

ONLY A FEW ISLANDS

But Uncle Sam's Acquisition Arouses John Bull.

PARLIAMENT IS VERY EXCITED

They Are Off Coast of Borneo, but United States Bought Them From Spain and Has Probably Raised Her Flag on Them.

LONDON, July 15.—According to the Press Association, a curious rumor was current in the lobby of the House of Commons tonight to the effect that some United States warships had sailed about 20 small islands off the coast of Borneo, which, it is understood, belong to Great Britain, and planted the American flag on them. It is probable that a question on the subject will be asked in the House.

WASHINGTON, July 15.—The reported seizure of islands off the coast of Borneo by American warships apparently was as great a surprise to administration officials in Washington as it was to members of Parliament in London. No information that such a step was contemplated had come from the Admiral commanding the American fleet in Philippine waters, and no exploitation along the lines indicated has been directed by the officials here so far as could be ascertained tonight.

A very plausible explanation of the reported occurrence is that the commanding officer in the Philippines simply had sent one or more of his vessels and hoisted the flag of the United States over some islands near the coast of Borneo which were purchased by the United States from Spain as a result of the treaty of 1898, and that the sovereignty of the United States over them has been proclaimed formally. These were the Cagayan Zulu group, comprising one large and 15 smaller islands and reefs in the Philippine archipelago when the treaty of Paris was signed. The claim was made later, however, that they rightfully belonged to Spain and they were formally ceded to the United States by a subsequent action of that government, and our Congress made an appropriation for their purchase price agreed on for them.

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CONFER WITH PRESIDENT

Shaw Discusses Treasury Affairs and Bonaparte Postal Frauds.

OSTER BAY, N. Y., July 15.—Secretary of the Treasury Shaw today has returned from the Middle West, where he went to conduct the investigations relating to the Treasury Department. Concerning these he desired to talk with the President. In addition to Secretary Shaw, Charles W. Smith, Baltimore; Ray Stannard Baker, the magazine writer, and H. H. Kohlsaat, of Chicago, were the guests of the President.

Mr. Bonaparte is one of the special counsels of the Government to assist in the prosecution of the cases against the noted postoffice officials. The President's desire to discuss the matter with him led to Mr. Bonaparte's invitation to Sagamore Hill.

President Roosevelt, Secretary Shaw and a large party of friends were on the witness of a boat race on Oyster Bay this afternoon. The contestants were four crews of three men each, selected from the crews of the United States Coast Guard cutter, the Fish Hawk, and the Fish Hawk, by offering a purse of \$25, \$25 of which went to the winner and \$10 to the second crew.

BIDS ON IRRIGATION.

First Step Toward Government Work on Truckee River.

WASHINGTON, July 15.—Bids were opened today at the Interior Department for the construction of 15 miles of canals, tunnels, etc., for the diversion of the conveyance of water from the Truckee River between Clark's Station and Wadsworth, Nev., to irrigable lands in the Truckee and Carson valleys. The project was divided into three divisions. The bid of Mahoney Bros., Omaha, on Division No. 1, was for \$30,385.

TO SECURE OPEN PORTS.

Secretary Hay Confident He Will Win in Manchuria.

WASHINGTON, July 15.—At the State Department today it developed that the conference between Secretary Hay and Senator Hanna yesterday regarding the Manchurian situation was of the most satisfactory nature. As a result of the conference, Secretary Hay will further advise the American treaty commissioners at Peking of what transpired yesterday and it is hoped these additional instructions will pave the way for an early settlement of the question of ports in Manchuria, which is the one point in the controversy.

Idaho Land for Irrigation.

WASHINGTON, July 15.—Acting under the reclamation act, the Secretary of the Interior has issued an order withdrawing parts of seven townships in the Blackfoot, Idaho, land district from all forms of entry. The lands are in what is known as the Henry Lake reservoir site, the Island Park reservoir site on the Henry fork of Snake River, and the Flat Rock reservoir site on the Henry fork of Snake River.

Cause of Iowa Explosion.

WASHINGTON, July 15.—The board of naval officers appointed to investigate the cause of the explosion of the Iowa's 12-inch gun on April 9 last has filed its report, and it has been approved by Rear Admiral O'Neil, Chief of Ordnance. The board finds that the gun was burst by the sudden application to the bore of gas pressure greatly exceeding that which

WOULD RESULT FROM THE NORMAL ACTION OF THE POWDER CHARGE BEING FIRED IN IT.

Professor McGee is Appointed. ST. LOUIS, July 15.—Professor William McGee, of the Ethnological Bureau at Washington, has been appointed Chief of the Department of Anthropology and Ethnology at the World's Fair. The appropriation of \$40,000 made by the General Government will be increased by the exhibition authorities, making the total amount to be expended on Indian exhibits \$50,000.

Payne Off on a Cruise.

WASHINGTON, July 15.—Postmaster-General Payne left today on the revenue cutter Onondaga for a cruise along the coast on a ten days' outing for his health.

Ill Health Makes Him Quit.

PARIS, July 15.—James A. Bowen, of Chicago, has resigned the post of "Deputy United States Consul here in consequence of continued ill-health.

WILL RUSSIA RECEIVE IT?

American Charge at Petersburg Notified of Jewish Petition.

WASHINGTON, July 15.—The Kishinev petition laid before the President yesterday by the British committee, has been received here, and Secretary Hay has communicated it to Mr. Riddle, the American Charge d'Affaires at St. Petersburg, respecting the means to be employed in bringing it to the attention of the Emperor. Mr. Riddle's instructions are to notify the Russian government of the existence of the petition and ascertain whether it is willing to receive it.

JEWISH COMMITTEE CONTENT.

Petition Not From Jews, but Americans of All Religions.

NEW YORK, July 15.—In accordance with the understanding at Oyster Bay on Tuesday, Leon N. Levy gave out the following statement regarding the conference between the President and the Jewish committee on the Kishinev factory: "The conference was entirely satisfactory. It was not from Jews, but from Americans of all religions. Finally, it is not a petition by Jews, but in behalf of them. It is a petition of Americans, regardless of religious affiliations."

HE HAS THE NERVE.

Judge Brewer Says Roosevelt Will Send Petition to Russia.

MILWAUKEE, Wis., July 15.—Associate Judge Brewer, of the United States Supreme Court, in an interview here today, said: "The entire work is upon President Roosevelt to see if he has the nerve (and I want to tell you he has) to send to the government at St. Petersburg the Jewish petition of protest against the atrocities perpetrated at Kishinev."

Russia Does Not Want Them.

ST. PETERSBURG, July 15.—The Soviet Vremya regards, or affects to regard, the American contention that the treaty of 1898 made no discrimination can rightfully be made against American citizens on account of religion, as an attempt to send all the Russian Jews living in America back to Russia, which already has 5,250,000 Jews, whereas "an equitable distribution" would give Russia only 1,400,000.

ITS QUARTERS DESERTED

Victims of Get-Rich-Quick Concern Find Nothing to Seize.

NEW YORK, July 15.—Following the posting of a notice to quit at 1000 last Saturday against the American Finance and Mortgage Company, having offices at 113 Wall street, the quarters of the concern have been deserted, according to the Herald. The attachment was issued to a Brooklyn law firm on behalf of a client.

The concern had been investigated by postoffice inspectors, and all persons to whom they applied for information from the customer's standpoint replied that they were satisfied with the state of affairs. This was some time ago. The proprietor, a well-known banker, was advertised as chief executive officer of the concern and its operations in the stock market on the "blind pool" system were, at various times, reported as netting profits of from 15 to 30 per cent for the participants.

THE HISTORIC CORK LEG

Santa Anna's Famous Limb Captured by Illinois Veteran.

Dallas, Tex.—This city has the honor of claiming as one of her citizens the Mexican cork leg, which was captured by a New Baltimore veteran, who was removed to the Catekill Jail for fear a mob would lynch him, was taken back to New Baltimore for arraignment before a local justice. It was guarded by an especially strong Sheriff's posse, in anticipation of trouble. At New Baltimore a mob, composed of farmers, striking molders and citizens, gathered. Among them was Joseph Cole, the father of the 11-year-old girl assaulted. Cole drew a knife, which he refused to do, but Sheriff. The prisoner was taken to jail, Justice Nelson refusing to begin examination until counsel was present.

ESCAPES INTO MEXICO.

Notorious Train-Robber Flees When He Hears of Indictment.

TUCSON, Ariz., July 15.—Billy Stiles, once notorious train robber, who has twice escaped conviction by turning state's evidence against his companions, and who was indicted three times by the United States grand jury at Tombstone, has succeeded in eluding the Territorial Rangers and escaped into Mexico. Stiles was the principal witness before the grand jury in the case against Burt Alvord, the Cochise County sheriff. It was because of his evidence against Alvord that Stiles was indicted. In some way word came from the jury-room that Stiles was indicted. He immediately secured a horse, rode to Naam, and returned into Sonora. An hour later Captain Rynning, of the Territorial Rangers, with a squad of his men, started in pursuit. Efforts will be made to have the authorities of Sonora co-operate with the officers of Arizona.

Tobacco Company in Trouble.

TRENTON, N. J., July 15.—Chancellor Magee today granted a rule to show cause why a receiver should not be appointed for the United States Tobacco Company. The rule was granted on the ground that assets of the company are turnable at Jersey City, August 3. The assets of the company are given as \$1,138,000, and the liabilities as \$362,746. It is stated, however, that assets of \$250,000 represent raw material, which would not bring over \$275,000 at forced sale, and that the machinery, which is valued at \$22,000, would not bring over \$50,000.

Lightning at Oyster Bay.

NEW YORK, July 15.—During a severe electrical storm, accompanied by hail, wind and rain, which has passed over Oyster Bay, L. J. the Summer home of the late President Grant, was struck by lightning. The Thompson cottage, where Assistant Secretary Barnes is staying, Mr. Barnes was at his office at the time. Hudson Sampson, owner of the cottage, received a severe shock. An Italian laborer outside also was prostrated. Many trees in the vicinity were splintered by lightning.

NO STEP BACKWARD

Russian Occupation of Manchuria Permanent.

MORE TROOPS ARE GOING IN

Conference of Officials at Port Arthur Ends in Exultation—Why Russia Objects to Foreign Consuls in Annexed Province.

PORT ARTHUR, Manchuria, July 15.—

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AMERICANS LOSE AT CRICKET.

WORCESTER, Eng., July 15.—The home players were out for 335 runs in their second innings today in the cricket match between the United States and England. The visitors made 233 runs in their first innings and consequently the Americans had 361 runs to make in their second innings. The Philadelphia had scored 98 runs for four wickets down. Worcester won by 215 runs.

MOB DID NOT APPROVE

Murderer Sentenced for Life Hanged in Kentucky.

MAYSVILLE, Ky., July 15.—Enraged at the courts, a mob broke into the Flemingsburg jail early today and hanged William Thacker, who had been given a life sentence for the murder of John Gordon two years ago. Thacker in a quarrel with Gordon shot and killed him, then sat on the murder in a chair, while he smoked his pipe, and dared any one to attempt to arrest him. After two trials he was sentenced to life imprisonment. Gordon was a good-looking, middle-aged man. Thacker, appearing to the Court of Appeals, and was waiting for another trial. Thacker had some money and was able to bribe the jury to give him a life sentence. Thacker was hanged to a tree near the jail and was given time in which to say his prayers, which he refused to do, but begged for his life. To hush his cries he was hit on the head with a rock and his unconscious body strung up until life had become extinct.

LAW WILL TAKE ITS COURSE.

Lurching Mob in New York State Thwarted by Sheriff.

ALBANY, N. Y., July 15.—James Little, the negro who assaulted a little girl near New Baltimore yesterday, and who was removed to the Catekill Jail for fear a mob would lynch him, was taken back to New Baltimore for arraignment before a local justice. It was guarded by an especially strong Sheriff's posse, in anticipation of trouble. At New Baltimore a mob, composed of farmers, striking molders and citizens, gathered. Among them was Joseph Cole, the father of the 11-year-old girl assaulted. Cole drew a knife, which he refused to do, but Sheriff. The prisoner was taken to jail, Justice Nelson refusing to begin examination until counsel was present.

Justice Armour Buried.

LONDON, July 15.—Funeral services were held today at the Temple Church among the remains of Justice Lord Douglas. He was buried in the Canadian Supreme Court, who died July 11. Secretary White attended as the representative of the United States Embassy, Ambassador Choate being unable to be present.

Older Than the Pope.

WEST MONROE, N. Y., July 15.—Mrs. Cynthia Hendricks, 101 years old, is dead at her home here. Mrs. Hendricks had been in good health up to a month ago. She celebrated her birthday on July 15, and on the following day slipped on the doorstep and fell. The shock caused her death.

To Run Trains With Compressed Air

NEWARK, N. J., July 15.—A company organized at \$250,000, has been organized here to build a line of railroad from New York to Buffalo, which it is proposed shall be operated by compressed air. The project is to build a line of 35 miles and will be completed in 18 months.

Yellow Fever Almost Extinct.

HAVANA, July 15.—Dr. Barnett, the acting chief of the sanitary department, announced today that only three cases of yellow fever have entered Havana harbor this year. All of them came from Mexican ports. One died, and another was discharged today as cured.

Will Test Langley's Airship.

WASHINGTON, July 15.—Professor S. P. Langley's new-airship was towed down the Potomac River today to a secluded point on the Lower Potomac, where it will be given its initial test as soon as some few details can be arranged.

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