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## SUMMARY OF NEWS

CONDENSATION OF THE MOST IMPORTANT HAPPENINGS.

### BOTH AT HOME AND ABROAD

General, Political, Religious, Sporting, Foreign and Other Events Recorded Here and There.

#### Political.

Judge Taft and W. J. Bryan both spoke in Syracuse, N. Y., the same night.

The republican congressional committee estimates that the next house will contain 224 republicans and 164 democrats.

Mr. Bryan wound up the campaign with a speech at Lincoln, his home town.

W. J. Bryan made a speech at Albany, N. Y. He was introduced by former Governor David B. Hill.

United States Senator Cabot W. Lodge said at national republican headquarters that he estimated the plurality which Taft and Sherman will receive in Massachusetts at 90,000.

The following statement signed by W. H. Upham, secretary, and F. W. Upham, assistant treasurer of the republican national committee, was given out at republican headquarters: "We are informed that a person of the name of J. M. Bennington of the state of Washington is representing himself as an agent of the republican national committee for the purpose of soliciting funds and has written letters soliciting contributions. The republican national committee has no connection with Mr. Bennington; he is not a member of our committee and never has been and has no authority to solicit funds for this committee."

#### General.

Governor Patterson of Tennessee has announced that he has sufficient evidence to convict all members of the gang of night riders that hung Captain Lewis.

Speakers in answer to Methodist big note, being responsible for the loss of the Bros. is stillfield bill.

Belgium is a new real been annexed this week.

A. E. C. based 75,000 of silver at New York for delivery at 50.264 cents per fine ounce.

Mrs. William Astor, who for thirty years has been regarded as the social leader of New York, died on the 31st of heart disease at her home on Fifth avenue. For nearly four weeks Mrs. Astor, who was eighty-two years old, has been in a critical condition.

The next national convention of the Women's Christian Temperance union will be held in Omaha.

Modern Woodmen decided to make no effort to establish a preferred claim for their funds in the First National bank of Charleston, Ia.

Many girls were injured as a result of a fire in a ten-story building in the Cincinnati retail district.

Both Bryan and Taft received the election news in their home towns.

Nicholas Tschalkovsky, the noted Russian revolutionist, is released on bail.

The cabinet of Bulgaria has accepted in principle the demand of Turkey for compensation.

A substantial majority for Premier Laurier has been returned by the elections in Canada.

President Diaz of Mexico, rumors to the contrary, says he is not ready to retire.

A dispatch from Rome to a London news agency says the pope has decided that a special consistory shall be held for the nomination of new American cardinals after the reorganization of the American diocese.

A damage suit has been started at Louisville growing out of Kentucky night rider outrages.

Miss Mary E. Cheek of Toboso, O., is the only regularly appointed woman rural mail carrier in the state.

Mr. William Farren, the veteran actor, who has just died at the advanced age of 83, was the third in the direct line to bear what is probably the oldest name continuously connected with the English stage.

The government offers settlers a chance to secure irrigated lands on the Shoshoni ditch.

A receiver has been appointed for the Egg-O-See firm which recently went into bankruptcy.

Chairman Mack in a review of the political outlook says Bryan will have 301 electoral votes.

C. A. S. Blake, who bribed the juror in the Reef case, at San Francisco, made a sensational confession after he had been found guilty.

Methodist missionaries were in session at Cincinnati to consider means of advancing the cause in the foreign field.

Records were broken in the naval target practice at Manila.

The examiner of the Providence Savings Life Insurance company says the management was extravagant.

Seventeen suffragettes have gone to an English jail rather than give the promise to behave themselves.

The Omaha corn show management has made arrangements for the president's commission on bettering the conditions of farmers to attend the National exposition and confer with business men.

President Roosevelt celebrated his fiftieth birthday by working hard.

Prince Henry of Prussia, spent several hours in the air as the guest of Count Zeppelin, who made an ascension in his remodeled airship.

Vice President Fairbanks made the address on the occasion of the unveiling of the statue of ex-President Harrison at Indianapolis.

Servian reserves have been called out and King Peter has ordered 300 Maxim guns and 400 military automobiles.

Miners of Charleston, W. Va., barely escaped with their lives as the result of forest fires.

A semi-official statement issued in Berlin says Germany will not agree to discussion of any subject in proposed international conference that is objected to by Austria.

The Milwaukee road announces a fare of one and one-third regular rate to the National Corn exposition, and this is taken to mean the Western Passenger association has taken action, and all roads are included.

The emperor of Japan replied to the message of President Roosevelt.

Chairman Hitchcock, in an interview before leaving New York for Chicago, expressed himself as well pleased with the progress of the campaign.

The Canadian elections resulted in return of Sir Wilfrid Laurier to power for another five years with a slightly decreased plurality.

#### Washington.

"I suppose Heaven helped us to join hands firmly," said Japanese Ambassador Takahira with emotion, as he discussed the visit of the American fleet to Japan. Ambassador Takahira had a short time before returned from the white house, where he was the guest of President Roosevelt at luncheon, and to whom he delivered a message of thanks from the Japanese emperor for that which the president sent as the fleet departed.

The supreme court of the United States fixed January 4 as the date for hearing the argument in the commodities clause cases, and gave directions for the consolidation into one of all the twelve cases for the purpose of argument. The cases involve the constitutionality of the clause of the Hepburn rate law prohibiting railroad companies from carrying commodities of their own production.

The president will get busy on his message as soon as the election is over.

President Roosevelt has appointed Colonel Fred A. Smith of the Eighth infantry, a brigadier general, to fill the vacancy caused by the retirement of Brigadier General Philip Reade. Colonel Smith was born in New York and appointed to the military academy from that state.

Treasury balances Oct. 23d were as follows: Available cash balances \$168,584,147; gold coin and bullion, \$41,294,531; gold certificates, \$37,956,700.

Business conditions throughout the country are quiet and not much change is expected until after the election is over.

#### Foreign.

In order that the prominent Americans who have taken passage on the steamer Mongolla may learn the result of the election in the United States, the departure of the vessel was held one day at Tokio.

The Chinese officials paid their welcome to the American fleet.

Henri Farman's aeroplane made a twenty mile trip from Mourmelon to Rheims in twenty minutes.

The latest sensation reported concerning the Duke of the Abruzzi and Miss Katherine Elkins is that the couple will marry privately and unknown to the public in order to escape the curiosity of the crowd.

The second squadron of American battleship fleet reached Amoy, China, on Thursday.

All the suffragettes with the exception of two, who were arrested during the disorders in and around the House of Commons, were arraigned in court and fined \$25 each. They refused to pay and were consequently sentenced each to one month's imprisonment.

The petition of Count Boni de Castellane for a modification of the decree of divorce obtained by his wife, who was Miss Anna Gould of New York, on account of her subsequent marriage to Prince Helle de Sagen, came up in the tribunal of the Seine at Paris, but at the request of the defense hearing was adjourned until November 4.

The British Aero club has awarded its gold medal to the Wright brothers of Dayton, O., for their remarkable achievements.

#### Personal.

Henry Bennett, a Kentuckian, who was badly beaten by night riders, has filed suit against a number of prominent citizens asking \$100,000 damages.

General Garlington finds Colonel Goethals free of the charge of favoritism in awarding the Panama contract.

"Ted" Burton, member of the band that harassed Captain Rankin at Reelfoot Lake, Tenn., made a confession in which he implicated forty men, over half of whom are already under arrest.

Mrs. Stevens was re-elected president of the National Woman's Christian Temperance union.

Hundreds of federal employes are leaving Washington for their homes to vote.

A monument to former President Harrison was unveiled in Indianapolis Tuesday.

Thomas F. Ryan gave \$20,000 to the Bryan campaign fund.

The secretary of state of Colorado has been sent to jail for disobeying an order of the district court in Denver regarding the makeup of the ballots for election.

## OFFICER SHOT DOWN

PROMINENT CITIZEN OF WEEPING WATER INSTANTLY KILLED.

### POSSE PURSUE MURDERERS

Heroic Measures Likely to Be Taken on the Malefactor if Overhanded by Hounds.

Weeping Water—Suspecting that Nightwatchman C. A. Ralston was going to arrest them one of the two men thought to be the robbers of the Manley bank, five miles from here, shot and instantly killed the officer about 5 o'clock Sunday afternoon.

Immediately the community was aroused and every man who could secure a weapon and a horse started in pursuit of the murderers; the sheriff made a fast drive from Plattsmouth in an automobile, bringing bloodhounds with him; officers in Lincoln were notified to bring hounds and come here as well as go to stations northwest of here in which direction the murderers went after shooting Ralston.

The Platte river bridges are also being guarded and the man hunt has been taken up with such vigor and determination that it seems almost impossible that the murderers can escape.

Cass county is a network of telephons. The lines have all been busy, Eagle, Murdock, Alvo, South Bend, Ashland, Louisville and others have been notified.

Feeling is so intense that only the cool heads of the prominent business men in the searching party will prevent a lynching should the men be apprehended.

The murdered nightwatchman is a member of prominent families and has lived in Weeping Water almost since boyhood. He was a terror to evil doers and a very brave man. The men who committed the deed stopped all night at the Riverside hotel. They registered as Charles Seiders and Arthur Munster and took breakfast there, eating dinner just before the murder. They came here looking like bums, but left wearing good clothes of a dark color and soft black hats.

They are about five feet ten or eleven inches in height and one was slightly stooped, one weighing about 160 pounds, while the other was thinner and weighed about 140 pounds.

From the hotel they went up the track to the coal chutes and behind the cars Ralston met them and they fired one shot, killing him instantly. He fell on his face in the cinders. The section foreman heard the shots and saw the men running away. He went to investigate and found the night watchman dying. Previous to going up the tracks Ralston was talking with a detective sent here to look up the Manley bank robbery and the detective told him to keep an eye on these men. In less than fifteen minutes Ralston was killed. Bloodhounds are also on the road here from Lincoln.

Charley Ralston is one of the best known men in central Cass county and connected with prominent families of Weeping Water. He had been night watchman at two different times, covering a period altogether of about ten years. He is a brother of Alfred Ralston, former butcher and cattle buyer.

Contracts for Army Supplies.

Washington—Recent contracts awarded by the quartermaster general's office include 9,000 tons of oats to be furnished by Seattle and St. Paul firms. Bids received this week for 10,000 tons of hay for the Philippines have been rejected because of high prices and irregularity.

Catholic Census.

New Orleans—According to the census of New Orleans, which Archbishop Glennon of St. Louis has been compiling for several months, and which was made public here, New Orleans has 181,549 Catholic communicants out of a total population of about 350,000.

Conservation of Resources.

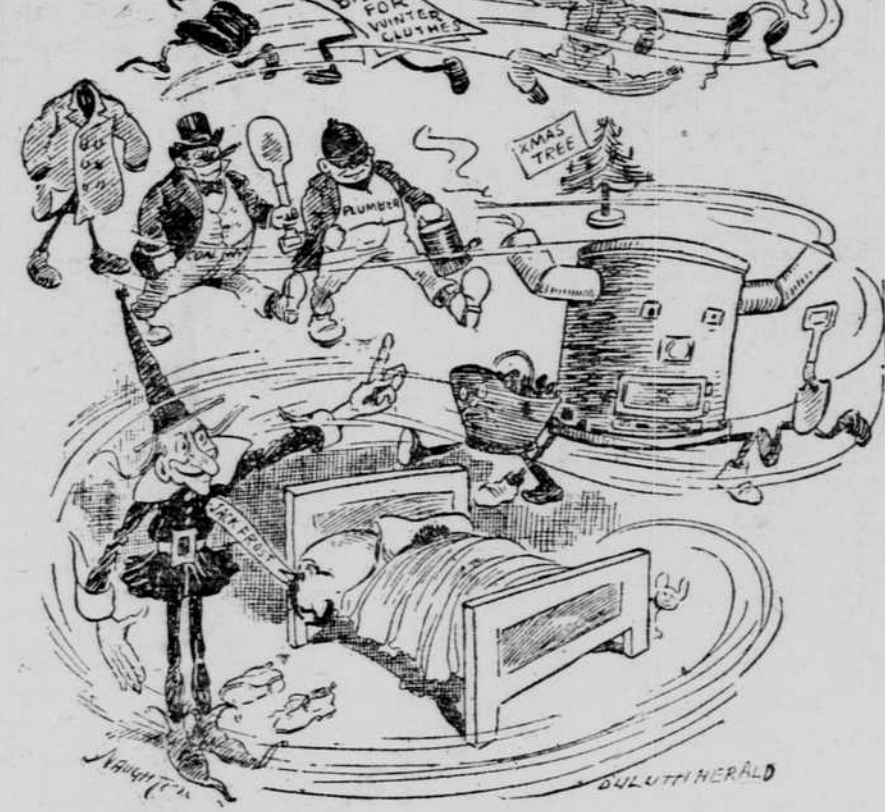
Many Candidates for Congress Pledge Support for the Movement.

Chicago—Pledges of active support of the conservation of natural resources movement have been received by the officers of the Conservation League of America from more than one-third of the republican and democratic candidates for congress and President Walter F. Fisher declares that the league has every reason to be gratified with the results of its first national campaign. In addition to the signed declaration of support, which number 257, the league has received letters and telegrams from a considerable number of congressional candidates expressing approval of its policies and assurances of support.

Horse Thief Shot by Sheriff.

Rapid City, S. D.—Two horse thieves, named Harvey and Johnson, escaped from the jail at Oacoma in Lyman county Wednesday night and later while being re-arrested by the sheriff one of the malefactors was shot dead. It seems that Harvey and Johnson had stolen a team of horses, wagon and harness at Dallas and were overtaken by the officers and placed in the jail at Oacoma. With the aid of a stove lifter and some lumps of coal they pried and pounded a hole in the roof of the jail and escaped.

## A NIGHTMARE.



## TO BETTER FARMERS' LIFE

"UPLIFT" COMMISSION GIVES OUT ITS ITINERARY.

One-Day Hearings Will Be Held First in South, Then Through Entire West.

Ithaca, N. Y.—The itinerary of the first trip of President Roosevelt's farmers' uplift commission was announced Wednesday by Chairman Liberty Hyde Bailey, who has been planning for the investigation of farmers' life in this country.

The commission will hold its first hearing at the agricultural college of Maryland on November 6. The party will then go south and the next ten days will be spent on hearings in the states south of Washington and east of the Mississippi river. During this period the commission will separate in order to cover the territory more fully. Dean Bailey will come and go between the two divisions. On the night of November 7, the day after the Maryland meeting, Dean Bailey will journey to Philadelphia and there address the American Academy of Political Science on the work of the country life commission.

The commission will be in Washington on November 16 and 17. There the commissioners will meet the masters of the state granges and the farmers' institute workers of the United States on November 16. The next day they will meet with the delegates of the Association of Colleges and Experiment Stations. On the night of November 17 the party will leave for the southwest, going through Tennessee and Texas, swinging up through Arizona and into California.

The northern and southern states of the Rocky mountain group will be covered. The trip back across the country will embrace hearings in all the states of the middle west. The party will return for a final hearing in Washington on December 18. The hearing in Ithaca will occur about the middle of December.

Messrs. Boardman and McAlphine of the international Y. M. C. A. will be with the party on part of the trip, and ministers and various professional men will be picked up on the journey. The hearings will be of one-day's duration each.

JAMES KERR PASSES AWAY.

Democratic National Committeeman Dies at New Rochelle, N. Y.

New York.—James Kerr, Democratic national committeeman from Pennsylvania, died Saturday morning at his summer home in New Rochelle, following an operation for an intestinal disorder which had made him practically an invalid for a year. His wife and sons were with him at the end.

William J. Bryan visited Mr. Kerr last Monday and the latter was much elated over the visit of the Democratic candidate, but almost immediately afterward suffered a nervous collapse which greatly aggravated his already weakened condition. There have been several consultations of physicians within the last few days, and it was determined Friday that the only chance of saving Mr. Kerr's life lay in performing an operation.

Confesses Big Theft; Jailed.

Sac City, Ia.—Will H. Pettis, former county treasurer, Tuesday pleaded guilty in the district court to embezzling \$27,000 of the funds of the county and was sentenced to ten years in the penitentiary.

At a previous term of court he had maintained his innocence and his change of plea came as a great surprise. He was at once taken to prison.

Storm Kills Boy in the East.

New York.—Many accidents, one of which resulted in the death of a 12-year-old schoolboy in the Bronx, were reported throughout the city Friday, as a result of the 40-mile an hour northwest gale that had New York in its grip.

Two Killed by Train.

Bloomington, Ill.—William Doyle and William Finney of Mason City were struck by a Chicago, Peoria & St. Louis switch engine at Petersburg Friday and killed.

## ROOSEVELT AIDS HEALTH MOVE.

Promises to Make Recommendation in Next Message.

New York.—That President Roosevelt has agreed to recommend to congress in his next message the passage of a law to conserve the public health, similar to the one proposed by the American Medical association, was the statement made in an address before the New York Academy of Medicine by Dr. Charles A. L. Reed of Cincinnati, chairman of the association's committee on national medical legislation. In speaking on the campaign for national health laws, Dr. Reed said:

"On the heels of the various steps forward I am gratified to be able to assure you that the president has authorized the statement that he will formulate definite proposals and transmit them with his indorsement to the next congress. It now devolves upon the 13,000 doctors in the United States not only to back the president in his work, but to anticipate those actions by a persistent campaign in behalf of this fundamental feature of the public welfare."

## NEW FARMERS' ORGANIZATION.

Society of Equity Is Formed at Indianapolis Convention.

Indianapolis, Ind.—The Farmers' Society of Equity was organized here Thursday afternoon at a convention of representatives from a number of states. The constitution of the society embodies practically all of the basic principles of the American Society of Equity, the principal change being that all delegates to the conventions of the society must be producing farmers.

The following officers were elected: J. A. Everitt of Indianapolis, president; W. E. Cretlick of Travis City, Mich., vice-president; J. C. Rous of Indianapolis, treasurer. The directors are: N. N. Ashby of Sebree, Ky.; J. A. Myers of Ramsey, N. J.; R. Sherard of Keosauqua, Ia.; W. H. Mitchell of Hutchinson, Kan.; L. H. Johnson of Attica, Ind.; and F. W. Morris of Rochester, Minn.

## AUTO ACCOMPANIES A BALLOON.

Thus Aeronauts May Return to Starting Point Easily.

Indianapolis, Ind.—Something new in aeronautics was attempted here Friday afternoon when a monster balloon with a capacity of 110,000 cubic feet of gas shot up into the air with an automobile in the place where a basket is usually suspended. The ascension was made in the north part of the city, the balloon carrying two occupants—Carl G. Fisher of Indianapolis and G. L. Baumhough of Springfield, Ill. The idea of the aeronauts in using an automobile instead of the usual basket is to be able to immediately roll up the balloon, load it in the automobile and return to the place of starting or other destination.

## Two Men Burned to Death.

New York, Oct. 30.—Hemmed in by flames and unable to escape from the basement of a business house in Duane street, Henry Jones and David Mahoney were burned to death Thursday night and William Settgast was so seriously burned about the face and hands that he will probably die. The men were employed by the firm of Stilman & Engel, manufacturers of celluloid novelties and they were at work when a barrel of celluloid caught fire.

## Belgium to Rule Congo.

Washington.—Belgium is to assume sovereignty over the Congo, which has been annexed by treaty on the fifteenth of November, says a dispatch to the state department.

## Orville Wright Goes Home.

Washington.—Delighted with the prospect of returning to his home at Dayton, O., Orville Wright, the aeronaut whose flights at Fort Myer during September held the attention of the world, Saturday left the hospital.

## Abruzzi to Wed in Secret.

Naples.—The latest sensation to be reported concerning the duke of the Abruzzi and Miss Katherine Elkins is that the couple will marry privately and unknown to the public in order to escape the curiosity of the crowd.

## MRS. ASTOR IS DEAD

AMERICAN SOCIETY LEADER PASSES AWAY.

### LONG A SOCIAL LIGHT

New York Woman Who Was Known as First Among Country's Aristocrats Taken by Death—Heart Trouble Cause.

New York.—Mrs. William Astor, who for 30 years had been regarded as the social leader of New York, died Friday night of heart disease at her home on Fifth avenue.

For nearly four weeks Mrs. Astor, who was 82 years old, had been in a critical condition owing to the return of a heart affection that had given her trouble for years.

There is not a name in the social register that is so well known from one end of the land to the other as that of Mrs. Astor. Despite her advancing years, Mrs. Astor continued to hold her social domination up to a year ago, when failing health compelled her to retire into comparative seclusion.

In Ill Health a Year.

It was in the summer of 1907 that Mrs. Astor's friends learned of her ill health. While she was abroad last year, her son, Col. John Jacob Astor, made the announcement that Bechwood, the summer home of Mrs. Astor at Newport, would not be opened and this led to the discovery that Mrs. Astor was in poor health. Word came later from Mrs. Astor, while she was in Paris, saying that she would open her Newport villa and that she would make the season there one of the gayest in years.

This promise was not fulfilled, however, for when Mrs. Astor returned from abroad she broke down in Boston and had to return to New York. She had remained at her home ever since.

Society Functions in History.

The society functions given and presided over by Mrs. Astor have gone down into history as the most brilliant on record. It is said that the ballroom in the mansion on Fifth avenue would accommodate 1,000 people. It was Mrs. Astor who established the famous "400," her visiting list being confined to that number of names. In 1905, however, Mrs. Astor was said to have "let down the bars," when she invited 1,200 persons to one of the most memorable social events ever given in New York. Mrs. Astor received her guests at these gatherings seated in a high-backed chair beneath a portrait of herself, painted by Carolus Duran.

Spouse Not Tall Socially.

The Astor jewels were worn by Mrs. Astor on these occasions. It is said the Astor emeralds are the finest in the world.

William Astor, who died in Paris in 1892, took little part in the social activities his wife enjoyed. Mrs. Astor, before marriage, was Miss Caroline Schermerhorn, a daughter of Abraham Schermerhorn, a well-to-do merchant. She was married to William Astor on September 23, 1853. John Jacob Astor was their only son. There were four daughters, two of them, Mrs. Ogilvie Haig and Mrs. Orme Wilson, are now living. The eldest daughter, Miss Emily Astor, who married J. J. Van Alen, died some years ago.

## BATTLESHIPS REACH AMOY.

Second Squadron of Eight Vessels at Chinese Port.

Amoy.—Eight battleships comprising the second squadron of the American Atlantic fleet, under command of Rear Admiral William H. Emory, arrived here Friday morning after an uneventful voyage from Yokohama. To the Chinese the visit of the Americans is of far-reaching importance and every preparation has been made not only to extend to the representatives of the United States a flattering welcome, but to impress upon them China's desire for even more cordial relations with the republic than have prevailed hitherto.

## Montgomery Again Convicted.

Pittsburg, Pa.—William Montgomery, cashier of the Allegheny National bank until the discovery of a shortage in its funds of over \$1,250,000 early last summer necessitated closing the institution, was for the second time this week found guilty Wednesday of embezzlement and abstraction of funds, his pecuniations in the two cases amounting to \$613,000. This case involved the abstraction of \$144,000 worth of the bank bonds, and as in the first case, Montgomery offered no testimony in defense.

## Victim of Crime Is Found.

Detroit, Mich.—The almost nude body of an unknown man, 35 to 40 years old, was found Thursday in a sack bound with ropes and a driving rein in Lapham's Lane, Springwells township. The man's throat was cut from ear to ear, there was a bullet hole in one temple and the back of his head was crushed in. Apparently he had been dead three weeks.

## Schooner Wrecked; Two Drowned.

Baltimore, Md.—The schooner Charles S. Hirsch, lumber laden, from Brunswick for Baltimore, was wrecked near Paul Gamble's life-saving station, N. C. Capt. Frank Hunter and five sailors were rescued in the breeches buoy by the life-savers, but the cook and one sailor were drowned.

## Rear Admiral Cowden Retired.

Washington.—Rear Admiral Alfred Reynolds Cowden was placed on the retired list of the navy Friday, his sixty-second birthday.

## SQUADRON TOUCHES ISLES

FIRST SECTION OF ATLANTIC FLEET AT OLONGAPO.

Second Division at Amoy, China, Tells Indifference of the Natives—Few "Passes" Cause.

Olongapo, P. I.—The first squadron of the Atlantic battleship fleet arrived here Saturday.

The weather was fine throughout the entire trip from Japan and the ships have been occupied with squadron evolutions and careful preparations for target practice. Otherwise the journey has been uneventful. Wireless communication will be maintained with Manila while the fleet is at Olongapo.

Amoy.—Chinese people were indifferent regarding the arrival here Friday of the second squadron of the United States Atlantic fleet. Only a few natives turned out to see the battleships composing the strongest naval force that ever entered this port.

Not more than 100 Chinese guests were admitted to the grounds on which the celebration planned for the reception of the American officers and sailors was held, and resentment at the severe measures to exclude the natives was the cause of the apathy. The British consul issued a circular stating that the local officials have declined to issue more than 60 passes to the inclosure to British subjects and that in consequence he refused to accept one.

The fleet appeared off Tai-Tan island at 6:30 a. m. Friday, having been met ten miles out at sea by the torpedo gunboat Fei-Ying, which escorted the visitors to their anchorage. The ships entered the harbor in single file, the Louisiana, flagship of Rear Admiral William H. Emory, leading, and after forming a double line they dropped their anchors at 9:30 o'clock while the forts on shore and the flagship of the Chinese squadron, the Hai-Chi, fired the usual salutes, to which the Americans responded.

## CHAIN THEMSELVES TO GRILLE.

Suffragettes Create Remarkable Scene in House of Commons.

London.—Suffragette disturbances have driven the government to the unusual course of temporarily closing the strangers' and ladies' galleries in the house of commons. Wednesday evening a sensation was caused by the display of a placard and sudden shrill cries from the ladies' gallery, demanding votes for women, while simultaneously a bundle of handbills fluttered down from the strangers' gallery at the opposite end of the chamber, and a man shouted protests against "injustice to women."

Attendees hurried to the galleries and the male offender was unceremoniously ejected, but from the ladies' gallery sounds were heard of a desperate struggle. Two suffragettes had firmly chained themselves to the grille and resisted for a time all efforts at removal, crying continuously in shrill tones their demands for votes.

The scene was watched with amazement from the floor of the house, but finally the suffragettes were dragged from their posts and removed, but only after portions of the grille were removed with them.

## PEACE STEPS BY BULGARIA.

Agrees to Compensate Turkey and Discharges the Reservists.

Sofia.—The Bulgarian