

M'KINLEY AT THE LAUNCH.

THE PRESIDENT SEES THE OHIO GLIDE INTO THE WATER.

Mr. McKinley So Much Improved That Her Husband is Able to Leave Her for a Few Hours—Speech by Mr. McKinley to the Workmen of the Union Iron Works.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 18.—The improvement in Mrs. McKinley's condition was so great this morning that the President decided to attend the launching of the battleship Ohio. This event was one of the chief objects of his visit to California.

A few minutes later the Slocum passed near the battleships Iowa and Wisconsin and the cruiser Philadelphia. These vessels and all the shipping in the harbor displayed hundreds of flags and the national salute of twenty-one guns boomed forth from the naval vessels and the army transports.

Before the President reached the stand from which he was to witness the launching he was intercepted by a delegation of workmen employed in the shipyard, who through a spokesman presented a gold plate inscribed with a testimonial of their esteem.

My fellow citizens, I am imexpressibly thankful to the Ruler of us all for His goodness and His mercy, which have made it possible for me to be with you here to-day.

Our flag flies everywhere except in the Philippines. I have never expressed any opinion, but it has given freedom to every people over whom it has floated.

Let me say that I shall carry this beautiful souvenir with me of the employees of the Union Iron Works at all times, and with me as long as I live, and shall be passed along to those of the family that shall follow as one of the dearest tokens I have ever received from my countrymen.

The President and the members of the cabinet were then escorted to the launch. Mrs. McKinley was the first to enter the launch, and she was followed by the President.

As the head of the nation I want to thank the people of this coast for their noble work in the Spanish war. I want to thank you for the splendid work done by the ships you have built and their priceless services to the country.

MALTBIE D. BABCOCK DEAD.

SUICIDE OF "A CLERGYMAN NAMED MALTIE" IN NEAPOLIS HOSPITAL.

Pastor of the Brick Church Reported by Earlier Italian Despatches From Naples to Be Dead in a Hospital There of Fever—Friends Here Believe Their Information to Be Correct—A Severe Blow for Dr. Babcock's Church—He Was on His Way Back From the East When Stricken With Fever.

Some fifteen hours after the news of the death in a hospital in Naples of the Rev. Dr. Maltie D. Babcock, pastor of the Brick Presbyterian Church in this city had been received here yesterday came this press despatch:

"NAPLES, May 18.—An evangelist clergyman named Maltie of Liverpool committed suicide at the International Hospital by cutting an artery in his wrist and swallowing corrosive sublimate. He had been suffering from chronic liver complaint."

On Wednesday William D. Barbour, the banker, who is Treasurer of the Brick Church, received a despatch from Mrs. Babcock saying that her husband was in the hospital in Naples with Mediterranean fever. Yesterday Mr. Barbour cut a cable despatch from the Rev. Dr. J. H. Riggs of Auburn, Theological Seminary, one of Dr. Babcock's traveling companions, that Dr. Babcock had died in the hospital yesterday morning.

When the despatch from Naples, printed above, was shown to Mr. Barbour last night he said that he believed some person with a name more or less suggestive of Dr. Babcock's was the suicide, and not Dr. Babcock. On receipt of yesterday's cable from Dr. Riggs Mr. Barbour called back asking for the fullest particulars of Dr. Babcock's death. He had received no reply up to early this morning.

Dr. Babcock and his wife sailed from New York last February with a company of forty-five non-commissioned officers and privates of the Mediterranean countries and the Holy Land. Among the travelers were Dr. Riggs, the Rev. Dr. Wilton Miller-Smith and Frank S. Hastings, who is well known in the Brick Church as a brother-in-law of E. C. Benedict. They sailed on a steamer, but the party was made up of individuals and groups came home at different times by different routes. Mr. Hastings and many of the others are already at home. Dr. and Mrs. Babcock expected to be home within a very short time.

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ALL THREE SISTERS INSANE.

THEY ARE APPARENTLY VICTIMS OF RELIGIOUS MANIA.

Erected an Altar in the Vestibule of Their Home and Invited Millions to Come and Be Saved—Their Father in the Middle West Acclaim—Women Taken to the Bellevue Pavilion.

Three sisters who live in the brownstone house at 154 East 17th street were taken to Bellevue Hospital yesterday for examination as to their sanity. They are Miss Catherine T., Miss Mary Veronica and Miss Agnes M. White, and their case is one of the oddest on record.

The Whites belong to an old family of the Seventh ward and several persons at the hospital, including Dr. Joseph Schiller, recognized them. The family moved to Harlem nine years ago, when the mother bought the house in East 17th street. After they had been living in it a year the mother died. Then the father, Morris White, a well-to-do contractor, became insane and was removed to the Middletown asylum. For two years past his daughters have been living in the family house alone, with the exception of one or two women lodgers, to whom they let out the top floor, but who were seldom home.

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ALBANY STRIKE SETTLED.

THE AGREEMENT CONSIDERED A VICTORY FOR THE COMPANY.

It Retains the Right to Employ Non-Union Men—Hitters Not to Be Taken Back—A Strike Not to Be Declared Without Deliberation and Due Notice—Wage Increase Granted—All the Troops Except the 33d Leave.

ALBANY, May 18.—By a vote that was nearly unanimous, the striking employees of the United Traction Company, which controls the street cars here, Albany, Troy, Schenectady and Watervliet, this morning ratified an agreement with the company in which points at issue were adjusted or waived, and the strike, which had called on 3,000 militia to guard and prevent rioting, is settled. The company's right to employ non-union men as well as union men is recognized, the strikers got the increase in wages asked for, and it is agreed that no strike shall begin until six days after notice to the company. The agreement is binding upon employer and employed for three years.

As soon as the agreement was signed it was announced that no cars would be run in Albany by the union men until to-morrow, and that the presidents of the unions had agreed to keep their men away from the North Albany and Quail street cars, where the new non-union employees had been quartered. It was also announced that the new non-union men would be taken from the barracks to-day, under escort, to the railroad depot and sent home, with their quick response to the call and said that they were an honor to themselves and their regiment.

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