

M'KINLEY THANKS TROOPS

VOLUNTEERS BACK FROM THE PHILIPPINES REVIEWED.

THEIR HOME—THE PRESIDENT'S BUSY DAY IN SAN FRANCISCO.

San Francisco, May 23.—President McKinley spent a busy day. After breakfasting at the home of Irving M. Scott he returned to his temporary home and received a delegation of Federal officials. The reception was informal and lasted twenty minutes. Mr. McKinley asked these officials to provide a place for an old man named Ritter, who served in his regiment in the Civil War. Mr. Ritter lost a leg in battle, and now lives in San Leandro. The President remarked that this was the first appointment he had asked, and hoped his old comrade would be provided for. The officials promised to grant the request.

REVIEW AT THE PRESIDIO.

The most important occurrence of the day came next. It was the President's visit to the Presidio, where he reviewed the 45th and 46th Volunteer Infantry regiments, just returned from the Philippines to be mustered out of service. The President was met at the entrance of the Presidio by a detachment of artillery and cavalry, and escorted to the stand on the parade ground. All the troops passed in review, the returning volunteers passing in close marching order in fatigue uniform and unarmed. General Shafter and the members of the Cabinet occupied the stand with the President. When the President mounted the reviewing stand the soldiers cheered him. He addressed them with much feeling, as follows:

I count myself very fortunate to have been in the city of San Francisco upon the arrival of these two regiments, that I might join with my fellow citizens of this city in giving you welcome home, and at the same time to express not only my own thanks, as President of the United States, but the gratitude of the American people for the splendid services you have rendered to your country in the last two years. Our hearts have been with you; our hopes have been with you, and we have realized, in large measure, peace as the result of the splendid work you performed in the Philippine Islands. You went, carrying with you the purposes and the spirit and the conscience of the people of the United States; you carried with you the flag which is the symbol of the best and noblest aspirations of a free people, and you bring that flag back with added honor and deliver it to the government which you served; you come back now to the citizens of this city and to the government whose honor you have preserved.

THE AMERICAN CITIZEN SOLDIER.

You were citizens before you were soldiers. And you became soldiers because you were citizens, loving your country, attached to our free institutions, and because of which you were willing to give that which is the best that any man can give, his own life, to express his honor of his country. You have done your duty. You have done it nobly, and you come back to enter the ranks of citizenship with your fellow citizens and take the place that you left when you enlisted two years ago. That is one thing about American honor that is a surprise to the world. We have mustered great armies; the greatest in the history of the world was from '61 to '65, and yet, when the war was over, when Lee surrendered to Grant at Appomattox, the nearly two million of men came back to their homes, fell into the quiet of citizenship, sustaining the government for which you fought.

And so you come back, as your forefathers came back more than thirty years ago, having done your duty; and it is a proud thing to do duty for a country. You come back having done your full duty as soldiers, now to do your full duty as citizens. I wish for all of you and to all belonging to you every kind thing in this life. I thank you.

At the close of the President's remarks three cheers were given by the soldiers. The President next visited the general hospital, going through every ward, bowing and speaking words of cheer.

RECEPTIONS FOR THE PRESIDENT.

In the afternoon the President was the guest of honor at the receptions of the Union League Club, the Ohio Society of California, the Mexican War Veterans, Pioneers and Native Sons. The latter three societies presented to him a paper-weight containing \$250 worth of gold. At each reception the President responded briefly to presentation speeches.

On his way to dinner President McKinley stopped at Union Square and turned over the first shovelful of sod at the new monument to the American Navy, in commemoration of Admiral Dewey's victory at Manila Bay, to be erected.

President McKinley to-night attended a reception given in his honor by the G. A. R. posts of the city. To-morrow afternoon he will go to Oakland to review the school children of that city.

MRS. M'KINLEY'S CONVALESCENCE.

THE TIME OF STARTING FOR THE EAST TO BE FIXED AFTER A CONSULTATION OF PHYSICIANS TO-DAY.

San Francisco, May 23.—After a good night's rest Mrs. McKinley awoke refreshed this morning, and smilingly told the President that the programme for to-day need not be curtailed on her account. She was well enough to appear at the window and wave a farewell to the President as he departed for the military review at the Presidio.

While the present intention of the President is to start for the East at 10 o'clock Saturday morning, this will not be decided until after a consultation of physicians, which is to be held at noon to-morrow.

LACKAWANNA ADVANCES SIX POINTS.

Delaware, Lackawanna and Western had a sharp advance yesterday, rising to 228 and closing at 224, its net gain of 6 points. The movement in the stock was connected by rumor with the alleged desire of "George J. Gould to purchase the road for the purpose of giving his system a new lease on life to the Atlantic seaboard. The best opinion among the stockholders, however, is that the stock is too strongly held for Mr. Gould to secure control, even if he should propose such a move, which is thought to be improbable.

THE OLYMPIAN GAMES.

Paris, May 23.—The Olympic Games Committee met at the Automobile Club this morning to discuss a proposal, submitted by L. P. Sheldon, the athlete, of Yale, in behalf of the Athletic Union of America, that the committee draw up international rules for athletic contests, to do away with the existing diversity in various countries and associations. The committee decided to take the matter under consideration.

BITTER ROOT STUD TO BE SOLD.

The thoroughbred yearlings of the Bitter Root stud of the estate of Marcus Daly, are to be sold at auction at Madison square, Garden to-night by the Fast-Tipton Company. The catalogue shows fifty-six youngsters to be sold, many of which were sired by Hamburg, for whom William C. Whitney paid \$30,000 last January. Several other well known horses appear in the list of sires, including Sam Lucas, Bend Or, Hindoo and Ogden.

The horses and several carriages also to be sold will be on exhibition at the Garden all day.

If He Says So

Don't doubt your doctor. If you haven't perfect confidence in him, get another. If you have just the one you like, ask him this straight, plain question: "What do you think of Ayer's Sarsaparilla?"

If he says it's good for tired people, good for purifying and enriching the blood, good for weak nerves, and good for building up the general health, then remember his advice. Perhaps one of these days you will want to profit by it.

J. C. AYER CO., Lowell, Mass.

A MILLION DOLLAR FINE.

IT MAY BE IMPOSED ON A COLD STORAGE COMPANY FOR HAVING GAME BIRDS IN ITS COMPARTMENTS.

John E. Overton, State Game Protector, went to the cold storage room of the Arctic Freezing Company, at No. 125 West-st., about noon yesterday, to investigate a report that the company had a number of game birds in its possession. He found two thousand partridges, quail, grouse and other game birds in two of the rooms. All of these he caused to be dragged out. The possession of game birds by any one in the State of New-York or the killing of such birds is a misdemeanor subject to a fine. The fine is \$50 for the first and \$25 for each subsequent offence. If the two thousand birds were killed this year the company may be forced to pay a fine of something like \$50,000. Mr. Overton said there were probably fifty thousand birds in all the storage rooms. If these were all young birds the fine would run up to over \$1,250,000. President Jacob V. Boatman of the company watched the proceeding. He protested that he knew nothing of what was in the various rooms. Mr. Overton, President Boatman and his attorney then had a conference with Magistrate Brann, in the Centre-st. court, and an agreement was made that Mr. Overton should not continue his search through the storage warehouse, but that it should be resumed at 10 o'clock this morning.

Assistant District Attorney Walsh said that it looked as if there would be a large fine to be paid. He said that the law clearly stated that the possession of game birds out of season was a misdemeanor punishable by a fine, and that if the birds were such as to make the company liable the fine would run up to over a million dollars.

CASE AGAINST CHILL DISMISSED.

COMMISSIONER'S DECISION AGAINST HENRY CHAUNCEY SAID TO ESTABLISH A NEW AND IMPORTANT PRECEDENT.

Washington, May 23.—In a divided opinion, the Chilian Claims Commission recently dismissed the case of Henry Chauncey, an American citizen, against the government of Chili, involving over a million Bolivian silver dollars. The majority of the commission, Minister Fiorda, of Switzerland, and Minister Viouana, of Chili, held that the claim originated under the partnership laws of Chili, and that recourse must be had either by diplomatic intervention or to the government of Chili or the courts of that country. The American commissioner, Mr. Garfield, filed a dissenting opinion. It is said that the decision establishes a new and important precedent in international usage.

TRAFFIC CONTEST ON HIGH SEAS.

JAMES J. HILL SAYS IT IS A QUESTION OF COMMERCE ACROSS PACIFIC OR BY SUEZ CANAL.

Minneapolis, May 23.—"The fight is on the high seas. The great traffic contest is between the Pacific on the one hand and the Suez Canal and Cape Horn on the other." This is the way James J. Hill, of the Great Northern, put the traffic situation to-day.

"It is not a fight between this section, or this, or that, or the others," continued Mr. Hill, "at least so far as I am concerned. It is a big question of traffic development; it is a question of commercial development and industrial development for the country at large. Our competitor is not here, not in New-York, not in San Francisco. He is on the high seas. Our fight is national, or rather, it is international. Our problem is to get hold of the commerce of the Pacific Ocean and bring it across the Pacific and across the United States, instead of allowing it to be diverted around the globe by way of the Suez Canal and Cape Horn."

GET TOGETHER CLUB AT DINNER.

DR. LYMAN ABBOTT DISCUSSES "SOCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL BETTERMENT IN THE SOUTH."

"Social and Industrial Betterment in the South" was the subject discussed at the dinner of the Get Together Club at the Pouch Mansion, in Clinton-ave., Brooklyn, last night. There were about two hundred diners present, including a number of women, for it was "ladies' night."

A BIG FIRE IN BROOKLYN.

WAREHOUSE OF A WINE AND BRANDY COMPANY BADLY DAMAGED.

The mugginess of the atmosphere last night prevented the smoke from the fire in the warehouse of the Sonoma Wine and Brandy Company, at No. 21 Hamilton-ave., Brooklyn, from rising and being carried away, and as a result the streets in the whole downtown business district of Brooklyn were filled with thick, heavy smoke. In the streets near the burning warehouse the smoke hung in such clouds that the firemen had great difficulty in working.

The building in which the fire was a five story brick structure. From two million to three million gallons of wine, brandy and liquor of all kinds were stored in it. The fire started in the rear of the third floor, and completely destroyed the three upper floors. Fortunately most of the stock was saved in the lower floors. The fire was extinguished by the fire department, and the city of Brooklyn was spared a great deal of damage.

One of the axes of engine No. 124, which was on the way to the blaze, broke at Columbia and Second-aves. and the crew of the engine, including G. Hill, the driver, and James Butler were badly cut and bruised. The others were not injured.

PATRICK J. GLEASON'S FUNERAL.

BATTLE AXE ASSOCIATION ACTS AS THE GUARD OF HONOR.

The funeral of Patrick J. Gleason took place yesterday morning at St. Mary's Church, at Vernon-ave. and Fifth-st., Long Island City. The body was escorted to the church by the members of the Battle Axe Association and a long line of school children. At the church Father McGuire advanced down the aisle, preceded by an altar boy carrying a cross and two acolytes carrying lighted candles and another boy with a holy water font. On arriving at the casket Father McGuire recited a prayer, and then sprinkled holy water on the casket, making the sign of the cross. After another prayer had been said the altar boys and the school children returned to the vestry and the body was laid out on the altar. A solemn mass of requiem was celebrated by Father McGuire, assisted by Rev. R. E. O'Donnell, of St. Ann's, and Father Jeremiah J. Kent, sub-deacon.

At Calvary Cemetery one hundred and fifty school-girls and their teachers were drawn up at the main gate. Just before the casket was lowered into the earth the school children stepped forward and kissed the cross on the casket. Father O'Reilly sprinkled holy water over the casket and then said a prayer, after which he knelt and prayed. Then the mourners raised the school children sang "Nearer, My God, to Thee." This completed the ceremony.

LAUGH AT GOVERNMENT BANK RUMOR.

There appeared yesterday a story from Washington, by way of Philadelphia, to the effect that J. Pierpont Morgan was planning the consolidation of several local national banks into an institution with a capitalization of about \$100,000,000, and with functions supplementing those of the United States Bank of England. The story was laughed at by the members of the Morgan family, and was also laughed at by the presidents of several banks to whose attention it was brought. A rumor of the sort has been current before, it being said that the National Bank of Commerce, in which Mr. Morgan is a condition precedent to the carrying out of a project as has been outlined would, however, be a radical alteration of the national laws relating to banking.

SAYS MRS. HALL HAS MADE NO OFFER.

E. S. Hatch, of the firm of Hatch & Wicks, counsel for Mrs. Blakely Hall, who is contesting the probate of the will of George Gilman, denied the story published yesterday to the effect that Mrs. Hall had made an offer to compromise her claim for \$50,000. Mr. Hatch said that Mrs. Hall would more think of accepting an offer of \$50,000 than would one of five cents.

PIERSON'S SON DIES.

FAITH CURIST'S WIFE HAD TAKEN THE INFANT TO A DOCTOR—FATHER'S POIGNANT GRIEF.

There was fresh trouble yesterday for J. Luther Pierson, the faith curist, who was sentenced on Wednesday in the Westchester County Court to pay a fine of \$50 for permitting his little adopted daughter to die from pneumonia without medical attendance. He was punished in a cell in the county jail at White Plains, on Wednesday night, as he declared that he would not pay the fine but would stand by his faith. Yesterday afternoon his wife went to the jail, evidently in great distress, and asked leave to see him.

When admitted Mrs. Pierson rushed ahead of her guide up the three flights of stone steps to her husband's cell. There, between her sobs, she told the faith curist that their son, Earl Gladstone Pierson, who was born on March 27 last, at their home in Valhalla, had died early in the morning from catarrhal bronchitis.

"Oh, my God!" Pierson screamed. He dropped on his knees on the stone floor of his cell, burying his face in his hands and crying bitterly. At the same time Mrs. Pierson tried to comfort her husband by putting her hand through the grating of the cell and tenderly stroking his forehead. For two hours they cried, talked and prayed together. At 4 o'clock Mrs. Pierson was told that all visitors must retire for the day. She presented a picture of distress as she left her husband's cell. Her face was pale, and she tottered as she passed out of the prison gates, carrying a small black bordered handkerchief to her eyes.

A reporter saw Pierson immediately after his wife left the prison. He was weeping and praying, and at times his mind seemed to be wandering. Looking up and recognizing his caller, Pierson said: "If I had had no doctor the child would have lived. As it was my fault for calling the doctor in, and as he may be indicted for the baby's death, I refuse to give his name, but if the authorities want to know I have a certificate to show."

Pierson then sank on his cot and refused to talk further. In the afternoon a pocketknife and a pair of scissors were taken away from Pierson, that he might have no opportunity to commit suicide or to do himself injury. Yesterday afternoon that Mrs. Pierson early in the day had come to this city and had produced a certificate from Dr. J. B. Garrison, of No. 111 East Seventieth-st., who had prescribed medicine for the baby. Dr. Garrison said last evening to a Tribune reporter:

I did not attend the baby at the Pierson home, but the baby was brought to my office four times during the time he was in the last time on May 14. The baby was suffering from bronchitis, but at the time of the last visit to my office he was recovering. Pierson came to see me to-day and said the baby died early in the morning. From what she could tell me I judge that pneumonia set in and had caused the child's death. I gave a certificate that, so far as I could judge, the child's death had been caused by pneumonia.

Robert E. Farley, the lawyer who has been retained by Pierson, said yesterday that Judge Lent had refused to grant a certificate of reasonable doubt. Mr. Farley says he will make application to a Supreme Court judge some time next week for a stay pending an appeal in Pierson's case.

ALLEN SENT TO THE TOMBS.

HIS COUNSEL HAS A TILT WITH JUSTICE JEROME, BUT IS SILENCED.

Justice Jerome sent "The" Allen to the Tombs yesterday, despite the vigorous protests of the old pool-table counsel, Benjamin Steinhardt. Allen, Charles Bayard and Robert Allen, all charged with being concerned in running the poolroom at No. 50 Sixth-ave., appeared in the morning before Justice Jerome, and in default of bail were formally committed to the city prison. Steinhardt was on hand, and was awaiting a full day of habeas corpus from the Supreme Court. He refused to let his clients give bail, because with the writ he expected to test at the outset the efficiency of Section No. 251 of the Penal Code. The men were ordered to follow the police sergeant from the courtroom, and this angered Steinhardt. He declared he could not see why the men could not remain in the Special Sessions chambers until the writ arrived.

Justice Jerome said: "I have stood a good deal from you, and if it were not for the state of your health I wouldn't have been as patient with you as I have been."

"I know my rights, and you needn't consider my health," replied Steinhardt.

"Stop," said Justice Jerome, striking the table fiercely. "In my court you must maintain proper decorum and dignity."

Steinhardt subsided and his clients were taken to the Tombs. The writ of habeas corpus was served on Warden Hagan at about 12:30 o'clock, and the prisoners were at once sent to the Supreme Court, Part II, in charge of a court warden.

Justice O'Gorman said he would hear the argument this afternoon, and held the prisoners in \$1,000 bail each.

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COL. ROOSEVELT SPONSOR.

HE NAMES INDIAN BABY BORN ON EXPOSITION GROUNDS.

(BY TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE.) Buffalo, May 23.—Vice-President Roosevelt this morning kept the promise which he made to the Indians who captured him last evening after dinner. He went to their camp in the Midway and gave himself up. That is to say, he gave himself up to the enjoyment of the Indians' performance, and so did a large party of other guests who were with him. With the inspiration of the presence of Colonel Roosevelt, who seems to be a great favorite with the Indians, the exhibitions of riding and shooting and the sham battle went off with unusual spirit.

In the middle of the performance Eagle Eye, the orator of the Indian congress, announced that a baby, a child of the Navajo tribe, had been born in the camp on Sunday, and that the mother desired that "The White Father" should lay his hands on the child and give it a name. The Indians seemed to regard this ceremony as one of much gravity, while it appeared to most of the members of the Vice-President's party in the light of a very considerable joke.

Colonel Roosevelt himself, however, took the matter seriously. The child, wrapped in a huge blanket, was brought to him. He placed his hand upon its head and named it "Pan-Ann," or, at least, that is what the nearest witness understood him to say. That may not be the way to spell it; it may be "Panamer" or "Panama," but that was the way it sounded. Colonel Roosevelt was fortunate in not having to spell it, but only to pronounce it. He can decide how to spell it when the time comes for him to have it engraved on a silver cup for the baby.

MORRIS NAMES CONFERREES.

COUNTY COMMITTEE'S REPRESENTATIVES AT THE ANTI-TAMMANY CONFERENCE.

Robert C. Morris, president of the Republican County Committee, yesterday announced the names of the committee to confer with other anti-Tammany organizations looking to a fusion ticket to oppose Tammany this fall. The members are Robert C. Morris, W. C. Ten Eyck, George W. Sheldon, F. Norton Goddard, Cornelius Van Cott, Frederick S. Gibbs and McDougall Hawkes.

The first conference of the anti-Tammany forces will be held next Tuesday night at Citizens Union headquarters, in Union Square. It was said last night that there would be no discussion of candidates, but that the principal object would be to allow the conferrees to get acquainted and arrange for a second meeting, when the platform and the ticket would be discussed. It is said that the second meeting will not be held until late in August or early in September.

PERPETUAL MOTION HIS BANE.

FAILURE TO MAKE MACHINES GO DRIVES AN ASSYRIAN TO COMMIT SUICIDE.

The police of the West One-hundred-and-twenty-fifth-st. station, after an investigation, says that Basile Saheb, an Assyrian, twenty-four years old, who lived at No. 151 West One-hundred-and-eleventh-st., shot himself through the heart because of the repeated failures of the perpetual motion machines he contrived. To perfect a machine that would contain its own power and run perpetually was his hobby. It had consumed his thoughts and been the subject of his dreams for three years.

Saheb came here three years ago from Aleppo, Syria, where his father is a wealthy merchant. His purpose in coming here was to perfect his education, and at the time of his death he was a student in one of the technical schools attached to Columbia University.

The landlady of No. 151 West One-hundred-and-eleventh-st. says that Saheb constructed many strange machines and then threw them to pieces again. He destroyed one Wednesday and soon afterward a pistol shot was heard. When his room was entered he was found dead.

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The annual meeting of the Westchester County Horse Show Association was held yesterday in White Plains. C. Oliver Iselin, of New-Rochelle, was elected one of the new directors; William H. Catlin, of Rye, was elected vice-president; Howard Willets, of White Plains, treasurer, and Thomas A. Mattland, of New-Rochelle, secretary. The other directors elected were James C. Cooley, William