

THE SEMI-WEEKLY TRIBUNE

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BRIEF TELEGRAMS.

Miss C. Stewart, an American, has taken the doctor's degree at the University of Berlin. Forty-five bodies of Galveston storm victims have been found and buried on the island beyond the city limits the past week. The Canadian railway employes have complained to the government against the importation of United States labor while they are debarred from entering the United States.

WRITES TO MR. CONGER

Cantonese Reformer, Former Adviser to Kwang Su, Wants Emperor Restored.

VICEROYS ARE NOT TO BE TRUSTED

Foreigners Hold That Emperor Should Not Be Allowed to Interfere and That Rascally Officials Should Be Very Closely Watched.

PEKIN, Dec. 3.—Mr. Conger, the United States minister, and other foreign envoys, received today a letter signed by Kang Yu Wei, the well known Cantonese reformer, who was formerly an adviser of Emperor Kwang Su and who has always been favorable to foreigners. Kang Yu Wei says that great calamities have befallen China through the empress dowager and also in consequence of her advisers, Prince Tuan, Prince Ching, Yung Lu, Yang Yi, Chao Shu, Chian, Muang Ru, Moyn Kuen and Hiang. He says he is thankful that the foreigners held out in the legation buildings in Peking and that all the Chinese who understand the law of nations regret the murder of Baron von Ketteler. He then says he desires to make suggestions which will insure the just punishment of the real culprits, satisfaction to the different countries and a permanent settlement of the international relations of China.

PUSHING REBELS IN LUZON.

Troops Keep the Little Brown Men on Keen Jump.

MANILA, Dec. 8.—More activity is shown in the operations in northern and southern Luzon. The reports from the former district come in more quickly and telegraphic instructions are fewer.

General Funston, with Troop A of the Fourth cavalry and a score of scouts, left Thursday encountered a hundred insurgents posted on the opposite bank of the Mehico river. The Americans charged across the stream and the enemy retreated, firing from cover. They left four dead on the field. A native who was captured reported that Fagin, a deserter from the Twenty-fourth infantry, who has been active with the Filipinos, with a party of two cavalymen, had been wounded.

Lieutenant Morrow, with fifty men from the Forty-seventh regiment, attacked and occupied Bulacan. While returning these troops encountered Colonel Victorio, occupying an entrenched position, with thirty rifles and 300 bolomen. Lieutenant Morrow's force charged and drove the enemy from their position. It is believed, with heavy loss. Preceding the fight the expedition had captured Major Flores and several of his followers.

An engagement is reported to have occurred near San Roque, in which, according to natives, fifty rebels were killed. Several minor encounters and captures are also reported. The American casualties have been very slight.

Ask Secretary Gage to Remain. WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.—President Homer of the Baltimore clearing house and thirty of the prominent business men representing the clearing house, the savings bank and the Merchants' and Manufacturers' association of Baltimore, called in a body today at the Treasury department and urged Secretary Gage to accept the invitation of the president to remain at the head of the Treasury department for another four years.

President's Nominations. WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.—The president today sent the following nominations to the senate: John F. Weston, assistant commissary general of subsistence, with rank of brigadier general, Captain Frank B. McKenna, Forty-seventh infantry, U. S. V. (first lieutenant Fifteenth infantry, U. S. A.), to be inspector general of volunteers, with rank of major.

Marriage and Divorce Laws. WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.—Representative Taylor of Ohio, who was prominently identified with the movement to exclude Brigham Roberts of Utah from a seat in congress, today introduced a measure intended to bring about federal prohibition of polygamy. It proposes a constitutional amendment for uniform laws on marriage and divorce. Mr. Taylor says, however, that his aim goes considerably beyond a mere uniformity of such laws, and is expressly designed to reach polygamy, and put an end to it.

PROSPERITY IN OKLAHOMA.

Governor's Report Argues Condition Warrant Admission. WASHINGTON, Dec. 7.—The annual report of the governor of Oklahoma says that the year has been marked by general prosperity—agricultural grazing, manufacturing and commerce flourishing in an unprecedented manner. The total assessed valuation of property is \$49,338,661, an increase of \$6,247 over 1899. The report states that in addition to its excellent public school system, Oklahoma has five higher institutions of learning, which are not excelled by the similar institutions of any state in the union. There are still 5,733,395 acres of vacant government land in the territory, subject to homestead entry. While most of the land is unfit for farming there are still many sections upon which the homesteeker from the north or east can find a comfortable home and attain a competence in time.

As each justice of the supreme court of the territory sits as a trial judge with original jurisdiction of all cases of civil and criminal litigation arising in the district to which he is assigned the report recommends that a separate court of appeals be provided. In order to avert sentencing of youthful criminals to the penitentiary, the establishment of a reformatory institution within the territory is recommended. The report says that the prosperous condition prevailing in Oklahoma, its population, area and wealth, when compared with a like condition prevailing in a large number of states at the time of their admission to the union, amply justifies its claim to statehood. The report recommends that Fort Supply, which was abandoned several years ago, be presented to the territory for use as a public institution.

CONNECTING LAKE AND RIVER.

War Department Furnishes Estimate for Proposed Canal. WASHINGTON, Dec. 7.—The War department today sent to congress reports on the number of important river and harbor projects, including that for connecting the Mississippi river with Lake Michigan by the means of the Illinois river and the Chicago sanitary canal, and also for extensive improvement of the Sault Ste. Marie canal. The total cost of the project for connecting Lake Michigan and the Mississippi river is placed at \$7,731,517 for a five-foot depth. The project involves the construction of twelve locks and two dams with movable weirs. The estimates are based on the assumption that all necessary franchises in connection with the construction will be freed of cost to the United States.

The estimate for improving the channel between Lakes Superior and Huron, through St. Mary's river, including Hay channel, is \$9,000,000. The distance is sixty-four miles, part of which is improved. The estimate for deepening the Sturgeon Bay and Lake Michigan ship canal to twenty-one feet is \$218,000.

Abbie Sage Richardson Dead. NEW YORK, Dec. 6.—A special cable dispatch to the Brooklyn Eagle from Rome says: Mrs. Abby Sage Richardson, dramatist, poet, literary critic and translator, died in this city today. She was the widow of the late Albert Deane Richardson, newspaper man and author, long time correspondent of the New York Tribune in the civil war, and afterward an editor on that paper. Mrs. Richardson arrived here with her son, William Sage, the novelist, early in November and her death was wholly unexpected by her friends in Rome.

House Bills Introduced. WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 7.—The senate today transacted no business of importance in open session. Throughout almost the entire afternoon it was in executive session. The ship subsidy bill therefore received no consideration. Mr. Hoar presented a resolution of the Massachusetts legislature in favor of the purchase by the United States government of Temple Farm Moor house, at Yorktown, Va.

General Fagan Is Retired. WASHINGTON, Dec. 7.—Brigadier General Charles R. Eagan, commissary general of subsistence, who has been under suspension since February 9, 1899, by sentence of court-martial for alleged intemperate and coarse language, concerning Lieutenant General Miles in connection with the army beef investigation, was restored to duty today, and he was afterwards placed on the record list of the army.

To Arrange Inaugural. WASHINGTON, Dec. 7.—John Joy Edson was today named as chairman of the committee having charge of the inaugural ceremonies. He was accepted. Senator Hanna, chairman of the republican national committee, previously tendered the office to Mr. Theodore W. Noyes, who was compelled to decline the honor, as his duties would not permit him to devote sufficient time to the position.

Held Up on Iowa Stockman. CHICAGO, Dec. 6.—Fred T. Gilmere of Baxter, Ia., was knocked senseless late last night near Michigan avenue and Harmon Court and robbed of \$11,229 in negotiable paper, \$23 in money and a watch. The robbers, William Cummings and George Hayes, after a desperate battle with detectives, were captured and all the booty save the watch and money was recovered.

Czar Getting Back to Health. LIVADIA, European Russia, Dec. 7.—The following bulletin was issued this morning by the czar's physicians: "The czar slept well all night long. His general condition and spirits are very good. His temperature and pulse are normal."

The czar now leaves his bed each day and spends an hour or two in an armchair. In sleep and appetite he is steadily improving, though he is still limited to a light diet. It is probable that the bulletins will be discontinued next Sunday.

ARMY BILL IS ADOPTED

Measure to Provide Troops Goes Through by Strictly Party Vote.

INCREASED ARMY IS PROVIDED FOR

Amendment Abolishing Canteen System Carried by Overwhelming Majority—Generals Lee and Wilson Are Denied Retirement with Rank of Brigadier.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7.—The house of representatives today, at the end of a long sitting, passed the army reorganization bill by a vote of 166 to 133. Three democrats, Messrs. Hall of Pennsylvania and Underhill and Clayton of New York, voted with the republicans for the bill, and Mr. McCall, republican of Massachusetts, with the democrats, against it. Otherwise it was a strictly party vote. The proposition which some of the democrats attempted to commit their side to in caucus, an extension of the present temporary army until July 1, 1903, which was voted upon indirectly on a motion to recommit, commanded the votes of only about half the opposition and two republicans, Mr. McCall and Mr. Mann of Illinois. Many of the democrats voted against the motion, however, because they were opposed not only to the reorganization bill, but also to continuing the army at its present strength.

Quite a number of amendments were placed on the bill before it was passed. The liveliest fight was made on a substitute made by Mr. Littlefield of Maine for the canteen section. The substitute absolutely prohibited the sale of intoxicants at military posts. It was supported by Messrs. Littlefield, Grosvenor, republican of Ohio, Dick, republican of Virginia, and Hay, democrat of Texas, Fitzgerald, democrat of Massachusetts, Pearce, republican of Missouri, Parker, republican of New Jersey, and Bartholdt, republican of Missouri. Large delegations from the Woman's Christian Temperance union, which is in session in this city, watched the fight from the galleries. When the vote was taken the prohibiting amendment was carried by an overwhelming majority, 159 to 51. Mr. Bartholdt attempted to secure a record vote in the house, but the peculiar parliamentary statutes shut him out.

The sections designed to retire General Shafter as a major general and Generals Fitzhugh Lee and James H. Wilson as brigadier generals were stricken out.

Among the amendments adopted were those providing for fifty volunteer surgeons and 150 assistant surgeons for service in the Philippines; for thirty dental surgeons and for a veterinary corps with actual rank. The officers of the pay corps were increased eleven and of the signal corps twenty-three. The age limit was removed from volunteer officers eligible for appointment for first and second lieutenants, and the provision for retiring officers who served in the civil war as of the next higher grade was stricken out.

The Hepburn amendment to provide that vacancies in the quartermaster's department would be filled from civil life or from volunteer officers commissioned since April 10, 1898, which was pending when the house adjourned yesterday, was voted down without division.

Mr. Hay of Virginia offered an amendment, which was adopted, authorizing the president to appoint fifty volunteer surgeons with rank of major and 150 volunteer surgeons with the rank of captain for terms of two years unless previously discharged.

Mr. Otey offered an amendment to empower the surgeon general of the army to employ not to exceed thirty dental surgeons, three of whom should be chief dental surgeons.

Mr. Otey made a humorous speech in support of the amendment, appealing to every member to vote in the interest of 3,200,000 teeth. "Irrespective of party or the result of the late election," he said, "vote to rid the old soldier of the toothache."

The amendment was adopted. Rejoice Galveston Losers. WASHINGTON, Dec. 7.—The secretary of war today sent to the senate reports of the board of engineers concerning the effects of the Galveston storm of last summer on the jetties in the vicinity of that city. The board finds that \$1,500,000 will be necessary to repair the jetties at Galveston and \$175,000 for the repair of the Brazos. The board places the loss of life at 5,000. The damage to fortifications is placed at \$99,000.

American Objections Presented. CONSTANTINOPLE, Dec. 7.—The United States charge d'affaires, Lloyd C. Griscom, today officially presented Captain Colby M. Chester and the other visiting officers of the United States ship Kentucky, now at Smyrna, to the minister of marine, Hassal Pasha. The American officers were also entertained at dinner today at the British embassy by Mr. DeBunser, the first secretary of the embassy.

Otto H. Littman Confirmed. WASHINGTON, Dec. 7.—The senate today confirmed Otto H. Littman of Missouri to be superintendent of the coast and geodetic survey.

TWENTY-SIX BEHEADED.

Only Because They Were Employed by American Contractor. YOUNGSTOWN, O., Dec. 7.—Walter Kennedy, contractor and expert engineer, who has just returned from completing some contracts in China, said that he saw twenty-six Chinamen beheaded for no reason other than that they were in his employ. During the time he was erecting extensive machinery he was practically a prisoner and did not know what moment he would be taken from his work and executed.

THE LIVE STOCK MARKET.

Latest Quotations from South Omaha and Kansas City. SOUTH OMAHA. Union Stock Yards.—Cattle.—There was a fairly good run of cattle, but the market was in good shape on the better kinds of both fat cattle and feeders. The corn-fed steers were in good demand if the quality was satisfactory and they sold at good steady prices as compared with yesterday. The half fat steers, however, was as slow sale as ever and sellers in some cases experienced some difficulty in getting what they called steady prices. There were about thirty cars of cow stuff on sale, and the market on that better grades of cows and heifers was steady and the demand in good shape. There were a good many common cows offered, and on such the market was weak. Buyers bid very unevenly on them, but as a general thing sellers had to take less money for them than they would have brought yesterday. The market on that class of cattle was rather drab. The supply of good feeders was rather limited, and as buyers all wanted a few they paid good strong prices in order to get them. The demand from the country, while not heavy, is fully equal to the supply so far as choice cattle are concerned. Kansas cattle were scarce on the market. Buyers thought they were paying too much for their hogs, as Chicago reported the bulk there at \$1.55 and sellers at this point were holding their droves at \$1.25 and \$1.30. They had to have hogs, however, and finally decided to pay the prices. The market was active at the advance and the bulk of the offerings changed hands early in the morning. There was no very radical change in the market from start to finish, the great bulk of the hogs going at \$1.32 and \$1.35, with a few loads at \$1.27.

Sheep.—There was a light run here and receipts were composed mostly of lambs. A choice bunch of native fed lambs sold as high as \$3.25, or about 25c higher, but the western lambs sold generally a dime lower. The market was not particularly active, as packers were not anxious for supplies. There were not enough fat sheep on sale to make a test of the market. A bunch of native ewes brought \$3.50, which is probably as much as they would have brought yesterday. Aside from that string there was very little good stuff on sale and the market could be called steady to a little easier.

Cattle—Receipts, 4,500 natives, 1,300 Texas, 500 calves. The live supply caused a slight depreciation in values for the least desirable lots, while choice grades ruled steady; native steers, \$1.20 to \$1.25; stockers and feeders, \$1.00 to \$1.10; butcher cows and heifers, \$1.00 to \$1.10; canners, \$2.00 to \$2.50; fed westerns, \$1.50 to \$1.75; fed Texans, \$1.75 to \$1.90; grass Texans, \$1.50 to \$1.75; calves, \$1.00 to \$1.25.

Hogs—Receipts, 9,500 head; market active at 50c advance; heavy, \$1.00 to \$1.10; mixed, \$1.00 to \$1.10; light, \$1.00 to \$1.10; pigs, \$1.00 to \$1.10.

Sheep and Lambs—Receipts, 4,000 head; good active trade at steady prices; lambs, \$1.50 to \$1.75; natives, \$1.25 to \$1.50; stockers and feeders, \$1.00 to \$1.10; culls, \$1.00 to \$1.25.

IMMIGRATION IS INCREASING.

Commissioner's Report Shows a Net Gain Over Last Year. WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 8.—The annual report of the commissioner general of immigration shows that during the last fiscal year the total number of immigrants who arrived in this country was 418,572 of which 23,200 came through Canada. Of the whole number 304,148 were males and 114,424 females. This is a net increase over 1899 of 136,857. These figures, however, the commissioner general says, do not show the total number of alien arrivals, as 65,635 aliens came as cabin passengers. They would have swelled the total immigration to 514,207 had they traveled in the steerage.

The figures show that of the whole number of arrivals 424,700 came from European countries, 17,946 from Asia, thirty from Africa and 5,895 from all other places. Switzerland and Spain and the Spanish islands show a small decrease in immigration, while Austria-Hungary shows an increase of 83 per cent; the Russian empire and Finland 49 per cent increase; Italy 29 per cent increase and Japan 340 per cent increase. The total arrivals from Japan, however, amounted to only 9,791.

White Denies Interview. BERLIN, Dec. 7.—The morning papers here print an interview with United States Ambassador White regarding the relations between the United States and Germany in the China negotiations. Mr. White gave the Associated Press correspondent a formal repudiation of the interview, saying Germany and the United States had been working harmoniously together and also that nothing more divides them since it has been found that the conditions formulated by the Peking diplomats are subject to amendment, to meet any decided changes in Chinese affairs.

Congressional Library. WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 7.—The annual report of the librarian of congress was submitted to that body today. It shows that during the year there were 38,110 books and pamphlets added to the library, making a total of 995,166. Of the books added during the year 10,599 came through the operation of the copyright law. There were other accessions of 16,605 pieces of music prints, 14,048 maps and charts 3,536, and manuscripts 778.

Honorable Retirement of Boutelle. WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.—The bill authorizing the appointment of Representative Boutelle of Maine on the retired list of the navy, upon his resignation from congress, was favorably reported today by the house committee on naval affairs, over which Mr. Boutelle presided until his present affliction.

Foss Succeeds Boutelle. WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.—The house committee on naval affairs today complimented the acting chairman of the committee, Representative Foss of Illinois, by unanimously selecting him to the important chairmanship of that committee, made vacant by the recent resignation of Mr. Boutelle of Maine.

Military Academy to Have Attention. WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.—The military academy appropriation bill will be taken up by the house committee on military affairs next Tuesday. At that time also it is expected that the resolution asking the secretary of war to investigate the alleged hazing of Cadet Booze at West Point will be favorably reported, as Chairman Hull says the secretary of war probably has instituted an inquiry on his own account and there is no objection to expressing the wish of the house that the inquiry shall be made.

ALL HARMONY AT LAST

Foreign Ministers at Peking Reach Agreement Satisfactory to All.

CONGER CABLES TO WASHINGTON

Brief Details Show Diplomatic Victory for the United States—Chief American Contentment Accepted—Offenders to Be Severely Punished.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 6.—The State department has been informed that the foreign ministers at Peking yesterday reached an agreement, which was submitted to the home offices. Secretary Hay today received Minister Conger's signature on the part of the United States government. It is difficult to gather details of the understanding at this time. However, it is known that in the two important issues, namely, those relating to punishment and indemnity, the view of the United States government has prevailed. As to punishments, they are to be the severest that can be inflicted by the Chinese government. As to the indemnity, the Chinese government is formally to admit its liability and then the matter is to be left for future negotiation. It was understood that on the other points the French proposition has formed the basis of the agreement.

LONDON, Dec. 6.—The Times in the course of a skeptical editorial concerning the chances of an agreement at Peking, says: "Are the Chinese to be the judges of what is the severest punishment they can inflict or the European powers? If the latter is the case, the acceptance of the American view will not take us much nearer a solution and the same thing may be said of the indemnity question. It seems, in fact, that there is no settlement, but simply an adjournment."

"It is believed here," says the Shanghai correspondent of the Times, "that the Yang Tse viceroys are gaining power over the court and substituting their troops for General Tung Fu Hsiang's. The new governor of the province of Che Kiang has been instructed to arrange forthwith the question arising out of the Chu Chou massacre."

"It is the general belief here," says the Tien Tsin correspondent of the Daily Mail, wiring Tuesday, "that China will accept the demands of the joint note, which all the powers approve, within a fortnight or three weeks and that then the second stage of the proceedings—the examination of proposal after proposal in detail—will begin."

BERLIN, Dec. 6.—The Chinese minister here has handed the foreign officials a telegram from Li Hung Chang to the effect that Shi Liang, the new governor of Shan Si, has publicly executed upward of eighty rebel leaders and asserting that he is otherwise acting with the greatest severity in the suppression of the Boxers and energetically protecting the missionaries.

LIQUOR LAW FOR MANILA.

Prevalence of Wet Goods Emportations Creates Discussion. MANILA, Dec. 6.—The hall occupied by the United States commission was crowded today, the occasion being the public discussion of the Manila license bill. The section providing for banishing intoxicants from the escolta and down town plazas was strongly criticised. Judge Taft explained that the United States courts settled the right of the police and the power to limit the sale of liquors and yet the places where they were sold were unlimited. He declared that the condition of the escolta, owing to the presence of saloons, was disgraceful. The judge admitted that it was a hardship to some, but he denied that injustice was being done. The license expires in January and the section of the bill requiring removals will take effect in April.

The bill provides for a license of 600 pesos semi-annually, for a regular saloon; 800 for a theater and 500 for a hotel, besides a bar license. None of these will be allowed to sell a native intoxicants. Places are licensed separately for the latter. They are prohibited from selling to soldiers and Sunday closing is required. But hotels can serve liquors with meals. Licenses are imposed on distillers, brewers and wholesale dealers. The commission has passed an act requiring wholesome food supplies for animals used in transportation and imposing penalties for cruelty to animals.

Mercer Calls a Meeting.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 6.—Chairman Mercer of the public buildings committee of the house has called a meeting for Friday to consider public building measures. It is intended first to give attention to those buildings requiring more money on account of the rise in the price of building material, some of the main ones being at Seattle, Salt Lake and Portland, Ore. There are to be included in one general bill.

Castellanos Going to London.

LONDON, Dec. 6.—"Count and Countess Bond de Castellanos are negotiating for a house in London," says Vanity Fair, "where, in future, they will spend a portion of the year, as Count Bond is deeply hurt at the want of sympathy shown him by his friends and compatriots in his recent financial troubles."

Turks Admire the Kentucky.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Dec. 6.—Captain Colby H. Chester, Lieutenants William P. Scott and William A. Moffett and Ensign Leigh C. Palmer of the United States battleship Kentucky will remain here until after the Selamlik, Friday. The other officers of the Kentucky are expected to visit Constantinople. While at Smyrna, Captain Chester exchanged visits with the Vail (governor) and the naval authorities. The latter greatly admired the super-abundant turret system of the Kentucky.