

The Commoner.

brought to Buffalo. In searching them papers were found which may lead to important arrests. The federal officers here have been notified that a large number of Chinese have recently entered the country illegally in the vicinity of Buffalo. It is reported that thirty-two recently crossed the lower end of Lake Erie from Canada to this state and succeeded in reaching New York.

It was reported from London on September 18 that the United States' initiative in protesting to the countries which are parties to the treaty of Berlin of 1878, against the treatment of Jews in Roumania meets with approval there. It is hoped that this action on the part of this government will lead to a check being placed on the wholesale exportation of undesirable persons from Eastern Europe to Great Britain and America.

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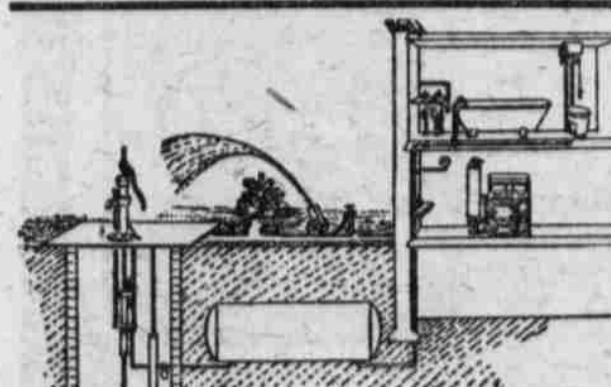
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General Bragg at Havana has cabled the state department confirmation of the press reports of an accident to the big floating steel dry dock there, which was recently purchased by the United States from Spain. He says that the dock broke near the center while the end sections were being suspended.

Justice Horace Gray, who retired from the United States supreme bench lately, died at Nahant, Mass., on September 15. Judge Gray was born in Boston, Mass., March 21, 1828, and served as associate justice and chief justice of the supreme court of Massachusetts. President Arthur appointed him as associate justice of the supreme court of the United States, December 19, 1881.

On September 17 it was reported from Los Angeles, Cal., that the Navajo tribe of Indians in Arizona, numbering 20,000 men, women and children, is rapidly approaching the starvation period and unless speedy and substantial aid is rendered by the government, or by the people unofficially, fearful distress and great loss of life will result. Continued drought and the barrenness of their country has, he says, brought the Navajos to their present condition.

It was reported from Panama, Colombia, on September 17, that Commander Porter of the United States cruiser Ranger had decided to place guards on the trains running across the isthmus. This step was to be taken in addition to the marines landed at Colon from the cruiser Cincinnati. Colombia has been informed that this act could not be considered as an act of hostility to the government, but that it was taken under the necessity of assuring uninterrupted traffic over the railroad.

A Des Moines, Ia., dispatch of September 17 says: Attorney General C. W. Mullan, in an opinion filed with Governor Cummins today, holds that the acts of the new Iowa corporation, the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific Railroad company, in connection with the Rock Island reorganization, is not outside the powers conferred by statute nor contrary to public policy in the legal sense of the term.

The Shanghai correspondent of the London Daily Mail cabled to his paper on September 15 that Cheng-Tu-Fu, capital of the province of Sze-Chuen, is surrounded by 50,000 Boxers, but that their attempts to take the city have so far failed. "A prominent Chinese merchant tells me," continues the Daily Mail correspondent, "that if Chen-Tu-Fu is taken a rising in the province is inevitable. To further complicate matters the feud between Catholic and Protestant converts is worse now than at any previous stage and magisterial injunction in various matters has been unwarrantably interfered with by priests and missionaries."

It is announced from Guthrie, O. T., that Pleasant Porter, governor of the Creek Indian nation, has called a meeting of the governors of the five civilized tribes to be held at South McAlister on September 26, for the purpose of formulating a general plan for bringing Indian Territory into statehood at the expiration of the tribal government in 1906. Governor Porter says the Indians are opposed to statehood with Oklahoma.

The tax mandamus case which has been before the Nebraska supreme court and which was brought for the purpose of compelling the state board of equalization to raise the assessment of railroad property in the state was decided on September 18 by the

holding of the court in effect that the remedy is to be found in the ballot and in having a board that will do its work properly the first time. The writ of mandamus cannot control judgment of the board and its errors cannot be corrected. This decision is regarded as one of the most important rendered on cases of this nature.

A cablegram from Amsterdam of September 14 says: Mr. Reitz, formerly state secretary of the Transvaal, will sail September 15 for New York, to give a series of lectures both on behalf of his own finances and for the benefit of the Boers.

The United States senate commission, appointed to investigate and report upon Hawaiian affairs generally, reached Honolulu on September 15 and began daily sessions. The commission consists of Senators Mitchell of Oregon, Foster of Washington, and Burton of Kansas.

Disastrous forest fires are again reported from Wyoming where it is said that at least eighteen serious fires are raging and much fine pine timber in the state has already been destroyed. The secretary of the interior has been appealed to for aid.

A Rome cablegram, dated September 15, says: The vatican has definitely decided to send the Most Rev. Diomede Falconio to Washington as papal delegate in the United States. Mgr. Falconio is now apostolic delegate to the Dominion of Canada.

The ravages of cholera still continue in cities in China, and a recent report says that some foreigners have been murdered by the Chinese, who are said to hold them responsible for the scourge of cholera that is sweeping over the land.

A dispatch from Butte, Mont., dated September 16, says: A special to the Miner from Livingston says: Late today the strike of the machinists in the shops of the Northern Pacific railway was declared off, and the men, with the exception of eight, have returned to work. The eight have refused to accept the decision of Vice President Wilson of the international machinists' union, who declared the machinists were in error in walking out. About 200 men were involved. The shops of the Northern Pacific at this point are the largest in the state and were completely tied up.

A New York dispatch of September 16 says: Fully \$1,000,000 of the gold obtained by the National City bank from South African sources leave London Monday for this port, per steamship Majestic. The balance will follow shortly. Officials of the bank decline to make any explanation of the mechanism by which this gold was diverted from its original destination, except to say that the transaction is without special feature. Intimations from an authoritative quarter indicate that the South African consignment will amount to more than \$2,500,000.

On September 17 it was reported from Topeka, Kas., that nearly all the nominations on the allied people's party ticket made by the initiative and referendum are now in, but not all those chosen have signified their willingness to serve if elected. Following are the nominations: For governor, J. H. Lathrop; congress-at-large, Rev. C. M. Sheldon; superintendent of public instruction, E. E. Rice, Norton; justices of supreme court, H. D. Shinn, Ottawa; John Madden, Emporia; Frank Doster, J. Y. Robbins, Topeka; W. H. Wakefield, Mound City.

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