



Word was received in London on August 29 of a defeat to the troops of the emperor of Morocco by the pretender, Bu Hamara, wherein an army numbering nearly 3,000 men was ambushed and almost half of them were killed.

In compliance with a petition presented to him by the Agrarian league of Cuba, President Palma has sent a cable dispatch to President Roosevelt voicing the satisfaction of the agriculturalists of the island over the fact that measures of reciprocity with Cuba will soon be considered by congress, and expressing the hope that a reciprocity treaty will be approved.

It was reported from Lincoln, Neb., on August 29 that the Westinghouse Electric and Manufacturing company of New York is about to consider plans and specifications for the complete electrical equipment of a new electrical power plant at Niobrara, Neb., the franchise for the construction of which has already been granted.

The German south pole expedition which sailed from Kiel on August 11, 1901, according to a recent Berlin cablegram, has arrived at the island of St. Helena. It seems that the expedition is a failure and no further knowledge regarding the Antarctic regions has been obtained.

It was officially announced from The Hague on August 30 that the arbitration court for the Venezuelan claims will assemble in that city on September 1.

A cablegram from St. Petersburg, under date of August 30 says that Minister of Finance Witte has been appointed by the czar as president of the committee of ministers. M. Pleske, director of the Imperial State bank, being appointed as minister of finance. The position as president of the committee of ministers is a very important one and M. Witte's appointment to that office is regarded as a promotion.

The postponed race between the Reliance and Shamrock III., which was to have taken place on Saturday, August 29, took place on Monday, August 31, but owing to the dying down of the wind the time limit of five and one-half hours expired before the yachts could reach the finish line. It was conceded, however, that the Reliance's ultimate triumph was only a matter of form.

According to a report made recently by the Danish West Indian commission to Finance Minister Hage of Denmark, the population of the Danish West Indies are satisfied to remain under Danish rule, in spite of the fact that that rule has proved to be both unpractical and expensive.

Much complaint is being made concerning the treatment by Venezuela of foreigners residing in the interior in the matter of claims against the government under the protocol. Some of the claimants have been arrested and killed while others have had to pay their taxes twice. The Venezuelan government does not deny these charges, but is doing its utmost to prevent their repetition.

Secretary Cortelyou, recently appointed as head of the department of commerce and labor, made his first public address since he became a cabinet member on August 31 at New

York before the fourth international congress of actuaries, in session at that city.

Delegates to the annual reunion of the National Society of the Army of the Philippines, met at St. Paul, Minn., on August 31. A movement is on foot favorable to a federation of this society with that of the Spanish war veterans.

The remains of the late Lord Salisbury were interred on August 31 beside those of his wife in the burial grounds of the Cecils at Hatfield, the home of Lord Salisbury. A memorial service in honor of the dead statesman was held at Westminster Abbey at the same time.

Andrew Geddes, for some years chief clerk of the department of agriculture, has been relieved from office and R. Burch, chief clerk of the bureau of animal industry, has been appointed to succeed him, according to a Washington dispatch of August 31.

Counsel representing the allied powers that are to arbitrate the claims for preferential treatment in the settlement with Venezuela met at The Hague on September 1. No business was transacted owing to the delay in the arrival of the arbitrators. It is announced that Prof. Lammasch of Austria has been appointed one of the arbitrators. Dr. Zorn, a professor at the University of Königsberg, will represent Germany before the arbitration court.

The monthly statement of the public debt was issued from Washington on September 1, and shows the total debt, less cash in the treasury, at the close of business on August 31, as being \$923,924,357, which is a decrease for the month of \$6,098,951.

The Ohio democratic state campaign was opened at Versailles, O., on September 1 with a large and enthusiastic meeting, the chief speakers being W. J. Bryan, Tom L. Johnson, democratic candidate for governor, and John H. Clarke, candidate for United States senator to succeed Senator Hanna.

A company was recently organized in Kansas City having the object in view of competing with the packers' trust. The new company is to have a capital stock of \$5,000,000 and will be incorporated under the laws of Arizona.

According to a dispatch from San Jose, Costa Rica, another revolution is on foot in Panama. It is said that the Indians have arisen and that several generals of former insurrections are taking active part in the movement. Great quantities of arms belonging to the Colombian government have been taken by the insurgents.

The new normal school for the state of Nebraska, provision for which was made at the last session of the state legislature, will be located at Kearney, Neb. Much interest centered in the selection of the location for the new school, many prominent cities in the state bidding for it.

According to unofficial advices recently received from Bogota, Colombia, it seems that the Panama canal treaty was rejected by the Colombian senate because of the "dictatorial nature" of the notes received from Secretary of State Hay and the United States Min-

ister Beaupre. It is also said that the main question now discussed is whether the United States will be willing to enter into new negotiations or will simply let the matter drop and take up the Nicaraguan route.

Three explosions on board the Austrian steamer Vaskapu on September 2 while the ship was en route to Constantinople, caused the death of 29 persons and the destruction of the vessel. The captain and crew of the steamer perished.

Dispatches received on August 30 from Constantinople and other Turkish points seem to indicate that the insurrection in Macedonia is increasing in extent, and that hostilities between Turkey and Bulgaria are only a matter of time, according to information from official sources. A number of Bulgarian villages have been burned by the Turks and horrible atrocities committed. On September 1 the Macedonian revolutionists issued a general call to arms and famous Macedonian leaders have taken the field against the Turks. It was recently made known that in the engagement between the Bulgarian troops and the Turkish soldiers at Smilovo, August 26, about 1,000 of the Bulgarians were killed while the Turkish loss was insignificant. The village was afterwards burned by the Turks. It is reported that thousands of people in various Macedonian villages are in danger of famine, in addition to the horrors of war.

It seems that the "investigation" into the postal frauds at Washington is nearing an end. The federal grand jury which has been considering these cases is expected at any time to render action on the evidence submitted. Fourth Assistant Postmaster General Bristow is yet hard at work, however, on the preparation of his report. It was announced on September 2 that several employes of the clock company whose alleged contract to supply clocks to the postal service has figured in the investigation, were examined by the inspectors.

The democratic state convention of Pennsylvania met at Harrisburg on September 2. The platform adopted relates mainly to state issues. The following nominations were made: Senator Arthur G. Dewalt of Lehigh county, auditor general; Senator Joel H. Hill of Wayne, state treasurer; John

A. Ward of Philadelphia and ex-Judge Calvin Reiburn of Armstrong county, judges of the superior court.

Rev. Dr. J. L. Corning, the celebrated pulpit orator, historian, and diplomat, died recently at Munich aged 72 years. Rev. Corning was at one time American consul at Munich and was well known as one of the most celebrated art historians of the present age.

What is believed to have been an attempt upon the life of President Roosevelt was reported from Oyster Bay on September 2. A man named Frank Weillbrenner was arrested while making a persistent demand to see the president. The man was armed with a revolver fully loaded. It is thought that he is insane.

Secretary of War Root, ex-Secretary of State John W. Foster, Hannis Taylor and Judge John M. Dickinson arrived at Liverpool on August 30 for the meetings of the Alaskan boundary commission which began its sessions in London September 3. It is believed that the whole controversy centers upon Canada's efforts to acquire an outlet to the sea in the Alaska region. It is also announced that the oral arguments would commence September 15 and it is hoped that these will be finished by October 9.

The third and final race of the series for the America's cup took place on September 3 between the Reliance and the Shamrock III., and resulted in a victory for the American vessel. This third race was achieved only after four futile attempts to sail, the attempts failing owing to the weather conditions.

The final protocol of the international wireless telegraph conference held in Berlin last month was made public on September 3 at the state department in Washington. General Greeley was chairman of the American commission. According to the provisions of this protocol several regulations relative to the exchange of communications between the various countries are to be made.

Under date of Marion, O., September 2, the Associated press said: Colonel W. J. Bryan tonight closed his present Ohio tour here, where he addressed an audience on the court house grounds

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