

CUP OF JOY IS FULL.

France Welcomes Return of Russian Fleet.

PARIS, April 10.—The unexpected return of the Russian squadron dwarfed all other events in the program at Nice yesterday. The news is on the lips of everyone here and joy is expressed by both the public and the press.

A section of the nationalist press has carefully fostered this impression, pursuing a policy of seizing upon every possible opportunity to embarrass the government.

SPREADS THE GLAD TIDINGS.

The prevailing feeling was epitomized in the following declaration of Le Presse:

"It is with patriotic joy that all Frenchmen learn yesterday's great and glad news. The departure of our allies had painfully impressed the country. We are now happily reassured. The joyful emotion of the people of Nice is shared by all patriots.

Inquiry in official quarters regarding the explanation of the return of the Russians elicited the information that the squadron left Toulon for the reason assigned at the time, and cabled to the Associated press, namely, that it was never intended the whole Russian squadron should remain there during the Franco-Italian festivities.

"There comments misrepresented the incident as indicating coolness between France and Russia," said a high official, "and made a great impression upon the Russian government, which is extremely sensitive to newspaper criticism, and resulted in a decision to recall the squadron to Nice in order to belie the false rumors concerning the affair."

Saved From Flood.

HARRISON, Neb., April 10.—An act of heroism unsurpassed in the annals of the state is the expression being used by Sioux county people in connection with the performance of Miss Lizzie E. Cottman, teacher in the district school near here.

Teacher and pupils were unconscious of the frightful danger awaiting them. Suddenly Miss Cottman felt a strange, uncanny movement under her feet.

Instantly Miss Cottman's purpose was formed. Across the expanse of water, tugging at his long rope, was a horse which had been ridden by one of the pupils of the school.

Missing Man Located.

WOOD RIVER, Neb., April 10.—Curt Stevens, the ranchman who disappeared under circumstances which led his family and friends to believe that he had been murdered last fall, has turned up in Oklahoma.

MUST DIE IN PEN

WILLIAM RHEA TO BE EXECUTED ON AUGUST 2.

New Trial is Overruled—Judge Grimson Passes Formal Sentence on Youthful Slayer of Hermon Zahn—Nebraska News.

FREMONT, Neb., April 11.—(Special.)—Judge Grimson of the district court yesterday morning refused to grant a new trial in the case of the slayer of Hermon Zahn, who is at present under sentence of death for the murder of Hermon Zahn of Snyder about three months ago.

"It is therefore adjudged by the court, that you, William Rhea, be remanded to the custody of the sheriff of Dodge county, Neb., and that you be from thence forthwith removed to the penitentiary of the state of Nebraska and there delivered into the custody of the warden thereof, and that you be kept in solitary confinement until the second day of August, A. D. 1901.

As he spoke the word dead Judge Grimson's voice was scarcely audible, and he was laboring under deep emotion. The prisoner was standing with his back to the few people who were in the room, and the effect of the sentence could not be seen.

Had Goebel Marked.

FRANKFORT, Ky., April 11.—Ex-Governor Bradley, who was chief counsel for ex-Governor W. S. Taylor in the gubernatorial contest case before the legislature last year, gave sensational testimony yesterday afternoon in the trial of Cap. Garnett D. Ripley, who is charged with conspiracy, with others, to bring about the murder of William Goebel.

Judge W. H. Yost, associate counsel with Bradley in the contest case, according to the witness, was present, and heard the conversation.

In response to a question as to whether he (witness) heard of any conspiracy to kill Mr. Goebel, the witness stated that on January 25, the day the trainload of mountaineers arrived, some one, he could not now recall who, told him that parties in the crowd were waiting in front of the state house to kill Goebel.

A number of other witnesses were examined during the day.

Visit Will do Good.

WASHINGTON, April 11.—Information was received at the war department yesterday to the effect that the Cuban constitutional convention is contemplating sending a committee here to consult the president and secretary of war regarding the Platt amendment and the relations of the United States with Cuba.

MUST STAY IN TOMB.

Fate of Lawyer Patrick to Be Known Monday.

NEW YORK, April 12.—The hearing in the case of Albert T. Patrick, charged with the murder of the aged millionaire, William M. Rice, closed this afternoon, and Justice Jerome announced that he reserved his decision. It rests with Justice Jerome whether or not Patrick will be held for the grand jury.

"Admitting, if you will, that Patrick is guilty of forgery, corroboration of that has no bearing on the charge of murder. We contend that there is no evidence that Rice was murdered."

Mr. Moore, acting for David L. Short, and Morris Myers, waived examination of the charges of forgery against them, as he did also concerning the charge of forgery against Patrick.

An Omen of Peace.

PARIS, April 12.—At the conclusion of the festivities at Toulon last night President Loubet will proceed to his home at Montellmar, in the department of the Drome, to visit his aged mother and take a few days' repose after the fatigues of the many functions of the week, which have kept him occupied from early morning until late at night.

As to the political effect of the Franco-Italian demonstration the Temps tonight now that the speech-making is over, puts the situation in a clear light with the following remarks:

"The words pronounced by M. Loubet and the king of Italy stamp the proceedings at Toulon with their true diplomatic significance. France and Italy gave one another officially the title of friends, which accords well with the fraternity of their blood. This is an event which must not be distorted nor wrongly interpreted.

Places Flowers on the Tomb.

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 12.—There was a touching scene at Mt. Vernon today when M. Cambon, the French ambassador accompanied by other distinguished guests placed a wreath of flowers on the tomb of Washington. The occasion was commented on as being particularly indicative of the continued fraternal feeling existing between the two great republics of Europe and America.

A Test of Field Guns.

WASHINGTON, April 12.—Preparations are making for quite an extensive and important test of field guns at Sandy Hook some time in May. At present the army is not well equipped with field guns, compared with other nations, and the war department wishes to obtain the very best guns possible for the equipment of this important branch of the service.

Extending Rural Delivery.

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 12.—Additional rural free delivery service has been ordered established May 15th at Lincoln with one carrier, J. L. Foreman. He is to cover an area of thirty square miles and serve a population of 1725.

TALKS TOO MUCH

LOOMIS INTERVIEW NOT LIKED AT WASHINGTON.

Denial of Some Statements Not Improbable—Early Resumption of Diplomatic Relations With Venezuela Not Likely—Cabinet Takes up Mule Case.

WASHINGTON, April 12.—The various interviews ascribed to Minister Loomis at San Juan have attracted much attention here and the minister probably will be asked to explain some of his utterances if he is not able to enter a denial of the accuracy of the interviews.

The legal proceedings of New Orleans to prevent the shipment of mules produced in this country to South Africa was the most important matter discussed by the cabinet meeting yesterday, and the attorney general was asked to make an investigation of the question and report his opinion to the cabinet.

Hammond to Quit Omaha

OMAHA, Neb., April 13.—(Special.)—The statement was made this afternoon that the Hammond packing plant at this point would shortly be closed down. General Manager A. H. Noyes made the announcement to the office force and heads of departments that commencing next Wednesday the hog-killing department would be closed down permanently, and that not later than July the killing of cattle would be stopped.

In speaking of this matter tonight Mr. Noyes said that he understood it to be the intention of the company to centralize the packing of live stock at St. Joseph, and at Hammond, Ind. It was further reported that about 100 office employees would be transferred to either St. Joseph or Hammond, Ind.

Discusses the Race Problem.

PHILADELPHIA, April 12.—The fifth annual meeting of the American academy of political and social science began here yesterday and will continue two days. There is a full attendance. The general topic for discussion is America's Race Problems and the many phases of that subject were discussed yesterday by men well known over the country.

Calls out Militia.

LEXINGTON, Ky., April 13.—Company M. Kentucky state guards, of Lexington, was put under marching orders by the adjutant general yesterday afternoon with destination unknown. It is understood that in case a negro who killed Policeman Crum at Danville is captured the militia will go there to prevent a threatened lynching.

Recalls Incidents of War.

LONDON, April 13.—Stories and memories of the Alabama have been revived here by an advertisement offering a reward for the recovery of a document conveying the thanks of the confederate states to John Lancaster for rescuing Captain Semmes and part of the crew of the Alabama.

The confederate steamer Alabama, Captain Raphael Semmes, was attacked and sunk by the United States corvette Kearsage, Captain Winslow, near Cherbourg, France, June 19, 1864. The British yacht Deerhound picked up thirty-nine persons, including Semmes and fourteen of his officers, after which she headed for Southampton. Captain Winslow's officers begged her to throw a shell at the Deerhound, but she refused. John Lancaster was the commander of the Deerhound.

Leprosy in Canary Island.

WASHINGTON, April 13.—The existence of about 200 lepers on the island of Tenerife, Canary Islands, has been officially reported here by United States Consul Berliner, at Tenerife. He says there are three distinct classes of leprosy on Tenerife island, namely, lepra arabum, lepra elephantiasis and lepra tuberculosa. The disease diverges into two main varieties, the spotted and the nodular. The report is based on personal investigation.

JAPAN SCENTS PERIL.

Disturbed Over Conditions in Manchuria.

PEKIN, April 15.—Komours Yutaro, the Japanese minister, accompanied by General Yamaguchi, the Japanese commander, recently called upon Prince Ching and notified him that the return of Emperor Kwang Su to Peking was urgently desired. Prince Ching was informed that the emperor's wishes would be repeated by the foreign troops and that every courtesy would be shown him.

DISCREDITS MONGOLIA REBELLION.

Prince Ching says all his reports go to show that the missionary statements regarding a rebellion in Mongolia are not supported by the facts. Neither does he believe that the rebellion of Gen. Tung Fu Hsiang amounts to much.

Too Great a Drain.

WASHINGTON, April 15.—Having repeatedly failed to secure remedial legislation from congress to prevent abuses of the privileges of second-class matter, the postoffice department officials have under consideration the adoption of a proposed rule by authority of the postmaster general to bring about the desired reform.

To Save the Trees.

BOSTON, April 14.—The recent action of the state of California in appropriating \$250,000 to purchase a tract of redwood forest near Santa Cruz for a public reservation has aroused interest in every part of the country, perhaps nowhere more than in Massachusetts, where for years an intelligent body of tree lovers have urged the necessity of some such step if any part of the redwood lands were to be preserved to future generations in its original glory.

Mayor Duly Favors Force.

LIMERICK, April 15.—Mr. John Daly, mayor of Limerick, in the course of an address to a meeting here yesterday, said his recent visit to Chicago had convinced him that Irish-Americans would contribute nothing to the funds of the party seeking the freedom of Ireland through parliamentary agitation.

Have For Oppressed Jews.

MILWAUKEE, Wis., April 15.—Fifteen hundred Hebrews held a meeting yesterday in the interest of the Zionist movement and demonstrated approval of the plan which it is hoped will restore the ancient prestige of the Jews as a nation. The plan is to raise a fund sufficiently large to purchase the land of Palestine from the Turks and make it a haven for the oppressed Jews of every land.

NEBRASKA NOTES.

A new town hall will be built at Donnellville.

A contract has been let for the extension of the Albion water-works system.

Fremont's Town Council has made a levy for the maintenance of a public library.

The long distance telephone system is to be extended from Bertrand to Elwood this month.

Michael Weaver, an aged man at Columbus, died suddenly by the bursting of a blood vessel.

April 12 Table Rock will vote on a proposition to issue \$12,000 bonds for a new school building.

Sunday closing of saloons and theaters in West Point was defeated two to one in the recent election.

Rev. W. C. Roach of Plainview has accepted a call to the pastorate of the Baptist church of Columbus and will begin his labors May 1st.

Frank Rorer, cashier of the Commercial bank at Columbus, fell from a ladder the other day and sustained a fracture of one of his legs.

Miss Myrtle Gibbs of Gibbon went to Shelton a few days ago to visit relatives and while there was stricken with smallpox. She died last Saturday.

The Louisville Courier starts out upon its twelfth year of usefulness under very encouraging conditions. The Courier is one of Nebraska's best local papers.

The Geneva Flouring Mill company finds business increasing so fast that an extra store house will be erected at once. Geneva is one of Nebraska's best towns.

The Richardson-Pullman cattle ranch in Oaifus county were recently bought by Oscar Peterson of Schuyler. The ranch contains 2,080 acres and brought \$21,000 cash.

A thief entered a house at Ewing the other night by breaking the window out, and when he was captured red-handed he pretended to be crazy and was permitted to go.

Rev. J. J. Parker who has been pastor of the First Congregational church at Norfolk for sixteen years, preached his farewell sermon and has accepted a call to go to Kearney.

Mrs. John Nellig of West Point bundled up her three children and what she wanted of household goods and departed for Omaha leaving her husband to meditate in loneliness.

The tax collections by the treasurer of Lincoln county for the quarter just ended exceeded by \$11,000 those for the same period a year ago; Lincoln county evidently has coin to melt.

A gentleman by the name of Buck Beer has arrived from Denver and will do some farming this season near North Platte. We suppose he will call his truck patch the Beer garden.

There is plenty of land for sale in Banner county at reasonable rates and the papers of that county advise the farmers and citizens of the state to take it up and keep it from the hands of the eastern syndicates.

D. R. Kiley sold a baker's dozen of 6-month-old pigs last Saturday to Zook & Sons; stock buyers; which weighed 2480 pounds and netted him \$129, which is considered pretty good pigs of that age.—Diller Record.

Col. Will Hayward of Nebraska City, who has just been appointed adjutant general of the Nebraska National guards, is the youngest man who has ever held the position, and is probably the youngest in the United States. He is 24 years old.

Five families are said to have the Cuban itch at Lawrence and the schools have been closed as a precaution. The local physicians disagree with the state medical examiner as to the nature of the disease and refuse to quarantine the town.

There is some fear in the northwestern part of the state that the grasshoppers will cause destruction there this spring. Last fall thousands of eggs were laid in the ground and the mild winter is said to have been conducive to their propagation.

President Wait and several leading citizens of Syracuse were interviewed by Charles H. Wheeler and A. A. Schwaneke in regard to a projected railroad from Emporia, Kans., to Omaha. The party left here for Cook and drove across the country.

Alva Smith, the man treated to a coat of tar and feathers Saturday evening, left Ponca by team Monday morning, and was seen later on the streets of Sioux City. He has evidently obeyed instructions by getting out of town within the forty-eight hours allotted.

The first reliable information as to the effects of the two snow storms on the live stock in the Pine Ridge reservation, has just reached Chadron. The report is that immense quantities of cattle died during the storm and that the blizzard was more severe in the reservation than in the state.

Walter Grim, the young farm hand who deserted his wife thirty days after the marriage and left her with her parents at Nelawka, has turned up at Avooca, Ia. He writes to his wife that he will send her a railroad ticket if she will come to him. He offers no explanation of his strange conduct and the pretty little wife prefers to remain with her parents.

Will Brown, a young lad at Geneva, accidentally lost three of his toes by sticking his foot in a feed grinder.