

THE SEMI-WEEKLY TRIBUNE

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THE NEWS IN BRIEF.

Dr. John Thunder, head medicine man of the Winnebago tribe, died near Black River Falls, Wis., of pneumonia, aged 60 years.

The anti-cigarette bill was killed in the Wisconsin senate by a vote of 15 to 12. It came from the judiciary committee with a majority in its favor, 5 to 4.

At Basin, Wyoming, Tobias Borner was arrested on the charge of assault with intent to kill, and at his preliminary hearing was bound over to the district court.

W. Harry Clary died at Washington, D. C. He was manager of the Baltimore & Ohio Telegraph Company for some years and later was engaged in newspaper work.

Fire which started in the pastry kitchen of the Corning house at Portage, Wis., spread so rapidly that it soon got beyond control, and the building was destroyed.

Judge Advocate General Lemley has received a telegram from Commander Snow at San Francisco, stating that the Union Iron Works will launch the battleship Ohio on May 18.

The Consolidated Coal company of the Cumberland, Md., region, has just been awarded the contract to supply the new coal station of the United States at Yokohama, Japan.

Henry Hyman, formerly one of the most widely known cattle dealers in the Chicago Union stock yards, died at Michael Reese hospital from a fractured skull, caused by a fall.

Prof. F. W. Huffcut, of the college of law at Cornell University, has declined the position of the deanship of the law department in Iowa State University, which was recently offered him.

Charles S. May, lieutenant governor of Michigan from 1863 to 1865 and an eminent member of the Michigan bar, died suddenly at his home, Island View, Gull Lake, of heart failure, aged 71.

Former Congressman John B. Gillilan, of Minnesota, has given the university of Minnesota \$50,000, the income from which is to be used to help worthy students through the university.

When the cabinet met on the 5th President McKinley announced to the members that Mr. P. C. Knox of Pittsburg had accepted the attorney generalship, which was offered him last week.

A new plan, having for its object the distribution of young trees through the country, will be put into practical operation by Secretary Wilson, of the agricultural department, next year.

It is said that the late ex-President Harrison was the only president of the United States who, during his college days, was elected a member of a Greek letter fraternity. He was a Phi Delta Theta.

Editor E. L. Bantzer of the Watchman, a newspaper published at Clayton, Mo., has challenged S. J. Harris, editor of the Argus, a rival publication, to mortal combat, according to the French code.

Ex-Senator Thurston says that his selection as the head of the St. Louis fair commission is only temporary and that he is positively not a candidate for the chairmanship and would not accept it if elected.

Rev. E. P. Brown, formerly editor of the Ram's Horn, is sick with small pox at his home in Indianapolis, Ind.

Thomas Swift, aged 64, well known in Masonic and Grand Army circles throughout his country, died at Seymour, Conn., of pneumonia.

The secretary of the treasury has bought in New York \$2,000,000 of short term bonds for the sinking fund.

George Amos of Knoxville, Ind., one of the most prominent shippers of horses to the eastern market, died in New York of pneumonia.

David D. Thompson has been appointed editor of the Northwestern Christian Advocate, Chicago.

Gold has been discovered near Arendal, on the Skagerack, thirty-six miles northeast of Christiansand, Norway.

The bubonic plague is increasing in virulence in Capetown.

Mrs. Foster, convicted of complicity in the attempted murder of her husband at Algona, Iowa, was sentenced by Judge Baile to three years in the penitentiary at hard labor.

Earthquake shocks visited a wide region in southeastern Hungary and several houses were shaken down.

D. B. Robinson formerly first vice president of the Santa Fe railroad, is reported to be dying in a Chicago hospital.

Hendrick Hudson hotel, at Yonkers, N. Y., just built and not yet occupied, was burned, the loss being \$150,000.

Secretary Wilson has authorized Chief Moore of the weather bureau, to establish a full meteorological station at Taylor, Tex.

WAR IS ONLY DELAYED

German Editor Thinks Manchurian Agreement Doesn't Assure Peace.

BELIEVES RUSSIA TO HAVE DESIGNS

Expects to Renew Demands When Other Troops Are Withdrawn—Their Conflicting Interests in the North—Future is Full of Speculation.

BERLIN, April 10.—The latest phase of the Manchurian question is very differently judged by different sections of the German press. The *Freisinnige Zeitung*, Herr Richter's organ, says: "For the moment the situation is eased and the conclusion of peace hastened; but, so far as the future is concerned, the situation is rendered more complicated, for as soon as the allied forces are withdrawn the military superiority of Russia will become overwhelming for China, who will probably then grant Russia better terms than now, when she is upheld by the allies.

"While war between Russia and Japan is now deferred, their conflicting interests remain regarding North China and it is probable that war will break out between them soon after peace with China is signed.

The *Vossische Zeitung*, which sees a Russian diplomatic defeat in Russia's abandonment of the Manchurian convention, says: "It must have been hard for Count Lamsdorf to instruct the Russian ambassadors to that effect, especially since Russia had from the start followed the policy of rendering a diplomatic settlement in Pekin as difficult as possible and of doing everything to stiffen the backbone of China against the allies, particularly in the matter of the withdrawal of the troops from the province of Chi Li."

The *National Zeitung* takes the view of the German foreign office. The *Freisinnige Zeitung* expresses a hope that at least a portion of the German troops may now be withdrawn from China, adding that otherwise Germany will be completely isolated there. It says the Chinese forts could have been destroyed without waiting for China's consent.

STATUE STANDS UNVEILED.

Tribute to Memory of John A. Logan, Warrior and Statesman.

RUSSIA TURNS A DEAF EAR.

Refusal to Listen, However, Merely Retards to Manchurian Dispute.

PEKIN, April 10.—The Russian minister to China, M. de Giers, responding to the letter from Prince Ching and Li Hung Chang regarding Manchuria, merely refuses to hold further communication with them upon the subject.

The Mongolian Prince Olaskan, father-in-law of Prince Tuan, proves to be an important factor in the rebellion now in progress. He urges the rebellious troops to march on Sian Fu.

Chinese knowing General Tung Puh Siang say the emperor brought the rebellion upon his own head when he published the edict threatening the general with future punishment. On account of his present power and influence, General Tung Puh Siang would not permit this and naturally desired to prove that power. He has the entire Mohammedan population with him. Prince Tuan also has a large following, while Prince Olaskan controls the entire province of Mongolia.

CULTURE OF THE TREE

Division of Forestry to Make Extended Investigation of Conditions.

INVITATION GOES TO CONGER.

Council Bluffs People Advance Plans for Reception.

COUNCIL BLUFFS, Ia., April 9.—Acting on the assumption that Minister Conger will arrive in Council Bluffs at an hour suitable for a public reception, the subcommittee, in whose hands the matter had been left by the general committee, extended by mail an invitation to him as follows:

Hon. Edwin H. Conger, Envoy extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary, San Francisco: Sir—The people of Council Bluffs, desiring to express to you their appreciation of your public services abroad, to congratulate you on your safe return to your native land and to give you assurance of their continued love and fealty have perfected arrangements to tender you a public reception and dinner in this city on the day of your return to Iowa, in order that all may have opportunity to give expression to their welcome. The women have been equally zealous to fittingly welcome Mrs. Conger and other members of your party and have arranged for their entertainment. May we not be favored with prompt acceptance of this invitation and an advice by wire at what hour you expect to arrive in this city and by what route.

MR. WU SEEKS INFORMATION.

Has No Advice of Interruption Between Russia and China.

MANY HANDS GUARD LOUBET.

Safeguards Due to Rumor of Projected Assassination.

LONDON, April 9.—A dispatch to the Evening News from Paris says that the French detectives were privately informed of a projected attempt to assassinate President Loubet during his coming trip. Extraordinary precautions have been taken everywhere and the usual police protection has been doubled. Outsiders have been excluded from the railroad stations.

Ten thousand soldiers have been detailed to maintain order during the French president's stay at Nice, where stringent orders have been issued to rigorously suppress the slightest hostile demonstration.

President Loubet is inclined to laugh at the detectives' fears that an attempt will be made upon his life.

THE NEW COMMISSION

It Will Probably Be Divided Among Three Different Branches.

ARE WARY OF AGUINALDO.

Natives Distrust Him and Some Desire Him Punished.

MANILA, April 9.—General MacArthur says it is impossible to make a statement concerning Aguinaldo now. It is possible that Aguinaldo will soon be removed from the Malacanang palace to a large house with pleasant grounds, 56 General Solano street, a fashionable quarter of the city, beside the Pasig river, which is being renovated and prepared for occupancy.

Aguinaldo is purchasing diamonds and other jewelry. He continues to receive certain visitors, but newspaper correspondents are excluded.

It is said that the manifesto which Aguinaldo has been preparing has not yet been signed, and it is added that Aguinaldo is reluctant to comply with the conditions.

It appears that the majority of the Filipinos in Manila distrust Aguinaldo and dislike to see him accorded special favors. They say he ought to be severely punished.

GIGANTIC LINEN TRUST.

Spinners of Austria, Germany and Belgium Are Forming.

WASHINGTON, April 10.—Information concerning the formation of what amounts to a gigantic trust embracing every linen spinning concern on the continent of Europe has reached the State department in a report from United States Consul Mahin at Reichenberg, Austria. For some time, says the consul, it has been understood that the Austrian, German and Belgian spinners of linen there had decided to unite in a reduction of product. From Paris has come the news that the French spinners are also to join in reducing the output of the mills. The object is believed to be to steady and possibly to enhance the price of linen yarn. Makers of linen cloth here, during the fall and winter, suffered from the high price of yarn, and this enormous combination will make conditions still worse, says the consul.

APPEAL FROM PORTO RICANS.

Petition Addressed to McKinley Pleads that Many Are Suffering.

NEW YORK, April 10.—Senator Santiago Iglesias, delegate of the Federation of Labor of Porto Rico, who arrived on the steamer Ponce, from San Juan, is the bearer of a petition from the workmen of Porto Rico to President McKinley. In this petition, which bears 6,000 signatures, the Porto Ricans say: "Misery, with all its horrid consequences, is spreading in our homes with wonderful rapidity. It has already reached such an extreme that many workers are starving to death, while others that have not the courage to see their mothers, wives, sisters and children perish by hunger, commit suicide by drowning themselves in the rivers or hanging themselves from branches of trees."

Captain Long Promoted.

BURLINGTON, Ia., April 10.—News is received here that Captain Frank S. Long, of the Thirty-ninth volunteers in the Philippines, has been appointed provost marshal under General Hall, at Colombia, in the province of Luzon, still retaining his rank as captain. Captain Long is a Burlington boy and is very popular all over this part of Iowa, where he raised a company for the Spanish war.

Hill Sues of the Burlington.

NEW YORK, April 10.—The Evening Post says: "President J. J. Hill of the Great Northern railway will leave the city tomorrow with his negotiations for the Burlington railway successfully concluded." According to the Evening Post, Mr. Hill would not make any personal statement, but informed his close associates that the Burlington negotiations had been concluded and that when he left New York all would be settled.

TO BUY INDIAN LANDS.

Inspector McLaughlin to Conduct Negotiations.

WASHINGTON, April 9.—Inspector McLaughlin has been selected to conduct negotiations with the Rosebud Indians for the cession to the United States of several thousand acres of Indian lands in Gregory and Lyman counties, South Dakota. The negotiations are authorized under a provision of the last Indian appropriation act, which empowers the secretary to treat with the Indians for the purchase of Indian lands. There are two townships belonging to the Lower Brule Indians of South Dakota, which the government also desires to purchase with a view to opening them to settlement. Inspector McLaughlin has been selected for this assignment on account of his intimate acquaintance with the knowledge of the Sioux.

FOR ADDITIONAL EQUIPMENT.

Two Trust Companies File Papers for Obligations of \$10,000,000.

WASHINGTON, April 10.—An agreement between the Standard Trust company of New York and the Baltimore & Ohio Trust company providing for equipment obligations to cover \$10,000,000 of additional equipment was filed with the recorder of deeds today. The obligations are for \$10,000 each, with 4 per cent interest from January 1, 1901, payable semi-annually, and are to be in ten series, each of \$1,000,000 in principal. The series mature respectively on December 31 of each year during the continuance of the lease. The obligations are named "the railroads equipment obligations, car trust of 1901."

The additional equipment contemplated 100 locomotives, 2,500 box cars, 2,000 steel hopper cars and 500 flat cars.

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Turbulent Students Arrested.

LONDON, April 9.—A dispatch from St. Petersburg to the Reuter Telegram company says that the police at Kharkoff have arrested twenty-one students for rioting at the railroad station on the occasion of the departure of other students, who were expelled for being connected with previous disturbances at Kharkoff. A number of students were also arrested in St. Petersburg on leaving a theater they had been attending.

Bonds Declared Worthless.

HEBRON, Neb., April 6.—It was announced a few days ago that the bonds voted for \$55,000 by the county last fall are not legal. After being issued, as it was thought according to law, they were advertised and purchased by the state treasurer and were to bear 3 1/2 per cent interest. When the county clerk went to Lincoln to get the money he was informed they were not legal and worthless, not being advertised according to law.