



Two Japanese detected in the act of making sketches of the fortification at Fort Rosecrans were arrested. They are believed to be skilled engineers acting for the Japanese government.

An Associated Press dispatch from Washington says: "An agreement has been reached between the secretary of war and the representatives of the Catholic church in the Philippines regarding a number of important matters of controversy which will obviate the necessity of prolonging, threatening and vexatious litigation. Regarding the landed properties the agreement provides that the Roman Catholic church, through the archbishop of Manila, shall possess in absolute title the land and property pertaining to the hospital of San Jose, the hospital of San Juan de Dios, the college of Santa Isabella. These properties are valued at \$2,066,000. The church relinquishes to the government of the Philippines all claims and demands upon the estate of Santa Potenciana and upon the hospital and foundation of Santa Lazaro, except that the archbishop is to retain possession of the block in which the present Santa Cruz cemetery is situated and of fifty cemeteries, north of the hospital. The Spanish-Philippine bank dispute also was settled, by which all claims to the exclusive privileges and to note issues beyond the amount approved by the American government are abandoned; but on the other hand, the bank receives the confirmation without litigation and important privileges."

Senator A. O. Bacon of Georgia was re-elected to the United States senate for the term ending March 4, 1913.

Washington dispatches say that Secretary of the Navy Metcalf will soon sail for the Hawaiian islands.

A Boston dispatch to the New York World follows: "President Roosevelt was censured for his attitude toward the colored race in the report of the committee on 'the state of the country,' which was adopted by the New England M. E. conference today. The report was presented by the Rev. R. C. Ranson. 'The discharge without honor of a battalion of the Twenty-fifth infantry by President Roosevelt has done more to arouse our just resentment and unite all elements of our people than the act of any president since emancipation,' the report says. 'The injustice done these men can neither be laughed nor hissed from public view; ridicule and persecution of Senator Foraker for seeking to establish the truth in this matter will neither silence criticism nor discourage further investigation. The action of the president will become a political issue in the next national election, despite the politicians, if we can prove to the country that no negro dispenser of political subsidies can beguile us into placing money above manhood.'"

The interstate commerce commission has decided that the "Jim Crow" car is lawful, provided the accommodation given the races are equal.

This cablegram comes to the Record-Herald from London: "When the report that Mark Twain was engaged to marry his secretary, Miss L.

V. Lyon, was mentioned to Mr. Clemmons upon his return to his hotel tonight he was speechless. Then he went to his desk and after a moment's thought wrote out the following: 'I have not known and shall never know anyone who could fill the place of the wife I have lost. I shall not marry again.—S. L. Clemmons.'

Mayor Schmitz of San Francisco was sentenced to five years in prison by Judge Dunne. A heated dialogue took place between the prisoner and the court. Schmitz will take an appeal and says he will be a candidate for re-election as mayor.

It is announced that Judge Landis at Chicago will make a final order in the Standard Oil case August 3. He will then pass sentence.

A Washington dispatch to the Milwaukee Sentinel says that on December 1 William Loeb, Jr., will retire from the post as secretary to the president and will be succeeded by Frank H. Hitchcock now first assistant postmaster general. The Sentinel correspondent says: "Much significance is attached to the president's selection of Frank H. Hitchcock to succeed Loeb. Hitchcock, while reserved and cautious, is a man of pleasing manners, tact, and ability as a political manager. He has been sent on several political missions, including one to the south, and will be of special usefulness to his chief during the critical months preceding next year's national republican convention, which the president aims to control in the interest of Secretary Taft's nomination."

A Pittsburg dispatch to the New York World says: "Senator Philander C. Knox left tonight for his home in Valley Forge. He arrived here Saturday and, accompanied by Congressman James Francis Burke, visited a number of manufacturers and capitalists, who promised him support for the republican presidential nomination. Asked what the outlook was, he said: 'Things are looking very good to me.' A story is current that a fight is to be made on Senator Penrose, and if he is defeated for re-election that Knox will be assigned to the eastern end of the state and another western man will be boomed for Penrose's place."

Charles Buxton, temporary mayor at San Francisco, has admitted in court that he has accepted a bribe of \$5,000 for his vote as supervisor.

Attorneys for the United States have filed complaint in the federal court at New York against the tobacco trust.

A Springfield, Ill., dispatch to the Chicago Record-Herald says: "William H. Hinrichsen, one of the leading democrats of Illinois, is critically ill at his home near Alexander in Morgan county. In the last few days his condition has become such that the attending physicians have despaired of his recovery. Mr. Hinrichsen was secretary of state during the Altgeld administration, from 1893 to 1897. He served a term in congress, representing the old Sixteenth district from 1897 to 1899. He also served as chairman of the democratic state central committee. After retiring from active politics he

won some renown as the author of a series of stories dealing with political themes. His home was in Jacksonville until a few years ago, when he retired to his farm."

#### A STRANGE DELUSION

In the medical press is a story of a man who believed that he was dead and who for that reason refused to take any nourishment. "How can the dead eat and drink?" he asked, when food was pressed upon him. It was obvious that unless something were done to bring him to his senses the delusion must soon become actuality; he would die of starvation. The strangest ruse was tried. Half a dozen attendants, draped in ghostly white, crept silently in single file into the room adjoining his, and, with the door open, sat down where he could see them eat a hearty meal.

"Here, who are these people?" inquired the patient.

"Dead men," answered the doctor. "What!" said the other. "Do dead men eat?"

"To be sure they do, as you see for yourself," was the answer.

"Well," said the corpse, "if that is so I'll join them, for I'm starving."

The spell was broken, and he sat down and ate like forty famished men.—Chicago News.

#### SWALLOWING FOREIGN SUBSTANCES

When children or grown persons by accident or otherwise swallow such articles as tacks, pins, slivers of glass, bits of metal, nut shells, or other hurtful things, it is recommended that they chew quantities of slippery-elm bark, and swallow the mucilage as soon as possible. A child can be fed the ground bark wet up with warm water, and should eat of it freely for several days. Do not give any food that will relax the bowels, but rather that which is constipating, and the bark will form a coating around the substance which prevents its doing more serious trouble than it otherwise would.—Medical Magazine.

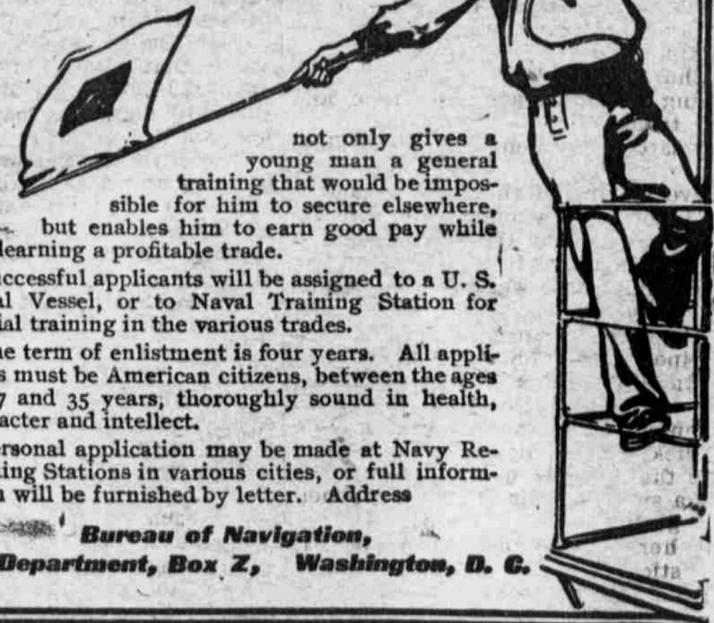
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