

BANQUET TO FAURE

Enthusiastic Frenchmen Dine and Wine Their President.

COMMEMORATE HIS VISIT TO RUSSIA

Entertainment Takes Place in Hall of Commercial Exchange.

OVER SEVEN HUNDRED GUESTS PRESENT

Merchants and Manufacturers Unite to Give the Feast.

COSTLY DECORATIONS GRACE THE BOARD

President Faure, in Reply to a Toast, Urges France to Secure and Maintain Commercial Supremacy.

PARIS, Oct. 14.—President Faure was banqueted this evening in commemoration of his recent visit to Russia. The entertainment took place in the hall of the Commercial Exchange. The table at which M. Faure was seated was on a dais and covered by a canopy of tawny velvet fringed with gold.

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M. Goy, president of the Tribunal of Commerce, who presided, toasted the president, and in so doing referred to the pleasure which all present experienced at "renewing their respectful homage and gratitude" extended to the president of France on his return from Russia.

FAURE REPLIES. President Faure, in reply, said: "I am pleased to find myself in the society of business men where I can rely upon a friendly reception by virtue of my own origin, of which I am always proud."

ANTICIPATE COMPETITION. "Hasten, under penalty of being anticipated by our foreign competitors and of leaving France excluded from the position which its capabilities and unquestioned commercial integrity give it the right to seek."

ENLARGE THE ARMY. LONDON, Oct. 14.—The Daily Chronicle this morning says it understands that the budget of 1898 will propose an extra grant of £1,500,000 to provide 11,000 additional men for the army and "some amelioration of the soldiers' lot with a view of attracting recruits."

SEVERE EARTHQUAKE IN SPAIN. MADRID, Oct. 14.—There was a severe earthquake at Granada and Andalusia at 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon. The oscillations were from north to south and lasted several seconds. The inhabitants of the city were panic-stricken.

ADVANCES THE DISCOUNT RATE. LONDON, Oct. 14.—The Bank of England has advanced its rate of discount from 2 1/2 to 3 per cent.

TWO DESPERADOES ARE KILLED.

PERU MUST SETTLE. LIMA, Peru (Via Galveston), Oct. 14.—The Chamber of Deputies last night sanctioned the first article of the project authorizing the government to settle with the Peruvian corporation.

THE PERUVIAN CORPORATION REFERRED TO IS A LONDON CORPORATION. The articles of agreement between the corporation and the government of Peru provides for the annual payment of \$800,000 to the Peruvian corporation of London "for certain work to be done by the latter, and also for the construction by the corporation of 160 kilometers of railroad, which it is understood has not been accomplished."

EMPEROR DISCUSSES REFORMS. BERLIN, Oct. 14.—Emperor William presided today over a council of imperial and Prussian ministers at the new palace, Potsdam. This being his first council in many months and following upon his audience with Prince Bismarck, Dr. Miquel and Herr

ELUDES SPANISH OFFICIALS

One of the Rescuers of Cisneros Arrives at New York.

TELLS HOW HE GOT AWAY FROM WEYLER

Reveals More of the Plot for the Escape of the Senorita—Story Reads Like a Romance.

NEW YORK, Oct. 14.—Carl Decker, one of the rescuers of Evangelina Cosío y Cisneros, from the Casa de Recojillas, Havana, arrived in this city on the Spanish line steamship Panama this afternoon. He was met down the bay by a number of newspaper men who were anxious to hear what he had to say.

GRENIER IS GIVEN SIX MONTHS. MONTREAL, Oct. 14.—In accordance with the verdict rendered by the jury in the criminal libel case brought by J. L. Tarte, minister of public works, Judge Warré today sentenced W. A. Grenier, publisher of the Libre Parole, to six months in prison.

STROLLS DOWN THE STREET. "To reach the steamer for New York she was obliged to walk down Obispo street, the principal thoroughfare of Havana, at a time when the street was crowded, and yet take her time and smoke a cigar. If she had skulked about the back streets she would immediately have been suspected. It was over a mile from the house to the pier. She had a passport made out under an assumed name. All the steamships anchor out in the stream. The senorita walked down from the house, clad as a rancher, and my companion and I followed. She scattered about helplessly and once in a while turned about to see if we were following. We motioned her to go on. She grew more confident as she went along, but we could see that she was under a strain. She got on the launch and we waited, and when the launch returned from the vessel and she was not on it we knew that the scheme had worked like a charm."

JAILER ARRESTED. "The day after the jail break the town was astir over the escape of Senorita Cosío y Cisneros. A house-to-house search was begun and would have been kept up had not a telegram from Minister Dupuy De Lome at Washington informed Weyler that the girl was on the high seas and expected any day in New York. Then Weyler was mad. He threw the jailer, Jose Quintana, into jail whereupon the jailer told me my attempt to bribe him. This, in connection with the surmise of De Lome, placed suspicion on me. I gave it out that I was going to take a steamer for Mexico. There was only one steamer leaving Sunday and that was a Spanish steamer. I waited for instructions from New York and had almost made up my mind to start Sunday, instructions or no instructions. My instructions came, happily. "My passport was made out in the name of Carl Decker. In order to take the Panama Sunday night and run the gauntlet I must get my passport re-issued and stamped with the seal of the secretary of the captain general. I knew that my passport would never be signed and I waited for instructions. My great was determined on and that I was to be arrested at 5 o'clock Monday morning. I was in a bad pickle. I got a glimpse of the writing of Senor Carjola, the secretary of Weyler, and copied it so that I had it down fine."

COMMITTS A FORGERY. "Then I forged the signature. I determined to do without the seal. At the last moment I went to the wharf and took the launch for the steamship. The inspector looked at my passport and asked where the seal was. I assumed a nonchalant air as best I could and told him that Senor Carjola was at the Ingletiere hotel and having no seal he signed his name to a statement saying it was all right. The inspector hesitated and showed the signature to another inspector and he said, "All right," and I was on my way. The Spanish authorities never thought for a moment that I would take a Spanish steamer. Nearly all the Americans take the American line. They did not think to guard the Panama and watch for me. They arrest all prisoners at 5 o'clock in the morning. They were sure I would be in town on Monday and they were fooled."

ATTEMPT TO WRECK A FAST TRAIN. Track Watchman Removes Obstacles from the Track. HUNTINGDON, Pa., Oct. 14.—A dastardly attempt at train wrecking was made last night near Newton Hamilton, twelve miles east here, on the Pennsylvania railroad. Frank Noe, one of the culprits, was arrested and is now in the Millin county jail. It is believed that other persons were engaged with him in the nefarious work.

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VICTIMS OF THE YELLOW JACK

People Continue to Die from the Dread Epidemic.

NEW ORLEANS, Oct. 14.—The yellow fever showed no decline in the number of cases reported today, while the death column was about normal. There has been no increase in the malignancy of the disease. Yesterday's record of nine deaths was exceptional. It was 7 o'clock tonight before a third as many deaths were reported today as has been in the previous twenty-four hours. The weather is healthy and unusual for the season, and if it keeps up there will be little improvement for the time being. The deaths today were: Allen Dille, Henry Haas, John Garbo.

STOLEN AT THE TRANSFER

Valuable Registered Pouch Fully Traced to Council Bluffs.

POSTAL AUTHORITIES ON THE TRAIL

Missing \$14,000 Package the Object of a Very Energetic Search by Government Detectives—Only a Little Known.

The missing registered postal package containing \$14,000 has been traced to Council Bluffs and not to Omaha, as stated in the Associated Press dispatch. So far as can be learned at the present time it disappeared at the transfer depot at Council Bluffs or very shortly after leaving there. The package was placed in the register pouch at Chicago and reached Council Bluffs on Thursday afternoon at 2:40 o'clock on the Burlington fast mail, known as No. 7. The pouch was in the especial care of Postal Agent Thomas Pheny, who lives at the corner of Ninth street and Avenue B. Council Bluffs. He delivered it to the postal clerk on the Union Pacific and took his receipt for it. That postal clerk lives in Omaha and his name is G. B. Hill, or something like that. For some reason that has not yet been explained this postal clerk neglected to enter the number and usual descriptive marks of the pouch on his book, and he has nothing to show that it ever came into his possession.

MOBILE, Ala., Oct. 14.—Five new cases and one death, that, during the day, were announced at Mobile. Total cases to date, 147; deaths, 21; recovered, 85; under treatment, 40. The Board of Health has received notice that there are eight cases of yellow fever at Plomont Junction, Ala., seventy miles north of Mobile, on the Louisville & Nashville road. There are ten cases at Wagar, Ala., on the Mobile & Birmingham railroad, and one death there.

FRANKLIN, La., Oct. 14.—V. Caro, an Italian tailor, died today of yellow fever. His residence was in the heart of the town and the authorities have not been able to discover the origin of the infection.

HOUSTON, Tex., Oct. 14.—Ten new cases of yellow fever were reported today and one death—that of A. G. Ray.

GALVESTON, Tex., Oct. 14.—There were no suspicious cases reported today and there has been no death from dengue or yellow fever. All of the eleven cases reported as yellow fever have been discharged or are convalescent. Houston raised its quarantine against Galveston for the second time today. Indications are that in a few days all Texas towns will raise their quarantines against Galveston and Houston and business will be resumed.

HOUSTON, Tex., Oct. 14.—There is nothing new in the fever situation. The one patient who had fever last night is getting along well and will be out in a few days.

TOBACCO IS TURNED INTO SMOKE. Fire at Durham, N. C., Destroys Much Valuable Property.

RALPHIGH, N. C., Oct. 14.—The city of Durham was today visited by the most destructive fire in its history. Seven four-story wooden houses filled with tobacco, and eight dwellings were destroyed. The total loss is \$250,000, valued at \$200,000 insurance.

The fire originated at 11 o'clock in the roof of a building owned by H. J. Bass & Co., and spread rapidly, enveloping the whole block. At midnight assistance was telegraphed for here, and a special train was sent half an hour later. The principal loss was sustained by the American Tobacco company. The heaviest losers follow:

H. J. Bass & Co., stock of tobacco, insured for \$6,000, valued at \$10,000; W. T. Carrington, stock of tobacco, insured for \$2,500, valued at \$3,000; J. M. Carrington, stock of tobacco, insured for \$55,000, valued at \$125,000; George W. Watts, two prize houses, insured for \$6,000, valued at \$7,500; D. L. Duke, two prize houses and two dwellings, insured for \$9,948, valued at \$12,000; Blackwell's Durham Tobacco company, stock of tobacco, insured for \$2,100, valued at \$35,000. Three and one-half million pounds of tobacco were burned.

LOUISVILLE, Neb., Oct. 14.—(Special.)—Last night a large barn on the Stander farm, two miles south of town, was burned, together with twelve horses, five sets of double harness, fifty tons of hay, two new farm wagons, a new carriage and two corn cribs partly filled. A young man driving through town noticed the fire and went out to investigate. He aroused the family, but not in time to save anything. Two horses succeeded in getting out, but are so badly burned they may not live. The loss will amount to about \$2,500, with no insurance. The origin of the fire is unknown.

EX-PRESIDENT OF SALVADOR TRIES TO DODGE A SENT BILL. OAKLAND, Cal., Oct. 14.—General Carlos Ezeta, ex-president of San Salvador, was arrested upon a bench warrant issued by Judge Cliff today and detained by an officer for some hours for having failed to respond to a summons to appear before that dignitary this morning for examination as to his ability to satisfy a judgment of \$25. Ezeta was sued by his landlord for that amount, alleged to be due for house rent, but after judgment had been rendered against him, managed to elude service. The plaintiff thereupon applied for an order compelling Ezeta to appear for examination as to his property, but after it was served upon him he tried to induce his physician to sign a certificate to the effect that he was unable to appear. Instead of so doing the physician interceded with the court in his behalf, but Judge Cliff was obdurate and issued a bench warrant for the offending debtor, who was brought into court while another case was in progress and was held in custody, despite his protests, until noon, when the court was in session.

ACTOR SULLIVAN IN TROUBLE. Served with Three Writs While Playing in New York.

PROVIDENCE, R. I., Oct. 14.—Three writs have been served on John L. Sullivan, who is playing at a local theater. One was for \$5,000 damages for alleged assault upon Frank V. Dunn of Boston, his manager, and the second for \$2,000 for alleged debt to Mr. Dunn. The third was for \$2,000 damages for alleged trover and conversion. Bali was furnished.

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THE BEE BULLETIN

Weather Forecast for Nebraska—Low Clouds, Cool, Northwest Wind.

1. Paris Gives Faure a Banquet. 2. Incidents of Cisneros' Escape. Money Package Lost at the Transfer. More of the Geraldine Testimony. 3. Stephen J. Field Leaves the Bench. 4. Editorial and Comment. 5. Davies Stirs Up the Fusion Patriots. Brotherhood of St. Andrew Meets. 6. Council Bluffs Local Matters. Woman Suffragist Adopts New Name. South Omaha News. 7. Sports of the Day. New York's Six Mayoralty Candidates. Football Shows Signs of Weakening. 8. Class of the Presbyterian Synod. Arguing Points in the Bartley Case. 9. Palmer is Not Entitled to Pay. Union Pacific and Short Line Units. Exposition Visitors Barred Out. Special Visits of Jokers Drawn. 10. Budget Work of Professional Lobbyists. 11. Commercial and Financial News. 12. On Mark Twain's New Stories. On Top of Washington's Monument. COOL WAVE FOLLOWS THE WARM.

Promise of a Surcease from the Summer Torridity.

Hour. Deg. Hour. Deg. 6 a. m. 70 2 p. m. 88 7 a. m. 70 3 p. m. 90 8 a. m. 71 4 p. m. 90 9 a. m. 73 5 p. m. 88 10 a. m. 75 6 p. m. 85 11 a. m. 84 7 p. m. 84 12 m. 80 8 p. m. 81 9 p. m. 79

Yesterday was hot enough to be uncomfortable, the maximum being 91 degrees, which is quite high for the middle of October. A cold wave, however, is said to be coming today, which will send down the mercury with a rush.

OMAHA LEADS ALL THE REST. Hottest Place in the Country is Right Here in This City.

CHICAGO, Oct. 14.—A hot wave of unusual severity is reported throughout the west and northwest. Omaha had the most uncomfortable temperature today, the mercury climbing to 91 in the shade, which is a record for the month of October. Dubuque, Ia., also came to the front with a demoralized record, the thermometer there showing 86 in the shade—the warmest ever known at this time of the year at that point. All through the state of Iowa the heat is reported as excessive. Des Moines reports 88, Davenport 86 and other places announced a temperature as uncomfortable as that of these three cities. The heat at all points was increased by a strong south to southeast wind, which fell as though it came directly from a furnace.

Out in Kansas, Concordia was the warm spot, 90 being reached. Dodge, usually well to the front in matters of this kind, was well up with a hot wind and 88 in the shade. Kansas City sweltered with a temperature of 86 and the prevailing south wind.

Chicago came near to its hot record for October with a temperature of 88 in the weather office, which is 90 on the street level. One day, long ago, the mercury reached 91 and that is the record.

The coolest place in the reach of the weatherman's eye was Calvary, in the Northwest Territory, where it was, he said, 18 above zero. He "had hopes" that some of this would come into the northwestern states by and by.

KASSON GETS AN APPOINTMENT. Commissioned to Look After Reciprocity Matters.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 14.—The president has decided to appoint a special commissioner with plenary powers to carry into effect the reciprocity provisions 3 and 4 of the tariff act approved July 24, 1897. The president has designated Hon. John A. Kasson of Iowa as such special commissioner with Chapman Coleman of Kentucky as secretary and John Ball Osborn of Scranton as assistant secretary. The commissioner is charged particularly to look after the agricultural interests, both north and south, not forgetting the large and constantly increasing manufacturing interests east of the Alleghenies.

Mr. Kasson has had a varied experience in diplomatic negotiations and has shown much ability in all with which he has been connected. He was minister to Austria from June 11, 1877, to May, 1881, minister to Germany from July 4, 1884, to March, 1888. He was also one of the commissioners to represent the government of the United States at the conference held in Berlin concerning Samoan affairs, and is one of the signatories of the Berlin act concluded June 14, 1889. He was then commissioned as special envoy extraordinary and minister plenipotentiary, his commission bearing date March 18, 1893. Preceding his diplomatic service, Mr. Kasson was for many years a member of the ways and means committee of the house.

ALLEGED ASSAULT UPON PRIVATE HAMMOND IS ENDORSED. WASHINGTON, Oct. 14.—Secretary Alger today received the report of an inquiry conducted by Captain Richards into the alleged brutal treatment of Private Hammond by Captain Lovering at Fort Sheridan some days ago. Captain Richards examined a number of persons, including Captain Lovering and Hammond. The testimony of these two witnesses, Secretary Alger says, agrees almost entirely, except that Hammond claimed that Captain Lovering kicked and jabbed him with his sword more times than the latter admits, also that Hammond declares that the captain swore at him, which the latter denies.

Colonel Hall, the commandant at Fort Sheridan, practically endorses the action taken by Captain Lovering in the case. Secretary Alger had a consultation with the president about the matter today and will consult further with him about it tomorrow. General Miller took the report home with him this evening.

MOVEMENTS OF OCEAN VESSELS Oct. 14. Arrived—Bremen, from New York. Liverpool, from Hamburg; Karlsruhe, from Bremen. Sailed—Puerst Blummarck, for Hamburg; Patria, for Marselisberg; Alsterlad, for Amsterdam. At Naples—Sailed—Massilia, for New York. At Stettin—Arrived—Thingvall, from New York. Sailed—Stella, for New York. At Genoa—Sailed—Patria, for New York. At Queenstown—Sailed—Maestri, for New York. At Cherbourg—Arrived—Augusta Victoria, from New York. At Boulogne—Sailed—Veendam, for New York. At Genoa—Arrived—Ailer, from New York. At Rotterdam—Arrived—Spaarndam, from New York. At Liverpool—Arrived—Aurand, from New York; Germania, from New York; Rhyndland, from Philadelphia. At London—Arrived—Mobile, from New York. At Bremen—Arrived—Bauke, from New York, via Southampton.

GERALDINE'S COURSE

Superintendent of Construction Explains His Way of Doing Business.

CONTINUATION OF THE TESTIMONY

Stenographic Report of the Evidence Before Investigating Committee.

ENGINEER SHAW TELLS HIS STORY

Experience with Geraldine While Trying to Get Some Information.

LUMBER DEAL THOROUGHLY VENTILATED

Experts Give Their Opinion on the Value of the Material Ordered and the Price Paid by the Association.

Following will be found a continuation of the testimony taken by the special committee which investigated the charges of corruption and collusion made against Dion Geraldine, superintendent of construction of the Trans-Mississippi and International Excursion. In yesterday's issue was printed the testimony leading up to the story of Engineer Shaw, concerning the bid of Contractor Connolly Shaw follow:

Koinzre—Should the committee decide later that they wanted a definite answer to Mr. Shaw's letter which is submitted here they will probably call for such further information.

Bidwell—Was there a distinct bid made by any of the contractors for this particular work?

Gerald n—All the bids I received were there.

Bidwell—What I am getting at is the cost of this work. Is there a bid on that?

Geraldine—No, I did not ask for a bid on that. I simply asked Raymond what he would do the work for. He said he would make me a bid on driving the piles and let me furnish them. His bid was too high. He asked five cents a foot and we drove them for less than four cents. He also made a proposition on driving the sheet piling, 30 cents apiece for two and one-half feet, or 20 cents apiece on the modified proposition. There are nearly 5,000 piles to be driven and you see what that would amount to.

Bidwell—There are none of these bids here that contain any figures by which you could compare the actual cost with what was paid.

Geraldine—Yes, sir; you will find it in my letter. I will read it to you, if you please. (Reads.)

Rosewater—You say that Mr. Connolly's bid was only \$100 less than the original bid made? The original bid was \$7,900 and you say that after you made these changes on these specifications he was only willing to deduct \$100, and you mean to state that when you changed from white pine to yellow pine the actual cost deduct the advantage of \$3 a thousand on 170,000 feet of lumber, isn't it a fact that you did not show him any of these specifications; that you told him verbally only of a few changes?

Geraldine—It is a fact that I had no specifications made at that time beyond what I have shown here, and I showed him everything I had just the same as I showed it to Mr. Creedon.

Rosewater—I hope you will permit me to bring in the partner of Mr. Connolly and let him tell the story of what they were doing on. He is right about the bid, and it seems to me that before we close this question we might as well get right to the bottom of it. Of course his letter may be contradicted by statements. (Mr. Shaw is introduced.)

Rosewater—Mr. Shaw, in your revised bid, what was your bid on the revised plan for this work?

PLANS ARE CHANGED. Shaw—I will explain to you that at that time I was not a partner of Mr. Connolly, but I figured up his bid for him and let him know all about them. It was just after the bids were put into the department here that he made a proposition to me to go into partnership with him, which I accepted, when we were trying to get the job. Now, to begin with, I made out the bid there, which amounted to \$7,900. A day or two after the bids went in Mr. Connolly came up to my office and I suggested that he go up and see Mr. Geraldine and see how we stood. Mr. Geraldine would not give him any satisfaction. That is the report he brought back to me. He was a little bit hot at Mr. Geraldine and he thought he ought to be treated right and that Geraldine had about told him he couldn't get the contract anyway. That is the statement he came down to me with. I said: "You had better go and see some of the directors and we will try to get at this thing and see how we stand." He went to Mr. Husan and Mr. Husan went to Mr. Kirkendall. Mr. Kirkendall said he would see Mr. Geraldine and I suppose he did. At that time "Huson had seen Mr. Kirkendall and he said: "You go and see Geraldine and he will treat you right." And Mr. Geraldine treated him first rate and used him as he ought to be used. I think it was the very same day, I am not very sure, but at any rate Mr. Geraldine told him to make another proposition; to look it over and see if he could not cut down his original estimate. And a second proposition was made, instead of driving the sheet piling, they would dig two feet and drive the six-inch point into the ground, and to give him a bid on that footing. And the third was to give him a bid for the labor only, the excavation company supplying all the material. Well, I went over everything with him again and we looked it up and I found that we could cut down probably \$100 off our original bid, and I think we took off for the excavations and the driving of the piles. He said he would see Mr. Geraldine and see exactly what it was for the labor. Now, that was all the information that I got from Mr. Connolly. There was nothing about the alteration of the plans; in fact we did not know that the plans were altered until we happened to go up to the