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M. Félix Faure, président de la République française, est mort jeudi soir d'un attaque d'apoplexie.

Il n'a été pris par les Américains après un bombardement, sans qu'ils aient perdu un seul homme.

Les bons comptes font les bons amis, conséquemment venez régler votre souscription au COURRIER.

La résolution du sénateur McEnery concernant la ligne de conduite que doit suivre le gouvernement à l'égard des Philippines a été adoptée par le Sénat par quatre voix de majorité.

Le Mardi-Gras n'a pas été brillant à la Nouvelle-Orléans, cela se comprend. Les parades du Rex et de Comus ont eu lieu au milieu de difficultés criées par le mauvais temps et l'état déplorable des rues, et celle de Protée a été remisée.

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La ville de Détroit dans l'Etat du Michigan propose de célébrer le deux-centième anniversaire de la fondation de la ville par Rev. Père Marquette avec une exposition internationale qui aura lieu durant l'année 1901.

Depuis la semaine passée d'autres monopoles se sont formés notamment celui des chapeaux de soie haute forme et celui des foquets de voitures. Si cela continue nous aurons des monopoles pour toutes les choses de ce monde et il n'y aurait rien d'étonnant qu'une compagnie américaine très entreprenante ne se forme pour monopoliser l'autre monde.

Le capitaine A. G. Clarke, de Kansas, qui se trouve actuellement à Manille écrit à l'un de ses amis que la Cour de Police instituée par les Américains a été une révélation pour les habitants. Lorsqu'un individu fut condamné à payer une amende pour avoir frappé un Chinois, la populace fut surprise; mais lorsqu'un autre individu fut incarcéré à la prison pour avoir maltraité son cheval la populace trouva le procédé étrange.

Le capitaine monte qu'une grande confusion règne en l'usage des monnaies différentes. Il dit qu'il donne au garçon du restaurant une pièce de dix piastres et on pour payer son dîner et qu'après avoir retenu une piastre le garçon lui remit dix-neuf piastres en argent. Mais, dit-il cela était seulement le prétexte de son étourderie, attendu qu'attaché allé au bureau de poste pour acheter un timbre d'un sou il ne rendit une demie piastre; deux pièces de 20 sous et 4 sous en cuivre dont l'un était aussi large qu'une pièce américaine de vingt-cinq sous.

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Washington Letter.

From our Regular Correspondent.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 20, 1899.

According to a statement made by a member of the Court of Inquiry, which this week begins the taking of testimony on the combined local charges, the Court regards itself as sitting as a court-martial to try General Miles on the charge of lying, although without authority to pass sentence should it find him guilty. No other construction can be placed upon this language, used by the member of the court referred to. We look upon Gen. Miles to prove his allegations. We have no concern as to the witnesses as to that side of the inquiry, and it is incumbent upon Gen. Miles to secure and produce before us those whom he expects to establish his case. In other words, the Court believes Gen. Miles guilty, but will give him a chance to prove otherwise. Gen. Miles will produce sixty-old officers who reported from the field against the beef issued, including "Teddy" of New York, and the proof will be so good that it is likely to scorch Secretary Alger and other officials as well as the beef contractors.

There is some talk of a compromise on the Army bill, which is now before the Senate, but it is not coming from Democrats. Senator Cockrell, who reported the Democratic bill to the Senate, says that measure will give the administration temporarily, all the troops it can possibly have any need for, and that he and his Democratic colleagues are not inclined to so believe by many that the semi-repudiation of imperialism made by Mr. McKinley in his Boston speech was intended to help the Army bill in the Senate. This may or may not be true. Democrats in Congress were glad of course, that Mr. McKinley should have disclaimed imperial intentions, but believing the saying that acts count for more than words, and having their wits about them, they fail to see the point of the disclaimer, while he insists upon having at command a large standing army, and refuses to accept the Democratic offer of a temporary force large enough for his admitted intentions. The bill provides a large number of juicy plums in the shape of commissions for military and naval army, and the attempt is being made to get Democratic and Populist support for the bill by offering big chunks of this patronage to Senators. This week is likely to determine whether the bill is to be passed in its present form.

The scheme to make this government pay a private company a subsidy of \$100,000 a year for twenty years for the use of a Pacific cable, was thought to have been knocked out some time ago, but it is again an amendment to the Sundry Civil bill, introduced by Senator Frye. It cannot be knocked out in the Senate on a point of order as the Nicaraguan Canal bill was in the House, nor can the same tactics be followed in the House when the bill goes back to the Senate amended. That is why the Senators who are trying to get the Nicaraguan Canal bill through have had what is practically the Hepburn bill added to the River and Harbor bill as an amendment. They have not taken any such job as it is understood that Czar Reed has declared his intention to prevent Canal legislation, no matter what has to be held up to do so, but the Senators are confident of getting the best of the Czar, and to propose the Canal bill because he is unwilling that work should be begun upon it under the McKinley administration.

There are few Democrats in Congress who are opposed to our paying the balance of the permanent treaty of peace calls for, as most of them realize it as a treaty obligation which must be paid. After the ruling out on a point of order, the Nicaraguan Canal bill, as an amendment to the Sundry Civil bill, is only a question waiting for the Senate to vote on it. The amendment providing for this appropriation, for it to receive the same treatment. Two separate bills have already been introduced making this appropriation, one by Mr. Cannon and one by Mr. Gillet. The latter's bill also contains the McEnery resolution which the Senate adopted last week. When a vote is taken on this appropriation, there will not be half a dozen Democrats recorded against it, although the Democrats are all practically opposed to the permanent retention of the Philippines. The prompt payment of this money is a question of national honor, not of policy.

Senator Tillman got in a good joke on Senator Lindsay, when he interrupted the latter's argument in favor of abolishing the year's crisis that is now a portion of the regular course of the Naval cadets, by repeating the old-time verse beginning, "Mother, may I go out to swim?" Amidst the laughter of the Senators present on the occasion, Mr. Lindsay declared it was the best joke he had ever heard Mr. Tillman make, and then proceeded with his own speech.

Hon. C. V. Hollman, a prominent Maine Democrat, who has been looking over the political field in Washington, said among other interesting things, "It would not surprise me to see a permanent rupture among the Republicans in the near future, as an outcome of which Gen. Miles, Senator Hoar, and Speaker Reed will be found lined up in the Democratic ranks." The President, Secretary Alger and Senator Hannan. In such a schism would lie the Democratic opportunity.

Reclames.

Notwithstanding the inclemency of the weather, Rex and his merry pageant party, the "Carnival," as it is usually called, carrying an almost incredible amount of snow, mud and amusement to the homes which they honored with their royal presence. The Mardi Gras festivities closed with a grand ball at the home of Mr. O. C. Griffith. The house was thronged with guests, all of whom pronounced the ball a social success. We were charmed with the brightness and beauty of the scene of revelry, and the warmth and cordiality of the welcome we received. The parlor was handsomely decorated and brilliantly lighted; everything betokened hospitality and good cheer. The pretty and effective arrangement of the ball-room was due, we understand, to the efforts of our efficient little artist, Miss Grace Griffith. The music, which was excellent, was furnished by the talented musician, Mr. Philip Thompson. The young man appeared at the ball in fancy costume—some odd and grotesque and some exceedingly pretty. It is but just that we compliment Messrs. Bruce Thompson and Edwin Wolff on the beauty of their costumes. Miss Beulah Courtney, the Carnival Queen, was radiantly beautiful in black silk and tulle, and many a young gallant went home that night only to dream that he was still looking upon her enchanting face with the earliest morning or her golden curls and sunny smiles.

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OBITUARY.

NUMA DAIGLE, the beloved son of our honorable police juror, J. E. Daigle, and Marie Daigle, was born on the 7th of July, 1879, and died the 13th day of February, 1899, aged 19 years, 7 months and 13 days.

Little did we think that we would be called upon to chronicle the death of one who had such brilliant promise of life—such glowing health and such buoyant and unquenchable spirit. No one dreamed that the destroyer, Death, would single out so shining a target as was presented to the pale archer in our lamented young friend Numa Daigle. Yet such was the case. Here, again, we have had the exemplification that "death has no respect to persons," and that "in the midst of life, we are in death."

Numa, who numbered his friends in the legion, and whom we dare say had not an enemy, was laid away in the silent tomb of loving hearts and devoted friends. His funeral cortege proved to be the world's strong esteem in which he was held by all of his friends and acquaintances, for upon that sad occasion the evidence of genuine sorrow could not be mistaken in the grave counterpane and bowed heads of those who followed him to the grave. A young man was more universally known or more generously appreciated throughout the entire parish than he.

His social relations in life had thrown him in contact with all classes of society, and when in town or in country—in the saloons of wealth or the humble homes of poverty—he was at ease and at home; his genial disposition and magnetic sympathy won him friends wherever circumstances placed him. We do not pretend to say that he had no faults because, who among us are perfect? But his very faults, whatever they might have been, won him friends and disarmed all hostility. A descendant of one of the oldest and most honored creole families of Acadia Parish, he would seem that he should have been spared, for he was loved and cherished by all who knew him.

Young Daigle was the very soul of honor in all of his attachments, in all of his professions and in all of his pledges to strangers or friends. His courage was as undimmed as his friendship was firm and lasting; quick to resent a wrong, yet he was as ready to forgive an injury. These noble characteristics were the basis of his spontaneous and universal popularity. We do not pretend to this fulsome eulogy to himself or to his family, because in these utterances we feel that we reiterate the sentiment of our entire people.

His sorrow-stricken parents and innumerable friends have a right to know that he died a Christian, and in the sublime faith he received the sincere prayers of his many friends.

We have lost him, Heaven has gained him, and this should prove a comfort to the hearts of those who are left behind, and to the souls of those who have preceded him.

Rest in peace.

E. D.

Monkeydoodle

RAYOU CHICOT, La., Feb. 10, 1899.

Editor COURRIER:

I see in the Cotton Planter's Journal that a Mr. Mangum of Suedes, Mississippi, is importing African Monkeys, and is teaching them to pick cotton. He says he has them up to a hundred and fifty pounds each a day, but has to use raw-hide considerably in the teaching. This coincides with my experience in teaching African monkeys to pick cotton and to keep them taught. He says he has a number of African monkeys. A good many years ago I was an expert African monkey trainer myself, and know that raw-hide is indispensable in persuading an African monkey to pick cotton, and I for one enter a protest against any more importations of African monkeys to such cotton or to anything else. It will give our Yankee cons a pretext to come down and raise hell with us again, and pour out rivers of their precious gore, and swell the pension list a couple of millions for the mere exertion of a speak, for I lost lots of my precious blood in the sixties trying to hold my hold as an African monkey trainer, but had to give up the job in disgust. I would give you all my interest in the importation of African monkeys for my part of the pension money that I have to pay to the Yankee soldiers. I think there ought to be a committee of old Confederate soldiers to wait on Mr. Mangum and persuade him, if possible, to cease monkeying with African monkeys, and to cease raising hell in the tried before and did not win on in the end to the satisfaction of all concerned.

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