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FINALLY RATIFIED.

Hay-Pauncefote Canal Treaty Signed at Washington.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 21.—Final ratifications of the Hay-Pauncefote treaty, giving England's assent to the construction of a canal across Central America by the United States, were exchanged at the State Department this afternoon. There was very little ceremony about the exchange of ratifications. Copies of the treaty had been prepared, precisely similar, except in the fact that the signatures were inverted in one copy, and these were formally exchanged between Lord Pauncefote and Secretary Hay, a protocol being signed formally attesting to the fact, which will form part of the records.

Lord Pauncefote was in the best of humor over this successful outcome of the labors of himself and Secretary Hay, for he regards the treaty as the most important convention ever drawn between the United States and Great Britain, and one that will do much to prevent friction in the future between the two peoples.

It was suggested that at the completion of this great work the British Government might reward Lord Pauncefote's work, and this is not the case. Lord Lansdowne, the Secretary of Foreign Affairs, has signified to Lord Pauncefote his desire that he shall remain in Washington for an indefinite period.

Excursion Train Delayed.

MEXICO CITY, Feb. 21.—The baggage and dining-car of the Pennsylvania excursion train were delayed 70 miles north of this city today and the second, a colored man, was killed. Two of the kitchen crew were badly scalded and several slightly injured. The cause of the accident was the burning of seven ties, which allowed the rails to spread. The cars occupied by the excursionists did not leave the track. One of the passengers was slightly injured. The party arrived here at 7 o'clock tonight.

A Lineman's Death.

ANACONDA, Mont., Feb. 21.—Miller Olding, a lineman, while trying to connect a 200-volt wire today without his safety belt, received a shock that threw him to the ground, receiving injuries from which he died several hours later. Olding's head was crushed and his back broken by the fall.

WILL ARRIVE TODAY

Preparations Complete for Reception of Prince Henry.

MARCONI APPARATUS IN USE

The Two Gains Performances—Police Taking Precautions—Features of the Financier's Dinner to be Given Wednesday.

NEW YORK, Feb. 21.—Admiral Prince Henry of Prussia is due in New York tomorrow. That he will arrive on schedule time is, however, exceedingly doubtful. The Kronprinz Wilhelm, to equal his seaward record, should reach Sandy Hook Lightship by 7:45 o'clock tomorrow morning. Owing to the conditions now prevalent in the Atlantic, his arrival at any hour during tomorrow will be surprising. At the offices of the German North Lloyd Company, Manager Schwab, although somewhat upset in his calculations by the delay that the Teutonic experienced, that boat having arrived 24 hours overdue, still expressed the belief that the Kronprinz Wilhelm will arrive in the harbor late in the afternoon. Some of his associates were not so hopeful, however.

An all-night vigil was kept by the wireless operators on the Hohenzollern and the Etruria, with the view of coming in touch with the Kronprinz Wilhelm. Up to midnight their hopes had not borne fruit. On the Hohenzollern, all the officers, from Admiral von Baudissin down, sat up the greater part of the night, hoping that any moment news might be ticked from the various instruments in the cabin.

All is in readiness for the Prince's reception in this city. The President's delegates, appointed to receive the royal visitor in the name of the Nation, arrived this afternoon from Washington. Those in the party are First Assistant Secretary of State David J. Hill, Brigadier-General Corbin, Commander W. S. Cowles, H. T. Bingham and several aides. The entire German Embassy staff also arrived and joined Ambassador von Holleben. The party occupied apartments at the Waldorf-Astoria.

General Corbin said tonight that if the Kronprinz Wilhelm did not arrive in time to dock Saturday, the President's committee will carry out its plans for the reception just the same Sunday. The committee has planned to accompany the Prince and suite to the Irving Place Theater tomorrow evening, to attend him on his rounds Sunday, go to Washington with him Sunday night, and go with him to the launching Tuesday and remain with him until he sails for home. The President's delegates retired to their rooms soon after their arrival and had luncheon served in one of the parlors. General and Mrs. Corbin dined with Whiteley Reid and afterwards were his guests at the opera.

The last steps were taken this evening for the protection of Prince Henry from any possible interference by cranks. Captain Titus, of the detective bureau, announced that police arrangements at Thirty-fourth street had been completed. Ten of the most reliable city detectives were selected as special guard for the person of Prince Henry, and 19 were chosen to keep a constant surveillance about President Roosevelt during his stay in New York.

Hohenzollern Ready for the Prince.

The imperial yacht Hohenzollern, after having been cleaned up, lies at her pier at the foot of West Thirty-fourth street, awaiting the Prince's arrival. Her mainmast will be met by Admiral von Baudissin, while the other officers of the yacht will stand at the sides of the gangway. Behind, on the decks of the boat, the crew will be dressed in their best uniforms. The ship will play a national air as the Prince steps on the boat.

Admiral Evans, General Corbin and Assistant Secretary of State Hill, the President's delegates, will greet the Kronprinz Wilhelm, probably at the quarantine station, and will greet Prince Henry in the name of the United States Government.

All arrangements have been completed for the dinner to be given at the Waldorf-Astoria on Wednesday night next and Herman Ridder, who has charge of the preparations for this banquet, said today that the number of records received from leading representatives of the newspaper world was very gratifying.

The Irving Place Theater, where a gala performance is to be given tomorrow evening, has been beautifully decorated and orders have been given for the festooning of the Prince's box with American Beauty roses. Heinrich Correll, manager of the theater, has had a special entrance broken through in the wall on the Fifteenth-street side of the theater, in order to permit the Prince to enter the royal box immediately on stepping from the ship's gangway. The play selected for this performance is "The Merchant of Venice," a three-act comedy. The selection was made by request, as the Prince has thus far had no opportunity of seeing the play, owing to the fact that during the time when it was given in various cities of Germany he was in China.

Everything has been made ready for the special opera performance to be given for the Prince. It is believed that this will be the most brilliant performance in the history of the Metropolitan Opera-House.

Sunday, when Prince Henry visits the tomb of General Grant, he will place wreaths on the tomb, one from the Kaiser and the other the Prince's own tribute. Both wreaths will be composed of American Beauty roses, lilacs and orchids, and will have in the center a crown. In the Emperor's wreath will be worked in flowers the initials, "W. I. R." (William, Imperial, Rex).

The pier at the foot of West Thirty-fourth street, where the Prince will land, has been made a special sub-poll precinct, with two captains, eight sergeants, 100 roundsmen, 50 mounted policemen and 100 petrolmen. It is known as the Hohenzollern precinct. A Postal Telegraph office, with a direct wire connection with the German cable, has been established on the dock at the foot of Thirty-fourth street, for the accommodation of Prince Henry and his suite, who will thereby be in instant communication with Germany at all times.

Of all the entertainments organized in honor of Prince Henry, there will be none more elaborate than the luncheon to be given for him at Sherry's, Wednesday next, by the representatives of American finance, trade and industry. The moving

spirit in the affair is J. Pierpont Morgan. In the way of giving the royal visitor an idea of the possibilities of American gastronomy, it is projected to surpass anything of the kind that has ever taken place here before.

The cost of the luncheon will be great, and among the items of expense will be the highly ornate liveries now being made for the entire staff of waiters employed in connection with the entertainment. The Prince and his entourage will be surrounded by servants who will look as if they had stepped out of a canvas painted in the days of the Georges of England. Each of these servants, smooth-shaven and of impressive countenance, will wear, instead of the conventional swallow-tail, a black cloth coat, with seven black cloth-covered buttons extending to the waist. A fine piece of black braid runs from the button to the edge of the coat which is without lapels and has a clerical collar. White stock enriches the neck, and at the front of the throat is a white satin bow. Under the coat is a white buttonless waistcoat, the bottom coming well down over the waistband of the black plush breeches of full cut, gathered in at the knee with a band which tops a pair of white stockings. Patent leather pumps, with buckles, complete the costume.

TWENTY LIVES LOST

Burning of the Park-Avenue Hotel at New York.

A TWO-MILLION-DOLLAR FIRE

Several Hundred Guests Succeeded in Escaping—Flames Started in the Seventy-first Regiment Armory.

NEW YORK, Feb. 22.—The Park-Avenue Hotel, situated at Thirty-second and Thirty-third streets, and the Armory of

there are 20 dead inside in the halls and corridors.

Among those who escaped were: Bishop Ludden, Monsignor Kenny and a number of Catholic priests from Syracuse, N. Y. Admiral Joseph Miller, U. S. N., retired, who had a room on the fifth floor of the hotel, fell unconscious in his attempt to escape from the burning building. It is stated that he cannot recover. Admiral Miller went through the Windsor Hotel fire and the Murray Hill explosion unscathed.

Two men whose names have not been learned attempted to escape from the Park-Avenue Hotel by going to the roof. Both of them jumped from the roof later and one was instantly killed. The other was fatally injured.

At 4:15 A. M. the fire is under control.

KAISER'S FIGHT WITH BERLIN

Old Row Over Kauffmann Reopened in the Diet.

BERLIN, Feb. 21.—The old fight between Emperor William and the municipality of Berlin over the confirmation of Herr Kauffmann, the second Burgomaster, was reopened in the lower house of the Diet today. The house was packed. Amid

LEADER OF INDUSTRY

What J. H. Stewart Has Done at Medford.

A DISTRICT REVOLUTIONIZED

The Development of the Fruit Industry in the Rogue River Valley—Portland Capital Taking Hold of It.

MEDFORD, Or., Feb. 21.—(Staff correspondence).—The most interesting man in Southern Oregon is Hon. J. H. Stewart, the Medford apple-grower. He is essentially a man who does things, and he is, furthermore, a man who has reasons for things. I venture to say that Mr. Stewart never did anything in his life without knowing why. It was no accident that he came to Southern Oregon 15 years ago; it was no accident that he established himself just where he did; it was no accident that he prospered, and that in prospering he has revolutionized the industry and the fortunes of the country around Medford. These were my conclusions as the result of a three hours' interview with Mr. Stewart yesterday, and they will, I think, be borne out by anybody who will read even so much of the story of his experiences and achievements as I may be able to reflect in what is to follow.

Mr. Stewart comes of the race of true-bred Americans, born in the early years of the last century, with enough of Yankee in his blood to give mental energy and fixedness of purpose, and enough of the Scotch-Irish strain to yield imagination, fluency in expression, and the taste for public affairs. Mr. Stewart is at once a man of action and a man of talk; and he both acts and talks to some purpose. He has no affectation of reserve, no habit of hiding his light under a bushel. He is willing that his neighbors and all the world shall have any advantage which may come through his experiments and achievements. And now that he is past the age when it is reasonable to hope for any personal profit from new ventures, he is as busily employed in useful labors as if his daily bread depended upon his daily effort.

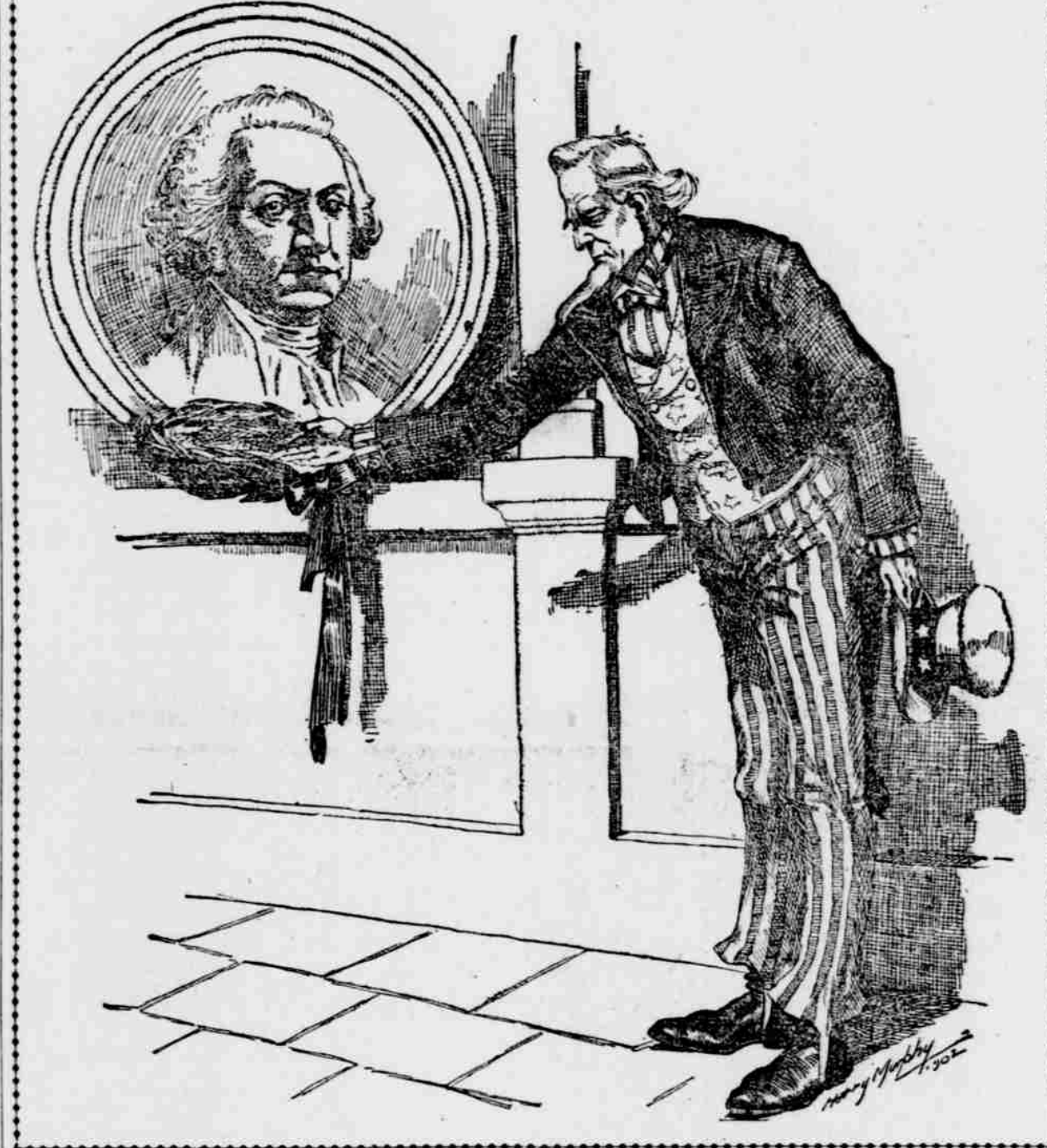
Mr. Stewart was past 50 years of age, and had done about one man's share of work, before coming to Oregon. He began business life in Illinois and Missouri, 'way back in the '40s, grew millions upon millions of orchard trees as a professional nurseryman, planted many orchards, and incidentally served several terms in the Illinois Legislature, before the time came when he could cut loose and satisfy a lifetime's wish to visit the Coast. "I had seen enough," he said, in the course of talk, "to make it clear to me that the fruit business in the Mississippi Valley was about played out, for the development of the Coast was rapidly making, as it has since made, it impossible for the interior states to compete in the general markets." Mr. Stewart's idea upon leaving home was to settle somewhere in the Puget Sound country, and it was to that part of the Coast that he first turned. But the conditions for horticulture, and especially for apple-growing, did not wholly suit him, and he came on south, carefully taking in every section of the country from the Columbia River down to Southern California. Several months were spent in visitation and investigation. No section was slighted, even the remote country of Lake and Klamath, and it was not until a final determination was made that the Rogue River Valley, above every other section of the Coast, was adapted to the growing of apples on a large scale. And, being thoroughly convinced, he bought the land where afterwards his first orchard was planted—now the Voorhies place—and returned to his home in Quincy, Ill., for the winter and to close out his affairs. The winter was by no means an idle one, for, in addition to other labors, he gruffed with his own hand the several varieties of nursery stock which he thought suited to his new situation; and, in large part, the Voorhies orchard today is the outcome of that winter's work at Quincy, Ill.

Mr. Stewart found, as he expected to find, that horticultural experience in one country is no infallible guide to successful practice in another country where the conditions of soil and climate are different. And thus it was that, after his first planting was three years old, he set about reforming it. It takes nerve to cut to the trunk and "work over" thirty and promising trees, but this Mr. Stewart did with a good portion of his orchard. "There are some things," he says truly, "which have got to be learned by actual experience on the ground. I watched the old orchards about me, I watched my own trees, and I became convinced that I had made some mistakes, and I rectified them so far as it was possible, though it cost me a painful effort to do it."

It is not necessary to follow in the first years of Mr. Stewart's career in this state. By 1880 it was demonstrated that a new spirit had entered into the Rogue River Valley. A country which had formerly been thought fit only for the rougher sorts of production—for pasture and for grain—suddenly came into prominence as the producer of apples and pears the like of which had not often been seen even in those parts of Oregon famous for their fruit products. It was soon found that the skill and energy of one man had given to the Rogue River Valley a new character and a new impetus; that the special adaptations of the country had been found. But this did not wholly satisfy the people who had long been used to isolation, and who had not learned the significance of transportation. "We may," declared the doubting Thomases, "be able to grow apples by the ton, but what good will it do us? Who is there after the limited Portland demand shall be supplied?"

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WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY



ture. The whole outfit is a complete reproduction of a lively used in England a century ago, but of much finer texture.

Wireless Message From the Prince.

QUEENSTOWN, Feb. 21.—A wireless telegraph message was received at 3:30 P. M. from the Cunarder Lucania, 30 miles west of Fastnet. The Lucania reported that in latitude 45-50 north, longitude 25-35 west, she was in communication with the Marconi system with the North German Lloyd steamer Kronprinz Wilhelm and exchanged greetings with Prince Henry, who is on board. The Kronprinz Wilhelm signalled "All well."

NEW YORK, Feb. 21.—The position given in the Lucania's wireless dispatch seems to indicate that the Kronprinz Wilhelm, contrary to the reports circulated that on leaving Bremen she had intended to proceed over the northern or shorter course, is coming over the southern course, which is longer by almost 100 miles. If the vessel is taking that course, she would be under ordinary service, be about four hours behind her record, which was made over the shorter course.

TIDAL WAVE IN SALVADOR

Causes Loss of Over 50 Lives and Partially Destroys Seven Villages.

NEW YORK, Feb. 21.—It is rumored by Salvador correspondents, says a Herald dispatch from Panama, that the tidal wave on the Salvadorian coast caused the loss of more than 50 lives and the partial destruction of seven villages.

Opinion of El Paso Extension.

CHICAGO, Feb. 21.—After a year or more of work, officials of the Rock Island Railroad today announced details of the opening of the El Paso extension of the line. Contrary to expectation, the Rock Island will operate a through train service from Chicago to El Paso. At first it was believed by officers of the system that a through system from Chicago to El Paso would be a through train from Chicago to El Paso. At first it was believed by officers of the system that a through system from Chicago to El Paso would be a through train from Chicago to El Paso.

Erecting Shops Burning.

HALIFAX, N. S., Feb. 22.—The erecting shops of the Rhodes-Curry Company at Amherst are burning, and the indications at 2 A. M. are that the loss will be very heavy. The plant is one of the largest in the Dominion.

SUMMARY OF THE DAY'S NEWS.

Domestic.

Everything is in readiness at New York for the arrival of Prince Henry today. Page 1.
Twenty lives were lost in a \$2,000,000 hotel fire at New York. Page 1.
Young Roosevelt left Groton school yesterday for Washington. Page 3.
New York and vicinity are deep in slush, and traffic is nearly stopped. Page 3.
A third warrant was issued for Andrews, the Detroit bank robber. Page 3.

Congress.

Spencer, Bates and Tillman spoke in the Senate on the Philippine bill. Page 2.
The House passed the Indian appropriation bill. Page 2.
The conduct of Indian School Superintendent Nardin will be investigated. Page 2.

Foreign.

Riots continue at Barcelona and other Spanish cities. Page 3.
Wrecker has checked the further spread of the strike. Page 3.
The British naval estimate shows a total of \$21,255,000. Page 2.

Pacific Coast.

Experience of J. H. Stewart, successful apple-grower, in Medford district. Page 1.
Dr. Coleman, new president of Willamette University, arrives, and is given a royal welcome. Page 4.
Washington father kidnaps his child from divorced wife. Page 12.
Logging railroad and big saw mill proposed for Columbia County, Oregon. Page 4.

Marine.

Remarkable growth of foreign steamship business in North Pacific waters. Page 12.
First Marconi message filed at Portland for transmission from New York. Page 12.
But two more February grain ships to clear. Page 12.
Tug Wallula to be equipped with a towing machine. Page 12.
Reinsurance offered on several Portland-bound ships. Page 12.

Portland and Vicinity.

Money soon to be distributed among Second Oregon veterans. Page 8.
State politics become lively. Page 14.
Street-railway companies must make street improvements. Page 8.
Mr. Moreley receives \$100 in his gambling suit. Page 11.