

RUBBER WARE STREPREY Position on Contraband of War Stated. FOODSTUFFS AND FUEL SUPPLEMENTARY INSTRUCTIONS ISSUED TO COMMANDERS.

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SPANISH WAR VETERANS. Discuss Proposed Military Club and Announce Committees.

The officers of the Department of the District of Columbia United Spanish War Veterans held a meeting last night at headquarters, 719 6th street northwest, at which Dr. S. Clifford Cox, the new department commander, presided, and announced his committee appointments.

The local matters to come before the next meeting were discussed and the committee was organized. The department commander, Dr. S. Clifford Cox, presided, and announced his committee appointments.

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DEATH CAUSED BY CAR CORONER'S INQUEST IN CASE OF JOHN SULLIVAN CONCLUDED. Finding That Deceased Met His Death on City and Suburban Tracks—Excessive Speed Charged.

The coroner's inquest convened in Hyattsville, Md., before Deputy Coroner Augustus H. Dahler September 12 to investigate the death of John Sullivan, who was found lying dead across the tracks of the City and Suburban railroad near Henry's crossing, Brentwood, Sept. 11, 1904, was concluded this morning at 11:30 o'clock today.

The verdict of the jury was that Sullivan came to his death by being struck by a north-bound car on the east track of the City and Suburban railroad, in charge of Motorman G. W. Upton and Conductor S. H. Riley, Sunday, September 11, 1904.

Several eye witnesses were placed upon the stand at the investigation. The principal testimony was offered by Messrs. Clarence Shurts, Basil Queen, D. R. Dougherty and Robert Paine. Mr. Shurts stated to the jury that he was a passenger on the car at the time the accident occurred and that he saw the car strike Sullivan.

Mr. Queen was also a passenger on the car at the time of the accident, and offered testimony to substantiate the fact that the car was traveling at a high rate of speed. Messrs. Daugherty and Paine testified as to finding the body near Henry's Crossing soon after the accident, and also declared that the car was going at an excessive speed.

Other witnesses examined were Jonathan North, John Horton, Abraham Davis and Harry Wahlen. The coroner's jury consisted of Arthur Carr, foreman; H. O. Emmons, V. V. McNeal, G. W. McDermott, Ernest L. Walker, F. Dambach, C. C. Hill, G. L. Glacetti and Oliver A. Dunn.

The body of the man who was found last Sunday evening under circumstances which lead to the theory that he might have been murdered. The skull was fractured, the leg crushed, the chin cut, and there were several abrasions on the face.

It was further intended that it should be affixed in a new way. The result would have been to obliterate entirely the distinction between the regular revenue stamp affixed to the boxes of home-made cigars.

According to the published stories, Mr. Armstrong had hardly decided upon his course before he was visited in Washington by Secretary Wilcox of the American Tobacco company.

Mr. Armstrong said that course would not prevent him going ahead with his preparations for the fight with the tobacco concerns as taking a hand and threatening to make an issue of the matter if the President orders a change in the plans of Mr. Armstrong.

By direction of the President, Brig. Gen. Francis Moore has been relieved from duty as commandant of the school of application for cavalry and field artillery at Fort Riley, Kan., to take effect September 30.

A parcels post treaty between the United States and the government of San Domingo may be the outcome of the negotiations now pending between the two countries.

While skylarking near 12th and L streets southeast this afternoon, Arthur Darr, who was at 10 1/2 o'clock, was struck by the sidewalk, striking the back of his head and causing a bad scalp wound.

A dispatch from New York last night says: Special trains for the conveyance of express matter will be operated on the elevated railroad lines, beginning today.

Dr. Ernest Lyon, the colored United States minister to Liberia, is expected to reach Washington late this afternoon.

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TROUBLE OVER STAMPS TOBACCO TRAY FIGHTING INDEPENDENT DEALERS. Assistant Secretary Armstrong is Said to Have Ordered Change in Customs Stamp.

R. B. Armstrong, assistant secretary of the treasury, in charge of customs, went out of town a few days ago and New York papers report him as in the throes of a fierce contest with the American Tobacco Trust, which has appealed to the President to prevent Mr. Armstrong changing the customs stamp affixed to imported cigars.

The customs laws provide that every box of imported cigars shall bear a customs stamp. This has gradually become a guarantee to cigar consumers of the genuineness of the goods offered them.

A large number of factories moved from Havana to Key West, Fla., during the summer. The factories there have been struck by lightning and have been burned out.

By degree the American Tobacco Trust obtained possession of most of the Havana and other cigar manufacturers, and it is now claimed that it owns 85 per cent of these concerns, thereby bringing into this country 85 per cent of the cigars that come here.

Minnesota Taking Coal. Monitor Florida Storm Tossed—Deserters Apprehended at Norfolk.

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YIELDS TO AN INTERVIEW. Judge Parker Talks to an Associated Press Representative.

NEW YORK, September 16.—Judge Parker's reception of visitors at his apartments at the Hotel Astor is proceeding today in the same manner as yesterday, and will continue until the candidate's departure for Esopus at 6:30 this evening.

Those who admitted conferring with the candidate or were acknowledged to the press by Private Secretary McCausland, were: Charles F. Murphy, the Tammany leader; former Senator David B. Hill, Senator Arthur P. Gorman, Representative William Sulzer and John B. McDonald of New York.

A representative of the Associated Press was received by Judge Parker, who, however, declined to discuss in detail any of the matters which are before him for election.

He would not say what names are under consideration or are most strongly urged for his endorsement. Col. Daniel S. Lamont, next week at the Saratoga convention, will be asked to endorse the position of lieutenant governor or attorney general.

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FINANCE AND TRADE Mixed Speculative Sentiment Marked the Opening. MARKET IRREGULAR HEAVY SELLING ORDERS IN SOUTHERN RY. AND U. S. STEEL Caused a Break in St. Paul and Pennsylvania—Pressure Relaxed and Steel Stocks Recovered.

NEW YORK, September 16.—A mixed state of speculative sentiment was indicated by the opening movement of prices in the stock market today, which was very irregular. The western railroad stocks were generally higher, but St. Paul and Southern Pacific showed small declines.

Heavy selling orders appeared in Southern Railway and the United States Steel stocks, and they yielded to a decline. Other stocks, however, were in sympathy, the decline reaching a large fraction in St. Paul, Reading, Erie, Chesapeake and Ohio, Louisville and Nashville and Brooklyn Transit.

After the liquidation of these stocks had been completed prices rallied a fraction, but the recovery was arrested before 11 o'clock by a further slump in Colorado Fuel, which after scoring a decline of one point, made up the loss and then dropped 3 points.

Standard stocks generally fell to the lowest of the day and United States Steel common recovered to yesterday's closing, however, was supported and just before 1 o'clock rebounded to 66, carrying the entire market with it.

Washington Stock Exchange. Sales—Regular call, 12 o'clock noon—Washington Street Railway, 100 shares, 72 1/2; 50 shares, 72 1/2; 25 shares, 72 1/2; 10 shares, 72 1/2.

RAILROAD BONDS. Bid. Asked. Capital Tractor 4s..... 107 1/2 110 Metropolitan 4s..... 105 1/2 107 U. S. Elec. L. & P. Imp. 6s..... 105 1/2 107

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AMERICAN COPPER..... 88 1/2 90 1/2 AMERICAN LOCOMOTIVE..... 27 1/2 28 1/2 AMERICAN RAILROAD..... 122 1/2 123 1/2

INSURANCE STOCKS. Fire Insurance. Franklin Fire..... 70 60 Metropolitan Fire..... 70 60

STEAMER IS HELD. Found Loaded With Munitions of War for Japan.

MARSEILLE, September 16.—A steamer which arrived here today from Indo-China reports that the steamer San Gottardo, flying the American flag, recently arrived at Singapore loaded with cannon and dynamite, concealed under coal, destined for the Japanese.

GRAIN, PROVISIONS AND COTTON MARKETS. CHICAGO, September 16.—Grain. Wheat—Dec..... 114 1/2 115 1/2 Wheat—Nov..... 113 1/2 114 1/2

BUMORS AT MUKDEN. Reported That Japanese Are Approaching Mukden from the East.

MUKDEN, September 15 (Delayed in transmission)—It is reported here that the Japanese are advancing on Mukden from the east. A strong force of Russians is ready to meet them.

STUDY INSURANCE. NEW HAVEN, Conn., September 16.—The study of insurance at Yale University will be taken up this fall as a regular course in the college curriculum, and Charles Earle Johnson of Hartford has been appointed professor of insurance.

TUGBOAT CAPTURED IN DELAWARE. PHILADELPHIA, September 16.—Walter Scott, aged sixty-five years, captain of the tugboat Majestic of this city, either fell or jumped overboard into the Delaware river today from the tug and was drowned.

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