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OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, April 15.—One of the probable results of the Postoffice investigation will be a general readjustment of the salaries of postal clerks throughout the country. It has been discovered that the Division of Salaries and Allowances has, under Mr. Mendenhall, been in the habit of placing a broad construction on the postal appropriation bills passed by Congress. These bills stipulate that a given number of clerks at each designated salary shall be employed. The division has disregarded these provisions and merely taken pains to see that the aggregate salaries did not exceed the total amount appropriated for clerical hire. This question has been referred to the legal advisers of the department, and whether or not a readjustment is ordered will depend upon their decision. The suggestion has been made to Postmaster-General Payne that the superintendents and chiefs of division now under fire be suspended pending the examination of their affairs. The fact that they all remain undisturbed in their positions has proved no small hindrance to the inquiry. The suggestion of these officials would give the inspectors greater freedom in getting at the facts and remove objections that now can be placed in their way. As yet the suggestion has been unacted upon. Enemies of Mr. Machen, of the Free Delivery Division, are bringing up more old charges against him, showing that in 1897 his resignation was demanded by the then First Assistant Postmaster-General, Perry R. Heath, because of his transaction in directly securing a loan of \$500 from a woman on promise of securing her an appointment, as related in these dispatches yesterday. Machen, however, asserts that the investigation following Heath's order showed the action to have been entirely legal and he was allowed to remain. It is discovered that Machen is a Democrat and his scalp is sought by partisan enemies on that account. Fresh charges are being received constantly at the Postoffice Department in connection with the investigation, the nature of which is withheld from the public.

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WILKESBARRE, Pa., April 15.—The ninth biennial convention of the American committee of the World's Young Women's Christian Association opened this afternoon with more than 200 delegates and visitors in attendance. The convention was called to order by Mrs. L. W. Messer, of Chicago, recording secretary of the American committee. Mrs. Messer made a short address, calling attention to the great number of delegates gathered from all over the country and some even from India. The nominating committee submitted the following list of officers: President, Mrs. Frank B. Brown, Milwaukee; a number of vice-presidents, including Mrs. W. D. Fair, of Seattle; secretaries, Mrs. Elizabeth Wilson, Mrs. Caroline Patch and Miss Julia Dean. All were elected by unanimous vote. Mrs. Frank B. Brown, the new presiding officer, made a brief address. One of the delegates from abroad is Emily Kennard, of London, whose family was the founder of the movement in England to aid young working women by plans since adopted by the Young Women's Christian Association. The work of the convention promises to be active over the status of certain associations, notably those of San Francisco and other large cities that are not affiliated with the American committee. The sessions on Friday and Saturday mornings will be devoted to this subject.

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ORDERS TO MURDER OTIS

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HE IMPLICATES TAYLOR.

Witness Says Governor Offered to Pay for Goebel Murder.

WASHINGTON, April 15.—While examining papers captured from Filipino insurgents, Captain John M. Taylor, of the Fourteenth Infantry, has discovered a remarkable document, indorsed on the back with a direction to kill General Otis. This indorsement, Captain Taylor insists, is in the handwriting of Aguinaldo, the insurgent chief. The translation of the document was: "Our Honorable President: We, the signers, who subscribe the declaration appended by the presents, protest against the American proclamation. We recognize no authority but that of God and the authority of the government, and we offer our lives and property for the independence of our country. "Manila—San Miguel, January 15, 1898. "Feliciano Cruz (as signature follow). "On the back is written in the handwriting of Aguinaldo: "Lebereno Kottonko, Feliciano de Cruz, to kill General Otis, Commissioner." Captain Taylor called the attention of the Chief of the Bureau of Insular Affairs to this document in a letter, in which he says: "The note on the back is in the handwriting of Aguinaldo, a handwriting with which I am familiar, and one of such peculiar mannerism that it cannot be mistaken by one who has seen much of it. I have a quantity of holographic letters and notes in my possession. The most cursory comparison between them and the handwriting of this note will show its identity. "On January 4, 1898, a proclamation was issued by General Otis, in which he declared the sovereignty of the United States over the Philippines. Many protests were drawn up in the Philippines against this, most of them being drawn up by members of the insurgent government, but this letter was probably unnoticed evidence of the adhesion of some Katipunan lodge or one of the popular clubs in Manila organized by Sandico while in the pay of the United States; clubs whose name covered their real purpose, the formation of groups ready to give a signal to attack the Americans within the city. "Probably this paper was handed to Aguinaldo by a delegation of the signers. If this was the case, the man who signed first, Feliciano de Cruz, was one of the delegates. Aguinaldo probably talked with him in private, and, as a result of the conversation, he wrote this note on the back of the paper. The other name does not appear in the signatures. He was probably some follower or intimate friend of Cruz. "It is to be noted that General Otis' residence was in the ward of San Miguel. The signers of this paper were men who lived about it and knew the ground well; some of them may have been servants in the house. The attack on the American outposts did not occur until February 4, 1898. "ROCHESTER, N. Y., April 15.—General Elwell B. Otis, in an interview tonight in regard to the document captured from the

NO UNCERTAINTY ABOUT IT

Paine's Celery Compound

The Wondrous Spring System Cleanser and Health Builder Makes Sick People Well.

It is a Heaven-Sent Blessing to Disease-Burdened Men and Women.

There is nothing doubtful or uncertain about the working and effects of Paine's Celery Compound. It stands supreme as a Spring system cleanser and health builder. It reaches without loss of precious time the cause of sickness and disease in a way that no other remedy can do. Its first and most important mission is the purification of the life stream, increasing its volume and quality. It then stirs all the organs that work sluggishly, it restores strength, renews vitality, regulates the kidneys, liver and bowels, and makes people well and strong. For these reasons Paine's Celery Compound as a Spring medicine stands far above all other prescriptions and remedies that promise so much and accomplish so little. Mrs. R. O. Starkey, Jackson, Mich., says: "For many years I suffered more than tongue can tell from eczema and blood troubles. In the Spring season my agonies and distresses were increased, and I often wished to die. Bolls and pimples added to my sufferings, and for weeks I was not fit to be seen. I expected no more relief. I spent scores of dollars for advertised medicines, but got no cure from them. I got hold of one of your books and read about a lady who had been afflicted as I was and cured by Paine's Celery Compound. I procured a bottle of your Compound without delay and began to use it. After I used the third bottle, I expected a blessed change, the eczema and eruptions were disappearing. So happy was I that I continued with the medicine till my face and body were clear and smooth. I am a new woman in every respect. I am now well and strong, and believe the cure is a permanent one. May heaven bless you in your work of doing good to suffering humanity."

BOODLERS AT MATAGUEZ.

Two Officials Arrested—More Arrests to Follow Arrival of Police.

Taft Finds a Health Resort.

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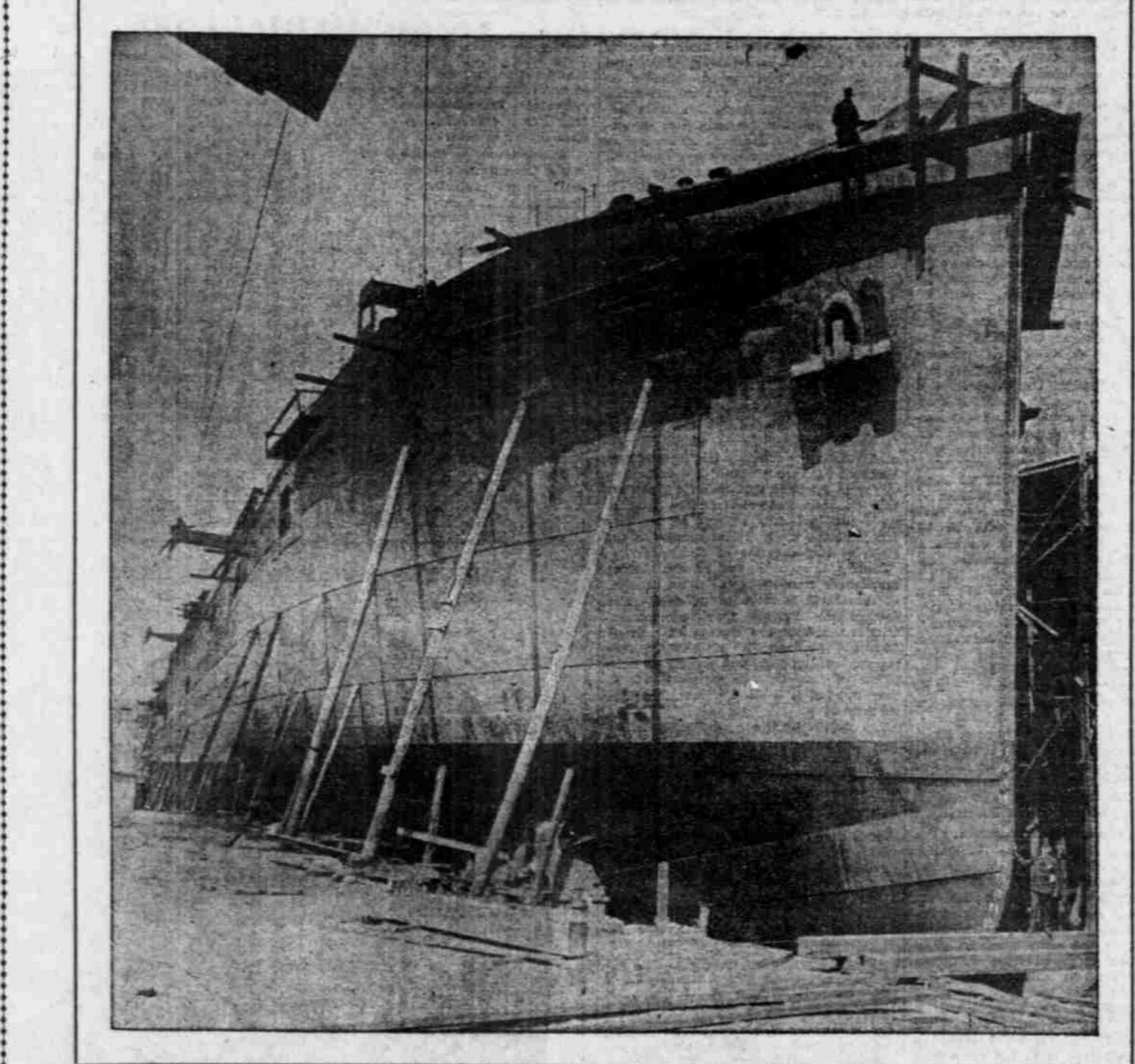
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LARGEST AMERICAN-BUILT SHIP WILL BE LAUNCHED TODAY



TWIN-SCREW STEAMER MINNESOTA A.

NEW LONDON, Conn., April 15.—(Special.)—The greatest ship ever built in this country, exceeds in size by only two feet the world's and yet the greatest cargo carrier of them all, will be launched from the ways of the United States Shipbuilding Company here tomorrow. She is the steamer Minnesota, built for the Great Northern Steamship Company for their Pacific Ocean passenger and freight trade. Her launching marks the beginning of a new era in American shipbuilding. Miss Clara Hill, daughter of James J. Hill, president of the Great Northern Steamship Company, will christen the giant steamer as she starts down the ways. The yards will be decorated for the gala occasion and a great number of guests have been invited to witness the launching. The Minnesota is six feet deeper than either the Cedric or the Celtic, which alone surpass her in size, and she will carry 3000 more tons dead weight of cargo than either of these ships and six times as much cargo as any ship now on the Pacific Ocean. The contents of 12 trains of 20 cars each can be stowed away in her gigantic holds. And her iron skin is one-third thicker than that of the Cedric and twice as thick as that of the battleship Oregon. The Minnesota is of the intermediate cargo and passenger type, and built under Lloyd's survey. She is 89 feet long, 73 feet 6 inches wide, 46 feet high to upper deck, 38 feet high to captain's bridge, 17 feet high to top of mast, is rigged as a four-masted schooner, with pole masts, and has five continuous decks, named as follows: Orlop, lower, tween, main and upper, all plated with steel. The four decks, which are not continuous are the forecastle, promenade, bridge and boat, and on top of all comes the captain's or navigation bridge, making nine decks in all. The vessel is divided transversely into 11 watertight compartments and four watertight machinery compartments. The double bottom is six feet deep

Advertisement for Paine's Celery Compound, Hood's Sarsaparilla and Pills, and Carters' Little Liver Pills. The text describes the benefits of these products for various ailments, including digestive issues, skin conditions, and general weakness. It includes testimonials and emphasizes the effectiveness of the remedies.

Advertisement for Carters' Little Liver Pills, featuring a cartoon illustration of a man and a woman. The text promotes the pills as a cure for liver ailments and general health improvement.