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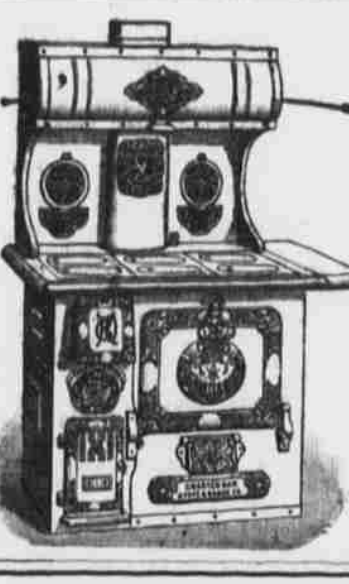
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BUSY DAY WITH THE PRESIDENT

Receives Federal Officials and Reviews Returned Soldiers.

GENERAL HOSPITAL VISITED

McKinley Goes Through the Wards of Sick Soldiers—Guest of Societies—Reception Tonight by the G. A. R. Posts.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 23.—President McKinley spent a fairly busy day. After breakfasting at the residence of Irving M. Scott, he returned to his temporary home and received a delegation of federal officials. President McKinley asked the federal officials to provide a position for an old man named Ritter who served in his regiment during the civil war. Ritter lost a leg in battle and is now a resident of San Leandro. The president remarked that this was the first appointment he had asked for, and hoped his old comrade would be provided for. The officials promised to do so.

The most important event of the day was the president's visit to the Presidio, where he reviewed the Forty-fifth and Forty-sixth volunteer infantry regiments just returned from the Philippines. The president next visited the general hospital, going through every ward, bowing and speaking words of cheer to every sick soldier.

In the afternoon the president was the guest of honor at receptions of the Union League club, the Ohio Society of California, Mexican war veterans, Pioneers and Native Sons.

The last three named presented him with a paper weight containing \$50 worth of gold. On his way to dinner he stopped at Union Square and turned over the first shovelful of sod where the monument to the American navy, in commemoration of Admiral Dewey's victory at Manila bay, is to be erected.

Tonight, President McKinley attended a reception given in his honor by the G. A. R. posts of the city.

ABLE TO BE UP.

Mrs. McKinley Waved Farewell to President as He Left for Presidio.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 23.—Mrs. McKinley was up early today and was well enough to appear at her window and wave farewell to the president as he departed for the military review at the Presidio. While the present intention of the presidential party is to start for the East at 10 o'clock Saturday morning, this will not be positively decided upon until after a consultation with physicians tomorrow.

BANKER BASKETT'S MILLIONS.

Supposed to Have Helms Living in Polk County.

LONDON, May 23.—H. H. Gilfrey, a legislative clerk of the United States, is now here endeavoring to trace the estate of W. Baskett, supposed to have been a London banker and said to have recently died leaving \$4,000,000, the principal heir being the Basketts of Polk county, Oregon.

The story, purporting to have originated in London and giving details of the death, was printed in a Salem, Oregon, paper. Gilfrey is unable to find the slightest trace of Banker Baskett and the death of any man answering the description has not been recorded at Somerset House, the office of registration of births, deaths and marriages.

INEQUALITIES OF TAXATION.

Interesting Address by Professor Seligman at Buffalo.

BUFFALO, N. Y., May 23.—A large number of prominent men from all parts of the United States, representing all the conflicting theories of what constitutes proper systems of taxation for the raising of revenue for federal, state and municipal government, met here today.

Prof. R. A. Seligman, instructor of economics of the University of Columbia, read a paper on "Inequalities of Taxation."

Prof. Seligman declared that while

economy in government is necessary, the taxation problem cannot be solved as the cutting down of expenditures. He then went on to show that public expenses have increased far more rapidly than has the population. Said he: "The population of New York City today is about the same as that of the entire country at the beginning of the present government. Yet whereas New York spends about \$100,000,000 a year, the expenditures of the United States began at 4,000,000 and even during the first decade of its existence under the present constitution averaged only about \$8,000,000 a year. In the federal government whereas since 1790 the population has increased twenty fold from 4,000,000 to 80,000,000 the expenditure has increased 150 fold from 4,000,000 dollars to 600,000,000 dollars. In state and local finances the figures are still more striking. New York state spent in 1795 less than \$150,000; it spent in 1900 \$25,000,000 or 166 times as much. New York City spent in 1800 with a population of 50,000, a little over \$100,000. By 1900 its population had increased sixty times, but its expenditures had increased 1000 times. The burdens are beginning to be felt."

Prof. Seligman said the economic transitions of the past few decades had made necessary a revision of tax systems. Said he:

"The changes are three in number—first, the transition from the agricultural to the industrial stage; second, the growth of corporate enterprise; third, the broadening of the market and the disappearance of the state lines in business activity."

He pointed out the difficulty of applying tax laws to personal property and suggested the inheritance tax as a partial solution of the question. The knottiest problem of all, however, he declared to be the taxation of corporations.

Enumerating some of the questions involved, he said:

"What is the franchise of a corporation and how shall it be estimated? Shall earnings capacity of other criteria form the test of taxable ability? Shall we seek a method of assessment which even though only roughly approximated, shall be certain, or a method which while not subtle and delicate involves arbitrariness. Shall all corporations be treated alike or shall different classes be taxed at different rates? Shall pure business corporations be assessed in the same way? Shall interstate corporations be treated according to a uniform law? These are only a few of the points upon which light must be thrown before we can even approach a satisfactory solution of the problem."

TO SUCCEED BRADY.

Early Appointment of a Governor for Alaska Is Probable.

SEATTLE, May 23.—It is quite probable that there will be a new governor for Alaska as soon as or shortly after President McKinley returns to the White House, the term of John G. Brady having expired with the present month. He has been and is now holding his office under the provision of the law that provides that until a new governor is appointed he has that right.

Governor Brady, as is known, is a prohibitionist, and for that reason, it is said, he has not been popular with the citizens of the northern territory. His influence has waned, it is said, at Washington, and it is not probable that he will be reappointed.

WILL NOT CONSENT.

LONDON, May 23.—A dispatch to the Reuter Telegram Company from Peking says the government of the United States will under no circumstances consent to any increase in the Chinese tariff unless commercial advantages are conceded in return.

SUCIDE OF BRESCI.

ROME, May 23.—At a cabinet council at the Quirinal today, the king was informed of the suicide of Bresci, King Humbert's assassin. His majesty said: "It is perhaps the best thing that could have happened to the unhappy man."

EX-GOVERNOR TANNER DEAD.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., May 23.—Former Governor John R. Tanner died here suddenly this afternoon from rheumatism of the heart.

LARGE YIELD PROMISED.

NEW YORK, May 23.—Dispatches from correspondents of R. G. Dun & Co. throughout the winter wheat belt, promise unusually satisfactory yield.

HAS FULL FAITH IN SHAMROCK II

Lipton Asks That Races Take Place First Week in October.

REPAIRS WILL BE RUSHED

No Time Will Be Lost While Waiting a Reply From the New York Yacht Club in Regard to Postponement.

SOUTHAMPTON, May 23.—At a conference of his constructors and advisers, held this afternoon, Sir Thomas Lipton told the gentlemen that he was determined to go ahead with Shamrock II, and left it to them to decide how this best could be done.

He had a long discussion with Mr. Watson, the designer of Shamrock II, Ratsay, sailmaker; Wand, manager for the Denny's, the builders of the yacht; Captain Sycamore, her skipper, and it was agreed to cable the New York Yacht Club asking that the date of the contest be postponed until the first week in October in order to allow for necessary repairs.

This extension will give the Denny's and Ratsay time to do their part of the work. It was decided to lose no time, but to go ahead under full pressure while awaiting a reply from the New York Yacht Club as to whether the postponement would be granted.

STEAMER IS SECURED.

Vanguard to Go on Cathlamet-Astoria Run.

The steamer Vanguard has been secured to go on the Cathlamet-Astoria run, by the committee appointed recently by President Kendall of the Push Club. At a conference held yesterday afternoon between the members of the committee and Captain Haslem arrangements were made whereby, commencing June 1st, the Vanguard will make daily trips, except Sundays.

The steamer will leave Cathlamet at 7 a. m., touching at way points and returning will leave Astoria at 3 p. m. A "Business Men's Excursion" will be given next Wednesday when local merchants will take a pleasure trip over the route.

NOTED MARE SOLD.

CHICAGO, May 23.—A special to the Tribune from Lexington, Kentucky, says:

Richard Croker has bought of Colonel W. S. Barnes Melbourne stud here the noted thoroughbred brood mare Bonita Belle, 18 years old by Falsetto dam, Bonita, by Lexington, and her yearling colt Beau Imperial, by Jim Gore, which has been largely entered in the English stakes. The price it is said was \$18,000 for the two, \$6100 being for the colt. The colt will be shipped direct to England, while the mare will be kept at Melbourne stud.

VOLCANO IN ERUPTION.

Great Loss of Life Reported From Batavia, Java.

BATAVIA, Java, May 23.—The volcano of Kelotis is in eruption. It was reported that there has been great loss of life, many natives having been overwhelmed with lava. The population of Bilitar is fleeing. A heavy rain of cinders continued falling today, covering six districts, aggregating one-third of the island.

BELMONT STAKE RACES.

NEW YORK, May 23.—Commando, son of Domino, won the classic Belmont stake at Morris park today and stamped himself the best 3-year-old of recent years. He was a strong favorite in the betting, and made all the running and won the galloping by two lengths in 2:21, the track record for the distance.

MAY CONSOLIDATE.

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., May 23.—By a vote of 109 to 60, the Southern Presbyterian general assembly today adopted a resolution reciting that, while the general assembly may not approve the wisdom of the step, it interposes no bar to the consolidation of the Northern and Southern Presbyterian theological seminaries in Kentucky.

TO STOP BICYCLE RACES.

Vailsburg Bicycle Track Will Probably Be Closed.

NEW YORK, May 23.—Chief Justice Deane, of Newark, N. J., has taken action which will probably result in the closing of the Vailsburg bicycle track on Sunday. He called the attention of the grand jury to the fact that races where prizes are given are a violation of a statute, and places where such

practices are habitually permitted are indictable as being disorderly.

Some weeks ago the social club of Vailsburg complained to the chief of police of Sunday racing at the track. He refused to interfere and the matter was taken to Chief Justice Deane, who ordered Sheriff Virtue to visit the track and make a report. The report of the sheriff was to the effect that there was no disorder but the chief justice said to the grand jury on this point that the families living in the neighborhood of the track were entitled to protection if they asked it.

REVISION OF CREED.

Important Conference of Presbyterian Assembly at Philadelphia.

PHILADELPHIA, May 23.—With eloquence born of the solemn importance of the question, the commissioners to the Presbyterian general assembly today began the debate on the revision of the confession of faith. The brilliant leaders of the church advanced their views in a calm, dispassionate manner and the entire discussion was devoid of acrimony. With a full realization of the great importance of the subject, the assembly proceeded to consider and investigate thoroughly every detail of the proposed changes in the creed.

Calvary church was not large enough to accommodate the throngs who clamored for admittance.

Although frequently requested to avoid demonstrations, the audience repeatedly applauded the speakers.

There are 250 commissioners committed to dismissal but they have expressed themselves as open to conviction.

HELD TO GRAND JURY.

Three Persons Held in Chicago for Criminal Responsibility.

CHICAGO, May 23.—The coroners jury which has for two days listened to the evidence in the case of Mrs. Edna Lucy Judd, wife of one of the officials of John Alexander Dowie's Z'oo, tonight returned a verdict holding Dowie, H. W. Judd, the husband of the woman, and Mrs. Spencer and Mrs. Bratsch to await the action of the grand jury. The charge against them is "criminal responsibility" for the death of Mrs. Judd.

The physicians testified that she was allowed to die when the slightest attempt to save her life would have been successful.

BEGAN THEIR SENTENCES.

Three Ex-Government Officials Taken to Bilbld Prison.

MANILA, May 23.—The gates of Bilbld prison, Manila, swung open tonight and admitted a mule wagon bearing three ex-United States officers who reluctantly alighted and began to serve sentences in expiation of crimes in connection with the commissary scandals. Captain Frederick J. Barrows, late depot quartermaster, department of Southern Luzon, is sentenced to five years' imprisonment; Captain James C. Reed, late depot commissary at Manila, to three years' imprisonment and Lieutenant Frederick Boyer, late depot commissary at Calamba, to one year imprisonment.

FOURTEEN LIVES LOST.

Great Destruction Wrought by the Tennessee Flood.

KNOXVILLE, Tenn., May 23.—The Tennessee river reached 35.3 feet at this place this afternoon and is slowly falling. The loss of life thus far reported is fourteen.

At Knoxville the steamer Onaga, the largest vessel plying the Tennessee above Chattanooga, was wrecked today and is a total loss. A special to the Journal and Tribune from Elizabethton, where the flood was felt with terrible force, says:

"The relief committee tonight report about 250 persons in the town and 1000 in the country homeless because of yesterday's flood."

THE CHINESE INDEMNITY.

Probable That Compromise Will Be Reached as to the Amount.

WASHINGTON, May 23.—Mr. Rockhill has confirmed the news from Peking to the effect that the foreign ministers have declined to accede to the suggestion of the United States that the total indemnity to be collected from China shall be limited to \$200,000,000. It is believed the outcome will be a compromise on the figure between \$200,000,000 and the maximum of \$337,000,000 claimed by the powers.

OFFICERS ELECTED.

BAKER CITY, May 23.—The following officers were elected by the grand lodge of Odd Fellows of Oregon, today: Grand master, J. N. Nelson, McMinnville; deputy grand master, Robt. Andrews; Portland; grand warden, Jos. Miley, Roseburg; grand secretary, E. E. Sharon, Portland; grand treasurer, Byron E. Miller, Portland; grand representative, Chas. L. Palmer, Baker City. The next session of the grand lodge will be at Newport.

STRIKERS ARE LARGELY GAINERS

Summary of the Situation by President O'Connell.

SEVERAL DEMANDS GRANTED

Large Number of Men Return to Work—Machinists Along the Seaboard Air Line Will Strike This Morning.

WASHINGTON, May 23.—President O'Connell, of the Machinists' Association, in summarizing the situation tonight, said:

"The situation now shows that we are largely a gainer in the number of settlements made. The adjustments reported during the day show a gain in New England of 1500 in the number of men returned to work with their demands granted; of 500 or 600 in Ohio and probably 1000 in Pennsylvania. About 1000 men struck today."

O'Connell said a strike of the machinists on the seaboard air line would occur tomorrow morning. He said the strikers would number between 500 and 600.

DELEGATES IN TACOMA.

TACOMA, May 23.—The members of the Ohio delegation in congress were the guests of Tacoma this forenoon. They were greeted by members of the Ohio Society including Congressman Chapman and other prominent citizens and given an excursion about the harbor, landing at Point Defiance Park. Luncheon followed at Whitworth College. President F. B. Gault being the head of the Ohio Society. Then a ride through other parks and the residence portion of the city concluded the morning diversion, the guests leaving at 1 o'clock for Seattle by steamer.

AFTER THE BOXERS.

BERLIN, May 23.—Count Von Walderssee, in a dispatch from Peking, says that Li Hung Chang, having decided to take energetic action against the Boxers along the southern line of demarcation, his generals are now operating in conjunction with General Bullard and Captain Knoerzer.

The companies of the Third German regiment surprised and dispersed four hundred escaped Boxers, fourteen miles northwest of Pao Ting Fu. Five Germans were wounded.

THE UNIFORM RULES.

PARIS, May 23.—The Olympian games committee met at the Automobile Club this morning to discuss a proposal submitted by L. P. Sheldon, of Yale, in behalf of the Athletic Union, of America, that the committee draw up international rules for athletic contests, to do away with the existing diversity in various countries and associations. The committee decided to take the matter under consideration.

ICEBERG OFF NEWFOUNDLAND.

ST. JOHN'S, N. F., May 23.—Reports from the Strait of Belle Isle, show that a vast body of ice is packed against the Labrador coast, preventing all prospect of traversing that region. It is also reported that icebergs are sweeping south along the eastern seaboard of Newfoundland, Belle Isle waters are not likely to be navigable by ocean steamers for some weeks to come.

PILOT SUSPENDED.

KINGSTON, Jamaica, May 23.—The marine board has suspended for six months the pilot who was in charge of the German troop steamer Schleswig, Captain Schluter, from Mobile, April 17, for Cuba, which went ashore recently near Port Maria, on the northern coast of Jamaica.

The pilot was found guilty of "recklessness and negligent navigation."

POPULATION OF SCOTLAND.

EDINBURGH, May 23.—The census of Scotland, just completed, shows a total population of 4,471,977, an increase of 446,310 since the last census, taken ten years ago. For the first time Scotland's population exceeds Ireland's. The population of Glasgow is 760,423 or an increase of 142,371, and that of Edinburgh 315,478, or an increase of 51,685.

GERMANY'S CHINA FORCE.

BERLIN, May 23.—The German force in China after the withdrawal of the troops will amount to three or four thousand men, exclusive of the guards for the American legation and the detachment between Peking and the sea. The purpose of this small corps is to watch the enforcement of the stipulations between China and the powers.

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