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An "Old Home" Week.

Following the precedent set by New Hampshire, the legislature of Vermont has set apart the seven days beginning August 11 next as Vermont's old home week. Governor W. W. Stickney has been made president of the association formed to prepare plans for the reunion festivities and to carry them out systematically.

Carrier Pigeon Convicted Thief.

The expedient of allowing a carrier pigeon, alleged to have been stolen, to fly away from the court in order that its home might be known, was adopted in East Orange, N. J., the other day, with such success that Geo. Bennett was held for the grand jury on a charge of larceny. He had been accused of stealing game cocks and a homing pigeon from Robert Eurais, but the evidence was so conflicting that it was decided to send the pigeon out and see where it went. A feather was plucked from the bird and shortly after it had been released the dove was found in Eurais's loft.

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WAS MILDAY A LOOTER

Chaffee's Insinuations Bring Ministers to Lady McDonald's Defense.

SAYS SHE TOOK ONLY A ROSE

There Were Those With Her Who Swear She Appropriated Nothing of Value—The Same Charge Against an American Gentleman's Wife.

NEW YORK, May 25.—A dispatch to the Herald from Pekin says: The last general meeting of the diplomatic corps was the scene of a more acute phase of the controversy over looting. The question was raised by the diplomats friendly to Lady McDonald, who thinks a great injustice was done her by the supposed reference to her in one of General Chaffee's letters upon the subject of looting.

Ministers of two European countries arose successively and made statements as to Lady McDonald's behavior on the day of the first visit of the allies to the Forbidden City, which were practically identical. They were with her throughout the day and declared that she left the palace without any plunder except a yellow rose plucked in the empress' garden.

"But," they say, "we did, however, witness one scene of looting, which, together with Lady McDonald, we tried, but unsuccessfully, to prevent. In the palace we met the wife of an American, accompanied by an American curio dealer. We suggested that the reception was exclusively for the members of the diplomatic corps, but she persisted in taking the curio dealer, whose expert opinion she wanted upon some of the empress' ornaments.

"Reaching the pavilion the curio dealer said: 'Here, I am informed, most valuable porcelain is concealed.' "In spite of the protests of Lady McDonald and ourselves the wife of the American tried to open the cupboards. Finally she called an American soldier, who pried a cupboard open with his bayonet, whereupon, not wishing to assist at a scene we could not prevent, we withdrew."

The American representatives at the meeting made no reply.

MINORITY REPORT DEFEATED.

Cuban Constitutional Convention Turns It Down Nineteen to Nine.

HAVANA, May 25.—The minority report of the committee on relations was today defeated in the constitutional convention by a vote of 19 to 9. Tomorrow the majority report will be read and discussed.

The conservatives believe the final vote on the latter report will be taken Monday, but they do not expect to hold the full strength shown today. Senor Zayas, in a speech, said the minority report was too conservative and that he could not accept it. It is believed that Senor Zayas may possibly carry two other delegates who today voted with the conservatives.

The merchants and clubs of Havana have been contributing liberally for the relief of the Jacksonville sufferers. Persons socially prominent in Havana will give a benefit, the proceeds to be devoted to relieving Cuban orphans and helping Jacksonville. The produce exchanges tonight subscribed \$500 to the latter end.

HAY ON INDEMNITY.

Says Government May Yet Present Acceptable Plan to Powers.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., May 25.—In an interview with a representative of the Bulletin, Secretary Hay said: "It seems to us that our plan for a modification of the demands for indemnity has been rejected by the foreign powers, but what will be the next action of the United States government in the affair has not yet been decided.

"The indemnities demanded by the European powers seem to us to be excessive. It is possible that this government may yet put forward a plan for the reduction which will prove acceptable to the other powers interested."

Uniform Lumber Inspection.

CHICAGO, May 25.—Reports of the lumber inspection bureau and other committees of the National Hardwood Lumber associations were presented at today's session. The inspection bureau reported that the New York and Boston lumber markets had not indorsed its work, and recommended that steps be taken to have the system of inspection made uniform.

Cadets to Plead at Capital.

NEW YORK, May 25.—Three of the five West Point cadets recently expelled for insubordination, B. O. Mahaffy, Raymond A. Linton and John A. Cleveland, who were offered lucrative places by General Francis Kinton Greene, president of the New York and Bermuda Asphalt company, declined to accept the positions offered them. They told General Greene and General Avery Andres they would plead for reinstatement.

PASSING OF JOHN R. TANNER.

Former Governor of Illinois Dies Suddenly from Rheumatism of Heart.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., May 24.—Former Governor John M. Tanner died here suddenly in his hotel at 2:45 p. m., from rheumatism of the heart. He had been confined to his room since his return from Chicago last Saturday, but the case was not considered in the least serious. He felt much worse in the afternoon and Dr. J. N. Dixon, the governor's physician, was called about 2:30 and found the governor dying.

Governor Tanner has held various positions besides that of governor, the principal one being a member of the Illinois house, United States Marshal of the southern district of Illinois, state treasurer and assistant at the United States sub-treasury at Chicago, and he was for many years a member of the republican state central committee and chairman of the same. He was a candidate for United States senator this year against Senator Cullom. He leaves a widow, one son, Col. J. Mack Tanner, Springfield, colonel of the Fourth infantry, Illinois national guard, and one daughter, Mrs. John A. Barnes of Chicago.

Governor Tanner was 57 years old and a private in the Forty-eighth and Sixty-first Illinois infantry regiments, and a state senator, also former member of the railroad and warehouse commission.

ROCKHILL WILL BEAR DOWN.

Is Unable to Get Others' Approval of U. S. Indemnity Plan.

WASHINGTON, May 24.—Mr. Rockhill has confirmed the news from Pekin to the effect that the foreign ministers have declined to accede to the suggestion of the United States that the total of the indemnity to be collected from China shall be limited to \$200,000,000.

It is expected that he will continue his efforts in the direction of keeping down the maximum of claims, even while abandoning, for the sake of harmony, the figures named, and it is believed that the outcome will be a compromise on a figure between \$200,000,000 and the maximum of \$337,000,000 claimed by the powers. In the effort to keep down the total, Mr. Rockhill looks for support to the estimates submitted by Sir Ernest Satow, the British minister at Pekin, and Sir Robert Hart, commissioner of Imperial customs, whose report upon the ability of China to pay an indemnity of about \$200,000,000 is now before the state department.

Until the question of grand total is settled the matter of interest to be established on the loan and the method of guaranty are expected to remain open.

Last of Troops Leave.

PEKIN, May 24.—The last of the American troops here, with the exception of the legion guard, left Pekin at 7 o'clock this morning. The headquarters staff departed at 10 o'clock. In spite of the early hour and the long distances they had to march, all the bands of the British troops escorted the Ninth United States infantry from the temple of agriculture to the depot, where a Japanese band awaited the troops. All the British generals and their staffs and all the officers off duty were present. The scene was one of great enthusiasm.

Will Allow Consolidation.

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., May 24.—By a vote of 109 to 60 the southern Presbyterian general assembly today adopted a substitute offered yesterday by Dr. Wynn of Petersburg, Va., reciting that while the general assembly may not approve the wisdom of the step, it interposes no bar to the consolidation of the northern and southern Presbyterian theological seminaries in Kentucky. The matter has been under discussion for three days.

Battle With Tramps.

YANKTON, S. D., May 24.—Citizens of Volin gave battle to a crowd of tramps this afternoon who have been terrorizing the town for several days. A number of citizens were hurt and several tramps badly used up. A telephone to Yankton for help brought the sheriff and a posse and the tramps were overcome and seven of them lodged in jail.

Much Talk But No Vote.

HAVANA, May 24.—No vote was taken at this afternoon's session of the Cuban constitutional convention on the Platt amendment. Senor Juan Gualberto Gomez spoke for nearly three hours against the amendment.

Limited Goes on June 16.

CHICAGO, May 24.—Announcement was made today by the Rock Island that on June 16 it would put on an additional fast train between Chicago and Denver and that on the 18th the eastbound service would be started. The new train will be known as the "Rocky Mountain Limited." The leaving time at Chicago will be 1 p. m., arriving at Colorado Springs at 4:30 the following afternoon and at Denver at 7:45 in the evening.

NO MERCY FOR CHINA

Powers Do Not Favor the American Idea of Decreasing Indemnity.

BRITAIN FAVORS A REDUCTION

Foreign Ministers Will Consider the Matter Further at Another Meeting—The Present Policy, It is Feared, Will Produce Indefinite Delay.

PEKIN, May 23.—The foreign ministers' meeting was very unsatisfactory. No power was willing to accede to the Americans' idea of reducing the Chinese indemnity £40,000,000, though Great Britain recognizes the advisability of some reduction. There will be another meeting tomorrow.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 23.—The president and Secretary of State Hay have been in constant communication with Washington during all their journey west. Dispatches from our foreign embassies have been constantly received and the China situation has been continually considered. The president has been anxious lest the difficulties thrown in the way of an agreement by the representatives of some of the powers might lead to indefinite delay and a consequent increase of the indemnity to be exacted.

The points to be settled are: First, the total amount of the indemnity and the share of each power. Second, the method of payment.

In regard to the first point the president has constantly endeavored to moderate the demands of the powers to an amount which China might pay without financial ruin or territorial dismemberment. He has thought that \$200,000,000 was the maximum amount indicated by the best authorities consulted and he has proved the willingness of this government to make every sacrifice in the interest of the integrity of China and the restoration of normal relations, by cutting down our already moderate claim one-half if other powers would make proportionate reduction. These propositions have not been accepted by the other governments, though Great Britain has shown a disposition to a considerate treatment of the matter.

As to the method of payment it is understood that there are various propositions before the conference of ministers in Pekin. One is a loan to be contracted by China guaranteed by the powers, which it is thought might be floated at 4 per cent with a commission of 5 or 6 per cent. Another is a loan, not guaranteed, which would probably require an enormous commission and a heavy rate of interest, some 7 per cent.

Neither of these propositions was accepted by the president. Two weeks ago he showed that each of the powers should accept for its share of the indemnity the bonds of China at par and with interest at 3 per cent, provision for meeting the interest and for eventual payment being taken from the salt duties, and increased import taxes. Mr. Rockhill has now been instructed to urge these views anew upon the attention of his colleagues. The attitude of the British government, as set forth in the recent speeches of its representatives in parliament, indicate that Great Britain in moderating the demands of the powers is inclined to accept measures which, if adopted, may bring the negotiations to a conclusion.

WITNESS QUICK WITH GUN.

New Mexican Trial Ends in Fatal Shooting Affray.

SANTA FE, N. M., May 23.—William Park was shot and killed at Central, Grant county, in the office of Justice of the Peace Joseph Crowley during the preliminary examination of May Esmond, charged with a serious crime. James A. Wiley had given damaging testimony in which he used Park's name. The witness was just concluding when Park jumped from his chair, leveled his gun and commenced firing at Wiley. Wiley rose, turned half around, pulling his six-shooter as he did so, and returned the fire. Several shots were fired by both men, as well as others in the room. One of the bullets entered Park's right side, coming out of the left near the heart. The coroner's jury returned a verdict of death at the hands of parties unknown.

Bribe Takes His Life.

ROME, May 23.—Bresci, the assassin of the late King Humbert, has committed suicide at the penitentiary of Santo Stefano.

Allen Has Hot Time Ahead.

SAN JUAN, Porto Rico, May 23.—Munoz Rivera, the federal leader, sailed today on the steamer Philadelphia for New York to establish in that city a paper which will defend the island's interests. He resigned the presidency of the federal party yesterday evening. Delegations from dozens of towns bade him farewell. Governor Allen is due here tomorrow morning. A big manifestation has been planned.

STORM CENTERS OF STRIKE.

Cincinnati and Pacific Coast Points Most Affected by Machinists.

WASHINGTON, May 22.—The storm centers of the general strike of machinists throughout the country are: Cincinnati, O., and on the Pacific coast. The number of firms that have signed agreements was augmented today by about a hundred, which brings the aggregate of the establishments making the concessions to 1,000 in round numbers during the past three or four days. Save in one or two instances, as at Scranton, the allied trades have not yet been affected. It is claimed at the general headquarters of the machinists, however, that where agreements are not effected by this afternoon or tomorrow many of the men in the allied trades will go out in the individual shops where the machinists are already out. The estimate of President O'Connell of the National Association of Machinists, as to the number of strikers today remains at 50,000 approximately, the same figure as given yesterday. The executive board of the association is in session here watching the progress of the strike.

President O'Connell this morning said: "The reports from all sections are very favorable. The indications are that the great majority of firms will have reached agreements with the men today or tomorrow. The dispatches coming in from various cities indicate that conferences will be held today with a large number of firms. Many men who were working yesterday went out today. The additions made last night and this morning to the list of strikers and the number that will return to work this morning with their demands granted will about balance each other."

BOUTELLE'S SUFFERING ENDS.

Death Releases Former Maine Congressman from Suffering.

BOSTON, May 22.—Former Congressman James A. Boutelle of Bangor, Me., died today at the McLean asylum, Waverly, where he had been confined for a year with brain trouble. Death was due primarily to pneumonia, which developed last Sunday. Mr. Boutelle's daughter Grace, who has been at the head of the household since her mother's death in 1892, was at the bedside today.

Mr. Boutelle was 62 years of age and on his retirement from congress last winter was placed on the retired list of the navy as a captain, an office to which he was eligible by reason of civil war and congressional committee service. Three daughters survive.

Mr. Boutelle's illness dates from December 22, 1899, when he was seized by a fit of unconsciousness while at a hotel in this city. He was carried to his room and later became delirious. At midnight it was announced that Mr. Boutelle was suffering from an attack of congestion of the brain, which it was hoped would be only temporary.

MRS. MCKINLEY RESTS EASY.

Reports Are to Effect that She is Steadily Growing Stronger.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 2.—Reports from the Scott mansion this morning are to the effect that Mrs. McKinley is resting easily and growing stronger.

President McKinley reviewed the school children of San Francisco on Van Ness avenue yesterday. Thousands of gaily decorated children bearing bouquets and flags and streamers of the national colors lined up on either side of the avenue and enthusiastically cheered the president as he drove through the long lines. The president was accompanied by the cabinet, congressmen and many other notables. The children were very enthusiastic and the party was frequently assailed with showers of bouquets. President McKinley was visibly pleased at the reception given him by the children.

Funeral of Mrs. Gage.

CHICAGO, Ill., May 22.—The remains of Mrs. Lyman J. Gage arrived from Washington early today, accompanied by Secretary Gage, his daughter, Mrs. Pierce, Mrs. Pierce's sister, Mrs. Hendee of Yonkers, N. Y., D. H. Burnham and Rev. N. D. Hills, who officiated at the funeral services in Washington yesterday and who will conduct the rites at the grave in Rose Hill cemetery tomorrow. The body was placed in the receiving vault.

Honor for an Omaha Physician.

WASHINGTON, May 22.—Dr. J. C. Whinnery, Jr., of Omaha, Neb., has been appointed a dental surgeon in the army with the rank of first lieutenant. He has been assigned to the Philippines.

Talk of Changing Creed.

DES MOINES, May 22.—The forty-third general assembly of the United Presbyterian Church of North America opens tomorrow evening with an address by Rev. J. P. Sankey of Rochester, N. Y., the retiring moderator. Three hundred delegates have signified their intention of attending the assembly. The committee for revision of creed recommends that the restriction against secret societies be modified and the rule abolished.