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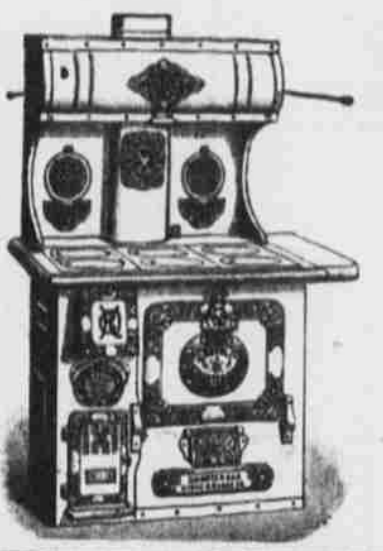
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DEPARTMENT ASKS FOR INFORMATION

Root Cables MacArthur for Full Particulars of Frauds.

BOYER TO BE TRIED TODAY

Colonel Woodruff Was Deceived—Insurrection Still Active in Cebu—Priars Will Not Return to the Islands.

WASHINGTON, April 16.—Secretary Root today cabled General MacArthur asking for additional information concerning the reports of frauds in Manila. It is expected that a reply will be received tomorrow.

While definite instructions have not been given General MacArthur heretofore to make a searching and complete investigation, it is understood that the requests for information were of a character to imply that the department expected such an investigation should be made.

Nothing definite has been received from General MacArthur which alleged frauds although reference has been made to an investigation in the cablegrams received. The first dispatch on the subject from General MacArthur said that there had been exaggeration in the press reports but the persistence with which the reports have been reiterated and the news dispatches of today giving the names and specific amounts have indicated to the department officials that perhaps General MacArthur was not advised fully when he made his first report.

It can be stated that the department intends to have all the information possible on the subject and General MacArthur will be expected to push the trials and cable complete reports of any and all wrong doings.

COLONEL WOODRUFF INNOCENT.

MANILA, April 16.—A court martial has been convened and will meet tomorrow to try Lieutenant Frederick Boyer, charged with embezzlement of commissary stores. Captain Frederick J. Barrows, of the Thirtieth volunteer infantry, will be tried later. A civilian named Fletcher, accused of unlawful conversion of commissary stores, will be tried by the provost court tomorrow.

Speaking of the commissary scandal a prominent army officer said to a representative of the Associated Press that he had every reason to believe that Col. Woodruff, head of the subsistence department at Manila, was not implicated. He asserted that Colonel Woodruff was one of the ablest men in the service, and that his honesty was unquestioned. He asserted that Colonel Woodruff was ignorant of the fact that Harold A. Pitt, manager of Evans & Co., army contractors, was leasing him the house in which he lived for much less rent than Pitt had paid therefor. Upon discovering that, Colonel Woodruff immediately left the house.

Pitt is alleged to have said that Captain Read, of the commissary department, deceived Colonel Woodruff, who thought Captain Read to be thoroughly honest. The irregularities on commissary matters were first attributed to Captain Read's unfamiliarity with commissary work. Colonel Woodruff was reluctant to believe that frauds were being perpetrated, but the facts disclosed caused him to give Captain Read a most severe reprimand and to begin an investigation which may involve, according to the prominent army officer previously referred to, an examination of Captain Davis, who was the depot commissary before Captain Read but who was sent home on sick leave.

END OF PRIAR QUESTION.

CEBU, P. I., April 16.—Judge Taft, president of the Philippine commission, says Monsignore Chapelle, papal delegate to the Philippines, told him that the friars were not to return to the province and that only a sufficient number of these were now in Manila to act as instructors in the colleges. This disposes of the troublesome "friar" question.

Cebu is the first island to be visited by the commission upon which the insurrection is still active. It is unsafe to leave the city of Cebu without an armed escort.

ANXIOUS TO SURRENDER.

MANILA, April 16.—The chief of staff of the insurgent general, Mascardo, has surrendered at the town of Mariveles in Bataan province, Luzon. He said he has a band of followers, but now greatly diminished and in a bad way. It is impossible for them to evade the Americans and they are unable to obtain food and want to surrender. It is expected that General Mascardo himself will surrender shortly.

It is intimated that an official announcement regarding the disposition of Aguinaldo will soon be made.

ROOT WILL NOT GO.
NEW YORK, April 16.—A special to

the Times from Washington says:

Adjutant-General Corbin has definitely made up his mind to take a trip to the Philippines this summer. It has long been known that the general was anxious to go there and take a look at the way things are run in the islands, but hitherto it has been assumed that his visit to the Philippines was dependent upon that of Secretary Root, but Mr. Root has announced that he will not go.

SIX-DAY WALKING MATCH.

Cambridge Man Gave Up After a Wonderful Exhibition of Speed.

COLUMBUS, O., April 16.—Seventeen started in the six-day walking match, which began at 11 o'clock yesterday morning. At the first 12 hours one had dropped out, Sam Myers, of Cambridge, Mass., after a wonderful exhibition of speed, gave up shortly after 8 o'clock last night. His feet were badly blistered and in addition his stomach went back on him so that he fell to the floor as he attempted to walk off the track. The match is a 12-hour affair.

At 1 p. m. the scores of the first fourteen hours in the six-day walking match are: Golden, 78 miles, one lap; McClelland, 69 miles, one lap; Hart, 74 miles, eight laps; Barnes, 66 miles, 5 laps; Richardson, 66 miles, 2 laps; Tracy, 53 miles, 10 laps; Stokes, 64 miles, 10 laps; Kansas City Kid, 51 miles, 9 laps; Taylor, 57 miles; Graham, 67 miles, 6 laps; Sachs, 67 miles, 10 laps; Porter, 61 miles, 1 lap; Day, 61 miles; Loeblin, 52 miles, 3 laps.

Bender, Moss and Myers are no longer in the race.

REQUEST FROM HIRSCH.

Wants Turkish Government to Permit Jews to Sojourn Indefinitely in Palestine.

WASHINGTON, April 16.—Senator Mitchell, of Oregon, recently presented to Secretary Hay a communication from Solomon Hirsch, of Portland, Oregon, requesting that the United States minister to Turkey might be instructed to protest to the Turkish government against the regulations promulgated by that government to insure the carrying out of measures adopted by it to prevent the sojourn in Palestine for a longer period than three months of any foreigner of Jewish faith.

In reply Secretary Hay informed Senator Mitchell that Hirsch's request was anticipated by instructions on the subject sent to the United States charge d'affaires at Constantinople, February 28, 1901.

KILLED IN ELECTION RIOT.

Fatal Affray at East St. Louis Over an Election Contest.

ST. LOUIS, April 16.—Charles Smith and William Johnson were killed and J. Fisher and W. R. Hamilton were seriously wounded today in the course of an election riot in Winstanley Park, a suburb of East St. Louis, Ill. Hamilton's wounds are serious. Fred Ayer, who is alleged to have fired the shots, is under arrest.

The trouble grew out of an election contest between Henry Drummond and Raymond R. Dojo, opposing candidates for the position of village president. The killed and wounded were partisans of Drummond.

PATRICK HELD.

Testimony of Jones Sufficiently Corroborated to Connect Patrick With Murder of Rice.

NEW YORK, April 16.—Justice Jerome today held Albert T. Patrick for the grand jury on a charge of murdering the late Texas millionaire, William M. Rice. Justice Jerome in his decision said he was satisfied that the testimony of Jones, Rice's valet, was adequately corroborated "within the meaning of section 399 of the code of criminal procedure, by evidence tending to connect the defendant with the commission of the crime charged."

STEYN RE-ELECTED PRESIDENT.

Forty Boers Now Constitute the Electorate of the Orange Free State.

LONDON, April 16.—A special dispatch from Cape Town, under today's date, says 40 Boers recently met at Boshoff and solemnly re-elected Mr. Steyn president of the Orange Free State.

WAR ON RATS AT DENVER.

Colorado Board of Health Has Taken Up the Subject.

DENVER, April 16.—A war on rats is to be instituted by the state board of health.

The board has taken its cue from the health organizations in the Orient which have begun a crusade on the ground that rats assist in disseminating the bubonic plague germ.

CORONATION IN JUNE.

LONDON, April 16.—The coronation of King Edward will take place at the end of June.

HILL HAS BOUGHT BURLINGTON ROAD

Will Be Feeder for St. Louis and Kansas City Line.

OTHER STOCKS DISPOSED OF

Reported He Has Sold All His Interests in Baltimore & Ohio and Erie Roads for Four Million Dollars.

CHICAGO, April 16.—The Tribune to-

morrow will say:
J. J. Hill before leaving St. Paul for the West announced the success of the long-pending deal for control of the Burlington railway. He said he had concluded negotiations for the purchase of the Burlington system and added:
"There are no changes in our relations with the St. Paul-Chicago line. We merely wanted the Burlington for a St. Louis and Kansas City feeder."

SOLD OTHER STOCKS.

ST. PAUL, April 16.—It is reported in what are usually well-informed railroad circles today that James J. Hill, of the Great Northern, has disposed of his Baltimore and Ohio and Erie stocks and that the operation has netted him four million dollars. The stocks, it is said, were bought by Hill simply as a precaution and it was never contemplated to make either of the roads a factor in the transcontinental system as has been repeatedly reported.

IN BAD FINANCIAL CONDITION.

Danger of Panic in Japan Over Impvidence Caused by Exceptionally Good Times.

WASHINGTON, April 16.—The financial condition of Japan at present is far from encouraging, and bankers and business men are exerting every effort to avoid a pending panic.

This statement is conveyed to the state department in a communication from United States Consul-General Bellows, at Yokohama. The situation as analyzed by shrewd financiers and statesmen of the empire shows that the Chinese indemnity secured at the close of the Japanese-Chinese war together with large national loans led to the exploiting of many public and private undertakings which caused money to be unusually plentiful among the coolie or laboring classes. This induced extravagant methods of living, and is assigned as a potent factor in the large increase of imports.

STUBBORN FIGHT PROBABLE.

Possible Shut Down of Every Union Steel Plant in the Country.

PITTSBURGH, April 16.—The close of the second day of the strike at the W. Duesch Wood plant of the American Sheet Steel Company at McKeesport shows a condition of affairs that forbodes a stubborn fight between the company and the Amalgamated Association of Iron and Steel Workers, involving a possible shut down of every union plant in the country controlled by the company. The fight is being made by the Amalgamated Association for the recognition of the union.

PEORIA GOES DEMOCRATIC.

Hottest City Election Town Ever Held Finished Last Night.

PEORIA, Ill., April 16.—The hottest city election in the history of Peoria ended tonight by the election of the entire Democratic city ticket by majorities ranging from 800 to 3000 and the election of six out of eight Democratic nominees for councilmen.

CYCLONE IN NEBRASKA.

Though Many Buildings Were Demolished No One Was Hurt.

OMAHA, Neb., April 16.—A cyclone at 11 o'clock last night struck the town of Orleans, in Harlan county. Gohner's livery barn, Mrs. McIlroy's store and restaurant, R. R. Pate's insurance office and L. Howard's barn were demolished. Mr. Howard's residence and the school building were partially wrecked. No one was hurt.

RIPLEY'S TRIAL CONTINUED.

Under Cross-Examination on Charge of Complicity in Goebel Assassination.

FRANKFORT, Ky., April 16.—The trial of Garnet Ripley on the charge of complicity in the Goebel assassination, continued today with the defendant still on the stand under cross-examination.

The defendant, in response to questions, told of his movements after the arrival of his company here the morn-

ing of January 31. His company was

stationed near the executive mansion and penitentiary, and had nothing to do with preventing the meeting of the legislature.

The prosecution asked if he had not, in April, last year, admitted in substance, to J. B. Matthews, who was Caleb Powers' assistant secretary of state, that he could clear Powers, but it was not then the proper time, and that he was going to New York, thence to California. An objection by defense was overruled and the witness said he was not positive of having said this to Matthews, but if he did he had in mind the things he had heard implicating Henry Youtsey. The cross-examination was completed at 11:20, and redirect examination developed nothing new in the defendant's testimony.

Hayden Smith and Hunter Moody contradicted the testimony of witnesses Ferguson and Crawford, who testified that while husking corn for Ripley in January, 1900, the latter emphatically denounced Goebel. Moody testified that the corn was husked in September. Ross McGinnis also testified that the work was done in September and that he and Ripley had discussed the proposition of going to Central America just prior to Ripley's arrest last winter.

NEW MORMON TEMPLE.

Plan Started to Erect a \$300,000 Edifice at Ogden.

OGDEN, Utah, April 16.—The Standard says tonight:

A subscription list is being circulated here to raise \$300,000 for the erection of a Mormon temple in this city, the promoters having the assurance that in event of the success of the undertaking one of the semi-annual conferences of the Mormon church will be held here. This means an addition to the city's income of \$250,000. Over \$150,000 has already been subscribed, and the rest has been promised.

This move is the result of the jealousy engendered between Salt Lake and Ogden by the recent fake railroad agitation started in Salt Lake. Other parties in Ogden are endeavoring to establish an exposition ground for an interstate exposition, including Nevada, Idaho, Wyoming and Utah. Over \$10,000 has been raised for this purpose, and the support of leading men in other states has been enlisted.

PAPER'S LAST APPEARANCE.

Indianapolis Press Merged Into the News of That City.

INDIANAPOLIS, April 16.—The Indianapolis Press will make its last appearance today. With tomorrow it will be merged into the Indianapolis News. The Press was first published in 1839.

Major W. J. Richards had sold his minority interest in the Indianapolis News to the present owners, Delavan Smith and Charles R. Williams, and associating himself with John H. Holliday, former proprietor of the News, had attempted to establish a rival paper. The venture has been observed with interest by the newspaper fraternity.

Mr. Holliday becomes a member of the news copartnership and Major Richards retires by preference from the newspaper field, to devote his attention to his private affairs.

NEWMARKET RACES.

Colonel H. McAlmont's Bay Colt, St. MacLou, Won Forty-Second Biennial Stake.

LONDON, April 16.—Colonel H. McAlmont's bay colt, St. MacLou, by St. Simon-Mimi, won the 42nd Newmarket biennial stake at the Port Craven meeting today. Arthur James' Magic Mirror was second, and W. C. Whinery's Volodyovski, ridden by Lester Reiff, third; seven horses ran. The performance of Volodyovski was a distinct disappointment, and showed a need of preparation should he meet the expectation of those who have held him a favorite for the English Derby. The biennial stakes is of 25 sovereigns each, with 500 sovereigns added, for 3-year-olds, over the Rowley mile.

DECIDED FOR DEMOCRAT.

Majority Contest in the District Court at Topeka.

TOPEKA, Kas., April 16.—Judge Hazen in the district court today decided the preliminary motion in the Parker-Hughes contest for mayor in favor of Parker, Democrat, by overruling the motion to quash the writ of mandamus. The case will now be heard on its merits, the question being whether the council must grant a certificate of election to Parker. This will be determined on the hearing of the case on its merits Saturday.

MILNER WILL VISIT ENGLAND.

Physically Exhausted by His Arduous Labors in South Africa.

LONDON, April 16.—Sir Alfred Milner, according to the Daily Chronicle, is coming to England early next month and will remain two months to recruit his health which has been severely tried by his arduous labors in South Africa.

ALLIED TROOPS ATTACK CHINESE

Expedition of Eight Thousand Germans and French.

EMPEROR CANNOT RETURN

Tells Japan He Wants for His Country's Guests to Leave—Board of Foreign Affairs Will Repulse Tsung Li Yamun.

LONDON, April 16.—A dispatch to the Reuter Telegram Company from Peking, dated April 15, says that General Von Gyle, in command of 5000 German and 3000 French troops, is heading an expedition to attack Lieu Hulin (Liu Kuan Ting) who is within 120 miles of Pao Ting Fu. Liu's position is inside the territory defined by Field Marshal Von Waldersee as the sphere of operations for the allies.

Liu has 10,000 men and has refused to retire, saying that if the allies wished him to retire they had better come out and compel him to do so.

AMERICANS FAREWELL.

PEKIN, April 16.—General Chaffee's birthday dinner yesterday was also a sort of formal farewell by the Americans to Peking. Field Marshal Von Waldersee and his allied generals with their staffs were present, as well as the ministers and their secretaries. The field marshal made a speech in the course of which he said it was an occasion of congratulation and sorrow. First on the occasion of General Chaffee's birthday, and, second, owing to the Americans' departure.

The Chinese court has replied to a request of Japan, stating that it was impossible for the emperor to return to Peking until the country's guests leave.

END OF TSUNG LI YAMUN.

LONDON, April 16.—Dr. Morrison, wiring to the Times from Peking, says: "At a meeting of the ministers of the powers today it was decided to adopt the recommendation of Mr. Rockhill retiring effect to article XIII of the joint note concerning the reform of the Tsung Li Yamun and the modification of the court ceremonial. It was agreed that in place of the Tsung Li Yamun there shall be a board of foreign affairs having precedence over other boards."

CHINESE CUSTOMS DUTIES.

WASHINGTON, April 16.—Regarding the proposed arrangement of the Chinese customs duties, which will play a prominent part in the present peace negotiations between the powers and China, the central bureau of the German empire for the preparation of commercial treaties has made an interesting report which United States Consul Sawyer, at Glauchau, has transmitted to the department of state. The report in part says:

"The so-called sea duties, those which are levied on the goods entering Chinese ports, are determined by treaties and are in part specific and in part ad valorem duties. All goods not particularly named are subject to an ad valorem duty of five per cent, the same being based on the market value thereof. As regards determining such market value the treaty says that if the merchant cannot agree with the Chinese official on the question at issue each party shall call in two or three manufacturers to examine the goods. The highest price at which one of such manufacturers will be willing to buy the goods shall be accepted as the value thereof."

"In addition to the import tariff there is an export tariff. The articles not enumerated in the import tariff which are specified from the export tariff must when imported pay the same duties as those imposed upon them in the export tariff. The so-called sea duties, however, as is well known, are not the sole tax imposed, a supplementary charge being levied in the form of the intermediate duties known as 'likin.'"

"About the rate of such intermediate duties, the treaties merely state that they are to be levied according to the principles ruling at the time when treaties are made and that they cannot be raised subsequently. This condition has proved to be perfectly impracticable. The intermediate duties have degenerated into a purely arbitrary charge in which the local Chinese officials seek and find their principal source of income. There is but one single means of remedying this ever increasing evil, namely, to do away with these intermediate duties under the present negotiations as a part of the terms of peace. To do this it will be necessary to assent to an increase of sea duties, in order to secure to the central Chinese government the income necessary to deal with the question of compensation consequent upon such an administration change."

PRICE OF SILVER.

NEW YORK, April 16.—Silver, 1894