

THE SAMOAN COMMISSION

Prospects That It Will Uphold Admiral Kautz.

THE ARRIVAL AT APIA

It Arrived on May 13 and Assembled on May 16—The Result of the Conference Not Announced Officially.

Apia, Samoa, May 17 (via Auckland, N. Z., May 22).—The Samoan commission, consisting of Bartlett Trippe, former United States minister to Austria-Hungary; Baron Speck von Sternberg, representing Germany, and C. N. Elliot, C. E. of the British embassy at Washington, representing Great Britain, arrived here on May 13.

The commissioners were engaged all that morning in conferring with the chief justice, William L. Chambers. Nothing was disclosed regarding the deliberations, but it is reported that they will uphold the action of Admiral Kautz, the American naval commander.

Matafa sent the commissioners a letter of welcome and expressed hope that they would satisfactorily end the trouble in Samoa.

It is understood that Matafa will obey the unanimous order of the commission, though it is doubtful whether he will order his followers to disarm, unless the Malletos are first disarmed. The Malletos will probably disperse to their homes if ordered to do so, but they will never recognize Malletos as king, and, doubtless, there will be further trouble in the future if the kingship is maintained.

Effects of Shell Fire.

Only one or two cases are known of the wounding of natives by the shell fire of the warships, and, as they have not realized the strength of the Europeans, they may go to greater extremes if war arises again.

The rebels remain outside the lines indicated by the admiral and have strongly fortified a new position, while the loyalists are being drilled and have fortified Mulinu. A considerable number of loyalists have been brought by the warships from other islands. Half the male adults of Mulinu came to a meeting on the part of the commission in order to support Malletos.

The Germans are preparing compensation claims. It is understood that one German firm claims \$60,000, and other German subjects claim \$20,000. The British consul, E. H. M. Mason, invited them to put in their claims, and it is understood that the commission will adjudicate them.

DIAMOND ANNIVERSARY.

Celebration of the American Sunday School Union.

Philadelphia, May 25.—The diamond anniversary celebration of the American Sunday School Union, came to a close here tonight by a rousing big meeting at the Academy of Music. The largest audience of enthusiastic Sunday School workers that has gathered at any of the big meetings of the past two days was crowded into the Academy auditorium. The day's exercises were opened at 2:30 o'clock when a meeting was held at the Academy presided over by John H. Converse, of this city, vice president of the union. Addresses were made by Mr. Converse, the Rev. A. F. Schaffler, D. D., of New York; H. J. Jacobs, of Chicago; the Rev. Henry Clark Trumbull, D. D., of this city, and the Rev. E. K. Bell, D. D., of Mansfield, O.

The Rev. William B. Smiley, representing the United Presbyterian general assembly, presided in this city, and the Rev. Alexander Henry, D. D., representing the international Sabbath School association, extended to the union the greetings of their respective organizations. Tonight's meetings were a fitting close to the celebration.

Morris K. Jessup, president of the union, presided and made a happy address. Addresses were also delivered by the Rev. J. M. Crowell, D. D., of this city; William E. Dodge, of New York; F. G. Ensign, Chicago; the Rev. W. R. King, St. Louis; the Rev. Newell Dwight Hillis, D. D., Brooklyn, and the Rev. Henry Varley of England. The exercises closed with the singing by the great audience of "My Country 'Tis of Thee" and the Doxology.

Twelve Rioters Shot Dead.

St. Petersburg, May 25.—Further advances from Riga, capital of the Baltic province of Livonia, say that the military in suppressing the rioting between Lithuanian and Latvian workmen at that place on Saturday and Sunday last, killed twelve persons and wounded fifty.

MILITARY ORDERS.

Bonds Required from Commissioned Officers in the National Guard.

Harrisburg, May 25.—Orders were issued from the adjutant general's department today calling attention to the law requiring bonds from commissioned officers in the National Guard. Formerly captains and quartermasters were the only officers required to give bond for faithful performance of duty, but under the new law no officer is exempt. The company captains' bond has been raised from \$1,000 to \$2,000, and lieutenants must give a bond of \$1,000. Division and brigade quartermasters and commissaries will be bonded for \$500, and regimental quartermasters and commissaries for \$300. An order was also issued detailing Captain Thomas H. P. Todd, Company I, First regiment, as mustering officer in connection with the disbandment of organizations of the National Guard.

The following companies of the Twentieth regiment will be mustered out before June 10: Company A, First Lieutenant Joseph Dyson, commanding; Company D, First Lieutenant William S. Nevins, commanding; Company E, Captain N. F. Mares, commanding; Company F, Captain J. Selgel, Jr.; Company G, Second Lieutenant James A. Vance, commanding; Company H, Captain John A. McCullough; Company I, Captain Robert P. Schellinger.

GREENSBURG CENTENNIAL.

The City Hidden from View by Innumerable Flags and Emblems, 20,000 Strangers Present.

Greensburg, May 25.—Greensburg, on her centennial anniversary awoke to find an ideal day and the people pouring in from every town and township in the county as well as from the towns and cities of the adjacent counties until noon found fully 20,000 strangers here. The city is nearly hidden from view by the innumerable flags, bunting and other national emblems from every town and township in the county as well as from the towns and cities of the adjacent counties in every part of the old burg. The exercises began at the court house on Main street at 10:30 when addresses of a historical and reminiscence character were delivered by James W. Latta, Captain J. B. Kosowatz and Judge Alex. D. McConnell and Dr. Frank Cowan, all of whom traced the growth of the town from its infancy till the present day relating many facts of interest that were unknown to the majority of our people and that will prove of value to the historian.

This afternoon the parade, which was the special feature of the day's pleasures, attracted the attention of fully 40,000 people who viewed it. It was composed of five divisions, as follows: The first, or military division, with 800 men, including Company A, of Jeannette, Grand Army Republic posts from Latrobe, Irwin, New Florence, Derry and other places. The second or firemen's division, with 600 men, including companies from Blairsville, Wilkinsburg, Uniontown, Connellsville, Latrobe, Irwin and other places.

The third, or division of secret orders, with lodges from Irwin, Jeannette, Latrobe, Manor, Delmont, Mt. Pleasant, Scottsdale and other points.

The fourth, or division of schools, with 1,500 pupils, the Company I and Company A of their native and foreign schools and the boys of the parochial schools.

The fifth, or civic division, composed of citizens and pastors in buggies, carriages, old-fashioned wagons, trade displays and numerous other attractions that recalled to mind the olden days.

There were in all about 5,000 people in line. Tonight the firemen's ball was the chief attraction and was a most brilliant affair, participated in by all the visiting firemen. The pyrotechnic displays was a fitting climax to the festivities.

ITALY AND CHINA.

Negotiations Regarding San Man Bay Concession to Be Resumed.

Rome, May 25.—Parliament reassembled today. In the chamber of deputies, which was crowded, the vice-president announced that President Zanardelli had resigned, owing to the reorganization of the cabinet.

General Solera, the premier, said the negotiations with China regarding a concession at San Man Bay would be resumed, in order to obtain a satisfactory solution of the matter which would entail no military or financial burdens on the country, whose aims, he added, were exclusively commercial. The premier then asked the chamber not to accept the resignation of Sig. Zanardelli and the house unanimously resolved to decline to receive it. The chamber then adjourned.

FRANCHISE TAX BILL.

It Is Passed in the Senate at Albany.

Albany, N. Y., May 25.—The franchise tax bill passed the senate today by a vote of 39 to 15. Three Democrats voted with the solid Republican majority.

The bill was subsequently passed by the assembly by a Republican vote with the minority and two Democrats with the majority. The vote was 87 to 62.

But One Day of Liberty.

Lancaster, May 25.—John Lichtenberger, aged 80 years, died yesterday at his home in Mannheim. On Tuesday he was released from the Eastern penitentiary after serving five years for larceny. Suffering from consumption and fearing death, he went to his home to die, and had but one day of liberty.

Yale's New President.

New Haven, Conn., May 25.—Professor Arthur Twining Hays, who after a long and successful career at Yale university succeeded Timothy Dwight, resigned.

THE ANTI-TRUST DEMOCRATS EAT BANQUET HELD AT ST. LOUIS LAST NIGHT.

W. J. Bryan and Mr. Belmont at the Table of Honor—Speeches by Harry B. Hawes and Others—Declaration of Principles of 1900. The Idiocy of Making American Citizens of Ten Million Heathen Malays.

St. Louis, May 25.—Promptly at 6:45 this evening the band struck up "The Stars and Stripes Forever," an army of waiters laden with viands appeared and the mammoth Democratic anti-trust banquet was on, while the 1,445 banqueters seated at the tables broke into a tremendous cheer, rising in a body and waving the small hands flags that had been provided at each cover. The table of honor was placed on a raised platform at the north side of the arena and at it were seated Hon. W. J. Bryan, ex-Governor John P. Altgeld, O. H. P. Belmont, M. C. Wetmore, Harry H. Hawes, president of the Jefferson club, under whose auspices the dinner was given, Hon. Champ Clark, Hon. David A. De Armond and a number of other prominent Democrats. The Coliseum was decorated throughout with flags and in the center of these was fixed a large silver shield.

The dinner was concluded at 8 o'clock and by the time tables were cleared the 5,000 seats of the amphitheatre were filled with spectators representing the society of St. Louis and the speaking began. The first speaker of the evening was Harry B. Hawes, president of the Jefferson club, who delivered the address of welcome. Mr. Hawes said, in part:

"It was not intended that this dinner should be merely the means of affording entertainment, but it was belittled by its promoters that the serious discussions to be held tonight will be the means of crystallizing public sentiment against the encroachment upon the liberties of the people of the giant monopolies and trusts. It is not sought to push to the background the vital issues of 1896, nor to lessen in any particular the fight to be made upon the greatest of all trusts, the money trust, which, greater than all, is more dangerous than all, and by its existence renders possible many combinations of wealth that, without it, could not survive."

Hon. Champ Clark's Speech.

President Hawes was followed by Hon. Champ Clark of Missouri, who, in the course of his address, said: "The Democrats in 1896 did not only readjust the Chicago platform of 1896 for word. To it will be added a strong anti-trust plank and also a declaration against the criminal idiocy of corrupting and destroying our institutions by making American citizens out of heathen Malays under the equator."

Bryan, he said, will be placed upon that platform and will be landed in the White House.

Col. M. C. Wetmore, of St. Louis, spoke on "Trust and Democracy," and David A. De Armond, mayor of St. Louis, said that once freed himself for a misdemeanor.

Young Frieden, although only 13 years old, has just finished a thirty days' sentence in jail. When arraigned before Mayor Campbell he was sentenced to eight weeks of hard labor or to go to jail for twenty days. On presenting a certificate from his Sunday school teacher at the end of the time he is to be paid \$1 by Mayor Campbell for good conduct.

JUSTICE AHEAD FOR DREYFUS.

Paris, May 25.—President Baillet de Latture, of the civil section of the court of cassation, has presented to M. Mazeau, presiding justice of the entire court, the findings in the revision of the Dreyfus case.

It is believed that no influence can now prevent a measure of justice being accorded to the unjustly exiled prisoner on Devil's Island, who will doubtless soon be brought back to France, if he is not already on the way.

CHINA'S GRANT TO GERMANY.

Imperial Assent to the Building of the Tien-Tsin Railroad.

Pekin, May 25.—An imperial edict has been issued giving assent to the building of the Tien-Tsin-Chin-Keang railroad.

That completes the work of Baron von Heyking, the retiring German minister to China, who is still here, preparing to leave in a few days.

During the baron's residence at Peking he has been uniformly successful in his negotiations with the Chinese government and has done much to raise German prestige in China.

Steamship Arrivals.

Liverpool, May 25.—Arrived: Teutonic, New York, Queenstown—Sailed: Britania, New York, Rotterdam—Arrived: Amsterdam, New York, via Boulogne, Bremen—Arrived: Lahn, New York, Rotterdam—Sailed: Rotterdam, New York via Boulogne.

Congratulations Acknowledged.

Lancaster, May 25.—Queen Victoria has telegraphed to the United States ambassador, Mr. Joseph Choate, thanking President McKinley in warm terms for his birthday congratulations. Her majesty's telegram has been forwarded to Washington.

Rosa Bonheur Seriously Ill.

Fontainebleau, France, May 25.—Rosa Bonheur, the famous animal painter, is seriously ill with congestion of the lungs.

DEMOCRATS AT ST. LOUIS.

Twenty-Two Members of the National Committee in Session.

St. Louis, May 25.—With twenty-two members present in person the Democratic national committee went into secret session at 10 o'clock this morning at the Planters hotel.

Governor Stone stated the object of the meeting as set out in the call. He was then elected chairman. Mr. Walsh was in his place as secretary. J. M. Griffin, of Pennsylvania, who was present as proxy for Committee member Harry, of that state, made a joint representation of twenty-three states. Committee member Stone, of Missouri, presided and immediately after calling the meeting to order announced that reports of organizations and conditions of the different states were desired. One by one the reports of the different states outlined the conditions existing at home and the reports were accepted without recommendations of any kind. Not one of the speakers touched upon the trusts, imperialism or silver.

After the committee had been in session for an hour and a half, Governor Stone made a short address urging the members to look closely after the organizations in their states, and suggesting that strong efforts be made to provide a campaign fund for the coming campaign. He made no specific suggestions, merely talking in general ways regarding the great advantage of organizations. The fight of the Illinois Democracy against Editor Delvin, of the national committee press bureau, was then brought up by Congressman Quinn of Illinois. He made a vigorous speech, claiming that Delvin had acted against the regular Democratic organization in Illinois and that he should be removed.

A motion was carried appointing a committee of three to investigate the Delvin matter and report to Chairman Jones upon his return from abroad. Mr. Stone appointed on the committee of investigation Messrs. Johnson, of Kansas, and Daniels, of North Carolina, the third man to be named later. At 1:30 o'clock a recess was taken.

NORTON HELD TO BAIL.

A Job Printer Arrested for Making Bogus Union Labels.

Reading, Pa., May 25.—James E. Norton, a job printer, was arrested here this afternoon on the charge of printing bogus cigar union labels. He was held in \$1,000 bail. Over \$75,000 worth were captured and 18 tons of paper on which they were printed seized. It is said this counterfeiting scheme has assumed extensive proportions and that certain manufacturers are reaping handsome profits from their use.

Motions to Quash Indictments Are Overruled.

Philadelphia, May 25.—Judge McPherson in the United States District court today overruled the motions made yesterday to quash the indictments charged Elbert P. Ingham, ex-United States district attorney, and Harvey K. Nowitt, his law partner and former assistant, with aiding and abetting, conspiracy and bribery in the revenue cigar stamp counterfeiting plot of which William M. Ingham, of the Lancaster cigar manufacturer, was the leader. District Attorney Beck asked that May 25 be set as the date for the trial, but counsel for Ingham and Nowitt asked permission to file an application for continuance on the ground of illness of one of the clients. His application was received. The principal reason advanced by the defense in their motion to quash was that secret service operative McManus, who is the principal witness against them, was not an officer of the United States within the meaning of the statute. Judge McPherson said that question could not be decided.

LUTHERAN SYNOD.

Two Hundred and Thirty-Eight Delegates Present—Officers Elected.

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WARRANTS OUT FOR TRAINMEN

PHILADELPHIA AND READING OFFICIALS TO BE PROSECUTED

Coroner's Jury Expresses Desire That No Manslaughter Proceedings Shall Be Brought Against the Men Censured—Trainmaster Bowers Will Also Be Prosecuted.

Reading, May 25.—At noon today, by the direction of the district attorney, County Detective Kershner swore out warrant for the four Philadelphia and Reading railroad men who were censured by the coroner's jury for causing the disastrous wreck at Exeter. The accused are William F. Wildermuth, engineer of the first section; his conductor, A. E. Magee; James J. Rourke, dispatcher, and Engineer Harry Orrell, of the second section. Bail in \$1,000 will be demanded. Members of the jury expressed the desire that no manslaughter proceedings be brought against the men. The other local remedy is charging them with a misdemeanor. The act of March 22, 1895, says: "It shall be the duty of the prosecuting officer to proceed on this charge. The penalty shall not exceed \$5,000 fine and imprisonment not exceeding five years."

Trainmaster Bowers, who was also censured, will be prosecuted in Philadelphia. Detective Kershner, accompanied by a constable, went to Norristown this afternoon and served the warrants on the men after they had testified at the inquest there over the victims of the Exeter wreck who died in Montgomery county. They each furnished bail in the sum of \$1,000 for their appearance at the court of quarter session of Berks county on the second Monday in June.

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THE NEWS THIS MORNING

Weather Indications Today: FAIR AND WARMER.

- 1 General - Aguinaldo's Commissioners Leave Manila.
2 General - Whitney's Weekly News Budget, Finance and Commercial.
3 Sports-Atlantic National and Other League Base Ball Scores.
4 Editorial.
5 Story-"The Curate of Polton."
6 Local-Busy Sessions of Councils.
7 Local-Meeting in Interest of Judge Archibald's candidacy.
8 Local-West Scranton and Suburban.
9 News Round About Scranton.
10 Local-Court Proceedings.

THREE MEN COOKED ALIVE

Fatal Explosion at the Blast Furnaces of the Cambria Steel Company at Johnstown.

Johnstown, May 25.—Three Cambria workmen were literally cooked alive by an explosion at the blast furnaces of the Cambria Steel company's plant in this city shortly after noon today, and three other workmen were badly injured at the same time. The deaths of the first three occurred at the Cambria hospital within short intervals after they were removed to that institution. The dead are: George W. Unapher, of Strongstown, Indiana county, aged 22; John C. Barrett, of Buffalo, N. Y., aged 25; Charles Welty, of this city, aged 27. Unapher and Barrett were single; Welty leaves a widow and several children.

The others injured are: Samuel Sheetz, Joseph Sobol and John Garmic, all of this city. They will recover. The men were at work repairing blast furnace No. 2. They were on a scaffold a short distance above furnace No. 1, when the latter "dropped," and the workmen were enveloped by a mass of molten metal thrown out by the explosion that followed.

DR. M'GIFFERT'S CASE.

General Assembly of Presbyterian Church Steers Clear of the Affair.

Minneapolis, May 25.—In the hands of the Presbytery of New York is the fate of Rev. Dr. Arthur C. McGiffert, professor of church history in Union Theological seminary, New York, who at a general assembly of the Presbyterian church steered clear, as it hopes, of the rocks of another heresy trial when it voted this afternoon after a tumultuous and sometimes personal debate to refer the whole matter to the Presbytery of New York for its disposition as in its judgment, the peace of church and the purity of the doctrine may require.

When the bills and overtures commission report was announced this afternoon by Vice Moderator Dr. L. Y. Graham, a profound silence held over the assembly and the packed gallery. Dr. Wallace Radcliffe, Washington, chairman of the committee, took the speaker's platform and read first that part of the report on which all members of the committee agreed. It was a review of the McGiffert case, and the statement of four fundamental doctrines of the churches which Dr. McGiffert's "History of Christianity in the Apostolic Age" is held to deny. Next Dr. Radcliffe read the majority's report and then it was known at last that there were two reports. The report which was immediately adopted, left the matter to the discretion of the New York Presbytery. The minority report, read by Dr. Benjamin Lewis Hobson, of Chicago, made it mandatory upon the New York Presbytery to appoint a committee to confer with Dr. McGiffert, and he would neither modify his views nor peacefully withdraw from the church, proceed against him in accordance with the provisions of the constitution of the churches. That would have meant a heresy trial. An interesting debate ensued which followed, and when a viva voce vote was taken on the majority resolution.

Then came the vote on the majority resolution. "The ayes has it," said Dr. Graham. "Somebody called for division, for the negative vote seemed to have large volume. But when it came to standing up the negative vote, which had given promise of being almost equal to the affirmative, dwindled so sadly that the few standers were laughed at. The majority shouted for joy. Next the vote was made unanimous.

The one hundred and eleven annual assembly for the Presbyterian church has dealt with the hardest problem that confronted it.

President Will-Go West.

Washington, May 25.—President McKinley has positively decided to go as far West as he can, but whether or not he will go on to the Yellowstone park and the coast much depends upon circumstances, such that it is now impossible to make a decision. Now is the date of his visit to St. Paul yet decided. He intends to be there at the time the Thirtieth Minnesota, the South Dakota and other regiments arrive on their return from the Philippines, when a great reception will be accorded them.

CONDENSED STATE TOPICS.

Four acres of the almshouse farm, at York, have been sold for \$4,000, as a site for a silk mill.

The Bethlehem Steel company is rushing work on armor plate for the battleship Alabama, and has this week shipped 114 tons to Cramps' shipyard.

All the canvasmen of La Pearl's circus struck at Bethlehem for work on the Traciton company's road which is being rebuilt.

A huge mass of rock fell over John Lajubstein, at the North Franklin colliery, burying him completely, but a couple of holders wedging him by his body saved his life.

WEATHER FORECAST.

Washington, May 25.—Forecast for Friday: Fair, with warmer weather; sun, fair and warmer; Friday and Saturday: Fresh south to south-east winds.

PEACE TALK POSTPONED

The Filipino Commissioners All Leave Manila.

EXPECTED TO RETURN

President Gonzaga's Comment on the Government Proposed for the Philippines by Our Commissioners—A Good Colonial System, but Colonial Control Inconsistent with This Country's Institutions, He Suggests.

REBELS TWICE REPULSED.

Barely Escaped Destruction by Kansas and Montana Troops.

Washington, May 25.—General Otis has forwarded the following despatch to the war department: "Manila, May 25. 'Adjutant General, Washington. On 23d inst, third infantry returning to Balintoc, General Otis was attacked morning, noon and evening by a large force of enemy, suffering in casualties two men killed and thirteen wounded; enemy repulsed, leaving on the field sixteen killed, large number wounded and prisoners. 'Yesterday enemy appeared in vicinity of San Fernando, attacked by Kansas and Montana regiments, which suffered slight losses. Enemy driven through rice fields, leaving fifty dead, thirty-eight wounded and twenty-eight prisoners. Enemy property captured. Their retreat through swamp land saved them from destruction. Lawton returning, leaving slight loss. Capture of the first regular troops to replace volunteers. 'Otis."