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THE DAY'S DOINGS

SUMMARY OF LATE NEWS BY WIRE.

NAVAL CHIEFS CLASH

LONG WILL DO ALL HE CAN FOR SCHLEY.

There May Be Two Vice Admirals Provided for—Dewey's Request for the Battleship Oregon Gives Rise to International Complication.

May Be Two Vice Admirals. In answer to an inquiry Secretary Long said that he had not thought of ordering a court of inquiry into the merits of the Sampson-Schley controversy, nor did he contemplate allowing Schley to be forced out of the service through any technicality, such as the failure of the Senate to confirm his nomination to be rear admiral. The Department in that case would see that he was protected.

The understanding among Admiral Schley's friends now is that they will not further press the fight over the question of Admiral Sampson's advancement over Admiral Schley. They will, therefore, agree to let the nominations be confirmed without much, if any more debate, depending upon future legislation to place Schley before the country in the position which they think he should occupy. They propose to ask that provision be made for the appointment of two vice admirals, with the understanding that Schley and Sampson shall be nominated to the two places thus created. Schley told his senatorial friends that he was willing to trust his fortunes to their care.

THE CALL FOR THE OREGON

Dewey's Request for the Battleship Gives Rise to Speculation.

The London Times in an editorial discussion Monday morning of the Philippines and of cognate matters, prefers to consider the Radziwill interview in the Paris Liberte as serious:

"If such expressions were used by a not very wise official it would be very regrettable. No doubt the German cruiser has gone to Manila to help German subjects there if necessary, and we are reminded that the risk is a serious one by the death of two non-combatants, one a British subject, who had imprudently exposed themselves."

"We are well assured, however, that there is no real reason for the separation of American and German interests, but nations are governed as much by sentiment as by logic; and considering the difficulty and magnitude of America's task in the Philippines, it is only fair to ask that mischief makers should be warned off in time."

ZEALANDIA HAS ARRIVED.

Returns from Manila After an Unusually Rough Voyage.

The transport steamer Zealandia has arrived at San Francisco from Manila, after a rough trip during which she encountered a typhoon of forty-eight hours' duration, which damaged the ship to a considerable extent, injured several of the men and nearly foundered the vessel. She brings fifty-six soldiers who were sent home on sick leave, fifty-three discharged or under orders and six prisoners and a guard of ten. Three men died on the voyage.

The Zealandia left Manila Jan. 25, and Nagasaki Feb. 5. When five days out from the latter port a terrible storm was encountered, during which First Mate Dearing, Chief Pantryman Halloway and several of the crew were badly hurt and rendered unfit for duty. For a time the vessel was in danger, but she finally outran the gale.

SON OF HIS FATHER.

Young Jesse James Positively Identified as a Train Robber.

The most positive identification of Jesse James as one of the Leeds train robbers was made in the court room at Kansas City by William J. Smith of Stokasberry, Mo., who was a passenger on the Missouri Pacific train the night it was held up. Smith testified that he got out when the train stopped and walked up among the robbers, one of whom placed a gun against his breast and ordered him back into the car.

"Do you see that man in the court room?"

Mr. Smith pointed at Jesse James sitting facing him and said: "Yes, sir; there he sits right over there."

Bodies of the Martyr's Found.

The bodies of Letter Carrier Fred Marty, his wife and 2-year-old child, who ten days ago perished in the fire at Arlington Hall building in Chicago, were found Monday under a pile of debris near the northeast corner of the basement. Father, mother and child lay side by side as though they had been suffocated by smoke before the building collapsed.

Fatally Injured by Gas Explosion.

The house of Daniel Eckton at Walton, Ind., was blown to pieces by a natural gas explosion. The noise was heard for miles. Mrs. Eckton is horribly injured and is dying. Mrs. Jesse Coblenz is also dying. Willie Coblenz, Jesse Coblenz and Charles Eckton all are more or less injured, but will recover.

Day to Be Circuit Judge.

The President has nominated Wm. R. Day of Ohio to be United States Circuit Judge for the Sixth Circuit.

SMALLPOX IN ST. PAUL.

A Well Developed Case Discovered in the Levee District.

A well developed case of smallpox was discovered in St. Paul a few days ago among the Bohemian families on the levee. Anton Vacca, a laborer, became very sick, and Dr. A. W. Miller, assistant health commissioner, after an investigation, judged the complaint smallpox. Dr. Miller and Inspector Sinks of the health department had the man removed to the pest house. Two officers of the board of health and a special policeman were detailed at the house to prevent Mrs. Vacca from communicating the disease by visiting neighbors. Several houses in the vicinity of the Vacca home have also been quarantined. Dr. Leavitt took charge of the patient at the pest house, and reported that Vacca had the disease in an advanced form, but that he had good care at the institution, and that he would probably recover.

FAVORABLE TO ARMY BILL.

Administration and Minority Come to an Understanding.

The administration and its representatives in Congress have reached a satisfactory agreement with the minority respecting the army reorganization bill. The compromise is based on an army of 100,000, of whom 35,000 are to be known as the provisional army enlisted to serve until 1901. Arrangements are made for a full staff corps, as in the Hull bill, and generally speaking it is said the arrangement saves the features of that measure, while meeting in a large measure the objections of the minority based on the fear that the regular establishment will be permanently increased. It is believed this removes nearly all the danger of an extra session.

MILLIONS IN DANGER.

Fire at Chicago Stock Yards Threatens Great Packing Plants.

The entire packing house district at the Chicago stock yards, with hundreds of millions of dollars' worth of property, was threatened with destruction Thursday morning by a fire in the meat warehouse of Swift & Co., one of the "Big Four" packers. The building was destroyed and some adjoining property damaged. The total loss is \$200,000. Firemen Patrick and O'Neill were killed and several other firemen and bystanders injured by a falling wall.

Discusses the Race Question.

The workers' conference of the Tuskegee, Ala., Normal and Industrial Institute met the other day to discuss the best methods calculated to bring about the improvement of the colored people and the policy which will tend to make the relations between the whites and blacks more friendly and mutually helpful. The general subject selected for discussion was "Relations Between Whites and Negroes in the South."

Miles Has More Trouble.

Gen. Nelson A. Miles has filed exceptions to the commissioner's report of the sale of the property of the Werner Printing Co., at Akron, Ohio. Gen. Miles has a claim against the Werner Co. for \$25,000, which the commissioner refused to allow. The Werner Co. published Gen. Miles' book and he alleges the work was not done according to contract. He presented a claim for damages for the above amount.

Found Frozen to Death.

The dead body of Mrs. Minnie L. Sargent, who was frozen to death during the recent cold snap, has just been found near Hanover, Ohio. Mrs. Sargent was a widow, nearly 80 years of age and living alone. She had been in the habit of visiting the neighbors, and not being seen for some days, they investigated and found her lying in a bed, frozen stiff.

Bill to Check Cartoonists.

Assemblyman Work's anti-cartoon bill in the California Legislature which was repassed by the Senate, was taken up again on reconsideration and was passed. Exception was taken to some cartoons which appeared in the daily papers and this is said to be the cause of its passage.

Redhot Poker on Tongue.

Catherine Taylor, whose husband, a watchman of New York, confessed that he had given her Paris green, died from the effects of the drug. An examination also proved that he had burned his wife's tongue with a redhot poker. He will be arraigned on a charge of murder.

Big Contract for Ore.

Negotiations for the delivery of 30,000 tons of Leadville manganese ore to the Illinois Steel Works at Chicago have been closed. This contract, in addition to those now in force, means the production during the next ten months of 60,000 tons of this class of ore in Leadville.

Says the Beef Was Ancient.

Adj't Schaber of the Eighth Ohio Volunteer Regiment of Bayeurus, Ohio, who during the Spanish war handled large quantities of the canned beef provided for the soldiers, says that all the cans bore labels with the figures 1888 printed on them. By soaking the cans these labels could be pulled off, showing an original wrapper with the date 1888 or some other equally ancient period marked on them.

Took an Overdose of Chloral.

Prof. Waldar Malmane of St. Louis, Mo., a critic well known in the musical circles of this country and Europe, was found unconscious in a room at the Van Studdiford Hotel, as the result of an overdose of chloral. Domestic troubles caused the professor to leave home temporarily.

Daniel O'Connell Is Dead.

Daniel O'Connell, literate, poet and playwright, is dead at his suburban home in Sausalito, Cal., of pneumonia. He was of the same family as the famous liberator of that name.

Chili Will Remain Neutral.

The agitation of the Chilian papers in favor of the intervention of Chili in the conflict now in progress in Bolivia between President Alonzo's forces and the Federalists or insurgents is calming down. The Government of Chili has resolved to remain neutral.

Dewey Wants the Oregon.

The following dispatch has been received by the Navy Department from Admiral Dewey: "For political reasons the Oregon should be sent here at once."

FIRE IN FLOUR CITY

MINNEAPOLIS TRIBUNE BURNED THE SECOND TIME.

Nobody was Hurt in this Conflagration, but the Event Recalls the Tragedy Ten Years Ago when Several Persons Lost Their Lives.

Minneapolis Tribune Burned.

The five-story building on Fifth Street, Minneapolis, Minn., owned and occupied by the Tribune Publishing Company, was destroyed by fire Friday night last. The fire originated in the job room on the second floor. Nothing was saved—mailing lists, files, account books, contracts, with all the costly presses and linotypes were destroyed. The Times and Journal building, two lots east of the Tribune, was on fire several times. The building adjoining the Tribune on the west, occupied by Geo. Benz & Sons, wholesale liquor dealers, was almost destroyed, together with a large stock. The big department store of S. N. Olson, to the south and across the alley, was on fire, but iron shutters saved it. Following are the estimated losses:

Tribune Company \$100,000; insurance \$80,000; Tribune book binding and job department \$8,000, insurance \$5,000; W. S. Booth & Co., law blanks, \$7,000, with partial insurance; George Benz & Sons, wholesale liquors, \$25,000, with full insurance; Drew & Co. and Thurston & Gould, job printers, \$5,000, partial insurance; A. T. Dahl, book binder, \$3,000, partial insurance; Housekeeper, semi-monthly, \$4,000, fully insured; Century Piano Company \$1,000, fully covered.

The Tribune will issue as usual, being run off in the Times rooms.

On the night of Nov. 30, 1889, the Tribune Building, directly opposite the one destroyed Friday night was burned, and seven newspaper men lost their lives.

SMALLPOX IN TEXAS.

The Situation Has Taken an Alarming Turn at Dallas.

The smallpox situation has become so alarming in Dallas, Texas, that the District Courts have been closed and the juries dismissed. There are ten cases in the pest house, a number isolated at private expense, and a large number of suspected cases under surveillance. Five deaths have been reported. There is agitation for closing the public schools. Reports from Cleburn, Weatherford, San Diego, Corpus Christi, and other Texas towns indicate that the disease is becoming more epidemic. The cold weather has caused the disease to spread.

KING OSCAR MAY STAY AWAY

Czar's Peace Conference at the Hague Opposed by Swedes.

King Oscar has received a numerously signed petition asking that Sweden be not represented at the Czar's "arrest of armaments" conference at The Hague. The Emperor of Russia, the memorial declares,

has clearly shown his hand in his tyrannical proclamation doing away with the constitution of Finland, and Swedes should not fail to show their sympathy or to act with regard to their interest. It is likely that the Government will await developments before signifying its attitude in the matter.

ALGER DENIES THE STORY.

Head of the War Department Says He Does Not Intend to Retire.

Secretary of War Alger has taken occasion to deny the story published that he contemplates resigning. In answer to further questions he said: "I could not afford to leave the cabinet under present conditions. I am perfectly satisfied to leave the investigation of my conduct during the Spanish-American war to the investigating committee that have been appointed. I have no fear of the result. I could not relinquish the portfolio as Secretary of War while still under fire."

EGG FAMINE IN EAST.

Hen Fruit Quoted at Forty Cents a Dozen in Pittsburgh.

There is a famine in eggs at Pittsburgh, Pa., and prices have advanced from 21 to 40 cents a dozen. Last week H. D. Miller of Philo, Muskegon County, Ohio, arrived in Pittsburgh and quietly started in to buy eggs. At Indianapolis, Ind., eggs are worth 5 cents a piece.

Chicago—Cattle, common to prime, \$3.00 to \$6.25; hogs, shipping grades, \$3.00 to \$4.00; sheep, fair to choice, \$3.00 to \$4.75; wheat, No. 2 red, 73c to 74c; corn, No. 2, 35c to 37c; oats, No. 2, 73c to 74c; rye, No. 2, 50c to 57c; butter, choice creamy, 21c to 22c; eggs, fresh, 20c to 22c; potatoes, choice, 35c to 38c.

INDIANAPOLIS—Cattle, shipping, \$3.00 to \$5.75; hogs, choice light, \$2.75 to \$4.00; sheep, common to choice, \$2.50 to \$4.25; wheat, No. 2 red, 69c to 71c; corn, No. 2 white, 34c to 35c; oats, No. 2 white, 30c to 32c.

ST. LOUIS—Cattle, \$5.50 to \$6.00; hogs, \$3.00 to \$4.00; sheep, \$3.00 to \$4.25; wheat, No. 2, 73c to 75c; corn, No. 2 yellow, 33c to 34c; oats, No. 2, 28c to 30c; rye, No. 2, 56c to 58c.

CINCINNATI—Cattle, \$2.50 to \$5.75; hogs, \$3.00 to \$4.00; sheep, \$2.50 to \$4.25; wheat, No. 2, 74c to 75c; corn, No. 2 white, 33c to 34c; oats, No. 2, 28c to 30c; rye, No. 2, 62c to 64c.

TOLEDO—Wheat, No. 2 mixed, 72c to 73c; corn, No. 2, 28c to 29c; rye, No. 2, 56c to 58c; clover seed, new, \$3.05 to \$4.05.

MILWAUKEE—Wheat, No. 2 spring, 70c to 72c; corn, No. 3, 31c to 33c; oats, No. 2 white, 29c to 31c; rye, No. 1, 56c to 57c; barley, No. 2, 45c to 51c; pork, mess, \$9.25 to \$9.75.

BUFFALO—Cattle, good, shipping steers, \$3.00 to \$6.00; hogs, common to choice, \$3.25 to \$4.25; sheep, fair to choice wethers, \$3.50 to \$5.00; lambs, common to extra, \$4.50 to \$5.25.

NEW YORK—Cattle, \$2.50 to \$6.00; hogs, \$3.00 to \$4.25; sheep, \$3.00 to \$4.75; wheat, No. 2 red, 83c to 85c; corn, No. 2, 42c to 45c; oats, No. 2 white, 36c to 38c; butter, creamy, 16c to 23c; eggs, Western, 24c to 26c.

HOUSE PASSES NAVAL BILL.

Maximum Price of Armor Plate Fixed at \$445 Per Ton.

The naval appropriation bill finally passed the Lower House of Congress Thursday afternoon, after four days of acrimonious debate, much of which was spent upon the question of rehabilitating the Naval Academy at Annapolis in accordance with the scheme inaugurated by the appropriation of half a million in the last naval bill, and the proposition to increase the maximum price to be paid for armor plate to \$445 per ton, existing law limiting it to \$400. Upon both propositions the naval committee suffered signal defeats. The amendment to build a great armor plant was ruled out upon a point of order, but after a rancorous debate, in which the price to be paid for armor was cut down from \$545, the prior which the committee insisted on being paid for the new Krupp armor, to \$445, and a proviso was also added precluding the Government from paying more than was paid by any other foreign government for similar armor.

MORE FIGHTING AT MANILA.

Insurgents Try to Rush Through Our Lines, but Are Checked.

With daylight Thursday morning the enemy began worrying tactics at various parts of the American line in Manila, apparently for the purpose of withdrawing attention from affairs inside the city. An attempt was made to rush through our extreme left near Caloocan, but it was promptly checked by a hot and effective musketry and artillery fire. The monitor Monadnock joined in the engagement, hurling 10-inch shells over the American lines into bodies of the enemy as indicated by the signal corps. A band of sixty rebels, having two carbines of arms and accoutrements, has been captured in a house. Lieutenant Eugene S. French, Company L, First Montana, and Private Oscar Felton, Company C, First South Dakota, were killed, and ten wounded, among the latter two Dakotans.

PRESIDENT FAURE BURIED.

No Unpleasant Incident Throughout the Ceremonies.