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The Sub-Committee Being Unable to Go Through All the Reports Which Have Been Received at the State Department From Consul-General Lee, Will Ask for Further Time in Which to Submit a Report.

WASHINGTON, May 12.—The Senate Committee on Foreign Relations did not conclude its consideration of the Cuban situation to-day. It will meet to-morrow at 10 o'clock, but the sub-committee, consisting of Senators Davis, Foraker and Morgan, which to-day was given access to the Cuban reports now held at the State Department, probably will ask for further time before submitting their ideas to the full committee. The sub-committee was unable to go through all the reports that have been received from Consul-General Lee and other Consuls in Cuba.

At the meeting to-morrow it is possible that Senator Morgan will consent to have the resolution now pending in the Senate go over without prejudice until the committee can make its report. It is intended that all the correspondence of Consuls shall be sent to the Senate, but the Senate committee will select certain documents bearing upon the condition of affairs in the island, and on it make its recommendations and report. This report will generalize the situation, without making public such matters as State Department reports and the committee think would be prejudicial to persons on the islands.

Some question has arisen as to the effect the report of the committee on the information at the State Department now pending in the Senate. One member of the committee who has listened to the summary of the reports in the Department said that a very serious condition existed in Cuba, and that the inquiry now being made by the committee would result in bringing to light the exact facts.

Some extracts were passed upon members of the Foreign Relations Committee, who about a year ago voted for a resolution similar to the one now pending, and who now ask for time to consider the matter with more deliberation. Speaking of the criticism, Chairman Davis of the Foreign Relations Committee said:

"At the time the former resolution was reported Gomez was at the head of a large army in the eastern end of the island and Maceo at the head of another army in the west. They could march from one end to the other of Cuba. Campos had been defeated in a great battle, and was shut within solid fortifications and confined to a small territory around Havana. Everyone knew that a state of war existed. That was a year ago. Great changes have since taken place. Maceo is dead, and his army dispersed. Gomez is at the head of but a small force; certainly it is no such army as was reported. There are conflicting statements of the strength of the insurgents and the control which Spain has over the island. It is right and proper that the facts that have since reached the State Department should be laid before the Senate and the committee so that intelligent action can be had."

Mr. Davis says that the sympathy with the struggling Cubans is as great as ever.

PRODUCTS OF CONVICT LABOR. Amendments to the Tariff Bill to Prevent Their Importation.

WASHINGTON, May 12.—Senator Gallinger of New Hampshire to-day presented an amendment which he proposes to offer to the tariff bill against goods which are the product of convict labor. The amendment is as follows: "That whenever complaint is made to the Secretary of the Treasury that any manufactured goods imported into this country are the product of prison or convict labor it shall be the duty of the Secretary of the Treasury to formulate the necessary rules and regulations to

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prohibit the further importation of such goods, except upon sworn statements of the foreign manufacturer or his agent, made before a Consul of the United States, that said goods are not being produced by the labor of prisoners or convicts."

FEDERAL PATRONAGE.

Dr. Hunter of Kentucky May Get the Chilean Mission.

WASHINGTON, May 12.—Secretary Sherman and Senators Lodge, Cullom and Burrows took up most of the time of the President to-day, so that comparatively few of his old callers had an opportunity to see him.

The contest for the Swiss Mission, according to the prevailing White House position, is said to lie between Mr. Leishman of Pittsburg, former President of the Carnegie Steel Company, and Brutus Clay of Kentucky. The friends of the latter assert most positively that if Leishman does not press his claim Clay will be nominated.

It is understood that Dr. Hunter of Kentucky, who made the protracted fight for United States Senator as the Republican caucus nominee, but who ultimately was compelled to give way in the interest of harmony, has been informed by the President that he would be glad to bestow upon him some fitting position. The Chilean Mission, which his friends urged in his behalf, has been promised. It is announced that Dr. J. S. James of Kentucky will be appointed United States Marshal of Kentucky.

TRAFFIC ASSOCIATION.

The U. S. Supreme Court Postpones Further Consideration.

WASHINGTON, May 12.—The right of railways to form traffic associations, recently denied by the Supreme Court, cannot come before the court again as an issue before next winter. The action of the court Monday in refusing to hear the Trans-Missouri case, and its action a month ago in refusing to advance the joint traffic case indicates that it is not disposed to take up the question again for the present.

The points involved in these two cases are almost identical. Another decision of the case would settle the issue, for the joint traffic suit is yet to be tried. The court, therefore, simply refuses to burden itself with the retrial of a case, the decision of which could accomplish no public or private good. When the joint traffic case is tried next winter the court will again go upon record on the right of railways to form associations.

FORSYTH PROMOTED.

Nominated by the President to be Major-General.

WASHINGTON, May 12.—The President to-day sent to the Senate the nomination of Brigadier-General James W. Forsyth to be Major-General. It is expected that he will retire within a few days after his confirmation, leaving the way open for promotion to a Major-General of some other Brigadier-General, which movement probably will end with General Brooke permanently in the place of Major-General.

The Classified Service.

WASHINGTON, May 12.—Senator Quay to-day gave notice of his intention to offer amendments to the sundry civil appropriation bill removing special Indian agents, Deputy Collectors of Internal Revenue, Storekeepers, Gaugers and examining surgeons, in the Pension Office from the classified service. The amendment provides for the nomination of special Indian agents by the President and their confirmation by the Senate, and for the appointment of the other named officials by the President and their confirmation by the Senate, with or without examination.

A Post for an Army Captain.

WASHINGTON, May 12.—Mr. Buck of Georgia, newly appointed Minister to Japan, and secured from Secretary Alger a promise that Captain Edmund Rice of the Fifth Infantry, now stationed at Fort McPherson, near Atlanta, should be detailed as United States military attaché at the United States Legation at Tokyo, Japan. The order was made out later in the day. This was the first order of the kind issued since the war between China and Japan.

Trial of Havemeyer and Searles.

WASHINGTON, May 12.—The cases of President Havemeyer and Secretary Searles of the American Sugar Refining Company were selected to-day for trial on the 17th of this month for refusal to answer questions put by the Senate Sugar Trust Investigating Committee. District Attorney Davis has instructed the Secretary of the Treasury to produce the necessary rules and regulations to

ATTEMPTED MURDER AND SUICIDE AT VALLEJO.

A Farm Hand Drives a Shovel Into a Fellow Workman's Head,

Then Ends His Own Life by Taking a Dose of Poison.

Arizona Officers Hot on the Trail of Train Robber and Murderer Parker, Who Recently Escaped From an Arizona Jail—The Outlaw Reported Surrounded in the Black Hills in the Central Portion of the State.

VALLEJO, May 12.—At 3 o'clock this afternoon Ike Ford struck William King on the head with a shovel, and subsequently committed suicide. Both are well-known characters, and were employed on George's ranch. King states that Ford dropped a sack of wheat on his dog. King charged him with trying to kill the dog, whereupon Ford replied: "I'll kill the dog and you, too." He then picked up a heavy shovel and drove it into King's head. King fell to the ground mortally wounded, and Ford, seeing the result of his act, placed the dying man's head on the sack of wheat and left the scene. Later Ford's body was found in a stable at the Vallejo race track, death being apparently due to poisoning.

THE PURSUIT OF PARKER.

Trailed into the Black Hills, in Central Arizona.

PHOENIX (Ariz.), May 12.—Word was received this morning by telegraph that Sheriff Ruffner has trailed Parker, the train robber, in to the Black Hills, on the Upper Verde River, and that the other escapers had scattered in the Bradshaw Mountains, and were heading toward the south.

The Indian trailers that assisted in the capture of Parker last February have been brought to Jerome on a special train. They left Jerome early to-day, and will join the Ruffner posse and run the murderer to earth. Another posse has taken the field from here.

Governor Franklin issued a proclamation to-day offering a reward of \$500 for Parker, \$500 for Miller and \$250 for the Mexican. It is intended that if Parker gets into the Magellan Mountains, the direction he is heading for, his chances of escape will be temporarily increased.

PHOENIX, May 12.—The posses sent from Phoenix after Parker, the escaped train robber, have been withdrawn, on advice from Sheriff Ruffner of Yavapai County that he had the fugitives surrounded. A heavy posse will be dispatched to-night by train from Has-sanyam Canyon, near Wickenburg, to search the placer mining camps in Santo Domingo district for the Mexican, Cornelia. He separated from Parker early in the flight, and they are now at least 100 miles apart.

Two bloodhounds were sent from here to Jerome to-night by request of Sheriff Ruffner.

A NEVADA TOWNSITE CASE.

Trial Begun in the United States Court at Carson City.

CARSON, May 12.—The case of Patrick Bonner and Ed McKel, et al., involving a portion of the townsite of Delamar, began in the United States Court to-day. The defendant in the case located the Nalad Queen claim, and during the gold excitement people rushed in and built a town over the mining claim. McKel and Bonner are interested in the Queen claim and purchased by Delamar. The defendants are endeavoring to secure a patent, and the plaintiffs have instituted proceedings to prevent it, on the ground that there is no mineral in the Queen claim. Over 500 prospectors are interested. A number of settlers are also present, and will testify in their own behalf.

The loss of the case will be a serious one to them, as most of them purchased the land for building at high figures from people who had no right to sell.

EXAMINATION OF MCAMISH.

Sensation Caused by Testimony of the Sheriff of Ventura County.

LOS ANGELES, May 12.—The examination of Ed McAmish, charged with the murder of Constable H. McCoy Pyle of Fillmore, was resumed to-day at Newhall. Sheriff Charles Cole of Ventura County caused a sensation by testifying to a confession alleged to have been made by McAmish to Jim Madison, a "trustee" in the jail. The Sheriff said that on April 27th a newspaper suggested a plan to rob the Santa Paula Bank, remarking that the only man he feared was Constable Pyle. Trusty Madison will testify to-morrow.

ODD FELLOWS.

Proceedings of Yesterday's Session of the Grand Lodge.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 12.—The session of the Grand Lodge of Odd Fellows to-day was devoid of general interest, the time being occupied with hearing appealed cases, of which seven appeals were sustained, fourteen dismissed and a number of others are still pending. Comparative reports were submitted to-day showing that the total number of initiations in California from the organization of the order in this State to 1896 has been: Initiated, 63,359; admitted by card, 20,808; reinstated, 6,055; total, 92,255. Withdrawn, 19,

888; suspended, 32,602; expelled, 1,274; died, 8,546; total, 62,310. The receipts during the same time have been \$14,824,209. One subordinate lodge and twelve Rebekah lodges have been instituted during the year. The present status is 350 subordinate lodges, with 30,273 members. Paid for relief during the year, \$260,792; 406 brothers have died. Total assets, \$2,626,788. There are 215 Rebekah lodges, with 15,496 members, an increase of 903. Relief paid by Rebekah lodges, \$3,568.

Total disbursements of the Grand Lodge during the year have been \$45,298, of which \$26,350 have been paid for the home. The balance in the treasury is \$15,982. The Deacons of Rebekah adopted an amendment permitting any worthy woman to present herself as a candidate. Hitherto only wives, daughters or sisters of Odd Fellows were deemed eligible.

FAIR-CRAVEN CASE.

Expert Testimony as to the Handwriting in the Deeds.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 12.—To-day the Fair case, or as much of it as is comprised within the trial of the case of Angus vs. Craven, proceeded on new lines. The plaintiff's efforts have been directed heretofore to prove, first, that Senator Fair was in San Rafael and not in San Francisco on September 24, 1894, and consequently could not have signed the alleged deeds; and second, that the alleged acknowledgment before Notary Cooney was fraudulent, because the blank used was not printed until long after Fair's death. Now the plaintiffs propose to prove that the handwriting in the deeds is not the handwriting of James G. Fair. Expert testimony is now holding the scene. Theodore Kytka, an expert in penmanship, who has devoted much time to a microscopic examination of the writings in the Fair case, testified in the interest of the administrators, and identified and explained numerous negative copies of letters and checks which had been written by Fair. He then proceeded to compare the writings identified as Fair's with that in the so-called Craven deeds, the object being to show that the deeds are not genuine. Kytka admitted that he has and has been for six months receiving from the Fair administrators a weekly salary of \$75.

COSTLY FIRES.

Considerable Amount of Property Consumed at San Francisco.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 12.—Ten frame buildings containing the plant of the South San Francisco tannery were completely obliterated by a fire which started at an early hour this morning. A. B. Patrick & Co., owning the tannery, placed the loss at over \$200,000. The fire marshal, however, reported the loss at only \$62,000, insurance \$12,000. The fire was started by a spark from a locomotive.

Almost simultaneously five tenement houses on Telegraph Hill were burned. The families occupying them barely escaped with their lives. The fire spread in the rafter-shackle wooden houses. Loss about \$7,500.

Another blaze destroyed four cottages on Wisconsin street in South San Francisco last night. Loss \$5,000. An explosion of gas in the grocery store of D. Bodner, 1927 Market street, last night, wrecked the building, injured a number of people, including the proprietor, and did damage to the extent of over \$4,000.

FOUR FISHERMEN DROWNED.

Their Boat Capsized Outside the Heads at Golden Gate.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 12.—The fishing boat Amelia left here six days ago with four men aboard, and the crew has not yet been seen, although it was expected that she would return the same night. Word was received to-day that the boat had been capsized outside the Heads, and later some wreckage came ashore at Point Bonita. Tugs from the city have gone outside to investigate, but it is feared the bodies of the drowned men will not be recovered.

No Second-Class Passengers.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 12.—Second-class passengers will no longer be allowed to travel on trains 17 and 18 of the Southern Pacific Company. The latter was known as the Los Angeles express. At the last meeting of the Board of Railroad Commissioners a communication was received from G. W. T. Carter of Fresno, in which he requested the second-class passengers on the train in question were required to travel in a smoking car. The matter was referred to the Southern Pacific Company, and a reply was received by Secretary Newman of the Commission to-day to the effect stated.

Will of a Suicide.

STOCKTON, May 12.—The will of William P. Miller, carriage manufacturer and temperance advocate, who committed suicide by asphyxiation last Sunday, was filed for probate to-day. The executor is J. S. Miller, and the residue of the estate is to be divided among the rest of his estate to relatives. The estate is estimated to be worth \$25,000.

Hawaii's Minister of Finance.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 12.—Among the passengers from Honolulu to the Australia, which arrived to-day, was S. M. Damon, the Minister of Finance of the Hawaiian Government, who will represent the republic at the diamond jubilee of Queen Victoria. He is accompanied by Major P. C. Inka as his aide.

Chico Overrun With Hard Characters.

CHICO, May 12.—This city is at present overrun with hard characters; petty offenses have been frequent of late. Last night the show window of the hardware store of J. W. Newman was broken in by an unknown party. A knife was stolen. This is the third time this same store has been broken open. No clue to the robbers.

Capitalist Bradbury Again Arrested.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 12.—W. B. Bradbury, the aged capitalist who was fined a short time ago for expectorating in a street car, was again arrested to-night, charged with the same offense. He insists upon his right to expectorate in a car, and announces his intention of carrying the case to the Supreme Court, if necessary.

Agnes Insane Asylum.

SAN JOSE, May 12.—The Agnes Insane Asylum Trustees met to-day. Medical Director Spang reported 591 patients now in the asylum, of whom 529 are males. There was general discussion of plans to have the Supervisors of all counties provide more suitable places for temporary detentions of insane than falls.

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THE TRANSVAAL GOVERNMENT DEFIANT.

Replies in Strong Terms to the Ultimatum of Joseph Chamberlain.

The British Secretary of State for the Colonies.

Insists Upon the Right of the Transvaal to Demand an Arbitration of the Questions in Dispute, and Also Upon the Right to Pass an Alien Immigration Law.

LONDON, May 12.—A dispatch from Cape Town says the reply of the Transvaal Government to a strong note, said to amount to an ultimatum, from the Secretary of State for the Colonies, Joseph Chamberlain, insisting upon the observance of the London convention, is defiant in tone.

It insists upon the right of the Transvaal to demand an arbitration of the questions in dispute, also upon the right to pass an alien immigration law, and asserts that if this right is disputed arbitration is the best means of arriving at a settlement of the question.

A dispatch from Cape Town announces that a serious engagement had taken place in Bechuanaland. Chief Tolo has been captured and six volunteers killed.

GERMAN REICHSTAG.

Debate on a Motion to Repeal the Lese Majeste Clause of the Penal Code.

BERLIN, May 12.—In the Reichstag to-day, before the discussion of the motion of Herr Doer, Socialist, to repeal the clause of the Penal Code dealing with lese majeste, Herr Singer, Socialist, said that a number of officers of the criminal department were in the galleries of the House, and he expressed the hope that visitors would abstain from making remarks which might bring them into trouble.

Baron Von Buolberg, President of the Reichstag, declared that he would deal severely with any disturbance. Herr Bebel, the Socialist leader, opened the discussion. He declared that the majority of the prosecutions in the charge of lese majeste were the work of informers and of persons seeking private vengeance. He reminded the House of the various expressions used by Emperor William, notably his reference in his Brandenburg speech of February last to a "pack of fellows," and the words of "men not with patriotism," alleged to have been used by his majesty in dispatch to his brother, Prince Henry of Prussia. Such utterances, Herr Bebel asserted, were calculated to undermine the good name of the German people.

The President of the Reichstag at this stage of the debate called upon Herr Bebel not to draw the name of the head of the State into the discussion, and under no circumstances use offensive language.

In concluding his speech Herr Bebel said that in cases of lese majeste the person insulted should prosecute.

C. B. & Q. ROAD.

Stockholders Meet and Re-Elect the Old Board of Directors.

CHICAGO, May 12.—The stockholders of the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy Road held their annual meeting here to-day. The old Board of Directors was re-elected, and the end of the fiscal year was changed, making it end June 30th, instead of December 31st, as formerly. The date of the annual meeting was changed to the first Wednesday in November, instead of the second Wednesday in May.

The net earnings of the road for the last year were \$3,280,111, an increase of \$275,000 over the preceding year. The directors will meet in Boston in two or three weeks for the purpose of electing the officers. No change is anticipated among the officers.

Victims of the Leona Fire.

NEW YORK, May 12.—The bodies of the twelve unidentified victims of the Leona fire were interred to-night in Mount Olivet Cemetery, the Mallory Steamship Company defraying the expenses of the burial. The inquest was held to-day, thirteen of the passengers whom the Coroner intended to subpoena as witnesses having left for Galveston.

Severe Storm in Great Britain.

LONDON, May 12.—Very severe storms have prevailed over the counties of Berkshire, Lincolnshire and Herefordshire, in Scotland there have been heavy snows and hailstorms, and the weather has been as cold as during the month of November. There was a sharp frost in this city and inland counties during the night.

Americans Presented to the Queen.

LONDON, May 12.—At the Queen's drawing room at Buckingham Palace to-day, in addition to Miss Hay, Miss Bessie Davis of Washington was presented in the diplomatic circle, and Mrs. Leslie Cotton of New York, Miss Gilpin of Philadelphia and Misses Harris and Webb, places of residence not given, were presented in the general circle.

Booth-Tucker Indicted.

NEW YORK, May 12.—Booth Tucker, commander of the Salvation Army, was

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indicted by the Grand Jury to-day for maintaining a nuisance and disturbing the peace of the barracks of the army in West Fourteenth street. The complainant against Tucker is Phineas Smith, who resides in the rear of the barracks. The offense is a misdemeanor, punishable with fine or imprisonment, or both.

INTERSTATE COMMERCE.

New Bill Introduced by Senator Harris of Kansas.

WASHINGTON, May 11.—Senator Harris of Kansas to-day introduced a new bill for the regulation of interstate commerce, the transformation of the Interstate Commerce Commission into a Court of Railway Commissioners and the regulation of pooling.

The proposed court is to consist of seven members and is to have exclusive jurisdiction over all matters arising under the bill, and to have concurrent jurisdiction with other United States courts in all cases of negligence. The jurisdiction conferred is to be criminal as well as civil.

The provisions of the bill are made applicable to express and other transportation companies. The court is to sit en banc at Washington, and the United States is to be divided into seven districts, each to be presided over by a member of the court. Appeals to the Circuit Court of Appeals are provided for.

Fund to Assist Mrs. Parnell.

LONDON, May 12.—An appeal, signed by the Lord Mayor of Dublin, John Redmond, M. P., and other influential friends of the late Charles Stewart Parnell, has been issued in behalf of donations to a fund to assist Mrs. Della Parnell, mother of the great Irish leader, and other needy members of the family, by freeing the Parnell estates at Avondale from debt and other obligations.

Suicide Identified.

NEW YORK, May 11.—The body of a woman found in the park reservoir yesterday with a note signed "Titania," indicating that the person was a suicide, has been identified as that of Ethel Maria Reis of Brooklyn. At the house where the woman boarded little was known regarding her antecedents, beyond the fact that she had formerly lived in St. Louis.

Severe Shock of Earthquake.

ATHENS, May 11.—A dispatch from Arta says that an earthquake shock lasting thirty seconds was felt there last evening.

Solicitor Hough Resigns.

WASHINGTON, May 12.—Solicitor of the Internal Revenue Hough of Ohio has resigned.

Police in Vienna must be able to swim, row a boat and understand telegraphy.

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