Fair tonight and Tuesday, continued warmer.

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ADY DID NOT SMOKE

S. Taggart Says She is Only Fighting for Honor and Children

Wooster, O., Aug. 7.—Grace Violet gart, the belle of more than one ison, and the defendant in a rath- blistering divorce action, in an in- iew this afternoon, not only re- ed herself as a woman of courage purpose, but as the loyal mother of of the finest boys that ever stepped knickerbockers.

"Do you wish to make any statement h might correct any false impres- from your standpoint?" she was d.

"Yes, there is one thing which I wish y. It is for the sake of my little that I have come to Wooster to a case which involves, not only honor but the reputation of my dren, and to vindicate myself nst the false charges," she re- d.

"Do you feel the strain of the court proceedings?" was asked.

"Yes, I do feel the strain very much. very trying and annoying. But I that the truth and justice will ail ultimately. I am bearing up all the fortitude I possess."

"Is there any reason why the army n should be depicted as less dis- than her sister in civil life?"

er eyes blazed with resentment. It an impertinent question, but she ve it after a few moments of re- on. Then she said slowly and dis- ly:

"The army life of a woman is not the life, perhaps, of a woman of mall community like this. But la- there demean themselves with the discretion and propriety that they sewhere. This parade of miscon- improperly charged against the is grossly exaggerated in this ."

"After the case is decided what are plans for the future?" was asked.

"I hope to locate myself conveni- ," said Mrs. Taggart, "and devote lf to the care and education of my I love the little fellows. They in their lives called me 'maw' mamma.' It was always 'mother.' sider myself the proudest woman e world to be the mother of these ren. When the boys come to see he cloud of unpleasantness which lops me in the court room falls ."

"Is it true that an effort was made fect a reconciliation?"

"No, not recently. While I was liv- n California, even after the suit brought, such an effort was made. g to the treatment I had received he false accusations made against I declined any reconciliation, ex- on terms that I prescribed."

Wooster, O., Aug. 7.—I would never nt to have my boys enter the ser- said Mrs. Taggart today, "there is uch drinking in the army. Have o plans for the boys when grown. not a question of drink in moder- , but in the service the temptation cess is too great."

Wooster, O., Aug. 7.—The reading e deposition of Major Morton was nued. His testimony was that rt showed no sign of intoxication eek he was in the hospital at enworth at the time he alleges his wife, by conspiracy, had him ed there on the false charge of olism.

e cigarette question came up, Mor- tating that it was not the custom for ladies in army circles to smoke after dinner. He did not remember ever seeing Mrs. Taggart smoke. "In the army," said the witness, "many officers drink socially, as do men in civil life, but the habit of becoming intoxicated is discountenanced. Taggart's treatment of his wife should be a model for every man in the world." The principal reason given in the post gossip for Captain Taggart's confinement was that the post commander wanted to keep where couldn't talk. Since leaving West Point Taggart has been in the habit of taking the "ordinary prescription," which was whisky straight. It was most unusual to lock a commissioned officer in the hospital. He knew but one other case, and that was when the patient had delirium tremens.

Col. John Van Hoff, assistant surgeon general, in his deposition, testified this morning that in July he went with the commanding officer at Leavenworth, Col. Miner, to see Mrs. Taggart, Miner saying it had been reported to him that Taggart had assaulted his wife, and she feared for her life. In the meanwhile he met Taggart, who said if he could see his wife he thought she would not press the charge. Miner refused to permit him to go. Mrs. Taggart's face was swollen. She told him she had always been true and faithful to Taggart.

TIMBER TO BE CRUISED.

Lane County Will Fix Assessments on Reports Made.

Eugene, Or., Aug. 7.—The county commissioners have decided to adopt a new plan for determining the value of timber lands for assessment. It has been unsatisfactory to assess all timber lands at the same valuation in the past, and the court has had to listen to complaints from many owners of timber lands on this score.

The plan now considered is to put cruisers in the field and cruise all timber lands in the county, and the cruise to be used in determining valuation for assessment. The plan is said to be in operation in two or three counties of the state, and the results are reported to be very satisfactory.

The work will probably be let by contract here, and C. E. Roberts and Oscar Edwards have practically been employed to do the work. The cost of the work will be considerable, which is one of the principal objections to the plan. It is also claimed that the results of the work may give no better idea of values than are at present obtainable without the cost of cruising.

The county board, however, thinks it will work out to the great benefit of the county, and believes it to be by far the best method of determining the values of these lands.

GRABBED HER MONEY

Portland, Or., Aug. 7.—Mrs. Louis Wert, of Portland, was robbed of $400 about noon today by a thief who snatched the money from her purse at the corner of Second and Washington streets. The sum is all the woman and her sick husband had. She drew the coin from the bank and was observed by the thief.

Eastern Tennis Tourney.

Boston, Mass., Aug. 7.—A large attendance and auspicious conditions marked the opening today of the 15th annual Longwood tennis tournament. During the week the championship of the East for doubles, and the annual tournament for singles will be decided. A handicap event, open to all players who actually take part in the scratch singles will be held in place of the usual consolation singles.

GREAT CROPS CERTAIN

Will Be Banner Year for All Agricultural Products

Chicago, Aug. 7.—American farms will produce bigger and better crops and return many more millions in revenue to the farming interests this year than ever before in the history of the country. All kinds of crops—wheat, corn, oats, hay and smaller grain and produce staples—have progressed to the stage where this prediction may be made with scarcely the slightest chance that the final official figures will disprove its correctness.

Railroad officials and statisticians of agricultural departments in the various states of the government grain-producing regions give their personal and official guarantee that the year 1905 is to be the banner year in farm prosperity.

If there is a dissenting voice anywhere it is drowned by the clamor of optimism that comes from Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Nebraska, the far South west, the Pacific coast and the wonderful spring wheat country of the Northwest.

Compares Well With 1901 Yield.

Possibly one wheat crop—that of 1901—will excel that of 1905. In 1901 the crop aggregated 748,000,000 bushels. It may be that one previous corn crop—that of 1902, when 2,524,000,000 bushels of corn were produced—will not quite be equaled by the yield of this year. It is when one takes the wheat, corn, oats and hay crops together and contemplates what the grand total of this year of grace is to be that the story becomes a glorious one. There never before was such a combination of stunning figures needed to express the tribute of the nations horn of plenty.

Quite as much to the point, if not even more, in casting up the ledger of prosperity, is the prospect that prices, compared with the success of the production, will be higher than they have been since war times. An estimate of 12 states of farm products, based on present market quotations, would represent an array of figures that would be simply amazing. Superlatives are in order all along the line to make the situation sufficiently impressive.

According to figures emanating from state capitals Saturday afternoon, 370,000,000 bushels more of corn will be raised this year than last in the states of Illonis, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Nebraska, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, North Dakota, South Dakota,, Ohio and Wisconsin. The entire crop of corn last year, taking official government figures, was 2,467,000,000 bushels. The record crop of all years was 2,523,000,000 bushels in 1902. Hence, if the other states in the Union do anywhere near as well proportionately as the 12 mention this year's corn yield will tower high above that of other years.

These same 12 states are expected to produce 114,000,000 more wheat than they did a year ago. Of the winter wheat states, Indiana, Illinois, Kansas, Ohio, Nebraska and Missouri make a fine showing in increases. Enough of the crop has been gathered and threshed in good order to make these figures semi-official.

Portsmouth Is Disappointed.

Portsmouth, Me., Aug. 7.—Disappointment is expressed over the failure of the peace envoys to arrive today. Preparations for their reception had been completed. According to word received this morning the Mayflower and Dolphin won't arrive until tomorrow morning. Witte is not expected until late this afternoon or early evening from Boston, and will not officially be received until morning. The Russians will be given precedence as ranking Japan with an ambassador, the islanders being represented in this country by a minister.

FATHER PUTILIN ESCAPES

With Three Brothers He Murdered Travelers while Holding His Pulpit

St. Petersburg, Aug 7.—It is reported from Saghalien that in the course of events accompanying the recent invasion of the Japanese there occurred the mysterious disappearance from the island of a convict named Putilin, formerly a priest of Marrinsk, who a year ago, was sentenced at Tomsk, to penal servitude for life for a series of blood-curdling murders.

A man of immense strength, Putilin was very popular among his fellow-prisoners, and was a favorite with the convict guards. He played an important part in the preparations of a convict regiment to repel the Japanese, but it is suspected that he took advantage of the disorders accompanying the invasion to make good his escape.

The news of his escape has caused a wave of terror throughout Eastern Siberia. Many believe that the convict-priest will throw himself on the mercy of the Japanese if he has not already done so, but some with terror aver that Putilin will undoubtedly return to the scene of his former crimes.

In the heyday of his prosperity, Father Putilin was one of the most honored and respected men in the neighborhood of Marrinsk. But, with his three brothers (all priests and wealthy house-owners) Father Putilin in reality lived for years a double life. At night time the criminal quartet, masking their faces, sallied out and waylaid wealthy travelers on the czar's highway. On one occasion they even held up and robbed a Siberian emigrant train.

Finally the four brothers were brought to justice by an anonymous letter, which advised the police that a brass-bound chest under the altar of Father Putilin's church, if searched might be found to contain stolen property.

Concealing themselves in the church at midnight, police and detectives, to their amazement, witnessed their honored priest, Father Putilin, holding a benediction service in which he blessed his three masked brothers, and sprinkled their murderous revolvers with holy water.

During the trial no fewer than 17 murders were brought home to this quartet of robber-clergymen.

Teamsters' Convention.

Philadelphia, Aug. 7.—What promises to be the most important convention in the history of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters opened in this city today, the sessions being held in Odd Fellows' hall. As a result of the failure of the great strike in Chicago, there is considerable disaffection in the ranks of the organization, and it is probable that the convention will take action that will cause a general upheaval among the present officers and leaders of the brotherhood. Talks among the delegates indicate that this shaking up may go so far as to force out President Shea and his associates, and the inauguration of a new regime. The convention will be in session about ten days.

Farms for Hibernian Poor.

Yankton, S. D., Aug. 7.—Arrangements are practically completed for the purchase of South Dakota land worth from $300,000 to $500,000 by the Ancient Order of Hibernians for worthy poor of that order who desire to farm. The chief promotors of the movement are members of the Catholic clergy of Aberdeen, Madison and other points in South Dakota. Free transportation has been offered by the railroads, and it is expected the first contingent of settlers will arrive from the East this fall.

Both Burned to Death.

Dallas, Texas, Aug. 7.—Fire at 1 o'clock this morning in the Hopkins boarding house resulted in the death of Mrs. Taylor, aged 60, and her granddaughter, aged 12. Mrs. Hopkins was badly burned.

Celebrates Its Semi-Centennial.

London, Ont., Aug. 7.—The booming of guns and the ringing of bells at daybreak this morning ushered in London's semi-centennial celebration, for which prepararations have been going forward for months past. The city, which is the third in size in the Dominion, has arranged to suspend business for the entire week and devote itself to the celebration of its 50 years of prosperity. The London "Old Boys" have returned from various cities throughout Canada and from Chicago, Cleveland, Detroit and other points across the border to join in the festivities. The city is in gala attire and during the week there will be no end of entertainment.

Photographers In Convention.

Boston, Mass., Aug. 7.—Nearly 500 photographers have arrived for the national convention, which opens tomorrow. All are busy opening cases containing pictures for the national exhibit in the Mechanics' building, which promises to be the largest ever hung by the association. President Holloway of Terre Haute said today that he expected over 1000 members here. There are Swiss, English and German exhibits in the gallery, in addition to those from various parts of the United and Canada. Several cities are contesting for the honor of entertaining next year's convention of the association.

FARRIS IS CLEARED.

Jury in Alum Bill Case Say "Not Guilty."

Jefferson City, Mo., Aug. 7.—Senator Frank H. Farris was yesterday acquitted by a jury in the circuit court on a charge of bribery in connection with a bill introduced at the session of the state legislature in 1901 to repeal the statute prohibiting the use of alum in the manufacture of baking powder, commonly known as the "alum bill."

The jury retired to consider a verdict at 9:33 Saturday night. The first ballot resulted eight for acquittal and four for conviction. The same result continued on subsequent ballots, and the jury was locked up for the night at 11:30 p. m.

At 8:25 Sunday morning word came from the jury room that a verdict had been reached, and Judge Davis convened a special session of the court to hear the results. The acquital was greeted with cheers by the friends of Senator Farris, and the latter was warmly congratulated.

The trial had lasted for a week, the principal testimony for the state being that of ex-Lieutenant-Governor John Lee, on whose testimony before the grand jury indictments were returned against Farris and ex-Senator C. A. Smith.

It was arranged yesterday that the application for a change of venue in the case of Smith be withdrawn, as it is regarded that the acquittal of Farris precludes the possibility of a conviction in the Smith case, as the charges in each instance were identical. The Smith case will be taken up before Judge Martin, and, it is announced, will be dismissed by the state.

Teddy Would Not See Him.

Oyster Bay, N. Y., Aug. 7.—The president received no visitors today. In the early part of the day W. S. Kenworthy, an Iowa attorney, attempted to visit the executive without previous notice, but was turned back by detectives. He was a spellbinder during the campaign, and said he merely wanted to pay a friendly call.

Amalgamated Sheet Metal Workers.

STRIKE GAINS STRENGTH

Telegraphers Persuade Others to Join Them, Conductors Refuse Telephone Orders

Helena, Mont., Aug. 7.—Telegraphers on the Great Northern made a distinct gain last night when the conductors on the Rocky Mountain division, in their meeting, determined hereafter to refuse train orders over the telephone, or to move them by "flag orders." Outside of another freight wreck on the Great Northern, and the fact that the telegraphers were quite successful in inducing the strike-breakers to leave, there are practically no developments. Both wrecks were due to defective flags, but served to delay traffic for a number of hours. The Northern Pacific trains are from four to five hours late.

YELLOW FEVER

New Orleans, Aug. 7.—J. M. White, of the marine hospital service, assumes absolute control of the health situation today, with military power. Archbishop Chappell is very sick. The first negro victim is reported.

Fort Worth, Texas, Aug. 7.—A suspicious case of fever is located north of this place. The victim is an Armour representative from Monroe, La. A rigid shotgun quarantine is in force at Jefferson. Health Officer Tabor this morning emphatically stated that there was not a case of yellow fever in Texas.

Oyster Bay, N. Y., Aug. 7.—Secretary Shaw arrived unexpectedly this forenoon, and went to Sagamore Hill in a hired rig, to take up one of the departmental matters with the President. It is understood the secretary will talk over the yellow fever situation in New Orleans. Surgeon-General Wyman wired the President this morning of the action of the citizens' committee of New Orleans, in furnishing funds, and has ordered a large additional force of commissioned physicians with experience in epidemic work.

New Orleans, Aug. 7.—Two new cases were reported this morning, Lawrence Cary, a prominent politician, being stricken. In many country towns the mail will not be received, it being returned to the place mailed. The government refused to fumigate, on the ground of the mosquito expenses daily in the fever situation here are now $3000.

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