



BACK TO TWO PLATOONS PATROLMEN IN REVOLT.

Say Bingham's Order Brands McClellan a "Welcher."

Police Commissioner Bingham yesterday issued a general order to restore the two platoon system of patrol duty, thus abolishing the three platoon system, which was tried for some months in the latter part of the Van Wyck administration and has been on trial so far during Mayor McClellan's administration. The order goes into effect to-morrow morning at 6 o'clock.

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TREPOFF SAVED AGAIN.

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St. Petersburg, June 19.—A circumstantial report was in circulation to-day of an attempt to kill General Trepoff, commandant of the palace, by a well dressed woman masquerading as Princess Narishkin. According to the rumor, the woman gained admittance to the palace, and when Trepoff appeared she drew a revolver, but it was seized before she could fire. The story was denied by the police.

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He was ordered back to the armory, it is said, but refusing to go. Major Romer is charged with saying: "I ignore your order of arrest. I shall not give up my sword, as I am going to Creedmore with my battalion. I am going to perform the duty of my department as I am ordered to by Colonel Jarvis, and that is all there is to it."

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Philadelphia, June 19.—Twenty years of hard labor in solitary confinement in the Eastern Penitentiary was the sentence pronounced to-day on John Joseph Kean, the abductor of little Freddie Muth. The enormity of the man's crime, which had aroused the whole city, stirred the officers of the law to quick action, and the swiftness with which justice moved has never been equaled in this community.

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SOCIALISM IN FRANCE.

Government's Plans to Fuse Aims of Capital and Labor.

Paris, June 19.—M. Clemenceau, Minister of the Interior, at the Chamber of Deputies to-day spoke against the arguments of M. Jaures, Socialist, in favor of state directed expropriation of all forms of capital and the transformation of every industry into a government monopoly. The minister said that the Socialists and Collectivists' Utopia never could be realized. The republican idea, he said, was to seek a just but not violent method of evolution from present social conditions by the fusion of capital and labor. The government hoped the Socialists would co-operate in the work of reform. The deputies loudly applauded the minister's address, and the chamber voted for placarding it through France, the vote being 365 ayes and 78 noes.

NATAL REBELS ROUTED.

Sixty Natives Killed by a Small British Force.

Mapumulo, Natal, June 19.—Rebels this morning attacked a convoy of five wagons, but the convoy got away though pursued for two miles. A force of sixty men, which was sent out from Mapumulo to protect the wagons, encountered five hundred rebels who were arranging an ambush. An engagement ensued, lasting an hour and a half, in which the rebels thrice charged the Natal force. The rebels ultimately fled, leaving sixty of their number dead.

CHEER UNKNOWN HERO.

Thousands See Gallant Rescue at Atlantic City.

Atlantic City, N. J., June 19.—Thousands on the boardwalk late this afternoon cheered when Ande Swansen, a Swiss fisherman, was rescued from drowning. His launch had been swamped on the outer bar, a mile off shore. For nearly an hour he battled with the angry sea, and then, as he neared the beach and was about to sink, exhausted, he was saved by an unknown hero.

STABBED BY MUTINEER.

Mate Dying After Fight—Men Say They Were Shanghaied.

Declaring that they had been shanghaied, fifteen of the crew of the bark L'Argentine, which is lying off Stapleton, Staten Island, rebelled yesterday at the work they were forced to do, and in the fight which followed William Rice, second mate of the vessel, was mortally stabbed by Leonard Rittingham, an able bodied seaman. The former was taken to the Marine Hospital, and Rittingham was brought to this city under arrest on the charge of attempted murder. Several of the crew are held by the police as witnesses.

SALVADOR MAY DECLARE WAR.

Advices from Guatemalan Insurgent Sources Received in Mexico City.

Mexico City, June 19.—The insurgents deny that the Guatemalan government has won any decisive victory. General Toledo is some eight leagues within Guatemalan territory, well entrenched and waiting a favorable opportunity for a forward movement. It is added that Pineda at any time may emerge from the forests of Peten with his force and make a dash for Quetzaltenango, where President Cabrera has a large garrison.

AN ITEM OF INTEREST.

Exciting Story from Our Special Volunteer Correspondent Out There.

Winsted, Conn., June 19.—The villagers of Riverton would not blame George Ransom if he swears off going to church. While at divine worship on Sunday night some one entered his henery for the fourth time and stole fifty of his fifty-eight fowls. Each time Ransom has been at church when his hens were stolen. Cheer up, George, there are more here.

PASSES MEAT MEASURE.

Only Objection Was to Making the Government Pay Cost.

Washington, June 19.—The House of Representatives gave its emphatic indorsement to-day to the President's efforts to obtain pure meat food products for the people of this country. By an almost unanimous vote, and with little debate, the meat inspection amendment to the Agricultural Appropriation bill finally agreed upon by the Committee on Agriculture was adopted. Conference on the part of the House was named, and there is now every indication that after the slight differences between the Senate and House measures have been settled the measure which is to be of such great importance in remedying the evils that have grown up under the packing house system will be ready for the President's signature. The proceedings on the floor to-day were interesting as indicating the united sentiment of both sides of the House in favor of the Meat Inspection law and the approval by the large majority of members of the measure as finally drawn.

DEBATE PROBABLE IN SENATE.

A few minutes after the House adopted the Meat Inspection amendment and asked that the Senate appoint conferees to consider the differences in the Agricultural Appropriation bill the measure was received at the Senate, and Senator Proctor moved that the measure be printed and allowed to go over until to-morrow.

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Mr. Wadsworth in explaining the changes made, said that they were mostly in verbiage, and then took them up seriatim. He spoke of the elimination of the court review clause and the date of inspection.

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Mr. Olmsted called attention to two sections of the amendment. One provides that after October 1, 1906, no person, firm or corporation shall transport or offer for transportation and no carrier of interstate or foreign commerce shall transport or receive for transportation from one state or territory or the District of Columbia, to any other state or territory or the District of Columbia, "any carcasses of meat or meat food products, unless marked inspected and passed."

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Mr. Wadsworth replied that the common carrier need not inquire. He would know that when a farmer gave him a carcass for shipment the inspection feature of the amendment was waived.

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He explained that the Civil Service clause was put in the original House bill to expedite the work, but it went out because it was not thought necessary. Continuing, he said:

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The paragraph in the original Senate amendment made the Secretary of Agriculture a mandatory and final. That clearly was unwise and inadvisable, if not unconstitutional, and the committee, in order to make matters entirely fair and just, inserted in the bill a clause giving the right of review to the courts, which the ablest lawyers on the floor claimed is granted under the constitution and the existing general laws. Therefore, I say, the clause was entirely eliminated, and the packers and slaughterers in Chicago, if they consider any of the rights of their property are injured in any way by the operations of this law, can invoke the jurisdiction of a United States judge in Chicago, and I know of no difference between the honesty and integrity of a United States judge and a municipal judge in St. Louis, Kansas City, Fort Worth, St. Joseph or any other place where the slaughtering and canning establishments are located.

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In conclusion, I want to assure the House, on behalf of the Committee on Agriculture, that the provisions of this bill will insure to the public a rigid meat and meat food inspection law.

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Mr. Lamb of Virginia, the ranking member of the minority on the Agricultural Committee, insisted that the bill was defective, in that the government was obliged to pay the cost of inspection. It was his opinion that the cost should be borne by the packers. Mr. Williams, of Mississippi, called attention to the differences of opinion between two sons of New York, the President and Mr. Wadsworth.