

# THE SEMI-WEEKLY TRIBUNE

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## BRIEF TELEGRAMS.

The smoke from forest leaves is now heralded as a cure for consumption, and experiments are being made in Evansville, Ind., by members of the board of health.

The postoffice department has decided to place the late President McKinley's head on the new issue of postal cards which will appear shortly after December 1 next.

The engagement is announced of Charles L. Mertens of Syracuse, N. Y., and Miss Agnes York Hamlin, daughter of Attorney General Howland J. Hamlin of Illinois.

The emigration from Bremen and Hamburg from January 1 to September 30 was 156,649, which is an increase of 3,943 upon the emigration for the corresponding period last year.

At the Chicago Athletic club a banquet was given in honor of Sir Thomas Lipton and he was made the recipient of a massive silver loving cup, presented by his friends in Chicago.

A general strike began in Seville, Spain, although the tobacco workers and some others have thus far declined to join. There has been some rioting, compelling the cafes and shops to close.

The safe of the bank at Rudd, Iowa, was blown open by dynamite and the robbers secured \$3,000 in currency. They escaped by a handcar and took to the woods just east of Nora Junction.

The last request of an old Kansas soldier who died the other day was that one of his army comrades should throw the last shovel full of earth upon his grave. The comrade did as he was requested.

The Russian government has confirmed the plan to make a new harbor at Cronstadt, by building an embankment or dyke, connecting Cronstadt with Cranlenbaum. The work will involve an outlay of £3,000,000.

The ninety-second annual meeting of the American board at Hartford, Conn., has ended brilliantly from the financial standpoint. Over 500 members of the board and pastors and laymen have pledged not only the full amount to pay the debt of \$102,000, but \$3,110 in excess of the debt.

Word comes from Boston that Mrs. Stone, mother of Miss Ellen M. Stone, is sinking under the strain of anxiety concerning her daughter. Mrs. Stone is more than 80 years old, and she has been in feeble health for years. Her condition now is such that her friends fear she will die from suspense.

H. C. Henderson, who has been in the Dallas, Tex., jail for a year and a half, and who claims he assisted in the kidnapping of Eddie Cudahy at Omaha, was sent to the state penitentiary. Henderson was a year ago convicted of swindling in several cases, and now goes to serve thirteen years in the penitentiary.

The gross postal receipts for September at fifty of the largest post-offices were \$4,235,752, a net increase of \$323,322, or 8.2 per cent over last year. Receipts at only two offices decreased, viz., Jersey City, N. J., \$3,760, or a little over 17 per cent, and Grand Rapids, Mich., \$263, or over 1 per cent. The receipts of New York were \$681,511, an increase of 8.2 per cent, and Chicago \$697,160, an increase of 1.2 per cent.

Prof. Thomas Shaw of Minnesota has been elected to the chair of animal husbandry in the state agricultural college at Brookings, S. D., which also carries with it the directorship of the United States experiment station at that place.

Major McLaughlin has succeeded in securing a sufficient number of the signatures of the Rosebud Indians to ratify the agreement to throw that part of Gregory county now lying in the reservation open to settlement.

It is announced that certificates of Union Pacific stock estimated at from 4,000 to 5,000 shares, standing in the name of John Jacob Astor, were sold a few days ago, averaging \$99 a share. The stock bore the transfer date of May 21 last, when it ranged from \$100 to \$107 a share.

Mark Thall, a well known theatrical man of San Francisco, died from pneumonia.

The ex-Empress Eugenie is now settled in her English home and intends to build there a small convent in memory of her son and husband.

Owing to the fact that two bridges are yet to be finished and seven miles of track laid, it will be about November 1 before regular train service on the Toluca-Cody line of the Burlington will be established into the terminus of Cody.

The president is being urged to attend the meeting of the Union Veterans' Union, October 27, at Chicago.

The vault of the Farmers and Citizens bank of Tiro, Ohio, was wrecked by six robbers, who secured the contents and escaped.

## A BIG RAILROAD DEAL

Burlington Transfer is First Step in Seven Hundred Million Combination.

### NORTHERN LINES SOON TO FOLLOW

Details of Plan Astonish Financial Leaders—Basis of Exchanging Control of Old Stock is Disclosed—A Great Aggregation for Transportation.

CHICAGO, Oct. 18.—An Iowa corporation, capitalized at \$100,000,000 and organized for the purpose of controlling railroad properties to be bonded at between \$700,000,000 and \$750,000,000—such in brief is the plan in brief of the Morgan-Hill syndicate as disclosed by the incorporation at Burlington, Iowa, of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad company.

Details of the plan, which is by far the most stupendous ever conceived in the railway world, were learned here yesterday and have set the financial and railway worlds talking. None of the officers of the Burlington would consent to give the slightest information regarding the organization of the new company, but despite this, facts came to light which made it certain that the Iowa corporation is the proprietary company which is to take over all the securities of the Burlington, the Northern Pacific and the Great Northern railroads.

This being the case, the Morgan coterie, when the plan is perfected, will be able, by the ownership of a bare majority of the \$100,000,000 stock of the new company, to control absolutely three big railway systems, aggregating over 18,000 miles, having a gross earning capacity of over \$100,000,000 yearly, and a present capitalization of \$555,000,000. Furthermore, if it is seen fit to do so, the control of these properties can be obtained without the payment of a single dollar of the capital stock represented by the new company. In the opinion of financiers, the scheme is sufficiently bold to cause a Napoleon in the game to pause before taking the plunge and the result will be watched with the most intense interest.

In general, the plan is for the new or parent company to take the stock of the three companies involved and exchange it for collateral trust bonds on a certain basis. From all the information obtainable the basis of exchange for the Northern Pacific preferred is ten collateral trust bonds for \$100 each, bearing 3 1/2 per cent interest, for every ten shares of stock, and in addition twenty-five shares of the capital stock of the new company. The terms for the transfer of the Great Northern stock are said to be almost double the amount offered for the Northern Pacific. The latter is paying 4 per cent, while the Great Northern, which is all preferred stock, pays 7 per cent.

It is said that the Morgan-Hill people have determined to permit all stockholders, or rather to urge all, to accept the terms of the transfer. Whether or not this will be done makes little difference, as the syndicate already controls a majority of the stock of all the three companies. The transfer of the Burlington stock has for some time been in progress, the terms being two 4 per cent bonds for every share of stock. If the entire issue of stock is thus transferred the bond issue for this company will be \$220,000,000.

### PRESIDENT WANTS TREATIES.

Roosevelt Will Urge Ratification of Those Brought Up Last Winter.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 18.—It is understood that President Roosevelt, following out the policy of the late President McKinley, will urge the ratification of the reciprocity treaties with France and the West Indian and South American countries which failed of ratification in the senate last year. John A. Kasson of Iowa, who practically had charge of the negotiations of these treaties, had a conference with the president upon the subject. He says that all the treaties have been renewed except that with Trinidad, which that island declined to renew upon the advice of Great Britain. The failure to renew this treaty is regarded by Mr. Kasson as unfortunate because of the bearing upon South American trade.

### Naples Free From Plague.

ROME, Oct. 18.—The quarantine at Naples has been abolished and that city has been officially declared free from plague.

### Boers Are Artful Dodgers.

CAPETOWN, Oct. 18.—In a brisk fight at Twenty-four Streams, near Piquetburg, yesterday, Captain Bellow and four others were killed and several wounded. The British having surprised several camps, the Boers are now in the habit of shifting camp by night. Lately the British columns, after long night marches, have arrived at their objectives only to find the Boers gone to establish a camp beyond.

## PULLMAN COMPANY'S PROFITS

They Are Shown in the Annual Reports of the Officers.

CHICAGO, Ill., Oct. 18.—At the annual meeting of the Pullman company, which was held yesterday afternoon all the directors were re-elected. They are as follows: Marshall Field, A. S. A. Sprague, Henry S. Caulbert, Henry R. Reed, Norman B. Ream, Robt. T. Lincoln, William K. Vanderbilt, J. P. Morgan, Frederick W. Vanderbilt, W. Seward Webb and Frank O. Lowden.

The usual quarterly dividend of \$2 per share was declared payable November 15.

For the fiscal year ended July 31 the annual report states the total revenue of the company was \$17,996,331; the total expenses of the corporation were \$7,378,199, and other items of expenditure, including dividends, brought the total outlay of the company for the year to \$15,130,446, leaving a net surplus of \$2,866,335. With the surplus of \$4,895,444 brought forward from the preceding fiscal year the total surplus of the company is now \$7,762,279.

## STUDY THE BANKRUPTCY BILL.

New York Merchants Preparing to Suggest Amendments.

NEW YORK, Oct. 18.—A special committee on revision of the bankruptcy act has been appointed by D. LeRoy Dresser, president of the Merchants' association, pursuant to a request made by a number of its prominent members at a conference recently held with United States Assistant Attorney General E. C. Brandenburg. The purpose of this committee is to make a study of the present act, to point out its defects and to suggest amendments to remedy the same. The committee will report to the board of directors of the association and it is expected that work will be completed in time to be effective during the next session of congress, at which time the amendments to the present act will be sought.

### Leave Manila for Home.

MANILA, Oct. 17.—The party of senators and representatives that has been visiting the Philippine islands left today for home on board the United States transport Sheridan. Before leaving the members of the party had an interview with Aginaldo, who, however, was reticent. He said the original outbreak of hostilities was a surprise to him and that his efforts to maintain a truce were unavailing. Aginaldo has written to a lawyer who is trying to obtain a writ of habeas corpus in his behalf, saying that he has remained a prisoner while there was one compatriot languishing in jail "suffering for the Filipino cause and an infinity of Filipinos are deprived of the liberty which they are anxious to obtain."

### Disgusted With Indian Schools.

LA CROSSE, Wis., Oct. 17.—Influential Indians of the Winnebago tribe will make an effort to get a number of Indian charges into public schools. In taking this step the Indians are influenced because of the slow progress of their children in the Indian schools. A delegation will visit Superintendent of Public Instruction Bird and will ask that the children of Winnebago be taken into the La Crosse public schools.

### Names Mrs. Pugh of Omaha.

BUFFALO, Oct. 18.—The national meeting of the Household Economics association ended tonight after a three days' convention. The election of officers resulted as follows: Honorary president, Mrs. Ellen M. Henrotin, Chicago; president, Linda Hull Larned, Syracuse; vice president, Mrs. Mary Moody Pugh, Omaha; corresponding secretary, Mrs. Burroughs, Buffalo; secretary-treasurer, Mrs. John Kendall Dunn, Jamaica, N. Y.

### Don Carlos Must Move Out.

ROME, Oct. 18.—The frequent meetings of Carlists at the residence of Don Carlos in Venice have led the government, it is said, to determine to expel him from Italy, as his proceedings, if continued, would be likely to compromise friendly relations between Italy and Spain.

### Roosevelt Accepts.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 18.—President Roosevelt accepted today honorary membership in the William McKinley National Memorial Arch association and gave his approval to its purpose of erecting by popular subscription a memorial arch at the Washington approach to the memorial bridge.

### Discover Hidden Arms.

NEW YORK, Oct. 18.—The Paris correspondent of the Times dwells at great length on the discovery of 3,000 guns and revolvers, with ammunition, at Montecau les Mines, a hotbed of socialistic agitation. He remarks that an article in the Temps shows that the government is uneasy over this seemingly trivial affair. The fear of a general strike of miners and other labor troubles grows and much insecurity is felt.

## FAVORS LARGER NAVY

Secretary Long Likely to Recommend Additional Vessels.

### NEW BATTLESHIPS AND CRUISERS

Three of Former, Two of Latter and Some Smaller Gunboats—Estimates for Other Needs—Total Exceeds Amount Appropriated Last Year \$22,000,000.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 17.—The estimates for the navy for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1903, were made public at the navy department. The total amount is \$28,910,984, against \$27,324,535 appropriated for the current year. The chief increases are \$2,500,000 for construction, \$2,500,000 for armor and \$129,355 in the appropriation for yards and docks.

Secretary Long, in speaking of the estimates, said that they were made with a due regard for the needs of the navy and intimated that they had the approval of the administration. He spoke of the increased cost of the navy and said that the building of a battleship costing \$5,000,000 was not the end of its expense, as its maintenance was very costly. It is more than likely the secretary will recommend three new battleships and two new armored cruisers and a number of small gunboats.

Among the new items of importance in the estimates are the following: New battery for Newark, \$175,000; new batteries for Albany and New Orleans, \$200,000; reserve guns for other ships of the navy, \$500,000; floating dry docks, Portsmouth, N. H., \$500,000; total for that yard, \$1,600,455.

Also a total of \$1,271,700 for new docks at the Boston navy yard, which includes a plant for housing and storing torpedo vessels and new building. The estimates for new improvements at the New York navy yard aggregate \$3,110,000, which includes \$2,400,000 for barracks for enlisted men. The estimated items for the Norfolk yard aggregate \$1,208,500, which includes \$350,000 for the purchase of land. The estimates for the naval station at San Juan, Porto Rico are \$2,613,000 and include \$1,000,000 for a masonry dry dock, \$500,000 for the purchase of land, \$25,000 for dredging and \$200,000 for the extension of coaling facilities. An estimate of \$550,000 is made for a plant for housing and storing torpedo boats at Pensacola. An estimate of \$108,000 is made for the naval station at Tutuila, Samoa. An estimate of \$381,000 is submitted for the Cavite naval station, which includes \$200,000 for refrigerating plant. Estimates are made for a complete naval station at Alongapo, P. I., amounting to \$1,443,000. Other estimates are as follows: Naval magazine near Boston, \$500,000; naval magazine near Portsmouth, N. H., \$400,000; naval magazine at Puget Sound, \$100,000; defenses for insular naval stations and coal depots, \$500,000.

### Miss Knox of Denver Insane.

DENVER, Oct. 17.—Miss Minnie E. Knox, daughter of a former wealthy business man of Denver, was declared insane in the county court and ordered confined at the county hospital. The investigation as to her sanity was made at the request of the treasury department at Washington on account of many abusive letters that had been received here from Miss Knox, demanding money and suggesting changes in the methods and management of the department. Miss Knox imagines herself the owner of vast wealth and a few months ago created a sensation in Chicago by laying claim to millions of dollars' worth of property in that city.

### Submarine Boat is Tried.

LONDON, Oct. 17.—Continuing the experiments with the first British submarine vessel, the admiralty caused six men to be sealed in the boat as it lay alongside the water today. The compressed air cylinders were set going, and after three hours the airtight hatch was opened, when it was found the men had suffered but little discomfort.

### End of Department of Alaska.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 17.—A dispatch received at the war department from General Randall dated Dutch Harbor, Alaska, October 5, reads: "The department of Alaska was discontinued September 30. Leave tonight for Valdes and Skagway." The department of Alaska has been merged into the department of Columbia.

### Austrian Commerce Suffers.

NEW YORK, Oct. 17.—The Vienna correspondent of the Times says: "The rapid succession of failures of important banks in Germany during the last few months has unfavorably affected the business of Austria. Moreover, the proposed new German customs tariff threatens to be fatal to the Austrian export trade to Germany and may cause Austria-Hungary to resort to energetic reprisals. A ministerial conference will soon be held."

## RANSOM UNCLAIMED AS YET.

Brigands Have Scattered, but Miss Stone is Securely Held.

SOFIA, Oct. 16.—Although the time fixed by the brigands who abducted Miss Ellen M. Stone, the American missionary, for the ransom expired a week ago no one has appeared at Samakoff to claim the money or to announce the fate of the captive. It is now learned that the band has dissolved, but that Miss Stone is kept under surveillance at some distance from the frontier. This is due to snow and cold weather rendering the mountains uninhabitable. The efforts of the police to arrest Saroff, formerly president of the Macedonian company, who is suspected of complicity in the kidnapping, are still unavailing, the failure being due to the sympathy of the inhabitants and the local authorities.

NEW YORK, Oct. 16.—A dispatch to the Journal and Advertiser from Berlin says that the Vossische Zeitung's Sofia correspondent has wired as follows concerning developments in the kidnapping case of Miss Stone: The police at Sofia have arrested certain suspects, including Paul Genadief, brother of the well known barrister and deputy.

Charles M. Dickinson, United States consul at Constantinople and diplomatic agent to Bulgaria, is quoted in a Sofia dispatch to the Journal and Advertiser as follows:

"When the Stone party were captured they were compelled to wade a stream up to the Perin mountain. Miss Stone and Mme. Tsilka were hurried up the mountains and the other prisoners were released next morning. Just before the Stone party appeared the brigands captured a Turk and battered out his brains with the butt ends of guns to prevent him telling they were lying in wait. The whole band was disguised as Turkish soldiers when they captured the Stone party."

## RUSSIA WOULD AID RESCUE.

Again Offers its Valuable Assistance in Miss Stone's Behalf.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Oct. 16.—The Russian government has repeated its expression of a desire to assist the United States government by all practical means in rescuing Miss Stone. The other powers are equally solicitous, but Russia is the best able to bring the necessary pressure to bear.

Messrs. Baird and Haskell, the missionaries have not yet succeeded in getting into touch with the brigands to open negotiations.

LONDON, Oct. 16.—"The United States government will insist that Turkey at once make good any deficit in the ransoms of Miss Stone," says the Constantinople correspondent of the Daily Telegraph, "and also refund the full amount subscribed."

It is supposed that the brigands who captured Miss Stone have withdrawn into the interior of Macedonia in the direction of Nevrokop," says a dispatch to the Daily Telegraph from Sofia. "Former members of the Macedonian committee who were arrested on suspicion of complicity denied before a magistrate any knowledge of the affair."

### Asylum for Mad Indians.

ST. PAUL, Oct. 16.—The asylum for insane Indians at Canton, S. D., has been completed and accepted by Superintendent Pierce on behalf of the government. The building is one of the finest in South Dakota, is built of Menominee pressed brick, Sioux Falls granite for trimmings, and cost \$47,000. This is the only insane hospital for Indians in the United States and all of Uncle Sam's unbalanced wards will be confined there.

### Shoot Dots to Show Skill.

SILVER CREEK, Neb., Oct. 16.—As a result of a quarrel over his ability to shoot straight, Thomas Baudur, Andrew Nowiski and Gustave Gonsior were wounded seriously by Jake Struman at Duncan. He deliberately shot the boys to demonstrate his ability with the weapon. Baudur is shot in the head and is not expected to live. The others were shot in the leg and shoulder.

### Navy Men to Advance.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 16.—The navy department today received the paper in the cases of Naval Gunners Francis Martin and H. B. Soule, who have passed good examinations and have been recommended for appointment for officers of the line. When these two men receive their commissions they will be the first men to obtain such advancement.

### Insurgents Make Successful Raid.

NEW YORK, Oct. 16.—Landing unexpectedly Sunday morning at Tabogo island, a watering place twelve miles off Panama, a party of revolutionists surprised the garrison, capturing arms and ammunition, kidnapped the alcalde and two other officials and carried away two small schooners, one of them loaded with provisions and the other belonging to the alcalde, says the Panama correspondent of the New York Herald.

## A TRIBUTE TO SCHLEY

Witnesses Called by the Applicant Are His Enthusiastic Admirers.

### THEY SPEAK IN TERMS OF PRAISE

His Bearing in Battle Described by Lieutenant Sears as a Model Worthy of Emulation. Capt. Cook Reiterates His Former Compliments.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 16.—Only one new witness was heard in detail by the Schley court of inquiry today. This was Lieutenant Commander James H. Sears, who was Admiral Schley's flag lieutenant during the Spanish war. He gave a detailed account of the entire Cuba campaign, including the brief siege of Cienfuegos, the retrograde movement of the flying squadron in search of coal, the blockade of Santiago shore batteries and the bombardment of the Cristobal Colon May 31, and the battle off Santiago July 3, when Cervera's fleet was destroyed. He placed the distance out of the blockading line at Cienfuegos at from one to four miles and at Santiago at from three to six miles. He expressed the opinion that in the battle of July 3 it had been the Viscaya's intention to ram the Brooklyn.

Mr. Raymer sought to secure the introduction of a brief report of the battle of July 3, which Commodore Schley prepared for transmission to the secretary of the navy. It stated that Commander Sears had taken this dispatch ashore to be cabled to the secretary, but that it never had reached that official. The dispatch was ruled out on the ground that as it was not received it was not an official communication. It was not read in the court room, but the following is a copy of it:

"The Secretary of the Navy, Washington: Spanish squadron came out of Santiago harbor this morning, July 3, at 9:30 and were all captured or destroyed in a running fight to the westward of about three and one-half hours. Very few casualties in our fleet; Ellis, chief yeoman, killed, and one man wounded on the Brooklyn. Reports from other ships not yet in. The commander-in-chief now superintending transfer of prisoners from the Cristobal Colon, which surrendered to the Brooklyn and Oregon at 10:15 p. m. About 1,000 prisoners in all, including Spanish admiral. Details later.

(Signed) "SCHLEY."

Captain Cook was recalled during the day and in response to a question by Captain Lemley made an additional statement concerning the retrograde movement of the flying squadron May 26 to May 28. He also said in answer to a question by the court that Commodore Schley, during the battle of July 3, was "cool, brave and enthusiastic. I cannot imagine any conduct in battle more admirable."

## ANDRADE IS READY TO MOVE

Preparing to Invade Venezuela and Fight for Control of Country.

SAN JUAN, P. R., Oct. 16.—Persistent though unverified rumors are current that General Andrade, the former president of Venezuela, who is now here, will shortly head a force of men from the islands of Curacao and Trinidad, who will invade Venezuela. It is said that he had planned to sail October 11, on the steamer Philadelphia, for Venezuela, via Porto Rico, and that he bought his ticket and changed his mind an hour before the ship sailed, presumably because Philadelphia varied its regular course, touching first at LaGuayra, where steps had been made to arrest the general. The agents of the Philadelphia are authority for the statement that General Andrade intends to sail October 25 on the steamer Caracas. The general is living quietly in a suburb of San Juan and is seldom seen in public. The island of Curacao probably will be his headquarters.

## Cabinet Does Routine Work.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 16.—The regular cabinet meeting today was routine in character, devoting its time to the hearing of statements from each of the five officers present of the state of business in their respective departments.

### Seventh National Resumes.

NEW YORK, Oct. 16.—It was decided at a meeting of the stockholders of the Seventh National bank to resume business about November 1 and to continue the name of the corporation as the Seventh National bank.

### Stock Exchange an Outlaw.

HOLTON, Kan., Oct. 16.—Judge Marshall Gephart, in a decision handed down in the district court here, holds that the charging of a commission prescribed by the Kansas City Live Stock exchange, for the purchase or sale of live stock by the members of the exchange, is illegal and that such a commission cannot be collected by law. The decision in effect holds that the Kansas City Live Stock exchange is a monopoly and an outlaw.