

THE SEMI-WEEKLY TRIBUNE

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BRIEF TELEGRAMS.

Florence Carlyle, a grandniece of Thomas Carlyle, is exhibiting paintings from her own brush in Philadelphia.

W. K. Vanderbilt and party have sailed from Savannah, Ga., for a cruise of the Mediterranean in his private yacht *Valiant*.

The senate committee on appropriations completed the fortifications bill. It carries an increase over the house bill of \$31,000.

At the Fasig-Tipton horse sale at New York 83 head sold for \$14,655. During the week 363 head were sold for \$125,550, an average of \$364.

Mrs. Annie D. Turrent, the first known white woman to enter the Black Hills, is dead and her remains have been taken to Elgin, Ill., for burial.

Charles E. Bent, aged 25 years, shot and mortally wounded his wife at St. Louis, Mo., and then, kneeling before a mirror, put a bullet through his own head, dying instantly.

Five Boer prisoners who escaped from the Island of Ceylon have arrived at a Crimean port on board a Russian steamer to which they swam while in the harbor of Colombo.

The William H. Crocker expedition from the Lick observatory to observe the total eclipse of the Sun in Sumatra on May 17, will sail from San Francisco on the Nippon Maru.

COUNT Cassini, the Russian minister to this country, has presented to President McKinley a magnificent photographic album containing the scenes of the coronation of the czar in 1896.

A contribution of \$250,000 by John D. Rockefeller to Brown University was announced at the annual dinner of the Brown University Alumni Society of New York, held at the University club.

Col. Peter S. Michie, professor of the department of natural and experimental philosophy at the United States Military Academy, died at West Point, N. Y., after a short illness of pneumonia.

Hon. Charles A. Leland, ex-state representative and late associate justice of the Supreme Court of New Mexico under President McKinley, died at his home at Caldwell, O., from consumption.

The story given out that J. P. Morgan and J. D. Rockefeller had purchased all the mines in the Fairmont, W. V., district is declared to be false by officials of the company declared to be in the deal.

Dr. William Pole, the English authority on whilst, who died a few days ago, was not a physician but a successful civil engineer, and his doctorate was a degree for music conferred on him by Oxford university.

George D. Wick, president of the Youngstown, O., Iron Sheet and Tube plant, is authority for the statement that the report from Philadelphia that Youngstown will be the site for a \$35,000,000 tube plant has no foundation.

Orders will be issued by Major General Otis to all post commanders in the Department of Lakes, directing the immediate enlistment of men for the new Twenty-ninth regular infantry regiment, which will rendezvous at Fort Sheridan.

Rumor has it in Washington that the president will appoint P. C. Knox of Pittsburgh to succeed Mr. Griggs as attorney general. Mr. Knox is favored by Senator Quay and on that account is regarded as having an excellent chance to enter the next cabinet.

Alexander Millar, secretary of the Union Pacific company, officially announces that the executive committee has authorized the issuance of \$100,000,000 ten-year 4 per cent gold bonds, to be secured by unmortgaged property of the company, which can be converted into common stock at par value, by the holder, if desirable, at any time prior to May 1, 1906. Right is reserved to redeem these bonds after May, 1906.

Andrew Carnegie has offered \$15,000 for the erection of a library building at Centralia, Ill.

The first beet sugar factory in Indiana will be built at Shelby. Every detail has been arranged and the plant is to be in operation this season. The construction contract has been let.

The appropriation for the St. Louis exposition has passed the house and little if any opposition is expected in the senate.

Sir George Williams, who founded the Young Men's Christian Association in London in 1844, may attend the jubilee convention of the association in Boston in June next.

Senator Hanna, from the committee on commerce, today made a favorable report to the senate upon Senator Perkins' amendment to the sundry civil appropriation bill, authorizing preliminary contracts to be made for a submarine cable from San Francisco to Honolulu.

Charles Holland, a prominent stockman of Redding county, Ia., committed suicide at St. Joseph in a hotel by taking morphine.

At Minneapolis Mayor Ames issued orders to the captain of police to see that no contests with gloves or any sparring match shall take place in that city in the future.

William P. Hill, for over fifty years a prominent New England newspaper editor, is dead of grip at the home of his son-in-law, A. R. Williams, in Denver, Colo. Mr. Hill was born in 1819 in Concord, N. H., and was the son of Isaac Hill, at one time governor of New Hampshire.

A dispatch from Vienna says the Neues Freie Presse and another Vienna paper announce that the queen of Servia has given birth to a son.

A party of Americans have found petroleum in large quantities on the island of Margarita and at Maracaibo, Venezuela, while prospecting for asphalt.

CROWE HEARD FROM

Mr. E. A. Cudahy Receives a Letter From the Alleged Kidnaper.

SIGNATURE HAS BEEN IDENTIFIED

Fugitive Declares He is Innocent of the Alleged Abduction — Denies All Knowledge of the Crime—Will Soon Call on Cudahy.

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SANTEE INDIANS PROTEST

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Castille Buildings at Cheyenne.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 22.—Senator Warren introduced an amendment to the sundry civil bill providing for increasing the limit of the cost of the government building at Cheyenne, Wyo., from \$250,000 to \$325,000, and authorizing the secretary of the treasury to make contracts for its completion.

WOOD AWAITES INSTRUCTIONS.

Governor General Has Received Cuban Constitution.

HAVANA, Feb. 23.—Governor General Wood has informed the authorities at Washington that the Cuban constitution was officially presented to him this morning and that he awaited instructions whether to forward the document immediately or hold it until the relations between Cuba and the United States are decided upon.

SENATE TO WORK OVERTIME

Decides to Begin Night Sessions at Once.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 22.—For nearly two hours today the senate had under discussion a resolution by Mr. Jones of Arkansas to discharge the judiciary committee from further consideration of the anti-trust bill passed by the house at the last session and to bring it before the senate for consideration. To some extent the merits of the measure were discussed, Mr. Hoar, chairman of the judiciary committee; Mr. Platt of Connecticut, Mr. Spenser, Mr. Bacon, Mr. Pettigrew, Mr. Teller and others taking part in the debate. The majority maintained that the house measure clearly was unconstitutional. They protested, too, against taking up so great a question in the closing hours of the session. The resolution finally went to the calendar.

During the remainder of the afternoon the postage appropriation bill was under discussion. After a prolonged contest the appropriation for pneumatic tubes service was eliminated entirely, so that as the bill stands now the service will have to be discontinued after the first of next July. The old controversy over the special appropriations for fast mail service engaged attention the rest of the day.

It was decided to begin holding night sessions tomorrow night.

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