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TROOPS FOR DANISH ISLANDS

Detachment Will Be Sent From Porto Rico to Raise the Flag.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 25.—It has been practically decided that the formal ceremonies incident to the taking over of the Danish West Indies by the United States shall be performed by the Army, and it is probable that a detachment of troops from Porto Rico will be sent to the islands soon after the exchange of the ratifications of the treaty to raise the flag and formally take possession of the new territory.

While not definitely determined, it is stated here that the islands will be placed with Porto Rico under the call of Governor Hunt.

NOW CALLED THE BOLIVIA

Ban High Changes Her Name and Flies the Colombian Flag.

ST. THOMAS, D. W. I., Feb. 25.—The steamer formerly known as the Ban High, and later called the Libertador, arrived at Dominica, in the Leeward Islands, yesterday. The steamer is now called the Bolivia, and it is understood she comes from Cartagena, Colombia. She flies the Colombian flag. As she was not provided with a British bill of health, the Bolivia was quarantined. She is taking water and provisions, but she was not permitted to hold communication with the shore. The name "Ban High, Aberdeen," is crudely painted over on the vessel's stern.

LAUNCH OF YACHT

Meteor Slides in Water at Shooter's Island.

WAS A SUCCESSFUL EVENT

The Emperor's Boat Christened by Miss Roosevelt.

COMPLIMENTED BY THE PRINCE

After the Launching Luncheon Was Served to a Party of Distinguished Guests on the Hohenzollern.

Prince Henry attended the launching of the Meteor, which was christened by Alice Roosevelt. After luncheon on the Hohenzollern, the Prince was given the freedom of New York at the City Hall. In the evening Mayor Low gave a dinner at the Metropolitan Club, and later Prince Henry attended the gala performance at the Metropolitan Opera House. Today there will be luncheon at noon with representatives of commerce and industry, a torchlight concert at the Arion Club at 8:30 P. M., and at 8 o'clock the banquet of the press of the United States. At midnight the Prince will start for Washington.

NEW YORK, Feb. 25.—Sunshine was the only thing needed to make complete the otherwise successfully carried out and brilliant programme arranged for today when the announced purpose of the visit of Prince Henry of Prussia to this country, as the representative of his brother, Emperor William, was accomplished here and the Kaiser's yacht Meteor was launched and christened by Miss Alice Roosevelt, attended by her father, the President.

The launching, on Shooter's Island, took place in the morning and the programme, carried out without a hitch, took up something less than an hour. Senator, Prince and President were the center of a brilliant assemblage of guests privileged to witness an exchange of international courtesies.

After the launching the President and Mrs. and Miss Roosevelt were the guests of the Prince on board the royal yacht Hohenzollern, the President and his wife leaving for Washington in the afternoon. Miss Alice Roosevelt remained in New York with friends.

The feature of the afternoon was the presentation of the freedom of New York to Prince Henry. The ceremony, which took place in the City Hall, was short, and the Prince, in response to Mayor Low's brief address, gave pleasant expression to the desire for continued and increasing friendship between the two countries, while he made grateful acknowledgment of the unusual welcome accorded him.

Notwithstanding the rain, it is estimated that fully 100,000 people waited outside the City Hall until the Prince appeared after the ceremony, and here, as well as along the route afterwards taken by the carriage, the royal visitor was accorded an ovation by the people of New York.

Arrival of Special Trains.

The special train bearing President Roosevelt from Washington to the launching reached Jersey City at 6:40 A. M. The President remained on board until the arrival of the Prince's train, a few moments after 8 o'clock. The President and the engine of Prince Henry's special blew out and the train was an hour late in reaching the city. The accident occurred shortly after leaving Baltimore. The stalled train was pushed into Magna, Md., by a passenger train, and there got a new engine.

Soon after 8 o'clock the President and Prince and their suites embarked on a boat for Shooter's Island. The party proceeded directly from the ferry-boat to the stand which had been erected at the inshore end of the ways on which the Meteor rested, the guns meanwhile booming salutes and the crowd cheering enthusiastically. The President and the Prince, with Mrs. Roosevelt and Miss Roosevelt, arrived on the platform at 10:22. The Prince conducted Miss Roosevelt to the small platform immediately under the bow of the boat.

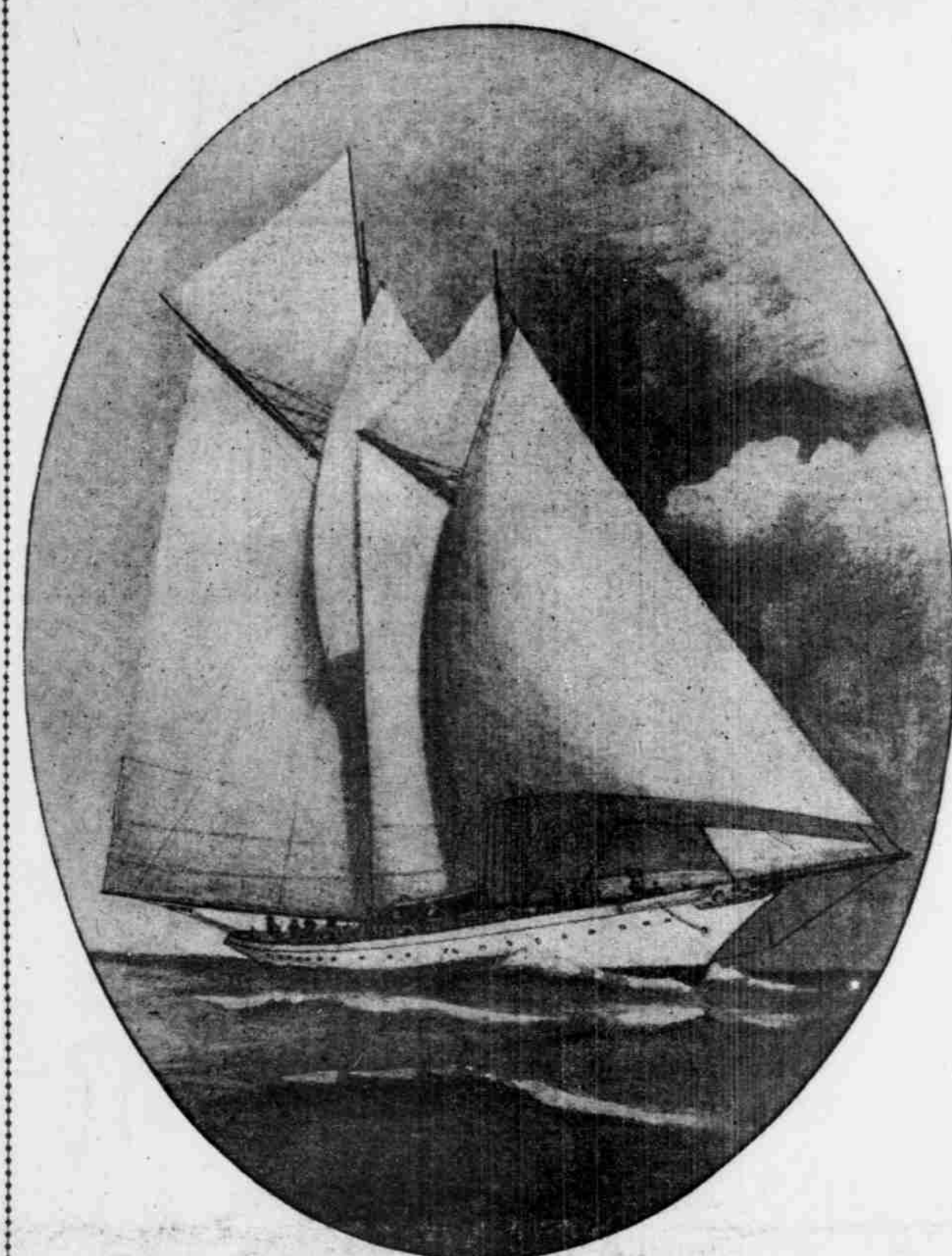
During the preliminaries on the stand a photographer from the Hohenzollern stood by with a camera and took numerous snap shots. The Prince looked at him occasionally and smiled. Two moving-picture machines were trained on the scene, and scores of cameras were leveled at the party.

With the President and Mrs. and Miss Roosevelt were the following party: Secretary Root, Mrs. Root, Miss Root, Secretary Hitchcock, Major-General Henry C. Corbin, Mrs. Corbin, Rear-Admiral Evans, Miss Evans, Senator Lodge, Senator Spooner, Congressman Littauer, Admiral Bowles, Commander William Cowles, Miss Cowles, Assistant Secretary of State Hill, Theodore Bingham, Mrs. Bingham, Mr. and Mrs. George W. Boyd and William Loeb, Jr., assistant private secretary to the President.

The Launching.

In a drizzling rain, amid the roar of cannon, great cheering and waving of flags, the Meteor was launched. The scene was one of animation and good humor, the cue for the latter spirit being taken from Prince Henry and Miss Roosevelt, who, standing on the platform near the Meteor, engaged in lively conversation, laughing and joking with democratic unconcern. Precisely at 10:29 Miss Roosevelt raised

EMPEROR WILHELM'S NEW YACHT METEOR, LAUNCHED BY MISS ROOSEVELT.



AS THE CRAFT WILL APPEAR UNDER FULL SAIL.

the bottle of champagne, which had been encased in beautiful silver filigree, and which was suspended by a 35-foot silver chain. Dashing the bottle against the side of the vessel with vigorous and effective hand, the wine breaking into spray, Miss Roosevelt said in English: "In the name of the German Emperor, I christen thee Meteor."

Her voice was loud and clear, and could be distinctly heard on all the surrounding platforms. Then she raised a silver ax and severed the rope holding the weights which kept the ship in the ways, and the vessel went gracefully into the water.

Simultaneously cannon boomed and the noise of the guns was lost in that resulting from the roar of human voices, aided by the Royal German Band, the Naval Militia Band and several bands on board the various vessels surrounding the island, whose occupants were not privileged to land. Every hat was raised, and then there was cheer after cheer for the President, the Prince and Miss Roosevelt.

After the launching the President presented several persons to the Prince. President Roosevelt, leaning over the railing, shook hands with many of the guests who were old acquaintances. While this scene was going on the crowd remained, continually cheering and occasionally calling, "Cheers for the Prince," "Cheers for the President," or "Cheers for Miss Roosevelt." The latter had repeatedly to bow her acknowledgments.

Message to the Emperor.

The Prince, immediately after the launching, sent the following cablegram in German: "To the German Emperor, Berlin: Yacht just launched under brilliant auspices. Christened by Miss Roosevelt's hand. Beautiful craft. Great enthusiasm. I congratulate you with all my heart."

"HEINRICH." Soon after the launching the Presidential party and the Prince proceeded to the hall, where a luncheon had been prepared. The health of the Prince was drunk, and then President Roosevelt said: "On this occasion I wish to call for three hearty cheers for the President of the United States, Mr. Roosevelt. Hip, hip, hooray."

As the Prince spoke he waved his arms as a signal, and the building shook with responding cheers. Then President Roosevelt raised his right hand, and when there was silence said: "I ask three cheers for the guest who has already won our hearts, Henry of Prussia. Now, a good one."

President Roosevelt's hip, hip, hooray was drowned in the roar of applause that greeted the call for cheers. Then the Prince and the President shook hands warmly, and as the party started to leave the hall, some one among the invited guests shouted: "Mr. President, I offer three cheers for the young lady who has had the honor of launching the Meteor." The cheers were given.

The Presidential party and the Prince and his suite then left for the Hohenzollern for luncheon.

Arrangements Were Miserable.

The arrangements at Shooter's Island generally were miserable, and a situation of discomfort to the majority was accentuated by the First and Second Battalions of the New York State Naval Militia, brought to the island to keep the lines and to fire the Presidential and royal salutes. Unable to keep the lines, especially when the launching took place, the military lost their heads, and took to rough handling of many persons, even women, refusing to recognize either badges or cards of invitation. Secretary of War Root, for instance, was forced back with a gun against his breast, and would have been unable to enter the building where the

SENATE IN A MUDDLE

Tillman - McLaurin Case a Hard One to Handle.

NO PROVISION FOR SUSPENSION

Enough Votes Cannot Be Mustered to Expel Tillman - Irrigation Bill May Be Postponed - Hitchcock Will Not Resign.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 25.—The Senate finds itself in a muddle over the South Carolina Senators, because of its failure to make suspension a part of the resolution of contempt in the first place. But this was a new case, and the action was necessitated by the fact that the vote on the Philippine bill, and for that reason was rather crude. While Republican Senators think Senator Frye was technically wrong, yet, had he yesterday submitted the proposition to the Senate, as to the right of the South Carolina Senators to vote, the Republicans would have sustained him. No matter what they may do in the future, every member of the Senate consulted on the subject felt that when the South Carolina Senators were declared in contempt they had been suspended from all functions, but subsequently the loophole was discovered in the fact that there was no provision for suspension. Even the Constitutional question was raised, and it is well known that the Democrats were disposed to defend Tillman, if it took two or three weeks' debate to do so. The Republicans do not want to punish McLaurin too much, as they feel he is not as guilty as Tillman. They also feel that both Senators should be punished more severely than they have been—at least by actual suspension—but again the matter of debate enters into the consideration. The longer Senators debate the proposition, the more difficult it will be to pass the legislation which has been given a right of way, and this desire to get through certain legislation will cause many Republicans to avoid complications with the Democrats over the South Carolina Senators.

While Tillman regards the whole proceeding thus far as a matter of so much free advertising, yet a fire in the rear has been started. Governor McSweeney has denounced both Senators, and has said their conduct was a disgrace to South Carolina, and if the Senators were expelled he would promptly fill their places with other men who would not misbehave themselves. It would be impossible to expel Tillman, because a two-thirds vote is necessary, and the Republicans who have canvassed that phase of the subject say no Demo-

cratic votes could be obtained for any such purpose, and that such punishment is out of the question.

Irrigation Bill May Be Postponed.

The irrigation bill, which would ordinarily have come up for consideration in the Senate today, is now threatened with postponement for a week, or even more, owing to the intention of the Senate to take up and thoroughly discuss the Tillman-McLaurin affair, which is conceded by every one to be a matter of highest privilege, and one which should take precedence over all other matters, not because of the parties involved, but because of the precedent to be established in this case. If the debate of the status of the South Carolina Senators is unexpectedly prolonged, there is some indication that the irrigation bill may again be set aside to make room for more favored and more important legislation.

Hitchcock Will Not Resign.

Secretary Hitchcock today made public denial of any intention to resign from the Cabinet, although admitting friction between himself and Senators, saying that when such protests were taken to the President, he was sustained and Senators turned down. It has never been expected, however, that Hitchcock would voluntarily resign, but would continue in office until forced out. The Secretary intimates that there is friction between himself and his bureau officials, but says this is inconsequential.

Report on Mining Schools Bill.

The House committee on mining today favorably reported a bill making annual appropriations for the establishment and maintenance of schools or departments of mining. The bill provides where there are both a school of mines and a grant college with departments of mining in any one state, the appropriation shall be divided between the two institutions. The amount provided for each state is \$10,000 for the present fiscal year, and \$100,000 additional for five years, the rate thereafter to be \$15,000. The bill in its present form is satisfactory to the agricultural college, state universities and school of mines, and will be pressed to an early vote in the House. A similar measure is being prepared for report to the Senate.

To Change Everett Harbor Work.

Representative Jones, at the suggestion of Chairman Burton, today offered a joint resolution for changing the project of improvement at Everett harbor, and applying the funds to the construction of a jetty to prevent further shoaling of the harbor and creating a harbor of refuge. This is identical with the resolution recently offered by Senator Foster.

The Idaho-Montana Survey.

The Secretary of Interior today recommended that an appropriation of \$50,000 be made in the sundry civil bill for surveying that part of the Idaho-Montana boundary extending along the crest of the Bitter Root Mountains, a distance of 450 miles. He states that this is the only state boundary now remaining unsurveyed.

Texas Town Burned.

THURBER, Tex., Feb. 25.—Fire destroyed the greater portion of the business district of this town today, causing a loss of \$100,000.

SWEPT BY A GALE

San Francisco Suffers From Storm.

WORST IN MANY YEARS

Buildings in Residence District Blown Down.

WIRE COMMUNICATION CUT OFF

Ship After Ship Drags Anchor—Wreck and Ruin at Presidio—Barometer Nearly as Low as at Time of Galveston Storm.

Heaviest storm in years sweeps over San Francisco, cutting off communication by wire and doing considerable damage at the Presidio and in the Mission residence district, where three buildings were blown down. The barometer was barely one inch higher than at the time of the Galveston storm, which was the lowest ever recorded in this country. Ship after ship dragged anchor, and the transport Solace careened about the bay like a drunken sailor.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 25.—One of the heaviest southwest storms that has been experienced in many years struck this city this morning. The wind attained great velocity, blowing 45 miles an hour in the city, while at Point Reyes it reached 60 miles at 7:30 o'clock. Ships dragged their anchors, or broke their moorings at their docks, a fishing boat was capsized; the telephone and electric light wires were down, and awnings, shade trees and fences were wrecked and pedestrians were greatly inconvenienced. Telegraphic communication with the outside world was cut off. The full force of the storm was felt on the bay, and the bar was so rough that vessels were unable to leave port. North of the ferries, craft of all sorts was tossed about like egg shells. The violent south wind stirred the bay into a rolling, tempestuous sea, against which anchors were almost futile. Swell after swell, each apparently heavier than the one preceding, pounded the vessels from the southerly direction, and sent them drifting in dangerous proximity to one another; drove them close to the piers and to the islands, and kept the towboats busily engaged in efforts to prevent disaster.

Transport Drifts Here and There.

The transport Solace, with nothing but 200 tons of coal to keep her down, broke from her anchorage off Beale street and careened about the bay like a drunken sailor. She drifted broadside on until a collision with the Government steamer Albatross seemed imminent, but she veered off in the nick of time. The wind and the swell caused her to drift helplessly, sending her nearly toward the transport wharf at Folsom street. The officers of the service gathered at the pier, fully expecting the Solace to crash into the wharf. Fortunately the direction of the swell carried the transport around until she just cleared the buffer and swung out into the stream. The transports Hancock and Rosecrans, which arrived from Manila last night, remained in the stream. No effort was made to land their passengers. The San Francisco lightship No. 70, located seven miles from Point Lobos, parted her moorings during the height of the storm and was soon drifting toward the harbor, where she finally made. At the time she went astray, the wind was blowing at the rate of 30 miles an hour. The gale, as it swept over the Presidio reservation, left in its trail wreck and

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