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MASONS GET MORE PAY.

But Plasterers' Laborers at New York Go on Strike.

NEW YORK, April 15.—An agreement affecting 15,000 bricklayers in 11 unions in this city, by which wages are advanced four cents an hour, has been entered into by the Master Builders' Association and the local unions. The agreement will go into effect July 1 and last for a year.

The programme of the plasterers' laborers not to resume work on contracts where their demand for \$2.50 a day was not granted was generally followed throughout the borough of Manhattan today. As a result, it was estimated that about 3000 laborers went on strike, and about 2500 union plasterers, who would not work with nonunion laborers, became idle. In some cases, where there was a rigid time limit on the contracts, the demands of the plasterers' laborers were granted.

ACQUITTAL OF IGLESIAS.

Workmen of San Juan and Ponce Celebrated It With Parades.

SAN JUAN, P. R., April 15.—The Supreme Court of Porto Rico rendered a decision today in the appeal of Santiago Iglesias, president of the Federation of Workmen of Porto Rico, who was sentenced last December to three years' imprisonment and eight days' imprisonment on the charge of conspiring to raise the price of labor in Porto Rico. The court acquitted Iglesias of all the charges against him, thus reversing the decision of the lower court. A fine of \$5, however, for contempt of court in not answering a summons was allowed to stand.

Fifteen hundred members of the Federation of Workmen paraded in orderly manner through San Juan this afternoon. Iglesias is now at Ponce, where a similar parade occurred when the news of his acquittal was received.

Food Scarcie in Nicaragua.

MANAGUA, Nicaragua, April 15.—Owing to the scarcity of provisions on the Atlantic coast of Nicaragua, President Zelaya has issued a decree providing for the admission free of duty in that section of the country of flour, wheat, beans, rice and lard.

BY ARMY COURT

Inquiry Into Barbarities in Philippines.

SECRETARY ROOT'S ORDERS

General Jacob H. Smith May Be Court-Martialed

IF NEWS REPORTS ARE TRUE

Officers Who Administered the Water Cure to the Presidents of Igharis Will Also Be Tried.

Secretary Root has cabled General Chaffee at Manila to investigate the newspaper reports of the water cure, and if they are correct to court-martial General Smith; also, if the facts are established as testified to before the Senate Philippine committee, to court-martial the officers who administered the "water cure" to the Presidents of Igharis. These officers are Major Glenn, Lieutenant Conger and Assistant Surgeon Lyon.

WASHINGTON, April 15.—As a result of the consideration by the Cabinet today of the charges of cruel treatment of Filipinos by United States soldiers, Secretary Root has made public the following correspondence:

War Department, Washington, April 15, 1902.—My Dear Sir: I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your copy of the testimony of Sergeant Riley and Private Leads Smith, late of the Twenty-sixth Infantry, taken before your committee yesterday. I inclose a copy of a dispatch which has been sent today to Major-General Chaffee, commanding the Division of the Philippines. Directions have been given to the Insular-Advocate-General of the Army to take proper steps in accordance with the dispatch.

"The War Department will be glad to receive the earliest practicable information of any further evidence which may be elicited by the committee tending to fix responsibility on any one in the military service of the United States for any violation of the laws of war or of the regulations or orders governing the operations of the Army of the United States in the field. Very respectfully,
"ELIHU ROOT,
"Secretary of War."
Hon. H. C. Lodge, United States Senator, Washington, D. C."

Orders an Investigation.

"War Department, Washington, April 15, 1902.—Memorandum for the Adjutant-General: Cable General Chaffee as follows:

"On February 19, a letter was sent you inclosing for investigation a copy of charges made by Governor Gardner, of Tayabas Province, which contained general allegations of cruelties practiced by troops on natives and generally of an insolent and brutal attitude of the Army towards natives.

"On April 2, a cable dispatch was sent you urging action with all speed consistent with the thorough and searching investigation.

"On March 4 a cable dispatch was sent you directing disciplinary measures to produce obedience to the President's instructions subordinating military officers to civil government in pacified provinces and instructing Major Edwin E. Glenn and Captain James A. Ryan from duty and order them to Manila to await investigation into their conduct in accordance with instructions to follow by mail.

"On March 24 instructions were mailed you containing statements of charges against these officers and General Jacob H. Smith by the cable of March 4.

"Further instructions in both matters are required by the following facts:

"Press dispatches state that upon the trial of Major Waller, of the Marine Corps, testimony was given by Waller, corroborated by other witnesses, that General Jacob H. Smith instructed him to kill and burn; that the more he killed and burned the better pleased General Smith would be; that it was no time to take prisoners, and that when Major Waller asked General Smith to define the limit for killing, he replied 'everything over 10.'

"If such testimony was given, and the facts can be established, you will place General Smith on trial by court-martial.

The "Water Cure."

"Yesterday, before the Senate committee on Philippine affairs, Sergeant Charles Riley and Private William Lewis Smith, of the Twenty-sixth Infantry, testified that the form of torture known as the 'water cure' was administered to the President of the town of Igharis, Ho Ho Province, island of Panay, by detachment of the Eighteenth United States Infantry under command of Lieutenant Arthur L. Conger, under orders of Major Edwin F. Glenn, then Captain of the Twenty-sixth Infantry, and that Captain and Assistant Surgeon Palmer Lyon, at that time a contract surgeon, was present to assist them. The officers named, or such of them as are found to be responsible for the act, will be tried therefor by court-martial. Conger and Lyon are in this country, both the Twenty-sixth Volunteer Infantry and Eighteenth Infantry having been ordered to the United States, and most of the witnesses being presumably here, the Secretary of War directs that Major E. E. Glenn, Twenty-fifth Infantry, be directed to proceed to San Francisco and report to the General commanding the Department of California, with a view of his trial by court-martial under charges alleging the cruelties practiced by him upon a native of the Philippine Islands at Igharis on June 27, 1900. If you can discover any witnesses still in the service in the Philippines who can testify in support of the charges, or if Major Glenn desires the attendance of any persons now serving in the islands as witnesses for the defense, you will direct them to proceed to San Francisco for that purpose.

"As the two years allowed for the prosecution by the statute of limitations is

nearly at an end, no time is to be lost. You will take such course in advancing or postponing the investigations previously ordered into the conduct of General Smith and Major Glenn as shall be required to enable you to execute these instructions. It is believed that the 'violations of law and humanity, of which these cases, if true, are examples, will prove to be few and occasional, and not to characterize the conduct of the Army generally in the Philippines; but the fact that any such acts of cruelty and barbarity appear to have been done indicates the necessity of a most thorough, searching and exhaustive investigation into the general charges preferred by Governor Gardner, and you will spare no effort, in the investigation ordered under these charges, to uncover every such case which may have occurred, and bring the offenders to justice.

"The President desires to know, in the fullest and most circumstantial manner, all the facts, nothing being concealed and no man being for any reason favored or shielded. For the very reason that the President intends to back up the Army in the harshest fashion in every lawful and legitimate method of doing his work, he also intends to see that the most rigorous care is exercised to detect and prevent any cruelty or brutality and that men who are guilty thereof are punished. 'Great as the provocation has been in dealing with foes who habitually resort to treachery, murder and torture against our men, nothing can justify or will be held to justify the use of torture or the conduct of any kind on the part of the American Army. ELIHU ROOT,
"April 15, 1902. Secretary of War."

Burleson Calls for Information.

WASHINGTON, April 15.—Representative Burleson, of Texas, today introduced a resolution calling on the Secretary of War for a full transcript of the proceedings before the committee which recently tried Major Waller in Manila for executing Filipino guides.

CHOLERA IN THE ISLANDS.

Two Deaths of Americans from the Epidemic.

MANILA, April 15.—The total number of cases of cholera reported in this city up to noon today is 57, and the total number of deaths from that disease in Manila is 215. In the provinces the aggregate is 495 cases and 315 deaths. There have only been two deaths of Americans from cholera. Dr. Mescham, assistant to Major Maua, the Insular Health Commissioner, died today of heart failure, caused by overwork on cholera cases.

Benito Legardo, one of the Philippine members of the United States Commission, who, with Dr. Pardo de Tavera, another Filipino member of the commission, recently won a libel suit brought against Senor Valdez, editor of a local Spanish weekly, has brought an action for libel against the same editor, whose paper charges Legardo with being a seducer, a perjurer and a traitor. Counsel for the defendant in court offered to prove the allegations made.

Philippine Commerce.

WASHINGTON, April 15.—The Insular Division of the War Department has prepared for publication a bulletin showing in comparative form the commerce of the Philippine Islands for the 12 months for the calendar years 1901 and 1900.

The total value of merchandise imported during the calendar year 1901 was \$1,824,353, against \$2,290,373 for the corresponding period of 1900. These figures show an increase of 21 per cent in the imports and 7 per cent in the exports. The value of merchandise coming from the United States for the calendar year 1901 was \$1,453,367, against \$1,357,367 for the corresponding period of 1900, while the exports for the period of 1901 amounted to \$4,646,292, an increase of \$1,355,441.

England and the Hemp Duty.

LONDON, April 15.—Answering a question put by Arthur D. Markham in the House of Commons today, the Parliamentary Secretary for the Foreign Office, Mr. Cranborne, said representations had been made to the United States on the question of the subject of duty on hemp from the Philippines, as under the present arrangements the American manufacturer had in his own market an advantage of \$7.50 per ton over his British competitor.

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ALL EYES ON OREGON

Republicans Expected to Roll Up Big Majority

AND SET PACE FOR COUNTRY

Hope for Passage of Resolution for Direct Election of Senators Varies With the Adoption of the Depew Amendment.

WASHINGTON, April 15.—The political situation in Oregon is not generally known to the public men here, yet there seems to be some intimation that the faction of the Republican party recently defeated in the primaries in Multnomah

tribunal today, as they think they have made it impossible for the Southern Democrats to urge the resolution with the Depew amendment upon it, and it is believed equally impossible for Republicans to vote down the Depew amendment. Only those will vote against it who are anxious to have the Constitution changed.

CHARGE IT TO SUGAR TRUST.

Republicans Urged to Strike Out Differential on Refined Article.
WASHINGTON, April 15.—Republican members of Congress are getting telegrams telling them to vote to strike out the differential on refined sugar, which is the proposition of the beet-sugar men to defeat the Cuban reciprocity. Even the beet-sugar men have begun to see that in removing this differential they remove that amount of protection to their own product, and they are likely to defeat the proposition, especially as they can do it indirectly by sustaining the ruling of the chairman of the committee of the whole. Some Republicans who are very bitter on the subject, however, will do everything they can to attach this amendment removing the differential, as they believe it would defeat the bill. They allege that the telegrams now pouring in upon the House come from the wholesale sugar

SHOT BY STUDENT

Assassination of a Russian Minister.

M. SIPAGUINE THE VICTIM

The Murderer a Student, Disguised as Aid-de-Camp.

REVENGE WAS MOTIVE OF CRIME

The Minister of the Interior Was Attacked as He Was About to Attend a Meeting of His Colleagues.

After repeated attempts on the lives of minor officials, the students of Russia found a victim in a member of the Imperial Cabinet, M. Sipaguine, Minister of the Interior, who was shot in the lobby of the Ministerial offices, and died an hour later. The assassin was a student named Balasahnet, and revenge was the motive.

ST. PETERSBURG, April 15.—The Minister of the Interior, M. Sipaguine, was shot and fatally wounded at 1 o'clock this afternoon in the lobby of the Ministerial offices, by a man who held a pistol close to the Minister's person. The wounded man died at 2 P. M.

The assassin is a student, who gained access to the building, disguised in the uniform of an aid-de-camp. He met the Minister on the main staircase and emptied a revolver into his body at close range. The assassin was immediately arrested.

It was learned later that M. Sipaguine was on his way to attend a meeting of a committee of Ministers. He had just entered the office of the Imperial Council, when the assassin, who had driven up in a carriage, approached and handed him a folded paper, saying he had been charged to deliver it by the Grand Duke Sergius. The Minister stretched out his hand to take the document, when the assassin fired five shots at him. Three of the bullets struck M. Sipaguine and one wounded his servant.

The assassin did not resist arrest. He said his name was Balasahnet, and that he was a student at Kiev, where he had been sentenced to compulsory military service for participating in the riots of 1901. He said he had subsequently been pardoned, but that he had not been reinstated at the university; and that he, therefore, revenged himself upon Sipaguine.

The Minister was taken to the Hospital Maximilianowsky, where he died in one hour.

M. Sipaguine belonged to a distinguished Russian family. He was a reactionary in politics, and incurred the enmity of the students by upholding the views of M. Pobedonostzeff, the chief procurator of the Holy Synod, and by supporting the most severe measures for the repression of all Liberal tendencies. A previous attempt was made to shoot him on the Nevsky Prospect about a year ago.

M. Sipaguine's body was removed this evening to the palace of the Minister of the Interior, where a service in the presence of the court and all the Ministers will be held.

FOR THE M'KINLEY FUND.

Gala Benefit Performance at Paris Opera Comique.

PARIS, April 15.—The gala matinee performance at the Opera Comique today in aid of the fund for a memorial to the late President McKinley at Canton, O., was a great artistic and financial success. The house was crowded the resident Americans and many Parisians of social prominence.

The United States Ambassador, General Porter, received President Loubet at the entrance of the building and conducted him to the Presidential box, which was elaborately decorated with American and French flags, flowers and the arms of the United States, as were the boxes occupied by General and Mrs. Porter and J. K. Gowdy, the United States Consul-General, and Mrs. Gowdy. The programme consisted of selections and scenes from operas and plays, recitations and a ballet, in which appeared the leading members of the Comique opera—the three Coquelins, Sarah Bernhardt, Mme. Fougere and Mme. Rejane. At the close of the performance "The Star-Spangled Banner" was sung beautifully by Ella Beach Yaw, of San Francisco, and the "Marseillaise." All the artists were warmly applauded. The performance added over 30,000 francs to the fund, which now exceeds 50,000 francs.

Bill of Complaint in Merger Case.

ST. PAUL, April 15.—The bill of complaint in the so-called merger suit brought by the State of Minnesota against the Northern Securities Company, the Great Northern Company and the Northern Pacific Railway Company and James J. Hill was filed today in the Ramsey County District Court. The substance of the complaint was fully published when it was served on President Hill, and the present filing is a routine matter.

Texas Grand Commandery.

EL PASO, Tex., April 15.—The 49th annual convocation of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Texas will be held in this city, beginning tomorrow and lasting three days. Preparations have been made to entertain 500 Templars. The first delegation arrived today, and the city is in gala attire. The Spanish Matador Cervera will give an exhibition bullfight across the river, at Juarez, Mex., Thursday, to entertain the visitors.

Mine Inspecting Law Upheld.

WASHINGTON, April 15.—In the United States Supreme Court, Justice Brown announced a decision in the case of the Consolidated Coal Company vs. the People of Illinois, upholding the constitutionality of the Illinois statute providing for the inspection of mines.

VICTIM OF AN ASSASSIN'S BULLET.



M. SIPAGUINE, RUSSIAN MINISTER OF THE INTERIOR.

County may enter into fusion with the opposition and thus defeat the Republican Legislative ticket and endanger the election of a Republican Congressman. Only a bare intimation of this, however, has gained currency, and those Republicans who have heard the rumor express a hope that it is not true, and that there will be a united party. The fact that the Democrats are making such a strong effort to get together and win the coming Congressional campaign, and to make a distinct gain in the Fall elections, comes first. The Republicans are looking to Oregon to set the pace for the remainder of the country, as it has for the past eight years, when, by electing two Republican Congressmen and a Republican Legislature, as well as a Republican state ticket, it has given an impetus to the Republicans elsewhere that has had a good effect. The Republican leaders here are very anxious that the party in Oregon shall drop all factional strife, in order to give the party in every other state the encouragement which it is now believed is necessary.

Senator Simon declines absolutely to discuss the political situation in Oregon. He says he has nothing to say on the subject, one way or the other. He does not intend either to deny or affirm any of the reports that may have been circulated as to his position or intentions.

Northwest Bank Examiner.
Representative Cushman was advised by the Treasury Department to day that the vacant Bank Examinerhip in the Washington-Oregon district, due to the resignation of Examiner Carson, would not be filled by the appointment of a man from either of those states, although Charles Clary, ex-Bank Examiner from Washington, and J. A. Davis, late cashier of the Merchants National Bank of Tacoma, are active candidates. A Montana man is said to be slated for the position.

Tongue to Make Principal Address.
Representative Tongue has been invited to deliver the principal address at the Charleston Exposition on Oregon day, April 25, and has accepted.

Evidence for Chinese Exclusion.

Senator Mitchell and Senator Turner have both received many telegrams from labor organizations all along the Pacific Coast, urging the passage of the pending Chinese exclusion bill. These telegrams have been read or printed in the Record, as evidence that the Pacific Coast is favoring the bill.

DEATH-BLOW TO DIRECT ELECTION

Selection of Senators Resolution Now Has No Show.

WASHINGTON, April 15.—If there was any hope of favorable action upon the House resolution for an amendment to the Constitution providing for the election of Senators by direct vote, the adoption of the Depew amendment today kills it. It was believed that a majority of the committee were against the amendment, but its supporters merely asked that it be brought before the Senate for discussion and a vote in that body. With the Depew amendment it will receive still more adverse votes than it did before, and in the Senate, unless the Depew amendment is stricken out, there would be no possibility of the resolution passing. The opponents of any change in the method of election of Senators are quite

men, who are forced to send them by the sugar trust.

Wilson Wants Cuban Mission.

Henry L. Wilson, United States Minister to Chile, arrived in Washington today on his way to Spokane, his home. Wilson confirms the recent report that he is working for a transfer from his present post, and seems confident that a change can be brought about. He is particularly anxious for the Cuban mission, and there is some intimation that his chances for success are good. Wilson will leave for home the last of the week.

To Make Crater Lake National Park.

Senator Mitchell today introduced a bill authorizing the creation of the Crater Lake National Park in Southern Oregon. The bill is identical with that now on the House calendar.

STRATTON SPEAKS FOR FRYE

At White House With Foster to Discuss Appointments.

WASHINGTON, April 15.—Senator Foster today called at the White House with Attorney-General Stratton, but afterwards declined to discuss the nature of his visit. A few days ago Stratton, speaking of the local political situation, declared that Jesse Frye, recommended by Foster for United States Attorney, was an excellent man for the place, and expressed some surprise when told that numerous charges had been filed against him. It is believed that Foster presented Stratton today in order that he might speak to the President in Frye's behalf. Senator Foster, however, made the statement that the Ide case would not be taken up by the commerce committee next Thursday, or if taken up, would not be disposed of. Inquiry develops the fact that the committee is anxious to frame several committee amendments to the river and harbor bill on that day, and if there is a delay it will be due to the fact that these amendments occupy the full time.

Chairman Frye, of the Senate commerce committee, today received a strong telegram, signed by the Governor, Secretary of State, Land Commissioner, Auditor, Treasurer and four members of the Supreme Court of Washington, and by many prominent citizens of the state, warmly endorsing Ide, and urging his confirmation by the Senate. The Senator was also advised that many letters in line with the telegram are on their way to Washington, but will not reach here in time for consideration at the Thursday committee meeting.

Foster Faction's Men for Collector.

Senator Foster today received a telegram from his leaders in Tacoma in reply to his telegraphic request of yesterday for the names of three men who would be acceptable to them for Collector of Customs instead of Huestis. The telegram names S. A. Madge, editor of the Olympian; F. C. Harper, and present Deputy Collector Fairweather at Tacoma. Senator Foster will not discuss this telegram.

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