike for higher wages are believed by many to have been the cause of the importation. This is denied by the officials of the company. They declare that the only reason the negroes are brought here is that it was impossible to secure sufficient white help to do the work demanded from the Latrobe Company by the United States Steel Company. A mass meeting was held tonight to protest against the importations. It was freely prophesied that bloodshed would follow the importation of the negroes.

MONTANA MINING SUIT.

Another Action to Have the Trust Deal Set Aside.

BUTTE, Mont., July 23.—John MacGin-nis, vice-president and general manager of the Montana Ore Purchasing Company, has brought suit in the District Court here against the Boston & Montana Company, its directors and officers, the Amalgamated Company and its president to have a receiver appointed for the Boston & Montana. He wants a decree that the Amalgamated has no right to any of the shares of the Boston & Montana and that the shares now held by it be canceled and surrendered to the latter company. The transfer of control in the Boston & Montana was made to the Amalgamated recently through the decision of the New Jersey court. MacGinnis claims the in-terests of the minority stockholders in the Boston & Montana are being prejudiced by the transfer of control, owns 100 shares.

A JUDGE UNDER ARREST. Refused to Testify Under a Notary

Public at Butte,

BUTTE, Mont., July 23.—Judge E. W. Harney, of the District Court, is constructively under arrest tonight for refusing to testify before a notary public. He had been called upon to give a depo-sition in the application for a new trial in the Minnie Healey mining case, which he recently decided in favor of F. Augustus Heinze and against Miles Finlen and the Boston & Montana Company. denied the jurisdiction of the notary. Mrs. Ada H. Brackett, a sterographer in the office of Heinze, and Deputy Sheriff J. W. Rowe are also in the Sheriff's custody for the same offense.

Ohio Bryan Democrats,

CLEVELAND, July 23 .- At a preliminary meeting here of the leaders of the bolt among the Bryan Democrats, George A. Groot of this city was chosen temporary chairman of the state convention to be held at Columbus, July 31. Dr. Abnace L. Davis, of Findlay will be the temporary

SAN FRANCISCO, July 22.- The transport Thomas sailed this afternoon for Manila via Honolulu, with the 700 teachers who are going to accept positions in the

William H. Hunt Will Be Governor of Porto Rico.

NOW SECRETARY OF THE ISLAND

Trade Between the United State and Porto Rico Will Be Annonneed in a Presidential Proclamation Thursday.

WASHINGTON, July 23 .- William H. Hunt, the present secretary of Porto Rico, has been selected to succeed Governor

car L. Littleton, Sixteenth Infantry; Wal-ter L. Griffin, Hospital Corps; William J. Crine, Eighteenth Infantry; Louis Brown, Corporal, Forty-ninth Infantry; John W. Lauway, Twentieth Infantry: John W. Smelzer, Fifteenth Infantry; William M. Miller, Sergeant, Sixth Infantry; Jacob Barnwell, Forty-eighth Infantry; William J. Pooler, Forty-third Infantry; Aifred J. Hutchins, Nineteenth Infantry; Walter A Mochler, Tenth Infantry; Alexander McCook, Twenty-second Infantry; Claude J. Bobb, Fortieth Infantry; W. E. Colvin, Thirty-eighth Infantry; John A. Gosline, Charles E. Strayer, Eighth Infantry; Jesse

D. Snyder, Hospital Corps; W. Walker, Corporal, Nineteenth Infantry, To Investigate Philippine Finances WASHINGTON, July 23.—Secretary Root has appointed Charles A. Conant special nissioner of the War Department to investigate the state of columne and bank-ing in the Philippines, and report to the Secretary of War recommendations for remedial legislation.

GRAND LODGE OF ELKS.

Charles E. Pickett, of Waterloo, In., Elected Grand Exalted Ruler.

Charles H. Allen upon the latter's re- MILWAUKEE, July 23.-The Grand

GIVEN THE FREEDOM OF LONDON.



LORD MILNER, OF CAPE TOWN.

LONDON, July 23.—The presentation of the freedom of the City of London to Lord Milner, of Cape Town, at the Guild Hall, today, was made the occasion of another jingo demonstration in favor of the war in South Africa and the policy of the government. Joseph Chamberlain, the Colonial Secretary, the Duke of Devonablee, President of the Council, and other Cabinet Ministers; Lord Cromer, British Diplomatic Agent in Egypt, and Sir Claude Macdonald, British ex-

Minister to China, were among those on the platform. Lord Milner, in a speech, said the compromising of promising of the settlement of the South African situation by injudicious co should the risk of a popular rising be run by treating deliberate and crime stained treason as a venial offense. The speaker said there was an immense difference between the stout old burghers of the late republics and the "rowing ruffians" harrowing their fellow British subjects of Cape Colony. resolved to treat the old burghers, when the war was over, with fairness and even generosity, convincing them that, though they had lost independence, they had not lost their freedom," continued Lord Milner. "The lovalists in South Africa who had shown such splendid devotion to the empire and the work of reconstruction already going on should not be allenated." By the bold development of resources and an incorruptible government, it was boped, his Lordship concluded, soon to relieve Great Britain of what had been called the "obcession" of

tirement. Governor Allen brought with him Lodge of the Benevolent and Protective to Boston all of his household effects Order of Elks completed the first day's when he came from San Juan and he session late tonight, having elected officers does not expect to return to Porto Rico. as follows: Grand exalted ruler, Charles does not expect to return to Porto Rico. The formal announcement of the selec-

Judge Hunt received his education at Yale College, but on account of ill-health Aside from t did not finish his course. When he was business of the first executive session 27 years of age he was elected Attorney-consisted of the presentation and reading General of the Territory of Montana. He subsequently moved to Helena and in other routine business. The special order the judiciary committee. He was a mem-1884 which framed the constitution of the | Springs. state when it was admitted to the Union, went to Porto Rico he was requested by

WASHINGTON, July 23.—Free trade between the United States and Porto Rico will be proclaimed Thursday. Attorney-General Knox is preparing the proclamations which will be issued. There will be two proclamations, the first declaring the establishment of civil govern-ment in Porto Rico and the second the

establishment of free trade between the

in organizing the new civil government,

THE TRANSPORT SERVICE. Fast Mail Boats to Ply Between San

Francisco and Manila.

United States and the island.

MANILA, July 23 .- The reports submit ted to Adjurant-General Corbin by Major James B. Alishire, in charge of the water transportation department of the Army at Manila, show the saving of \$3000 daily for the last three months. It is expected in view of this economy, to operate some transports direct between Manila and New Adjutant-General Corbin recommends the use of two of the fastest transports in a monthly mail service between San Francisco and Manila, to insure quick handling of the mails.

Deaths in Philippine Army. WASHINGTON, July 23.-Under date of following deaths in the Philippines:

Harry Robinson, Corporal, Forty-ninth apart from politics. Infantry; Thomas E. Phillips, Second Infantry; W. A. Miller, Sixteenth Infantry; Frank Cahill, Twelfth Infantry; John J. PORT AU PRIN Menzer, Twelfth Infantry; Clifford Chambers, Corporal, Forty-ninth Infancry; Oa.

as follows: Grand exalted ruler, Charles E. Pickett, Waterloo, Ia.; grand exteemed The formal announcement of the selection of Governor Hunt is withheld until the expiration of the leave of Governor Allen next September.

William H. Hunt was born in New Orleans, November 15, 1857, and is the fourth son of the late William Henry Hunt, of Louisiana, who was Secretary of the Navy in the Cabinets of Presidents Garfield and Arthur and Minister to Russia. Judge Hunt received his education at

Aside from the election of officers, the 1883 was elected a member of the Legis-lature, where he served as chairman of be the selection of the next place of meetjudiciary committee. He was a memof the constitutional convention in didate against Baltimore and Saratoga

The feature of the social side of the big and also held important judiciary posi-tions in Montans. When Judge Hunt the magnificent parade of military and civic orders which passed through the President McKinley to become secretary of the island, to assist Governor Allen timated that 50,000 strangers are in the

The openin exercises consisted mainly of informal addresses, Charles H. Hamilton, of Milwaukee, presided. Mayor David S. Rose welcomed the guests, and Judge Jerome R. Fisher, grand exalted ruler, responded. The remainder of the sessions will be held behind closed doors. At the first executive session field this afternoon Grand Exalted Ruler Fisher presented his report, which showed that during the past year 113 new dispensa-tions had been granted and that now there were 725 lodges, having a membership of 96,000, showing an increase since the last convention of 33 1-3 per cent. The order contributed \$17,041 to the Galveston fund. The financial condition of the Grand Lodge showed a balance on hand in the treasury of \$30,000.

OBJECT OF GOMEZ' TRIP. To Induce Palma to Accept the Cuban Presidency.

HAVANA, July 23.-General Maxim Gomez, in the course of an open letter setting forth the objects of his recent trip to the United States, asserts that he went to New York with a view of impressing upon T. Estrada Palma the necesity of coming to Cuba to be the first President of the republic. He says: "Senor Palma is the most available, and is the only candidate. As real Cubans, we ought to make him accept. I shall turn une 28, General MacArthur reports the all my energy toward this end, and when it has been accomplished I shall keep

> Great Fire at Port An Prince. PORT AU PRINCE, Havtl. July 23. Fifty houses were destroyed by fire here today. Loss, \$200,000.

MINERS IN SESSION

Fourth International Con gress Convenes at Boise.

DEPARTMENT OF MINES URGED

Another Speaker Would Have Congress Declare for an Open River for Inland Empire-Portland in Race for Next Session.

BOISE, Idaho, July 23.-The fourth an-

nual, session of the International Mining Congress convened at the Columbia The-ater at 10 o'clock this morning. Representatives from 36 states and territories and three foreign countries were present. The meeting was opened with an address of welcome by Governor Hunt. He was followed by Mayor Alexander, who tendered the keys of the city to the visit-ors. Judge J. H. Richards then wel-comed the congress on behalf of the cit-lzens, delivering an oral address that at-

tracted much attention. Responses were made by E. L. Shafner, of Cleveland, O., Professor W. H. Tibbals, of Salt Lake, and Tom Ewing, of Los Angeles, President L. Bradford Prince, of New Mexico, then delivered his annual address. He reviewed the previous sessions and spoke of the work to be done. Mr. Prince stated that the principal object of the congress was to secure the establishment of a De-partment of Mines. He said it was necessary and the great industry ought to have such recognition in order that its development might go forward at a pace that would keep it abreast of development along other lines. There were many problems confronting the industry, he said, that cannot be solved satisfactorily without the direct aid that could be given through a Government Department of

To Indorse Louisiann Exposition. Delegate C. J. Moore, of Colorado, of-fered the following, which was referred

to the committee on resolutions: "Resolved, That the International Min-ing Congress, assembled at Bolse, Idaho, extends to the president and directors of the Louisiana Purchase Exposition its fraternal greetings and promises for it an active and continued interest and

support.
"We also urge upon the Legislatures of the several states such a generous financial recognition of the coming ex-position as shall contribute materially to its already assured success.

At the afternoon session Secretary Ma-non read letters from President McKinley, Vice-President Roosevelt and several other prominent Government officials, all expressing regret at their inability to attend the sessions of the congress.

committees on credentials, permanent organization and order of business were appointed, after which Major Fred R. Reed, of Boise, presented to President Prince a gavel made of Idaho mahogany. with bands of silver from the Trade Dollar mine. The gavel, said Major Reed, was a present from ex-Mayor James A. Pinney, of Boise. President Prince responded in a fitting manner, evincing his appreciation of the gift. Pending the reports of committees some of the papers prepared for the congress were read. Ex-Lieutenant-Governor Joseph H. Hutchinson, superintendent of the Trade Dollar mine at Silver City, read a paper entitled "In the Pavilion of the Setting Mr. Hutchinson spoke at

length treating of conditions in the West.

Among other things he said:

"Remember that it is only 58 years since Thomas Benton, who was greatest friend in National cou losed his speech in favor of the Linn bill, saying it was a measure that would

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