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ARMY AND NAVY MOVEMENTS

Events of More Than Ordinary Interest to the People of America—Official Actions Which Have a Bearing on Our Future History—Briefs for Busy People

Thursday, August 24.

George A. Fry, postmaster at Bynum, Mont., has confessed to a shortage of \$3,000.

The navy department has been informed that the builder's trial of the battleship Alabama will be held Monday next.

An assault of the whitecapers at Peck, Fla., on the colored assistant postmaster there probably will result in the discontinuance of the postoffice. Postmaster W. C. Crum and National Committeeman Long have both advised it.

Regarding the reports that General Wesley Merritt is to succeed General Otis in command of the troops in the Philippines, Secretary Root is noncommittal. He evades all questions on this point, and declined to make any positive statement whatever in regard to the subject.

The conditions at Porto Rico are receiving the careful attention of the president and the war department officials, and every effort is being put forward to relieve the suffering caused by the hurricane. The secretary noted the fact that approximately \$40,000 or \$50,000 in money had been raised to this end.

At Cucutas, three miles from Santiago, five Cubans were killed by soldiers who fired into a mob. Five thousand Cuban soldiers were there to draw pay, and a rumor spread among them that the paymaster would leave before all were paid. A conflict was precipitated by several shots being fired at the guard, who returned the fire, with the result stated.

The acting secretary of the interior today approved a change in the rules of practice of the general land office that will be of general interest throughout the public land states. It provides that when a special agent, after investigating an alleged fraudulent entry, location or claim, recommends the cancellation of such entry, the claimant shall be given notice of the charges made by the agent and will be given a chance to defend his title to the land. The burden of proof falls upon the government.

Friday, August 25.

The village of Pleasant Plain, Arkansas, was totally demolished by a storm.

The First Nebraska left San Francisco for home Friday morning. They go in three sections, one station apart, on a special train furnished by the state.

General Miles has expressed himself as well pleased with the new secretary of war. He declares Root is a man of business, and as a result of the new blood in the war department different conditions exist now. The interests of the country demanded a vigorous prosecution of the war and that is what Secretary Root is doing.

An order was issued at the war department yesterday honoring discharging from the volunteer army Brigadier General Irving Hale, to take effect October 1. General Hale went to the Philippines as colonel of the First Colorado and was made a brigadier general for gallant services. General Hale arrived yesterday at San Francisco.

The establishment of a blockade of the ports of the Philippine islands, and especially those of Luzon, is a subject which is receiving attention at the war department, although Secretary Root says he has as yet not sufficient information to warrant any definite action in the matter. The secretary says he believes in taking advantage of everything that would tend to render a campaign successful, and that war cannot be maintained without causing distress. At the same time, he thinks that a blockade just now might cause more damage than good.

Saturday, August 26.

Recent letters from Manila mention the illness of Admiral Watson as a source of great anxiety to his officers. The illness is the effect of an accident to his launch in the Pasig river. Heart trouble is supposed to have originated from concern for his safety.

The secretary of war has appointed Alexander R. Spool of St. Paul, Minn., chief of the division of customs and inland affairs of the war department in place of Major John J. Pershing, who has been ordered to Manila for duty on the staff of General Otis.

The treasury department up to this time has accepted all compromises offered by banks for the settlement of fines where the examiners have found them in possession of unstamped checks and notes. The plan, in almost every instance is inadvisable. But the violations of the law have not decreased as they should and the department is on a point of adopting a rigid policy of enforcing a heavier penalty for every violation.

Kid Parker of Denver and Frank Bartley of Chicago have been matched for the lightweight championship of the west. The fight will take place at Denver August 29.

While delirious from illness Daniel Montgomery, a wealthy farmer near Milan, Mo., attempted to kill his wife and little boy with a hatchet and then cut his throat with a razor. The wife is in a critical condition.

Two hundred and fifty fire chiefs, representing cities in every part of the country and Canada are in attendance at the twenty-seventh annual convention of the International Fire Chiefs' Association, now in session at Syracuse, N. Y.

A cable dispatch received at the war department from Major-General Wood, says Major Russell B. Harrison, who is ill at Santiago with yellow fever, is out of danger. Ex-President Harrison, who is in Paris, is being kept daily informed of his son's condition.

Great pressure has been brought to bear on the administration to organize a colored regiment for service in the Philippines. The matter is still under consideration by Secretary Root, no decision having been reached. It is understood that if such a regiment is organized it will be officered by colored men.

Sunday, August 27.

Most of the states which have troops at the presidio have taken steps to bring their soldiers home on special trains. The sick and wounded which are left behind will be cared for in the same way.

Maj. John J. Pershing, who has been chief of the division of customs and inland affairs of the war department for the past six months, has been ordered to Manila for service on the staff of General Otis.

The first parcels post convention between the United States and any country in Europe was accomplished yesterday, when Postmaster General Smith and the special German envoy, Mr. Mumm von Schwarzenstein, signed a convention between the United States and Germany. It will go into effect October 1.

The United States cruiser Boston arrived at San Francisco yesterday from Manila, from which place she started on June 8. She was dry-docked at Hong Kong; then went to Nagasaki and Yokohama, leaving the latter place on July 23 for Honolulu, where she arrived August 9, making a record trip for a man-of-war between Yokohama and Honolulu.

Monday, August 28.

President and Mrs. McKinley spent their Sunday at Pittsburg, Pa., rather quietly, nothing of special note transpiring to make the day differ materially from a rest day at their Washington home.

A statement of the receipts of the Philippine islands, from the date of occupation by the United States government to July 31 last shows that the total receipts from all sources for the period named was \$5,249,411.

The strike in Havana is beginning to cause genuine alarm among the citizens, as it is supposed the bakers will go out tomorrow, as they have threatened. A strike on their part would cause a good deal of hardship, as few private households have facilities for baking their own bread.

The war department gave out yesterday for publication an interesting statement of the financial condition of the island of Cuba. It shows that under the management of the United States government the receipts of the island from January 1, 1899, to June 30, of the current year, exceeded the expenditures by the very handsome sum of \$1,480,021.

The report of Brigadier-General H. C. Merriam, commander of the department of the Colorado, U. S. A., in the miners' riots in the state of Idaho, was received at Washington yesterday. General Merriam gave a detailed history of the events so far as he or the troops under his command took part. He shows that the arrests of alleged participants in the riots were made by the state authorities, the federal troops only acting as guards.

Tuesday, August 29.

The United States cruiser New Orleans is at Santo Domingo.

Captain Paul Smith, First regiment, national guard of Hawaii, has been appointed captain in the Fortieth United States volunteers, now being recruited.

Adjutant General Corbin said yesterday that there was no foundation for the report that the war department proposed to organize three more regiments of volunteers, and in that way utilize the entire volunteer force of 35,000 men authorized by congress.

Word has come to the war department from Otis to the effect that Dato Mundi, with his tribesmen of Zamboanga, have joined with the Americans in driving the insurgents out of the island of Mindanao. Dato Mundi is said to be a warrior of education, and directed the Moros of Sulu.

At Pittsburg, Pa., on the occasion yesterday of the state reception to the Tenth Pennsylvania, the First Nebraska and Utah battery got the biggest ovation of any outside commands when the president read his roll of honor. "The Nebraskans were our right hand men," the Pennsylvanians say in telling of their experiences in the Philippines.

Acting Secretary of the Navy Allen has advised the Dewey reception committee in New York that the department finds it inexpedient to grant the request to have the old frigate Constitution to take part in the naval parade. The ship is regarded as too valuable a relic to be subjected to the risk attending a trip from Boston to New York.

Wednesday, August 30.

The transport Grant, bearing the Idaho, Wyoming and Dakota regiments, was sighted shortly before 11 o'clock Tuesday night. The Grant left Nagasaki for San Francisco August 7.

United States Consul Redloe is expected to reach Washington next week, to make explanation to the state department of the occurrences which led to his suspension as consul at Canton.

Major John A. Logan was recently appointed by the president a major in the volunteer army, but his name was accidentally omitted from the list. He was assigned to the Thirty-third infantry.

The comptroller has approved the Haver National bank, New York, and the Bankers' National bank, Chicago, as reserve agents for the City National bank of Lincoln, and the Continental National bank of St. Louis, for the South Omaha National bank of South Omaha, Neb.

All haste is being used to dispatch the troops now waiting at San Francisco to Manila. It is expected that the entire casual detachment now at the Presidio will set sail in about two weeks. The Pueblo left yesterday with 650 recruits. The Colorado regiment turned over their arms and expected to leave for Denver about September 8.

WIDE WORLD NEWS

Condensation of Events of Importance

COMPLETE WEEK'S SUMMARY

Happenings of the Past Seven Days Which Deeply Interest the People—Short Paragraphs Conveying a World of Information—For the Folks Without Time

Thursday, August 24.

Victor, Colo., recently burned down, is going up again.

The California troops have arrived at San Francisco.

Sir Thomas Lipton has faith enough to believe his boat, the Shamrock, will take back the America's cup.

The Big Four railroad and its engineers have amicably settled all differences. It is believed both sides made concessions.

General Otis has applied the Chinese exclusion act to the Philippines. It is thought the action will help to bring the war to a close.

An overdose of morphine, taken to allay pain, resulted in the death of Clayton C. Mason, nephew of Senator Mason of Illinois.

Fire at Milwaukee caused \$70,000 damage to the B. Uhrig Coal company and Foster Lumber company in the loss of stock and buildings.

The forest fires in the Adirondacks, New York state, are under control. The damage to timber is small and no hotels were in danger at any time.

Rev. Dr. Benjamin F. DeCosta, rector of the Episcopal church of St. John the Evangelist, of New York city, has resigned on account of his advanced years.

Surgeon Heiser at Naples cabled the marine hospital bureau that there was absolutely no truth in the report that the plague had appeared at Naples and Palermo.

Structural steel was advanced \$5 per ton at a meeting of structural iron and steel manufacturers held in New York city. The increase is made necessary by the enhanced prices of raw materials.

Mrs. Anna Teeple, wife of the assistant postmaster of Charlestown, Ind., and her nine-year-old son, members of a campaigning party, were drowned in the Ohio river near Jeffersonville. The boy got beyond his depth, and the mother went to his assistance.

Friday, August 25.

George A. Fry, postmaster at Butte, Mont., has been found \$3,000 short in his accounts.

Dwight H. Baldwin, founder of the Piano firm of D. H. Baldwin & Co. of Cincinnati is dead at the age of twenty-three years.

England is sending troops to Capetown. The Boers, however, believe England is preparing to accept the proposed compromise.

The proceeds of the big charity ball, which will be one of the fall festival features in Chicago in October, will be devoted to relieving the distress in Porto Rico. It is estimated the proceeds will reach \$30,000.

Thursday's session of the Dreyfus court martial was marked by one of the most exciting scenes in the trial. It was the keen attack of Labori on General Mercier, who declined to answer when cornered. For awhile there was a perfect babel of voices, at least half a dozen voluble French officers being anxious to testify all at once. Through M. Labori's skillful questioning the testimony adduced was favorable in its bearing to the prisoner. The lawyer made a strong point on the part Esterhazy played. Mercier said he did not know Esterhazy and only saw him once at the Zola trial. "That is very interesting," exclaimed Labori, "but surely General Mercier was present at the Esterhazy trial?" The general replied that he was not there and that he knew nothing about the evidence in the Esterhazy prosecution. "What?" cried M. Labori. "General Mercier, who was the chief accuser of Dreyfus, did not even follow the proceedings of the Esterhazy trial?" A loud murmur of surprise and indignation came from the audience, but Colonel Jouast immediately suppressed it.

Saturday, August 26.

San Domingo revolutionists are gaining ground.

London was hot yesterday, it being 99 in the shade. A dozen cases of sunstroke occurred.

An epidemic of typhoid fever rages at Litchfield, Ill. Thrae deaths occurred yesterday.

The Boers have declared in favor of the continuance of the dynamite monopoly. In case of war, all Boers will be expelled from the country.

Californians welcomed its returning volunteers with a reception outclassing any previously held. Over 100,000 strangers were in San Francisco to greet the boys.

J. K. Meyers, for twenty years a Rock Island engineer, who lives in Des Moines, Ia., has been arrested for committing rape on the person of Della Cherry, aged 7. Extra precaution was needed to prevent mob violence.

The Sultan's pilgrimage, controlled by the sultan of Sulu, has come under the dominion of the United States, General Bates' mission to the region having been entirely successful.

Lieut. H. W. Well, U. S. N., who has opened a recruiting station at St. Louis, is besieged with men and boys anxious to enlist. He expects to secure 500 landsmen and thirty apprentices in a few days.

Mrs. Edith Quick was arrested at Peru, Ind., charged with having poisoned her husband who died a week ago. A brother of the dead man was also arrested, charged with being an accomplice.

Before the Dreyfus court-martial yesterday, M. Bertillon, the handwriting expert, concluded the first installment of his so-called demonstration of the guilt of the accused. The Dreyfusards refused to regard him as anything but the prince of quacks, and made sport of his theory that Dreyfus, as an expert spy, did not write in ordinary hand-writing, but in close imitation, even contriving to give the letters the appearance of having been traced, in order to be able to repudiate them as a forgery if detected. Even Dreyfus, when shown Bertillon's demonstrations, admitted the ingenuity and plausibility of the system, though he naturally insisted that it was built upon a false basis. The trial is farcical in the extreme, and in an English or American court-martial, the evidence of the past three days would be thrown out as irrelevant and a number of the witnesses would be arrested for contempt. It is evident that the president, Col. Jouast, is overruled by his superior officers who appear as witnesses.

Monday, August 27.

Eight miles west of Muncie, Ind., Engineer W. H. McCarthy of the Lake Erie and Western train was shot and killed by a stray bullet from the gun of a hunter in the woods along the track.

Behind the barricade that "dead men tell no tales" General Mercier and the general staff have entrenched themselves. Sandherr is dead, Henry is dead, and despite the efforts of Counsel Labori to secure the presence of Paty de Clam, it seems he is to be shot or hanged, which of the two has not yet been determined. In Saturday's proceedings were injected several sensational scenes, the chief of which was the confrontation of General Mercier, Colonel Maurel and Captain Freystrater. Messrs. Mercier and Maurel attempted to disconcert Captain Freystrater, who gave testimony favorable to Dreyfus. They failed to do so, but were in turn confounded by the straightforward answers and evidence of the sturdy captain, whose bearing gave power and effect to his testimony.

M. Labori recalled General Mercier and put him on the rack, succeeding in compelling the crafty general to shift his ground, showing him up for the arch conspirator he really is. The day's proceedings were very favorable to the defense.

Tuesday, August 29.

Democrats of Ohio favor John R. McLean for governor.

The crisis in the Transvaal has so far failed to come to a head, although the situation is as acute as ever.

The crisis in Germany over the defeat of the canal bill has passed, at least for a time. The present cabinet will hold on.

A decision in the case of Captain Carter, who bilked the government for \$2,000,000, is expected soon after the president returns to Washington.

Demetri Frielander, treasurer of the United Russian churches of Chicago has decamped, and from \$40,000 to \$100,000 of the funds are missing.

The will of the Earl of Strafford, who married Mrs. Sam J. Colgate of New York, and who was killed by a train in May last, bequeathed to his widow 1,000 pounds. The residue of the estate, valued at 27,000 pounds, is held in trust for his daughters.

The acute situation at Darien, Ga., between negroes and whites is better, but the blacks remain armed. Many of the negroes are yet in the swamps, but quite a number surrendered to the soldiers, preferring to do so rather than fall into the hands of the sheriff's posse. It is believed the threatened race war on account of the Delegal murders has been averted.

Twelve steel arches, each weighing thirty-three tons, which were to have supported the superstructure of the coliseum building in course of erection on Wabash avenue, between Fifteenth and Sixteenth streets, Chicago, fell to the ground late yesterday afternoon. It is known that nine lives were crushed out. The bodies of two men are supposed to be under the wreckage.

Monday was a day favorable to Dreyfus in the court martial of that officer, and was marked by two notable instances. The first was the testimony of Chief Handwriting Expert Charavay, who declared that he was wrong in 1894 in saying that Dreyfus wrote the order, and that now he was convinced that Esterhazy wrote it. The other was the acquiescence of Colonel Jouast in a request that a commission take Du Paty de Clam's deposition.

Wednesday, August 30.

It is intimated that General Mercier is to be prosecuted in connection with the Dreyfus case.

Paris police have seized many important papers from the home of President Dube, president of the young men's Anti-Semite league.

Charles H. McLaughley was arrested at Springfield, Ill. He is charged with killing Miss Eliza Dyer, of Huntington, Ind., July 10, by a criminal operation.

The threatened strike of Havana, Cuba, bakers has been averted. The men, according to the terms of agreement, are to receive an increase of \$7.50 per month.

Coroner Herz is investigating the Chicago coliseum disaster in order to ascertain who may be held legally responsible therefor. It was found that the iron frames were being used to support pulleys for hoisting heavy timbers.

The Dreyfus trial was devoid of special interest yesterday. Colonel Cordier occupied the stand, his testimony being favorable to Dreyfus. He said he was opposed to Jews on the army staff, but could not bear false witness against an innocent party.

A Burlington train was wrecked near Barnard, Mo., and Engineer Criss was killed, and Fireman Smith and Conductor Mather fatally hurt.

General Leonard Wood, military governor of Santiago Province, Cuba, caused General Jimenez to be arrested when the latter came ashore, and will hold him, pending instructions from Havana. General Jimenez does not conceal his intention of going to Santo Domingo, and to become president of the republic.

NEWSY NOTES.

Forest fires are raging in the vicinity of Laramie county and Deer Creek, Colo.

WOMAN WAS DEAD

Mysterious Death Reported From Omaha.

MANNER OF DEATH IN DOUBT.

Found Living in a Pool of Her Own Blood—No Signs of Struggle Apparent—Belief is She Fell from a Vehicle—Other News of Interest to Nebraskans.

The body of an unknown young woman was found a 5 o'clock Wednesday morning lying face downward in the street in front of 1133 Park avenue, Omaha. The woman was dead. Her hair was hanging in disorder in a pool of her own blood, and several small bruises indicated that she had fallen from a vehicle. No signs of a struggle were apparent, save where the pointed toes of her brown slippers had raked up two little furrows in the dirt, but these were not long, and seemed such as might have been made in falling from a vehicle. Her underskirts were torn and stained with clotted gore, but the doctor concluded that it was not an evidence of violence, other than a fall. He could not state definitely from what caused death had resulted without a more thorough examination. Nothing that would give a clue to her identity was found on the body of the woman.

SHOT BY HIS HALF BROTHER

Quarrel of Stanton County Farmers Results in a Killing.

Sunday afternoon Oliver Anderson shot and killed Andrew Johnson, Sr., at the farm of Andrew Colander, about ten miles north of Stanton. The men are half brothers and Andrew Johnson was an old settler and one of the substantial farmers of Stanton county.

They became involved in a dispute and the quarrel resulted in a fight in which Anderson received a deep gash in the leg. Later the two men met and each had a gun. Anderson succeeded in getting the drop on Johnson and shot him. He immediately went to town and gave himself up. Coroner Dern proceeded to the scene of the shooting and impelled a jury, which after viewing the dead body and the surroundings returned the following verdict:

At an inquisition holden at Stanton, Stanton county, Neb., on the 27th and 28th days of August, A. D. 1899, before me, Louis Dern, coroner of said county, upon the body of Andrew Johnson, Sr., lying dead, by the jurors whose names are hereunto subscribed, the said jurors on their oath do say that said Andrew Johnson, Sr., came to his death by reason of a shot from a gun in the hands of Oliver Anderson, the shooting being unnecessary.

SHE USED HER STOCKING.

Insane Patient at Lincoln Asylum Ends Her Earthly Career.

Mrs. Sarah Radcliff, a patient at the asylum for the insane at Lincoln, committed suicide sometime during Tuesday night. Her body was found hanging from the grating over the window in her cell. She had strangled herself by tying a stocking around her neck and then looping the stocking with a piece of rag, which may have been used for a hose supporter. The rag was run through the bars and tied and then Mrs. Radcliff had let her entire weight come down upon the stocking about her neck. Her feet touched the floor, but when found, her legs were stretched out on the floor, as though she had had hard work to keep from letting her weight rest on her feet.

BLAME FOR WRECK PLACED.

It is Laid to Crew of Freight Train in the Denton Smash-Up.

The investigation made by the Burlington officials into the cause of the wreck at Denton a week ago has resulted in clearing the crew of the passenger train, No. 3, of all blame. It was found that the crew in charge of the freight train were at fault, and were, at the time the accident occurred, violating the plain rules of the company as regarded keeping a flagman in front to protect the train. It was stated that the freight train had no business on the main line at the time the accident occurred, and the engineer of the head engine and the conductor were equally to blame. Blame was also attached to the engineer of the rear engine, but as he was not in charge of the train the penalty inflicted on him will be lighter than on the two other men.

Hibbard's Salary Allowed.

Food Commissioner F. B. Hibbard has filed his salary claim with Auditor Cornell and it has been allowed. The claim was for \$125 for the month of July. The claim had been in doubt, the auditor being uncertain whether the food commission law carried with it an appropriation. After the attorney general decided that the horticultural society was entitled to its money the auditor decided to pay the food commission claims, as the food commission law appeared to be less questionable than the other.

UNSAFE FOR THE NEGRO

Imported From the South and Two Found Fatally Injured.

A special from Rockford, Ill., says: Two weeks ago negroes were imported here from Brook Haven, Miss., by W. M. Fortner & Son, railroad contractors, to work on improvements on the Illinois Central track between here and Dubuque. There has been trouble in the camp, and today two of the negroes were found west of the city with injuries that will prove fatal. Twenty-five of the imported crew who were discharged, came to town today, stranded, and are being fed by the police and firemen until they can return south.

Anti-Epidemic Club.

A club is now being formed in Paris, the members of which swear never to shake hands with any one unless they are wearing gloves. Many members of the aristocracy have shown their willingness to support the organization, and a fine is to be imposed upon all members who are caught shaking hands without gloves. The formation of this curious club is undoubtedly the outcome of a recent discussion in a French medical journal. This paper endeavored to show that disease has occasionally been contracted by shaking hands without gloves.

Third-Night-Awn-Hinde.

By the laws of St. Edward the Confessor, if any man lie a third night in an inn, he was called a third-night-awn-hinde, for whom his host was answerable, if he committed an offense. The first night, forman-night, or un-cuth (Sax. unknown), he was reckoned a stranger; the second night, two-night, a guest, and a third night, an agen-hinde, or awn-hinde, a domestic.—Mirror.

Greet McKinley.

Five thousand people greeted President McKinley on his arrival at East Liverpool, O., Tuesday night. The crowd jostled and cheered and the president was driven to the home of Colonel Taylor through the streets ablaze with electric illuminations and fireworks.

Burlington Train Wrecked.

A Burlington train was wrecked near Barnard, Ia., on the Creston branch of the road Wednesday morning. Engineer Criss was instantly killed, and Conductor Mather and Fireman Smith were fatally hurt. The wreck was caused by the train running into cattle.

Want Him Alive.

A Paris dispatch says that the reluctance of the French government to storm Guerin's castle is accounted for by the belief that the pretender to the throne of France is in the fortress. This personage is believed to be the Duke of Orleans. It is the desire of the government to take him alive.

Trouble Over in Havana.

The threatened strike of bakers at Havana has been averted. The men, according to the terms of the agreement, are to receive an increase of \$7.50 per month. Both sides promise to abide by the decision of the arbitrator.

Two Trainmen Killed.

Two heavy B. & O. freight trains came together at Baricksville, W. Va., through the misunderstanding of orders. Fireman Boo and Brakeman Hall were killed and three other trainmen fatally injured.

Result of a Divorce.

As the result of an application for a divorce made by Mrs. Edward Rhose, of Evansville, Ind., Mr. Rhose began drinking heavily and then shot Mrs. Rhose, probably fatally.

Prussian Diet Protracted.

The Prussian diet was finally prorogued Monday. Chancellor Hohenlohe expressed the hope that the diet would accept the canal bill when it meets next year.

Boston Will Quit.

The cruiser Boston which has returned to San Francisco from Manila, has been ordered to Mare Island navy yard where it will be put out of commission.

Sixty Rioters Jailed.

Another member of the Delago family surrendered Tuesday morning. Sixty rioters so far are now in jail at Darien, Ga., and others are surrendering.

Lindsay Favors Expansion.

At the meeting of the American bar association Monday, Senator Lindsay, of Kentucky, made a strong speech favoring expansion.

Receivals For Manila.

The City of Pueblo sailed from San Francisco for Manila on the 29th with 650 recruits.

New War of Flowers.

The language of flowers is now playing a part in the political discord of the day in Paris. White plums and blue celloils are the signs of the reactionary