

# THE SEMI-WEEKLY TRIBUNE

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## BRIEF TELEGRAMS.

In a quarrel near Maryville, Marion county, Ia., John Montfeth, aged 23, shot and killed his uncle, Philip Goodson, aged 50.

Comptroller of the Currency Dawes announces his candidacy for senator from Illinois. He is about to take a trip to Lincoln, Neb., with his wife.

"It is probable," says a dispatch to the Daily Mail from Marseilles, "that an American coal trust will be formed here by an important London house."

Edward A. Cudahy of Omaha is quoted as saying that he will, if necessary, double his reward of \$25,000 to secure the capture of the kidnaper of his son.

The president has granted a pardon to Louis Gallot, of New Orleans, who was convicted in 1896 of misapplication of the funds of the Union National bank of that city.

Charles Foster was sentenced at Upper Sandusky, O., to serve ten years in the penitentiary at hard labor and to pay the costs of the trial for the murder of a farmer named Johnson.

The Prussian railways have been informed that there will be a large emigration this spring of Rutenian farmers to the United States and that 6,000 will pass to Hamburg, in the course of the next few days.

The Mexican government has granted a concession for boring for petroleum in various parts of the republic, exempting the new industry from taxation for ten years. Free importation of drills and machinery is granted.

Most of the houses of the village of Acerenza, near Potenza, have been swept away by the fall of an immense rock. Troops have been dispatched to the scene of the disaster. Thus far fifteen bodies have been recovered.

A. B. Newell, for the past eight years superintendent of the Chicago division of the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern, the most important district of the system, has resigned.

Suicide has been epidemic in New York for the last three months, no less than 183 persons having taken their lives in that time, an average of two each day. Among them are persons whose names have been prominent in both social and commercial worlds.

King Edward has become patron and the archbishop of Canterbury and Earl Roberts have become vice patrons of the fund being raised to erect the eastern portion of the new cathedral in Cape Town in memory of those who have fallen in the war in South Africa.

The national Belgian hare registry club met at Kansas City and elected the following officers: President, W. B. Howard, Omaha; vice president, W. E. Stafford, Sioux City; secretary-treasurer, H. B. Eversall, Rosedale, Kan. The next meeting will be held at Omaha, September 3, 1901.

Judge Trout of San Francisco has continued until June 5 the contest of Charles L. Fair to the will of his father, the late James G. Fair. It was intimated in court that by that time the remittitur from the supreme court in this case will be sent down, and if such be the case the contest may be dismissed.

Andrew Carnegie has given £100,000 to establish district libraries in Glasgow. In making the gift to Glasgow Mr. Carnegie wrote a letter in which he recalled the fact that fifty-two years ago he sailed for America from Glasgow. He had done so much for other places that it was a pleasure to do something for her.

Evidence is not lacking, says the New York Tribune's London correspondent, that there will be a South African mining boom before many weeks.

The sovereign camp, Woodmen of the World, decided in the future of any member engages in the liquor business he shall be expelled and that camps refusing to take action shall have their charter revoked. The convention voted also to reduce the number of members of the sovereign board of managers from seven to five.

Oran Ott, who for more than nineteen years was general purchasing agent of the Illinois Central railroad, and who was for nearly forty years in the continuous service of the company, died at his home at Chicago of inflammation of the brain.

Rev. J. D. Gillham, a retired Methodist minister, died at his home in Centralia, Ill.

The hod carriers of St. Joseph, Mo., won their strike and gained an advance of 2½ cents an hour. All the hod carriers in the city were involved.

Rev. William H. Conner, believed to have been the oldest negro preacher in the country, died at his home in New London, Conn., aged nearly 101 years. He was born in slavery in Whitmarsh township, in what is now Baltimore county, Maryland.

# MEETS THE SOLDIERS

President Receives Enthusiastic Reception from Volunteers.

## TWO REGIMENTS ARE REVIEWED

A Guest of Honor at the Reception of the Union League Clubs—Presidential Party Expect to Start for Home on Saturday.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 24.—After a good night's rest Mrs. McKinley awoke refreshed this morning and smilingly told the president that the program scheduled for today need not be curtailed on her account. Accordingly, President McKinley went to the home of Irving M. Scott, where he had breakfast. Immediately afterward he attended a reception given by the heads of the federal departments in this city. He then went to the Presidio, where he reviewed the troops, including the regiments which have recently returned from the Philippines.

The president was met at the entrance of the reservation by a detachment of artillery and cavalry and escorted to the reviewing stand on the parade grounds. All troops passed in review, the late returning volunteers passing in close marching order in fatigue uniforms, and unarmed. General Shafter and the members of the cabinet occupied the stand with the president, who made a brief address, which was loudly applauded.

After the review the president, escorted by General Shafter and Colonel Girard, went through every ward of the military hospital. He had a smile for every patient and spoke words of cheer to many.

After lunch he met a number of newspaper men and heartily thanked them for the sympathetic manner in which they had treated the illness of Mrs. McKinley. In a measure they had shared in his nightly vigils and this he fully appreciated.

At 2 o'clock the president attended a reception by the Union League club and an hour later was welcomed by the Ohio society at the Palace hotel. He was then given a reception by the assembled pioneers of California, veterans of the Mexican war, and Native Sons of the Golden West.

The latter three societies presented him with a paper weight containing \$350 worth of gold. At each reception the president responded briefly to presentation speeches. On his way to dinner President McKinley stopped at Union square and turned over the first shovelful of sod where the monument to the American navy in commemoration of Admiral Dewey's victory at Manila bay is to be erected.

Tonight President McKinley attended a reception given in his honor by the Grand Army of the Republic posts of the city. Tomorrow afternoon the president will go to Oakland and review the school children of that city.

While the present intention of the presidential party is to start for the east at 10 o'clock Saturday morning, this will not be positively decided until after a consultation of the attending physicians, which is to be held at noon tomorrow.

## CREEK TREATY IS PASSED.

Gets by House of Kings and Now Awaits Signature of Governor.

OKMULGEE, I. T., May 24.—The Creek treaty passed the house of kings by a vote of 23 to 17, and it now awaits the signature of the governor to become a law. The passage of the treaty marks one of the most important epochs in the history of the territory, removing, as it does, the uncertainty that has made waiting capital timid. The town is wild with enthusiasm over the final passage of the treaty. Hundreds of thousands of dollars will be furnished immediately to effect the building of bridges, railways and other enterprises that have been planned on paper for months past. For twenty years the federal government has been trying to make a treaty with the Creeks, but has failed until now.

## A Filipino Bride in Iowa.

DES MOINES, Ia., May 24.—Burt Benware of Villisca, a private in the volunteer service in the Philippines, has returned home and with him is his bride, a Filipino belle, whom he married while in the islands. He has been employed as an engineer on a railroad in the Philippines after his discharge from the army for a short time.

## Find Body in Warehouse.

SEWARD, Neb., May 24.—A body identified as that of Philip Bick, a former saloon man of Seward, was found in an upper unused vault in the Val Blatz storage warehouse. It was discovered by some boys who were playing around the building at 11 o'clock today. The body is supposed to have been there since March 16, when Bick was last seen. It was in the last stages of decomposition and identified by the clothes.

# PASSING OF JOHN R. TANNER.

Former Governor of Illinois Dies Suddenly from Rheumatism of Heart.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., May 24.—Former Governor John M. Tanner died here suddenly in his hotel at 2:45 p. m., from rheumatism of the heart. He had been confined to his room since his return from Chicago last Saturday, but the case was not considered in the least serious. He felt much worse in the afternoon and Dr. J. N. Dixon, the governor's physician, was called about 2:30 and found the governor dying.

Governor Tanner has held various positions besides that of governor, the principal one being a member of the Illinois house, United States Marshal of the southern district of Illinois, state treasurer and assistant at the United States sub-treasury at Chicago, and he was for many years a member of the republican state central committee and chairman of the same. He was a candidate for United States senator this year against Senator Cullom. He leaves a widow, one son, Col. J. Mack Tanner, Springfield, colonel of the Fourth infantry, Illinois national guard, and one daughter, Mrs. John A. Barnes of Chicago.

Governor Tanner was 57 years old and a private in the Forty-eighth and Sixty-first Illinois infantry regiments, and a state senator, also former member of the railroad and warehouse commission.

## ROCKHILL WILL BEAR DOWN.

Is Unable to Get Others' Approval of U. S. Indemnity Plan.

WASHINGTON, May 24.—Mr. Rockhill has confirmed the news from Pekin to the effect that the foreign ministers have declined to accede to the suggestion of the United States that the total of the indemnity to be collected from China shall be limited to \$200,000,000.

It is expected that he will continue his efforts in the direction of keeping down the maximum of claims, even while abandoning, for the sake of harmony, the figures named, and it is believed that the outcome will be a compromise on a figure between \$200,000,000 and the maximum of \$337,000,000 claimed by the powers. In the effort to keep down the total, Mr. Rockhill looks for support to the estimates submitted by Sir Ernest Satow, the British minister at Pekin, and Sir Robert Hart, commissioner of imperial customs, whose report upon the ability of China to pay an indemnity of about \$200,000,000 is now before the state department.

Until the question of grand total is settled the matter of interest to be established on the loan and the method of guaranty are expected to remain open.

## Last of Troops Leave.

PEKIN, May 24.—The last of the American troops here, with the exception of the legion guard, left Pekin at 7 o'clock this morning. The headquarters staff departed at 10 o'clock. In spite of the early hour and the long distances they had to march, all the bands of the British troops escorted the Ninth United States Infantry from the temple of agriculture to the depot, where a Japanese band awaited the troops. All the British generals and their staffs and all the officers off duty were present. The scene was one of great enthusiasm.

## Will Allow Consolidation.

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., May 24.—By a vote of 109 to 60 the southern Presbyterian general assembly today adopted a substitute offered yesterday by Dr. Wynn of Petersburg, Va., reciting that while the general assembly may not approve the wisdom of the step, it interposes no bar to the consolidation of the northern and southern Presbyterian theological seminaries in Kentucky. The matter has been under discussion for three days.

## Battle With Tramps.

YANKTON, S. D., May 24.—Citizens of Volin gave battle to a crowd of tramps this afternoon who have been terrorizing the town for several days. A number of citizens were hurt and several tramps badly used up. A telephone to Yankton for help brought the sheriff and a posse and the tramps were overcome and seven of them lodged in jail.

## Much Talk But No Vote.

HAVANA, May 24.—No vote was taken at this afternoon's session of the Cuban constitutional convention on the Platt amendment. Senor Juan Gualberto Gomez spoke for nearly three hours against the amendment.

## Limited Goes on June 16.

CHICAGO, May 24.—Announcement was made today by the Rock Island that on June 16 it would put on an additional fast train between Chicago and Denver and that on the 18th the eastbound service would be started. The new train will be known as the "Rocky Mountain Limited." The leaving time at Chicago will be 1 p. m., arriving at Colorado Springs at 4:30 the following afternoon and at Denver at 7:45 in the evening.

# NO MERCY FOR CHINA

Powers Do Not Favor the American Idea of Decreasing Indemnity.

## BRITAIN FAVORS A REDUCTION

Foreign Ministers Will Consider the Matter Further at Another Meeting—The Present Policy, It is Feared, Will Produce Indefinite Delay.

PEKIN, May 23.—The foreign ministers' meeting was very unsatisfactory. No power was willing to accede to the Americans' idea of reducing the Chinese indemnity £40,000,000, though Great Britain recognizes the advisability of some reduction. There will be another meeting tomorrow.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 23.—The president and Secretary of State Hay have been in constant communication with Washington during all their journey west. Dispatches from our foreign embassies have been constantly received and the China situation has been continually considered. The president has been anxious lest the difficulties thrown in the way of an agreement by the representatives of some of the powers might lead to indefinite delay and a consequent increase of the indemnity to be exacted.

The points to be settled are: First, the total amount of the indemnity and the share of each power. Second, the method of payment.

In regard to the first point the president has constantly endeavored to moderate the demands of the powers to an amount which China might pay without financial ruin or territorial dismemberment. He has thought that \$200,000,000 was the maximum amount indicated by the best authorities consulted and he has proved the willingness of this government to make every sacrifice in the interest of the integrity of China and the restoration of normal relations, by cutting down our already moderate claim one-half if other powers would make proportionate reduction. These propositions have not been accepted by the other governments, though Great Britain has shown a disposition to a considerate treatment of the matter.

As to the method of payment it is understood that there are various propositions before the conference of ministers in Pekin. One is a loan to be contracted by China guaranteed by the powers, which it is thought might be floated at 4 per cent with a commission of 5 or 6 per cent. Another is a loan, not guaranteed, which would probably require an enormous commission and a heavy rate of interest, some 7 per cent.

Neither of these propositions was accepted by the president. Two weeks ago he showed that each of the powers should accept for its share of the indemnity the bonds of China at par and with interest at 3 per cent, provision for meeting the interest and for eventual payment being taken from the salt duties, and increased import taxes. Mr. Rockhill has now been instructed to urge these views anew upon the attention of his colleagues. The attitude of the British government, as set forth in the recent speeches of its representatives in parliament, indicate that Great Britain in moderating the demands of the powers is inclined to accept measures which, if adopted, may bring the negotiations to a conclusion.

## WITNESS QUICK WITH GUN.

New Mexican Trial Ends in Fatal Shooting Affray.

SANTA FE, N. M., May 23.—William Park was shot and killed at Central Grant county, in the office of Justice of the Peace Joseph Crowley during the preliminary examination of a may Esmond, charged with a serious crime. James A. Wiley had given damaging testimony in which he used Park's name. The witness was just concluding when Park jumped from his chair, leveled his gun and commenced firing at Wiley. Wiley rose, turned half around, pulling his six-shooter as he did so, and returned the fire. Several shots were fired by both men, as well as others in the room. One of the bullets entered Park's right side, coming out of the left near the heart. The coroner's jury returned a verdict of death at the hands of parties unknown.

## Bribe Takes His Life.

ROME, May 23.—Bresci, the assassin of the late King Humbert, has committed suicide at the penitentiary of Santo Stefano.

## Allen Has Hot Time Ahead.

SAN JUAN, Porto Rico, May 23.—Munoz Rivera, the federal leader, sailed today on the steamer Philadelphia for New York to establish in that city a paper which will defend the island's interests. He resigned the presidency of the federal party yesterday evening. Delegations from dozens of towns bade him farewell. Governor Allen is due here tomorrow morning. A big manifestation has been planned.

# STORM CENTERS OF STRIKE.

Cincinnati and Pacific Coast Points Most Affected by Machinists.

WASHINGTON, May 22.—The storm centers of the general strike of machinists throughout the country are in Cincinnati, O., and on the Pacific coast. The number of firms that have signed agreements was augmented today by about a hundred, which brings the aggregate of the establishments making the concessions to 1,000 in round numbers during the past three or four days. Save in one or two instances, as at Scranton, the allied trades have not yet been affected. It is claimed at the general headquarters of the machinists, however, that where agreements are not effected by this afternoon or tomorrow many of the men in the allied trades will go out in the individual shops where the machinists are already out. The estimate of President O'Connell of the National Association of Machinists, as to the number of strikers today remains at 50,000 approximately, the same figure as given yesterday. The executive board of the association is in session here watching the progress of the strike.

President O'Connell this morning said: "The reports from all sections are very favorable. The indications are that the great majority of firms will have reached agreements with the men today or tomorrow. The dispatches coming in from various cities indicate that conferences will be held today with a large number of firms. Many men who were working yesterday went out today. The additions made last night and this morning to the list of strikers and the number that will return to work this morning with their demands granted will about balance each other."

## BOUTELLE'S SUFFERING ENDS.

Death Releases Former Maine Congressman from Suffering.

BOSTON, May 22.—Former Congressman James A. Boutelle of Bangor, Me., died today at the McLean asylum, Waverly, where he had been confined for a year with brain trouble. Death was due primarily to pneumonia, which developed last Sunday. Mr. Boutelle's daughter Grace, who has been at the head of the household since her mother's death in 1892, was at the bedside today.

Mr. Boutelle was 62 years of age and on his retirement from congress last winter was placed on the retired list of the navy as a captain, an office to which he was eligible by reason of civil war and congressional committee service. Three daughters survive. Mr. Boutelle's illness dates from December 22, 1899, when he was seized by a fit of unconsciousness while at a hotel in this city. He was carried to his room and later became delirious. At midnight it was announced that Mr. Boutelle was suffering from an attack of congestion of the brain, which it was hoped would be only temporary.

## MRS. MCKINLEY RESTS EASY.

Reports Are to Effect that She is Steadily Growing Stronger.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 2.—Reports from the Scott mansion this morning are to the effect that Mrs. McKinley is resting easily and growing stronger.

President McKinley reviewed the school children of San Francisco on Van Ness avenue yesterday. Thousands of gaily decorated children bearing bouquets and flags and streamers of the national colors lined up on either side of the avenue and enthusiastically cheered the president as he drove through the long lines. The president was accompanied by the cabinet, congressmen and many other notable. The children were very enthusiastic and the party was frequently assailed with showers of bouquets. President McKinley was visibly pleased at the reception given him by the children.

## Funeral of Mrs. Gage.

CHICAGO, Ill., May 22.—The remains of Mrs. Lyman J. Gage arrived from Washington early today, accompanied by Secretary Gage, his daughter, Mrs. Pierce, Mrs. Pierce's sister, Mrs. Hendee of Yonkers, N. Y., D. H. Burnham and Rev. N. D. Hillis, who officiated at the funeral services in Washington yesterday and who will conduct the rites at the grave in Rose Hill cemetery tomorrow. The body was placed in the receiving vault.

## Honor for an Omaha Physician.

WASHINGTON, May 22.—Dr. J. C. Whinnery, Jr., of Omaha, Neb., has been appointed a dental surgeon in the army with the rank of first lieutenant. He has been assigned to the Philippines.

## Talk of Changing Creed.

DES MOINES, May 22.—The forty-third general assembly of the United Presbyterian Church of North America opens tomorrow evening with an address by Rev. J. P. Sankey of Rochester, N. Y., the retiring moderator. Three hundred delegates have signified their intention of attending the assembly. The committee for revision of creed recommends that the restriction against secret societies be modified and the rule abolished.

# GOMEZ GETTING EVEN

He and Silva Withdraw Majority Report of Committee on Relations.

## SUBSTITUTE THE OLD REPORT

Former Objections to Clauses of the Platt Amendment Revised—Revenge on the Radicals—Sanguilly Comes Forward With a Tact Reply.

HAVANA, May 22.—At today's session of the Cuban constitutional convention Senors Gullberto Gomez and Silva withdrew the minority report of the committee on relations and substituted for it the old majority report of the committee which was drawn up before the commission went to Washington and was signed by Senors Gullberto Gomez, Silva and Villuendas, but which was never acted upon by the convention, because it was a rejection of the Platt amendment, particularly in respect of the right of intervention and the coaling stations.

This action of Senor Gomez is attributed to the bitter attack made upon him yesterday by the radicals for having accepted portions of the Platt amendment. Senor Villuendas asked that his name be stricken off the old report, thus making it the report of the minority and declared that he now favored the majority report now before the convention.

Senor Sanguilly made a bitter attack on Senor Gomez and the radicals, asserting that the United States had always been fair and honorable in their dealings with Cuba, that the policy of the Washington government was to establish the republic and that the concessions asked by the United States were necessary to maintain the republic. He spoke for nearly two hours. The convention adjourned without coming to a vote.

## GOVERNOR ALLEN TELLS WHY.

In First Annual Report Says Porto Rico Hasn't Advanced.

WASHINGTON, May 22.—Governor Charles H. Allen of Porto Rico has presented to the president, through the state department, his first annual report. The governor expresses the opinion that a scheme of colonial administration, such as is found in the Danish, French and English West Indies, might be safely instituted, with variations dependent upon the future policy of the home government. The governor refers to the many suggestions offered "that the form of territorial government adopted in the United States be applied to Porto Rico, but points out that a standard form of such government, while useful in the United States, would not apply successfully to this island possession. He calls attention to the fact that while in such close proximity to the United States Porto Rico has been a comparatively unknown island to Americans.

"I feel, as the result of a year's close study on the spot of all conditions surrounding this problem," said Governor Allen, "that congress went quite as far as it could safely venture in the form of government existing on the island, and as the result of experience and observation I fully believe with good men devoted to the work the island will develop faster under such form, its people, through experience and education will advance more rapidly in their knowledge of civic virtues under a guidance of present methods than could be gained in any other way."

## Glover Probably Safe.

VICTOR, Colo., May 22.—Developments today show almost conclusively that former Congressman John M. Glover of St. Louis was not drowned in the flood that washed away the Victor dam on Sunday. The horse, which it was reported, belonged to him, has been identified as the property of a man named Wils, whose barns were destroyed.

## Condition of the Treasury.

WASHINGTON, May 22.—Today's statement of the treasury balances in the general fund, exclusive of the \$150,000,000 gold reserve in the division of redemption, shows: Available cash balance, \$159,063,763; gold, \$95,299,837.

## Iowa Episcopalians.

DES MOINES, Ia., May 22.—The forty-ninth annual diocesan convention of the Episcopal church of Iowa opened at 10:30 this morning with a sermon by Rev. J. K. Black.

## Insane, He Killed Himself.

PORTLAND, Ore., May 22.—General William Kapus killed himself with a revolver today during a fit of temporary insanity. He was 66 years of age. He was prominent in the affairs of Oregon and Washington for many years. In 1890 General Kapus was United States consul at Sydney, Australia. During the civil war he was disbursing officer for Oregon and Washington and served in Montana and Utah as lieutenant.