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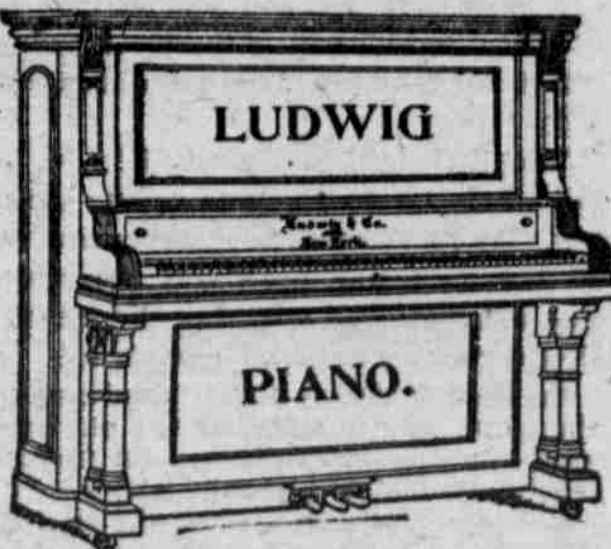
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appointed ambassador to Germany April 1, 1897, and it is reported that his resignation is on account of ill health.

It is announced from Rome that Mgr. Guidi, at present in the office of Cardinal Rampolla, the papal secretary of state, has been appointed apostolic delegate at Manila.

According to an official proclamation of the German government, the meat inspection law will go into force in its entirety on April 1, 1903, with the exception of the section which relates to doing away with the second examination of meat once officially inspected, which section will take effect October 1, 1904. This action is regarded as having an important effect on the American export of meat to that country.

News from Port au Prince, Hayti, reports the formation of a new government by the firminist party. The government has been set up at Gonaives, with M. Firmin as president, and it is believed that the government will ask foreign nations to recognize it as a belligerent power.

It is reported that two masked men held up the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy train two miles north of Savanna, Ill., at 11:30 o'clock on Tuesday night, August 5. The robbers are said to have secured \$2,000.

Dr. William M. Beardshear, president of the Iowa agricultural college at Ames, Ia., died on August 5 as the result of nervous prostration while attending the meeting of the National Educational association at Minneapolis a month ago. Dr. Beardshear was president of the association last year, and was regarded as one of the foremost educators in Iowa, having been president of the agricultural college for ten years.

According to Manila newspapers received at the war department, the cable dispatches from that city have not given full information as to the progress of American arms in the island. An account of the battle of Bayan, Mindanao, states that of 500 natives engaged in the conflict only 40 survived, and the courage and perseverance of the Americans was marvelous.

A Manila dispatch of August 6 reports that an engagement took place in Bativan province on the preceding Monday, in which the Ladrões were dispersed by a detachment of the Thirteenth infantry.

A collision occurred on the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul road between Collins and Rhodes, Ia., on August 6, and as the result the engineer of both trains and nine laborers were instantly killed, while thirty-nine were injured, some seriously.

It is announced from London that it is very probable that the Earl of Dudley will succeed Earl Cadogan as lord lieutenant of Ireland.

It is reported that Colombia threatens to take a British vessel, and as there is no British warship at Panama, the captain of the American gunboat has been directed by this government to protect British interests and interfere in this seizure if asked to do so. The state department has notified the British embassy, as it is feared that international complications may ensue.

A great amount of damage was caused in Huerfano county, Colorado, on August 5 by a severe storm. Four cloudbursts have been reported, and the damage to railroad beds and other property will be great.

A Washington dispatch says that a

recent mail from the Philippines contain an interesting summary of the result of court-martial cases in those islands. It shows that the accused in 227 cases were dishonorably discharged, in 231 cases forfeited pay and allowances, in 115 cases suffered other punishments, in 110 cases were fined and in 320 cases were sentenced to confinement.

An Indianapolis dispatch, dated August 7, says: The monument recently erected over the grave of Nancy Hanks, mother of Abraham Lincoln, at Lincoln, Ind., will be dedicated October 1. Colonel Charles S. Denby of Evansville, former minister to China, will be asked to deliver the dedicatory address.

A dispatch from Washington, dated August 7, reports: All the preliminaries have been arranged at the state department for submission to arbitration at The Hague of the Pius fund claims case. The arbitrators for the United States are Sir Edward Fry of England, formerly chief justice of the court of appeals of England, and F. De Martens of Russia, the well-known authority on international law. Mexico has selected as her arbitrators Pagano Guainas, Chile, a judge of the court of cessation of Italy, and Savornin Lohman, a judge of the highest court in Holland. These four men will select an umpire to act in case of a tie. The arbitration tribunal will meet at The Hague on September 1. The American party will consist of Judge William L. Penfield, solicitor of the state department, who will act as the counsel for the United States; Jackson H. Ralston, agent for the United States; Walter S. Penfield and Henry V. Armes, assistant counsel for the United States. Miss Margaret M. Hanna, private secretary to Assistant Secretary Adee, translator of Spanish, and Miss L. N. Larkins, stenographer, and W. S. Penfield will act as disbursing officer of the delegation. He and Mr. Armes will sail from New York Saturday next to arrange for accommodation at The Hague of the remainder of the party, who will leave New York on August 16.

Another mine explosion is reported from Colorado, near Trinidad, and it is said that thirteen men were killed and some others are missing.

A cablegram from Brest, France, under date of August 7, reports exciting scenes on the occasion of the expulsion of a number of sisters from their school at Landerneau, near Brest. The populace sympathize with the nuns, and demonstrations of hostility toward the soldiers who executed the orders of the premier took place.

It is reported from Washington on August 7 that Secretary Shaw made a ruling relative to the readmission to this country of articles of foreign production which had once been imported and duty paid thereon at the time of original importation. The secretary has decided that the privilege of free re-entry may be properly accorded to all articles of foreign manufacture or production under proper safeguards for the protection of the revenues, provided the articles so admitted shall not have been advanced in value or improved in condition while abroad. The articles should be registered with full description at the custom house on exportation and a certificate issued to the owner, and on their return they must be fully identified as the articles exported. The secretary has issued instructions to the collector of customs at New York in connection with this decision. Heretofore the department has held that no matter how many times an article of foreign manufacture was brought into this country, it must pay duty each time.

According to a report from New York, under date of August 7, a telegram from The Hague, credited to the

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Neues Wiener Tageblatt of Vienna, published by the Times, states that General Lucas Meyer has not been invited to the Boer conference to be held on August 31 because Mr. Kruger cannot forgive his behavior while in London, where he dined several times with Lord Kitchener.

An Associated press dispatch from Rochester, N. Y., dated August 7, says: Mrs. Bridget French, a prominent inventor, is dead, aged 72 years. She was born in Queens county, Ireland, and came to this country in 1850, settling in Rochester. Mrs. French devised and patented at least thirty-six useful contrivances and up to the time of her death was busy on others.

It is announced from London that England has accepted the offer of J. Pierpont Morgan, to give the admiralty claim on all the combine's ships. As evidence of the acceptance, it is stated that the government has chartered the Corinthic, the first ship built for the combine, which has just been completed in the Harland ship yards.

A London cablegram, dated August 8, says: The premier, A. J. Balfour, announced today the appointment of the following commission of inquiry into the conduct of the Boer war: The Earl of Elgin, chairman; Sir Henry Norman, Sir John Hopkins, Lord Esher and Sir John Fudge.

Communication between Washington and Annapolis was established on August 8 by wireless telegraphy under the auspices of the navy department. This was in the nature of a test of the practicability of the system for use in the navy department.

An Associated press cablegram from London, under date of August 7, says: The morning papers discuss with great warmth the decision handed down by Justice Bigham in the king's bench division of the high court of justice yesterday in a case where the Welch Coal Owners' association sued the miners' federation for \$500,000 damages for ordering stop days without consulting the mine owners. Formerly stop days had been mutually arranged by a sliding scale committee, but in this case the men acted independently. Justice Bigham decided in favor of the defendants on the ground that there was no malice in the action of the men, who believed that a reduction in the output would benefit both parties. The decision is hailed as a victory for the labor parties. The conservative newspapers urge that the dispute be carried to a higher court in the hope of obtaining a reversal on the ground that Justice Bigham's decision places an enormous power in the hands of the labor organizations.

A dispatch from Washington, dated (Continued on Page 15.)

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