

## RUMORS OF MEDIATION

Ore Historical Society

**Visit of Italian Premier Gioiotti to Count Von Bulow Had Nothing to Do With Far Eastern War.**

**Stories Recently Appearing Pronounced Untrue by Semi-Official Papers.**

## PEACE HIGHLY IMPROBABLE

**Russia Believes She Can Win and Japan Does Not Want to Be Deprived of Fruits of Victories.**

Berlin, Sept. 28.—Senor Gioiotti, the Italian premier, left Hamburg today for Raccenigh, after a two days' visit to Chancellor von Bulow, which, at this juncture of international affairs, naturally has given rise to conjectures that the conference concerned the question of mediatory offers in the far eastern war. These conjectures, however, brought out positive denials from the government organs, the National Zeitung, in an evidently inspired paragraph, styling the reports that the conference dealt with the question of mediation as "absurd fabrications." No trustworthy statement regarding the purport of the conference has been given out.

## MEDIATION IS IMPOSSIBLE.

**Neither Russia Nor Japan Could Be Induced to Accept It.**

Rome, Sept. 28.—Although a portion of the Italian press insists that the meeting of Premier Gioiotti and Count von Bulow, the German chancellor, at Hamburg is connected with the subject of mediation between Russia and Japan, the Capitale, the semi-official organ, gives voice to this contrary view:

"Not only the Italian but all other European governments consider mediation impossible when Russia fully trusts in her ability to turn the tide of battle in her favor, and while Japan does not wish to lose the fruits of her victories."

The Avanti asserts that the presence of Prince Charles of Hohenzollern at Tokio has connection with the alleged plans for mediation.

The foreign office emphatically denies that Italy is concerned in any such movement. According to semi-official statements, the only reason of the visit of Gioiotti to Hamburg was that he and von Bulow desired personally to discuss different international questions affecting the two countries.

## EXTREMELY FUNNY JOKE.

**Men Give Powder to Boy, Who Nearly Dies as Result.**

Grants Pass, Ore., Sept. 28.—Hatless, coatless and shoeless, and with the remainder of his clothing badly torn, shivering in the chill morning air, a boy of 18 years knocked at the door of William Letticut in Grants Pass and asked if he might come in and get warm. The boy was ravenously munching a raw ear of corn and seemed to be in a famished condition.

Taking compassion on his forlorn condition, Mrs. Letticut admitted him into the house, but when he had been there but a few minutes he was seized with such a fit of nervous tremor that the lady hastened to call in her neighbor,

born, fearing the boy might die in the house.

It was evident that he was in a state of mental bewilderment, but in answer to persistent questioning he said that while in Grants Pass the day previous he had been persuaded by four men to accompany them to the Taklima smelter in order to get work. The party went out of town about two miles and camped at a deserted building near a farm house.

His companions sent him to the house to buy some provisions, but first, on the plea that he was sick, they gave him a dose of "medicine," a white powder, the boy avers.

As he turned to go, he heard one of them laughingly say: "Now you'll see him go right up in the air in a minute."

Before he reached the house he became crazed, threw off his coat and hat and ran into the woods, where he wandered about all night.

The case was put into the hands of the Josephine county sheriff, who made a diligent effort to locate the perpetrators of the outrage, but without success. The boy knew his companions only by sight and was unable to give a description by which they might be apprehended. He gave his name as J. Walling and said his home was in Albany, to which place he returned yesterday.

## LONG TERM FOR ROBBER.

**Asa Newell Given Twenty Years by an Idaho Judge.**

Lewiston, Sept. 28.—Judge Steele of Grangeville, Idaho, today sentenced Asa Newell to serve 30 years in the penitentiary. Newell is 26 years old, and confessed to being one of the two men who held up Merchant Keuter at Denver, Idaho, several months ago. Newell, in his confession, stated that he was one of Rhoades' accomplices. At the trial of Rhoades, Newell said the confession was not true as to Rhoades, but that he gave Rhoades' name to enable his real partner to leave the country.

When the judge demanded to know the name of his partner, Newell refused to give it. The sentence today was the heaviest ever imposed in the state for the offense of highway robbery. The judge stated that were Newell not a young man he would give him a life sentence. Newell is a well known Idaho county cowboy.

## WILL CONTEST HER WILL.

**Lawyers to Set Up That Miss Dolbeer Was Unsound of Mind.**

New York, Sept. 28.—Lawyers from San Francisco are reported to be now in this city preparing for a fight in the courts against the will of the late Miss Bertha M. Dolbeer of California, who leaped from a window on the ninth floor of the Waldorf-Astoria hotel. She left most of her estate, valued at \$2,000,000, to her traveling companion, Miss Etta M. Warren.

A special commission will come here from San Francisco within the next few days, it is stated, to take testimony, with a view to proving that Miss Dolbeer was of unsound mind when she made her will. The captain, purser, steward and deckhands of the Deutschland, on which Miss Dolbeer traveled here from Europe, already have been interviewed by a man claiming to represent the heirs.

## FIRST SESSION OF LAWYERS.

**Chief Justice Brewer and Ex-Secretary Foster the Speakers.**

St. Louis, Sept. 28.—The first universal congress of lawyers and jurists held under the auspices of the American Bar Association was convened today in Festival hall at the conclusion of the American Bar Association convention. The president of the congress, David J. Brewer, associate justice of the supreme court of the United States, and ex-Secretary of State John W. Foster were the speakers. The convention adjourned until tomorrow.

## YALE GETS MONEY PAID FOR MURDER OF MISSIONARIES

New Haven, Conn., Sept. 28.—Yale university has received \$17,000 from the British government to be placed to the credit of the Yale foreign mission located at Chang Chai, China. The money represents the amount paid by the Chinese government for the murder of two English missionaries at Hunan two years ago. The missionary society to which the missionaries belonged refused, as a matter of principle, to accept a cash gift in payment for the murder.

## BEVERIDGE SPEAKS ON THE ISSUES

**Briefly Summarizes Attitude of Republican Party Upon Questions of Foremost Importance This Year.**

**Says Tariff Revision Can Not Be Successfully Accomplished by Democrats.**

## THE TRUSTS AND THEIR CAUSE

**Tariff Not to Blame, for Record Shows It—To Maintain Gold Standard, Elect Roosevelt, He Says.**

Indianapolis, Ind., Sept. 28.—The first republican meeting of the campaign in Indianapolis was held tonight in Tomlinson hall. An illuminated procession escorted Senator Albert J. Beveridge and Congressman Overstreet to the hall, which was well filled. Overstreet presided and in a brief address introduced the senator, who spoke in part as follows:

"What is the campaign about? What business man but wishes that no election were necessary this year? The administration's policies are successful at home and abroad. The best that the opposition's ablest man, Grover Cleveland, can say for it is that it 'shows signs of returning sanity.' Yet this political convalescent demands control of the government, declaring that it could not now undo much that the republican party has done if it could."

## The Tariff Proposition.

"The first result of Parker's election would be a tariff agitation without result, since Mr. Parker himself tells us that a republican senate would prevent legislation. Such agitation spells business uncertainty, and uncertainty spells business disaster."

"Even if the opposition controlled house, senate and president they themselves could not tell what kind of tariff laws they would pass. For some of them, like Mr. Bryan, are free traders; some, like Mr. Gorman, are protectionists. Think of an engineer trying to run his engine backward and forward at the same time! What would happen to that engine is what would happen to the country with the opposition in power."

"Men talk of tariff revision as though it were a simple thing—an easy task. No problem is more intricate. What is the tariff? It is not an artificial structure to be taken apart and put together like the trick box of a juggler. It is the development of a theory of statesmanship. It is a growth and not a creation. Those who prepared the soil of this nation planted in that soil the seed of the American industrial independence which men call protection. If here and there a branch now needs pruning, those who planted the tree and have guarded its growth should do it, not those who resisted its planting in the first place and who for 100 years have sought to lay the axe to its roots. Even the changing of a single schedule is no work for the prejudiced or ignorant. For other schedules are related to it; and to all these is adjusted the vast business of the greatest of business nations. Republican revision of any schedule means the thoughtful consideration of every other schedule."

## The Trust Question.

As to the trust question Senator Beveridge said:

"The organizations of industry should neither be persecuted nor favored. They should have simple justice like everybody else. All men, all interests protected or punished by law according as they do right or wrong—this is republicanism in a sentence, Americanism in a phrase."

"How would the opposition's remedy of free trade in trust-made articles hurt the Standard Oil Company? There is no tariff on oil. Or the anthracite

## OYAMA IS ADVANCING LEISURELY

**Impending Clash of Russian and Japanese Armies Has Not Yet Occurred in Vicinity of Mukden.**

**Kouropatkin Is Keeping in Close Touch With Entire Front of Invaders' Army.**

## PORT ARTHUR STILL IS SAFE

**Chinese Report That Attacks Upon It Resulted in Great Loss to Japanese, Slavs' Loss Being Small.**

Outpost skirmishes constitute the sum total of the disclosed activities on the Liao and Taitze rivers in Manchuria. Kouropatkin is reported to be keeping in contact with the entire Japanese front. Russian scouts report that the main Japanese force is centered in the vicinity of the Yental mines. Fresh troops and convalescents are arriving at Mukden in large numbers. The railway north from Mukden is proving of much value to Kouropatkin, bringing supplies for his army, as well as reinforcements.

Chinese arriving from Chefoo report that the Japanese attacks upon Port Arthur resulted in heavy losses to the assaulting forces, while the Russians suffered comparatively little.

## NO IMPORTANT CLASHES.

**Outpost Skirmishes Constitute Extent of Activities at Mukden.**

St. Petersburg, Sept. 28.—The movements at the front, so far as disclosed in the meager dispatches received are confined almost to continuous outpost skirmishes, by means of which Kouropatkin is keeping in close touch with the Japanese along the whole front. Oyama's advance appears to be extremely deliberate. There are no indications as yet that he has begun to overlap the Russian positions.

Reinforcements are arriving at Mukden and many convalescents are returning to duty.

It is reported Kouropatkin has made requisition upon the authorities for additional officers to make up for the heavy losses in killed and wounded at the battle of Liao Yang.

## CZAR'S PICTURES MUTILATED.

**Vandals Tampered With Russian Exhibit at World's Fair.**

St. Louis, Sept. 28.—When the Russian exhibit at the world's fair was opened today it was discovered that several valuable oil paintings of Emperor Nicholas had been torn from the wall and mutilated.

Another portrait of the emperor, a handsome and valuable panel, done in colored silk, had been torn from its support and subjected to the greatest indignity. The oil paintings were torn and marked, and the pictures had been stamped upon.

The vandalism was reported to the exposition authorities and an investigation was ordered. Every effort will be made to discover the guilty persons.

## Senator Hoar Still Alive.

Worcester, Sept. 28.—Senator Hoar's condition continues to be most critical. He has not rallied from the sleep and stupor into which he fell Tuesday afternoon and it is feared he is now in his last sleep. He takes no nourishment, being too weak to swallow. Attending physicians said late tonight that there was absolutely no hope, but they were unwilling to venture an opinion as to whether he would die during the night or live possibly for two or three days.

## Favors Another Peace Conference.

Edinburg, Scotland, Sept. 28.—The conference of the institute of international law was concluded today. President Roosevelt's announcement that he will call a second peace conference at The Hague was discussed. While the conference did not pass a further definitive resolution on the subject, it gave

evidence of its undoubted sympathy with the effort to further the cause of arbitration.

## RATS SPREAD THE PLAGUE.

**Vessel Arriving at River Tyne Has Number of Cases Aboard.**

London, Sept. 28.—Bubonic plague is officially announced to have broken out on board the steamship Bishop's Gate, which arrived in the River Tyne today from Hamburg. When the Bishop's Gate was discharging cargo from Rosario, Argentina, at Hamburg recently, a number of rats that died of the plague were found on board. On the arrival of the steamer at Jarrow the boatswain was taken ill. The case proved to be undoubtedly one of bubonic plague.

## OBJECT TO FUEL OIL.

**Passengers Successfully Protest to Coast Steamship Company.**

San Francisco, Sept. 28.—Some time ago the officials of the Pacific Coast Steamship Company announced their intention to convert their steamers into oil burners and went so far in the matter as to have a plant installed on the steamer Coos Bay, which plies between this port and southern California ports. Now they have decided to abandon the scheme, it is said, principally on account of the objections raised by passengers.

## MARINERS, TAKE HEED.

**Torpedo Lost From Pike Has Not Yet Been Recovered.**

San Francisco, Sept. 28.—Two torpedoes were lost Friday by the submarine boat Pike in San Pablo bay. One has been recovered by Italian fishermen. The other is still at large and may be exploded by a passing vessel. It is charged with 200 pounds of gun-cotton. A reward of \$250 has been offered for it.

## FOOTBALL SCORES.

At New York—Columbia, 8; Franklin and Marshall, 0.  
At New Haven—New Haven, 22; Wesleyan, 0.  
At Philadelphia—Pennsylvania, 6; Swarthmore, 4.  
At Ithaca—Cornell, 10; Colgate, 0.  
At Princeton—Princeton, 12; Dickinson, 0.  
At New Haven—Yale, 22; Wesleyan, 0.

## Blows Off His Head.

Big Timber, Mont., Sept. 28.—B. Nevin, a prominent cattleman and pioneer of eastern Montana, committed suicide near Melville today by blowing off his head with a shotgun. No motive for the act is known. Nevin came west 45 years ago with the Hudson's Bay Company.

## Episcopal Clergymen in Session.

Philadelphia, Sept. 28.—High dignitaries and laymen of the Protestant Episcopal church from this and other countries are in this city to attend the 19th annual convention of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew, which begins tomorrow.

## Freshmen Win Wrestling Contest.

New Haven, Sept. 28.—The annual wrestling match between the Yale sophomores and freshmen was held tonight. For the first time in 10 years the freshman class was victorious in the majority of the matches.

## Funsten Reaches Chicago.

Chicago, Sept. 28.—General Funston arrived in Chicago today and succeeded General Grant as commander of the department of the lakes. General Funston came from Vancouver, Wash.

## Today's Weather.

Portland, Sept. 28.—Western Oregon—Thursday, partly cloudy, slightly warmer in north portion. Western Washington—Partly cloudy. Eastern Oregon and eastern Washington—Fair.

## LETTER WAS STUPID ACT OF FORGERS

**President Donnelly Disclaims Ever Having Received Communication Said to Have Been Written to Him.**

**Union Leader Pronounces It Nothing More Than Piece of Political Work.**

## JUDGE PARKER IN NEW YORK

**Spends Day Talking With Politicians of Note—Fairbanks and Dooliver Speak at Helena.**

Washington, Sept. 28.—Secretary to the President Loeb today made public the dispatch received from United States Attorney Bethua of Chicago regarding the letter purporting to have been addressed by President Roosevelt to Michael Donnelly, president of the butchers' union. The dispatch quotes Donnelly as saying that he never received any such letter.

(Donnelly was seen at Chicago today by a representative of the Associated Press, and stated that he had never received any such letter from the president. He pronounced it a piece of stupid political work.)

## PARKER HAS MANY CALLERS.

**Politicians Keep Democratic Candidate Busy at New York.**

New York, Sept. 28.—At no other time since Judge Parker was nominated has he met so many members of the party who occupy high positions politically and commercially as on his present visit to New York. The candidate's rooms at the Hotel Seville, which were well filled yesterday, were overrun with visitors today. Many came to suggest questions of interest in campaign work, and others to congratulate the judge on his letter of acceptance and his campaign generally.

Apparent settlement for the present of the question of the establishment of western democratic headquarters was announced at the national committee rooms today. Members of the executive committee said that no such headquarters would be established.

## FAIRBANKS AT HELENA.

**With Dooliver, He Addressed Two Big Meetings Last Night.**

Helena, Sept. 28.—There was less speaking by Senator Fairbanks today than usual. At the Boston & Montana smelter at Great Falls a few remarks were made to an assembly of workmen, and there was also a short stop at Cascade, where the senator spoke briefly to a number of school children. Two meetings were held at Helena tonight, one at the Auditorium and the other at the Helena theater. Senators Fairbanks and Dooliver spoke at both meetings. Fairbanks opening at the Auditorium and closing at the theater, while Dooliver reversed the order.

## Anxious for Arbitration Treaty.

Manchester, Sept. 28.—The Association of Chambers of Commerce of the United Kingdom, at a meeting today, passed a resolution urging the government to conclude an arbitration treaty with the United States.

## Fought Six-Round Draw.

Philadelphia, Sept. 28.—The Hughey McGovern-Murphy fight tonight resulted in a six-round draw.

## NEW YORK CITY THREATENED WITH EPIDEMIC OF TYPHOID

New York, Sept. 28.—New York city is threatened with what may become the severest epidemic of typhoid fever in its history. Not only is the number of typhoid fever cases reported for the first three weeks of September greater than for any month of last year, but since the beginning of the summer he death rate has been much higher than formerly. The health department is bent on effectually controlling the disease.