

BRIEF TELEGRAMS.

Chicago received 24,575 cars of live stock during May, compared with 23,030 cars in April, and 24,029 cars in May, 1900.

At Zeoring, Ia., Thomas Gorman, a life insurance agent, was fatally stabbed by Clay Reed, because Gorman persisted in talking insurance to his wife.

The Building Trades council of Denver declared the hodcarriers' strike irregular and ordered the strikers back to work. The Hodcarriers' union will act upon the matter.

John V. Barnes was elected president of the New York produce exchange. His election was a victory for the independents, or younger, element of the exchange.

Governor Gage has offered a reward of \$5,000 for the arrest and conviction of the persons implicated in the lynching of the five men at Lookout, Modoc county, California.

Samuel Potts, 24 years of age, of Osceola, Mo., who enlisted in the Thirty-ninth Illinois infantry to serve in the Philippines and then deserted, was captured by the police at Marton, Ind.

At Kansas City former Judge F. M. Black handed down a decision to the effect that the police board had no power to revoke licenses of saloon keepers who keep their places open on Sunday.

Henry E. Perrine, a well known business man of Buffalo, N. Y., is dead. His second wife, who survives him, was Mrs. Polson, mother of Mrs. Grover Cleveland. Mr. Perrine was 74 years of age.

Emperor William has decorated General Bonnal, director of the French war school, with the crown order of the first class, and has bestowed on Colonel Gallet the crown order of the second class.

The Graat statue or memorial commission has issued a pamphlet inviting the competition of artists for models which must be submitted between March 1 and April 1, 1902. The statue will cost \$240,000.

Richard C. McCormick died at Jamaica, L. I., aged 69. He was formerly territorial governor of Arizona and was assistant secretary of the United States treasury in 1877 and elected to congress in 1895.

The report that Emperor William and Queen Wilhelmina have agreed upon a convention whereby Germany assumed the protection of the Dutch colonies in return for certain commercial advantages is absolutely without foundation. Queen Wilhelmina's visit to the emperor was wholly devoid of political significance.

Irvin Butterworth tendered his resignation as president of the Columbus, O., board of trade. He also tendered his resignation as president of the Columbus Gas company, and will leave for Denver, where he will assume the duties of vice president and general manager of the Denver Gas company.

Seven thousand dollars was found under a sidewalk near the former boarding place of Stewart Jelliff, held at Mineral Point, Wis., on a charge of robbing the First National bank recently. Two bottles of nitroglycerine and a bunch of skeleton keys were also found. All was discovered by citizens who were searching privately.

Kansas reports recent copious rains in all sections of the state.

The Confederate Soldiers' Home, an institution for the care of indigent veterans, was opened at Atlanta, Ga., on the anniversary of the birth of Jefferson Davis.

Rural free delivery service will be established in Iowa July 1 as follows: Arlington, Fayette county, three carriers; length of routes, sixty-seven and one-quarter miles; population served, 2,235; carrier, John Gladwin, sr., S. M. Wellman and R. N. Hibbard.

A special to the Denver Republican from Lander, Wyo., says: Word was brought in of the killing of the sheep herder who killed Frank Armajo, the Indian, on the reservation Sunday, by the Indian police, thirty miles from the Muddy.

The salaries of the following postmasters in Iowa have been changed: Sioux City, increased from \$3,300 to \$3,400; Des Moines, \$3,700 to \$3,800; Shenandoah, \$2,100 to \$2,300; Wapello, \$1,400 to \$1,500; Washington, \$2,100 to \$2,200.

Chancellor Francis H. Snow, who has been at the head of the University of Kansas for eleven years, has tendered his resignation. The resignation will be accepted and Chancellor Snow will be given the chair of natural history.

Commander Booth-Tucker of the Salvation Army declared that there is no truth in the report to the effect that negotiations are in progress looking to the amalgamation of the Volunteers of America and the Salvation Army.

THAT LETTER ARRIVES

General Wood Finally Receives Mr. Root's Explanatory Document.

WILL GO TO THE CONVENTION

Translators Immediately Begin Its Preparation for the Cobans—Some Misquotations—Conversation Not Incorporated in Amendment Literally.

HAVANA, June 8.—The official instructions from Washington regarding the Platt amendment have arrived. They are being translated and will be sent to the Cuban constitutional convention today.

WASHINGTON, June 7.—Before the receipt of the instructions at Havana General Wood had telegraphed the department here inquiring as to the whereabouts of the letter of Secretary Root explaining in detail the objections to the action of the constitutional convention.

In view of the several representations made in Havana regarding the interpretation by Secretary of War Root to the Cuban commissioners of the Platt amendment, it can be stated authoritatively that the secretary did not deviate from the declaration that the president and himself had no power to change an act of congress. It is said here that the amendments which the Cuban convention made to the Platt law and the incorporation of conversations with Secretary Root did not represent his views of the amendment nor was he correctly quoted in the alleged statements.

Among the reports given out in Havana is the translation of a letter of Senator Platt, written to the secretary of war, and furnished as a confidential document to the Cuban commissioners when they were here. This letter briefly gives the views of the Connecticut senator on some features of the law which bears his name. Surprise was expressed that the letter should appear in print in Havana.

APPREHENSION AT MANILA.

Fears Porto Rican Decisions Will Cause Deficit in Revenue.

MANILA, June 7.—The fragmentary news received here of the Porto Rican decisions has caused apprehension that there will be such a deficit in the Philippine revenues that congress will need to make an appropriation to meet it. Fear is also expressed as to the result of the application of jury trials, and other features of the constitution not suited to the condition of the Philippines.

Importers are preparing claims for a refunding of the duties paid.

General Chaffee and his staff were conveyed direct to the Malacanang palace, where a private conference between Generals Chaffee and MacArthur took place. General Chaffee informed the correspondent of the Associated Press that while he was not sure of the orientals' general capacity for self-government, he favored the establishment of civil control in the Philippines at the earliest practicable moment. He was in full sympathy with the commission's plan for native education and business advancement, because the United States interests and native interests lie in the same line.

Chile Still Kicking.

WASHINGTON, D. C., June 7.—It was stated by officials that no material developments have occurred of late regarding the degree to which deliberations shall be used in the arbitration plan before the coming congress of American republics to be held in the City of Mexico. Chile is still unwilling to attend the congress unless arbitration is restricted to future questions, while Peru stated officially that she will not attend unless the discussion of arbitration is allowed to proceed on the broadest lines.

Civil Government at Cavite.

MANILA, June 7.—Commissioners Taft, Wright and Ide are at Cavite, establishing a civil government. They were formally welcomed by Colonel Goodrell and the local dignitaries in the town hall. Judge Taft spoke, outlining the commission's provincial plans.

McKibbin Quits Texas.

WASHINGTON, June 7.—By direction of the president, Colonel Chambers McKibbin, Twelfth infantry, has been relieved from command of the department of Texas and ordered to resume command of his regiment in the Philippines.

R. H. Townley is Disgraced.

WASHINGTON, June 7.—News has been received here through unofficial channels that Lieutenant Richard H. Townley of Lincoln, Neb., of the navy has been convicted by court-martial at Manila and sentenced to dismissal from the service. The charge on which Lieutenant Townley was court-martialed was in connection with the present commissary irregularities at Manila. The sentence must be approved by the president.

YERKES TELLS HIS PLANS.

His Syndicate Will Literally Electrify London's Underground Railway.

LONDON, June 7.—"Yes," said Chas. T. Yerkes, when interviewed by a representative of the Associated Press, "we have practically got control of the London underground railway. That is what it amounts to. My syndicate is composed of British and American financiers, although for the largest proportion of the capital comes from the United States. We hope to begin work in a few months, as soon as the necessary consent of parliament has been obtained.

"The system we intend to install is almost exactly similar to that in use on the elevated lines in Chicago. We will sell the present antiquated cars and substitute those of an American pattern. We intend to rebuild the stations, to install arc lights and to make the road equal to any rapid transit line in the world. Yes, we must have American engineers to do the work. They know nothing about that sort of thing here. I tell you what, the trouble with the English concerns is that they don't know the value of a scrap heap.

"I intend to remain here for a considerable time, for there are likely to be several things needing my personal attention."

A special meeting of the District railway has sanctioned Mr. Yerkes' plan for the introduction of electricity as the motive power of the road. J. S. Forbes, the president, said the work would occupy two years.

AS AMERICANS URGED.

Indemnity Payment to Be Guaranteed Jointly and Severally.

WASHINGTON, June 7.—The ambassadors from most of the European countries were in conference with Secretary Hay yesterday, mainly because it was diplomatic day, which afforded an opportunity for discussing the state of the Chinese negotiations, and the modus vivendi concerning the form of paying the indemnity is likely to be settled by a joint and several guaranty. This will be in complete accord with the American view that there should be no joint guaranty in the sense of binding each government to the securing the payment of the entire \$337,000,000.

It will be joint, however, in the formal aspect of being executed by all of the powers jointly at the same time and probably by the same instrument. This instruction doubtless will include a provision by which each government is to assume no liability beyond the amount of its own share of the indemnity, which, in the case of the United States, is limited to \$25,000,000.

FREEZE RUINS FRUIT CROP.

Unexpected Cold Snap in Eastern Oregon and Idaho.

BAKER CITY, Ore., June 7.—The coldest weather for a period of twenty years has been recorded at Baker City. The mercury fell six degrees below the freezing point. Ice over an inch thick was formed in pools of water, on the streets. All fruit, such as cherries, apples, pears, plums, and plums, were killed and all vegetables were destroyed. So far as known growing grain was not seriously injured.

BOISE, Idaho, June 7.—This vicinity was visited by a severe frost, the like of which has not been known at this season for fifteen years. The government weather bureau at Boise reports a temperature of 30, while places throughout the valley report temperatures as low as 26 degrees. Fruit is damaged seriously, though the extent of the loss cannot yet be determined. In the Grande Ronde valley in Oregon there was snow.

William B. Cowin Promoted.

OMAHA, June 7.—William B. Cowin, promoted from second to first lieutenant, is a son of General John C. Cowin of this city. He was first commissioned as an officer of volunteers at the breaking out of the war with Spain and continued in service as a volunteer until commissioned in the regulars. He has been serving in the Third cavalry, stationed at present at the town of Bangar, Philippine islands.

Filipinos in Spanish Parliament.

MADRID, June 6.—Among those who were recently elected to parliament are three Filipinos, residing in Spain. They propose, during the course of the debate on the speech from the throne, to bring up the question of the condition of the Philippines, alleging that the situation is worse than before the war.

Flag Day at Buffalo.

BUFFALO, N. Y., June 7.—The tentative program for the flag day exercises at the Pan-American exposition grounds has been announced. They will take place in the Temple of Music on June 14. General Miles will be present and deliver an address. Richmond Pearson Hobson will also speak. Mrs. Charles W. Fairbanks, president of the Daughters of the American Revolution, will deliver an address on "American Patriotism."

MRS. MCKINLEY GAINING

Dr. Rixey So Reports in the Last Bulletin to the Public.

PATIENT DOING VERY WELL NOW

Doctor Finds Her Resting Quite Comfortably and is Encouraged—The Best Informed, However, Realize that There is Yet Danger.

WASHINGTON, June 6.—Dr. Rixey made his usual nightly visit to the White House shortly after 9 o'clock and remained about an hour and a half. On leaving he said: "Mrs. McKinley is resting very comfortably now. She has gained a great deal this evening, but there is no marked change. She is doing very well."

While the improvement in Mrs. McKinley's condition is slight, the fact that there had been no setback during the day, but on the contrary, a very little gain, was very gratifying to the White House household and the president expressed his pleasure several times during the evening.

In view of the gravity of the condition of the sufferer, too much confidence is not attached to the patient's condition. It is realized that whatever gain or improvement is shown may prove but temporary. For this reason the bulletins as officially announced by the physicians once a day refer to the gain in condition in very guarded language.

President McKinley is spending a large part of his time at his wife's bedside. He was out driving for an hour, just before supper, and returned refreshed. With the exception of the time spent in the early evening with a few callers and a short time in the cabinet room at 11 o'clock most of the evening was spent within call of his wife.

None of Mrs. McKinley's relatives have yet been sent for, but it is stated that if any are summoned they will be her nearest relatives, Mrs. Barber and Miss Ida Barber of Canton. It is likely that Mr. and Mrs. Abner McKinley and the president's sister, Mrs. Duncan, and Miss Helen McKinley will come here soon. Mrs. McKinley is particularly devoted to the president's maiden sister, Miss Helen McKinley.

Saturday will be Mrs. McKinley's birthday, and there are scores of beautiful gifts ready to be sent to the executive mansion. Flowers and fruit by the wagon load are received daily, but none of these remembrances find their way to the sick room, but each card is being carefully kept, in the hope that the happy time may come when the sufferer can be informed how greatly her friends and the public generally were interested in her welfare.

ON THE VERGE OF A CRISIS.

Spain Nominally Tranquil, But Symptoms of Unrest Apparent.

MADRID, June 6.—The situation throughout Spain remains critical. Nominal tranquillity has been restored at Corunna, but the oetrol offices are still occupied by gendarmes and arrests continue to be made. A general strike is threatened owing to the refusal of one factory to employ 300 workmen. The railway men have struck at Vigo and anarchist excitement is rife in Barcelona, where the "reds" met in defiance of the civil governor's prohibition and passed secret resolutions.

Senor Gamazoe, leader of the dissident liberals, in an interview characterized the crisis as an "exceedingly grave moment for Spain," adding "the government must act with great energy with regard to the Catalan and separatist movement to prevent the evil from becoming irremedial."

CUBA WAITS IMPATIENTLY

Official Instructions from Washington Regarding Platt Amendment.

HAVANA, June 6.—The official instructions from Washington regarding the Platt amendment have not arrived. The delay is causing annoyance to General Wood, as he had promised that the convention would have the letter Tuesday and a meeting was called to discuss the document. The conservatives are not hopeful of holding the fifteen who voted in favor of the resolution adopting the Platt amendment.

Senor Sanguilly said that if the instructions specifically stated that there could be no interpretations or explanations added the convention should vote for or against accepting the amendment without further argument.

President Cannot Visit Buffalo.

WASHINGTON, June 6.—The president will not be able to be at the Pan-American exposition at Buffalo on June 13, which was designated as president's day. After the abandonment of the northwestern portion of the presidential tour the improvement in Mrs. McKinley's condition inspired the managers of the exposition to hope that the president would be able to keep his engagement at Buffalo, but Mrs. McKinley's illness will interfere.

CALLS THE ARMY TO ACCOUNT.

Reformed Presbyterians Adopt Resolutions on Social Evil.

PITTSBURGH, June 5.—There was a full attendance of delegates when Moderator Martin opened the sixth day's session of the Reformed Presbyterian synod of North America. After devotional exercises Rev. R. C. Allen of Grove City, Pa., presented the report of the special committee appointed by the synod to inquire into the condition of the United States army system. The committee devoted itself more especially to the social evil as it exists in Hawaii and the Philippines. It is explained that the evil is authorized and protected by military regulations, and the committee demands that this situation be uprooted. The report was adopted unanimously.

The committee on Sunday schools and young people's societies reported a resolution which aimed at keeping the societies of the church under its own control and as far as possible denominational societies, many of whose views on organized labor and secret societies are against those of the members of this synod.

The committee appointed to consider the resignation of Elder Walter Miller as treasurer of the literary fund reported in favor of accepting it and transferring the effects and publications of the church to Elder J. S. Tibbey of Pittsburgh, who was recommended. The report was adopted unanimously and Mr. Tibbey was declared elected. He will also act as librarian of all the official church literature both in this country and Europe, and it will be placed in his care in the near future.

TAKE BRITISH BY SURPRISE.

Kitchener Sends Report of the Fighting at Vlakfontein.

LONDON, June 5.—Lord Kitchener's dispatch from Pretoria, dated June 4, says:

"Dixon's report (of the fighting at Vlakfontein, forty miles from Johannesburg, May 29) just received. On our side 1,450 men with seven guns were engaged. The force was returning to camp at Vlakfontein when the enemy, under cover of a veldt, fired, rushed the rear guard, consisting of two guns of the Twenty-eighth battery and 330 men of the Derbyshires and the Yeomanry. They temporarily captured two guns. When the remainder of the force came into action the Boers were driven over and the guns recaptured.

"Our casualties were six officers and fifty-one men killed, six officers and 115 men wounded and one officer and seven men missing. One officer and four men have since died of wounds. Forty-one Boers were killed on the ground. The further Boer casualties are not known. Reinforcements are being sent."

NO NEED FOR EXTRA SESSION.

Cabinet Decides that Congress Will Not Have to Convene.

WASHINGTON, June 5.—The cabinet today unanimously decided that existing conditions do not warrant the calling of an extra session of congress. Secretary Root and Attorney General Knox both rendered legal opinions to the effect that the authority to govern the Philippines vested in the president by the Spooner amendment was ample. The reports were concurred in by all the members of the cabinet. The decision of the cabinet was announced after the meeting in the following statement, issued by Secretary Cortelyou:

"The president has determined that existing conditions do not require or warrant calling congress together during the present summer or making any change in the policy hitherto pursued and announced in regard to the Philippine islands."

BOERS STRIKE AGAIN.

London Receives Report of Their Vigorous Renewal of Hostilities.

LONDON, June 5.—The war office tonight published the following from Lord Kitchener, dated Pretoria, June 4:

"Jamestown (Cape Colony) surrendered to Kritzinger's command on the morning of June 2, after four hours' fighting. The town guard and local volunteers were overpowered before our pursuing columns could come up. Our casualties were three killed and two wounded. The Boer loss is said to have been greater. The stores were looted, but the garrison was released. Have placed General French in charge of the operations in Cape Colony."

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Nineteen of the seventy-eight Filipinos for the Buffalo exposition were not permitted to land at San Francisco owing to loathsome diseases.

IT IS OLD GLORY'S DAY

June 14 the Flag Should Be in Evidence on Every Side.

THE WISHES OF THE GRAND ARMY

Commander of the Department of Nebraska Issues an Order—D. E. Thompson and Wife to Journey Far Away—Other Matters in Nebraska.

OMAHA, Neb., June 5.—June 14 will be the one hundred and twenty-fourth anniversary of the birthday of the flag of the United States. R. S. Wilcox, department commander of the Grand Army of the Republic in Nebraska, has issued an order to all posts in the state urging that every effort be made to have flags exhibited everywhere on that day. Veterans are especially urged to have flags placed in the hands of school children on that day and to see that the stars and stripes float above every school house.

Major Wilcox's order is accompanied with a communication from Allan C. Bakewell, who has charge of patriotic education and is under the direction of the commander-in-chief of the Grand Army of the Republic. In this communication it is advised that every school celebrate the day with appropriate exercises and a program of patriotic songs, salutes, prayers, addresses by soldiers, flag drills, ringing of bells and reading from eloquent orations on the flag is suggested.

MR. THOMPSON GOES ABROAD.

He and His Wife Take their Departure on a Long Journey.

LINCOLN, Neb., June 5.—D. E. Thompson, accompanied by his wife, left Lincoln for New York, where he sails on the 13th for a two or three months' tour of Europe and Asia.

"I have not the faintest idea of where we will go or what we will see when we get across the ocean," said Mr. Thompson in speaking of his trip. "I have been in every country of Europe already and chance will determine what scenes we will revisit. There is one trip, however, that I am determined on making before we come home. That is the trans-continental journey by rail and water from St. Petersburg across Siberia and Manchuria to Vladivostok. The distance is about 13,000 miles and two weeks are consumed in the trip. All but about 1,000 miles, which is by steamer on the Amer river, is by rail. I have been told that the train, which carries passengers on this long flight across country is a model of its kind, exceeding in comfortable equipment even the best of our American trains, and I want to see for myself how they manage such long railroad journeys in other lands than ours."

Musical Festival at Omaha.

Lasting all through the present month, two concerts being given each day by the celebrated Belisted band, acknowledged to be one of the best musical organizations in the country. The band was heard by thousands during the Trans-Mississippi exposition, who were so delighted that they will be glad of opportunity to hear the aggregation again. Two concerts are given each day in a big tent special for the purpose.

Ranchman Has a Freak Calf.

CALLAWAY, Neb., June 5.—N. P. Neilson, a ranchman living a few miles south of this place, has a freak in the shape of a double-headed calf. The body of the animal is well formed, but it has three eyes—one on either side and one in the center. It also has a double mouth and nose and two tongues. Whether or not it will live is doubtful, although it is now about a week old.

Injury by Worms

BLOOMFIELD, June 5.—The farmers of Davis county are having a tough time. The wire worms, cut worms and web worms are playing havoc with the young corn and other plants. Their work is greatly augmented by the continued drouth. The farmers also report that the worms are injuring both forests and orchards to such an extent that the apple crop seems to be almost a failure.

Nebraska Man Drops Dead.

LEAD, S. D., June 5.—Fred Gerber, a well known traveling man in the hills, agent for a furniture firm of Omaha, dropped dead in this city, the cause of his death being heart trouble.

Teachers for the Philippines.

OMAHA, June 5.—At the headquarters of Senator Millard in the Millard hotel a considerable number of applications have been received from educators of this section for places in the government force of teachers for service in the Philippine islands. Recent dispatches from Washington indicate that the Taft commission estimates that 10,000 American teachers will be required to provide the island people with the educational facilities.