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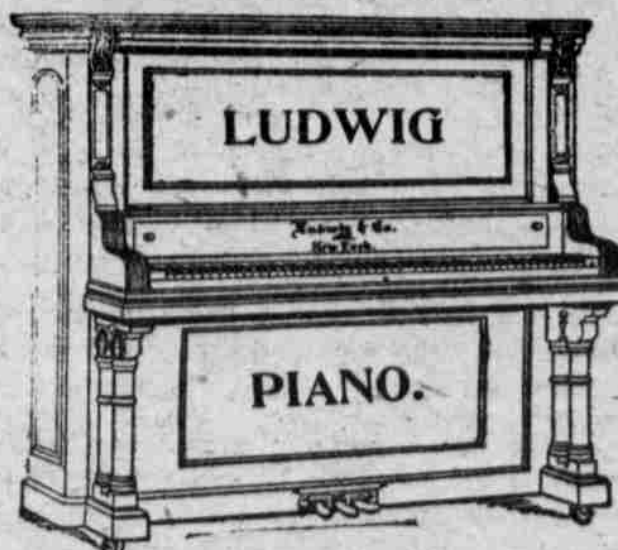
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Advices from London report the terrible ravages of cholera in a British expedition of 10,000 men in Upper Borneo. The expedition was sent up the Batang Lubar river, Borneo, to punish the head hunters. When it started June 10, it was composed of 816 boats. By June 14 it was reduced to 40 boats, owing to desertions and the fear of the cholera. By June 19 over 1,000 deaths from cholera had occurred. The remnants of the expedition, however, successfully fought the head hunters, and returned to Singapore.

A dispatch from London under date of June 8, says: In the house of commons today the parliamentary secretary to the admiralty, H. C. Arnold-Forster, replying to William Redmond, the Irish leader, confirmed the report that J. P. Morgan had offered to place all the British ships in the new combine at the disposal of the admiralty for the next fifty years on certain terms. He added that the offer had not yet been accepted, because it could only be dealt with in relation to British shipping generally and the Atlantic trade position which was being very carefully considered by the government.

An Omaha paper contains an interesting story under date of July 8, as follows: Linden Tree, the fine Arabian horse presented by the Sultan of Turkey to General Grant, died today at the farm of Gen. L. W. Colby of Beatrice, Neb., aged 33 years. General Grant met the Sultan of Turkey during his tour around the world, and on his return home the sultan sent him the finest specimen of the pure Arabian horse that was to be obtained. The horse later was purchased by General Colby of Beatrice. He was used as a saddle animal for several years, but since he became too old to be of practical value has been tenderly cared for.

A report from Pretoria, South Africa, under date of July 7, says: Lord Kitchener's valedictory to the troops, dated June 25, after extolling the conduct of the British soldiers in the face of great hardships and difficulties, and against dangerous and elusive antagonists, commends the kindly and humane spirit displayed in all ranks and concludes:

"This message would be incomplete if no references were made to the soldierly qualities displayed throughout the campaign by our quondam enemies and the admirable spirit shown in carrying out the surrender.

"Many of those who contended until the end have expressed the hope that they may have in the future an opportunity to serve side by side with his majesty's forces."

A dispatch from Carbondale, Ill., under date of July 10, says: Another midnight attack has been made at Eldorado, Saline county, where several days ago a mob broke up the colored Normal and Industrial school and drove the teachers and students away, and caused forty of the colored citizens to flee, fearing their lives were in danger. The last attack was made upon the home of the Rev. Peter A. Green, who has been the pastor of the African Methodist Episcopal church here for over a year, and whose reputation in the community is good. Heretofore he has been considered a peaceful, inoffensive citizen. The mob consisted of over twenty whites, and on reaching his home, stoned his house. The preacher re-

turned the fire, and it is believed that at least one man was injured. When the mob saw that the colored man would not be frightened they dispersed, warning him of death if he persisted in remaining in the vicinity. It is believed troops will be sent to the scene.

The answer of the vatican at Rome to Governor Taft's proposals in regard to the friars in the Philippine islands, has been received. It is announced that the vatican will not consent to their recall from the islands and concludes with several proposals, as follows: The vatican's proposals, which are twelve in number, are that the Philippine government buy the lands of the friars; that a tribunal of five arbiters be chosen, which shall begin work January 1, 1903; that payment be made in Mexican dollars, interest accruing at 4 per cent; amicable accord as to charitable and educational trusts in dispute; indemnity to be paid by the United States for ecclesiastical buildings used in war; the arbiters to be paid by the Philippine government, and that the holy see use all its influence toward pacification, in favor of adhesion to the established government, and to prevent all political opposition on the part of the clergy.

A dispatch to the St. Louis Republic, under date of Carbondale, Ill., July 7, says: An unusual case of insurance refundment took place in this city today when a representative of an old insurance company presented a check to Philip Temple, a conductor on the Galena branch of the Illinois Central, amounting to \$674.73.

The family had supposed since 1868 that nothing was coming to them and had not only forgotten the incident, but had lost the policy. Besides the Temple settlement the following former residents of this city who carried policies at the same time will receive refundments as soon as their present residence is known: John Hessick, last heard from at Florence, Colo., \$1,000; David Johnson, last known at Bedford, Ind., \$440.03; Francis A. Yost, last known at Louisville, Ky., \$400, and James Franks, last known at Houston, Mo., \$927.

A dispatch from Washington under date of July 7, says: The navy department contemplates making a material reduction of the naval forces on the Asiatic station in the near future. While our interests in the east are most important, it is thought here that the large number of American warships gathered in Chinese and Philippine waters is considerably above the proper ratio. The plans, it is said, contemplate ordering at least one of the flag commanders on the Asiatic station to other duty. Rear Admiral Rogers, at present the commander-in-chief of the station, has been in Asiatic waters about a year and a half, while Rear Admirals Evans and Wild, senior and junior squadron commanders respectively, have been on the station only about half a year. Ships brought to the United States probably will include only a few if any of the largest vessels now stationed there. A considerable number of small cruisers and gunboats will be ordered to this country.

A dispatch to the St. Louis Republic from Mexico, Mo., under date of July 7, says: Funeral services over the remains of Thomas Board, the largest man in this section of Missouri, were conducted from the late residence in this city this morning. Members of the family today announced the exact weight of Mr. Board to have been 497 pounds a few days before he was taken sick.

A special casket was ordered, in which the remains were buried, and it was necessary to carry the corpse from the house to the yard to place it in the coffin. To remove the body from

the house it was found necessary to take out the casing from a double window. It required the services of fourteen men to perform this task, and the casket and body together weighed nearly a thousand pounds.

There was no hearse in the city which could carry such an enormous coffin, and a baggage truck, nicely draped in black, was used to convey the remains to the cemetery, where it required the services of all who could get hold of the coffin to remove it to the grave side and lower it.

A dispatch from Washington, under date of July 11, says: Secretary Root has addressed an identical letter to persons complaining that teachers in the Philippine schools are attempting to convert Catholics into Protestants. He quotes a cablegram from Acting Governor Wright denying the charge, and, in the course of his letter, says: "It is the purpose of the Philippine government to maintain in the archipelago the same kind of free non-sectarian instruction which exists in the United States, and which has proved to be for the interest of religion and all religions. The government means, so far as it possibly can, to give education to the people of the islands, and it will do this without any discrimination for or against any church or sect. I think the government of the Philippines is entitled to ask that citizens of the United States shall not assume, or believe upon mere rumor and unproved statements, that the government is not in good faith enforcing this law, which it has made."

In regard to the recent arrangements as the friars' lands in the Philippines, a cablegram from Rome, under date of July 5, says:

After an examination of the note submitted by James H. Taft, civil governor of the Philippine islands, re- (Continued on Page 15.)

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