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THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE D. C. Branch, King's Daughters and Sons, will be held in Luther Memorial Church, 14th and Vt. ave., TUESDAY and WEDNESDAY, May 8 and 9.
The Tuesday meeting will be called at 7:45 p.m., when an address will be made by Mrs. J. Ellen Foster.
Meetings on Wednesday will be at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m.
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SPECIAL NOTICES.

PAPER BY REV. FRANK SEWALL.
The closing meeting of the season of the Society for Philosophical Inquiry will be held TODAY at 4:30 at the Columbian University. Rev. Frank Sewall will give a paper on "Idealistic Monism." 1t

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PARTLY CLOUDY TONIGHT.

Wednesday Fair, With Fresh Southerly Winds.

Forecast till 8 p.m. Wednesday—For the District of Columbia, Delaware, Maryland and Virginia, partly cloudy tonight. Wednesday fair; fresh southerly winds.

Weather conditions and general forecast: The disturbance which was central Monday morning in eastern Kansas has moved northeastward to southern Michigan, where it was joined by a lesser depression which had moved down from the British northwest.

Showers and thunder storms continued in the central valleys and the west and have extended through the lake regions; elsewhere fair weather has prevailed, except on the north Pacific coast.

Temperatures have risen east of the Mississippi river and west of the Rocky mountains. Over the greater portion of the lake regions they are from 5 to 18 degrees above the seasonal average.

Showers and thunder storms are indicated tonight and Wednesday from the lower lake region eastward. Showers are also indicated in the southern portion of the middle and west gulf states.

It will be cooler in the Ohio valley and lower lake region, and warmer tonight in New England.

On the New England and middle Atlantic coast the winds will be fresh to brisk southerly. On the south coast they will be fresh southerly.

Storm signals are displayed on the lower lakes.

The following heavy precipitation (in inches) has been reported during the past twenty-four hours: Dubuque, 1.60; Springfield, Mo., 1.04; Chicago, 1.20; Beaumont, Tex., 2.00; Brenham, Tex., 1.70.

Records for Twenty-Four Hours.

The following were the readings of the thermometer and barometer at the weather bureau for the twenty-four hours beginning at 2 p.m. yesterday:

Thermometer: May 7—4 p.m., 70; 8 p.m., 64; 12 midnight, 58. May 8—4 a.m., 54; 8 a.m., 60; 12 noon, 79; 2 p.m., 87. Maximum, 87, at 2 p.m. May 8; minimum, 54, at 4 a.m. May 8.

Barometer: May 7—4 p.m., 30.20; 8 p.m., 30.19; 12 midnight, 30.17. May 8—4 a.m., 30.12; 8 a.m., 30.06; noon, 29.94; 2 p.m., 29.85.

Condition of the Water.

Temperature and condition of water at 8 a.m.: Great Falls, temperature, 69; condition, 36; receiving reservoir, temperature, 66; condition at north connection, 36; condition at south connection, 36; distributing reservoir, temperature, 65; condition at influent gate house, 36; effluent gate house, 36.

Tide Table.

Today—Low tide, 10 a.m. and 10:20 p.m.; high tide, 3:21 a.m. and 3:36 p.m.

Tomorrow—Low tide, 10:53 a.m. and 11:07 p.m.; high tide, 4:15 a.m. and 4:32 p.m.

The Sun and Moon.

Today—Sun rises, 4:52 a.m.; sun sets, 7:01 p.m.

Moon sets, 2:01 a.m. tomorrow.

Tomorrow—Sun rises, 4:51 a.m.

The City Lights.

Gas lamps all lighted by 7:38 p.m.; extinguishing begun at 4:01 a.m. The lighting is begun one hour before the time named.

Arc lamps lighted at 7:21 p.m.; extinguished at 4:16 a.m.

DECIDE UPON AN OVERTURE.

Washington City Presbytery's Request for a Brief Creed.

The Washington city presbytery, at its session late yesterday afternoon, decided to submit an overture to the general assembly of the church, which meets soon at St. Louis, for a new statement of the old creed. This action was taken after the entire day had been consumed in discussing the matter from all sides. As stated in The Star yesterday, two overtures were presented to the local presbytery for adoption, one by Dr. Teunis S. Hamlin, pastor of the Church of the Covenant, and another by Dr. Wallace Radcliffe of the New York Avenue Presbyterian Church. Dr. Hamlin's overture, reading as follows, was adopted by a vote of 25 to 15:

"The presbytery of Washington city, assembled in special session at the Church of the Covenant on this 7th day of May, A. D. 1900, respectfully overtures the venerable the general assembly of the Presbyterian Church, in the United States of America, to convene in the city of St. Louis, Mo., on the 17th of May instant, that by the appointment of a suitable committee, or in such other manner as in its wisdom may seem best, it take the necessary preliminary steps to secure at as early a day as possible the preparation of a brief, evangelical, irenic, Calvinistic creed; such creed to be a part of the constitution of the church, and to be subscribed by ministers, ruling elders and deacons in place of the Westminster symbols."

Dr. Radcliffe's overture simply suggested that the general assembly should appoint a committee to consider the matter of a restatement of the doctrinal standards of the church, and to report to the next general assembly its recommendations on the subject, either as to the issuance of an authoritative explanatory statement or the preparation of a brief evangelical, irenic creed, setting forth the system of doctrine or to take such other action as the assembly may see fit.

Alleged Cruelty.

A case of alleged cruelty to a horse was yesterday evening brought to the attention of the Anacostia police and Agent Wright of the Humane Society, and was investigated. The horse, which is said to have been an old one, was found lying helpless on Fort Stanton hill, with a number of cuts and scratches on its body, and was thought to be in a dying condition after having been abandoned. Officer Sontag shot the animal.

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PAPER BY MAJ. SYLVESTER

WASHINGTON POLICE CHIEF DISCUSSES NEGLECT OF DUTY.

Annual Session of Police Chiefs of United States and Canada at Cincinnati.

Special Dispatch to The Evening Star.

CINCINNATI, Ohio, May 8.—Members of the Police Union, composed of the chiefs of police of the United States and Canada, who are guests of the city, met in annual session at the Grand Hotel this morning. Chief A. H. Leslie of Pittsburg, president of the association, called the meeting to order, with Chief Harry Carr of Grand Rapids, secretary.

Prominent among the chiefs is Major Richard Sylvester of Washington. Although this is his second meeting with the union, he has been identified with the police business of the national capital for so many years that he is well known. Several members of the union read papers on police questions. Major Sylvester read a paper before the union, his subject being "Neglect of Duty."

Major Sylvester said in part:

The term "Neglect of Duty," applied to the individual charged with the enforcement of the laws, is familiar to you all. I doubt if any one of you has escaped the charge at one time or another, no matter how strenuously you have labored to avoid it. It is equally a fact that you have made the same allegation against many of those over whom you have had supervision.

Perhaps no harsher, and at times more necessary, charge is made than that which implies that a person has been guilty of the sin of omission. It may not be true, it may not have been intentional, yet the mere suggestion carries with it pangs and fears which penetrate the heart. On the principle that it is far more easy to tear down than it is to build up, persons of pride and character have long since learned how long it takes to outlive the charge of "shortcoming." Many are disposed to elevate themselves by destroying others, though it does not always follow that when one pulls down the pillars of the temple he finds profit in the debris.

Human Nature Revolts at Restraint.

Human nature rebels against, offers resistance to those charged with its restraint. The disposition to be free, to pursue a course untrammeled, regardless of the rights of others, makes restraint necessary, and such conditions are controlled by laws and regulations which you have been selected to enforce. While you have agents to assist, you are not fully relieved of responsibility, as you are the brains, the director, the guiding star. When you please, you are gratified; when you displease, you are grieved. It has long since been determined, however, that you cannot please everybody. If you are intelligent, honest and energetic, you have not discriminated, but soon realize that many who were with you are opposed to you. You have done your duty, yet some persons, judging from their own standpoint, charge you with its neglect. It is useless to attempt to convince them of their mistake, because, while you are conscious of having done right, such minds are not open to conviction, their interests having run against legal restraint. When charged with neglect of duty under such circumstances, being satisfied that you have been just, you are apt to get an undisturbed night's rest.

If, under the law, you are subject to the orders of higher authority, and by such are denied the right of an independent interpretation of affairs, it matters not how irregular or how consistent such action may appear from your point of view, you may be charged with neglect of duty, and an attempt on your part to show that you have not discriminated, might be at the expense of your bread and butter. Silence, on the other hand, may carry with it, in a large measure, conviction. Then you suffer for the sins of others. Such conditions would so influence an honorable, sensitive man, that his protestations, if not his resignation, would likely follow.

Police Should Be Kept Out of Politics.

The probability of such a condition of affairs occurring accentuates the claim that to secure a pure, conscientious police administration, it must be segregated from machine influences. That police institution which is divorced from politics and allowed to proceed in its legitimate field, with a capable and honest head, who will stand by right and permit no wrong, can be depended upon to insure security of person and enjoyment of property. All other departments of the state—the courts, the schools, the collector of taxes, the assessor of values, must lean upon it. It is the balance wheel which should be kept in motion by a confiding public, and its chief should have no fear of the charge, "Neglect of duty." He should know the laws and enforce them justly yet firmly; be honest and active; know the people and his force—its strength and defects; should look for a way to help his fellow man, not for a way to crush him; should be charitable, acquainting himself with the proverb, "A kind word turneth away wrath," and the maxim, "It is easier to kill with kindness than it is with the club." He should remember that brains are worth more than brawn, although the latter is very often a necessity.

Among the questions of interest to be debated is the proposed transfer of the bureau of identification from Chicago to Washington. In Chicago the bureau received the support of the state of Illinois, while in Washington it would undoubtedly receive the support of the general government. Attorney General Griggs has already given his indorsement of the bureau, and it is stated he desires that its headquarters shall be removed to the national capital.

CONDENSED LOCALS.

Charles Wheeler was today convicted in the Police Court, before Judge Kimball, of the larceny of a pair of shoes, valued at $1.50, from Edward Williams, and was sent to jail for thirty days.

For the larceny of a coat, valued at $3, from Patrick Higgins, Thomas B. Almond was today fined $10 in the Police Court by Judge Kimball. In default of payment he was sent to jail for thirty days.

Cornelius A. Brown, who was arrested last evening by Detectives Peck and Miller on the charge of stealing a lot of silver, valued at $29.40, from the Norris Peters Lithographing Company, today pleaded guilty before Judge Kimball in the Police Court and was fined $20 and ordered to make restitution of $16.40, the amount for which he sold the silver to a local dealer. He complied with the sentence and was released.

Mary Mack, living at 326 Allen street southwest, was cut and bruised about the face last night, and the police are endeavoring to apprehend the person who committed the assault. The woman was obliged to go to a hospital for treatment.

Daniel Tibbs, colored, who claimed to have had his head injured with a flatiron, was taken to the Emergency Hospital from Brightwood last night. He was able to return home after the doctors dressed his wounds.

James Lander, colored, thirty-six years old, was struck on the head with a bottle during a row in Hayes' court last night. His injury was dressed at the Emergency Hospital.

The dead body of an infant was found in the water of the Eastern branch, west of the insane asylum wharf, by an inmate of the hospital. The asylum authorities took charge of the body and communicated with the coroner, who gave permission that it be interred, which was done.

An abandoned bicycle was found yesterday by James Howard of Twining City concealed under a clump of bushes near that place. Howard brought the wheel to the police station in Anacostia. It is thought it may have been stolen or else abandoned after being hired by some person.

Melvin J. Adams was today charged before Judge Kimball in the Police Court with obtaining by false pretenses one dollar's worth of silver from Joseph H. Yundt. He waived examination and was held in $300 for the action of the grand jury.

Benjamin Johnson was today convicted in the Police Court before Judge Kimball of the larceny of $5 from Charles Forrester, and was sent to jail for three months.

Elmer C. Long, thirty-eight years old, who lives at 325 1st street southeast, became ill in front of 619 E street northwest about 10:30 o'clock this morning. He was taken to the Casualty Hospital for treatment by the police of the sixth precinct.

CENTRAL LABOR UNION

REOPENING OF ARSENAL GROUNDS ON SUNDAYS REQUESTED.

Thanks of Letter Carriers—Treasury Officials Promise to Investigate Charges—Other Business.

At the meeting last evening of the Central Labor Union the closing of the Arsenal grounds to the public Sunday was reported, and a resolution was adopted setting forth that as the city of Washington is known for its beauty and beautiful parks and government reservations, and that the women and children have in the past, in suitable weather, availed themselves of the opportunities of delightful outing in these reservations, and that as for years past it has been the custom of the custodians of these government reservations to keep the same open seven days in the week, and resolving that the secretary of the Central Labor Union be instructed to inform the Secretary of War that the Arsenal grounds, through the action of Major Greenough or some other army officer in charge, have been closed to the public on Sunday—something that has never heretofore been done—and that the Central Labor Union favors the opening of these grounds to the public on that and other days of the week, in the absence of fevers or other contagious diseases, and the Secretary of War is requested to keep the Arsenal grounds open to the public.

A communication was read from E. T. Cantwell, secretary of the National Association of Letter Carriers, expressing, on behalf of the letter carriers of the United States, the thanks of that organization to the Central Labor Union for its indorsement of the bill providing for the increase of the pay of letter carriers, which is now pending in Congress.

Will Be Investigated.

A letter was also read from T. F. Swayze, chief clerk of the Treasury Department, acknowledging the receipt of a letter from Secretary Brinkman, which alleged that the contractor who has the sewing and laying of carpets for that department, is violating the eight-hour law. Mr. Swayze informed the union that the matter will be thoroughly investigated.

The bill recently introduced in the House which provides for a uniform wage scale of $2 per day for unskilled laborers in the employ of the government was indorsed and referred to the legislative committee.

It was reported that a called meeting of the Building Trades' Council was held last Tuesday, and that steps were taken to continue the body, which will be composed exclusively of trades union organizations having national alliances. After a full discussion of the status of the local building trades it was deemed advisable to recognize a council composed of legitimate organizations, having national affiliation consistent with the principle of the National Building Trades' Council. It was announced that the council will meet every Tuesday evening in the future. Mr. A. L. Dahler was elected fraternal delegate to represent the Central Labor Union in that body.

Insane Asylum Attendants.

The legislative committee reported relative to the bill introduced in the House of Representatives by Mr. Mudd, on March 27, which proposed to regulate the pay and hours of services of attendants at the Government Hospital for the Insane. The committee stated that since April 10 the bill has been in the hands of Secretary Hitchcock, who is opposed to the measure and probably will not report during the present session of Congress.

Anticipating a hearing before the District committee of the House, to whom the bill was referred, the committee has collected considerable data bearing upon the matter, which, they state, they are "desirous of submitting to the District committee, if Secretary Hitchcock will permit the committee to consider the measure." In the meantime a statement will be prepared giving in detail the conditions of service of the attendants at the hospital, which will be forwarded to the District committees of the Senate and House and also be given general publication.

MOTORMEN FINED.

Were Arraigned for Running Cars at Excessive Speed.

Four motormen who are employed on the Anacostia branch of the Washington Traction system were defendants in Judge Scott's court this morning, charged with violating the law regulating the speed of electric cars. They were Emory Sydnor, John Sand, W. G. Green and Quinton Justice. Bicycle Policeman Cornwell of the fourth precinct preferred the charges against the defendants. It was alleged in the informations filed that their cars exceeded the speed specified in the law—twelve miles an hour.

The officer explained that he was detailed to watch the cars on Canal street last Friday. He timed the cars and said they ran at the rate of nineteen to twenty-three miles an hour, and as fast at street crossings as they did between the streets.

"If these men obey the law, on the one hand," said Mr. Carrington, who represented the defendants, "they are punished; and if, on the other hand, they violate it they are punished."

He explained that the motormen are required to run on schedule time, and time lost on one part of the line has to be made up on another part. When their cars are behind the schedule the motormen are sometimes laid off. Most of them, he said, have families and the loss of work in this way is a hardship to them.

In their own defense the motormen stated that they had no means of determining the speed, and it was their idea that they had not violated the law. They contended that they did slow down at street crossings.

Judge Scott, in commenting on the case, said the law was an important one and should be enforced. The fast running of cars, the judge said, is liable to result in accidents and deaths, and the observance of the law, he thought, would decrease the number of suits against the company as well as protect the general public. The judge reminded the motormen of the great responsibility that rests upon them, and said he realized that they were at a great disadvantage in not having an instrument to gauge the speed of their cars. It is difficult, the court said, to tell just what should be done in these cases. The defendants were fined $3 each, and Judge Scott said he hoped his action would be a sufficient warning to them not to exceed in the future the speed limit fixed by the law.

Preachers Choose Officers.

At the annual session of the Washington Preachers' Meeting of the Methodist Episcopal Church, held yesterday, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Alex. Bielaski, president; J. F. Heisse, vice president; C. O. Isaac, secretary, W. R. Stricklen, treasurer; F. M. Bristol, E. L. Watson and S. L. Bryant, executive committee.

Thrown From His Bicycle.

James Henry, colored, twenty-three years old, was thrown from his bicycle near Maryland avenue and 7th street northeast about 10 o'clock last night and was severely cut about the head and face. He was taken to a near-by drug store, where his injuries were dressed, and he was afterward taken to his home, near 12th and F streets northeast, by friends.

Child Severely Injured.

Stanley Arnold Reade, three and one-half years old, had his hand severely cut yesterday afternoon while playing with a broken bottle. The surgeons at the Casualty Hospital dressed the injury. They found it necessary to pick a number of pieces of glass from the wound and then put in a number of stitches. When the operation was completed the young patient was taken to the home of his parents, No. 1207 B street southeast.

Politicians on Way to Hyattsville.

A number of the delegates to the fifth Maryland congressional district convention, which meets today at Hyattsville, came to this city this morning and were taken to their destination on one of the cars of the City and Suburban railroad. A brass band was aboard and the delegates occupied the remainder of the car.

AFFAIRS IN ALEXANDRIA

R. E. LEE CAMP, CONFEDERATE VETERANS, IN SESSION.

Arrangements Made for Decoration Day—Charges Against City Electrician—General News.

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ALEXANDRIA, Va., May 8, 1900.

R. E. Lee Camp, Confederate Veterans, held its regular monthly meeting last night in the camp hall on Prince street, Commander A. C. Wyckoff presiding. Arrangements were made for the proper observance of Memorial day, the 24th instant. It was announced that Representative P. J. Otey of Lynchburg would be the orator of the occasion.

The following committees were announced:

On arrangements—A. C. Wyckoff, W. A. Smoot, G. Wm. Ramsay, E. H. O'Brien, K. Kemper and E. C. Graham.

Committee to assist Woman's Auxiliary—Edgar Warfield, sr., F. J. Davidson, D. H. Appich, Isaac Rudd and Charles S. Taylor.

Committee to decorate graves in St. Mary's cemetery—P. F. Gorman, R. M. Latham and Levi Hurdle; for Ivy Hill cemetery, L. M. Blackford, Col. Arthur Herbert, E. H. Janney, Nicholas Dawson and Geo. Wise; for cemeteries near the city, W. H. May, S. C. Boush, W. H. Yeatman, J. R. Zimmerman, John S. Blackburn, W. H. Sheerwood, J. W. Hammond, Andrew Sullivan, R. W. Gailliard, S. A. Mankin and R. F. Knox.

Mrs. Powell presented the camp with a handsomely framed picture of her late husband, Dr. Powell, who was surgeon of the camp for several years.

Charges Investigated.

The committee on light met last evening in the office of the clerk of gas to investigate charges against City Electrician Kirby, who, it was alleged, had appropriated wire belonging to private parties for the city's use in the construction of a street electric light.

Mr. Kirby appeared before the committee and admitted that some wire had been taken by his orders from a line belonging to Mr. B. F. Burroughs. Mr. Kirby stated that at the time he saw no impropriety in using the wire, which was then out of use, and which he intended to replace. He said the wire taken had been employed in placing an electric lamp at the intersection of Lee and Jefferson streets. Furthermore, Mr. Kirby pointed out that the removal was made in the daytime. Several other witnesses were examined, and their testimony was substantially the same as that of Mr. Kirby.

A motion to remove the city electrician was defeated.

Local Company Chartered.

The Kuhn Fermaldehyde Generator Company was chartered by Judge Norton in the corporation court yesterday afternoon. The capital stock of the company is $25,000, and the object is to manufacture and sell fermaldehyde vapor to be used in disinfecting. The officers are C. C. Cardin, president; Ashby Miller, secretary and treasurer, and R. P. Kuhn, general manager. In addition to the officers the board of directors is composed of L. C. Barley, J. K. James and Dr. J. T. Miller.

Petition for Mandamus.

Through his attorney, Charles Bendheim, Frank J. Spinks, jr., has filed a petition in the corporation court for a writ of mandamus compelling the board of police commissioners to reinstate him as a member of the police force. Arguments on the petition will be made Thursday morning at 10 o'clock. The petitioner claims that he was removed under rules which were unconstitutional. Furthermore, he represents that he was not furnished with a copy of the rules when he became a member of the force.

General Matters.

In addition to the candidates nominated at the recent democratic primary the following names will be on the ticket at the general election, May 24: John Jones, for constable in the third ward; John Beatley and A. J. Groves, for constable in the fourth ward, and O. C. Whittlesey, for magistrate in the fourth ward.

Mayor Simpson disposed of the following cases in the police court this morning: William Clark, colored, charged with assaulting Chas. Beverly, was fined $5. The case of George Finnell, charged with breaking and entering the shoe shop of George Lyles, was continued. James Wools was assessed $3 on the charge of gambling. "Spider" Ford, Leonard Carter, Wesley Carter and Thomas Bryant, all colored, charged with gambling, were dismissed.

The base ball team from the Episcopal High School near this city was defeated by the Locustdale Military Academy at Culpeper yesterday afternoon in a hotly contested game, the score being 19 to 18. The batteries were H. D. Waters and Carter, R. K. Waters and H. D. Waters for the Episcopal High School and Porter, Alexander and Hanvey for Locustdale.

The city council will hold its regular semi-monthly meeting this evening. It is expected that a report will be received from the board which examined applicants for the office of city engineer. It is probable that council will make a selection for that position this evening.

COLUMBIA HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

Papers of Interest Read at Meeting Held Last Evening.

The meeting of the Columbia Historical Society last evening at the Shoreham was largely attended. As this was the last time the members will come together prior to the summer vacation the president of the society, Mr. John A. Kasson, took occasion to speak of the past year, which, he said, had been the most successful in the history of the society. He said the public interest in the aims and objects of the society had increased, as shown by the larger number that came to the meetings and the addition of new members to the rolls. The society had issued, as usual, a volume of publications, and had, in addition, defrayed the cost of preparing a catalogue of printed matter relating to the District, which was now in the hands of the printer and would soon be issued in book form. It was an encouraging evidence, he added, of the financial conndition of the society that in spite of these drains upon its resources the year was closed with a balance in the treasury. He bespoke for the society the interest and the assistance of the citizens in enabling it to carry out its plans, which in part contemplated the publication of material relating to the District, much of which was still in manuscript form.

The first paper of the evening was read by Mr. Appleton P. Clark, jr., upon the origin of the building regulations of the city, in which he demonstrated for the first time the interesting fact that the building regulations, as announced by order of General Washington in 1791, were based upon those of the city of Philadelphia. Mr. Clark also showed that the ideas of L'Enfant, the French engineer, were used in framing some of the regulations.

Mrs. Harriet Riddle Davis read a paper giving an incident connected with the assassination of President Lincoln, in which she told with dramatic power an experience of her own childhood in the capital city. Her description of the city during the war times was of special interest. The paper held the close attention of the audience.

SERVICES RECOGNIZED.

Promotion of Mr. Proudfit to Succeed Frank L. Campbell.

The Secretary of the Interior has appointed Samuel V. Proudfit first assistant attorney general for the Interior Department, vice Frank L. Campbell, who was appointed assistant secretary of the interior. Mr. Proudfit has been connected with the Interior Department since 1883, having entered the office of the assistant attorney general in that year. Prior to this time he had been engaged in the practice of law in the state of Iowa. In addition to his other duties, he has had charge for the past fifteen years of the publication of the decisions of the Interior Department relating to public lands. The promotion of Mr. Proudfit is looked upon as a just recognition of faithful and intelligent service.

The survey for the Japanese railway from Seoul, capital of Corea, to Fusan, has been completed.

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