

FRENCH OFFICERS' VISIT

Admiral Richard and His Captains Call on the President.

Compliments Exchanged During a Ten-Minute Interview in the Blue Room—The Foreigners Also Pay Their Respects to Secretaries Hay and Long and General Miles.

Rear Admiral Richard and his chief officers, commanding the French Atlantic squadron, now in port at Baltimore, were received by the President at 10:30 o'clock this morning. The party included Admiral Richard, Captain Juhl, commander of the flagship Ceclile; Captain Le Bris, commander of the cruiser Suchet, and Lieutenant Deman, the admiral's aide. They came over from Baltimore last evening. They were accompanied this morning by M. Thiebaut, French Charge d'Affaires; Capt. P. Vignal, the Military Attache of the Embassy, and Lieutenant Commander De Faramond, the Naval Attache.

The first call was made upon Secretary Hay at the State Department. Afterwards, escorted by Mr. Hay, the French officers went to the White House and were received by Mr. McKinley in the Blue Parlor. About ten minutes was spent in mutual expressions of good will.

After the reception at the Executive Mansion, the party was escorted to the State, War, and Navy Building where calls were made upon Secretary Long and General Miles. Afterwards they paid their respects to Admiral Dewey at his home on Rhode Island Avenue. Captain Vignal entertained the party at lunch in the afternoon formal calls were made upon the various Ambassadors.

Captains Juhl and Le Bris expect to leave for Baltimore to rejoin the squadron this afternoon. Admiral Richard and his aide, Lieutenant Deman, will probably return tomorrow.

Admiral Richard was formerly naval attache at London. He served for several months in the fall of 1889 as chief of the French delegation to the International Marine Conference in Washington. As he speaks English fluently, he made many friends here, and is now renewing pleasant acquaintanceships.

The officers express themselves as highly pleased with the reception they have met with in this country. At New York and at Baltimore their presence in fact has been made a social event, and they have been cheerfully entertained.

The headquarters of the squadron, which includes four vessels, is at Martinique, in the Windward West Indies. The squadron is now in the process of making a trip through the North Atlantic for the benefit of the men's health. The two vessels will leave Baltimore for New Orleans on Mardi Gras day.

President McKinley took a walk early this morning for about twenty minutes in the neighborhood of the White House. In the early days of his Administration he walked frequently, but of late press work has prevented him from enjoying that pastime.

Hon. Perry Heath, the Secretary of the Republican National Committee, accompanied by Mrs. Heath, has returned from Chicago where he was assisting in the management of the campaign. Mr. Heath was at the White House today.

Lieut. Col. James Campbell, of the Thirtieth U. S. Volunteers in the Philippines, called upon the President today. Campbell was formerly a representative from Illinois, but he left Congress to join the Army. He left the Philippines for America in August, and will return about the first of next month to rejoin his regiment.

Colonel Campbell has no hope that the army in the Philippines can be cut down for a long time. Colonel Campbell says the guerrilla warfare of the Filipinos insurgents is practically a system of brigandage, whereby each section is made to pay tribute to stronger brigands. Finally, he says he is now in hiding in the mountains with a few friends. The insurgent leader is in deadly fear of being killed by stronger Filipinos. He never sleeps twice in the same spot.

Nearly all the foreign diplomats in Washington have tendered to the President, through Secretary Hay, their congratulations on his re-election. To do this was expected that the entire Diplomatic Corps may call upon the President in a body to extend felicitations.

Certain members of Chicago, who is a candidate for appointment as Director of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing, arrived in Washington last night. He saw the President today for a few moments.

REWARDS FOR MISSING MEN.

The Washington Police Asked to Aid in the Search.

Inspector Beaman has received a circular from Rendville, Ohio, offering \$25 reward for information that will lead to the return of Robert Miller to his home. He disappeared October 11, and is described as a boy of fifteen years old, light hair, blue eyes, tall and thin. He wore a brown check suit, blue check cap, white shirt with colored front, blue and white tie, and tan shoes.

A reward of \$100 has been offered for the arrest of W. M. Henderson, known as "Mack" Henderson, according to a circular received by Major Sylvester from the city marshal of Greeley, Col. He was a bank clerk at that point, and is wanted on a charge of embezzlement.

A Central Market Complaint.

General complaint is heard concerning the lack of drinking water facilities at the Centre Market for the accommodation of the public. The hydrant which at one time was available for such purposes has been removed. This was considered owing to the ground being paved by the city. Customers at the market are contented to be disappointed and are urging the restoration of adequate facilities.

MEN AND WOMEN

Kidney trouble preys upon the mind, discharges and causes emaciation. Vigor, and cheerfulness usually result from its cure. For pleating results use Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Kidney, the great kidney remedy. Sample bottle by mail free, also pamphlet. Address Dr. Kilmer & Co., Binghamton, N. Y.

Economy Hall.

Wonder what Merts will say today?

We're making a better suit than ever before for \$15.

Mertz & Mertz, Tailors, 906-908 F Street N. W.

THE CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

Provisional Programme Outlined by the Committees.

The conferences of the various Capital Centennial Celebration Committees have resulted in the adoption of the following provisional plan for the celebration on Wednesday, December 12:

At the Executive Mansion, 10 o'clock a. m., reception by the President of the United States to the Governors of the States and Territories. Commissioner Macfarland will make an address dwelling on what has been accomplished during the past century in this city. He will be followed by two Governors, a Republican and a Democrat, and Col. Theodore Bingham will give a history of the White House and submit the model of the proposed new White House.

The military and civic escort from the Executive Mansion to the Capitol will take place at 1 p. m. Gen. Nelson A. Miles will be Chief Marshal, and the War and Navy Departments intend to have all branches of the regular services represented in the parade. The District National Guard and the Washington High School Cadets will be strongly represented, as well as the Grand Army of the Republic and the Union Veterans' Union. The Spanish War Veterans will be represented, and a detachment of the city is having uniforms made specially for this occasion.

At the Capitol: 2 o'clock p. m. Review of parade, and from the Capitol the President at McKinley 3 o'clock p. m. commemorative exercises to be held jointly by the Senate and House of Representatives, in honor of the anniversary of the first meeting of Congress in the permanent Capitol. The Speaker of the House is to call the assembly to order and introduce the President Pro Tempore of the Senate as presiding officer. Addresses during these exercises will be by three Senators and three Representatives on the transfer of the National Capital from Philadelphia to Washington; the establishment of the seat of Government in the District of Columbia; the history of the first century of the National Capital; and the future of the United States and its Capital. The speakers selected will probably be: Senators Hoar, Daniel, and McCoombs; Representatives Payne and Richardson; and another not yet decided upon.

After reception in honor of the Governors of States and Territories will take place at the Corcoran Gallery of Art at 3 o'clock p. m. Admittance will be by card, but the number of tickets is limited. As the day has been decided upon by C. J. Bell, the Chairman of the Reception Committee.

Mr. Van Winkle, the Chairman of the Centennial Medal and Badges, has returned from Philadelphia and brought back with him from the Mint there, a lead impression of the commemorative medal. The design and lettering of the medal are very clear, being specimens of artistic design and finished workmanship. The die undergoes the tempering process to-day at the Mint and will be ready tomorrow for the striking of the medals.

The medals to be struck will probably be 1-5 inches wide and 1-7-8 inches long, considered on either side by narrow stripes of red and blue. It is a very elegant looking medal, and Mr. Van Winkle feels justly proud over it. The Medal and Badges Commission will meet this afternoon at 4:15 o'clock.

The Printing Committee, of which Mr. Heriah Wilkins is chairman, is making preparations for an elaborate programme, which will be printed at the Bureau of Engraving and Printing.

The Press Committee, Theodore W. Noyes chairman, will meet tomorrow afternoon at 4 o'clock, and the chairman of the Committee on Exercises at the Capitol has called a meeting for Wednesday afternoon at 4 o'clock.

James G. Berret, who has charge of railroad matters, expects that the railroad companies will issue round-trip tickets at the one-fare rate, this reduction being extended for a long time. The radius of the radius of 150 miles from the city.

Col. M. Parker, chairman of the Finance Committee, reports the following subscriptions received since last report: H. A. Wilson, \$20; B. H. Watson, \$20; H. V. Boynton, \$10; Louis A. Dent, \$10; Charles Rauscher, \$10; Andrew Gleason, \$10; Dr. J. Wesley Boyce, \$10; Gist Blair, \$5; O. W. White, \$5; Dr. J. H. V. Boynton, \$5; M. Chamberlain, \$5; Eldred G. Davis, \$5; Archibald Hopkins, \$5; John R. Procter, \$5; Lyman B. Cutler, \$5; John A. Stoughtenbury, \$5; Wm. H. H. V. Boynton, \$5; H. V. Boynton, \$5; Henry Wells, \$5; T. F. Schneider, \$5; Dr. Marcus Baker, \$5; Allan Davis, \$5.

BOARD OF TRADE MEETING.

Reports to Be Read and Directors Elected.

The annual meeting of the Washington Board of Trade will be held this evening at Rauscher's, Connecticut Avenue and L Street at 7:30 o'clock. The annual reports of President Edson, Secretary Harries, and Treasurer Moore, will be read.

The report of the board of directors will be read, and there will be an election of ten new directors to succeed the retiring members. It is believed, however, that the retiring directors will all be retained. No names of nominees other than these have been posted at the board.

LANCKTON PLACED ON TRIAL.

Will Have to Answer for the Murder of Bettie Wrenn.

James Charles Lanckton, was put on trial in the Criminal Court for the murder of Mrs. Bettie L. Wrenn, in March last. The early part of the day was taken up in the selection of a jury. The regular panel was exhausted, however, without a jury being chosen. Justice Claiborn, who is presiding over the proceedings, ordered that twenty names be summoned for jury duty tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock.

PROCTOR WAS DISCHARGED.

His Wife Accused Him of Having Made Threats.

John S. Proctor, thirty-four years old, who was arrested last night and locked up by Policeman Mason, of the Sixth precinct, charged with threats against his wife, was discharged this morning as Mrs. Nina Proctor failed to appear against him in the Police Court. Mrs. Proctor lives at 513 H Street northwest, while her husband rooms on the next block. Proctor, however, is of the opinion that distance does not reduce the force of his wife's threats, and he has decided to try the effect of forceful measures. Mrs. Proctor is a handsome woman and as she no longer lives with her husband she cannot understand how it is any of his business whether or not she receives attention from other men.

HOSTETTERS

A weak stomach will cause Constipation, Indigestion, Dyspepsia and Flatulency. The Bitters will strengthen the stomach and cure these diseases. Do not wait until certain remedies when the Bitters cure you. Try it.

STOMACH BITTERS

That S. H. Harding, roddman in the Water Department at \$3 per day, is recommended to be instrument man in said department at \$3.50 per day; to take effect November 15.

The offer of F. W. Huidekoper to grade U Street between a point sixty feet east of Thirty-sixth Street to Thirty-seventh Street, and Thirty-sixth Street from U Street for 25 cents per cubic yard, is accepted; cost charged to the appropriation for Thirty-seventh Street, 1901.

W. O. DREW, Fire Marshal of the District, has submitted to the Commissioners a statement of the results of his inspection of drug stores. He submits a list of twenty stores in which he found the cellars in good condition, and not stored with substances which are regarded as dangerous.

Complaint Regarding a Dump in Southwest Washington.

An Explanation by an Official of the Street Department—Virginia Avenue Not Likely to Be Improved There for Many Years—Question Concerning a Party Wall Settled.

The Times is in receipt of a letter from W. J. Langdon, of 902 Twenty-seventh Street southwest, in which he makes complaint of the conditions sanitary and otherwise along Virginia Avenue above Twenty-sixth Street. He says that when George Washington and his associate engineers began the survey of a certain plot of ground in the District of Columbia for the site of our National Capital, evidence tends to show that he little expected the party wall where he laid down his chart, squares 1, 2, 5, 6, and the broad avenue dividing these squares would become a general dump for the convenience of certain syndicates and the public works of the District of Columbia.

Mr. Langdon complains that near the intersection of Virginia Avenue and Twenty-seventh Street, where there should be a beautiful driveway, there is almost a complete blockade, and that, too, almost in front of two of the best buildings in the young city of the neighborhood are exposed to the breeding of pestilence from these dumps. He says that at the point mentioned there is a huge pile of oyster shells which do not smell too well in the warm autumn days. At Twenty-sixth Street and Virginia Avenue, he claims, there are piles of oyster shells, and the refuse is being used by the District Street Department in repairing and building pavements, which practically stop the way.

REPORT OF THE DISTRICT

INSPECTION OF ENGINE HOUSES.

Commissioner Macfarland Receives the Special Committee's Report.

Commissioner H. B. F. Macfarland this morning received the report from the special committee appointed to inspect the various companies of the Fire Department, with a view to deciding which organization should receive the flag on the occasion of the annual parade. This report is:

"The undersigned, at your request, have made a personal inspection of all the engine and truck companies in the District of Columbia, giving special attention to the appearance of property, apparatus, harness, etc., and witnessed at each house a drill of the men, thereby gaining an idea of the efficiency with which each company is able to respond to an alarm of fire.

"We also examined the records for the past year of the various companies as to the matter of discipline, taking into consideration men who have been dismissed or fined, and we are of the opinion that the company having the best record for appearance of quarters, efficiency, and discipline is Company No. 5.

"We take pleasure in saying in this connection that all the houses presented an appearance highly creditable to the department, with but slight exceptions. Some of the houses were very old and could not possibly be made to compare with the new houses. The degree of efficiency evidenced in the drills and the readiness to leave quarters, allowance of an instrument in the month of May, and the men working under the knowledge that they are being watched and timed, was also generally creditable.

"Although not strictly in the line of your request for the performance of a certain duty, we should like to add that after making the inspection of the various houses in an area of 1,479 square miles and about 18,000 people, engaged mostly in agricultural pursuits, nearly all of whom have been left homeless with the loss of their homes, we now feel that we are not doing our duty in not recommending that the Government should purchase a large tract of land in the vicinity of the Capitol, and thereon erect a large number of houses for the use of the men of the Fire Department, and the authorities of the Capitol have not been advised.

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INDIAN SKELETON FOUND.

Prehistoric Specimen Dug Out of an Alabama Mound.

FLORENCE, Ala., Nov. 12.—Fred Green, a lumberman, while excavating an Indian mound on Seven-Mile Island, a few miles below this city, unearthed a skeleton of a prehistoric Indian, which would have been a valuable acquisition to the Smithsonian Institution if it had been properly handled.

The forehead of the skeleton had a band of copper and two large mica rings were found beside the skull. An earthen kettle which was a foot and a half in diameter was found resting over the skeleton, while the remains of a number of smaller kettles were found in the grave.

Mr. Green presented D. H. Bacon, of this city, a number of the relics taken from the mound, which were sent to Prof. Henry C. Mercer, of the University of Pennsylvania, who has traveled extensively and made a study of ethnology and the prehistoric races. Some years ago Prof. Mercer was sent to explore the Tennessee Valley for relics of the now extinct Mound Builders, but was taken ill at Chattanooga and was compelled to return to his home.

Prof. Mercer made the following report on the specimens sent him: "The copper bands, like those found in the Ohio Valley, likewise the mica (doubtless from North Carolina) as found with the human bones, refer to case burials, doubtless by Mound Builders, and not geologically anterior, with some day to finish my explorations in the Tennessee Valley."

This section of North Alabama is rich in relics and Indian mounds. Besides the mound on Seven-Mile Island, which is reported to be the mound at the levee in this city is one of the largest in the country, and is very much shaped like the Moundsville, W. Va., mound, but not so large.

Quarantine Physician Heiskell reports that in October he examined 73 steamships, 10 schooners, and 7 tugs, with a total tonnage of 157,783 and 1,122 passengers. The fees collected which were \$1,577.33.

Births reported at the city hall for the week were 265, 165 of which were white and 40 colored, 95 males and 170 females.

Soldier's Death in China. General Chaffee telegraphs the War Department from Taku, that William Allen, Company E, Ninth Infantry, died of dysentery, presumably in China, on November 5.

You will rightly estimate a pure and wholesome beer if you see the name of "W. J. Langdon" on the label of a bottle of "W. J. Langdon" beer.

Bricklayers Still Out. The bricklayers employed on the new Government Printing Office building, who were engaged in work in transforming the space formerly occupied by the Congressional Library in the Capitol into committee rooms for the use of the House and Senate, did not go to work this morning as their difference with Lieutenant Sewell, who has charge of the Government Printing Office, and the authorities of the Capitol have not been adjusted.

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