

REJECTS THIRD TERM

McKinley Puts a Quietness on the Boom Sponsored by Depew.

WOULD NOT ACCEPT NOMINATION

He Regrets that Such a Suggestion Has Been Made Public—Ambitions to Retire After a Second Term—President's Friends Are Surprised.

WASHINGTON, June 12.—The following statement has been given out at the white house:

I regret that the suggestion of a third term has been made. I doubt whether I am called upon to give it notice. But there are new questions of the gravest importance before the administration and the country and their just consideration should not be prejudiced in the public mind by even the suspicion of the thought of a third term. In view, therefore, of the reiteration of the suggestion of it, I will say now, once and for all, expressing a long-settled conviction, that I not only am not and will not be a candidate for a third term, but would not accept a nomination for it if it were tendered me.

My only ambition is to serve through my second term to the acceptance of my countrymen, whose generous confidence I so deeply appreciate, and then with them to do my duty in the ranks of private citizenship.

WILLIAM M'KINLEY, Executive Mansion, Washington, D. C., June 10, 1901.

A determination to issue such a statement was reached last night, when the president read to the cabinet members his proposed statement, at the same time pledging each to secrecy until public announcement was made. The cabinet, on hearing the reasons the president advanced, which are substantially set forth in the public announcement, coincided with the view of their chief, that the present was an opportune time for its promulgation. The phraseology of the announcement was considered further by the cabinet today, and after a change or two of last night's draft, Secretary Cortelyou was directed to make it public. The president's intimate personal and political friends later expressed themselves as not surprised at the decision announced, but quite generally conceded that they had not expected such an announcement at this time, thinking that the president would not so quickly take heed of the third term gossip.

They said, however, that they believed the president had shown his quick and excellent political judgment by crushing the third term movement in its very birth.

The president is already being deluged with telegrams commendatory of his announcement putting at rest all third-term rumors. These telegrams began arriving at the White House this evening and are from prominent persons throughout the country. They place emphasis on the opportuneness of the statement and the beneficial effect on the country from a political standpoint. None of the telegrams were made public.

CLEVELAND, O., June 12.—"It is just what I predicted the president would say, if he said anything at all," was the comment of Senator Hanna today when he read President McKinley's statement in reference to a third term.

"I have never exchanged one word with the president concerning the matter," he continued, "and have considered all the talk bearing on the subject premature. According to my judgment it is too early to discuss presidential candidates for the next term."

ARMOR PLATE AGAIN TESTED.

This Time It Proves to Be Quite Satisfactory.

WASHINGTON, June 12.—The second test of the Krupp armor plate which recently failed was made yesterday at the Indian Head proving grounds. Three shots were fired at high velocity. There was no further cracking and the penetration of the projectiles was normal. This showed to the satisfaction of the navy department that, with the exception of the crack previously developed, the plate was quite up to the standard, and that the former failure was due to local conditions of the plate. The contractors will now furnish a new plate for the test, and on this the determination will be made as to the acceptance of the large group of armor which it represents.

Cubans Try It Again.

HAVANA, June 12.—The question of reconsidering the former vote on the Platt amendment came up for a short discussion yesterday afternoon in the Cuban constitutional convention. In order not to rouse the opposition the conservatives took the stand that there was no necessity for reconsidering the vote, inasmuch as the form in which the amendment had been passed was not satisfactory to the United States and could not be accepted.

NO HOPE FOR SEVENTEEN MEN.

Imprisoned in Burning Shaft, with Black Damp Filling Pit.

PITTSBURGH, June 12.—Time only adds horror to the mine explosion which occurred at No. 2 mine of the Pittsburg Coal company at Port Royal. Three men were rescued and seventeen others are imprisoned in the burning mine. Last night the mine was reported at the offices of the company here to be on fire and Division Superintendent William McCune and F. F. Allison of this place started for the scene. They entered the mine with Fire Boss John Kreck, who carried an open lamp. Three explosions followed at intervals of a few moments, the large fan being inadequate to counteract the rush of fire damp. Many of the miners escaped, but latest reports state that McCune and Allison with fifteen miners are beyond reach of rescue.

ENGLAND HAS THREE RIVALS.

Admiral Seymour Considers the United States the Greatest.

SHANGHAI, June 12.—Admiral Sir Edward H. Seymour, British commander-in-chief of the China station, was the principal guest of the China association at its annual banquet last evening. In the course of a speech protesting against the policy of trade exclusion, the admiral said Great Britain had three powerful rivals, the United States, Russia and Germany. Of the three the United States was the greatest of its trade rivals, but the rivalry was not in conflict with Great Britain's policy of the open door. Germany was a keen competitor both as regards trade and sea power. Great Britain some day would have to reckon with the latter. Russia was not only extending its territory, but was repressing trade.

Five Counterfeiters Found.

WATERLOO, Ia., June 11.—Sheriff William M. Law of Black Hawk county and Special Detective George Jeannin arrested five men here today, charging them with counterfeiting. They were completely equipped with dies for making 10, 25 and 50-cent pieces and dollars. The dies were manufactured, it is alleged, by one of the men under arrest, who is employed in one of the foundries in this city. It is not believed much spurious coin has yet been floated or made. The men under arrest are Will English, Will and Frank Fannermaker, Frank Raphael and Mike Hubbard. They will be turned over to the United States authorities just as soon as officers arrive here to take them.

One Missionary from Omaha.

NEW YORK, June 12.—A series of meetings will begin today before the Presbyterian foreign mission board for the purpose of bidding farewell to forty-four missionaries from various parts of the country. The exercises will extend until June 19 and the meetings will be addressed by some of the most distinguished men in the denomination. One of the missionaries is from Omaha.

Conger as Far as Chicago.

CHICAGO, June 12.—E. D. Conger, United States minister to China, passed through Chicago last evening on his way to Washington, where he will see the president and receive his final instructions as to what is the policy of the administration and what course he shall pursue in Peking. Mr. Conger sails from San Francisco June 17.

Corn Mostly Cultivated.

BANCROFT, Neb., June 11.—The heaviest rain of the season fell here yesterday, doing a great deal of good to the growing crops. Corn is mostly plowed once and prospects for a good crop were never better. The cool weather of the last week has made an excellent prospect for small grain.

Captain Wilkins Is Dead.

DES MOINES, June 12.—Captain J. E. Wilkins of this city, a prominent dry goods merchant, and heavily interested in the zinc mines, died at Joplin, Mo., from the effect of an injury received while stepping off a passenger train at Carl Junction, Mo.

Boyers Have the Money.

MEXICO CITY, June 11.—American capitalists who bought the short railroad line here which they will extend to Tampico deposited as forfeit money \$85,000 gold. H. H. Melville of Boston is one of the men principally interested.

Grain Growers in Session.

ST. PAUL, June 12.—The second annual convention of the Grain Growers' association of America opened at the state capitol this afternoon, President M. P. Moran of Graceville, Minn., presiding. The afternoon session was devoted to listening to addresses by General Moses E. Clapp, S. R. Vansant, Henry Wolfer, warden of the state prison, and Hugh O'Donnell, editor of the Farmers' Tribune of Minneapolis.

MEN IN BURNING MINE

More Than Thirty of Them Beyond Reach in the Port Royal.

RESCUING PARTY AMONG MISSING

Descended to Save Fellow Workmen and Have Not Returned—Mysterious Explosions Are Heard After the Second Party Descended.

PORT ROYAL, Pa., June 11.—The Pittsburg Coal and Coke company's shaft No. 2 at this place is again on fire, after steady running for seven days, and over thirty men are in the mines, many of whom it is feared will never be heard from again. The names of all those known to be entombed cannot be learned, but the following are known to be in the burning mine:

Jock Peoples, married.
Tony Stickle, married.
Frank Davenport, married.
—Daly.

William McCune, superintendent, home at West Newton.
Dennis Wortley, pit boss of the mine.

Michael Roy, foreman of the Euclid mines, and about thirty other miners.

About 6 o'clock smoke was seen to be issuing from shaft No. 2, which is on the line of the Pittsburg & Lake Erie railroad. It is thought the fire started from an explosion and that six men were in the mines at the time, the men being Jock Peoples, Tony Stickle, Frank Davenport, — Daly, Lawrence Setler and Stakes. Stakes and Setler were not near the place in which the explosion occurred, and on the arrival of a rescue party they were quickly brought to the surface, after being nearly overcome by after-damp. They could give no information as to what had caused the fire and told the rescuers that four other men were entombed.

About 7 o'clock Superintendent William McCune of West Newton, general superintendent of this district; Dennis Wortley, pit boss; Michael Roy, foreman of the Euclid mines, and several other bosses, with about twenty men, went down shaft No. 1, which is just opposite on the Baltimore & Ohio side of the river, and have not been heard from since. About three hours after the rescue party had been in the mine two more explosions were heard.

Meantime the crowd around the opening of the shaft had increased, the crowd including many mothers, wives and sisters of the men entombed. All sorts of plans have been suggested for the rescue of the men. Some talk of turning the river into the mines, but many are opposed to this for fear of drowning the miners. All that would be necessary to let the deluge of water loose in the mines would be to pull a plug which was placed in the mines after the explosion of seven years ago, and the water would rush in the mines at a rapid rate. At 3 o'clock this morning heavy volumes of smoke are still issuing from the mine and hope of saving any of the entombed men, miners or rescuers, is fast disappearing.

REPORTERS CAN'T FIND OUT.

Cabinet Has Meeting, Called Suddenly, but Members Won't Tell Why.

WASHINGTON, June 11.—A cabinet meeting was held suddenly late yesterday afternoon by messages sent the various members from the white house. The president and Secretary Long had been out driving, the secretary being especially sent for by the president to join him in the drive. When the president returned he found Secretary Hay awaiting him, and the two spent a half hour together, the secretary leaving later on a night train for Buffalo. It was immediately after this call that the cabinet was asked to assemble, and they arrived within a few minutes of each other, about 8, none of them being advised in advance of the object. Secretary Long brought his young son. Secretaries Long, Gage, Hitchcock and Wilson, Attorney General Knox and Postmaster General Smith were among those present. Secretary Root is in Buffalo, while Secretary Hay had left for the same place.

May Blacklist the Girls.

CHICAGO, June 11.—Judge Waterman, sitting in the circuit court today, announced a decision that the blacklisting of a number of girls by stock yards firms was legal.

Not Pittsburgh's Son.

MANILA, June 11.—The officer named Lee, who was killed, not wounded, in the recent battle with insurgents at Lipa, province of Batangas, was Lieutenant Lee of the engineers.

Samford Is Seriously Ill.

TUSCALOOSA, Ala., June 11.—Governor W. H. Samford, who has been ill here for several days, is reported worse and it is feared his illness will have a fatal termination.

EUROPEAN WHEAT OUTLOOK.

Russia and France Are Only Sections Reporting Prospects Good.

LONDON, June 11.—The Mark Lane Express in its weekly crop review says that owing to the deficiency in rain English hay inevitably will be considerably below the average and importers who are now complaining of the plethora of dry foodstuffs, such as oats and maize, will find a good sale for them long before this time next year.

It may be added that with foreign wheat we are not all overstocked. The official report shows the French wheat crop is better than anticipated, so if the markets are depressed it is only through large coincident import requirements in England, France and Germany that a large surplus, both in America and Russia, could be adequately balanced. The present outlook is that there will be a large deficiency both in England and Germany and a large surplus in the United States and Russia. Therefore, France seems to hold the sale and confirmation of the present news is of much interest.

The spread of rust in Hungary is serious. Unless it rains soon the crop will be gravely injured.

In Austria the prospects are regarded as very unfavorable and the agricultural affairs of the dual monarchy should be watched attentively, for the deterioration of French and Austria-Hungarian prospects might, in the present state of trade, alter the balance of power and shift the control of the wheat and flour market from the buyer to the seller.

NEW YORK GETTING ANXIOUS.

Objects to Removal of Indian Supply Business to Western Points.

NEW YORK, June 11.—The Journal of Commerce says: The controversy over the place of opening government bids for Indian supplies is again attracting attention. Some two years ago a similar situation resulted in Chicago being designated as the place of opening bids for supplies of provisions, groceries, boots, shoes, etc., while bids for dry goods, clothing, notions, etc., were left to New York. Threatened transfer to Chicago of the bids that under present arrangement are opened here was brought to the attention of the executive committee of the New York board of trade and transportation at its last meeting and the matter is now being considered by that committee.

One of the most important points in the present controversy, and one on which much stress is laid by the local merchants, is the prestige attached to the business being retained here. A number of local wholesale dealers interviewed strongly objected to any additional changes being made.

Soldiers Routed by Fire.

SAN FRANCISCO, June 11.—A fire at the general military hospital at the Presidio destroyed two wards, kitchen, dining room and medical supply room. None of the patients were injured. The loss is estimated at \$25,000. The two wards destroyed were known as the measles wards and were occupied by sixty patients. There were 200 patients in the general hospital and all were removed to places of safety without confusion or injury.

Iowa Boy Is Successful.

WEST POINT, N. Y., June 11.—Of the fifty-nine candidates who reported for the entrance examinations last week only twenty-two passed successfully. Among the successful ones are V. S. Albright, Tennessee; L. S. Arnold, Arkansas; E. S. Curtiss, Missouri; H. Lowe, Missouri; J. Lund, Iowa; C. J. Peterson, Illinois; J. B. Shouse, South Dakota; J. R. Starkey, Illinois; R. Talbot, Jr., Colorado.

Lieut. Springer Killed.

MANILA, June 10.—In a battle with insurgents at Lipa, province at Batangas, Lieutenant Anton Springer of the Twenty-first infantry, was killed and Captain W. H. Wilhelm of the same regiment, Lieutenant Fitzhugh Lee, Jr., and five enlisted men were wounded.

Lieutenant Charles R. Ramsey of the Twenty-first infantry was also wounded at Lipa.

Sits in Her Rolling Chair.

WASHINGTON, June 11.—Dr. Rixey, when he left the white house at 10:15 o'clock said: "Everything is encouraging. Mrs. McKinley is doing very nicely and is gaining steadily. She sat up in a rolling chair several times, aggregating perhaps an hour. We are very much encouraged by the steady improvement."

Plow Makers Ready to Tell.

CHICAGO, June 11.—Plans for a combination of twenty-one of the largest plow factories in the country were practically completed at a meeting at the Auditorium annex over which Charles H. Deere of Moline presided. Judge W. H. Vincent of Chicago has the details in charge and expects to have the combine incorporated within a month, with a prospective capital of \$75,000,000. The election of officers probably will be held today.

LUZON YIELDS TO LAW

Provincial Government Is Set Up By the Commissioners at San Isidro.

ARMY ASSUMES CIVILIAN DUTIES

Judge Taft Explains to Natives the Wisdom of the Proposed System—Free Trade Will Add to Land Values—Much Business in the Province of Sorsogon.

MANILA, June 10.—The Philippine commission has returned to Manila from the province of Nueva Ecija, Luzon, having organized a provincial government, with Captain Jacob F. Kreps of the Twenty-second infantry as governor, Lieutenant Richard C. Day of the Thirty-fourth infantry as treasurer and Lieutenant De Witt C. Lyles of the same regiment as supervisor.

Judge Taft told the people that if no power was given to levy customs the expense of the central government would be provided by additional internal taxes. He pointed out also that if the decision of the authorities at Washington should result in free trade with the United States opening up such a great market the increase in land values would enable the people to respond to the increased internal taxes. The northern tour has been postponed.

The American astronomical commission has returned from Samartra and will sail for home shortly.

Lieutenant Wray's command has had six engagements with the insurgents in the province of Sorsogon, Luzon, killing six. Twenty-three insurgents were captured at and near Atimon, province of Tayabas, and several minor captures are reported from other parts of southern Luzon, where the insurgents are still active.

The report circulated in the United States that General Callias has surrendered is unfounded.

NEBRASKA DESERTERS ESCAPE.

Harry McGuire and John Winsip Drift Away on Raft.

NEW YORK, June 10.—Some time this afternoon two United States army prisoners, who were serving sentences on Governor's island for desertion, escaped. They embarked upon an improvised raft and drifted away from the island on the strong flood tide. It has been learned by the army officers that the men were picked up by a tugboat and landed in New York. A detail of six men, in charge of a corporal, were scouring the lower part of the city all tonight looking for them.

The prisoners were Harry McGuire, who was serving a term of eighteen months for desertion, and John Winsip, who was serving a term of two years for the same offense. It is understood that the men deserted from a military post in Nebraska. The men belonged to that class known as parole prisoners and as such were members of a squad of "trusty" prisoners, who gather ashes and refuse from the barracks and cart it away.

ARMY MAN TAKES HIS LIFE.

Major W. H. Daly, Surgeon-General on the Staff of Miles, Kills Himself.

PITTSBURGH, Pa., June 10.—Major W. H. Daly, surgeon general on the staff of Lieutenant General Miles in Porto Rico, committed suicide at his home today by shooting himself in the right temple.

The body of the doctor was found in the bathroom of Miss Mary Short, the housekeeper, lying in a pool of blood, with a .38-caliber revolver lying on the floor. Dr. Foster, who was summoned at once, found the bullet hole in the temple and announced that death had taken place several hours before. Miss Short then remembered hearing a sharp report at about 7:30 a. m., but thought it was the quick closing of a window.

Location of Utah-Wyoming Road.

EVANSTON, Wyo., June 10.—The United States land office here has received from Washington the maps of location of the Burlington from the Utah-Wyoming line to a point sixty miles east. The maps have been approved by the secretary of the interior and are now entered as permanent record in the local land office.

Order Strikers to Work.

TORONTO, Ont., June 8.—The International Association of Machinists today directed the striking machinists of the New York Central railroad at Depew, N. Y., to return to work, pending arbitration of the grievances.

Able to Face the Court.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., June 10.—Lulu Price-Kennedy, who Saturday morning gave way under the strain incident to her trial for murdering her husband, necessitating an adjournment of court, is very much better today. She appeared cheerful this morning after a good night's rest and expressed the belief that she would be able Monday to attend court again. It was feared that the prisoner might suffer mental collapse.

MRS. M'KINLEY'S CONDITION.

The Improvement, if Any, Is Thus Far Very Slight.

WASHINGTON, June 10.—The slight improvement in Mrs. McKinley's health which manifested itself the latter part of the week continues and hope begins to be felt that she may after all recover from the present attack. The improvement, however, is so slight as not to change materially the extreme gravity of the case. The usual consultation of the physicians was held and at its close the following bulletin was issued:

"11:15 a. m.—Mrs. McKinley's physicians report that she passed a very comfortable night and continues to improve."

The fact that Mrs. McKinley has more than held her own and that no unfavorable turn has occurred is considered in every way encouraging, but as this result is due partly to the constant use of powerful medicine the physicians fear the effect of reducing the stimulants and likewise have to cope with the effect on her system of constant administration of the only means of prolonging her life and making ultimate recovery at least a possibility. These stimulants and the complaint from which she suffered in California, which is now under control, have so weakened her powers of resistance that apprehension is ever present that a sinking spell may occur suddenly from which she cannot be rallied.

CUBANS LISTEN TO REASON.

Conservative Members Confident that Platt Amendment Will Prevail.

HAVANA, June 10.—The conservative members of the constitutional convention are absolutely confident that the Platt amendment will be accepted and that several radicals will join with the fifteen delegates who have heretofore voted in favor of acceptance.

The last few days seem to have brought about a decided change in the attitude of delegates who had been bitterly arraiging the Washington government for rejecting the convention interpretations of the amendment. The strong pressure from the outside brought to bear upon the convention to finish its business and to place the country on a settled basis has had an excellent effect on the radicals, inducing them to accept the inevitable, and some of them now argue that it would be perhaps better to accept the amendment, hoping for some form of independence, than to prolong the military occupation of the island.

WHEAT IS RUINED.

Tornado Sweeps Five Hundred Oklahoma Farms.

WICHITA, Kan., June 10.—A correspondent who arrived here tonight from the scene of devastation in Kay county, Oklahoma, says that the storm of Friday night ruined the wheat crop of 400 farms west and northwest of Blackwell. These farms are all in one body of territory.

The farmers, who had purchased twine and harvest machinery, are asking the local dealers to take them back, and the dealers have referred the matter to the factories. The loss of crops will cause no distress, as the farmers are in good condition financially, owing to a succession of good crops during the past five seasons.

Southern Cattle to Come North.

CHEYENNE, Wyo., June 10.—Geo. East, formerly of this city but now a resident of Trinidad, and who owns large ranch interests in the "Strip," or "No-Man's-Land," is here today. He says he estimates the number of southern cattle that will be moved north this season at 60,000 head. Southern owners are receiving fair prices for their stock, which is in good condition. The ranges in the south are better than they have been for years.

Noted Painter Dead.

NEW YORK, June 10.—Edward Moran, the eminent marine and landscape painter, died this afternoon in his apartments and studio in Fifth avenue, from uremic poisoning, superinduced by a complication of diseases from which he had been suffering for about a year.

General Grant Gets Extension.

WASHINGTON, June 10.—Brigadier General Frederick D. Grant, who is now in this country on leave of absence from his command in the Philippines, has been granted an extension of leave until September 1 next, with permission to go abroad.

Cody Appeals to Head Elks.

INDIANAPOLIS, June 10.—Colonel William F. Cody is making an effort to locate the proposed national home for indigent Elks at Cody, a new town in the Big Horn Basin, Wyoming. He is personally appealing to the members of the Elks' national home committee and is also carrying on a large correspondence through his friends in order to bring every influence to bear in favor of his town. The matter will be settled June 19.