



Pekin cablegrams say that the American government has notified China that negotiations to discuss the Chinese exclusion act will be discontinued until the anti-American boycott is stopped.

Vinson Walsh, son of Thomas F. Walsh, of Denver, was killed in an automobile accident at Newport.

John Temple Graves has announced his candidacy for United States senator from Georgia.

Hoke Smith, who was a member of Grover Cleveland's cabinet is a candidate for the democratic nomination for governor of Georgia.

Ralph Lee Ray, of Lancaster, Wis., has accepted the position of tutor in the American language to King Alphonso of Spain. Young Ray is not yet nineteen years of age.

David Wark, a member of the Canadian senate, died at Fredericton, N. B., August 30. He was one hundred and one years and six months of age.

C. B. Graves of Emporia, Kansas, has been appointed by Governor Hoch as associate justice of the supreme court, to succeed the late E. W. Cunningham.

Manila dispatches say that the Sultan of Sulu offered his hand in marriage to the president's daughter.

London dispatches say that Lord George Curzon will retire as viceroy of India, and that he will be succeeded by the Earl of Minto, former governor general of Canada. Curzon's resignation is due to a controversy with Lord Kitchener over the new plans for the army administration of India. Premier Balfour took sides with Kitchener. The result was Curzon's resignation.

E. A. Strong, formerly as assemblyman from Ashland, Wis., is dead. He was an ardent La Follette supporter.

Sydney H. Cole of Milwaukee died at Oakland, California. He was a thirty-third degree Mason.

Washington dispatches intimate that Former Internal Revenue Commissioner Yerkes, of Kentucky, will succeed Leslie M. Shaw as secretary of the treasury next February.

Adolph William Bouguereau, the famous painter, died at Le Rochelle, France.

It is reported that China will make demands on Russia and Japan for damages to crops in Manchuria during the war.

Berlin dispatches report that conditions in German East Africa are becoming more serious.

The Norway Storthing has asked the Swedish Riksdag to pass resolutions formally recognizing the dissolution of the union.

Nelson Pope, a well known citizen of Tylertown, Miss., was killed by lightning.

Mary Mapes Dodge, famous as a writer, is dead. Mrs. Dodge's husband died thirty-five years ago. She was

left with two boys to support and educate, and finally became editor of St. Nicholas, winning high fame in that position.

Thirty persons were injured in a railroad wreck near Demopolis, Alabama.

A platform at Pittsburg, Pa., collapsed and more than five hundred men, women and children were thrown into a cellarway. All were injured, but no fatalities.

Russell Sage, the financier who recently celebrated his eighty-ninth birthday, is quoted as saying: "I am going to live to be 100 years old; I am going to par, and I shall see Missouri Pacific go to 200 before I die. There is really no reason why I should not live longer than 100 years; but, on the whole, I think that is a good, conservative age to attain. The trouble with most men is that they die too young. It takes them thirty or forty years to learn how to live and how to make money, and then, just as they have acquired knowledge, death gathers them in. Many and many a promising career has been cut short at the premature age of forty and fifty years."

James R. Hyde, of Equitable fame, has sold his country seat, and it is announced that he will live in Paris.

An infernal machine disguised as a gift cigar box was received by Captain Miles O'Rilly of the New York police force. Its character was recognized before any injury was done.

In a statement given to the press August 20, Senor Quesada, the Cuban minister, said that property in the island was so great that even the most optimistic were surprised. Senor Quesada added: "The greatest proof of the development of Cuba during the administration of President Palma can be found in the study of the last figures of the official report of the Cuban treasury, showing the results of conservative, wise and progressive government which has ruled the island during the last three years. The receipts for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1905, were \$61,751,095, of which \$25,944,622 was from public revenues and \$35,806,773 from special accounts, of which \$31,677,336 was the product of the loan for the payment of the Cuban army. The customs receipts were \$4,848,942 more than the previous year. The exportations reached \$101,000,077 the importations \$61,377,664, leaving a trade balance of \$40,000,000. During the year payments were made to the amount of \$44,510,373, of which \$17,286,400 was for the regular budget and \$23,066,638 for paying the army claims. The total receipts for the year were \$61,751,095, which, plus \$7,099,584, the balance from the previous year, gives a grand total of \$68,844,714. Deducting expenditures there was a balance of \$24,340,307 in the Cuban treasury on July 1, last, which after making some allowance for outstanding credits leaves about \$22,000,000 of surplus. Part of this will be devoted to public works and part to serve as the basis for money to be applied to settle the balance due to the army. The government of Cuba, which so far has been very careful of contracting financial obligations, will deal with this matter in the same conservative and commendable man-

ner in which it has heretofore handled the questions that have arisen and always inspired by the best interests of the country and mindful of its laws and international obligations."

The first popular vote for the nomination of United States senator in Virginia was taken August 22. Senator Thomas S. Martin, candidate for the senate, and Representative Swanson, candidate for governor, were successful. J. T. Ellyson was nominated for lieutenant governor; W. A. Anderson, attorney general; J. D. Eggleston, Jr., superintendent of schools; D. I. Eggleston, secretary of state; and A. W. Harman, treasurer.

The New York World of August 21, says: "For the first time New York saw a real airship in a real flight yesterday. Thousands of persons witnessed a genuine trip of an aerial machine that skimmed through the air with the grace of a bird. After rising to a height of about a quarter of a mile above the street level the strange ship made a voyage of more than two miles and came back to earth almost on the spot where the daring navigator said he would land."

E. H. Conger has resigned as ambassador to Mexico. The resignation will take effect October 18. It has been accepted.

A Minneapolis dispatch under date of August 22, follows: "Mediterranean moths have closed two Minneapolis flour mills, and others are expected to shut down soon because of these pests. The moths gather under the fine silk cloth through which the flour is sifted and form webs from one to four inches thick. They also eat the cloth, making it impossible to sift the flour."

A dispatch to the New York World, under date of Washington, August 21, follows: "Alleged irregularities in connection with the importation of Cuban tobacco, and the loss of several hundred thousand dollars in revenue to the government, are under investigation. The affair grows out of the shipment of a large quantity of Cuban tobacco from Havana to New York via Tampa, Fla. This tobacco was consigned to Amo Ortiz & Co., at Tampa, and withdrawn by them from the custom house and shipped to Selgas Suarez & Co., New York. It is alleged that Selgas Suarez & Co. maintain a depot at Havana and a branch in New York, but shipped 108 bales to the firm at Tampa, which was enough to last it a year, and that this consignment was withdrawn in small lots and shipped by rail to Selgas Suarez & Co. at New York. The tobacco, it is stated, was placed in the free warehouse at New York. The treasury department has ordered that every bale be examined. The United States Tobacco Journal, which originally brought the case to the attention of the treasury department, says that the customs officials lost sight of the tobacco at New York and have not re-examined it. The point involved is that the tobacco was imported as filler, on which the duty is 30 cents per pound, while it is charged it is really wrapper, on which the duty is \$1.85 per pound. This amounts to considerable on the 108 bales, but is a small matter as compared with 711 additional bales, which were imported in the same manner during the present fiscal year."

The American Bar association, in session at Narragansett Pier, R. I., elected George R. Peck, of Chicago, president.

President Roosevelt on August 25 made a descent in the Long Island Sound on board the submarine torpedo boat the "Plunger." The president remained on the vessel about three

hours and the Associated Press says that at one time the little boat was submerged for fifty minutes and was put through all of the submarine feats of which she is capable.

A slight increase in the number of yellow fever cases in New Orleans is reported, but this is attributed to the hot weather, and New Orleans dispatches say does not in any way affect the hopeful feeling of those engaged in the campaign against the disease.

London cablegrams carried by the Associated Press say that there are good reasons for stating that a new Anglo-Japanese treaty of alliance has been signed, and that the new treaty is broader in scope in some respects than the former treaty, notably where it includes the recognition by Great Britain of a Japanese protector over Korea, and on other points which it was necessary not to include in the old treaty.

A cloudburst occurred near Trinidad, Colo., August 24. Great damage was done to the property of the Colorado Fuel and Iron Company. Ten people were killed.

At the Missouri Valley Medical Society's meeting, held at Council Bluffs, Ia., August 24, President S. Groves Burness, of Kansas City, replied to the Osler chloroform idea. He declared that the last half of man's life is the best and most fruitful part of it.

The extensive Bush Terminal Warehouse company, in Brooklyn, was destroyed by fire August 25. Loss, \$500,000. It was struck by lightning.

The ship "Marlborough Hill," laden with cases of oil and naphtha was struck by lightning in the storm which swept over Staten Island August 25. The vessel was destroyed but the crew escaped.

Stockholm cablegrams say that King Oscar no longer opposes the acceptance of the crown of Norway by his son Charles.

The League of American Municipalities met at Toledo, August 24. Mayor Dunne, of Chicago, declared that the people of Chicago, along with the people of other cities, would soon own and control public utilities. Mayor Woodward, of Atlanta, replying to Mayor Dunne said that private ownership of utilities properly owned is of greater benefit than if owned by the municipality.

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