

TOPICS OF THE DAY.

To Protect Missionaries.

The state department of the United States government spends nearly \$1,000,000 a year to protect American missionaries in foreign lands.

Great Exportation of Meats.

This country last year exported more meat products, leaving out sheep and mutton, than all the rest of the world combined. The amount was nearly \$200,000,000.

See Which Glorifies Judas Iscariot.

A new sect has arisen in eastern Siberia which glorifies Judas Iscariot on account of his repentance and suicide and stigmatizes all authority, whether in church or state, as devilish.

Popular Vote in 1896.

The popular vote for McKinley was 7,104,779; for Bryan, 6,502,925; Palmer, 133,424; Levering, 132,007; Bentley, 13,969; Matchett, 36,247. McKinley received 271 electoral votes; Bryan, 176.

A Rich Young Gould Heir.

The next generation will see the Gould fortune pretty well cut up, there being so many heirs. The richest of these will be Kingdon, George Gould's eldest child. His father is rated at \$75,000,000.

Young Garfield in Politics.

James R. Garfield, the son of the late President Garfield, has entered the lists as a candidate for the republican nomination of congressman from the Twentieth district of Ohio, which includes about half the city of Cleveland and Lake and Medina counties.

Highest Honors for the Brave Only.

A young American sailor bearing the flag led the great procession in St. Louis in honor of Admiral Dewey. His only rank is that of one of the men behind the guns, but he serves a country in which the highest honors have been bestowed upon those who began at the bottom of the ladder.

Cannot Publish Private Letters.

Gov. Roosevelt has signed a bill making it a misdemeanor to publish any letters or private papers found upon suicides or persons who have died suddenly, without the consent of the coroner or when it is necessary to aid in the discovery of a crime or the identity of the person.

Great Increase of Newspapers.

In noting the fact that the number of newspapers in the United States has increased from 5,871 in 1870, to 21,000 in the present year, the Washington Post remarks: "We have no doubt that the amount of paper consumed every Sunday morning in 1900 exceeds the consumption of all the dailies during a week in 1870."

Fell into Hands of Sharpers.

Rev. James Stoddard, a missionary at Green River, Wyo., sends to the eastern papers the names of 14 young men from that section who died in Green River this spring from pneumonia. "Their ages," he says, "ranged from 20 to 25—were boys. Coming up here from a lower altitude, they fell into the hands of sharpers, who sold them bad whisky in the only places where they could spend their evenings, and then turned them out to lie along the grade."

Chicago Has 600 Blind Children.

Centers for the education of the blind children of Chicago, estimated to number 600, will be established in the school districts. The decision to use parts of a number of school buildings in preference to the building of a school for the blind was reached by the board of education, after Judge Murray F. Tuley had informed the trustees that if immediate action were not taken to give education to the blind he would seek a mandamus before another judge to compel it.

Richest Woman on Our New Islands.

Senora Rosa Abreu is said to be the most beautiful and the richest woman in all the islands which have come under the protection of the United States. Her age is 34, her fortune is \$2,000,000, and she is a widow. She lives in a beautiful place in a suburb of Havana, and has always been a staunch adherent of the cause of Cuba. She owns thousands of acres of land on the island, more than 20,000 acres being planted in coffee, comprising by far the largest coffee plantation in Cuba.

Government's Balloon Service.

It is the intention of the government to establish one thoroughly equipped war balloon experimental station and it will be at Fort Myer, where a sort of school for the signal corps has just been started. The balloon house will have a plant for the manufacture of gas for the aerial conveyance. The building is needed to protect the balloon from wind and weather, as well as for the gas-making machinery and appliances for inflation. The balloons to be used will carry two men easily.

NAVAL BILL PASSED.

Senate Finally Agreed to the Armor Plate Proposition—"Free Homes" Bill Passed.

Washington, May 15.—After a discussion lasting five full days the senate yesterday passed the naval appropriation bill. Practically four days were devoted to the consideration of the armor plate proposition, which was agreed to finally as reported by the committee, with the exception that the secretary of the navy is authorized to make contracts only for such armor as may be needed from time to time. The secretary of the navy is authorized to procure armor of the best quality at \$445 per ton; but if he be unable to obtain it at that price, he is then authorized to pay \$545 per ton for the armor for the battleships Maine, Ohio and Missouri and proceed to erect an armor factory to cost not to exceed \$4,000,000, one-half of which amount is made immediately available. The committee's proposition carried by a vote of 32 to 19. The secretary of the navy is directed to purchase five Holland torpedo boats at a price not exceeding \$170,000 each.

Senator Nelson, of Minnesota, secured the passage of an act providing for free homesteads on the public lands for actual and bona fide settlers and reserving the public lands for that purpose. A bill also passed to supply a portion of the proceeds of the sale of the public lands to the endowment, support and maintenance of schools or departments of mining and metallurgy in the several states and territories in connection with the colleges for the benefit of agriculture and the mechanic arts.

General Deficiency Bill Passed.

Washington, May 15.—The house yesterday passed the general deficiency appropriation bill and the military academy bill, the last of the supply bills, will follow to-day. The deficiency bill carried \$3,839,021 and was passed substantially without amendment.

THE ST. LOUIS STRIKE.

Important Developments in the Trouble with Street Car Employees—A Settlement with the Suburban.

St. Louis, May 15.—There were important developments in the street car strike situation yesterday. At a conference held between the officials of the Suburban Railway company, the only system in St. Louis not controlled by the St. Louis Transit company and on which a strike was inaugurated ten days prior to that declared on the Transit system, and the officials of the employes on that road, an amicable adjustment was effected and the men will return to work this morning. On just what basis the strike was settled could not be learned, but it can be positively stated that the union received full recognition. In many quarters it is figured that the settlement of the strike on the Suburban presages an adjustment of the difficulties between the Transit company and its 3,600 striking employes in the near future.

Kansas City Strike.

Kansas City, Mo., May 15.—There was no interruption by the strikers in the operation of the Metropolitan street railway yesterday. The cars passed as regularly and everything ran along as smoothly and quietly as on Sunday.

INHERITANCE TAX VALID.

United States Supreme Court So Declares, But It Applies to Legacies and Not Estates as a Whole.

Washington, May 15.—The supreme court Monday decided the inheritance tax law to be constitutional and valid, but held that it applied to the amount of the legacy and not of the estate as a whole.

This is a war revenue tax and is graduated according to the amount of the legacy and the kinship of the legatee to the person leaving the legacy. It varies from 75 cents to \$15 each \$100.

McKinley Condemned.

Chicago, May 15.—The Methodist Episcopal general conference committee on temperance, of which Samuel Dickie, of Michigan, is chairman, and of which Congressman M. N. Johnson, of North Dakota, author and champion of the anti-liquor law, is a member, adopted resolutions yesterday which, in the minds of a number of the committeemen at least, is a direct slap at President McKinley because of his acquiescence in the decision of Attorney General Griggs declaring the law ineffective.

Davis Lectures at Kansas City.

Kansas City, Mo., May 15.—Webster Davis, ex-assistant secretary of the interior, lectured on the war in Kansas City Monday, the proceeds being divided equally between the Daughters of the Confederacy and veteran company A. G. A. R.

Filipinos as Firebugs.

Manila, May 15.—Seven Filipinos made an attempt yesterday to burn a quantity of hay stored near the quartermaster's storehouse on the river front. The guards killed one and wounded another. The others escaped.

GEN. BULLER'S VICTORY.

The British General Effects the Turning of the Biggarsberg Position—The Boers Disorganized.

London, May 15.—Gen. Buller's turning of the Biggarsberg position was effected by a bold movement. The Boers had evacuated Helpmakaar, but were making a stand Monday evening at Bleskoplaagte, seven miles from Dundee. The corps on the spot regarded this as a rear guard action to cover the retreat of the army. At the same time Gen. Hildyard took Indoba, and it is reported that the Boers withdrew in disorder.

Gen. Buller, who seems to be employing his full strength, is expected to push on. His first marches were 40 miles in three days. He is thus breaking into British territory which had been administered for six months by the Transvaalers as though it were part of the republic, they holding courts and levying taxes. His success therefore has political as well as military consequences.

While Lord Roberts' infantry are concentrating at Kroonstad where they will rest for a day or two, his horsemen have penetrated 18 miles northward. In the squadron which cut the railway 15 miles beyond Kroonstad was the American scout, Frederick Burnham. Two hundred Boers who had hidden in the river jungles near Kroonstad to escape service have surrendered to the British and taken the oath of allegiance.

According to a dispatch from Bennett Burleigh to the Daily Telegraph, dated Thursday, May 10, Paul Botha and MacDonald, members of the Free State volksraad, demanded that the chairman should call a meeting to sue for peace, as further resistance was suicidal and proposed to make President Steyn a prisoner.

Nothing definite has been heard about the expected relief of Mafeking. The Cape Town correspondents continue to wire that relief is imminent, fixing Tuesday or Wednesday as probable dates.

East of Bloemfontein Gen. Ruddle is advancing toward Ladybrand. His troops and those of Gen. Brabant are stretched over a distance of 30 miles. The Boers are described as quite disorganized and as retreating northward. President Steyn's lieutenants are trying to rally them. The same stories of disintegration come from nearly every point where the English correspondents are.

DEWEY IN KNOXVILLE.

Admiral Dewey Reviews the Parade—The School Buildings Visited—A Banquet Tendered at Night.

Knoxville, Tenn., May 15.—Yesterday was "Dewey day" in Knoxville. It was clear and warm and thousands of people visited the city from east Tennessee to welcome the hero of Manila. After a day of rest Admiral Dewey and party were escorted along Gay street for over a mile through a mass of cheering, yelling humanity. At the Woman's building, where the welcoming exercises were carried out, Admiral Dewey reviewed the parade, which required nearly an hour. The parade consisted of two battalions of cadets, veterans of the union, confederate and Spanish-American army, fraternal and labor organizations, professional men and city officials. The admiral was delighted with the novelties of the parade, consisting of the "Brotherhood of Old Time Fiddlers," who fiddled as they passed in review, and "Young Rough Riders."

In the afternoon the admiral and Mrs. Dewey, accompanied by city officials, visited the school buildings. Patriotic songs were sung, flowers and souvenirs presented at each building and, as the party drove away showers of roses fell into the admiral's carriage. At night a banquet was tendered the admiral.

Canal Bill Favorably Reported.

Washington, May 15.—The senate committee on interoceanic canals Monday ordered a favorable report on the Nicaragua canal bill as it passed the house. There were five members of the committee present at the meeting. A motion was made to report the bill and without debate the vote was taken, Senators Morgan, McBride, Harris and Turner voting in the affirmative, and Senator Hanna in the negative.

Union Builders Locked Out.

Kansas City, Mo., May 15.—The lockout ordered by the Builders' club became effective Monday morning. Members of the club say about 800 men were locked out. The union men say the number thrown out is not so large. Some say only 300 or 400 are out. Neither side knows exactly, for there has been no comparison of figures from the different buildings where work is in progress.

Lieut. Cramer Dismissed from Service.

Washington, May 15.—A cablegram was received at the war department from Gen. MacArthur at Manila stating that Robert B. Cramer, first lieutenant of the Third regiment, had been sentenced to dismissal from the service.

WHAT CONGRESS IS DOING.

Proceedings of Our National Lawmakers from Day to Day in Condensed Form—Resolutions and Bills.

The senate on the 9th practically devoted its entire session to the section of the naval appropriation bill relating to armor and armament, the debate being largely on the proposition that the government should erect an armor plant of its own. No action was taken on the proposition. The house considered the contested election case of Pearson versus Crawford from the Ninth North Carolina district. The report of the majority was against the sitting member, a democrat, on the general ground that Mr. Pearson's election was prevented by fraud and bloodshed. The minority deny all the allegations of the majority. The debate was on party issues. Mr. McClellan (N. Y.) introduced a bill repealing the war revenue tax on beer.

In the senate on the 10th the case involving the seat of Senator Clark (Mont.) was postponed until the 15th. Senator Gallinger (N. H.) addressed the senate on the resolution declaring that the present phenomenal prosperity of the country is due to the policy of protection, as embodied in the Dingley tariff law. The bill was laid aside and eulogies on the late Congressman Baird (La.) were delivered and an adjournment afterwards taken out of respect to his memory. The house, by the very narrow margin of two votes, unseated Mr. Crawford (N. C.), a democrat, and seated in his place Mr. Pearson. He is the third republican to be seated by the present house. The minority resolution declaring the sitting member entitled to the seat was defeated by one vote. An adjournment was taken at 4:30 p. m.

No disposition was made in the senate on the 11th of the naval appropriation bill, but it was agreed to take a vote on the armor plate section the next day. Senator Lodge (Mass.) made a notable speech upon the necessity of building up the United States navy without delay. A resolution was introduced by Senator Davis (Maine) expressing the gratitude of Americans for the erection in Paris of the Lafayette statue. The house passed exactly 189 private pension bills and then adjourned until the 14th.

Advocates of a government armor plate factory met defeat in the senate on the 12th, and, at the same time, by a filibuster, prevented final action on the naval bill, and the senate adjourned until the 14th, with the question still undecided. A resolution was adopted thanking France for allowing the United States to erect a statue of Lafayette in Paris. The house was not in session.

The senate on the 14th passed the naval appropriation bill, the armor plate proposition being finally agreed to. Senator Nelson (Minn.) secured the passage of an act providing for free homesteads on the public lands for actual and bona fide settlers. A bill also passed to supply a portion of the proceeds of the sale of the public lands to the endowment of schools of mining and metallurgy in the several states and territories in connection with the colleges for the benefit of agriculture and the mechanic arts. The house passed the general deficiency appropriation bill. It carries \$3,839,021. Little of the debate on the bill was pertinent to the measure. Mr. De Armond (Mo.) arraigned the administration with cowardice for allowing no official utterance of sympathy to go out to the Boers.

BRAVE TEXAS SOLDIER.

He Was Attacked by a Band of Filipinos and Single-Handed Killed Seven of Them.

Texarkana, Tex., May 11.—Charles Firtscher, of this city, received a cablegram from Manila signed by Col. Hare, of the Twenty-third regiment, confirming the report that the old gentleman's son, James, had been attacked by a band of 14 Filipinos while doing guard duty and that young Firtscher had met his assailants single-handed and killed seven of them. The cablegram stated further that Firtscher was wounded in the shoulder, but not seriously. There has been a great deal of enthusiasm here over the news conveyed in the telegram.

The Rock Island to Extend.

Chicago, May 14.—The Record tomorrow will say: It is reported that the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific will extend its line to Portland, Ore. Denver is the present western terminus of this road. It is said the final survey has been finished between Denver and Ogden and track laying on that part of the extension will begin this summer. A preliminary survey has been made between Ogden and Portland.

Whipping Post Revived in New Jersey.

New York, May 14.—Not long ago several women, by order of the magistrate, thrashed their incorrigible sons in a New Jersey court room and now the whipping post has been formally revived in that state for the punishment of young offenders. The first offender under the new order was punished Saturday. Ten-year-old James Murphy, of Jersey City, received 20 lashes in the Hoboken court room.

The Famine in India.

New York, May 14.—The Indian relief committee last night issued an appeal to the citizens. The appeal asserts that despite the systematic aid furnished 6,000,000 of people in India at least 6,000,000 more are starving. The appeal, which is signed by the officers of the India famine relief committee, says that America ought to send at least 1,000,000.

Spooner Will Name McKinley.

Washington, May 14.—Senator Spooner, of Wisconsin, will place the name of William McKinley in nomination for the presidency in the Philadelphia convention. Gov. Roosevelt will second the nomination. Senator Foraker, of Ohio, as chairman of the committee on resolutions, will prepare the original draft of the republican platform.

Fun for the Shah.

During the winter months the little colony of sixty or seventy English people at Teheran organize concerts for one another's amusement. There is dance now and then at the legation, and, of course, when the weather is cold, there is skating. Skating is the greatest marvel of all to the Persians. Some years ago the late shah, Nasr-i-Din, saw twenty skaters twirling and curling and spinning gracefully on the ice. He was amused. He thought it wonderful. The next day he sent to the legation and borrowed a dozen pairs of skates. These he made his ministers put on, and attempt to skate on the lake in the palace ground. The poor ministers were terribly discomfited, but it was twice as much as their heads were worth to refuse. His majesty was more amused than ever, and he nearly had an apoplectic fit from laughing.—Collier's Weekly.

Serious Broom Corn Outlook.

Every state in the union will raise broom corn this year. Manufacturers and railroads are furnishing seed free and urging home farmers to plant same, which will terminate in a bumper crop. What raisers in broom corn centers will do with their stock should be borne in mind before planting, besides the Trust will have a large lot to carry over.

Brought to Book.

"What's the matter with that young man?" asked the king. "Your majesty," replied the prime minister, "this is the page who behaves so impertinently." "Aha! We'll make him learn to keep his place in the future." "Yes, your majesty. I was going to suggest that you turn him down."—Philadelphia Press.

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