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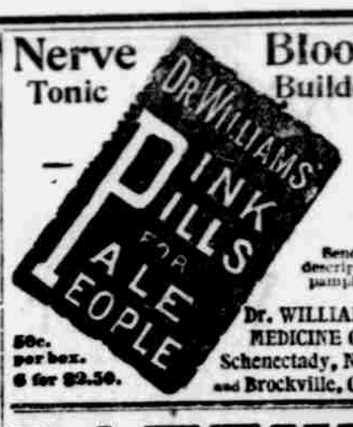

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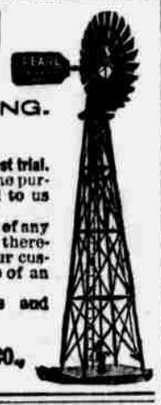

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HAWAIIAN NEWS.

ARRIVAL OF THE STEAMER CHINA AT SAN FRANCISCO.

NOTHING STARTLING TO REPORT.

Minister Willis' Credentials to the Provisional Government Were to Have Been Presented Last Tuesday—Royalists Were Expecting the Queen to Be Restored—A Peculiar Anomaly.

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 14.—The steamer China, which arrived early this morning from Honolulu, reports that up to the time it left there Minister Willis had not made known his instructions from President Cleveland and there had been no disorder of any kind.

The new minister arrived early on the morning of November 4 and went directly to ex-Envoy Blount's headquarters at the Hawaiian hotel. Last Monday morning he submitted to an interview. He said: "I am sorry I can say nothing on the political question at the present time. In the course of the morning I intend to address your minister of foreign affairs asking when it will suit the convenience of President Dole to receive my credentials from the United States government. At the same time I shall send him a manuscript copy of the remarks I intend to deliver on the occasion of my presentation to him. This is my first experience in diplomatic matters, but I understand such to be the custom. Whenever the president notifies me of his readiness to receive me I shall be on hand. Under the circumstances it would be an act of discourtesy to the Hawaiian government to discuss the political situation at the present time."

President Dole promptly replied to Minister Willis' note and it was arranged that the United States envoy would present his credentials to the provisional government at 11 o'clock Tuesday morning. Tuesday morning Minister Willis was again interviewed and again declined to state whether he would do more than present his credentials on the occasion of his first meeting with the representatives of the provisional government. He positively declined to state when he would make his official communication from the United States government to the Hawaiian authorities. At the time of the last interview preparations were making for the sailing of the steamship for San Francisco. He even refused to say whether the exact nature of his mission to Hawaii would be made known before that date. The Australia should have sailed last Saturday. The steamer China put to sea between 11 o'clock and noon Tuesday morning.

Late Sunday night, November 5, there was a large gathering at the house of Mr. Widermann, one of the queen's supporters. The gathering was attended solely by men in sympathy with the cause of the ex-queen. The ex-queen had passed word around among her supporters that she was to be restored to the throne. Wednesday, November 8, the day following the departure of the steamer China for San Francisco, it was reported that the gathering at Mr. Widermann's house was of the nature of a jubilee.

THE AMERICAN LEAGUE'S PLANS.

The newspapers which support the monarchy lately have much to say about the political organization known as the American league. This is said to be a society composed of American residents of Honolulu, pledged to maintain the provisional government in all things except compromise with monarchy. The members are said to be pledged to armed support of the authorities against riot or insurrection pending the establishment of a stable government. The organization is said to favor the increase of the police force and the reduction of the military to a volunteer basis, and popular representation in the advisory council, also to favor the preference of American citizens as candidates for office. The league is a secret order and is supposed to have seventy or eighty members.

When Admiral Irwin arrived at Honolulu last Monday on the steamship China, accompanied by Lieutenants Adams and Parmenter, he immediately went on board the Philadelphia and was busy until Tuesday morning. Admiral Skerrett, who was relieved by Admiral Irwin, and Lieutenants Wilson and Fox, also relieved, then took their formal farewells of President Dole and the provisional cabinet. They were accorded high honors.

Although Admiral Skerrett has never expressed an opinion on the situation or given any indication as to which side he sympathized with, he was highly esteemed by the officers of the provisional government. They look upon his removal at this time as an indication that the United States has come to a decision adverse to annexation. When Commissioner Blount settled himself in Snow cottage at the Hawaiian hotel where the admiral was stopping, he called on the commander of the United States forces and introduced himself. The admiral said he was glad to meet a man so well known as Mr. Blount, but said he could not recognize Mr. Blount as a representative of the United States until he had produced his credentials.

"My credentials are at my cottage," replied Mr. Blount.

"Then you had better go back and get them," the admiral is reported to have said. "I cannot recognize you until you have produced your credentials."

Mr. Blount recognized the justness of this position, but was, nevertheless, very angry. On this account the annexationists think as reported to the president that Skerrett was not the proper man to have in Honolulu in case he should decide to put the queen back on the throne.

GOVERNMENT GUARDS NECESSARY.

It is the opinion of those who have come from Honolulu on the China that the annexationists will make no resistance if the United States orders the queen put back, but that this government will have to keep a force of men constantly on shore to maintain her on the throne and that will practically amount to an annexation, with the singular anomaly of a territory of the United States governed by a woman who calls herself a queen.

MR. WILLIS'S INSTRUCTIONS.

Only a Simple Request of Retirement Probable—Comments of Congressmen.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 14.—There is every reason to believe that United States Minister Willis has already carried into effect the instructions issued to him before his departure for Hawaii in accordance with the terms of the letter of Secretary Gresham made public Saturday. It is said that he will simply request the members of the provisional government to retire with a promise that the United States will exercise moral influence to maintain a stable government on the islands and prevent vagaries and excesses. Opinion here is divided as to what will be the outcome. Some holding that there will surely be trouble, others believing that the members of the provisional government will be glad to have relief.

Soon after the reports from Honolulu reached the department to-day, Secretary Gresham hurried over to the navy department and had a very brief interview with Secretary Herbert, which may have been only an inquiry as to whether his department had any news to communicate.

Some expressions by the Hawaiian minister Mr. Thurston, published this morning are said to have given offense to the administration and a rumor was about that the Hawaiian representatives here would have their exequators demanded. Whether they give actual offense or not their position is an anamalous one, representing as they do a government which the United States is willing to see deposed.

The United States warships Philadelphia and Adams are now at Honolulu with 560 men, and so far as is known, no steps have been taken to reinforce them. The Yorktown, Alliance, Monterey, Mohican and Ranger are all on the Pacific coast, and could gather at Honolulu in four weeks.

Senator Morgan, chairman of the foreign affairs committee, is known to be strongly in favor of action by the United States and he holds that this government could not restore the queen. Congressman Hill of Illinois, ex-assistant secretary of state, takes similar views, as does also Representative Otis of Alabama, Senator Faulkner of West Virginia and Representative Cobb of Missouri.

SENATOR MARTIN TALKS.

The Kansas Statesman Gives His Views on the Election Results and Fusion.

TOPEKA, Kan., Nov. 14.—Senator John Martin, who returned from Washington last night, asked as to the causes of the result of the recent elections said: "The Democratic party may be a little off this year, but you will find it right in line next year again. No one doubts that we were badly beaten at the recent state elections, and there was no one cause that particularly defeated us, but a dozen of them. The real trouble is that the people are dissatisfied with the present condition of affairs, and naturally blame the party in power. See how foolish it is!

"Up to November we had not passed a single bill and therefore could not have in the least changed the policy of the government or caused the hard times. The manufacturers in the East have closed some of their mills as a threat against our proposed tariff legislation, when as a matter of fact the country was not suffering from the fear of free trade. Then there are a great many disappointed office seeking Democrats in the country who caused some discontent in our party ranks."

Speaking of Mrs. Lease's recent break the senator said: "I don't believe she thought what she was talking about when she said what she did about fusion; but it was just like a woman. Women always act upon the impulse of the moment without much thought as to what they are saying. While I do not say what course should be pursued in the state next year, yet I believe fusion will not be thrown over."

Referring to the bill introduced for the relief of Judge Foster, Mr. Martin said he thought it or a general one covering the same provisions would pass, as there seemed to be no opposition to it. Of the United States marshalship he said: "I have recommended Dr. Nesley of Leavenworth, for the place and think he will get it, although there is nothing so uncertain as the offices the president Cleveland has to dispose of."

THE FREE LIST MADE UP.

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WASHINGTON, Nov. 14.—The house ways and means subcommittee, engaged on the tariff schedule, has definitely decided upon placing on the free list, silver bearing lead ore, lumber, salt, wool, iron ore, coal and pig tin, and has decided in favor of reducing the tax on tin plates from 2 2-10 cents to 1 cent.

The subcommittee is now engaged in considering whether the provision shall be made for an income tax or a tax on corporations. The present sentiment of the committee appears to be decidedly in favor of the tax on incomes.

Congressman Outhwaite of Ohio, in whose district Governor McKinley obtained a large majority, declares that the tariff will be revised in the direct line mapped out by the Democratic party, with due consideration to the best interests of the country. He does not believe that the majorities last week were due to a change in the minds of the people in regard to tariff reform.

Senator Platt Loses His Wife.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 14.—Mrs. Platt, wife of Senator Platt of Connecticut, died of paralysis at the Arlington hotel at 1:45 o'clock this afternoon.

The government of Honduras has apologized for the recent firing on the American flag.

A WEDDING TRAGEDY.

The Bride Cuts Her Throat, While the Groom Is Assassinated.

ABILENE, Texas, Nov. 14.—Douglasville, a colony a few miles southwest of this city, was the scene of a double tragedy last night. Trinidad Romer, a Mexican about 30 years old, Julius Larinsky, a Polish settler, and the latter's daughter were the principals.

Romer was desperately enamored of the only daughter of Larinsky, and his suit was favored by the father, but she had her choice in another person of her own race in the person of Nathan Sorowski. Sorowski had little to offer other than his love, while Romer was possessed of much wealth.

Not long ago Larinsky informed Romer that he looked upon his suit with favor, and that if he could arrang to put Sorowski out of the way so that he could no longer push his suit, he would give him the hand of his daughter in marriage. Shortly afterward Sorowski disappeared as if swallowed up by the earth. Then there was smooth sailing for Romer, who yesterday was wedded to Miss Larinsky. At the wedding feast Romer became intoxicated and boasted of the fact that he had killed Sorowski, and that he was abetted in his crime by Larinsky. This so enraged the newly wedded Mrs. Romer that she attempted to cut the throat of her husband with a butcher knife, and was only prevented by her father slipping forward and wrenching it from her.

Believing that all were leagued against her she turned her wrath from her husband upon herself and plunged the knife into her throat, which she cut from ear to ear. This crazed Larinsky, and, looking upon Trinidad Romer as the sole cause of the tragedy, he emptied both barrels of his shotgun into his body.

The strangest part of all is, that Sorowski, who was supposed to have been murdered by Romer, returned this morning just after the double killing. He made the statement that he was hired about a month ago by Romer for the sum of $13 to go to Eddy, N. M., and see a man about a projected cattle deal. On arrival at the place mentioned he learned that no such person had ever lived or been there.

WORKING FOR AN EMPIRE.

Brazilian Rebel Leaders Said to Have Decided to Restore the Monarchy.

LONDON, Nov. 14.—The Times publishes the following paragraph:

We learn through a private channel that on Tuesday the leaders of the Brazilian insurrection held a conference at which it was decided to hoist the imperial flag and to direct their efforts towards the restoration of the monarchy. This decision seems to have been announced by Mello to the other revolutionary leaders by whom it was well received.

BUENOS AYRES, Nov. 13.—Martial law was proclaimed again yesterday in Rio de Janeiro by President Peixoto, extending to November 30. Admiral Mello, commanding the rebel fleet, at once warned all families living in the vicinity of the marine and war arsenals that he intended to bombard both sections of the city. The English squadron protested that it would be necessary to allow forty-eight hours for foreigners to retire but such notice was not given and the bombardment was resumed. Admiral Mello, so Peixoto's adherents report, is seeking a pretext for violating the agreement between himself and Peixoto and representatives of foreign powers in respect to preserving Rio as an open city.

A BOY'S TERRIBLE ERROR.

Twelve Deaths in the Chicago Wreck Due to the Removal of a Fuse.

CHICAGO, Nov. 14.—The cause of the wreck on the suburban of the Rock Island last Wednesday, the victims of which now number twelve became known to day when C. C. Shields, a 12-year-old boy, confessed in court to having removed the burning fuse thrown from the rear of the wrecked train to notify the train following that that the suburban was behind them. The fuse, which burned ten minutes, was, according to the testimony, properly placed, but was thrown by the boy to another track, allowing the rear train to crash into the suburban. The boy said he did not know what the fuse was for and was released from custody.

NEW RECEIVERS NAMED.

Messrs. Doane and Coudert Added to the Union Pacific Controllers.

OMAHA, Neb., Nov. 14.—On application of the attorney general of the United States, through his special council, John G. Cowin, Judge Dundy of the United States district court this morning appointed J. W. Doane of Chicago and Frederic R. Coudert of New York as additional receivers of the Union Pacific.

The petition filed was a lengthy one, covering fully the claims of the United States against the property of the road and the government's interests, which entitled it to a larger representation among the receivers.

Bohannon Kills a Deputy Marshal.

CADDO, Ind. Ter., Nov. 14.—Dave Bohannon, who killed Ben Foreman at South McAlester last September and has since been an outlaw, killed Deputy United States Marshal Tony Folsom, his cousin, who had a warrant for him for the murder of Foreman, yesterday near Durant by slipping up behind Folsom and shooting him down without warning. Bohannon then made his escape.

Henry George for Mayor of New York.

NEW YORK, Nov. 14.—Members of the Central Labor union are agitating the idea of running Henry George for mayor in 1894. They would make him an independent candidate and believe that he is stronger than when he was a labor candidate in 1886, when he polled about 68,000 votes and was beaten by Hewitt, the Union Democrat candidate by 22,000.

Outlaw Lawless Captured.

ST. JOSEPH, Mo., Nov. 14.—Eli Lawless, indicted for murder in the first degree for the killing of John Boyer at Eaton a year ago, was captured at Glenwood, Ia., yesterday by Sheriff Carson.

TARIFF REVISION.

INCOMES OF CORPORATIONS MAY BE TAXED.

DEMOCRATS ARE NOT ALL AGREED

The Lot of the Ways and Means Committee Not a Happy One—Beset on All Sides by Various Conflicting Interests—Other Late Washington News of General Public Interest.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 14.—It appears the chief embarrassment of the ways and means committee is to come, not from the articles upon which the specific ad valorem duties are to be reduced, but from the articles that are to be put on the free list. It had been generally accepted up to quite recently that the Democratic party united on the proposition of putting wool, coal, iron ore, salt and lumber on the free list, but the latest developments have indicated that this is not the case.

Mr. Culberson and other Texas members have already sounded their opposition to free wool, and they are likely to receive substantial encouragement from Ohio members and the representatives of the grazing states of the West.

Several of the Alabama representatives are protesting against the proposition to place iron ore and coal on the free list. The extensive lumber states, both of the South and West, are almost a unit in opposing free lumber. The Michigan members will probably oppose free salt to a man, as it is stated that even Mr. Whiting, of the ways and means committee, will contend the effect of placing salt on the free list will be only to give the English salt manufacturers a monopoly of the American markets and close up the American works.

Altogether, the lot of Mr. Wilson and his colleagues of the ways and means committee is not a happy one. With a score or more of influential gentlemen demanding a caucus for the consideration of the tariff bill, and various others declaring they will not vote for the measure if it makes the drastic reductions on the articles in which their constituents are interested, the difficulty of securing Democratic harmony on the measure now being evolved by the ways and means committee is every day becoming more apparent.

The question of an income tax is rapidly coming to the front as a likely issue. The proposition which finds most favor is to levy a per centum tax on all incomes of $4,500 per annum and over; but those of the committee who are now giving the most study to the matter are inclined to another plan which they think more practicable. This is to impose an income or capitalization tax on corporations—that is, to collect a fixed annual tax, either from the earnings or the paid up capital stock of corporations. This has led to still another proposition which contemplates the taxing of all corporations at the time of their organization and incorporation, the tax to be levied by means of a stamp and the amount of the tax to be attached to the license, to depend upon the amount of capital stock. It seems likely in the end the committee may adopt some moderate plan.

Honduras Has Apologized.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 14.—Secretary Gresham gave out the following last night:

"When authentic information was received at the department of the firing upon the American mail steamer Costa Rica at Amapala, on the 6th instant, because of the refusal of the captain to deliver up Borilla, a passenger, General Young, the United States minister to Honduras, under instructions sent by Secretary Gresham by direction of the president, protested against the act and demanded an apology. The government of Honduras immediately disavowed the conduct of its officers and expressed a sincere regret for the occurrence."

Cannon for Kansas.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 14.—Several days ago Senator Martin, in behalf of Brigadier General Hettinger of the Kansas National guards, applied to the secretary of war for four cannon of modern make. The secretary in reply to his request stated that there was no authority for assigning munitions of war to the use and credit of a state, but that Kansas had a credit of $3,200 and if the governor would make a formal requisition on the secretary of war the fund would be applied to purchase of the cannon.

Killed His Brother While Hunting.

PEORIA, Ill., Nov. 14.—While hunting yesterday Rudolph Bumhols, aged 15, was accidentally killed by his young brother Harry, who told a story about the fatal shooting having been done by a stranger without cause. The country was scoured by a posse in search of the supposed murderer. The boy finally told the truth concerning the affair and said he was afraid of a whipping.

General Cortina Arrested.

MATAMORAS, Mex., Nov. 14.—A great sensation has been created here by the telegraphic announcement from the City of Mexico that General Juan Cortina, one of the greatest revolutionary leaders of Mexico, has been arrested and imprisoned in the San Juan de Ulloa prison by order of President Diaz for attempting to incite another revolutionary uprising against the government.

To Maintain the Gold Reserve.

NEW YORK, Nov. 14.—As a result of the recent visit to New York of the Secretary of the Treasury Carlisle and subsequent conferences of bankers, a plan has been perfected for increasing to $100,000,000 or more the quantity of surplus gold in the treasury, which has been reduced to $68,000,000.

Thursday, Nov. 30, is Thanksgiving.