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NOTHING STARTLING

Legislators Busily Engaged in Enacting Beneficial Laws for State.

WOULD HOLD PHILIPPINES

Oregon Congressional Delegates Urged to Work for Retention of the Islands.

PORTLAND'S NEW CHARTER

Bill Introduced by Hasletine Provides for Sweeping Changes in the Form of Government.

SALEM, Sept. 29.—Nothing outside the usual run of work transpired at the legislature today.

Speaker Carter has not made up his mind yet on committee appointments, which retards progress somewhat, but he will probably be ready to submit his selections tomorrow. Then adjournment until Monday will most likely be taken.

The secretary of state submitted two vetoes of the governor for bills passed at the last session. One was on a bill remitting the fine and costs in the case of the state vs. Larrington, the defaulting county treasurer of Douglas county. The governor's reason was that such legislation would work serious hardships on the taxpayers of Douglas county. The other veto was on the bill allowing sheriffs to collect mileage in certain cases in lieu of expenses. The reason for the veto was that such a measure would bring about the return of the old fee system, even though the sheriffs are on salaries.

The house this afternoon provided for a committee to revise the journals daily.

The two veto messages of the governor have been made a special order of business for tomorrow morning.

PORTLAND'S NEW CHARTER.

Senator Haseltine introduced the new Portland charter bill this morning. The leading feature of the measure is the board of public works, which will virtually act as the city's disbursing agent, and come near having the reins of the city government in its hands.

For the present the board will consist of the mayor, auditor, city attorney and superintendent of streets, and with the incoming of a new mayor a new board shall be appointive, the tenure of office being 2, 4, 6, 8 and 10 years.

Under the rotation system there will always be some one in office who is familiar with the city government.

The charter further provides for an almost general reduction in salaries of city elective officers, councilmen being required to serve without compensation. As Haseltine expressed it, "The taxpayers demand a reduction of the city expenses. We cannot afford to run behind $100,000 annually; hence the reduction of salaries."

If the charter is adopted, the police and fire commissioners will be made elective, the tenure of office being 2, 4, and 6 years. It will be the aim to keep the two departments out of politics.

The present boards are to serve until next election. These in brief are the leading features of senate bill 47, which is the most voluminous yet introduced.

When Meyer's joint resolution providing for a fish commission of five was indefinitely postponed in the house this morning, the state was saved several thousand dollars. Those who opposed the measure did so on the grounds that the state has already a fish and game commissioner, and that the appointment of a commission would be an expensive and useless move.

TO HOLD THE PHILIPPINES.

Both houses of the legislature passed a joint resolution today instructing the Oregon delegation in congress to work for the retention of the Philippine islands.

OFFICERS WILL HOLD OVER.

A canvass of members of both branches of the legislature tonight shows that it is the general opinion that the officers of the special session will hold over during the regular term in January. The governor, president of the senate, and speaker of the house are also of this opinion.

VIEWS DIFFER AS TO ALASKA BOUNDARY LINE.

International Commissioners at Quebec Unable to Agree—Subject May Be Referred to Outsiders.

QUEBEC, Que., Sept. 29.—The members of the the international joint high commission have withdrawn themselves more completely from public scrutiny than at any previous time and are evidently working with a determination to reach an agreement on all questions if possible before the early part of next month. During the past two days information has come from reliable sources to the effect that the question of settling the boundary line of Alaska is making no end of trouble for the commissioners.

The contention of the American commissioners is that the treaty of 1825 between Russia and Great Britian determined the southern boundary and that the eastern line is established through the surveys of 1892.

The American commissioners hold that under the treaty of 1825, the south line starts at the southern point of Prince of Wales Island, thence to the mouth of the Portland channel or canal and then north up the channel and along the mainland to 56th. degree of latitude and easterly on the mainland following the crest of the mountains and never more than ten leagues from the coast; until it reaches the 41st. degree of longitude in the vicinity of Mt. St. Elias.

It is known that the Canadian commissioners do not hold the same views as to the boundaries. The whole subject may be referred to an outside commision.

The Atlantic fisheries question has been under discussion again during the past two days and it is said that no further effort will be made to change the present laws relating to that industry.

The commissioners have announced that they positively will not hear any more delegations. They say they have all the information necessary on all the questions before them and will give no time to reports of various interests.

The Canadian lumbermen say that no settlement will be made upon the proposition of the Americans to admit high grade pine free for logs.

They say Canada will be loser by such an arrangement and they prefer the laws to remain as they are.

THE GENEROUS ACTION OF THE RED CROSS SOCIETY.

Its Work of Supplying the American Soldiers Now in Porto Rico Will Save Many a Life.

NEW YORK, Sept. 29.—Stephen T. Barton, chairman of the Red Cross executive committee has received a letter dated September 16, from Mr. Barnes, the Red Cross representative in Ponce, Porto Rico. He says:

"Two days ago I went through the wards of the great army hospital at Ponce. To see the hundreds of wan soldiers eagerly taking the nutritious soups and delicacies furnished by the Red Cross; to hear the boys say 'God bless the Red Cross, we would die without it,' would have brought tears to the eyes of those generous benefactors whose bounty has been so prompt and unstinted towards the defenders of the flag. And when the unexpected cablegram came tonight, 'Supply ice and milk when needed,' on the very day that I had been making inquiries at the ice plant, and wondering if the society could stand the strain of paying '40 a ton,' I had to join the boys at the hospital in saying again, 'God bless the Red Cross.'

"Many a life will be saved by that gracious message from New York. The truth is that by only these timely restoratives can the Porto Rican army ever be restored to America again, for about one-fourth are in hospitals or sick quarters, very largely from typhoid fever, and more than half of the remainder are totally unfit for duty. Squad drill, instead of company drill, is about all that is now possible, and all agree that the rainy season now enhances the calamity and will for a month to come."

THE NEW EVIL OF TEA-SMOKING.

Physicians in various parts of the country report an alarming growth of tea-smoking. The habit is contracted by those whose nerves are disordered, who can't sleep, whose digestion is imperfect, whose liver is out of order, who get the "blues" and feel their strength departing. It seems strange that sufferers from the above disorders should not cure themselves with Hostetter's Stomach Bitters. This is a medicine which whets up the appetite, regulates the bowels, steadies the nerves and induces sound sleep. Those who take it find that it cures dyspepsia, and there is no bad taste in the mouth in the morning, no feeling of weakness after the day's work is done. It is well worth a trial.

DOCTOR DEVELOPS RABIES.

TOLEDO, O., Sept. 29.—Dr. F. A. Todd, superintendent for the institute for the insane, has developed rabies in rabid form and is now in Chicago taking treatment. Dr. Todd was bitten by the dog at the asylum a month ago. A number of patients were bitten at the same time. No further cases have as yet developed.

It is unnecessary for a man to be a brilliant conversationalist in order to hold his own in soliloquy.

M'INTYRE'S STATEMENT

Said Eastern Builders Prevented Western Firms Securing Contracts.

COURT-MARTIAL GOES ON

Editor Bonfils Thinks the Article Upon Which the Trial Is Based Was Unjust.

MILES PRAISES VOLUNTEERS

Denounces as False the Statement That They Were Responsible for Sickness in the Camps.

DENVER, Sept. 29.—In the McIntyre court-martial today Judge E. N. Bonfils, a newspaper editor, testified that Chaplain McIntyre stated that for 20 years the Union iron works in San Francisco had been trying to obtain contracts for the construction of warships, but owing to the influences eastern manufacturers had brought to bear they had been unsuccessful. Finally, when there were more vessels to build than the eastern manufacturers could handle, the San Francisco company received a contract. The company spared no pains to make the Oregon the best ship ever built.

Regarding the battle, the witness quoted Chaplain McIntyre as saying that as the Oregon was going in, she passed the Iowa, adding, in a humorous manner: "And where was 'Fighting Bob' Evans?"

Chaplain McIntyre, the witness continued, said something about the division of the prize money, naming $10,000 as the amount to go to Admiral Sampson and $500 to Captain Clark, but there was nothing said about the audience being entitled to as much as Sampson. The witness declared the report published in the Rocky Mountain News, upon which the charges against the chaplain are largely based, to be decidedly unjust to the chaplin.

MILES EULOGIZES VOLUNTEERS.

CHICAGO, Sept. 29.—The Daily News' Washington special says that General Miles, at a reception given at his home last night to his comrades of the Medal of Honor legion, denounced as false the claim that the volunteer officers and soldiers were themselves responsible for the sickness in the camps.

"The volunteer troops of the United States in the war with Spain," said he, "were as brave and as patriotic a body of soldiers as ever took the field in any campaign the world has ever seen. The battles they fought were won as gallantly as any recorded in history, and yet the peril which our soldiers had the most cause to dread was not bullets, but disease, which swept over our camps and destroyed hundreds where bullets killed one."

THE TROOPS THAT WILL SERVE.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 29.—The public order forming the first division for the occupation of Cuba does not designate the major general who will command it, but states that the division will be temporarily commanded by the senior officer on duty until a permanent division commander is chosen by the president.

The division is of the three brigades, as follows:

Cavalry brigade, composed of the Seventh and Eighth United States cavalry, to be commanded by Brigadier-General L. Carpenter, U. S. V.

First infantry brigade, composed of the Fifteenth United States infantry and the Fourth United States volunteer infantry, to be commanded by Brigadier-General Simon Snyder, U. S. V.

Second infantry brigade, composed of the First U. S. V. infantry and the Sixth infantry, to be commanded by Brigadier-General B. E. Williston, U. S. V.

It has been generally supposed that the division would be commanded by General Wade, who is now in Cuba as chairman of the military commission.

HONORS FOR HAWKINS.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 29.—Major-General Hamilton S. Hawkins, U. S. V., who commanded the division which captured San Juan hill in the second fight at Santiago, has been appointed brigadier-general in the regular army to fill the vacancy caused by the retirement of General William M. Graham.

Immediately after receiving his commission he will be placed on the retired list on his own application, under the 30 years' service clause, and this will enable the president to similarly advance Major-General Kent, U. S. V. (colonel, Twenty-fourth infantry) to the grade of brigadier-general in the regular army. General Kent commanded a wing of General Shafter's army at Caney, for which service he was promoted to his present rank of major-general of volunteers.

FOR BETTER HOSPITAL SERVICE.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 29.—Important results are likely to follow the extensive tour of the inspection of military camps just completed by Secretary Alger, and especially in the matter of organizing a hospital service in the field.

NARROW ESCAPE FROM A SHARK.

SAN DIEGO, Cal., Sept. 29.—The steamer Alice Blanchard, which has arrived from Clipperton Island brought among other passengers, a Japanese named T. Matsu, who had a remarkable escape from death just before leaving the island. There are about 75 Japanese at Clipperton. Recently part of them went on a strike. Matsu whose duty it was to furnish fish for the colony, declined to join the strikers and they tried to kill him when he jumped into the sea and swam for the Blanchard. Just as he was hauled from the water a shark snapped at him just grazing his leg.

THE DEATH OF LOUISA, QUEEN OF DENMARK.

She Had Been Ill for Some Time, But Her Condition Was Not Made Public.

COPENHAGEN, Sept. 29.—Queen Louise, who died at 5:30 o'clock this morning, was born September 7, 1817.

She was the daughter of Wilhelm of Hesse-Cassel, and was married May 26, 1842, to Christian, first son of the late Duke Wilhelm of Schleswig-Holstein-Sonterburg-Glucksburg. Christian was appointed to the succession of the crown succession of July 31, 1853. He succeeded to the throne as Christian IX on the death of King Frederick VI on November 5, 1863.

For the last thirty years of her life the queen has exercised such influence in the politics of Europe that she was sometimes called the mother in law of the continent. Another title which was sometimes given her was the "royal matchmaker."

Th children of King Christian and Queen Louise are Prince Frederick, the heir apparent, born June 3, 1843, who married Princess Louisa, daughter of King Carl IV of Sweden and Norway; Princess Alexandra, born December 1, 1844, who was married March 10, 1863, to the Prince of Wales; Prince Wilhelm, born December 24, 1845, elected king of the Hellenes under the title of George I by the Greek national assembly in 1863, and who married Olga Constantinowna, Grand Duchess of Russia, in 1867; Princess Marc Dagmar (Empress Maria Feodorovna), born November 26, 1847, who was married November 9, 1866, to Alexander III, the late emperor of Russia; Princess Thorya, born September 29, 1853, who was married December 1, 1878, to Prince Ernest August, Duke of Cumberland, and Prince Waldemar, born October 27, 1858, who married in 1885 the Princess Marie D'Orleans, eldest daughter of Duc De Chartres.

The queen had been dangerously ill for several months, but an effort had been made to keep the condition of the royal sufferer from the public. Her daughter, the Princess of Wales, was summoned to Denmark in haste a few weeks ago.

MAYOR VAN WYCK NAMED FOR THE GOVERNORSHIP.

New York Democrats Name Their Full State Ticket—No Reference Whatever to the Financial Question.

SYRACUSE, N. Y., Sept. 29.—The democratic convention of New York state today named this ticket:

Governor—Augustus Van Wyck, of New York.

Lieutenant-Governor—Elliott Danforth, of Chenango.

Secretary of State—George W. Balten, of Niagara.

Controller—Edward S. Atwater, of Duchess.

State Treasurer—E. P. Morris, of Wayne.

Attorney General—Thomas F. Conway, of Clinton.

State Engineer and Surveyor—Martin Schenck, of Rensselaer.

Contrary to all expectations and to the indications of last night and early this morning the convention was very harmonious, the only contest being for the nomination of governor, and only one ballot being taken on that. The vote resulted as follows:

Van Wyck	350
Stanchfield	305
Titus	41
McGuire	21

The platform attacked the conduct of the war in vigorous language, but otherwise confined itself almost entirely to state issues. No mention whatever was made of the Chicago platform or of the financial question.

VATICAN URGES PROTECTION OF CHURCH PROPERTY.

The Matter Will Be Specifically Referred to Paris Commission—Spanish Warships Ordered Home.

NEW YORK, Sept. 29.—A dispatch to the Herald from Madrid says:

The papal nuncio had a consultation with the minister for the colonies, at which the former urged the desires of the vatican that in the Spanish territories which had become American, the goods of the churches be guaranteed and the position of the church defined. The minister said he would specifically refer the matter to the Paris commission, whose members would be instructed to do all that was possible.

Sagasta has made the following statement to Senor Brunet, representing the chamber of commerce of Cataluna:

"I hope to obtain commercial advantages from the United States, which will be embodied in the definitive treaty of peace, maintaining the status quo."

An official paper publishes a decree nominating as secretary general of the Paris commission Don Emilio Edeja, minister of Spain at Tangier, a man of much ability.

The Spanish warships in Cuban waters have been ordered to sail for home

LUMBER RAFT ALSO LOST.

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 29.—The steamer Humboldt is making a diligent search for the section of the great Columbia lumber raft which is floating somewhere off the coast. The tug Monarch was forced to abandon the lumber raft she was towing while off the Farallons last night. The men on the raft were saved. Lumber strews the Pacific for miles around, and is a great menace to navigation.

GENTRY DEFEATED PATCHEN.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Sept. 29.—At the state fair today John R. Gentry defeated Joe Patchen with ease for a purse of $500. The first heat was won in 2:04¼ and the second in 2:03½. Starter Newton immediately announced that it was the fastest race of the year, and also that it was the best consecutive heats ever done.

ACCUSED OF IMMORALITY.

OAKLAND, Cal., Sept. 29.—Rev. P. J. Briggs, formerly of this city, but now of Texas is on trial before a committee of thirteen elders of the Methodist church south now in session here. He is accused of immorality. He has come back to the state, accompanied by his wife, to refute the accusation.

EIGHT MEN DROWNED

Hapless Alaskan Gold-Seekers Are Drowned in the Northern Waters.

A RHODE ISLAND PARTY

A Storm Rose While They Were Crossing Hotham Inlet—Five Were Lost.

COPPER RIVER CONDITIONS

Government Official Reports That Provisions Are Plentiful and Starvation Unlikely.

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 29.—Charles E. Watson, a mining man of Carson City, who arrived here on the bark Northern Light from Kotzebue sound, tells of how eight gold seekers lost their lives. He says:

"On the night of August 17 Fred Howard, Irving Howard, Joseph Graham, and Samuel Wilmeth, of Providence, R. I., and J. G. Starke, of Grub Gulch, Madera county, Cal., who went north on the bark Mermaid, were drowned while trying to get across Hotham inlet with their provisions. A storm arose and capsized their small boat. When morning came the other prospectors missed the Rhode Island party, as they were called, and a searching party that was sent out found the boat floating, keel up, but no trace of the men was discovered. The provisions and other effects belonging to the hapless party were cast upon the beach by the waves.

"George Mueller, of Iowa, was drowned on August 13, while ascending the Kubuck river. Mueller and his partner had moored their boat under a sandbank, which caved in on them, capsizing the craft.

"I was near by and rescued Mueller's partner just in the nick of time.

"Two men named Clark and Crawford were drowned in the Kubuck rapids."

CONDITIONS AT COPPER RIVER.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 29.—The department has received a report from Commander Sebree, of the gunboat Wheeling, dated Orca, Alaska, September 9, giving an outline of conditions on Copper river, which contains information valuable to miners, because of its authentic and official character.

The commander says that he found 500 people at Valdes on September 6. There were about 200 miners and they were coming back every day at the rate of from two to 15. About 3,000 people went over the glacier and up Copper river, and there are probably 1200 people now in the interior, many of whom are building log houses and arranging to stay all winter.

In the interior provisions are plentiful. Men returning sell their outfits, so that provisions, clothing, etc., over the glacier are selling at less than one-half of Seattle prices. At Valdes about 65 of the returning miners are being fed by the government. These men say they have no money. They are required to work about two hours a day on the government reservation. Before winter sets in from 200 to 500 miners were expected to return from the coast to the interior.

Commander Sebree says that possibly 50 per cent of the miners on the coast have no money. Judging by the prices of provisions at Valdes, and from information given by miners, there are at Valdes and in the interior plenty of provisions for all winter for all miners in the Copper river country, so there is no danger of starvation.

TROOPS ORDERED TO MANZANILLO.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 29.—The following order for the occupation of Cuba was issued today: By direction of the secretary of war, the Fourth United States volunteer infantry, a detachment from the Seventh army corps, will be placed in readiness for immediate service in Cuba, pursuant to general orders 149 of the current series from this office, and proceed fully armed an equipped to take station at Manzanillo, the commanding officer reporting his arrival by telegraph to Major General Wade, United States volunteers, Havana, who will give instructions as to its duty and disposition.

DEDHAM IN MOURNING.

DEDHAM, Mass., Sept 29.—The town has gone into mourning out of respect for the late Thomas F. Bayard, the flags on the town hall and the court house being placed at half-mast. Already many messages of condolence have come to the family from all parts of the country.

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