



After visiting Cuba, Secretary of War Taft intimated pretty strongly that American occupation would continue for at least another year and might go on past the presidential campaign.

Former United States Senator Clark of Montana, had a narrow escape from drowning while crossing a swift river near Trinidad, Colo.

Governor Folk of Missouri has commuted to life imprisonment the death sentence of Mrs. Aggie Myers.

The United States supreme court has decided that the laws of Mexico should be considered in trying a suit in American courts where the cause of action occurred in Mexico.

Twenty-five persons were killed and a large number were injured by a tornado which swept through Louisiana, Mississippi and Alabama, April 5.

James H. Eckles, former comptroller of the currency, died in Chicago.

A New York dispatch says: "Judge Hough, in the criminal branch of the United States circuit court today imposed fines aggregating \$31,000 against the New York Herald Publishing company, James Gordon Bennett, its proprietor, and Manley W. Gillam, advertising manager. Mr. Bennett appeared in person. The fines which were immediately paid were imposed as a result of pleas of guilty interposed to indictments charging use of the United States mails for improper purposes."

The war in Central America is at an end.

An Associated Press dispatch from Washington says: "In an opinion by Justice McKenna of the supreme court of the United States today the decision of the United States circuit court for the Western district of Tennessee was affirmed in the case of Clarence P. Hunt, a cotton broker of Memphis, vs the New York Cotton Exchange. The suit was brought in the circuit court by the exchange to secure an injunction against Hunt, prohibiting him from receiving or using quotations contrary to the regulations of the exchange, and the injunction was granted by that court as prayed for. The principal point of controversy was that of jurisdiction and the court,

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holding that stock quotations are property, decided that the case was one in which it could take cognizance. The court also took account of the fact that the Tennessee state courts had the case under consideration, but held that the circumstances could not prevent action by the federal courts."

Reports show that the famine in China is growing in intensity and that 70,000,000 people are in danger of starvation.

The president has announced the American delegation to the peace conference at The Hague as follows:

Joseph H. Choate, former ambassador to Great Britain.

Gen. Horace Porter, former ambassador to France.

U. M. Rose of Arkansas, former president of American Bar association, and now president of the Arkansas Bar association.

David Jayne Hill, American minister to The Netherlands and former professor of international law at Rochester university.

Brigadier General George B. Davis, judge advocate general, United States army, and formerly professor for international law at the United States military academy.

Rear Admiral Charles S. Sperry, United States navy, president of the naval war college.

William I. Buchanan, formerly minister to the Argentine republic and to Panama, and chairman of the American delegation to the Rio conference.

Secretary, Chandler Hale of Maine, formerly secretary at the American embassy at Vienna, and the son of Senator Hale of Maine.

Expert in international law, James Brown Scott, solicitor of the department of state.

Expert attache, Charles Henry Butler, reporter of the United States supreme court.

The delegates will sail from New York for The Hague about the middle of May.

The New Jersey state senate has passed a bill imposing a life sentence for kidnaping.

An Associated Press dispatch from Chicago says: "The Chicago federation of labor is endeavoring to place President Roosevelt on record regarding his reported opinions of Moyer and Haywood, officials of the Western Federation of Miners, charged with complicity in the assassination of Governor Steunenberg of Idaho. E. N. Nockels, secretary of the local labor body, sent the president the following telegram: "The newspapers report you as saying that Moyer and Haywood are undesirable citizens. In view of the fact that these men will soon be put on trial for their lives we believe their chances for a "square deal" would be considerably lessened if the reported statement is true. We therefore ask you for correct information on this statement, believing a man is innocent until he is proved guilty."

A London cablegram says: "Foreign Secretary Grey made the most unexpected announcement in parliament today that Lord Cromer, Great Britain's plenipotentiary on the Nile, had resigned. Secretary Grey on making the announcement and ex-Premier Balfour who followed him, spoke with deep emotion of Lord Cromer's unexampled services to the empire and voiced the nation's regret at his leaving his post during such a difficult period. The foreign secretary declared

it was the greatest personal loss the public service of the country could suffer."

A St. Louis dispatch says: "A small package, apparently containing dynamite, exploded while it was being stamped in the St. Louis postoffice today. The explosion blew away a portion of a finger and thumb of John G. Bayer, the clerk who was stamping the package. The explosion destroyed all trace of the contents and all the address excepting the words, "Independence, Mo." Bayer was given medical attention and taken home."

The president has appointed Ralph W. Tyler, a negro of Columbus, O., to be auditor of the treasury for the navy department. Tyler is the man who was talked about for surveyor of customs at Cincinnati as a rebuke to Senator Foraker.

Denver is after one of the national conventions.

### BOOKS RECEIVED

Words of the Wood. By Dr. Raley Husted Bell. Small, Maynard & Company, Boston, Mass.

Advanced Civics. The Spirit, the Form, and the Functions of the American Government. By A. E. Forman, Ph. D. The Century Company, New York.

Lost in the Forbidden Land. By Edward S. Ellis, author of the "Deerfoot Series," etc. John C. Winston Company, Chicago, Philadelphia, Toronto. Cloth, \$1.

Shells Gathered From the Shores of Life or Stepping Stones to Happiness and Contentment. By Francenia Carroll Hamilton, Bristol, Tenn. The R. L. Bryan Company, Columbia, S. C. Price, 75 cents.

Tolstoy on Shakespeare. A Critical Essay by Leo Tolstoy. Funk & Wagnalls Company, New York. Price, 75 cents net.

Samuel W. Allerton on Systematic Farming. A short treatise on present farming conditions and how to improve them. Rand, McNally & Co.

How to speak in Public. By Grenville Kleiser. Funk & Wagnalls Company, New York and London. Price, \$1.25. Postage, 15 cents.

John Sherman. By Theodore E. Burton. Houghton, Miffler & Co., Boston and New York. \$1.25, net.

The Fact of Christ. P. Carnegie Simpson, M. A., Minister of Renfield Church, Glasgow. Published by Fleming H. Revell Company, publisher of Evangelical Literature, New York, Chicago and Toronto. New Popular Edition, 75 cents net.

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