

Rain tonight. Sunday fair, light, southeasterly winds, becoming westerly.

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MR. LONG PLEADS FOR GREATER NAVY

The Secretary Renews His Appeal at the Capitol.

NEARLY \$100,000,000 INVOLVED

House Committee, However, Makes a Big Reduction.

THE ESTIMATES CUT HEAVILY

Construction of Two Battleships, Two First-Class Cruisers, and a Number of Smaller Vessels Provided for in the General Scheme.

The Secretary of the Navy was before the House Committee on Naval Affairs this morning and made a general statement on the needs of the navy. He repeated the recommendations contained in his annual report, in which he asked an appropriation for two battleships, two first-class cruisers, and a number of small cruisers. The naval appropriation bill is now partially completed, the hearings having closed today.

The estimates of the Secretary of the Navy were about \$98,000,000, but the committee, it was said this morning, has made a deep cut and the bill will probably carry not more than \$78,000,000. This may be increased by the House, however. The bill will be reported to the House the first of next week.

In addressing himself to the appropriation bill, Secretary Long made the statement that it would be unwise for a re-

Argument of the Secretary.

Secretary Long today explained to the House Committee on Naval Affairs what legislation the Navy Department hoped to have enacted by Congress. He made a strong plea for the greater navy scheme and the appropriation of \$98,000,000 for the expenses and extension of the navy. The committee, it is understood, cut the estimates in many places.

public to announce an elaborate naval program. The foreign governments, he said, every year publicly proclaim that within some stipulated period, they would have so many battleships, so many cruisers, and so many small boats and that ten years later, they would have so many more.

"That's all right," the Secretary continued, "but let us get along in a modest way: improve the navy and the naval establishment carefully, and with wisdom, and keep our business to ourselves."

He recommended to the committee that sections 3 and 3 of the personnel act be repealed. "They have served their usefulness," he said, "and now they are hampering the service."

These two sections provide that an officer can seek retirement at any time, and when retired shall receive as retired pay three-fourths of the pay of the rank a grade higher than the one in which he last served.

THE SIXTEENTH STREET EXTENSION DECISION

Commissioners Will Take No Appeal From Justice Hagner's Ruling.

ORDER CONFIRMING AWARDS

Damages Assessed by the Jury of Condemnation Amount to More Than Seven Hundred Thousand Dollars—Payment From United States Treasury.

The District Commissioners today instructed their attorney, the City Solicitor, that they would not enter an appeal against the decision of Justice Hagner in overruling the exceptions filed by them in the Sixteenth Street extension case. The Commissioners also authorized the Solicitor to request the court to execute a final order confirming the awards of the jury of condemnation.

The execution of this order by the court is the final step in the long litigation over the extension of Sixteenth Street, and as soon as the papers are returned to the municipal authorities the Auditor will be instructed to pay the damages awarded to the property along the entire line of the street from Morris Street to the District line. It is estimated that about six months will be required to settle the title in all cases and to secure the proper conveyance of the property to the District.

The Damages Awarded.

Damages awarded by the jury of condemnation to property holders amount to \$725,352.29, and the amount of benefits assessed amount to \$108,324.75. The former amount will now have to be paid by the District, but it will eventually receive back in the way of assessment the latter amount, leaving the net cost of opening Sixteenth Street to the District \$621,117.54.

LABOR COUNCIL ON CHINESE EXCLUSION

Thanks Extended to Senators and Representatives.

The executive council of the American Federation of Labor, which has been meeting daily since Monday at the headquarters in this city, held its closing session this morning.

The following resolution was passed by the council:

"Whereas the House of Representatives passed H. R. 9530, a Chinese exclusion bill, which would exclude, and which has the endorsement of the Pacific Coast, and of labor, and,

"Whereas the Senate, while expressing itself in favor of the exclusion of Chinese laborers, refused to pass S. 2920, and in its place adopted a bill, which will not exclude and which is a notice to China to denounce the treaty, with the expectation of getting another more favorable to the admission into the United States of Chinese coolies, therefore,

"Resolved, by the executive council of the American Federation of Labor, that in the name of labor, we thank the Senators and Members in the House who have firmly stood by H. R. 9530, as passed, and S. 2920, as reported, and urge them to continue to stand for the same to the end that we may have effective exclusion laws enacted or that the full responsibility for

ineffective legislation on this subject, may rest upon those who, while claiming in the Senate substitute to give the country an exclusion law, are providing an act which will be sure to involve the Government in endless litigation and then fail to exclude Chinese laborers."

THIRTEEN INNING GAME ON PATRIOT'S DAY

Brooklyn Defeats Boston in a Close Contest at the Hub.

BOSTON, April 19.—Patriot's Day was celebrated by the devotees of sport here by seeing the Boston and Brooklyn National League teams play a thirteen inning game today.

Brooklyn won by a succession of hot plays in the last inning which netted them two runs. The game inaugurated the ball season in Boston. The score: Brooklyn 6 1 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 2-3 Boston 0 0 0 0 1 0 0 0 0 0 0-1 Batteries—McCann and Ahern, Pittinger and Kitttridge. Umpire, Brown.

ENGLAND WEARING PRIMROSE.

Today Anniversary of the Death of Lord Beaconsfield.

LONDON, April 19.—Today is the anniversary of Lord Beaconsfield's death, and as usual on this day everybody is wearing primroses.

Rebels Take Another Town.

HONGKONG, April 19.—It is reported here that the rebels have captured the town of Nan Ning Pu, in the province of Kwang Si.

DR. BUTLER INSTALLED AS HEAD OF COLUMBIA

President Roosevelt Attends the Ceremonies.

DISTINGUISHED MEN PRESENT

Seventy-five Presidents of Sister Colleges Assisted in the Ceremonies—Tonight Alumni of College Will Give a Banquet to Dr. Butler.

NEW YORK, April 19.—The ceremonies attending the installation of Nicholas Murray Butler as the twelfth president of Columbia College took place this afternoon in the presence of President Roosevelt, the governor of the State, the mayor of the city, the leading educators of the country, and 3,000 invited guests, who included foreign ambassadors, officials of the army and navy, and men prominent in arts, literature, and science.

Seventy-five presidents of sister colleges assisted in the ceremony. "Columbia College campus was likened to a chauntiqua this morning. Its paths were strewn with flowers and students, while gathered in the Avery Library were presidents and representatives of leading colleges, to attend a reception tendered them by the university council."

Shortly after 12 o'clock, luncheon was served—one by the university council to visitors from other universities and colleges; another at Barnard College, by the Barnard trustees, to invited guests, and the third in Alumni Memorial Hall, to guests generally.

Shortly before 1 o'clock President Roosevelt and Governor Odell arrived at the campus, escorted by Squad A in full dress uniform; and were met at the entrance to the library by the trustees of the university and the alumni marshals, who conducted the President and governor to the trustees' room for luncheon.

In this entertainment Mayor Low, the former president of Columbia, and Presidents Eliot, Hadley, and Patton joined. A procession of 600 persons formed at the library at 2 o'clock, and moved to the gymnasium, where the formal installation was had. The procession moved in eight divisions.

The ceremony began with an orchestral recitation, after which the Rev. Dr. Marvian Vincent offered a prayer and William C. Schermerhorn handed the keys and charter to the new president.

Mr. Butler then took his seat in Benjamin Franklin's Library chair, which is used in all installations of Columbia's presidents.

Dean Van Amringe then extended to the new president the greetings of the faculty; the alumni presented felicitations through Robert Fullerton Cumming, and Allen Beach Arnold Bradley, of the senior class, expressed the greeting of the students.

Greetings to Dr. Butler were expressed by Charles William Eliot, president of Harvard University; Arthur T. Hing Hadley, president of Yale University; Francis L. Patton, president of Princeton University; William R. Harper, president of the University of Chicago, and William T. Harris, United States Commissioner of Education.

President Butler delivered his inaugural address, after which the audience rose and sang "America," and a benediction by Bishop Potter closed the ceremonies.

In the evening the alumni of Columbia University will give a dinner for President Butler in Sherry's, chairman of the annual council.

The speakers will include President Roosevelt and Mayor Low. A wireless telegraph message was sent yesterday from the Nantucket station addressed to Lord and Lady Kelvin, on board the steamship Campania, inviting them to be present today at the installation of President Butler.

The committee received a reply by the same medium, accepting the invitation. A reception for Lord and Lady Kelvin will be given in Columbia on next Monday evening.

AN ICE COMPANY LEAVES THE TRUST

Crystal Plate Concern to Sell on Its Own Account in Future.

The Crystal Plate Ice Company has severed relations with the American Ice Company.

In future the company will dispose of its output on its own account. "This makes three ice companies in the District now selling ice independently of the American company, the others being the Purify and the Heurich companies."

The Crystal Plate Company has recently increased its output to seventy tons a day. Work has been begun by them on the erection of a storehouse just opposite the company's plant on Water Street, which is designed to accommodate 2,000 tons. The wharves will also be rebuilt.

NO DECISION YET IN THE BLANFORD CASE

Prisoner at the Workhouse Awaiting Judge Barnard's Ruling.

Justice Barnard has not yet announced his decision in reference to the petition of Mr. Thomas H. Blanford, asking that his son, Charles H. Blanford, be removed from the workhouse and be sent to St. Elizabeth's Hospital for the Insane for treatment.

WOULD PROHIBIT FREAK ADVERTISING

Report of Special Committee on Police Regulations.

A NEW RULE SUBMITTED

The Restriction Regarding Signs "Which Frighten Horses" Considered Indefinite and Not Sufficient to Meet the Demands of the Situation.

Messrs. Francis Nye and Daniel Curry, a committee appointed to revise the police regulations, has reported to the District Commissioners that they do not believe the regulation relative to freak street advertising, proposed by the City Solicitor, is broad enough in its terms.

The only restriction the Solicitor's draft placed on the evil of freak and other objectionable street advertising was a prohibition against the appearance on the streets of "any sign, advertising device, or other object calculated to frighten horses."

As the revision committee understands it, the intention of the Commissioners is to go further than merely to exclude from the streets such objects as would frighten horses. It is a well-known fact that the sidewalks are often used by persons wearing the heads of animals and various other equally objectionable devices, calculated to shock the senses. The committee thinks that the phrase "calculated to frighten horses," is open to serious objection, because of the fact that unless horses are actually frightened, great difficulty will be experienced in proving that the object was calculated to frighten horses, and testimony on the subject would be largely a matter of opinion.

The committee believes, further, that any regulation that may be promulgated on this subject, should exclude from the street, all purely advertising devices. The authority of the Commissioners to do this lies in the fact that the persons against whom the restriction is directed are using and occupying public space for private purposes and no one has a valid claim to such a use of the streets. The following is the restriction as proposed in section 2 of article 10 of the police regulations has been submitted to the Commissioners by the committee for their consideration:

"No person, animal, or vehicle on which is displayed or attached any sign, advertisement or other device for the sole purpose of advertising shall be permitted on any public street, avenue, highway, or alley in the District of Columbia; provided that this regulation shall not apply to section 2 of article 10 of the police regulations of the District."

VENERABLE PRINCETON PROFESSOR ARRESTED

Charged With Taking the Property of Another.

Prof. Dahlgren Invokes the Law Against Prof. William Benjamin Scott—Dr. Scott Secures Release on Bail.

NEW BRUNSWICK, N. J., April 19.—A trifling quarrel between two professors of Princeton University led to the arrest of Prof. William Benjamin Scott, one of the oldest professors in the university, yesterday on a complaint sworn out by Prof. Dahlgren, a son of Capt. Charles B. Dahlgren, of Trenton.

Dr. Scott was held in \$100 bail by Justice of the Peace Reading.

The quarrel was the result of the recent sale of Evelyn Cottage by Prof. Marquand. The building is located on Nassau Street, some distance east of the university, and was occupied by Prof. Scott.

The property was purchased from Prof. Marquand by Prof. Dahlgren, who wished the place as a residence, and served notice on Prof. Scott to move.

This action led to some hard feeling between the two.

When forced at length to forsake the classic shades of Evelyn, it is alleged, Prof. Scott took with him a number of pieces of household furniture which Prof. Dahlgren claimed were fixtures, and hence his property as a part of the realty.

The strained relations between the two gentlemen of learning were thereby taxed almost to the breaking point, and when Prof. Dahlgren failed to secure return of the articles, he had recourse to law.

A warrant was sworn out yesterday, placed in the hands of a constable, who when he failed to secure the return of the articles, caused the arrest of Prof. Scott, the venerable geologist.

HOUSE CORRESPONDENTS TO MEET ON MONDAY

Object the Election of a Successor to Mr. Wynne.

There will be a meeting of the Congressional correspondents in the House press gallery next Monday morning at 11:30 o'clock to fill the vacancy on the standing committee of correspondents caused by the resignation of Mr. Robert J. Wynne, recently appointed First Assistant Postmaster General.

Among the candidates are Major J. M. Carson and David S. Barry.

SENATE PASSES BILL TO OPEN R STREET

The Senate this afternoon passed a bill providing for the opening of R Street northeast to Twenty-eighth Street, and the opening of the latter to M Street.

A bill was also passed authorizing the District Commissioners to refund certain license taxes erroneously collected in the year 1893.

EIGHT NOW DEAD OF CIVIC GUARD'S VOLLEY

More Victims Today Added to Brussels' Death List.

TROOPS FIRED INTO CROWD

Clash Between Solidary and Mob Has Made a Profound Impression Upon the Country—Burgomaster May Today Hand His Authority Over to Military.

BRUSSELS, April 19.—Three more deaths have resulted from the conflict between civilians and members of the civil guard at Louvain, near here, last evening. This makes the total number of deaths eight.

Besides those who were killed twenty were wounded when the Solidaries stoned the police and the civil guard came up and fired into the mob.

Of the wounded three cannot recover. The victims were practically shot down at the muzzles of the guns.

This incident has made a profound impression on the country.

If the trouble continues the burgomaster will probably hand over his authority to the military today.

QUEEN WILHELMINA IN A WEAKER CONDITION

Official Bulletin Does Nothing to Allay Anxiety.

Queen's Disease Is Following Normal Course, But That Her Majesty's Strength Is Diminishing.

THE HAGUE, April 19.—The anxiety of the people is not at all relieved by this morning's bulletin from the castle at Het Loo.

It is known that the Queen is very much weaker.

The fever period must last from three to four weeks.

The bulletin issued this morning says: "The Queen passed a fairly quiet night. The disease is following the normal course, although her majesty's strength is diminishing slightly, in proportion to the duration of her illness."

At 2 o'clock it was said the Queen was slightly worse.

A touching story is told of the devotion of Dowager Queen Emma, Wilhelmina's mother.

Despite the doctors' remonstrances, the Queen mother refused to submit to disinfection, saying: "My daughter cannot contaminate me."

In view of the Queen's serious condition, the birthday of Prince Consort Henry, which is today, passed almost unobserved. A few flags were displayed, but there was no military parade, which was to have been the chief feature.

HUNDRED THOUSAND AT ENGLISH FOOTBALL GAME

Contest Greatest of Its Sort of the Year.

Excursion Trains Bring Spectators From All Parts of England, Scotland, and Wales to the Metropolis.

LONDON, April 19.—The greatest football match of the year was played at Crystal Palace, today, between the teams of Southampton and Sheffield.

The game was for the English championship. Eighty excursion trains from all parts of England, Wales and Scotland brought 45,000 enthusiasts to London.

The trains began to arrive in the metropolis at 4 o'clock this morning, and from that time till the hour for the game, they came in a constant stream.

Over 100,000 spectators were in and about the Crystal Palace grounds, most of them arriving many hours before the game was called, in order to secure places of vantage.

The game was a most exciting one. Neither team scored in the first half. Shortly after the second half began, however, Sheffield scored.

The Southampton men were held down till three minutes before the finish, when they, too, scored a goal, making the game a tie. Final score—Sheffield, 1; Southampton, 1.

INQUIRY AIMED AT THE SUGAR TRUST

Light on Sugar Situation.

New light on Cuban reciprocity situation. Full report on island's crops and ownership to be made by Committee on Relations with Cuba.

CHINESE EXCLUSION BILL IN CONFERENCE

The Senate's Representatives Named by Mr. Frye.

Cuban Reciprocity Bill Referred—House Joint Resolution for B. F. Stevenson Monument Passed.

The Senate today agreed to the conference asked for by the House on the Chinese exclusion bill.

The chair, in appointing as conferees Senators Platt (Conn.), Dillingham, and Clay, announced that he felt constrained to make such selection from the majority which favored the bill, instead of choosing them from the committee on Immigration, which had had in charge the Pacific Slope exclusion bill, for which the Geary act amendment, objected to by the House, was substituted.

The Cuban reciprocity bill passed by the House late yesterday afternoon was reported and referred to the Committee on Relations with Cuba.

A House joint resolution was passed, providing for the erection in the District of Columbia of a monument in honor of the late Benjamin F. Stevenson, founder of the Grand Army of the Republic.

The Senate also passed: A bill postponing the payment of taxes on real estate in the District of Columbia for the fiscal year 1902, from September, 1902, to May, 1902.

A bill to provide for the temporary detention of insane people.

A bill for preventing the adulteration of and branding and imitations of foods, beverages, candies, drugs, and condiments in the District of Columbia and the Territories, and for regulating interstate traffic thereon.

PEACE PROSPECT VANISHED. DECLARE AMSTERDAM BOERS

They Say the Negotiations Have Collapsed Entirely.

AMSTERDAM, April 19.—It is positively asserted in Beer circles here that the peace negotiations have collapsed entirely, owing to the fact that Great Britain declined to make any concessions on the issues of amnesty and the independence of the Boer republics.

BERLIN, April 19.—Diplomatic quarters here are convinced that the peace negotiations in South Africa are in reality broken off, without any result having been obtained.

STRICTER LAW FOR BANKRUPTCY CASES

House Judiciary Committee Favors Amendments.

BILL TO BE REPORTED MONDAY

Approval of Proposed Changes Given in Responses Received From Nearly Ten Thousand Firms Throughout the Country—New Limitations.

The House Judiciary Committee has recommended "with substantial unanimity" the amendments now incorporated in House bill 13,679 relating to bankruptcy cases and Mr. Ray, of New York will report the bill to the House next Monday.

In the last days of the last Congress Mr. Ray introduced a bill proposing certain amendments to this law. Soon thereafter he sent about 15,000 inquiries to the leading wholesale and retail dealers, lawyers, manufacturers, etc., throughout the United States, asking their opinion of the bankruptcy law and as to the desirability of the amendments proposed. Answers, representing about ten thousand different firms, merchants and business men, were received prior to the meeting of the Fifty-seventh Congress. Over 90 per cent of these advocated the retention of the law as it is.

TO AMEND PURE FOOD BILL.

The District Commissioners have sent to the Senate District Committee a communication recommending certain amendments to the McCumber pure food bill, now before the Senate.

The Commissioners state that the McCumber bill, if it is passed, will nullify a number of important pure food laws now on the statute books. They recommend that it should be so amended as to obviate this objection.

Mr. Teller Introduces a Strong Resolution in the Senate.

SERIOUS CHARGES TO BE MET

Only Beneficiary of the Proposed Law, He Says.

ENTIRE OUTPUT CONTROLLED

Colorado Senator Wishes Full Investigation of the Industry, the Allegations Made Regarding Ownership of Crops, and Who Would Receive Concessions.

In the Senate today Mr. Teller (Silver Rep., Colo.) offered a preamble and resolution as follows:

"Whereas it has been currently reported that nearly the entire crop of Cuban sugar has been purchased, and is now held by what is generally known as the 'Sugar Trust,' which is the principal consumer of raw sugar in the United States, and that any concessions given to the raisers of cane sugar in the island of Cuba or any measures intended for their relief by admitting their sugar at reduced rates of duty into the United States, will only benefit the 'Sugar Trust' and that the Cuban will receive no real benefit from such concessions; and

"Whereas it is alleged that a large number of citizens of the United States have acquired large holdings of cane-producing lands in Cuba, and are now especially urging a reduction of duty on sugar under the claim that such reduction will benefit the people of Cuba; therefore, be it

"Resolved, That the Committee on Relations with Cuba be, and is hereby, directed to make an investigation as to the trust of such charges and to report to the Senate, and to report in addition thereto what is the normal cost of making sugar in the island of Cuba, and also if any concessions shall be made in the way of a reduction of the duty on sugar coming from Cuba into the United States, what concessions should be made by the government of Cuba about to be established on articles produced in the United States and exported into the said island of Cuba, in order to make a reciprocal and equitable arrangement as to exports to Cuba and imports therefrom to the United States."

Mr. Platt moved to refer the resolution to the Committee on Relations with Cuba, and to this Mr. Teller had no objection.

The resolution was referred to that committee, of which Mr. Platt is chairman.

One of these amendments proposes to allow unincorporated companies to take the benefit of the act, and also permits corporations engaged principally in manufacturing, trading, printing, publishing, mining, or mercantile pursuits to take the benefits of the act as a voluntary bankrupt under certain restrictions. Another amendment provides that the bankruptcy of a corporation shall not release its officers, directors, or stockholders as such from any liability incurred under the laws of a State or Territory of the United States.

The amendments name four additional grounds for refusing a discharge to a bankrupt. 1. His having obtained property on credit on material false statements; 2. having made a fraudulent transfer of any part of his property; 3. having been granted or denied a discharge in bankruptcy within six years, and 4. having refused to obey any lawful order of the court or to answer any material question approved by the court.

The main objection to the law as it now stands has been to that section which has been construed to mean that all payments made on account within four months of the bankruptcy were preferences and must be returned before the creditor could prove up the balance of his claim. The proposed amendments correct this. The proposed bill also gives concurrent jurisdiction to the State and United States to set aside fraudulent transfers and recover property belonging to the bankrupt.

BUTCHERS MAY FORM AN ANTI-TRUST ALLIANCE

CHICAGO, April 19.—The following advertisement appears in a local paper today:

"Notice to butchers—Will butchers in Chicago and the surrounding country, whose business has been injured by the combination of packers, please communicate with the undersigned? Object to form offensive and defensive alliance."

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