

AGREES WITH COURT

President Roosevelt Submits Answer to Appeal of Admiral Schley.

WILL NOT REOPEN UNHAPPY CONTROVERSY

Finds No Excuse on Either Side for Further Agitation.

ACCORDS PRAISE TO SAMPSON

Insists, However, That Captain's Blame Be Not Ignored.

APPROVES MCKINLEY'S RECORD

Says if Schley Was Reprehensible, Sampson Claimed, Latter Did Wrong to Leave Him in Command.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 19.—The president today made public a statement of the essential positions of which are as follows:

WHITE HOUSE, Feb. 19.—I have received the appeal of the court of inquiry and the answer thereto from the Navy department.

I have, however, gone carefully over the evidence on these points also. I am satisfied that on the whole the court did substantial justice.

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PRESIDENT AT THE BANQUET

Addresses Veterans of Potomac on Duties in Civil and Military Life.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 19.—The annual banquet of the Department of the Potomac commandery of the Grand Army of the Republic was given at the New Willard hotel tonight.

President Roosevelt, the commander-in-chief of the Grand Army, were among the guests.

The president reached the banquet hall shortly before 10 o'clock and was given a hearty reception.

General Torrence's speech included a brief resume of the causes of the civil war and its results.

After General Torrence had concluded President Roosevelt was introduced.

There was a wild demonstration of applause when he arose to speak.

There was nothing else of which he was quite as proud as having won the right to claim comradeship with those assembled.

He would be, he said, quite a poor American if he did not appreciate to the full extent the debt under which America rests to them.

Feeling reference was made to President McKinley and in this connection the president said:

"You were the blue in the early '60s, a war against anarchy in one form—a war for liberty, and now it behooves each of us so to do his duty as a citizen that he will be as much a blue in the way work against the spirit of anarchy."

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When he spoke of his wife and children his lips quivered and tears came to his eyes.

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TO DISCOVER CAUSE OF DEATH

Chemical Analysis to Be Made of Stomach of Theodore Achenbach.

CASPER, Wyo., Feb. 19.—(Special Telegram)—A strong feeling exists here that Mrs. Achenbach, widow of Theodore Achenbach, who was supposed to have committed suicide Sunday, may be able to assist as to the cause of the husband's death.

The stomach of the dead man has been removed and a chemical analysis will be made of it. The body was buried this afternoon.

The authorities have made a careful investigation, but have been unable to find the slightest evidence that Achenbach had purchased poison, nor can they find any evidence that he carried any poison about with him at any time.

Achenbach was insured for \$5,000 in favor of his wife, but was about to make his mother the beneficiary instead of his wife. A brother of the deceased has arrived from South Dakota and will probe the matter.

Achenbach formerly lived in Sturgis, S. D. Mrs. Achenbach also formerly lived in Sturgis and at one time was incarcerated in the jail at that place. At that time she was known as Ray Taylor.

JURY FOR WOODWARD CASE

Taking of Testimony on Murder Charge Brings Up Many Legal Contentions.

CASPER, Wyo., Feb. 19.—(Special Telegram)—The twelve men who will decide the fate of Charles Woodward, charged with the murder of Sheriff Ricker, were secured today and are as follows: John Grive, Sam Harrison, Maurice Anson, William Misters, Lew Corbett, W. S. Kimball, T. S. Stued, E. Murray, C. G. Jenks, John Mahan, J. S. Huntley and S. E. Forester.

The first testimony of the prosecution was introduced immediately after dinner. Only unimportant witnesses were examined during the afternoon, points of law occupying the court the greater part of the time.

Woodward wore a new suit of clothes. He was nervous during the day. The court room was crowded with spectators, many women being present.

The attorneys are contesting every point and it will be several days before the case goes to the jury.

Nominations by the President.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 19.—The president today sent the following nominations to the senate:

Navy—Captain Philip H. Cooper, rear admiral; Captain George H. Wadleigh, rear admiral; Lieutenant Commander Charles W. Bartlett, commander; Rev. Homer A. Park, chaplain.

Lieutenant (junior grade) to be Lieutenant—John M. C. Murray, Arthur G. Kavanagh, Carlisle F. Snow, Henry T. Baker.

Members of the Board of Visitors to the United States Naval Observatory—Charles A. Young, New Jersey; Ormond Stone, Virginia; Charles F. Chandler, New York City.

EIGHT YEARS FOR A. H. GOULD

Cashier of Platte Valley State Bank at Bellwood is Sentenced.

PLEA OF GUILTY RESULTS IN LENIENCY

Judge Soraberger in Passing Sentence Refers to the Bartley Parole and Hopes Nebraskans Don't Approve of It.

DAVID CITY, Neb., Feb. 19.—(Special)—Amon H. Gould, cashier of the Platte Valley State bank of Bellwood, was sentenced to eight years in the penitentiary by Judge Soraberger this morning.

Yesterday afternoon, when Gould was arraigned in the district court, the courtroom was packed to its utmost capacity with creditors of the bank, those whose names had been forged to notes and mortgages, and a large number who came through curiosity.

When Gould was arraigned he pleaded guilty to the charge of forging notes and disposing of the same. The information contained eleven counts and he pleaded guilty to each count separately.

Judge Soraberger briefly commented on various crimes committed and the sentences imposed upon the criminals, and said that Bartley was sentenced to the penitentiary for twenty years and was pardoned at the expiration of six years, but he hoped the good people of Nebraska did not approve of the pardon.

He concluded by saying that forgery is a most heinous crime and asked Gould what excuse he had to offer for committing such a grave offense.

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GUARDS WILL ESCORT PRINCE

National Troops in Various Cities Are to Attend the Emperor's Brother.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 19.—The president's delegates charged with the arrangements for the reception and entertainment of Prince Henry of Prussia held a final meeting at the State department today and disposed of several details that were not included in the official program issued a few days ago.

Most of the delegates and other officials who will take part in the ceremonies of welcome at New York will go to New York Friday morning. This includes Dr. Hill, assistant secretary of state, and General Corbin, adjutant of the army, the president's delegates, Colonel Bingham, U. S. A., and Commander W. S. Cowles, U. S. N., aides to the delegates; Baron von Hohen and members of the German embassy, including Count von Quadt, who has represented the ambassador in making the arrangements.

It was decided, owing to the limited accommodation on the special train set apart for the prince's tour and the impossibility of carrying local committees on the train, that the reception committee appointed by the various towns to receive the prince shall meet the train at the station on its arrival.

In view of the fact that the imperial visitor desired to see as much of each city visited as possible within the limited time at his disposal, it has also been decided to dispense altogether with military processions as a feature of his reception.

General Corbin, who has special charge of the military arrangements, has arranged with the mayors of the different cities to be visited and the officers of the National guards of the respective states to provide cavalry troops as an escort for the prince during his visit to each city, and to confine the military representation to such mounted troops.

Colonel Hart of the adjutant general's department has just returned from a visit to Boston, Albany, New York City and Philadelphia, where he perfected arrangements with the local authorities for mounted escorts to be provided by the National guard Squads of the New York state troops will be the prince's escort during his sojourn in New York City and the City troop of Philadelphia will act in a similar capacity in that city.

The making of similar arrangements in the western cities to be visited by the prince is being completed by the adjutant general's department. Washington and St. Louis are the only cities where escort duty will be provided by the regular army.

Assistant Secretary Pierce of the State department was requested today to recall a large number of passes which he had issued in connection with the proposed visit of Prince Henry of Prussia to the capital during his stay in Washington. The program as at present arranged provides for his appearance there at 4 o'clock on Monday, but as he will still be in the city on Tuesday in connection with the vote on the Philippines bill, one will be able to give attention to him. There is, therefore, an effort to have the date changed and Senator Sherman, chairman of the committee, was authorized to confer with the German ambassador on the subject.

WILL GUARD PRINCE HENRY

Government Plans Special Precautions for Protection of Distinguished Visitor.

NEW YORK, Feb. 19.—Rear Admiral Count von Baudissin returned here from Philadelphia today. He and some of his aides were entertained at a private dinner at this evening were entertained at the theater.

Mr. Bidwell, collector of the port, today received orders from Washington saying that no persons, except the reception committee, shall be allowed to board Kronprinz Wilhelm when it enters the port, and that none shall be permitted beyond the baggage inspection enclosure at the pier. This is in furtherance of the government's plan to throw around the person of Prince Henry all the safeguards possible. These new orders have forced Collector Bidwell to recall a large number of passes which he had issued in connection with the proposed visit of Prince Henry of Prussia to the capital during his stay in Washington. The program as at present arranged provides for his appearance there at 4 o'clock on Monday, but as he will still be in the city on Tuesday in connection with the vote on the Philippines bill, one will be able to give attention to him. There is, therefore, an effort to have the date changed and Senator Sherman, chairman of the committee, was authorized to confer with the German ambassador on the subject.

REDELL HEARING UNDER WAY

Fire and Police Commissioners Take Testimony Supporting Charges.

ACCUSED REPRESENTED ONLY BY COUNSEL

Firemen Tell of Curses and Epithets Heaped Upon Them and of Brutal Assaults Endured from Suspended Chief.

The hearing of John Redell, suspended chief of the fire department, charged with brutal and tyrannical treatment of his men, began yesterday morning before the Board of Fire and Police Commissioners, and lasted until 5 p. m., when an adjournment was taken until this morning. It is supposed that today's session will conclude the hearing. Eight witnesses, seven of them members of the fire department, related incidents which Redell was charged with being played, and the record thus far is one of picturesque profanity on the part of the accused, of conflicting and inconsistent orders and of personal assaults.

It is in evidence that on two occasions he hurled the fire hose upon men who incurred his displeasure. Both times the water pressure was nearly 100 pounds to the square inch and the men were knocked down by it.

It was reported unofficially at the meeting late in the afternoon that Redell had arrived in the morning before the board, but his counsel said they knew nothing of it. Several persons present, however, had seen him on the street.

The eight witnesses who testified were: Third Assistant Chief Martin J. Dineen, Fred L. Bugbee, Edward Leeder, Patrick H. Dempsey, George Conick, M. J. Cuff and Police Officer Kentfrew.

REDELL APPEARS BY COUNSEL

Redell was not present in person, but was represented by Attorneys Ransom and Jurley. Mayor Moore, City Attorney Connell, Commissioners Collins, Kennedy, Healey and Meade and Clerk Kierstead were in attendance. Nearly the entire forenoon was consumed by the attorneys for the defendant in trying to secure a postponement of the hearing and little headway was made so far as investigating the charges were concerned. At noon the board adjourned to 2 o'clock.

Ransom moved to dismiss the charge of John Bruder, as Bruder had withdrawn his complaint. The clerk then read the charge preferred by John L. Bugbee, Martin J. Dineen and eighty-one other firemen, in which Redell is accused of being brutal and overbearing in his conduct toward the members of the fire department, and in using obscene, profane and threatening language toward them.

Ransom objected to the hearing on these charges. "Our client has never been served with notice that charges of this kind were filed against him," he said, "nor has such notice been served upon my counsel. Moreover, Mr. Redell is now out of the city, having been called to New York by the unexpected death of a brother, and he is now detained there, engaged in settling up the estate."

The clerk read the records of the board, showing that notices had been served on Redell through Mrs. Redell, who is still in the city, and also on his three attorneys, Ransom, Wright and Gurley. Ransom then admitted that notice had been served on him, but alleged that the notice had not been accompanied by copies of the charges. His objection was overruled by the mayor.

Mr. Connell read the statutes to show that in cases of this kind it is not necessary to serve notice, but only to place the charges on file.

RANSOM PREPARES FOR APPEAL

During the afternoon session Attorney Ransom made a studied attempt to lay the foundation for an appeal. He made frequent objections to the admission of testimony, and then recorded by the shorthand reporter.

The first witness placed on the stand was Fred L. Bugbee.

"Redell would always get excited at fires," he said, "and would call his men such names as damned idiots, blockheads, hooded men, muttheaded and the like. At 5 o'clock on the morning of June 8 of last year we were called to a fire at 212 1/2 Howard street. A barn was on fire there. Captain Gardner and I were dragging a line of hose around to get action on the south side of the building, when Redell grabbed hold of it and called to me and several wires stretched low over the ground as protection to some garden beds. We didn't see them and both Redell and Gardner tripped and fell in the mud, Gardner on top. When Redell got to his feet he was livid with rage. Seizing me by the collar he held me up against the wall and hissed, 'If I thought you did that go purpose, damn you, I'd crack your worthless neck.' 'I told him I hadn't touched him or been near him.' 'Don't you talk back to me!' he shouted, shaking his fist under my nose. 'Don't you get me started! I've got the most unmercenary temper of any man on earth, and I don't want to get started. Now, sir, you go back to the trucks!'

"Did he order you away from the fire?" asked City Attorney Connell.

"Was your presence needed at the fire at that time?"

"Yes, sir; I think it was."

"Is Redell a large, powerful man?"

"Yes; but we weren't so much afraid of that as we were of the position he held."

PRINCE IS TRAVELING FAST

Kron Prinz, His Ship, is Racing with Two Other Large Ocean Liners.

LONDON, Feb. 20.—The Daily Mail asserts that the Cunard liner Campania and the American liner St. Louis are racing the North German Lloyd steamer Kron Prinz Wilhelm, with Prince Henry on board, in an international contest to New York.

Campania left Queenstown February 18 at 6:25 p. m.; St. Louis left Cherbourg February 18 at 5:25 p. m., while Kron Prinz Wilhelm sailed from the same port at 9 p. m. on February 18. To equal their best previous westward records Campania should arrive at Sandy Hook lightship at 11:15 p. m. February 21, St. Louis should arrive there at 3:10 p. m. February 22, while Kron Prinz Wilhelm should reach the lightship 7:45 a. m. February 22.

DR. VON HOEBEN VISITS YACHT

NEW YORK, Feb. 19.—Dr. von Hohen, German ambassador to the United States, paid his first visit to the imperial German yacht today. He was received by Admiral Count von Baudissin and the two discussed at length the arrangements for the reception of Prince Henry. The ambassador spent the night in this city.

WANTS SON BACK IN SCHOOL

Kansas Man Who Attempts to Exclude Bible Brings New Suit.

TOPEKA, Kan., Feb. 19.—J. B. Billard today brought suit in the district court to compel the Board of Education to restore his son to membership in the public schools. Young Billard had been expelled for refusing to desist from his studies during the devotional exercises taking place in the morning. The suit brought by Billard is the result of an organized effort to stop the use of the bible in the schools of the city.

CONDITION OF THE WEATHER

Forecast for Nebraska—Partly Cloudy Thursday and Friday; Variable Winds.

Table with 4 columns: Hour, Temperature, Hour, Temperature. Rows show temperatures for various hours from 5 a.m. to 12 m.

HALF REDUCTION FOR CUBA

Prominent New Yorkers Adopt Resolutions Favoring Smaller Duties on Exports.

NEW YORK, Feb. 19.—Cuba's need and what this country should do to prosper the people whose freedom it accomplished were set forth tonight at a mass meeting in Carnegie hall by prominent speakers of both political parties. At the close resolutions were read endorsing a reduction of at least 50 per cent in the existing duties on Cuban products in return for an equal concession on the part of Cuba on products from this country. The resolutions adopted were:

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