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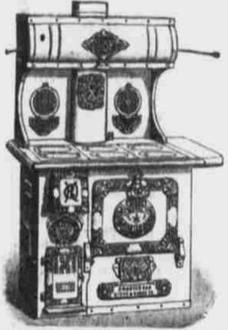
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GOVERNMENT MUST FIRST BE FORMED

Cubans Wanted Promise of Reciprocal Trade Relations.

GOT LITTLE SATISFACTION

President Assured Them That It is Impossible to Settle Economic Questions Before Government is Established.

WASHINGTON, April 27.—The Cuban delegation completed its labor in Washington today. In the morning the delegates met Secretary Root who escorted them to the White House, where they had a final and decisive talk with the president. Then they paid a visit of courtesy to each of the officials whom they have met and finally they departed for New York at 11 o'clock tonight, homeward bound. They will sail for Havana Wednesday.

The proceedings at the White House were interesting and important. Senator Capole acted as spokesman for the delegation. Senator Capole asked the president to do something for the Cubans upon an economic line and especially in the matter of reciprocal trade relations. He said that it was especially desirable to have something of this kind done before the next crop was harvested in order that the Cubans might see the advantages to them of close political and economic relations with the United States.

In reply the president said it was impossible to settle economic questions until the political questions were disposed of. He told the delegates first to form their government and then they would be in a position to enter into negotiations with the United States as to trade relations.

Senator Capole responded that something ought to be done while the Cuban government was forming. He thought that while the United States was exercising control there might be an arrangement perfected similar to that under contemplation by the secretary of war in 1898, when the government first passed under the control of the United States. He told the president that the Cuban republic did not wish to be born in poverty and rags and if it could not be wealthy it would at least prefer to have something with which to support itself and to have its people see prosperous conditions immediately before them.

The president again reverted to the fact, as the secretary of war had advised them, that he did not see how it was possible to settle any economic questions before the Cuban government was formed.

NEGRO RAPIST LYNCHED.

Offered to Work for Mother of Victim for Six Months Free if She Would Not Tell.

ELBERTON, Ga., April 27.—Wednesday, Miss Rhoda Alexander was assaulted by a negro workman, William Gortzby. Miss Alexander reported the matter to her mother, and later the negro appeared and offered to work six months for the widowed mother if she would not tell on him. Before he could leave the premises some friends of the family appeared, took charge of him and left for the river. It was reported that they set him free, but later it developed that Gortzby was lynched and that his body was thrown into the Savannah river.

SUNDAY OPENING.

Board of Directors of Pan-American Exposition Decide on a Compromise.

BUFFALO, April 27.—The question of whether the gates of the Pan-American grounds are to be open Sundays was finally settled today by the board of directors. Their decision is a compromise. The gates are to be opened from 1 p. m. until 11 p. m., but the midway and all amusement features will be closed during the twenty-four hours from Saturday until Monday morning.

GRANT'S BIRTHDAY.

Banquet Given by Trustees of Grant Monument Association at Waldorf-Astoria.

NEW YORK, April 27.—The anniversary of the birth of General Ulysses S. Grant was celebrated at a banquet given by the trustees of the Grant Monument Association tonight at the Waldorf-Astoria. Among the guests of honor were Ulysses S. Grant, Jr., Major-General Joseph Wheeler and Major-General O. O. Howard.

General Dodge presided. He read a letter of regret from President McKinley and another from Mrs. Julia L. Grant, the latter expressing regret that her health would not permit her to be present.

The guests sang national songs, fill-

ing the banquet hall with a volume of sound. The menu card contained copies of letters written in the excitement of battle on the field by General Grant to his wife.

The souvenirs were a pyramid of imitation cannon balls surmounted by a cross of gun swabs on which were tiny flags. The letters in the menu booklet were copies of letters loaned by Mrs. Grant and never before published.

BIDDING PRESIDENT GOODBYE.

Constant Stream of Callers at White House Yesterday.

WASHINGTON, April 27.—There was a constant stream of callers at the White House today. Most of them called simply to say goodbye to the president, who will leave here Monday for his long trip to the Pacific coast. The longest distance to be traveled without stops is from San Antonio to El Paso, Texas, a distance of 621 miles. The members of the party will be President and Mrs. McKinley; Miss Barber; Secretary Hay and Mrs. Hay; Postmaster-General Smith and Mrs. Smith; Secretary Long, who will meet the party en route, and Mrs. Long; Secretary Hitchcock; Miss Hitchcock; Secretary Wilson; Rear-Admiral George Melville; Secretary Cortelyou; Mrs. Cortelyou; Assistant Secretary Barnes; Dr. P. M. Rixey; Mrs. Rixey; Henry Scott, of the Union Iron Works, San Francisco; Lawrence I. Scott; Charles A. Moore; M. A. Dignan; J. Kruttschnitt, fourth vice-president of the Southern Pacific; L. S. Brown, general agent of the Southern Railway; six newspaper men; three representatives of three illustrated weeklies and several White House stenographers and attendants.

GREAT CUT IN RATES.

War Between Transportation Companies Doing Business Between Seattle and Skagway.

SEATTLE, April 27.—The dissolution of the combine of transportation companies doing business between Seattle and southeastern Alaska, which was announced yesterday, has led to an open war in passenger and freight rates. The slash has already gone half way into the rates fixed by the defunct organization and the companies are lined up for fear that it may continue all summer.

Two companies today announced a passenger rate of \$8 from Seattle to Skagway; other concerns are down to ten and twelve dollars. The association rate was \$18. A proportionate cut has been made in freight rates.

REPORTS WERE FALSE.

No Great Gold Discoveries on Kuskoum River.

WASHINGTON, April 27.—A dispatch was received at the war department today from General Randall, commanding the department of Alaska, concerning reports that gold in large quantities had been discovered at Kuskoum river. These reports, says General Randall, are discredited. The place has been prospected and many who have just returned report that false representations have been made.

CONGER LEAVES FOR HOME.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 27.—United States Minister Conger left tonight for Des Moines in the private car of President Burt, of the Union Pacific.

PRICE OF SILVER.

NEW YORK, April 27.—Silver, 69 1/2.

GERMAN FORCE ATTACKED CHINESE

Celestials Retired With Heavy Losses.

FOUR GERMANS WOUNDED

Another Force Sent After Marauding Bands—Conger Says McKinley Is Satisfied With Him—He Left at His Own Desire.

BERLIN, April 27.—Field Marshal Count Von Waldersee in a dispatch from Pekin reports that marauding has increased near Hoshiu and Matu and that junks used as transports between these places have been attacked. Lieutenant-Colonel Arnstadt has been sent from Tien Tsin to the disturbed district in command of a composite column.

Count Von Waldersee also reports, under a Pekin date, as follows: "Colonel Hoffmeister, commanding the Fourth infantry and two companies of mountain artillery, attacked the enemy, April 23, by the great wall and forced them to retire with heavy losses into Shan Si. We lost four wounded."

LEFT CHINA VOLUNTARILY.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 27.—United States Minister Conger will leave this evening for Council Bluffs. He will go via Denver and expects to reach the Missouri river Wednesday morning. Regarding his leave of absence from China, Minister Conger said that all the stories to the effect that suggestion of the leave emanated from the state department were pure fiction. He said: "I applied for the leave on my own motion with the expectation of returning to China and joining in the resumption of negotiations. No flag was then held higher than ours in China and the story that President McKinley and the secretary of state were disappointed is pure invention. If you say anything on this topic publish the fact that the president and secretary of state sent the United States minister a telegram of congratulation. I was advised that reports might be published that friction existed between the state department and the legation and was told by the secretary to pay no heed to such statements."

"I know," remarked Mr. Conger, "that stories are floating stating that President McKinley is not wholly satisfied with my official conduct in China and in order to relieve the situation of embarrassment to myself and the administration has hinted to federal office holders that my election to the office of governor of Iowa was desirable. Nothing could be further from the truth. The president never would countenance such action. We are friends and served together in congress. He knows me and knows that if I suspected that his confidence in my judgment was in the slightest degree impaired that I would instantly resign."

GERMANY TO FIGHT US.

London Review Thinks Navy Is Being Increased for That Purpose.

LONDON, April 27.—The Saturday Review says that the expansion of the German navy is more in preparation for a contest with the United States than with Great Britain, "because the

readiest causes for future naval conflicts will be found in the struggle for the partition or exploitation of the great South American continent."

The Review devotes a page to the description of the resources of South America and Germany's hundreds of thousands of settlers in Brazil and Chile and the inability of Germany to pursue her designs in South America without a conflict with the United States.

The article concludes with the statement that it would not be good policy for Great Britain to oppose Germany's legitimate aims, and that an alliance with the United States that had for its purpose the maintenance of the Monroe doctrine "would not only be ludicrously in opposition to our own interests but it would rightly oppose every other nation to a death struggle against a genuine Anglo-Saxon menace."

LETTER FROM FUNSTON.

Before Capturing Aguinaldo He Did Not Expect Appointment in Regular Army.

IOLA, Kas., April 27.—Erickson-General Funston, writing to a fellow townsman under date of February 26, a month before the capture of Aguinaldo, says he did not expect an appointment in the regular army. He says: "Under the operations of the law I must be mustered out of service July 1, as that is the last day of the volunteer army and from that time all of the work will be turned over to regulars. I was not disappointed that I was not given anything in the re-organization of the regular army, as I had no expectations. One so young as myself, who had never been connected with the regular army, could scarcely expect a brigadier-generalship in that body over many gallant old men who have been in service some of them forty years."

LARGE MINING DEAL.

Foreign Syndicate Gets Control of Bear Gulch Mining Company.

BUTTE, April 27.—A special to the Miner from Helena says: "Carl Werngren left for Denver yesterday after completing one of the largest mining deals of the year in this state, by which he controls the properties of the Bear Gulch Mining Company for a foreign syndicate. "The transaction," Mr. Werngren said, "calls for an investment of nearly \$2,000,000 and includes all the mining property, townsite, mills site and water rights owned and controlled by the company, a total of about 350 acres. The present option has been taken in the interest of a foreign syndicate which proposes at once to make a thorough investigation, and, if found as represented, to proceed to equip the property with a large modern plant for the treatment of the product."

FIVE MEN BURIED ALIVE.

Are Able to Talk to Rescuing Party But Cannot Survive Much Longer.

SPRINGFIELD, Mo., April 27.—The five men who were buried yesterday under 110 feet of dirt in the Rosebud mine at Aurora were able to converse with their rescuers today. The men are still buried under twenty-five feet of dirt. They are very thirsty and cannot survive much longer.

NEW SURVEYOR-GENERAL.

WASHINGTON, April 27.—The president today appointed Henry Meldrum, of Oregon City, Oregon, surveyor-general of Oregon, to succeed R. A. Habersham.

CLARK'S FORCES TO BE RESTRAINED

Injunction Granted Counsel for Oregon Short Line.

PAPERS SERVED TOMORROW

Representatives of Senator Clark Will Be Enjoyed From Interfering With Railroad Construction of Oregon Short Line.

RENO, Nev., April 27.—C. S. Varian, a Salt Lake attorney, arrived here today and went to Carson, where he applied for an injunction restraining Clark et al. from interfering further with the Oregon Short Line in building a railroad through Lincoln county. Judge T. H. Hawley, of the United States court, before whom the proceedings were brought, granted the injunction.

PAPERS TO BE SERVED.

SALT LAKE, April 27.—P. L. Williams, general counsel for the Oregon Short Line, received a telegram from Special Counsel C. S. Varian at Carson City today stating that a United States marshal would leave Carson on Monday for Nevada, Utah, where the injunction papers issued by the United States circuit court today would be served on the representatives of Senator Clark in charge of the construction forces at that point.

OHIO RIVER FALLING.

Has Been Highest Flood Ever Known at This Season.

CINCINNATI, April 27.—After remaining stationary at 59.7 feet for 29 days, the Ohio river began falling here at 3 o'clock this afternoon and at 7 o'clock the stage was 59.5 feet. The weather bureau estimates that the water will fall to 59 feet by Sunday morning, and get below the danger line on Monday. While floods in seven different instances had higher water than was registered this year, yet the flood is the highest ever known so late in the season.

TRIAL IN JUNE.

Case of Mrs. Botkin Who Was Convicted of Sending Poisoned Candy Through Mail.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 27.—The case of Mrs. Cordelia Botkin, who was convicted of the murder of Mrs. J. P. Dunning and her sister, Ida H. Dean, of Delaware, by sending poisoned candy through the mails, and who was recently granted a new trial by the state supreme court, was called in the superior court today for the purpose of fixing the date for a new trial. June 15 was agreed upon as the date.

KRUGER REALLY COMING.

LONDON, April 27.—A dispatch from Amsterdam announces that Mr. Kruger will leave for the United States at the commencement of June.

CALLAHAN CASE.

OMAHA, April 27.—The case of Callahan, on trial for kidnapping young Cadahy, was given to the jury tonight.

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