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THE NEWS IN BRIEF.

Johann Most, who was arrested September 22 at Corona, L. I., on the charge of violating the section of the penal code relating to unlawful assemblages, was discharged from custody.

Exports from the Berlin district to the United States during the quarter which has just expired amounted to \$9,335,785, or an increase of \$1,863,156 upon the corresponding quarter of 1900.

The secretary of agriculture has appointed Dr. F. H. King, now professor of agricultural physiology in the University of Wisconsin, to be chief of division in the bureau of soils, department of agriculture.

A Paris correspondent says that despite the protests against bull fighting which are being repeatedly made in different sections of France, the French are introducing the custom on the island of Madagascar.

There is a typhoid epidemic in Gelsenkirchen, Westphalia, and the surrounding country. The number of cases have swiftly increased from 687 to 722. An official examination of the water works is being made.

Mrs. Emily Mash of Sellwood, Ore., has received a dispatch from the war department stating that the body of her son, Arthur Venville, one of Lieutenant Gilmore's party who was killed in the Philippines, has been found not far from Manila. The body will be sent to Portland for burial.

Says the New York Tribune's London correspondent: "Rumor comes from Cardiff that the near future will witness a huge amalgamation of British and Spanish iron and steel interests in order to do battle against the encroachment of the American steel trust on the European market."

Statements of the Glucose Sugar Refining company, mailed to stockholders, show a deficit of \$272,672 on the operations for the year ending July 31, after writing off \$636,989 for repairs and new construction and the payments of 7 per cent on the preferred and 6 per cent on the common shares.

According to a dispatch from Dusseldorf, Germany, 10,000 tons of spiegel-eisen (a white cast iron containing manganese, largely used in the manufacture of steel by the Bessemer process), were sold recently to manufacturers in the United States and negotiations are in progress for further sales.

Phillip G. Gillett, for nearly forty years superintendent of the Illinois Institution for Deaf Mutes, died at Jacksonville. He had an international reputation as an educator. The decedent was a former president of the National Sabbath School association and a member of the international lesson committee.

Reports to the marine hospital service from all parts of the world show a continued spread of the plague in most sections. In British East India during the week ended August 2 last there were 2,422 new plague cases and 1,930 deaths recorded in the Bombay presidency, an increase of more than 200 deaths over the previous week.

The secretary of the treasury announced the intention of the treasury department to discontinue for the present purchases of bonds for the sinking fund. The amount of \$20,000,000, for which proposals were invited on September 10, was reached. By the terms of the secretary's announcement, no further proposals in the existing circumstances will be considered.

The Kobe Herald says that the Japanese cabinet is discussing the placing of Japanese loans to the value of 50,000,000 yen in America.

The interior department is rapidly completing plans for the opening of the Fort Hall, Idaho, Indian reservation. The date for the opening has not yet been fixed, as the preliminary work has not been completed, but it is expected that the reservation, which contains 400,000 acres, will be thrown open to settlement within a few weeks.

Herr Krupp, the German gun maker, has purchased a palatial residence in Berlin.

Advices from central Illinois, where corn has been cut up, indicate that the yield is seriously short of expectations.

The brigands who carried off Miss Helen H. Stone, an American missionary, and her companion, Mme. Talika, a Bulgarian lady, have fixed October 3 as the limit of time for the payment of the ransom, \$110,000, demanded for Miss Stone's release.

By direction of the president certain lands along the northern and southern boundaries of the military reservation in Oklahoma have been added to the Fort Sill reservation for the use and benefit of Apache prisoners of war.

TRY TO CORNER BOERS

British Forces of Lytleton Seek to Fence Them All In.

BUT THEY FIND A WAY OF ESCAPE

Seen Always Able to Discover a Few Loose Pickets When Necessary—Boer's Force is Within the Cordon—Commander-in-Chief Advancing.

LONDON, Oct. 8.—A correspondent of the Times, writing from Dundee, Natal, says that during the progress of a big movement, such as is being now conducted by General Lytleton in the southeast corner of the Transvaal, the news consists mostly of a record of the movements of the Boers from farm to farm in their attempt to escape the cordon which is being drawn around them by the British troops.

In the country in which the operations are taking place it is impossible to prevent small groups of Boers from slipping through the columns. It is well known how successfully a large number of Boers can melt away in an almost incredibly short time. On the present occasion it is to be feared that the burghers, though massed in a greater number than usual, will be alarmed by their experience at Fort Itala, and will avoid further concentration.

The main body of Boers, which remains under the leadership of Commandant General Botha, the Boer commander-in-chief, is within the cordon and is pressing north from the Zululand frontier.

On the western frontier of Natal the danger of invasion seems to have been averted by the rapid movement of the British troops.

Throughout the eastern Transvaal the scouts continually sight armed Boers. Most of these do not belong to any particular commando, but watch the movements of the British and are always ready to snipe from a safe distance when opportunity arises.

SAMPSON UNABLE TO SPEAK

Tormented With Aphasia in Addition to Severe Headaches.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 8.—Rear Admiral Sampson, who is now sojourning in Washington, is profiting by the daily care and attention of one of the best local physicians. He receives no callers at his present home on New Hampshire avenue and is directly under the personal care of Mrs. Sampson.

As to the admiral's condition it was stated today that he suffers at present from an unusually prolonged attack of aphasia, an ailment which has troubled him in greater or less degree since he was chief of the naval bureau of ordnance. Save for this and a feeble condition resulting from a too close application to work, it can be stated that Admiral Sampson has no other affliction and that his condition is not serious to a degree wherein his life would be considered as in danger. He has been for a great many years a sufferer from the most painful headaches and these, among other things, are held responsible for his present mental condition.

MEXICO GLAD TO GET CORN

Suspends Import Duties and All Other Taxes for Rest of Year.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 8.—The State department has received telegrams from Consul General Barow at Mexico City, dated the 2d instant, stating that a decree has been issued by the Mexican government suspending import duties and all other taxes on corn (maize) from October 1 to December 31, owing to the scarcity of cereals in that country. The duty on wheat has been reduced to 1 cent Mexican, about 1/2 cent gold, per gross kilogram (about two and one-fourth pounds.)

It is stated also that a bill has been introduced in the Mexican chamber of deputies authorizing the president to buy and import foreign corn into the republic until March 31 next for general distribution at cost price.

Inspector Burke Resigns.

CHICAGO, Oct. 8.—Robert E. Burke, after furnishing \$25,000 bond to stand trial for embezzlement, today resigned the office of oil inspector. Mayor Harrison announced that the resignation would be accepted. The mayor ordered Comptroller McGann to make a thorough investigation of the city inspector's office and check up any deficits that might appear in the few years of the Burke administration.

Change Noted in Constitution.

NEW HAVEN, Conn., Oct. 8.—The people of Connecticut today voted for the constitutional convention, the majority for this somewhat radical step being something over 21,000. They also voted in favor of two specific constitutional amendments, deciding to elect state officers by a plurality vote, in stead of a majority, by the margin of 35,933, and in favor of an increase in senatorial representation by a margin of 27,012.

DISCOVER MODERN BORGL

Ohio Woman Accused of Committing Fourteen Murders.

DAYTON, O., Oct. 8.—Mrs. J. A. Witwer, a widow residing in this city, has been arrested by the police at the instigation of the county coroner and held a prisoner at central station pending an investigation into various charges. Mrs. Witwer, the police say, is suspected of fourteen murders, the list including four husbands, five children, one sister and four members of different families in which she was employed as housekeeper. The last supposed victim was her sister, Mrs. Anna Pugh, who died a week ago under mysterious circumstances. An autopsy performed at the request of Mrs. Witwer's mother, who came here from Detroit, is said to have disclosed the presence of arsenic and copperas in the stomach. Following closely upon the death of her first husband, Fred Schweger, came, according to police department data, the death of two children. The second husband died suddenly and three children of this marriage died in rapid succession. Her last husband, A. J. Witwer, died last April. In each instance death was sudden and all were strangely alike. The prisoner is 48 years of age and formerly lived in Middletown, this state. She has two children in the Philippines and a sister in the New York asylum. No conceivable motive for the suspected crimes has been disclosed. Drugs which were found in the house occupied by Mrs. Witwer were taken by the police and will be examined.

Tariff Debate in Bavaria.

BERLIN, Oct. 8.—In the Berlin diet today the tariff debate was continued. Several centrist members spoke with strong agrarian tendencies demanding that terminal duties be fixed in the case of all agricultural products.

Baron von Fellitzsch, minister of the interior promised to propose in the Bundsrath, higher duties upon tobacco and hops. He pointed out, however, that the agricultural duties provided for in the bill were much higher than the industrial.

The Wurtemberg Central Agricultural bureau demands 6 marks as the minimum duty on wheat, rye and oats, and five marks as the minimum on barley.

Considers Fair Injunction.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Oct. 8.—Judge Fisher of the St. Louis circuit court took the injunction proceedings of Attorney General Crow against the St. Louis Fair association under advisement today without hearing arguments in support of either side. The injunction asked for was to restrain the fair association and bookmakers from operating under alleged illegal licenses.

New Daughter for Dolliver.

FORT DODGE, Ia., Oct. 8.—A baby girl arrived at the home of United States Senator J. P. Dolliver. This is the second child born to Senator Dolliver. The first, also a girl, Margaret, is now nearly 2 years old and is famous as the baby whose advent into the world caused both houses of congress to adjourn for one day.

Iowa to Aid St. Louis Fair.

DES MOINES, Oct. 8.—Governor Shaw has called a meeting of the Louisiana purchase commission appointed to recommend to the state legislature the aid to be given the St. Louis Worlds fair. The meeting will be held October 9, taking advantage of the Senl Om Sed rates to secure a full attendance.

Famous Scout Dying.

DENVER, Oct. 8.—"Tom Horn," famous throughout the west as a detective and government scout, is at St. Luke's hospital and is reported to be at the point of death as the result of an assault during a row in a saloon.

More Money for Ransom.

BOSTON, Oct. 8.—With receipts coming in from many quarters, the fund of the ransom of Miss Ellen Stone, the American missionary captured by brigands in Turkey, at 11 o'clock today had reached \$27,000.

Condition of Nebraska Banks.

LINCOLN, Oct. 8.—Secretary Royce of the state banking board today issued a call for a statement of the condition of Nebraska banks at the close of business on September 30.

Chinese Court Finally Moves.

SHANGHAI, Oct. 7.—A dispatch from Sian Fu announces that the imperial court has started for Kia Feng.

Secretary Hedges Czolgosz.

NEW YORK, Oct. 8.—State Superintendent of Prisons Collins has given orders that Czolgosz, the murderer of President McKinley, must not be the subject of notoriety while in Auburn awaiting electrocution. He must not be seen and visitors must not be permitted to enter any part of the prison where knowledge might be gained of him. The warden of the prison has been instructed to inform the guards against divulging information.

BY TRAITOROUS HANDS

Detrayal of American Soldiers is Done After Oath of Allegiance.

MASSACRE NOT IN ORDINARY WAY

Many of the Murderers Are Officers Under the Government—Include President of Balangiga—Warning Given and Much Precaution Taken.

MANILA, Oct. 7.—Major Morris C. Foote of the Ninth United States infantry, who has returned here from the island of Samar, was in Balangiga the day before the disaster to Company C. He says Captain Connell had been fully warned and had taken what he (Major Foote) considered every necessary precaution.

Information that a plot was brewing among the Filipinos came to Major Foote from a priest, who said it was in the plans of the populace at both Balangiga and Basey to attack the garrisons and that the Basey garrison was to be attacked from a cockpit in the rear of the barracks. Orders were immediately given to demolish the cockpit and extra guards were stationed.

There is intense feeling throughout the army because of the massacre, which would not be the case to any such extent had it been the work of ordinary insurgents. The latter might have been expected to commit such an outrage. Feeling is particularly intense in military circles because the authors of the massacre were pacificos, most of whom had taken the oath of allegiance and many of whom, including the president of Balangiga, were actually holding office.

Some of the after effects are already shown at many points, particularly at Baulan and Calocan, in the province of Batangas, and Manila, where disaffection is manifesting itself, although it is not likely to be allowed to go far.

On the other hand, the officers and troops at all the garrisons throughout the archipelago feel that the disaster conveys a lesson that in itself calls for increased vigilance.

Considerable interest attaches to the case of Oakley Brooks, a military prisoner to be deported. The supreme court recently issued a writ of habeas corpus, directing the production of the prisoner, but the military authorities refused to deliver him on the ground that the only tribunal having jurisdiction over a military prisoner was the supreme court. While the Philippine courts were established by the war powers of the president, the military authorities contend that they are to be regarded as provost courts until congress has acted.

The members of the supreme court and a majority of the members of the Philippine commission hold opposite views, but it is understood that the attorney general believes the military contention to be correct.

New Doctor in Theology.

ZANESVILLE, O., Oct. 7.—There was a notable gathering of Catholic clergy and laity here today to witness the conferring of the degree of doctor of sacred theology on Right Rev. L. F. Kearney, provincial of the Dominican order. Dr. A. V. Higgins of New Haven, Conn., the venerable prelate of the order, conferred the degree, assisted by Bishop Moeller of Columbus, who celebrated high mass. Cardinal Martinelli, the papal delegate at Washington, telegraphed his congratulations. Fifty prominent clergymen were present from different sections of the country.

Strange Disease Among Horses.

ST. JOSEPH, Mo., Oct. 7.—The veterinary surgeons of northern Missouri are kept running night and day and at that are not able to meet all the demands upon their professional services. Thousands of horses are afflicted with an unknown disease, having some symptoms of glanders. Deaths are numerous. The disease usually begins with a form of influenza.

Plague in China Dying Out.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 7.—United States Consul McWade at Canton, China, in a mail report dated August 5 last, says that the plague then had almost entirely disappeared from Canton and the hospital boats for the treatment of plague patients had been transferred from their moorings in Pearl river, opposite Canton, to temporary stations below the leper village.

Postoffice in Far North.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 7.—Postoffice Inspector Clum has returned from a trip of inspection through Alaska. He reports to the department that the service is in excellent condition, more particularly in the Yukon valley, where towns have a mail service of once a week in each direction. He established the northernmost postoffice in the United States and what is probably the northernmost postoffice in the world.

LIPTON HAS ONE DAY OF REST

Owner of English Boat Remains on Erin Almost Alone.

NEW YORK, Oct. 7.—Sir Thomas Lipton had the first day of absolute rest yesterday he has had since he arrived. Erin was at anchor off West Twenty-sixth street, but near the Jersey shore, and its owner remained on board all day. There were very few visitors. Mr. and Mrs. Jameson and Mr. Watson had gone to Glen Cove on a visit and the duke of Aiba was at his hotel in New York, so Sir Thomas had the ship to himself.

When asked about his plans he said: "After the dinner at the New York Yacht club Tuesday night, I have a number of invitations to various clubs, but I have not decided which I shall be able to accept, as my time is limited. I shall go to Chicago as the guest of the Chicago Athletic club Tuesday of next week, leaving here Monday for that place. It is not likely Shamrock will remain in commission. I am sorry it did not win at least one race. However, I am going to give Captain Seymour and the crew of the Shamrock a banquet. It will probably be Thursday night. I feel that they have done their best to make the boat win."

PRaises DEED OF CZOLGOSZ

Anarchist in London Attacks McKinley's Career.

LONDON, Oct. 7.—A fairly well attended meeting of anarchists was held in a hall in Tottenham Court Road to hear a lecture on the assassination of President McKinley by R. E. Kelly of New York. The audience, largely composed of foreigners, applauded all references to "Saint" Czolgosz and his meritorious act. The speakers included Emile Mastie, the Italian anarchist, who described the assassination as "A deed of heroism." Kelly's lecture was a wild harangue in denunciation of Mr. McKinley's political career. He declared that they did not try to justify the assassination, but rather to explain it as the outcome of the oppression of workmen by capital.

"If the killing of McKinley opens the eyes of the capitalists and induces them to treat the working people better," cried the agitator, "then great good will have been done."

KRUGER IS BREAKING DOWN.

Boer President Gradually Losing His Strength, Mentally and Physically.

THE HAGUE, Oct. 7.—A. D. W. Wolmarans, one of the Boer envoys, who has been visiting Mr. Kruger at Hilversum, found the mental condition of the former president of the Transvaal to be by no means satisfactory. Mr. Kruger is slowly growing weaker physically and mentally. His slowness in reaching a decision on important questions is found to be a serious hindrance to those working in Europe in behalf of the Boer cause. At the slightest question regarding his health, Mr. Kruger exhibits intense irritation and vehemently denies that anything is wrong. The approach of winter causes anxiety, as Mr. Kruger refuses to leave Holland.

According to a remark made by a prominent Boer, the former president's condition would long since have been much worse if hatred of Great Britain did not nerve him to continue.

Midnight Thief Terrorizes.

PUEBLO, Colo., Oct. 7.—This city is in great excitement over a series of murderous assaults upon women and girls. From what can be learned they seem to have been committed by the same person, a negro or very dark white man with his face blacked. Last night Mrs. James P. Henderson was a victim, being half killed with a club while alone in her home. Later a girl in the family named Hamilton was terribly choked by a man who had forced his way in. Mrs. Hickey, who was struck down while riding a bicycle two nights ago, is still at the point of death with a fractured skull and can give no clear account of what occurred. Several other women have recently been assaulted.

South Dakota Man Killed.

CHICAGO, Oct. 7.—J. W. Griffith, a horse dealer from Dakota City, S. D., was found with his skull fractured on top of a stock car in the yards at Fifty-first street. He died while being taken to a hospital. Griffith is supposed to have been struck while passing under the viaducts near the yards.

Preacher Shoots to Kill.

CARBONDOLE, Ill., Oct. 7.—The coroner's jury summoned to inquire into the killing of John C. Brown on the street of this city rendered a verdict exonerating Rev. Joseph McCamish, who shot him. Brown, jealous of the preacher, attacked him with a knife on the public square, but McCamish, who had been told that Brown threatened to kill him, was armed and shot his assailant through the lung.

THE LAST YACHT RACE

Columbia Wins Three Straight and the American Cup Will Stay.

LIPTON VERY MUCH DISAPPOINTED

Last Race Proves Hardest of All—Shamrock Leads Most of the Way—Outcome, However by Time Allowance—Lipton Gives Three Cheers for Columbia.

NEW YORK, Oct. 5.—With victory flags flowing from its towering masts and the ends of its spreaders in honor of its concluding triumph in the cup races of 1901, the gallant sloop Columbia returned to its anchorage under the escort of the entire excursion fleet. It completed its defense of the honored trophy in another stirring race with Shamrock II over a leeward and windward race of thirty miles, crossing the finish line two seconds behind its antagonist, but winning on time allowance conceded by Lipton's boat by forty-one seconds.

For the second time it has now successfully foiled the attempt of the Irish knight to wrest from our possession the cup that means the yachting supremacy of the world. And plucky Sir Thomas Lipton, standing on the bridge of Erin, led his guests in three hearty hurrahs for the successful defender.

"Columbia is the better boat," he said, "and deserves to be cheered." The series of races just closed will always be memorial as the closest ever sailed for the cup and Sir Thomas, although defeated, will go home with the satisfaction of knowing that his golden yacht is the ablest foreign boat that ever crossed the western ocean.

During both series of races not an untoward incident has occurred and Sir Thomas will return to England far the most popular of all the foreigners who have challenged for the Americas' trophy.

Yesterday's race on paper was the closest of the series, but because of the fanning of the wind on the boat home as a contest of the relative merits of the yachts it is not to be compared with the magnificent, truly-run and royally fought battles of Saturday and those of Thursday last. The conditions of the race at the start yesterday were very similar to those of Thursday. The wind was strong and from the shore embroidering the sea with foam and piling up no well-ideal conditions for the challenger.

The racers were sent away before the wind, each carrying penalty for crossing the line after the handicap gun. No official record is kept of the time after that gun is fired, but the experts with stop watches estimated Columbia's handicap at fifteen seconds and Shamrock's at thirty seconds. The contest of the yachts seeing before the following wind was picturesque, but not exciting. The big racers, like gulls, with outstretched pinions, had every inch of canvas spread, all of their light sails, including bulging spinnakers and balloon jib topsails.

While taking his defeat gamely, Sir Thomas Lipton made no attempt to conceal the honest disappointment when he talked about the races on the Erin. "I am very disappointed," he said, "I can't hide that. I thought within fifteen minutes of the finish that we had won. I was sure as my life that we had won. When I looked around the situation had changed and we had lost. It was a hard blow to be so near winning and then to lose. I should like to have got one race, just by way of consolation. It is a very hard thing to be beaten by a breath—by a few beats of the pulse."

Churchill Starts Him.

LONDON, Oct. 5.—Winston Spencer Churchill, speaking last night at Oldham, delivered himself of another severe censure of the war policy of the government. He declared that the military situation in South Africa was now "not less momentous than when the Boer armies threw themselves into Natal at the beginning of the war," and that the empire today "confronts difficulties and dangers more embarrassing than those which hung over it in the black week of December, 1895."

White and Singers Arrive.

NEW YORK, Oct. 5.—Andrew D. White, ambassador of the United States to Europe, was a passenger on the steamship Auguste Victoria, which arrived in port tonight from Hamburg, Southampton and Cherbourg. Also on board the Auguste Victoria comes Mme. Sembrich, grand opera soprano.

Injured by Horse Falling.

LONG PINE, Neb., Oct. 5.—For three days, S. Rumolfsen, a hard working and prosperous ranchman, living north of town, has been unconscious as the result of a fall while riding a horse.

Call for Bank Statement.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 5.—The comptroller of the currency today issued a call for a statement of the condition of all national banks at the close of business on Monday, September 30.