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## THE WORK GOES SLOW

Admiral Bowles Calls Attention to Lack of Progress in Construction.

### DELAY CAUSED BY STEEL STRIKE

No Fireproof Wood Found Entirely Satisfactory to the Bureau—More Naval Construction Wanted—Naval Yards Limited by Dry Docks.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 21.—The annual report of Admiral Bowles, chief of the bureau of construction and repairs, calls attention to the slow progress in the construction of the ships made in the last year, owing to strikes and delays of delivery of armor and steel forgings. He points out that under the present system for the purchase of armour the responsibility for delays emanating from this source rests with the government and renders it liable to suits for damage by the ship contractors. The construction bureau, he says, has made considerable progress toward the standardization of ship fittings, which, he says, will reduce the original cost of ships of the navy and decrease the expense of their maintenance. He touches upon the tests of fireproofed wood conducted by his bureau and says that while the products of the two processes submitted both possess desirable qualities, neither wholly commends itself to adoption by the navy.

Admiral Bowles strongly recommends that the floating dry dock at Havana, recently purchased from the Spanish government, be sent to the site of the new naval station at Olongapo, Philippine islands, as soon as the repairs on it are completed. It is essential, he says, for the efficiency of the navy on the Asiatic station, both from a strategical and economical point, that the government should be in possession of a dry dock in the Philippines at the earliest possible moment. He says the dock just purchased can be placed in condition for use of vessels up to 10,000 tons displacement within the limit of the sum appropriated by congress for its acquirement.

Admiral Bowles earnestly recommends an increase in the number of naval constructors, which is now limited by law to forty. This number, he says, is entirely inadequate to the present needs of the service and he urges that the limit of the corps be increased by congress to sixty. He says the efficiency of the navy yards throughout the country is largely limited by the lack of dry docks and modern buildings for the equipment of the yards. The navy yards, however, continue to present a fruitful field for the application of modern engineering to their mechanical equipment as well as modern methods of organization to the scheme of administration, which, if properly applied, should result in greater efficiency in the conduct of the work and greater economy in the expense, which is now out of proportion to the work done.

Admiral Bowles says the construction bureau has been taxed to its utmost by the work of designing new vessels and supervising vessels now building, and that these conditions have been aggravated by a lack of such navy department buildings available for the technical and clerical staffs of the bureau. He reports a lack of draftsmen of the requisite qualifications and expresses a desire to obtain for the bureau more graduates of technical schools.

### Fire Consuming Hay Fields.

LA CROSSE, Wis., Oct. 21.—Late this afternoon fire was discovered in the hay fields which surround this city. The flames are now burning everything before them and the firemen are powerless owing to the fire being outside the city limits and beyond water service. It is believed the fire was started by trumps. Upon these lands are stacked thousands of tons of hay. Although the loss cannot be estimated at present it is thought it will be enormous.

### Lenderink Resigns.

SANTIAGO DE CHILE, Oct. 21.—(Via Galveston)—J. Lenderink, secretary of the United States legation, has resigned his position and will soon leave for the United States.

### Augusta De Forest Dead.

NEW YORK, Oct. 21.—Augusta de Forest, the well known actress who played leading roles with Alexander Salvini, John McCullough and Edwin Booth, died at her home in this city.

## WILL PLANT A M'KINLEY OAK

Special Ceremony for Occasion of Roosevelt's Visit.

FARMINGTON, Conn., Oct. 21.—Arrangements for the visit of President Roosevelt to this town next Tuesday include the dedication of a tree which is to be planted on the village green by the townspeople and named the McKinley oak. There will be a reception in the afternoon to the young women of a boarding school and 100 other invited guests. The purpose of the president's coming is to visit his sister, the wife of Commander W. S. Cowles, U. S. N. He is expected to arrive here at 1:15 p. m., Tuesday, by a special train and will be accompanied by Senators Hawley and Platt, Commander Cowles, Secretary Cortelyou and Theodore Bingham.

Preparations for police protection have been made at the request of Washington, officials, twenty constables having been detailed for special duty on that day.

On Wednesday morning at 8:10 o'clock the president will leave for New Haven to attend the Yale bi-centennial exercises.

## GRAND ARMY APPOINTMENTS

Torrance Gives List of Officers to Serve Until Next Encampment.

MINNEAPOLIS, Oct. 21.—Commander-in-Chief Eli Torrance of the Grand Army of the Republic gave out these appointments:

Judge advocate general, Henry M. Duffield, Detroit; chief of staff, Major Noel Blakeman, Mount Vernon, N. Y. These persons have been named as members of the executive committee of the national council of administration and with the commander-in-chief, his adjutant general and quartermaster general, will decide upon the time and place of holding the next national encampment: William Armstrong, Indianapolis, Ind.; Edgar Allen, Richmond, Va.; Thomas G. Sample, Alleghany, Pa.; S. C. Jones, Centerville, Ia.; Loren W. Collins, St. Cloud, Minn.; Thomas W. Scott, Fairfield, Ill.; Frank M. Skerrott, St. Louis.

## DEATH SENTENCE APPROVED

Private Wines is to Hang for His Crime in Philippines.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 21.—President Roosevelt has approved the death sentence imposed in the case of Private William Wines, Company I, Twenty-fourth (colored) infantry, found guilty of murder in Pangasinan, P. I., and sentenced to be hanged. The president directs that the sentence be duly carried into execution at a time and place to be designated by the commanding general of the Department of Northern Luzon. In the case of Private Michael H. Robinson, Company F, Twenty-fifth (colored) infantry, convicted of desertion and sentenced to be hanged, the president has commuted the sentence to dishonorable discharge with forfeiture of all pay and confinement at hard labor for life.

## Brigands Keep Out of Sight.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Oct. 21.—The United States legation in Constantinople is still without definite news from either the Rev. Dr. C. H. Haskell, or the Rev. J. W. Baird of the Congregational mission at Samkova, Bulgaria, who have been endeavoring to get in touch with the abductors of Miss Ellen M. Stone, the missionary, and Mme. Talika her companion, with a view of arranging as to the ransom demanded by the brigands. Mr. Baird who was at Djumbalo, has returned to Samakov, indicating his failure to get in touch with the brigands from the Turkish side.

## On the Commerce of Cuba.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 21.—A comparative statement of the commerce of the island of Cuba for the ten months ended April 30, 1901 and 1900, has been prepared in the division of insular affairs of the war department. It shows that the total value of merchandise imported during the ten months ended April 30, 1901, was \$54,412,262, against \$59,925,339 for the same period of 1900.

## Cape Colony in Rebellion.

LONDON, Oct. 21.—Mr. Kruger has received a message from General Schalk-Burgher that the greater part of Cape Colony is in rebellion, says a dispatch from Brussels to the Daily Mail, and that the Boers have armed 15,000 Africkanders in the past three months.

Mrs. Edwin H. Conger, wife of Minister Conger, passed through Omaha on her way to China. She was accompanied by Mrs. J. R. Drake

## NINTH AGAIN A VICTIM

Bolomen Attack Detachment of Same Regiment that Suffered at Samar.

### TEN INFANTRYMEN ARE KILLED

Comrades Come Just in Time to Prevent Further Slaughter—One Hundred Natives Are Killed Before They Can Escape After Attack.

MANILA, Oct. 19.—Five hundred bolomen attacked a detachment of forty-six men of the Ninth infantry at Bangajon, on the Gandara river, island of Samar, today, killing ten and wounding six. The remainder of the company arrived on the scene in time to prevent further slaughter and routed the enemy, killing over 100 of them. It is believed that the enemy only retired for reinforcements. As soon as the news was received at Catobogan the gunboats were dispatched, General Smith going in person to the scene.

The War department officials were somewhat dismayed at the press report of the new setback on the island of Samar.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 19.—The following brief cablegram from General Chaffee reporting the fight of the Ninth infantry in Samar Wednesday was received at the War department this afternoon:

MANILA, Oct. 19.—Corbin, Adjutant General, Washington: Forty-six men, Company E, Ninth infantry, under First Lieutenant George W. Wallace, in field, lower Candara, Samar, was attacked by 400 bolomen October 18. Our loss, ten killed, six wounded; names not received. Eighty-one of the enemy left dead on the field. Enemy beaten off.

The Ninth infantry, which suffered there, was the same organization that engaged in the latest fight at Bangajon, though in this case the company attacked it not known.

An inspection of the dispositions made of the troops on the island of Samar shows that before the Balangiga fight there were no less than thirty-eight separate posts. These were so disposed that supplies could be conveyed to the troops by water. General Hughes has left Samar and gone to the island of Cebu to recuperate, which accounts for the assumption of the command on Samar by General Smith. General Hughes was worn out and suffered from the effects of a severe fall received while chasing insurrectionists in the mountains of Samar.

## NATIVE HAWAIIANS DYING OFF

In Addition to Decreasing in Numbers Will Not Work on Plantations.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 19.—Henry E. Cooper, territorial secretary and for several months prior to his departure for the United States acting governor of Hawaii, has discussed with Secretary of Agriculture Wilson the conditions in the territory. One of the main aims of Mr. Cooper's trip here is to acquaint the administration with the actual situation in Hawaii. In his conference with Secretary Wilson he emphasized the seriousness of the labor problem. The natives are dying off rapidly, the mortality being in the neighborhood of forty deaths to the thousand, and foreign laborers are getting out of the country much more rapidly than they are coming in. The encouragement of Chinese labor, said he, is regarded as the most promising solution and the territorial government is anxious that large numbers of laborers shall come in from China. The sugar cane crop that should have been harvested at the beginning of July, he said, is not yet off the field and will not be harvested before next month. The natives generally will not work. The coffee industry is languishing and many things that should be raised there have to be bought outside the islands.

Secretary Wilson informed Mr. Cooper of a report from the superintendent of the agricultural station in Honolulu showing, among other things, that it costs \$26 an acre to fertilize the cane crop in Hawaii and pointed out the big farm wage which has to be paid to farm laborers, viz., \$40 a month, including board, which is approximately \$10 more than in this country.

## Made Master of the Rolls.

LONDON, Oct. 19.—Sir Richard Henn Collins, lord justice of appeal, has been appointed master of the rolls, in succession to Sir Archibald Smith, who has resigned on account of ill health.

## 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. Caubert, Henry R. Reed, Norman B. Ream, Robtr 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 \$17,996,931; 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 \$7,762,779.

## 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 Aguinaldo, 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. Aguinaldo 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.

## 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 \$98,910,984, against \$77,924,535 appropriated for the current year. The chief increases are \$2,500,000 for construction, \$2,000,000 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 \$2,600,000 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 temporary 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 \$500,000 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 \$281,000 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 Valdez and Skagway." The department of Alaska has been merged into the department of Columbia.

## 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 Genadiev, 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. Talika 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 Boys to Show Skill.

SILVER CREEK, Neb., Oct. 16.—As a result of a quarrel over his ability to shoot straight, Thomas Bauder, 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. Bauder 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 papers 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.