

AFFAIRS OF STATE

Departmental and Executive Actions Condensed.

MOVEMENTS OF THE ARMY AND NAVY

Transactions and Happenings of More than Ordinary Interest to the People of America—Actions Which Make History.

Wednesday, November 15.
Admiral Schley will assume command of the South Atlantic squadron November 17.

A proclamation has just been made public bearing date of November 10, by which the president reserves for naval purposes seven distinct tracts of land in the city of Honolulu.

A private cablegram from Manila, received at Cleveland Wednesday morning, says that Major John A. Logan is dead and his remains are to be brought home on the transport sailing soon.

There has been a great deal of talk in Washington during the past few days as to the probability of the selection of Assistant Secretary of War Meiklejohn as civil governor for Cuba.

A cablegram from Admiral Watson confirms the news of the wrecking of the Charleston. The condition of the wreck is not known. He has asked Hong Kong for salvage offers for the cruiser. The crew was safely landed on Camiguin island.

Admiral and Mrs. Dewey returned to Washington from New York Wednesday night. They were driven to the home on Rhode Island avenue presented to the admiral by the American people. The arrival of the distinguished couple at the station was unmarked by any popular demonstration.

According to the annual report of the paymaster general it cost \$13,193,174 to maintain in commission the ships in active service in the navy last year. For construction of ships and purchase of ready-built ships \$9,964,456 was expended, while \$6,754,974 was absorbed in repairs to ships.

The Philippine commission is engaged with the problem of Chinese in the Philippine islands. It is said that two of the members favor applying the Chinese exclusion act. Admiral Dewey is said to be favorable to Chinese admission. Considerable evidence bearing on the matter has been collected.

Thursday, November 16.
The condition of Vice President Hobart continues to improve. He passed a comfortable night and ate a hearty breakfast.

The last of the state volunteers, the Tennessee regiment, will be mustered out of service on November 23, ending the service of state troops called for the Spanish war.

The latest official news from the army sent against the Yaquis is that Vicam has been reconquered by Mexican troops, and that the Indians are in need of both food and clothing.

General Fred K. Funston and wife left Kansas for San Francisco. The general will sail on the transport for Manila and Mrs. Funston will remain at her parents' home in Oakland.

As soon as possible a court of inquiry is to be called to fix the responsibility for the wrecking of the Charleston. This will follow irrespective of any action of the navy department, and will be ordered by Admiral Watson.

A dispatch from Youngstown, O., says only the greatest care will enable Mrs. Major John A. Logan to survive her bereavement. The family have been notified that the Sikh will leave Manila tomorrow for San Francisco with the major's body.

Congressman Henderson, of Iowa, next speaker of the house, announces the appointment of Jules C. Richards of Waterloo, Ia., as private secretary to succeed Amos L. Allen, who was Speaker Reed's secretary and who has just been elected to congress.

Friday, November 17.
Ex-Senator G. F. Edmunds of Vermont is suffering from an attack of bronchitis at Macon, Ga., but his condition is not regarded as serious.

The American colony at Mexico City will celebrate Thanksgiving day by a ball on a superb scale, and President Diaz and family have accepted an invitation to attend.

Hon. David B. Henderson of Iowa, who is slated to be speaker of the next house of representatives, has arrived in Washington, and has established himself at the Normandie hotel. Colonel Henderson is accompanied by his wife and daughter.

The San Francisco chamber of commerce has adopted and sent to Secretary of State Hay the following resolution, referring to the Alaskan boundary question:

"We earnestly request that the present boundary lines as established be maintained and that no territory now lying on the American side thereof be yielded up or granted to the Dominion of Canada."

The bonds offered to the government at the several sub-treasuries under Secretary Gage's offer of last Tuesday amounted to \$2,341,369 as follows: New York, \$1,250,150; Philadelphia, \$478,000; Cincinnati, \$4,000; Baltimore, \$200.

While George Schwartz, a clerk in the grocery store of H. Regatz & Co., Columbus, Neb., was on the elevator which was heavily loaded with goods, the machinery gave way and the elevator crashed into the basement with the heavy load. Schwartz's leg was broken and he was otherwise injured. His escape from death was narrow.

The cabinet meeting Friday was brief and unimportant. General satisfaction was expressed with the result of Secretary Gage's invitation for the purchase of bonds. Most of the time was taken up in the discussion of plans for the exhibit of Porto Rico and Cuba at the Paris exposition.

Saturday, November 18.
Complete returns of the vote at the democratic primary election for mayor held at Boston give Gen. Patrick A. Collins 168 of the 291 delegates to the nominating convention.

After a hotly fought trial, four of the defendants in the celebrated "corn cob pipe" case were found guilty in the United States circuit court at St. Louis of using the mails to defraud. The four men are Henry Ringbeck, E. W. Northstein, M. C. McElhay, and Arthur Miller.

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The state of Minnesota loses in its attempt to secure over 1,000,000 acres of land heretofore included in the grant to the Duluth & Iron Range railroad. United States Judge Lochren having announced his decision in favor of the railroad. The land is very valuable, being in the iron ore part of the state.

Dr. P. J. See, one of the most advanced astronomers in the government's service, has made the announcement that the meteoric display which has been a mere sputter this year would be repeated at about this date in November next year, with a brilliancy quite equal, if not superior, to any of the tri-century displays with which the modern world has been startled.

At Sioux Falls, S. D., United States Judge Garland handed down two decisions growing out of the memorable state capital fight in 1890. The decisions are in the cases of Isaac Elwood and Everett M. Warren against the city of Huron, granting the former a judgment of \$8,147.65 and latter one of \$8,450.50 against the city of Huron. The suits were brought on bonds issued by Huron in September, 1890, to raise funds for furthering the candidacy of Huron for the state capital.

Monday, November 20.
The supreme court of Tennessee has decided against the American Tobacco company in the case brought to test the law prohibiting the sale of cigars in Tennessee.

Few bonds have been offered at the sub-treasury in Chicago in response to Secretary Gage's recent offer of resumption. Up to the close of business hours Friday \$3,000 had been offered.

A Patterson, N. J., November 19 telegram says: Vice President Hobart passed a comfortable night. He slept well, and when he awoke this morning seemed refreshed. At 9 o'clock he partook of solid food and told those about him that he enjoyed it.

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The statehood convention which closed at Guthrie Saturday, appointed a committee to draw up a memorial to congress asking that Oklahoma be granted statehood with her present boundaries. A lobby of fifteen persons was also appointed to go to Washington. Delegate Dennis T. Flynn will leave for the capital tomorrow armed with bills in behalf of a statehood and free homes for Oklahoma. Flynn's statehood bill is said to be similar to the one he introduced in the last session.

Tuesday, November 21.
Reports received by Surgeon General Wyman at Washington, November 19, show that the yellow fever has about run its course at Key West, Fla., where it was so severe during the latter part of the summer. At Miami, however, the disease still exists, though the cases reported are few in number.

The British steamer Atrato, from Barranquillo, Tuesday, and Colon, Wednesday, reported a widespread revolutionary movement in Colombia and a grave outlook. The government is recruiting an army by impressment under martial law, and is levying forced loans in Colon, Barranquillo, Panama, and Cartagena, where the Colombians have been taxed \$25 each at 12 per cent interest, with the alternative of \$500 fine or enlistment.

There has been a revival of insurgent activity south of Manila, particularly in Cavite province. At Imus the Filipinos fired a smooth-bore cannon, but this was soon silenced by the American artillery. In the course of the morning Major Cowles, with a battalion of the Fourth infantry and two guns, scattered the enemy from the districts around Imus and in the direction of Perez das Marinas. The Americans could not pursue the retreating insurgents because their ammunition was exhausted. The Filipinos were under the command of General Marino Triaz.

The Hamburg-American liner, Patria, which caught fire in the English channel last Wednesday while on her way from New York, and which was finally abandoned Thursday when all attempts to tow her to port had failed, now lies between Watmer and the South Foreland, on the Kentish coast. The depth of the water an hour previous to her sinking was seven fathoms. She is still on fire forward. Apparently the fire has completely gutted her and rendered her a total wreck. The surveyors could not get on board today, but they will do so as soon as possible.

WALES IN BIKE SUIT.

THE PRINCE SUBMITS HIS DEMOCRACY TO CAMERA.

Future King of England Illustrates the Leveling Tendency of the Wheel—The Favorite Dog Is Always with His Royal Highness.

Whether H. R. H. had this picture taken in a sudden burst of sinful pride, or whether he had it made to show the world that even he unbends occasionally, is locked as a secret in the royal archives of his breast. But the world should be thankful to him for it, his impelling reason may have been, for it shows in truly warning manner the leveling tendencies of the bicycle suit. The stout, disappointed person who is portrayed here is the Prince of Wales, indeed, but he might be almost anybody else. There is no distinctive air about him at all. This leads one to the awesome thought that perhaps it was not the dignity of royalty or blue blood or rank that made him the landmark of fashion, but just plain clothes. But such a thought is not only awesome, but absolutely immoral. It might have pleased the author of Sartor Resartus to ponder over it, but far be it from us.

One cannot, however, shut his eyes to the fact, made cruelly and unequivocally apparent by the camera, that it is good for H. R. H. that princes do not wear silk tights and things like that any more. There is a democratic



PRINCE OF WALES.

thickness about the royal ankles here depicted that would interfere sadly with the symmetrical beauty of his form, if he had to wear fancy shoon and long ringlets.

It will be observed that both the dog and the master wear an air of patient boredom which is only superficially supercilious. The observer who views these things carefully and with reflection will be sure to note that beneath this outward appearance of languid calm there is disappointment—maybe imagination, but the dog certainly looks as if he were gloomy at the probability of never belonging to a king of England and an emperor of India at this rate—and, on second thought, if this is so, that makes it unnecessary to wonder at the prince's looks.

Strange Honeymoon Resort.
In an article on "Colonial Memories," in Cornhill, Lady Broome tells of a strange kind of honeymoon resort, more of the type that poets dream of than matter-of-fact young couples generally select: There are many islets, some five miles or more away from Trinidad, and towards the Bocas or mouths of the great river. These little islands are a great feature of Trinidad, and splendid places for change of air or excursions. They all have houses on them, and one tiny islet may, I think, claim to be the smallest spot of earth which holds a dwelling. It is just a rock, on the top of which is perched a small, but comfortable and compact house. Beyond its outer wall is, on one side, a minute plateau about ten or twelve feet in length, and is all the exercise ground on the island. I was assured it was the favorite honeymoon resort, which certainly seemed putting the capabilities of companionship of the newly-married couple to a rather severe test! Fishing, boating, and bathing are the resources at the command of the islet visitors, and the air is wonderfully fresh and cool on these little fragments of the earth's surface. Whenever I could make time, it was my great delight to take the government launch with tea and a party of young friends to one of these islets, and it was cer-

tainly a delightful way of spending a hot afternoon.

THE DAHLIA'S HISTORY.

Its Wonderful Development Since its Discovery 100 Years Ago.

More than 100 years ago Baron Humboldt discovered the dahlia, a small, single flower, in Mexico, says the London Globe. Could some prophetic vision have revealed to him the dahlia of today in its dazzling hues and varied forms he might, perhaps, have been prouder of that discovery than of all his other scientific achievements. It was sent by him to the Botanical gardens, Madrid, where it received the name of dahlia, in honor of the botanist, Prof. Andrew Dahl. The same year it was introduced into England, where it was cultivated under glass. For a few years it was lost to cultivation, then reintroduced into England. Cultivation soon developed the double form and every color except blue. For many years the ideal dahlia of the cultivators was a perfectly double, ball-shaped flower. Those who remember the compact flowers of thirty or forty years ago know how nearly that ideal was realized, and remember the deserved popularity of the dahlia of that day. But people soon tired of the regularity of that type, and for a few years it was neglected. Florists were giving time and labor and thought to the development of the rose, carnations, chrysanthemums and other popular flowers. At last some far-seeing cultivator recognized the possibilities of the dahlia, and in new, improved and

SMALLEST REPUBLIC.

Two and a Half Square Miles, with a Population of Sixty.

The smallest republic in the world is that of Tavolara, an island about five miles long, with an average width of a little more than half a mile, situated about a dozen miles to the northeast of Sardinia. The total population of the whole republic does not exceed 60, but they elect a president every six years, and a council of six members, all of whom serve the state without pay. The women of this island go to the polls and vote with the men, and ever since it became a republic, in 1886, all public business has been transacted without turmoil; the elections taking place without any high party feeling or undue excitement. In 1836 King Charles Albert of Sardinia granted the island of Tavolara to a family of the name of Bartoloni, but in less than half a century the inhabitants threw off the yoke of monarchy and took to themselves. This little war did not alarm the world, and was quite a peaceful one. King Paul I. reigned until 1882, and on his deathbed requested that none of his kin should succeed to the throne, and as no one claimed the honor four years later the people decided to draw up a constitution, and Tavolara has been a very successful little republic since. Twelve years ago its independence was recognized by Italy, and it is to be presumed, other powers would have recognized it also if they had known of its existence. The inhabitants live principally by fishing and raising fruits and vegetables. They fear no sudden invasion, for they dispense with any army or navy, and, presumably, in case of need, would rely upon the entire population to uphold the freedom of the country.

THE SUTHERLAND FAMILY.

The Duchess of Sutherland, who has just published an anti-socialistic novel, is the wife of one of the richest noblemen in England. Though still a young woman, she has been prominent for some years in philanthropic and temperance work. The town house of the duke is one of the show places of London. The duke's father, whom he succeeded in 1892, started London society, after the death of his invalid wife, by marrying the widow of his gamekeeper, Mrs. Blair. To add to the complications of the situation, Mrs. Blair became a widow through an unfortunate accident on the part of the duke. While hunting one day he accidentally shot Mr. Blair, and it was while calling on Mrs. Blair to express his sorrow and sympathy that he fell in love with her. She was then over 40 years old, but as the dowager duchess is still a somewhat prominent and



THE DUCHESS.

extremely interesting factor in English society. The present duke owns 1,400,000 acres of English land.

Cats Made Over.

"If you want a Persian cat bring me any common kitten you like, and within six months I will return it to you with a coat which would put to shame that of the shah's favorite pusey," said a cat fancier to the writer. "No torture or fake is employed. Some time ago it was brought to my notice that the cats living in refrigerating chambers got coats of enormous thickness, and also that they grew to nearly double the size of the ordinary pusey. The idea being given, the rest was easy. I had a small refrigerator fitted up in my premises, and made an experiment. It was so successful that I have since made a profit, by turning common puses into genuine Persians, of \$2,500 a year. Again, I now have only one cure for cats, never mind what disease they are suffering from. I freeze them, and am by this remedy able to return them to their owners, within a week, perfectly happy and well. Again, for the last two years the majority of show cats have come to me in the early autumn to have their winter coats made by my method, so that they shall not catch a chill owing to any sudden change in the weather."

Uncle Sam's Big Menagerie.

The national government has just decided to go into the menagerie business on a scale which will make the ordinary collection of animals look lonesome by comparison. The new menagerie will occupy 166 acres of land northwest of Washington. Circulars have been prepared and sent out to the consular representatives of the government all over the world, instructing them to purchase and forward to Washington animals of as many different species, indigenous to the countries in which they are located, as possible. It is expected that Africa will contribute the most specimens, among them the gorilla, giraffe, and chimpanzee. The national "zoo" will be maintained in connection with the Smithsonian Institution.

OUR BUDGET OF FUN.

SOME GOOD JOKES, ORIGINAL AND SELECTED.

A Variety of Jokes, Glibes and Tronies, Original and Selected—Flotsam and Jetsam from the Tide of Humor—Witty Sayings.

The Same Old Story.
Cupid with his bow and arrows
Wandered through the world one day,
Looking for unconscious victims,
Their repose to take away.
All at once he spied a maiden,
Who was famed for beauty rare,
But who always coldly listened
To each lover's ardent prayer.

Swiftly Cupid shot his arrows,
Vainly shot them, one by one,
For his darts all missed the maiden,
As his darts had always done.
Then he winked—sly little fellow!
And his next shot surely told,
For the last dart in his quiver
Was an arrow tipped with gold!

Neglecting Their Duty.



Aunty (to Elsie, who has been out to look for eggs)—Have you found any, dear?
Elsie—No, not one, the hens are all standing about doing nothing.

A Satisfaction.

Washington Star: "What are you going to do for amusement today?"
"I think," answered the hero, "that I'll go to a dime museum and see the armless phenomenon."
"I didn't know you were interested in curiosities of that kind."
"I wasn't formerly. But it will be a great satisfaction to meet somebody who I'm dead sure isn't going to shake hands with me."

His Experience.

Washington Star: "Woman's work is never done," quoted the sympathetic citizen.
"That's right," answered Mr. Meekton, earnestly. "I have observed it in Henrietta's case. Woman's work is never done. There is always enough of it left over to keep her husband busy from the time he gets through dinner till he's so tired he has to go to bed."

She Enjoyed It.

Somerville Journal: They had been sitting together for half an hour.
"I have enjoyed our conversation so much!" she exclaimed, as she rose to go. "It is so restful to talk with you!"
And after she had left him he remembered that he hadn't been able to get in ten words edgewise throughout the whole conversation.

Thrown Much Together.

Philadelphia Record: Blobs—Weren't you surprised to hear of Ho-jack's engagement to that B Jones girl?
Slobbs—Not at all. They were thrown very much together last summer, riding tandem.

The Place for Him.

"The 'armless wonder' does everything with his feet and lower limbs, doesn't he?"
"Yes. It seems to me he ought to hire out with a 'leg show.'"

How Could It Be Done?



Mr. Biggs (at end of long sex discussion)—Well, Miss Jones, my opinion still is that a woman should respect—should look up to a man.

The Reaction.

"How is your new man getting along?" asked the customer.
"Well," said the grocer, "I'll try him for a little while longer and see if he will wake up. But just at present it looks as if he had put out so much energy in getting the job that he has none left."—Indianapolis Journal.

Observant Bird.

Chicago Tribune: "Oh, George!" squeaked the parrot, as soon as the young man came into the parlor, "how rough your face is!"