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STARTLING REPORT OF CROWNINSHIELD

Imperative Need of More Naval Officers and Men.

CONGRESS HAS BEEN WARNED

Not Enough Line Officers to Man the Ships Already Constructed—Other Vital Important Recommendations in the Report.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 12.—In his annual report to the secretary of the navy, Rear-Admiral Crowninshield, chief of the navigation bureau, speaks of the reduction made during the past year in the strength of the Asiatic fleet, which was deemed upon to furnish two vessels to re-establish the European station, and will be further diminished in order to permit of the commissioning of at least two training ships, and an increase of the North Atlantic squadron by two gunboats, and of the Pacific squadron by possibly one. It is particularly desirable to have some small ships for gulf service on the Atlantic side. It is said that the operations on the Asiatic station were marked by uniform success, and that the conduct of our soldiers and marines in China in the main was all that could be asked for. The American fleet, in conjunction with the army in the Philippines, it is stated, has compelled materially the influx of arms and munitions to the islands.

More attention has been devoted to gunnery training, and the report says that the department is about to undertake a long-cherished project and establish two gunnery training ships on the Atlantic station.

A former Crowninshield declares that the time has come when, in the interest of the health of the nation, of their comfort and of economy, the United States navy should follow the example of every first-class navy and provide barracks in place of receiving ships. It is feared that the government would have annually by this course nearly \$1,000,000 in the interest; on twice the sum required to provide barracks for 600 men. It is recommended that Congress appropriate for such barracks at New York \$100,000, and for League Island and Mare Island \$400,000 each.

Salaries were estimated during the year to the number of 2880, making the total item in service \$3,825. From this number there were 3155 assertions. The beginning of a general staff of the navy is forehadowed in a transmitted recommendation of Captain Sigbee, the chief intelligence officer, looking to a combination in the department of the work of the general board, the war college and the office of naval intelligence, to begin systematically general staff work. Touching the naval academy the report informs the superintendent's recommendation that no cadet be under 15 or over 18 years of age, that the course shall be four years, and that a 3000-ton practice ship be provided. Six civilian instructors to take the place of line officers are recommended. In connection with the naval training stations it is recommended that a small brig of 150 to 200 tons be built for the San Francisco station.

The most important feature of the report, that of personnel, is reserved for the last. Admiral Crowninshield already has given warning to congress of the absolute imperative need of the navy for more officers and men. Now he adds some startling figures to support his renewed recommendations. He says if the department were called upon to man the ships for service it could not meet the demand. There are not enough line officers to man the ships already constructed. When in three years the vessels now under construction shall have been completed, the number of officers necessary to man them and auxiliary vessels will be less than a thousand and the problem presented is how these officers can be secured in the short time remaining. At present the lines of the navy under the personnel act and as fed from Annapolis is increasing only at the rate of 10 per year in number (40 officers being retired annually each year) which would make thirty for the three years.

According to Admiral Crowninshield, the only remedy is to increase the number of cadets at the Naval academy to not less than 300. It is recommended that beginning with the next congress there shall be allowed at the academy two naval cadets for every representative or delegate, two for each senator, one for the district of Columbia and ten at large annually and that the course be limited to four years. Another striking recommendation of Admiral Crowninshield under the head of personnel is that four vice-admirals be created, reducing the number of rear-admirals to 14 if necessary. It is said that the United States often has been in a humiliating position on important occasions abroad by reason of the low rank of its naval representatives. The report closes with an earnest recommendation for the creation of a national naval reserve.

COMMITTEES APPOINTED BY HOUSE OF BISHOPS

Will Consider Prohibited Degrees in Marriage—Little Accomplished by House of Deputies.

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 12.—Only morning sessions were held today by both houses of the triennial convention of the Episcopal church. The house of bishops appointed their portion of the proposed joint committee to consider prohibited degrees in marriage and also three bishops to act on a committee which will nominate a board of managers for the missionary board. The house of bishops will probably next consider a side of canon, choosing for the discussion at this convention those which are deemed of most importance. Little was accomplished by the house of deputies beyond a few changes in the rules of procedure and the adoption of the report of the joint commission on marginal readings.

FATHER OF DEMOCRACY

Memorial Shaft Dedicated to Thomas Jefferson at Monticello.

RICHMOND, Va., Oct. 12.—One hundred and fifty members of the Jefferson Club, of St. Louis, together with a great throng of citizens assembled today at Monticello, the historic home of Thomas Jefferson, to dedicate a memorial shaft of red Missouri granite. The presentation of the monument was made by Congressman Benton, of Missouri, and was accepted by General Fitzhugh Lee, representing the Democracy of Virginia.

SHOT THE RAPIDS

Peter Nissen's Trip in the "Foot Killer."

NIAGARA FALLS, N. Y., Oct. 12.—Peter Nissen, of Chicago, successfully negotiated whitewater rapids this afternoon in a 21-foot cigar shaped boat called the "Foot Killer."

The trip was witnessed by 15,000 people. The "Foot Killer" passed through the rapids in four minutes.

CHANGE FOR THE BETTER

Mrs. McKinley's Condition Is Greatly Improved.

CANTON, O., Oct. 12.—Mrs. McKinley's condition has not greatly changed but such change as has occurred is for the better. This is most noticeable in the active part; she has been able to take in matters of business presented to her.

MAN AND WIFE KILLED

Fatal Quarrel Between Two Families Near New Whatcom.

NEW WHATCOM, Wash., Oct. 12.—Just across the international boundary line from Delta, this county, two families engaged in a quarrel over a road which passed through a field belonging to one of them. On one side was a man and his wife and on the other a man and his son. The man and wife were killed in the melee. The names have not been learned.

ARRIVES FROM MANILA

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 12.—The transport Kilpatrick arrived from Manila today. She brought 908 enlisted men, 6151-five cabin passengers, twenty-two discharged soldiers and six prisoners.

ANOTHER SEVERE STORM AT NOME

Steamer Kimball Reports Two Seattle Men Drowned.

REIGN OF TERROR PREVAILS

Robberies in Some of Nightly Occurrence—Rich Nuggets From Discovery Claim—Third of Ton of Gold Dust Brought Down.

PORT TOWNSEND, Wash., Oct. 12.—Nome has again been visited by a storm, according to advices received here today by the steamer John S. Kimball, Captain George Stevens and Tracy Robertson, of Seattle, were drowned. A reign of terror prevails at Nome and robberies are of nightly occurrence. Discovery claim on Anvil creek has again distinguished itself on September 14, 1901 in nuggets being picked up and on the 21st it yielded others weighing 4720.

LUCKY NOME MINERS

Third of a Ton of Gold Dust; Arrives at Victoria.

VICTORIA, B. C., Oct. 12.—A third of a ton of gold dust was brought down from the North today, 125 pounds being brought by Tagish Jim, an Indian who owns some of the richest claims in the district. To the North American Transportation and Trading Company came 400 pounds, and the balance was held by individual miners from the Klondike and Atlin.

The miners were allowed a rebate of one per cent of the amount of royalty they paid the government in the Yukon. The question as to whether the big company is to be allowed a rebate is the subject of correspondence between the principals and the Dominion government.

ROBERTSON WELL KNOWN

The Drowned Seattleite, Prominent in Affairs of the City.

SEATTLE, Oct. 12.—Tracy Robertson, who was drowned in the storm at Nome, was well known in Seattle as secretary of the chamber of commerce. He was long prominent in the affairs of this city. He was a brother in law of Linn Relf, who was murdered on the Yukon by George O'Brien on Christmas day, 1899.

NOURISHING THEIR VENGEANCE

The Dowager Empress of China Issues Two Edicts.

PEKIN, Oct. 12.—The dowager empress has issued two edicts, one of which establishes three new boards and abolishes many minor offices and the other admonishes officials to enforce the reforms decreed in the recent edicts and says:

"Myself and the emperor for the past year have slept on wormwood and eaten gall—A Chinese metaphor for nourishing vengeance. No trifling measures," says the edict, "will restore prosperity. The destiny of the government, whether for happiness or destruction is involved in these reforms, which will make China independent."

The foreign ministers tonight determine to offer the foreign merchants occupying houses without the consent of the owners. The Chinese do not desire to disturb those who were established before the siege.

RAVE ACROSS ATLANTIC

Owner of Yacht Endymon Issues Challenge for \$50,000.

NEW YORK, Oct. 12.—The schooner yacht Endymon, whose owner, George Lauder, Jr., of Pittsburgh, is said to have just issued a challenge for a race across the Atlantic for \$50,000 a side, was detained entirely for deep sea cruising, says the World.

In this country the only boats in the Endymon's class that could compete with her in an ocean race are the Hildegarde, owned by Edward R. Coleman, of Buffalo, and the Constellation, owned by Francis Skinner, of Boston, while in England there is C. Lorr Ewing's schooner, the Rainbow, which might race Mr. Lauder's boat from the English coast to this country.

ELEVATION OF IRELAND

Improbable That Prelate Will Be Made Cardinal at Next Consistory.

NEW YORK, Oct. 12.—Concerning the much discussed question as to whether Archbishop Ireland is to be made a cardinal, the Rome correspondent of the Tribune cables: Recently efforts were made to have

Archbishop Ireland of St. Paul, created a cardinal. Other influences started a movement in favor of Archbishop Elder of Cincinnati. Reports from the United States indicate that decisive action by Pope Leo is expected "at the consistory, to be held in Rome, October 15."

At the Vatican, the Tribune correspondent has just been informed that the next consistory will be held about Christmas and that it is not probable any new cardinal will be appointed then.

BELIEVED TO BE STOLEN

Ten-Dollar Note Presented at National Bank of Helena.

ST. LOUIS, Oct. 12.—A ten-dollar treasury bank note was received at the postoffice today in payment for stamps purporting to be issued by the National Bank of Helena, Montana, but containing signatures which are not those of the president and cashier of the bank.

The note is thought to be one from a package containing \$50,000 which disappeared from the United States express company's car between Indianapolis and St. Louis, within the last two weeks.

DEEMED AGAINST CITY

Law Relating to Opening of Saloons on Election Days.

DES MOINES, Ia., Oct. 12.—The supreme court decided that a city has no statutory authority to prescribe a fine for the violation of that section of the Iowa mule law prohibiting open saloons on election days, holidays or Sundays. The mule law provides that in case of such violation the saloon keeper loses his rights under the mule law and becomes subject to the prohibitory law and may be indicted and his saloon closed. Cities may not reduce the penalty to a nominal fine, as in the case decided.

INSTANTLY KILLED

James Bourke Fatally Shot by John Herman.

MATTOON, Ill., Oct. 12.—An unknown man, supposed to be James Bourke, after escaping from the detention hospital where he had been sent several days ago in a frenzy of delirium tremens, entered the home of John Herman as the family were seated at the table. Flourishing a butcher knife, he drove away all the family but Mr. Herman, who stepped into an adjoining room for a revolver and shot Bourke in the breast, killing him instantly.

OBSERVANCE OF THE SABBATH

Lively Discussion by Presbyterian Synod at Baker City.

BAKER CITY, Ore., Oct. 12.—The Presbyterian synod devoted the day to the consideration of reports of committees and other routine business. The report of the committee on special observances of the Sabbath provoked the liveliest discussion. Some of the ministers were bitterly opposed to Christian people riding on street cars or railroads on Sunday and several entered a vigorous protest against Sunday newspapers.

FIGHT AT A DANCE

One Man Killed and Two Burned to Death While Asleep.

TOPEKA, Kas., Oct. 12.—At a dance held in Lane last night a general fight started. John Teehan was struck in the head and fatally injured. One of the dancers, Eugene Cronan, went to his office to sleep, accompanied by J. McDonald. The office was set on fire by some of the other dancers and the two men burned to death. The father of Cronan has gone hopelessly insane.

CONGREGATIONALISTS MEET

PORTLAND, Me., Oct. 12.—Nearly 400 delegates from all parts of the country and representatives from Canada and England met today to take part in the eleventh triennial session of the national council of Congregational churches. Before any important business was entered upon McKinley memorials service were held.

PRESIDENT HOLD CONFERENCE

WASHINGTON, Oct. 12.—The reciprocity treaties now pending before the senate committee on foreign relations were the subject of a conference today between the president and Senator Cullum of Illinois. Senator Frye, of Maine, was a caller on the president but participated only incidentally in the conference.

PERIOD OF MOURNING OVER

WASHINGTON, Oct. 12.—The thirty-days period of mourning prescribed by President Roosevelt in respect to the memory of the late President McKinley will expire tomorrow and the flags of all government buildings will be displayed again at full mast, beginning Monday morning.

RANSOM MONEY IS NOW READY

Missionaries Trying to Get in Touch With Brigands.

WANTS TO KNOW AMOUNT

United States Legation Prepared to Turn Over the Money—New Demands Shortly Expected From Brigands.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Oct. 12.—The situation in the case of Miss Stone tonight is that Missionaries Baird and Haskell are still trying to get in touch with the brigands in order to agree on the amount of ransom. It is scarcely likely this agreement will be reached for some days.

As soon as word comes from the missionaries that the amount of ransom has been determined upon, a member of the United States legation will start for the place named with the money.

NEW DEMAND EXPECTED

Brigands May Soon Be Heard From—Intense Interest Felt.

NEW YORK, Oct. 12.—Concerning the case of Miss Stone, the kidnapped missionary, the Constantinople correspondent of the Journal and Advertiser cables:

People versed in bandit tactics presume the band, being well informed, have fled owing to the publicity given to the conditions of ransom and expect the brigands will shortly send a new demand from some unexpected quarter. Nobody fears that Miss Stone's life is at present endangered, as the brigands desire ransom and will not resort to extreme measures unless compelled by pursuit. The American officials will not divulge the plan of action they have arranged, but admit their intense anxiety.

MISS STONE LOCATED

NEW YORK, Oct. 12.—According to the Sofia correspondent of the World, the Bulgarian police are assured that Miss M. Ellen Stone, the kidnapped American missionary, has been conducted by twenty brigands close to the village of Iskara in Turkish territory.

LUMBERMEN TO ACT

Meeting Called to Protest Against Recent Raise in Rates.

SEATTLE, Oct. 12.—Single manufacturers and lumber men of the state will meet October 24 to protest against the recent action of the railways in raising the rates east of Missoua river points. The recent raise in rates as applying to shingles has made lumbermen fearful of a similar action regarding their product.

WERE ROYALLY ENTERTAINED

NIAGARA ON THE LAKE, Ont., Oct. 12.—The progress of the royal party today was characterized by a series of receptions to the Duke and Duchess of Cornwall and York. After leaving Toronto until their arrival here was hardly half an hour of the day in which demonstrations of some character did not occur.

ANARCHIST MAGGIO INDICTED

DENVER, Oct. 12.—A special to the Republican from Albuquerque, Mexico, says Antonio Maggio, the anarchist, arrested at Silver City because of his alleged predictions of the assassination of President McKinley, was indicted by the federal grand jury for conspiracy to kill the president.

SULTAN IN MORE DIFFICULTIES

CONSTANTINOPLE, Oct. 12.—The Ottoman students in Paris, who are generally secret agents of the Turkish government, have telegraphed to the sultan demanding the immediate payment of their allowances. Otherwise they threaten to launch an agitation which will endanger the throne.

SUPREME COURT TERM

WASHINGTON, Oct. 12.—The United States supreme court will assemble October 14 for the fall term.

TRAGEDY AT BUTTE

BUTTE, Oct. 12.—William J. McCain, a miner, this evening was shot and instantly killed by Patrick Hayes, also a miner. Hayes fled.

BASBALL SCORES

PORTLAND, Oct. 12.—Tacoma, 8; Portland, 5.
SEATTLE, Oct. 12.—Spokane, 13; Seattle, 2.