



It was reported from Sioux Falls, S. D., on August 1 that by direction of the attorney general of the United States suits have been instituted in the federal court in that city against several persons charged with unlawfully occupying Indian allotments on an old reservation in Marshall county. The suits are brought for the purpose of ejecting the defendants from the land and they will also be asked to pay damages to the Indians for their unlawful possession of the tracts.

The threatened order for a general lockout of the building trades in Pittsburg, Pa., came on August 1. It is believed that this order will render 25,000 men idle, and the situation in that city is very grave.

The convicts that escaped recently from Folsom prison in California are still at large. It is alleged that an encounter took place between them and the militia on August 1, but the convicts escape again and it is thought that they are taking a course to the eastward.

The official reports of Philippine trade for the month of March, 1903, were recently received at the insular bureau of the war department, and it is shown that during the nine months ending March 31, 1903, exclusive of gold and silver and government supplies, the value of merchandise imported and exported amounted to \$46,868,485, against \$42,300,308 in 1902, and \$4,332,196 during the same period of 1901.

On the conclusion of their visit to Ireland, King Edward of England issued an address to the Irish expressing his gratitude for the tokens of loyalty and the hearty welcome received there. Copies of the address are to be posted throughout Ireland.

On August 2 it was reported from New York that Rev. George Mairs Vanderlip, D. D., through whose instrumentality the Young Men's Christian association was established in America, also one of the founders of the Metropolitan museum of art and for a long time president of the American Baptist Publication society, is dead at his home in Brooklyn. His death was due to heart disease. Dr. Vanderlip was born in Argyle, N. Y., in 1832.

The naval maneuvers off the coast of Maine began on August 3. The "enemy" consists of the battleships Indiana, Texas and Massachusetts and the torpedo boat destroyers Lawrence and Whipple, and this fleet is in command of Admiral J. P. Sands. Admiral Barker, who is in supreme command, has transferred his flag from the Illinois to the Kearsarge. The Kearsarge, Olympia, Illinois and Prairie have just been equipped with the wireless telegraph system and communication has been successfully carried on between the ships.

On August 3 the second reading of the Irish land bill was moved in the house of lords. Most of the speeches made on the subject were in favor of the bill, although some doubt was expressed as to the losses the landlords would sustain if the bill should become a law.

According to a report received at the state department from the United States monetary commission which is

investigating the question of currency for silver-using countries, a ratio of 22 to 1 is recommended. The commission has already visited London, Paris, and The Hague and expects to visit St. Petersburg in a short time.

In an interview with General Maximo Gomez of Cuba, he declared that Cuba owes a large debt and that the proposed loan will not come near paying the claims of the soldiers. The list of those having claims consists of about 50,000 soldiers and the amount of the claims will aggregate a large sum.

It is regarded as probable that the Austrian premier will resign his office because of the recent charges of bribery in connection therewith. His testimony was taken before the bribery commission at Budapest on August 3 and he made a good showing, although it is thought that he will not continue to hold his office.

The special term of the Scott circuit court presided over by Judge Robbins convened at Georgetown, Ky., on August 3 to try ex-Secretary of State Caleb Powers for the third time on a charge of complicity in the Goebel assassination.

The threatened strike in Spain on August 3 in several cities, including Barcelona, Murcia, Cadiz, Ronda and Alcoy. The general unrest is attributed by some authorities to the bad harvests, and the disturbance has affected labor circles also. The government has taken strong measures to cope with the situation.

Sixteen persons were injured in a collision on August 3 at Hartford City, Ind., between a west-bound freight train and the east-bound passenger.

Adjutant General Culver of Nebraska has just issued orders for the reorganization of the Nebraska national guard along the lines laid down by a recent bill and the instructions given in general orders of the regular army. The reorganization will give the guard several new officers, chief among them being two majors, as well as a number of minor officers.

On August 3 Secretary Root made public the papers relating to the investigation of the government contract for gloves with E. R. Lyon. This contractor secured the gloves from Littauer Bros., the senior member of this firm being a member of congress. Secretary Root has referred the matter to the department of justice. There is a statute which prohibits contracts for the government being made directly or indirectly with a member of congress and this is the basis of the investigation.

Charles M. Schwab, president of the United States steel corporation, tendered his resignation from that position on August 4, and the resignation was accepted. William E. Corey was elected as his successor.

The opening session of the sixth annual meeting of postmasters was held on August 4 at Boston, more than 100 postmasters from all over the United States being present.

Another convention is the twenty-sixth annual convention of the National Association of Photographers, in session at Indianapolis, Ind., be-

ginning August 4 with nearly 1,000 members present.

Four inches of rainfall on Sunday, August 2, at Topeka, Kas., flooded that city and suburbs and caused a property loss of hundreds of dollars. The city street car service was demoralized for a time.

It was announced from London on August 4 that the British government, by the advance of \$13,000,000 loan and subsidy, has acquired valuable concessions, practically controlling the Cunard lines of steamers. It is said that all the company's steamships between Liverpool, New York, Boston, the Mediterranean ports and Havre, including the new steamships which will have a speed of 24 to 25 knots, will be at the disposal of the admiralty for hire or purchase in the event of war. The vessels must be maintained under the British flag and managed without any undue increase in freight charges, or undue preference against British subjects.

The first international convention of wireless telegraphy called by the post-office department convened at Berlin on August 4. Forty delegates were present. The Americans present were General Greeley, Captain F. M. Butler, and J. J. Warbury.

The new pope has decided that his coronation shall occur on Sunday, August 9, choosing this early date in order that the cardinals from foreign lands might be present before their departure from Rome. On August 5 Pope Pius X. confirmed as secretaries-chamberlain Mgrs. Sichy, Sapinelli, Miscatelli and Sanz de Sampere, and confirmed the marquis of Serlupi as master of the horse, and Mgr. Silli, as dean of the grooms. He appointed Mgr. Dalli secretary of Latin letters, to replace Mgr. Tarozzi, who is ill, and also Mgr. Sardi, as secretary for briefs to the princes, to replace Mgr. Volpini, who recently died.

The labor troubles in Pittsburg, Pa., were settled on August 5 by an agreement which promises to bring about a general resumption of work by August 8. The resumption of work will affect about 10,000 men.

Judge Clifford D. Gregory in the county court at Albany, N. Y., on August 5 in rejecting 60 applications for naturalization papers, established a precedent by making a declaration that any person unable to speak the Eng-

lish language sufficiently well to make himself understood will be denied naturalization papers.

It was announced from Constantinople on August 5 that the porte has abandoned all idea of withdrawing troops from Macedonia and has sent a circular note to all the powers warning them of this intention. Although Bulgaria is not mentioned in this note, it is thought that in view of the recent disturbances in that province it is also intended as a menace to the Bulgarian government.

Phil May, the artist and illustrator of Punch, the Graphic and other English periodicals, died at his home in London on August 5 after a protracted illness.

The rapid decline in the prices of securities in Wall street is arousing great fears of the consequences. On August 5 two firms failed and almost general alarm is felt as to the various securities now on the market. The demand for stocks is still very light and the natural result was a demoralization of the market which may continue.

A plan is on foot in New York city to effect a merger of the Western National bank of the United States and the National Bank of Commerce in New York. If carried through this plan will increase the capital stock of the National Bank of Commerce to \$25,000,000.

The Empire American Nitro-Glycerin company's magazine near Bluffton, Ind., which contained about 2,000 quarts of nitro-glycerin, exploded on August 5, destroying the entire plant and killing three employes, who were literally blown to pieces. The property loss was \$20,000.

On August 5 it was announced from Lincoln, Neb., that the attorneys for Mrs. Lillie, who was convicted at David City, Neb., of the crime of murdering her husband last March, and whose case has excited a great deal of comment, had filed their bill of exceptions to the findings of the lower court with the clerk of the supreme court. This is said to be the largest bill ever filed in a criminal case, comprising as it does 1,638 typewritten pages of four volumes and containing 12,098 exceptions to the ruling of the lower court.

Andrew Carnegie, the steel trust millionaire, recently gave to fifteen repre-

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