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### SHIPS TO BE SOLD NO WRITTEN RECORD

#### GOVERNMENT WILL DISPOSE OF TRANSPORTS

Movement to Leave Oklahoma out of the Bill Admitting Territories

Washington, May 8—The War Department has decided to sell the transports Hancock, Relief, Lawton, Rosecrans, Meade, Sedgwick, Sumner, Egbert and McClellan. The few remaining vessels in the transport service after these are sold will continue for the present to make trips between 'Frisco and the Philippines.

Ultimately Secretary Root will abolish the entire transport service.

A movement has been started among the Republicans to change the territory bill admitting Arizona, New Mexico and Oklahoma, by tacking states of Arizona and New Mexico on to Oklahoma. The movement is opposed by the Democrats.

Washington, May 8—It is authoritatively denied at the White House that Roosevelt refused permission for the French government to bestow the cross of the Legion of Honor upon Rear-Admiral Dewey and Lieut-General Miles upon the occasion of the unveiling of the Rochambeau statue. The President has no prerogative in the matter, such authority residing solely with congress. Admiral Sampson died at 5 this afternoon.

Vienna, May 7—Advices from St. Petersburg report a peasant revolt in the district of Konstanti, Russia. The rebels destroyed a hundred farms and threw one million pounds of sugar into the Danaper river. The troops engaged the insurgents and seventy-six persons were killed and two hundred wounded. Subsequently the leaders were arrested and given three hundred strokes with the knout. Thirty-six died from the flogging.

Scranfon, Pa., May 8—The Executive Committee of the United Mine workers held a short session this morning to consider the advisability of calling out 100,000 anthracite miners unless operators made a wage concession. Later President Mitchell issued a statement in which he said the committee proposed that all questions at issue be submitted to an impartial board of arbitration selected by the national civic federation.

Portland, May 8—The employees of the Southern Pacific Railroad are organizing a union with the object of raising wages so that the standard for Oregon shall equal that for California. There are more than one thousand members already. The union takes all employees of the Southern Pacific lines in Oregon. There is no change today in saw mill and planing mill strike except that Smith Bros. mill has been sold to Johnson & Russell of Oswego, who will unionize it.

London, May 7—Lord Salisbury speaking on the South African war at a meeting of the Primrose league said: "Deep as our sacrifice has been during the war, our great empire is now more potent and powerful than when the war began. We suffered; we won." He said the claims of the government at the beginning of the war should be carried out. The country could not afford, after such sacrifices of treasure and men, to allow things to slide back into a position where it would be in the power of the enemy when the opportunity suited to again renew the issue which they have fought for the past three years.

Pearis, Ill., May 6—The Republican congressional convention of the new Sixteenth district is in session here today with an attendance of 124 delegates and many visitors. All indications point to the re-nomination of Congressman Joseph V. Graff of this city.

### "KILL AND BURN" WAS VERBAL ORDER

#### United States Attorney for Washington—Chaffee Goes to Confer With Moros

Washington, May 7—Secretary Root today submitted to the senate copies of the correspondence between General Chaffee and General Smith relative to the latter's famous "Kill and burn" order. The secretary says he has no knowledge of the issuance of such an order, Smith having given the instructions, as was testified to on Waller court martial, in a personal conversation with Waller. President Roosevelt has sent to the senate the nomination of Jesse Frye as United States Attorney for the district of Washington.

Manila, May 7—General Chaffee called for Mindanao today to consult with the Moro chiefs. He thinks that a personal conference with the Moros further trouble may be averted.

Zanesville, O., May 6—Congressman H. C. Van Voorhis was nominated for his sixth term by acclamation today at the Republican congressional convention of the Fifteenth district.

Steubenville, O., May 6—The Republican congressional convention of the Sixteenth district here today resulted in the re-nomination of Congressman J. J. Gill without opposition.

Burlington, Vt., May 6—Members of the Republican state committee are gathered here for the meeting to be held this evening, when the time and place will be selected for holding the Republican state convention. It is probable that the convention will be held in Burlington and not later than the middle of June.

Portland, May 6—The Great Central Railroad Company, projecting a line from Salt Lake to Coos Bay, today selected the following officers: J. Thornburn Ross, president; A. A. Lindsay, first vice-president; John W. Cook, second vice-president; John K. Pollock, secretary; T. T. Burkhard, treasurer. The funds raised for the Lewis and Clark exposition amount to \$251,000. The sawmill strike continues. The boats which had been chartered to carry non-union men up the river to the boycotted mills were withdrawn when the nature of the business became known.

Washington, May 6—General Pearson, a Boer officer who is endeavoring to persuade the administration to take some action to prevent the further shipment of mules from this country to South Africa, is in Washington.

He is impatient at the delay, and says: "If the President will not interfere, I want to know it immediately. If he does not stop the shipment supplies for the British I will. Colonel Crowder made an official report to President Roosevelt, which is known to be in confirmation of my original charges." What Pearson will do personally is not stated.

London, May 6—Pretoria official dispatches state that during the past week the Boers have lost ten killed, one hundred and twenty-two taken prisoners and fourteen surrendered.

Colonel Cocher has driven the Boers from a strong position at Stin Kop. General Hamilton captured eighty-seven near Heffhroun.

It is understood in political circles that the prospects for peace in South Africa continue bright. This understanding is given strength by a rumor current to the effect that reassuring news regarding the peace situation has been received by the war office from Kitchener.

Hetloo, May 7—Another encouraging bulletin was issued this afternoon and the excitement incident to the Queen's recent relapse is over.

## Awful Disaster on Island of Martinique

### St Pierre Overwhelmed by Eruptions of the Famous Volcano of Souffriere.

Immense Mass of Fire Falls on the Town—Believed that Not a Single Person Escaped—Heaps of the Dead Lie on the Wharves—Neighboring Parishes Laid Waste.

Paris, May 9—The Minister of Marine is in receipt of the following cablegram from Fort De France, island of Martinique last night from the commander of the French war ship Souchet:

"I have just returned from St. Pierre which was completely destroyed by an immense mass of fire which fell on the town about 8 o'clock this morning. The entire population of about 25,000 is supposed to have perished. I brought back a few survivors, about thirty.

All the shipping in the harbor will be destroyed if the eruption continues.

St. Vincent is the next island but one south of Martinique.

Souffriere is a famous volcano and has had several terrific eruptions. The volcano is three thousand feet above the sea level and has a center three miles in circumference and five hundred feet deep.

St. Thomas, Island of Martinique, May 9—The French cruiser Souchet arrived at Point Aillre, Island of Gaudeloupe, French West Indies, from Fort De France, Island of Martinique this morning, bringing several refugees who confirmed the report that St. Pierre has been entirely destroyed by a volcanic eruption.

It is supposed that most of the inhabitants of St. Pierre were killed. The neighboring parishes were laid waste and the residue of the population of St. Pierre are without food or shelter. The commander of the Souchet reports that at noon Thursday the entire town of St. Pierre was wrapped in flames. His officers went ashore in small boats seeking for survivors but unable to penetrate the town. They saw heaps of bodies upon the wharves and it is believed that not a single person or resident in St. Pierre at the moment of the catastrophe escaped. The governor of the colony and the staff colonel and his wife have probably perished.

The extent of the catastrophe cannot be imagined.

The British steamer Iska passed St. Pierre last night and arrived at St. Lucia today. Her officers saw flames but no sign of a living human being.

Hong Kong, May 9—A letter received here today states that the rebels bombarded Nanning, in Fu Kwang Si province three hours April 27th, using modern guns. Between three and four hundred people were killed.

### QUEEN'S IMPROVEMENT

STILL CANDIDATES  
Hetloo, May 9—Queen Wilhelmina continues to improve, and she signed several decrees this afternoon.

### EXPECTED SHORTAGE IN OREGON VOTE

Failure to Register is General—Claim That This Favors Chamberlain

Portland, May 9—Reports from the various counties show that the vote at the coming state election will be short 2,000 as compared with the vote two years ago.

No reason can be given for the failure to register. It is estimated that there has been an influx of over 1000 during the last two years, so that the vote ought to be large.

The Democrats claim that the shortage in the vote is favorable to the election of Chamberlain for governor. Only two counties of the state show an increase in voters registering: Morrow and Lincoln.

Dress goods

SPRING IS HERE

And the accompanying demand for serviceable goods has been met at this store. In our showing this spring we have completely outdone all previous efforts to please our trade and unhesitatingly say that our stock is at present the only representative stock of up-to-date goods in every line.

Our Dress Goods, Have all had special attention. : :  
Our Ladies' Furnishings, Our goods are on display and your personal inspection is cheerfully asked. Should you live out of town, samples will be cheerfully sent and any information as cheerfully given.  
Our Clothing, Gents' Furnishings.

MAGNES & MATSON.  
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Hats

Clothing

Shoes