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THE FAIR ESTATE

THE PROPERTY OF MRS. FAIR TO GO TO RELATIVES.

SOME MONEY MAY BE ADDED

No Trouble is Expected—Whole Matter to Be Settled Out of Court and Relations of All Concerned Continue to Be Pleasant.

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 30.—Mrs. Hanna Nelson, mother of the late Mrs. Charles Fair, has arrived here from her home in Newmarket, N. J.

She is accompanied by her son, A. G. Nelson, who conducts a general merchandise business at Plainfield, N. J. Fred Fowler, a nephew of Mrs. Fair by marriage, and his wife, are also here.

Mrs. Nelson is a woman of 70 years of age and she was greatly fatigued by her journey across the continent. Joseph Harvey, the lifelong friend of Charles Fair, and Charles S. Neal, manager of the Fair estate, went to Reno to meet Mrs. Nelson and her son. Harvey and Neal also met Charles J. Smith, a brother of the late Mrs. Fair, at Reno, who has come to this city from Boulder Creek, Colo.

Mrs. Nelson declined to talk for publication, but to Mr. Harvey she said:

"I don't care much what becomes of my share of the estate, but I do want to see my children get all they are entitled to."

A. G. Nelson said: "There will be no contest between my mother and Mr. Smith of Colorado. He is my half-brother. Of course, my mother will go into court, but the legal matters rest with her counsel altogether. She will ask for letters of administration on the estate and for that reason we intend to take up our residence in San Francisco."

"Our mother," he continued, "we regard as the sole heir, so there will be no contest as far as we are concerned."

"There will be no contest at all," remarked Joseph Harvey, who was present. The whole matter will be settled out of court, and, anyhow, nothing definite has yet been decided on."

The Call says:

"It is now generally known that the Fairs will authorize Hermann Oelrichs to inform the relatives of Mrs. Fair that they can take possession of certain properties of her estate. To this estate will also probably be added a sum of money. What the amount will be has not yet been settled upon. The details of the compromise have not yet been discussed."

SUPERSTITION WILL NOT SAVE.

Chinese Who Murdered Missionaries Are Ordered Punished.

PEKIN, Aug. 25.—An edict has been issued ordering the murderers of an English missionary named Lewis, and an Australian missionary named Bruce to be punished. The crimes were committed at Chen Chou, in Ho Nan province. The government expresses deep regret at the occurrence and promises to make reparation.

It is reported that the murders were the outcome of an outburst of superstitious frenzy on the part of the populace, based on the idea that the missionaries in question had caused an epidemic of cholera, which is raging at Chen Chou, by poisoning drinking water. The mob wrecked the mission building and killed the missionaries, who had but recently arrived at Chen Chou, where they were cordially welcomed.

Hanna Talks of the Strike.

BUFFALO, N. Y., Aug. 25.—United States Senator Hanna arrived in Buffalo Saturday from Niagara Falls. For the first time Senator Hanna stated his abandonment of all efforts to end the coal strike. He believes that the operators should meet the miners in arbitration.

"I have exhausted my efforts," said Senator Hanna. "I have done all in my power and can do no more. I will make no further attempts, for it would be useless."

He said there is no chance of arbitration so long as only the miners are willing to arbitrate. He gave it as his opinion that the miners will not give in so long as they are able to fight.

TAFT DEFENDS HIS COURSE.

Filipinos Appointed Were Better Than Their War Records.

MANILA, Aug. 25.—The defense in the Freedom sedition case has called Governor Taft as a witness to show that many former insurgent leaders who were guilty of various offenses not recognized by the law of war have been appointed to civil positions.

Governor Taft gave testimony to the effect that many such former insurgents had been appointed, but that they had proved, honest, straightforward and earnest. He said that some of them had been guilty of murder from American standards, but that from their own standpoint they undoubtedly believed their conduct of the war to have been legitimate. Governor Taft said that he had found these appointees to be loyal and that they were not chosen because they happened to be insurgent generals, but because they were men of influence among their own people. He said the experience of the civil authorities among these men had been most satisfactory.

CHOLERA AND LADRONES KILL.

Two Fatal Agencies in Philippines Continue to Destroy.

MANILA, Aug. 21.—Official cholera statistics show a total to date of 25,664 cases and 18,040 deaths. The actual number of cases and deaths is greatly in excess of the official list. There were but eight cases reported last Saturday. In some of the provinces of Luzon the cholera situation is bad. Four hundred and fourteen cases and 317 deaths were reported from the province of Ilocos Norte last Saturday.

The members of the native constabulary were ambushed last Tuesday at a point near Magdalena, in the province of Sorsogon, Luzon, by a band of sixty ladrones. The latter were armed with rifles and bolos and a desperate fight at close range took place. One member of the constabulary was killed, two were wounded and three were captured. Seventy constabulary have taken the field in pursuit of the ladrones.

HOLMAN JUMPS INTO THE SEA.

Report on Death of American Naval Officer.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 25.—The death of Ensign Frederick R. Holman of the navy on August 13 on board the Celtic, while on the way from Manila to Sydney, Australia, is reported in a dispatch received at the navy department today from Captain Speyer.

The Celtic is a refrigeration ship and presumably was on her way from Manila to Sydney to obtain provisions for the army and navy in the Philippines. According to the dispatch, Holman met his death by jumping overboard. His act was presumably due to ill health. He was a native of Colorado and was appointed to the navy from Iowa in 1893. His father in New York City has been notified of his death.

Taps Sounded for Sigel.

NEW YORK, Aug. 25.—Taps was sounded yesterday for General Franz Sigel. Simple and unostentatious was his funeral. Surrounding the flag-covered coffin wherein lay the dead general, attired in the well-worn uniform he had used during the war, stood the few surviving comrades who fought with the veteran in two hemispheres. Some of these spoke simple eulogies and then the body was carried to its last resting place in Woodlawn cemetery, followed by a long line of scarred and crippled veterans, bearing with them tattered flags.

Laborers Scarce in Mexico.

MONTEREY, Mexico, Aug. 23.—T. B. Fitzsimmons, a contractor, returned to Monterey after a trip over the republic in search of laborers for railway construction. He failed to secure a single workman. At Tampico he found that local contractors had entirely exhausted the supply of laborers and had dispatched a boat to Jamaica to bring over 1,000 more negroes of that island.

Carries Government Troops.

COLON, Columbia, Aug. 25.—The British steamer Bernard Hall of Liverpool, which was chartered by the Colombian government to transport troops, reached Colon from Savannah with 600 government soldiers on board.

CHEERS FOR TAFT

MANILA GIVES CIVIL GOVERNOR A ROUSING WELCOME.

ONE GLORIOUS CALA DAY

Chaffee Returns, but is Undecided—Not Yet Determined What to Do with Moros—Taft Reports on Negotiations at Rome.

MANILA, Aug. 23.—Civil Governor Taft reached here at daylight on board the gunboat General Alvaia, from the Straits settlement. He was welcomed with an enthusiastic popular demonstration.

The day has been made a holiday. Eight arches were erected. Twenty thousand native from adjoining provinces participated in the demonstrations in honor of the governor's arrival. There was a parade of vessels in the bay and thirty decorated craft carrying members of the civil commission, military officers and the reception committee met the gunboat down the beach and escorted it to the entrance of the Pasig river. The governor was escorted by a large procession to the palace in the walled city, where a public reception was held.

Responding to an address of welcome, Governor Taft outlined the negotiations at Rome and said that all church questions were progressing toward a satisfactory settlement. The governor said the action taken by congress concerning the Philippine islands showed that the American people honestly desired to help the Filipinos. The Americans were determined the islands should not be exploited by Americans at the expense of the Filipinos. Governor Taft predicted that eventually the archipelago will have practically free trade and he congratulated the Filipino people on the restoration of peace. He advised the Filipinos to till their soil rather than waste time in senseless political agitation. He asked for their confidence and support. Governor Taft was given an ovation on the streets during his progress to the palace, and he received another ovation at his reception.

General Chaffee returned to Manila today from his tour of the southern islands. He has not taken definite action against the Mindanao Moros. He regards the situation there as uncertain, but not critical. General Chaffee still hopes that moral suasion may prevent a conflict, and has directed Captain John J. Pershing of the Fifteenth infantry, commander of the American column at Lake Lanao, to open communication with the sultan of Bacolod and ascertain the reason for the repeated attacks by Moros on American soldiers when the latter were not offensive. He will await a reply from the sultan before taking further steps. At one place General Chaffee conferred with a number of Moro chiefs, including some from the Lake Lanao district. The conference was quite friendly and the leading chief agreed to visit Captain Pershing.

ARMY AND NAVY TO CLASH.

Play at War is to Be Continued by Uncle Sam.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 23.—The general plan of the joint army and navy maneuvers, which are to begin August 29, as agreed to by Major MacArthur and Rear Admiral Higginson, the respective commanders of the land and sea forces at their recent Newport conference, have reached Washington and the instructions which will be issued by the two branches of the service to the opponents in the war game will be prepared here.

These instructions will be of the same character as those which were issued to the commanders of the white and blue squadrons, which now are vying with each other off the New England coast. Later on, when the joint maneuvers begin, the character of the problem, as worked out by the war board, together with the instructions and the rules governing the contest, will be made public.

Charged with Murder.

GUTHRIE, O. T., Aug. 23.—William Smiley, formerly a deputy sheriff at St. Joseph, Mo., and his wife have been arrested in the Wichita mountains and are now being taken overland to Lawton. They are charged, together with Charles Dixon, with the murder of Edward Winn and the shooting of Alexander Winn on August 14, near Wildman, O. T., in a dispute over a mineral claim in the mountains.

ESTATE OF MRS. CHARLES FAIR.

Valued at \$300,000 and to Be Divided Among Relatives.

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 22.—The Call this morning says the will of Mrs. Charles Fair, which is now in the hands of Attorneys Knight and Hegerty, disposes of an estate consisting of cash, real property and railroads and government bonds, approximately valued at \$300,000.

To her mother, Mrs. Hannah A. Nelson of Newmarket, N. J., Mrs. Fair left the sum of \$2,500 to be paid annually during her life. Mrs. Nelson is in the neighborhood of 70 years of age. William B. Smith, a full brother of Mrs. Fair, who also lives at Newmarket, N. J., is remembered in the sum of \$10,000. Charles Smith of Boulder, Colo., another full brother of Mrs. Fair, is also given \$10,000. Frank Smith, another brother, whose present address is unknown, is bequeathed \$10,000. Abraham Nelson, a half brother, who lives with his mother at Newmarket, N. J., is bequeathed \$10,000. Mrs. Elizabeth Bunnell of Union county, New Jersey, a sister of Mrs. Fair, is to receive \$10,000. To another sister, Mrs. Joshua Leonard of Caldwell, Mrs. Fair left \$10,000. She also provided for the children of Mrs. Sarah Leffler, a dead sister. The children live in Orange county, New Jersey. The remainder of the estate Mrs. Fair left to her husband.

SCHWAB SAILS FOR EUROPE.

Says He is Not in Bad Health and is Taking Vacation.

NEW YORK, Aug. 22.—President Schwab of the United States Steel corporation sailed for Europe today on the steamship La Lorraine. He appeared to be in good health except for the fact that he leaned heavily on a cane which he held in his right hand.

"My arrangements for my trip abroad," he said to a reporter, "were made so hurriedly that until I arrive I don't know where I shall go or what I shall do. You can say, however, that I have not resigned and also that I am not in bad health. The reason for my hurried departure is not because of ill health, but because I want and need a vacation like everyone else. I must go away now if I want to go at all, because if I should wait much longer winter would be here and it would be too late. Business will not enter into my trip abroad at all."

RETIRED ARMY OFFICER SHOT.

Major George A. Ames Wounded by Former Tenant at Home.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 22.—Major George A. Ames, a retired army officer, was shot, but not seriously injured, at his home, a few miles outside of this city, today by J. Doland Johnson. According to Major Ames' account, Johnson was formerly one of his tenants, with whom he had some difficulty, and who threatened to shoot him.

Major Ames says he was sitting on the porch of his house when Johnson approached and fired two shots, the first taking effect in the right breast. The second shot went wild.

Chicago Fears Coal Famine.

CHICAGO, Aug. 22.—An immediate hard coal famine threatens Chicago. In the entire city there was not more than 50,000 tons on hand and as one-half of that has already been contracted for or bought outright, the public has only 25,000 tons of the hard fuel available for purchase. Usually at this time of year there are 30,000 tons of hard coal within the corporate limits. Heretofore unlimited quantities could be purchased at \$7.25 a ton, but today the majority of the dealers were asking \$8.50 a ton, and some of them wanted \$9.

Rumors of the End.

CHEYENNE, Wyo., Aug. 22.—There is a growing belief among local strikers and their friends that the Union Pacific strike will be settled inside of two weeks. The men say that President Burt of the Union Pacific will ask for a conference with strike leaders in a few days. They get their information, they say, from a state official who received a letter from Mr. Burt, in which he intimated that he would meet with the strikers as soon as he completed plans now being formed.

Off for the Battle.

NEW YORK, Aug. 22.—Young Corbett, who will fight Terry McGovern before the Southern Athletic club at Louisville, September 22, left for Cincinnati tonight.

LOOKS FOR BATES

MANILA HEARS THAT HE WILL SUCCEED CHAFFEE.

HIS KNOWLEDGE OF MOROS

He Knows Them Well, and if Present Campaign Drags Too Much He May Be Again Called Upon to Negotiate with Dusky Sultans.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 21.—According to Manila papers received at the war department today there was a report current that General George W. Davis would succeed General Chaffee in command of the division, that General Davis would not serve very long, but after a few months would return to the United States and be succeeded by General Bates, who is now in command of the Department of the Missouri. It is stated that Bates' excellent knowledge of the Moros and his acquaintance with many of the leading sultans and dattos would be of great value if the campaign against the Moros should continue any length of time.

The same paper gives an account of the ravages of smallpox at Apari, in northern Luzon, and reports that out of 1,700 cases eleven deaths have occurred. The ravages did not extend to the troops stationed in that vicinity.

Between June 25 and July 10 seventy-two deaths occurred among the enlisted men of the division of the Philippines. Of the total number of deaths thirty-five were due to Asiatic cholera. The war department today received the information from General Chaffee at Manila, together with a list of those soldiers who had died. In addition to the thirty-five who died of cholera seventeen died of dysentery, six of malarial fever and the remainder of various other diseases. Of those who died of cholera nine were Philippine scouts and natives.

The war department is advised of the sailing of the transport Kilpatrick from Manila, P. I., August 17 for San Francisco with 518 casualties.

MANILA, Aug. 21.—General Chaffee reached the island of Cebu yesterday on the transport Ingalls and received from Washington instructions regarding the course to be pursued in Mindanao island. Subsequently he left Cebu for Manila. It is not known here whether he has taken action in the matter of the Mindanao Moros. No word was received today from Lake Lanao, where Captain John J. Pershing of the Fifteenth cavalry is in command of a column of American troops.

J. P. MORGAN IS HOME AGAIN.

Financier Returns to New York, but Has Nothing to Make Public.

NEW YORK, Aug. 21.—Prominent among the long list of passengers who arrived today on the steamship Oceanic from Liverpool were J. Pierpont Morgan, Bishop Henry C. Potter of New York, Clement A. Griscom of Philadelphia, president of the International Navigation company; P. A. B. Widener of Philadelphia and Mrs. Patrick Campbell, the English actress. Mr. Morgan declined to be interviewed, saying he had nothing to give out for publication.

Bishop Potter said he had a delightful trip abroad, but was glad to get home.

"I am surprised and sadly disappointed to find the coal strike still unsettled," he continued. "It is certainly too bad that it has not been settled long since. I supposed it was all over, and the news of its continuation, which greets me here, is the one dark spot on a most joyous home-coming. The anthracite coal operators have all along maintained a false position. They take the stand that they will not deal with the organizations, but insist on dealing with the men as individuals. Now this is all wrong. Any body of men whose interests are common have the right to organize into an association for mutual protection and are entitled to recognition as an organization in matters which affect their individual and combined interests."

Peaceful at Tamaqua.

WILKESBARRE, Pa., Aug. 21.—The Warnke washery at Duryea resumed operations today under a strong guard. The works are surrounded by deputy sheriffs and coal and iron police. The strikers have not gathered in any large numbers as yet.

WEST IS WELL REPRESENTED.

Meeting of Transmississippi Congress in St. Paul Called to Order.

ST. PAUL, Minn., Aug. 20.—At 10 o'clock yesterday morning the Transmississippi Commercial congress was called to order by President John Henry Smith of Salt Lake City. Delegates arrived yesterday and early today representatives of the entire west were present at the opening in the city.

The jurisdiction of the Transmississippi congress includes the states of Arkansas, California, Colorado, Idaho, Iowa, Kansas, Nebraska, Nevada, Louisiana, Minnesota, Missouri, North Dakota, Oregon, South Dakota, Utah, Washington, Wyoming, Arizona, Indian Territory, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Alaska, Hawaiian islands and the Philippines.

In outlining the work of the congress for the present season the president said:

"The object of the Transmississippi congress is to crystallize the opinions of the western country in regard to the matters of national legislation and to bring them before congress in such a manner as to effect the greatest good."

"So far as I know there is no particular topic for discussion other than what may be brought up in individual delegations."

"An effort will be made at this session to bring about a consideration of the differences of the west. There is now a mining congress, a good roads congress, an irrigation congress, a live stock congress, an irrigation congress, all operating in harmony, but separately. The idea that better results could be obtained from a concentration of these is becoming more and more widespread, and it will require careful consideration at the present session."

The congress was opened with an invocation by Archbishop Ireland, after which addresses of welcome were delivered by Governor Van Sant, D. W. Lawler, on behalf of Mayor Smith; E. C. Stringer, for the Commercial club, and Rufus A. Hoyt, Minneapolis, vice president of the congress. Mr. Smith of Salt Lake City then responded on behalf of the delegates and the morning session closed with music.

STAY FOR BANKER ANDREWS.

Will Not Go to Penitentiary Until Case Has Been Heard.

LANSING, Mich., Aug. 20.—The supreme court granted a writ of error in the case of the people against Frank C. Andrews and ordered that Andrews be remanded to the custody of the sheriff of Wayne county until discharged by due process of law.

The effect of this action is to prevent Andrews' immediate removal to Jackson prison and will keep him in the county jail while his attorneys are arguing the motion which will be made in the circuit court here for bail for Andrews pending the settlement of the bill of exceptions that will be filed in the supreme court.

Only Strangers at Death Bed.

KEARNEY, Neb., Aug. 20.—Miss Fonda Lang of Callaway died at the city hospital in Kearney Sunday of typhoid fever resulting from a complication of ailments. Responsible for her troubles, which, it is alleged, she came to Kearney to hide, is a young man in the vicinity of Callaway, who disappeared at about the time the girl's troubles culminated in this city. The young lady's parents live on a farm near Callaway and are said to be in good circumstances, but it is charged, they have abandoned her entirely, and during the weeks she was in the hospital here they would have nothing to do with her, would not come to see her or contribute anything to her comfort or maintenance.

FUEL FAMINE THREATENED.

Fifty Thousand Men May Be Thrown Out of Employment.

PITTSBURG, Pa., Aug. 20.—The Post today will publish a story to the effect that a fuel famine is threatened for the mills in this district and 50,000 men may be thrown into enforced idleness through the lack of coal and coke. The trouble comes from a scarcity of engines to move the loaded cars. It is reported that on the sidings of the Baltimore and Ohio railroad leading into Pittsburg from the coal and coke regions there are nearly 5,000 loaded cars. Many of these are said to have been ready for shipment for a week or more.