



Premier Balfour has announced that there will be no discussion of Mr. Chamberlain's tariff plan during the present session of parliament.

The czar has issued a decree abolishing whipping with cudgels and cat-o-nine tails in the Russian provinces.

On July 15 a slump occurred in the New York stock. It is said that this was equalled only by the panic of May 9, 1902. Serious consequences on July 15 being averted by the prompt action of bankers.

A Washington dispatch announces that the Slabey-Arco wireless telegraphy system has been adopted by the navy department. It is reported that stations may be established at Capes Elizabeth, Ann, Cod, Montauk Point, Highlands and Newport.

An Associated press dispatch under date of San Francisco, July 11, says: Nearly a dozen trunks and valises, the baggage of Captain William W. Harts of the engineer corps, which were returned from the Philippines on the transport Thomas, were seized by the customs officials today. In the trunks were found a large quantity of dutiable articles, consisting of silks, fine embroidery, drawn work and Japanese and Chinese ware. All of these things were carefully concealed in wearing apparel. A rough estimate made at the wharf placed the duty on the goods at about \$500. If the figure is correct Captain Harts will be called on to pay about \$1,500 in fines to the government and if he wants the goods he will have to pay the assessed value set upon them by the appraisers.

During the progress of the Christian Endeavor convention at Denver, July 13, the big tent in which the meeting was held was blown over while 8,000 people were in attendance. A number of people were injured, but none of them seriously.

While visiting in Milwaukee, July 13, David J. Brewer, associate justice of the United States supreme court, gave out an interview in which he said: "Every man who participates in the lynching or the burning of a negro is a murderer, pure and simple. Of course there may be extenuating circumstances which would vary the degree of the crime, but the principal participators in the crime can be held by any court in the land for murder in the same degree as if the crime was committed by an individual. There is going to be a reaction against the atrocious crimes with which the papers have been filled. The fact that the people are now interesting themselves in the discussion of this problem makes manifest the fact that there is a tendency toward a change. I expect that it will come soon. I cannot say what form it will take, but there will be an uprising of public, popular feeling against lynchings, which will result in legislation of some form."

Mrs. Blaine, widow of the late James G. Blaine, died July 15 at her home in Augusta, Me. Mrs. Blaine was 76 years of age.

The republican state convention for Kentucky met at Louisville, July 15. Mr. Roosevelt was endorsed as the republican candidate in 1904, and a state ticket was chosen as follows: For governor, Morris B. Belknap of Louisville; lieutenant governor, J. B.

Wilhytt of Ashland; treasurer, John A. Black of Barboursville; auditor, George G. Welsh of Danville; attorney general, William Beckner of Winchester; secretary of state, J. C. Speight of Mayfield.

Three indictments were returned July 16 by the federal grand jury in Brooklyn. These indictments are said to relate to the postoffice department automatic cash register scandal.

Secretary Hay and Minister Arriaga have exchanged ratifications of the Guatemalan extradition treaty which was signed some time ago.

Thirteen silver apostle spoons with figures of Christ and the twelve apostles upon them were recently auctioned at London. They brought \$24,500.

No date has been fixed for the proposed visit of the king of Italy to Paris, which was postponed indefinitely on account of the pope's illness.

Judge Kirkpatrick of the United States circuit court has signed an order at Trenton, N. J., allowing an appeal to the United States circuit court of appeals from his own action in appointing a receiver for the United States Shipbuilding company.

An Associated press dispatch, under date of Winnipeg, Manitoba, July 17, says: P. M. Arthur, grand chief engineer of the Brotherhood of Locomotive engineers, dropped dead at midnight while speaking at the banquet closing the annual union convention of the Brotherhood of Locomotive engineers, which has been in session for the last few days. Mr. Arthur had just arisen to respond to a toast and repeated the words: "It may be my parting words to many of you," when he fell backwards and expired a few minutes afterward.

An Associated press dispatch under date of New York, July 16, says: A new social organization to be known as the Brook club is being formed. The membership will be limited to 200 and it probably will be the most expensive and exclusive club in the country. English methods will prevail, and the dues will bar all except millionaires from joining. The doors will never be closed and lunches will be served at all hours—an innovation in clubdom. Only the most representative men of other cities will be asked to join.

The final organization of the stogie trust is announced in an Associated press dispatch under date of New York, July 16, as follows: The organization of the American Stogie company, the certificate of which was filed in Trenton, N. J., on February 14, 1903, was completed today with the election of the following officers: C. M. Logue, Pittsburg, president; H. W. Cobb, first vice president; C. C. Durland, second vice president; H. D. Kingsbury, treasurer; W. D. Sharpe, secretary, and G. M. Gales, assistant secretary.

Under date of Havana, July 16, an Associated press dispatch says: The senate today ratified all the treaties with the United States excepting the Platt amendment treaty. The senate ratified the treaty signed February 16, granting the United States sites at Guantanamo and Bahal Honda for naval and coaling stations, the agreement leasing the areas of the said

stations which was signed July 2 and also the treaty conceding to Cuba sovereignty over the Isle of Pines. The only treaty remaining unratified is the so-called permanent treaty covering all the provisions of the Platt amendment. The fact of securing the naval stations completes all that the United States has been desirous of obtaining. The Isle of Pines treaty and the permanent treaty were both carried out on the initiative of Cuba.

Under date of Washington, July 16, the Associated press says: It was learned tonight that the state department has received a reply from Russia stating that it neither would receive nor consider the matter of the Jewish petition on the subject of the Kishineff incident. This information came in the form of a cablegram from Mr. Riddle, the American charge at St. Petersburg, to whom was committed the delicate task of inquiring of the Russian government as to its attitude with respect to the presentation of the petition. It is believed that this will end the matter, and that no further steps will be taken by this government to bring the views of the petitioners to the attention of Russia, although as yet no consideration has been given by the president to the course to be pursued in the light of Russia's response to our inquiry. The reply that Russia would make to all suggestions on the subject of the Kishineff massacre was forecasted very clearly by the Associated press some weeks ago in an authorized statement when the public was definitely informed that Russia regarded the affair as an internal matter as to which she, in the exercise of her own sovereignty, must refuse to receive suggestions from any other government or outside source.

A London cablegram dated July 17 and sent by a correspondent for the

Associated press says: According to the Daily Chronicle the action of America in annexing the islands of Borneo raises an exceedingly delicate situation, and the British foreign office has asked Washington for an explanation. The islands concerned, says the paper, are a group of seven which originally belonged to the sultan of Sulu, from whom they passed by a charter in 1881 to the control of the British North Borneo company, whose officers confirm that they are undoubtedly British territory. They are insignificant in size, but of the highest strategic importance, dominating Sanakan harbor and Labukay. Their names are Taganae, Baguan, Bakkungsan, Lihman, Sibaung, Boeann and Lankayan. The American side of the question as given by the United States embassy, says the Daily Chronicle, is that the islands are undoubtedly American by right of conquest, having belonged to the Philippines and the sultan of Sulu having confirmed and acknowledged American supremacy over them. The course taken was to demonstrate American possession in the Philippines and Sulu sea, and the territories of the British Borneo company. The islands had never been occupied by any European nation, and it is unknown whether Spain ever recognized the trading treaty which existed between the Borneo company and the inhabitants of the islands.

Five hundred osteopaths are in Cleveland, O., in attendance at the seventh annual convention of the American Osteopathic association.

Secretary Wilson says that the effort to have the consuls in countries where foot and mouth disease exists attend to the disinfection of hides and wool has not been very successful.

The Ontario & Western railroad has

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