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THE NEWS THIS MORNING.

FOREIGN.—Almost four hundred officers and men were killed in an explosion of the powder magazines on the French battleship Liberté in the harbor of Toulon.

DOMESTIC.—President Taft was greeted by immense crowds as he continued his tour of Kansas.

THE PRIZEFIGHT SCANDAL.—Why does Governor Dix permit this scandalous middle order of the regulation of boxing to go on?

THE VAGARIES OF FAME.—An extract from "The Congressional Record" which is now being widely circulated illustrates afresh the vagaries of fame.

THE WEATHER.—Indications for today: Clearing up and abandonment of the heavy clouds.

NO OCCASION FOR SECTIONALISM.—Secretary Meyer is justified in protesting against the attacks made by Southern newspapers on his policy of eliminating useless naval yards and stations.

IT IS asking too much of human nature to expect that Southern people will view this closing up and abandonment of the navy yards with equanimity.

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Judgment of a board of army and navy engineers. Such a board could not be suspected of harboring sectional prejudice. It would be guided only by the requirements of the fleet of to-day, which has far outgrown the facilities furnished by the old system of scattered and backward yards.

Nothing could be more unfortunate for the progress of the navy along sound lines than a campaign to incite partisan and sectional rivalries because certain Southern stations are to be closed. They are being closed only because they are no longer of genuine value, and stations on other parts of the coast will be similarly abandoned as soon as it is shown that they are being maintained at a useless cost.

THE TOULON EXPLOSION.

It does not appear from present reports that the appalling disaster to the French navy at Toulon was due to negligence or carelessness, though the precise cause does not seem to be known. There are those who will hurriedly call it "another French naval disaster," remembering former mishaps in that service, and will suggest that the whole French navy is in a demoralized condition.

The facts appear to be that a fire broke out in the interior of the vessel, not far from the magazines, and before it could be extinguished reached the magazines and exploded them, and they suggest the necessity of improving the mechanism for flooding a warship's magazines or the spaces around them. The suggestion of fireproof ammunition, paradoxical as it may seem, has been made, and it is not impossible that it will some time be realized.

After the proposed charter amendments have been submitted to the Legislature the citizens and taxpayers of the municipality should be given ample time to understand and digest their provisions. No charter should be acted on in haste by the Legislature.

ITALY AND TURKEY.

Each day makes it appear more certain that, as we some time ago assumed, Italy will take advantage of the Morocco-Congo episode to assert in an effective manner her long standing claim upon Tripoli. As we have also assumed, it seems probable that her doing so will be acquiesced in and approved by the other European powers.

The situation is very different from what it was years ago, when Italy first began to formulate claims upon Tripoli. At that time Turkey was one of Lord Salisbury's "dying nations" and was regarded as fair spoil for any aggressive and acquisitive power.

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CHARTER JAMMING.

There is one argument against passing the charter at the present session or the Legislature the force of which ought to be conceded even by those who favor the charter. It is the argument stated by the committee of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment when it complained in its communication to the Legislature that the latest amendments were not available for its examination and would not be before September 25, and that it was, nevertheless, proposed to jam the charter through on September 27.

The proposed charter has been changed with bewildering frequency, having been, so far as it prescribes changes in the city government, almost entirely made over in the last week. One hundred and fifty-nine pages of new matter appeared in the revised version of September 18. This covers most of the changes that have been contemplated in the charter.

It is just as monstrous as was the original plan to jam the charter through in July, which Governor Dix rebuked in these words:

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If Governor Dix meant what he said then, he will veto the charter in case it reaches him.

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should and we trust will strengthen the demand for the abolition of grade crossings, and also for the abolition of the sight-obstructing boardings with which so many railroads are lined. It should in equal measure warn all people to "Stop, Look and Listen" before venturing upon an unguarded crossing; and all these remarks apply to Long Island and New Jersey as well as to Wisconsin.

THE SEASIDE PARK SCHEME.

The project of creating a much needed seaside park for this city at Rockaway seems at last on the point of realization. The Board of Estimate and Apportionment last week approved the necessary change in the city map, and that action now awaits only the Mayor's approval to become effective.

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Mrs. Reno-Freed (to small daughter)—My darling, I want to tell you that your mother is going to be married again next week.

Daughter—Oh, mamma! And after all the while we had with papa—Boston Transcript.

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People and Social Incidents.

NEW YORK SOCIETY.

Among those due to arrive in New York to-day on board the Kaiser Wilhelm II are Mr. and Mrs. George Jay Gould, who are bringing over the body of Mrs. Gould's mother, Mrs. Charles W. Kingdon, who died in France early in the summer. Other passengers are Mr. and Mrs. Jay Gould, who were married in April; Dr. and Mrs. Nicholas Murray Butler, Mrs. Rutherford S. Vanderbilt and Mr. and Mrs. V. Everit Macy. Mr. and Mrs. Jay Gould will go to the Plaza on their arrival.

Mrs. W. K. Vanderbilt, Jr., has sailed from Cherbourg for New York on board the Victoria Louise, and is due here on Saturday or Sunday. She was among those on board the Olympia when that vessel was rammed last Wednesday by the British cruiser Hawke. Mrs. Vanderbilt on her arrival will go to her country place on Long Island.

Mr. and Mrs. F. Egerton Webb will sail for Europe on Saturday, to remain abroad six weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Lancelotti Morgan and Miss Helen Ridgely Morgan have returned to town from North East Harbor, Me.

Mr. and Mrs. Pembroke Jones, who are still at their villa at Newport, will go to Hot Springs, Va., next month.

Mr. and Mrs. George L. Rives will return to town from Newport the middle of next week.

Mrs. Lorillard Spencer has arrived in the city from Newport, and is at the Hotel Gotham.

Mr. and Mrs. William V. B. Kip have returned to town from Spring Lake, N. J.

Mr. and Mrs. William E. Shepherd and Miss Mauda Shepherd will leave for Bar Harbor this week for Narragansett Pier, to remain until the end of next month.

Mr. and Mrs. Philip Livingston have returned to the city from Bar Harbor.

SOCIAL NOTES FROM NEWPORT.

Newport, Sept. 25.—Miss May Van Alen has closed her season and is on her way to the English home of her father, James J. Van Alen, Mr. and Mrs. James Laurens Van Alen have returned from New York.

Registered at the Casino to-day were E. Pennington, Parsons, Frederick P. A. Pearson and E. W. Dwight, of Philadelphia, a guest of Edward C. Knight, Jr.

Mrs. Emma Brungler is planning a dinner for late in the week.

Mrs. J. J. Mason will give a luncheon on Thursday afternoon.

The steam yacht Narada, with Henry Walters, has returned to New York.

Mr. and Mrs. Pembroke Jones will close their season at the end of the week and go to Hot Springs.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry A. C. Taylor have returned from a short yachting trip.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph B. Dilworth are at Hot Springs, having closed their season here.

Mr. and Mrs. William M. V. Hoffman, of

ULSTER IRRECONCILABLE.

Belfast Unionists Will Not Submit to Home Rule.

Belfast, Sept. 25.—A conference of local anti-home rule leaders was held to-day, when resolutions were adopted declaring that the Unionists would not acknowledge the authority of any Home Rule government. A committee was appointed to devise a provisional government for Ulster which should become operative on the day that the Irish Home Rule bill was passed.

Sir Edward Carson, member of Parliament for Dublin University, was chosen leader of the movement.

DENONCES ASTOR WEDDING.

Dean of Boston Congregationalists Wants Uniform Laws.

Boston, Sept. 25.—"Every Congregational minister felt a thrill of shame, I believe, when he realized that it was one of his own church who married Mr. Astor," declared the Rev. Dr. Arthur Little, of Dorchester, in opening late to-day a meeting of the Congregational Ministers' Association, called for the express purpose of denouncing the wedding of John Jacob Astor and Miss Madeleine T. Force, and urged a uniform divorce law for every state, which would prevent a person divorced in one state from being married in another.

The Rev. Israel Alsworth, pastor of Trinity Church, Revere, declared that he doubted if ministers should have the privilege of solemnizing the marriage ceremony. "Nothing can be found in the Scriptures authorizing the performance of the marriage ceremony by ministers of the Gospel," he said, "and, such being the case, I cannot see why we should unite people in marriage.

"Marriages are never made in Heaven. Couples are never actually joined by the hand of God. But yet, when we, as ministers, perform the marriage ceremony, we are wedding them as if by the hand of God. My conscience has troubled me many times on this question."

JUDGE L. L. FAWCETT HOME.

Says Japan Has No Desire for War with United States.

County Judge Lewis L. Fawcett returned to Brooklyn yesterday, after spending his vacation in Japan and Korea. He went away to recuperate, as he had been ill for months. While in Korea he met former Congressman Otto G. Foelker, of anti-race-track gambling fame. Mr. Foelker expects to make his home in Korea, where he has extensive interests.

AMERICAN NAVAL OFFICER FALLS VICTIM TO HOSTILE NATIVES.

Washington, Sept. 25.—Ensign Charles R. Hovey was killed by hostile natives yesterday on the Basilan Island, which forms part of the Philippine Archipelago. Several sailors of Ensign Hovey's party were severely wounded.

Commander Fahs, in charge of the naval station at Olongapo, cabled the brief report from Commander Schoenfeld, of the gunboat Queros, cruising in southern Philippine waters. The report said that there had been an action yesterday between the force from the gunboat Pampanga and hostile Yacans, on the Basilan Island, which lies just south of the town of Zamboanga and between Mindanao and the Solo group.

J. H. Catherwood, ordinary seaman, was severely wounded, and J. F. Hennechen, machine's mate, second class, were slightly wounded.

Ensign Hovey was graduated from the Naval Academy in the class of '05.

Catherwood has been in the naval service about thirteen years. His mother, Mrs. E. J. Catherwood, lives at No. 62 West Washington street, Springfield, Ill.