

THE SEMI-WEEKLY TRIBUNE

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THE NEWS IN BRIEF.

William H. Tead, a resident of Kansas City since 1877 and well known among the old settlers, died of heart failure.

Cloud Rutter, scientific assistant of the United States fish commission, has been sent to the Pacific coast for the purpose of investigating the facts about salmon.

Captain Wise said that when on May 27 he approached the flying squadron twenty-one miles off Santiago the fleet had started on its retrograde movement.

The Cleveland public school council voted to include the Lord's Prayer, the ten commandments and the twenty-third psalm in the course of studies now taught.

Word has reached Boston that by the will of Nathaniel Hawthorne Cusack, who died at Washington, D. C., August 23, James H. McDermott of Boston gets \$250,000.

Michigan Central engine No. 599 exploded at New Buffalo, Mich., instantly killing fireman Michael Wiley, Engineer J. B. Palmer and brakeman F. J. Crouch were slightly injured.

The Illinois State Board of Agriculture has granted all ex-soldiers of any war free admission to the state fair Wednesday, October 2, and will provide the veterans with handsome souvenir badges.

The National Tube company issue instructions to its sales agents to accept all business at prices current before the strike. The company also announced that all of its mills are now in full operation.

Prince Chun, the Chinese envoy, will not return home by way of the United States. In accordance with telegraphic instructions the prince will go to Naples and October 10 will sail direct for China.

Secretary Cortelyou announced that President Roosevelt would not hold any official functions at the White House until the public reception on New Year's day. After that date they will take place as formerly.

The postmaster general has decided that the proposition to issue stamps for general use in commemoration of the late President McKinley is impracticable, in view of the length of time required for preparing the issue and other difficulties. No such stamps, therefore, will be issued.

The board of directors of the Benjamin Harrison Monument association met at Indianapolis and announced that the subscriptions now in hand amount to about \$28,000. It was decided to press immediately the taking of subscriptions in the state outside of Indianapolis, and in other states.

The Odessa correspondent of the London Times says an institution called the bureau of trade and commerce with eastern Asia is being founded at St. Petersburg. It will have branches in all parts of the far orient, and will help Russian merchants and exporters to bid for the eastern markets on extensive concerted lines.

The Klondike has been brought into telegraphic communication. The first message was one of congratulation from Governor Ross of the Klondike, now in Vancouver, to his legal representative at Dawson. The line, which is 2,200 miles long, touches at Atlin, Whitehorse, Dawson and Fort Simpson, and connects at the Alaskan boundary with the projected American government line from St. Michaels.

Dr. Abram Litton, eminent scientist and pioneer chemist of St. Louis, Mo., who for fifty years filled the chair of chemistry at Washington university and the St. Louis medical college, died from senility, aged 87.

Edwin G. Jay, city treasurer of Elk Point, S. D., committed suicide by swallowing poison. He died without explaining his act. He had been elected many successive times city treasurer. It is believed his accounts are all right. Jay has been ill and despondent for some months.

A. D. Shepard, general freight agent of the Southern Pacific company, has handed in his resignation.

Mrs. Kirby Parkin, aged 92 years, died at Codoma Station, Wis. She was one of the early settlers, coming there about fifty years ago.

Seth Low announced that he would accept the nomination for mayor by the anti-Tammany forces and added that he would resign the presidency of Columbia university. This will probably be when he is formally notified of his nomination.

Dr. James MacJames, the well known pitcher of the Brooklyn team, died at Charleston, S. C.

President Roosevelt has appointed James J. Langer of Nebraska to be consul of the United States at Solingen, Germany.

THE GUARD IS PUZZLED

Incident at President McKinley's Vault Still Cloaked in Mystery.

DEPREND'S NERVES ARE AFFECTED

Captain Biddle Thinks Sentry the Victim of Surroundings—White, Another Officer, Thinks There Was an Attack Prompted by "Cussedness."

CANTON, O., Oct. 1.—The officers and men of Company C of the Fourteenth United States Infantry, on duty at West Lawn cemetery, guarding the resting place of President McKinley, worked diligently investigating the strange story of Private Deprend, which happened Sunday night.

The military regulations which prevented the officers and men from making detailed statements concerning the incident last night were as rigidly observed today. The representative of the Associated Press saw all of the commissioned officers, several non-commissioned officers and a number of privates and gleaned the following:

All of the commissioned officers and the members of the company in general last night accepted fully the story related by Private Deprend and really believed that the prowlers were about the vault, with no good purpose. Today only one of the commissioned officers adhered to the belief that an attempt had been made on the sentinel for ghoulish purposes. He said: "It was the real thing. It was prompted by the pure cussedness of some people who thought to bring reproach upon the nation by doing damage to the resting place of the dead president."

All the men who were seen expressed the belief that Private Deprend acted in good faith and that he related only what he believed to be the real circumstances.

With the captain and others he went over the details of the whole affair at least a dozen times, and, it is said, never varied in a matter of importance. Particular inquiry was made as to his sobriety at the time and it is said that it is established beyond all reasonable doubt that he had not been drinking and that he was in his normal condition.

The most common belief is that the sentinel was overwrought by the loneliness of his position; that his nerves were overtaxed and that imagination contributed some of the details related in good faith. The post was regarded by all as particularly isolated and depressing to the man guarding it at night and it is understood that more sentinels will be stationed at the point in the future.

Captain Biddle thanked the reporters for what he called the fair manner in which the incident had been described in the morning reports, saying they gave a full and complete statement of facts, as far as revealed last night. He was fully convinced last night of the truth of the story as related, but after investigation entertained doubts, not of the sincerity of Private Deprend, but of the correctness of the conclusions.

CUBANS AGREE WITH WOOD.

Sanction His Plan for Two Elections and a Commission.

HAVANA, Oct. 1.—The constitutional convention held a private session and considered a letter from Governor General Wood advising the appointment of a commission of five members to have charge of the forthcoming elections and also advising that two elections be held instead of four. The attendance did not amount to a quorum, but General Wood's suggestions were approved by all present. Another session will be held today for the purpose of appointing the committee and making the necessary change in the election law.

A manifesto has been issued by prominent revolutionists approving the recent letter of T. Estrada Palma as the program for the future republic and strongly recommending his election to the presidency.

Queen of Denver Carnival.

DENVER, Colo., Oct. 1.—The city is crowded with visitors from all over Colorado and adjoining states, who have come to participate in the festivities attendant upon the annual Festival of Mountain and Plain. Tonight Miss Mary Malone, daughter of Judge H. Malone of the district court, was crowned queen in the presence of an immense concourse of people and surrounded by maids of honor from every county in the state.

Once Stationed in Omaha.

OMAHA, Neb., Oct. 1.—The Ninth regiment of United States Infantry of which Company C was almost annihilated in the Philippine island of Samar, near Balangiga, Saturday morning, was formerly stationed at Omaha. In 1886 this command was at Fort Omaha, regimental headquarters and all. That was when the post was in its prime. Officials about army headquarters know many of the officers of the Ninth.

HUGHES TO TAKE COMMAND.

General Starts With Expedition to Scene of the Recent Disaster.

MANILA, Oct. 1.—General Hughes, from the island of Samar, reports the arrival of Sergeant Markley and one private at Laning from the fight at Balangiga, where over forty men of Company C, Ninth Infantry, were killed by insurgents, who attacked the troops while at breakfast Saturday last. The men who have reached Laning say that the officers of the company, who were first reported to have escaped, were killed with the majority of the company. The troops were attacked while unprepared, by 400 bolomen, of whom the Americans killed about 140. Many of the soldiers were killed in their quarters before they had time to grasp their rifles.

General Hughes is going to the scene of the disaster and will personally command the troops.

A new branch of the Katipunan has been discovered at Tarrac, capital of the province of that name. The object of the society is the slaughter of the whites. Marcelino Marville, president of Banoang, is the chief of the new branch, which includes numbers of the native constabulary, who were recently armed. One policeman admits that he was taxed \$1 and was ordered to make bolos. A regular collection has been made by the organization from the natives, either by persuasions or threats and an uprising had been planned for an early date.

The conditions in Tayabas and Batangas are not encouraging. The worst form of guerrilla warfare prevails there. The insurgent forces are distributed, under cover, along every road and trail and wait for travelers in ambush. The insurgent leader Caballos (who formerly belonged to General Calles' command, but who refused to surrender with Calles) is retreating to the mountains. The main forces of the insurgents are scattered in bands over the province, where they dig up rifles when there is an opportunity to use them.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 1.—In addition to the enlisted men, three commissioned officers of Company C, Ninth Infantry, are supposed now to have been killed in the action at Samar, Philippine islands, last Saturday.

The officers are: CAPTAIN THOMAS W. CONNELL, FIRST LIEUTENANT ERWARD A. BUMPUS, MAJOR SURGEON R. S. GRISWOLD.

MCKINLEY'S WILL IS PROBATED

Messrs. Day and Cortelyou Are Appointed Administrators.

CANTON, O., Oct. 1.—The will of President McKinley was admitted to probate at the conclusion of the formal hearing yesterday by Probate Judge Maurice E. August. In pursuance of the wishes of Mrs. McKinley and upon her signed recommendation, the court appointed Judge William R. Day and Secretary George B. Cortelyou administrators of the estate. A joint administrators' bonds of \$100,000 was filed.

In their applications for letters testamentary Judge Day and Secretary Cortelyou say that the amount of personal property left by the late president will be about \$140,000, and of real estate about \$70,000, aggregating about \$210,000.

Kills Judge Lemley's Sister.

CHARLESTON, S. C., Oct. 1.—Miss Laura Lemley, 45 years of age, sister of Judge Advocate Lemley of the navy, was burned to death in her home in Salem, N. C., today. Her clothing caught fire from a kitchen stove and she was so badly burned that she died in a few hours.

For the President's Salary.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 1.—Warrants were drawn at the treasury department in settlement of the salary due the late president at the time of his death. Warrants were also drawn covering Mr. Roosevelt's salary to October 1, or seventeen days, and aggregating \$2,300.78.

Harriman Succeeds May.

NEW YORK, Oct. 1.—It is announced that E. H. Harriman has been elected president of the Southern Pacific to succeed Charles M. Hayes, resigned. He has been chairman of the executive committee of the Southern Pacific. He will direct the affairs of the company for this city.

The United States transport Buford, which recently went aground on a sandbar off the island of Mindanao, has been safely floated.

Iowa Elevator Burned.

RIVERTON, Ia., Oct. 1.—J. B. Samuels' large elevator at this place burned. The fire was discovered at about 11 o'clock, but had gained such headway that nothing could be done to stay it.

Empress Victoria Ill.

BERLIN, Sept. 30.—Empress Augusta, whose return from Rominten was earlier than she had intended, is ill and confined to her bed.

A COMPANY WIPED OUT

Infantrymen of Ninth Regiment Surprised While at Breakfast.

NEARLY FIFTY MEN ARE KILLED

Besides This Many Are Wounded—A Force of Seventy-Two Men Overcome by Greater Number—Insurgents Secure a Rich Prize.

MANILA, Sept. 30.—A disastrous fight between United States troops and insurgents occurred yesterday in the island of Samar, near Balangiga. A large body of insurgents attacked Company C, Ninth Infantry, only twenty-four members of the company escaping. All the others are reported to have been killed.

The company was at breakfast when attacked and made a determined resistance, but the overwhelming numbers of the insurgents compelled retreats.

Of the survivors, who have arrived at Basey, eleven are wounded.

According to the latest returns the strength of the company was seventy-two. The survivors include Captain Thomas W. Connelly, First Lieutenant Edward A. Bumpus and Dr. R. S. Griswold, surgeon.

Captain Edwin V. Bookmiller of the Ninth infantry reports that General Hughes is assembling a force to attack the insurgents.

The insurgents captured all the stores and ammunition of the company and all the rifles except twenty-six.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 30.—News of the disastrous fight between troops of the Ninth Infantry and the insurgents in the island of Samar yesterday was sent promptly by General Hughes, commanding in that island, to General Chaffee, at Manila, and by him transmitted to the War department. It reached the department during the early hours today and Adjutant General Corbin, realizing the importance, at once made it public, after sending a copy to the White House. General Chaffee's dispatch, which agrees with the Associated Press, is as follows:

"MANILA, Sept. 29.—Adjutant General, Washington: Hughes reports following from Basey, Southern Samar: "Twenty-four men Ninth regiment, United States Infantry, many wounded, have just arrived from Balangiga; remainder company killed. Insurgents secured all company supplies and all rifles except twelve. Company was attacked during breakfast, morning September 28; company, seventy-two strong. Officers, Thomas W. Connelly, captain; Edward A. Bumpus, first lieutenant; Dr. R. S. Griswold, major, surgeon, escaped." CHAFFEE."

The news created a sensation in official circles. It was the first severe reverse that has occurred for a long time. Still the officials were not unprepared for news of just this character from Samar, in which the revolution started by Aguinaldo still continues. Samar is a country about as large as the state of Ohio and the American forces of occupation number in all between 2,000 and 2,500 men. These are distributed among various posts in the island, a large number being located at the more important centers. Spain never made any efforts to occupy Samar and it only has been for probably three months past that the United States has undertaken that work. The latest report made by General Hughes to the War department was that the number of insurgent rifles in the island aggregated about 300. The Filipinos carried on a guerrilla warfare and operations against them were difficult. The disaster to Company C of the Ninth Infantry occurred, it is believed, while it was engaged in an expedition to clear the country of roving bands of these insurgents.

The fact that the Americans were attacked while at breakfast indicates the daring and pluck of the insurgents.

Mrs. McKinley Drives Out.

CANTON, O., Sept. 30.—Mrs. McKinley had two drives again yesterday. On account of dismal weather and the rain of yesterday and last night, the outing was confined to the streets in the city. It was said at the McKinley home last night that there had been no material change in her condition and that she continues to bear up remarkably well.

Waldessee's Leg Pains Him.

BERLIN, Sept. 30.—Count von Waldessee, who is ailing, is worse. He suffers from a painful sore on the leg and has no appetite. He is still near Nekarsulm, Wurtemberg, on the estate of his sister-in-law.

Christians in Conflict.

PARIS, Sept. 30.—A dispatch from Constantinople reports that a bloody fight has taken place between Mussulmans and Christians at Beirut, Syria. No details are given.

STAB MCKINLEY GUARD

Ghouls or Grave Dynamiters Reported to Have Made an Attack.

CANTON, O., Sept. 30.—A strange story comes tonight from West Lawn cemetery, where a company of regulars from Fort Wayne, Mich., is guarding the vault in which the body of President McKinley lies.

It is to the effect that the guard on duty on top of the vault fired a shot at one man who refused to heed his challenge and that the shot was diverted by another man who appeared from another direction. Also that an effort was made to stab the guard.

Military regulations prevent either the officers or the men of the past from being quoted on any matter connected with their service, and for this reason Captain Biddle, who is in command, was obliged to decline to be quoted at the camp tonight. He will make a full report to his superiors at once.

Reliable authorities made the following statement: Private Deprend was on guard duty on top of the vault at a point commanding the entrance below and the approach from the rear. Shortly before 7:30 he saw what he took to be the face of a man peering from behind a tree about forty feet from his post. He watched it for twenty minutes, he says, and at 7:45 saw the man hurry to a tree ten feet nearer. He challenged the man to halt, but this was not heeded and the fellow approached nearer. Deprend levelled his gun and aimed to shoot for effect, but just at that instant another man who came toward him from the opposite side caught the gun, threw it up and the bullet was spent in the air.

PRELIMINARY TO MESSAGE

President Requests Cabinet Members to Prepare Their Report.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 30.—At the cabinet meeting yesterday only routine matters were discussed. The meeting was attended by Secretaries Hitchcock and Wilson, Postmaster General Smith and Attorney General Knox, the only cabinet member in the city.

It was determined that the cabinet officials should begin at once the preparations of their annual reports, in order that the president might have at an early date such information regarding the executive department as would enable him to prepare his first message to congress.

Regarding the action of the Hawaiian legislature in providing for an additional district court in Hawaii, the president and attorney general are in some doubt. The question of the validity of the act has been raised. Nothing about it will be done at present, but Attorney General Knox will examine it and prepare an opinion upon it for the guidance of the president.

Columbia Takes First Prize.

NEW YORK, Sept. 30.—In the closest and most soul-stirring race ever sailed for the old Americas' cup, the white flyer Columbia Saturday beat the British challenger, over a windward and leeward course of over thirty nautical miles by the narrow, heart-breaking margin of 39 seconds. As Lipton's latest aspirant for cup honors must allow the defender forty-three seconds on account of the extra 833 square feet of canvas in her sail area, gives Columbia the victory by one minute and twenty-two seconds.

Labor Riot in France.

RHEIMS, France, Sept. 30.—The gen d'armes have been called out to suppress an outbreak of the grape pickers, who are dissatisfied with the pay they are receiving, and overrunning the Ay district, in the department of Marne, waving red flags, singing the Carmagnole and attacking travelers. The strikers seized one employer whom they wished to hang, but he was rescued by the gen d'armes. Many arrests have been made.

Kitchener Wants More Horses.

LONDON, Sept. 30.—The Daily Express publishes a report that Lord Kitchener has asked for 25,000 more seasoned mounted men and for power to hang rebels, traitors and murderers without reference to the home government.

Will Soon Have Protectorate.

BOMBAY, Sept. 30.—The Bombay Gazette says it believes a British protectorate will soon be proclaimed over Koweyt, the proposed terminus of the Bagdad railroad on the Persian gulf as a result of the Anglo-Turkish dispute.

Foot Racer is Too Slow.

FORT SCOTT, Kan., Sept. 30.—O. G. Stanbury, a professional foot racer, who is charged with having conspired with "Bud" Gillett, another professional sprinter, now in jail here, to defraud State Representative Jonathan Davis out of \$5,000 by inducing him to bet that amount on a race and then throwing the race, was arrested and is now in jail. Officers are now after E. E. Ellis and "Bob" Boatright of Webb City.

MCKINLEY WILL IS READ

Widow Hears the Last Testament of Her Devoted Husband.

RECEIVES ALL HIS REAL ESTATE

Also An Income on Personal Property During Her Life—Next Care is for Mother and Sister—Document Signed in 1897.

CANTON, Sept. 28.—Secretary Cortelyou came here yesterday to assist Mrs. McKinley in disposing of matters connected with the late president's estate. He arrived at 10 in the morning and was at once driven to the McKinley home. After meeting Mrs. McKinley the question of filing the will was taken up. The trying task of reading it to her was undertaken by the faithful secretary. Mrs. McKinley made a heroic effort to bear up and succeeded in doing so, although the ordeal was hard for her.

Last night she rested well. All legal formalities necessary for her to subscribe to were disposed of. At 3 o'clock this afternoon Judge Day and Secretary Cortelyou went to the office of the probate judge and offered the will of President McKinley for probate. They carried with them the following:

"I, Ida S. McKinley, widow of William McKinley, deceased, hereby decline the administration of his estate and recommend the appointment of William R. Day and George B. Cortelyou as administrators, with the will annexed."

The recommendation bears the date of September 27, 1901. Following is the text of President McKinley's will:

TEXT OF THE WILL.

"EXECUTIVE MANSION, WASHINGTON, D. C.—I publish the following as my latest will and testament, hereby revoking all former wills:

"To my beloved wife, Ida S. McKinley, I bequeath all of my real estate, wherever situated, and the income of any personal property of which I may be possessed at death during her natural life.

"I make the following charge upon all of my property, both real and personal: To pay my mother during her life one thousand (\$1,000) dollars a year, and at her death said sum to be paid to my sister, Helen McKinley. If the income from the property be insufficient to keep my wife in great comfort and pay the annuity above provided, then I direct that such of my property be sold as to make a sum adequate for both purposes. Whatever property remains at the death of my wife I give to my brothers and sisters, share and share alike. My chief concern is that my wife from my estate shall have all she requires for her comfort and pleasure, and that my mother shall be provided with whatever money she requires to make her old age comfortable and happy.

"Witness my hand and seal, this 22d day of October, 1897, to my last will and testament, made at the city of Washington, District of Columbia. (Seal.) WILLIAM MCKINLEY.

"The foregoing will was witnessed by us, this, the 22d day of October, 1897, at the request of the testator, and his name signed thereto in our presence and our signatures hereunto in his presence.

"G. B. CORTELYOU.

"CHARLES LOEFFLER."

It is given out on authority that the McKinley estate will total \$225,000 to \$250,000, including life insurance of \$67,000. Aside from the \$67,000 mentioned, the estate consists of real estate here and in contiguous towns and deposits in Washington banks. Monday morning has been fixed by the probate court for a hearing prior to probating the will. Then it is expected Secretary Cortelyou and Judge Day will be finally appointed administrators of the estate, with will annexed, and will give bond.

War Declared on Colombia.

WILLEMSTADT (Via Haytien Cable), Sept. 28.—It is again asserted in well informed cables at Caracas that President Castro will declare war on Colombia at the end of the month. The Venezuelan government is without financial resources and will shortly use the method of South American dictators and proceed to raise funds by force. Lack of confidence in the government is manifested everywhere in Venezuela.

Autos for Mail Service.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 28.—The first call for bids which directly contemplate the use of motor vehicles in the postal service, except for collections, is made in an order of the post-office department today asking for bids to be opened here October 12 for furnishing five motor vehicles for service at Minneapolis, Minn. The vehicles are to be of not less than 1,000 pounds each. The service is to be from Jan. 1, 1902, to June 30, 1903.