

Increasing cloudiness to night; rain and colder tomorrow; variable winds.

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## WAR DEPARTMENT TO MAKE IMPROVEMENTS

New Quarters to Be Provided for the Army in All Sections of the Country. Old Landmarks to Go.

Most Important Points to Have Garrison Representative of All Arms of the Service—To Sell Property.

When the insurrection in the Philippines enabled the Secretary of War to determine upon the strength of the garrisons to be retained in those islands it was decided to provide quarters in the United States for twenty regiments of infantry, ten of cavalry, and nearly all of the coast and field artillery.

The first step in this scheme was to reduce the size of the organizations from the war strength which had obtained during their service in Cuba, Porto Rico, and the Philippine Islands and then to determine at what points permanent quarters should be provided for them.

Landmarks Passing Away.

Many of the old frontier posts were of such flimsy character that they were abandoned several years before the outbreak of the war with Spain; others which were left with only a small guard had become so dilapidated as to be not worth the expense necessary to make them habitable for quartering troops.

For some years past the fortification of the sea coast has been going on under a general scheme authorized by Congress. It was not practicable to erect the necessary quarters at these points until after all the fortifications and armament had been installed.

This plan seemed to be the only practicable one, but it resulted in sending many of the new companies of artillery which were organized under authority of Congress two years ago to stations at which no quarters were available. In fact, the large increase of artillery was made at a time when there were not sufficient quarters at the new batteries for the artillery men already in service.

Money to Improve. At the last session of Congress these matters were laid before that body and the result was a liberal appropriation for the proper housing of the army. The excessive cost of material and high price of labor will prevent the construction of all the barracks needed to house the army. The Secretary of War directed that the whole matter be turned over to the War College Board for a determination as to how and where the appropriation could be best expended treating the question as a whole.

In the past the expenditure of the appropriation for construction work has been greatly determined by emergencies or expenditure of the moment, notwithstanding a fixed policy was adopted some years ago of completing permanent posts for large garrisons where the instruction of the troops could be carried on with greater facility than was possible in many small stations.

Report Submitted.

The War College Board has submitted a report to the Secretary of War recommending the allotment of funds for construction work at a large number of widely separated posts. The board has invited special attention to the need of preserving intact such large reservations as Fort Sill, Oklahoma, Assiniboine, and Keogh in Montana, at which points the Government owns large quantities of land. The board expresses the opinion that the time has arrived when it is desirable to establish garrisons at several important points which shall consist of representations from all arms of the service.

To carry out this idea, which is recommended not only for the military but also for the economical advantage which it possesses, the board has recommended that a garrison to consist of one regiment of infantry, one squadron of cavalry, and two batteries of field artillery be provided for at Fort Sam Houston, Texas; Fort Sheridan, Ill.; Fort Snelling, Minn., and the new post near Buffalo, N. Y.

A garrison of this size already exists at the General Service and Staff College at Fort Leavenworth, Kan., where the young officers of the army are instructed

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### WEATHER REPORT.

There will be rain tonight in the lower lake region, the Ohio valley, and east Gulf States, continuing tomorrow, and possibly changing to snow in the former district. There will also be rain in New England, preceded by fair weather to night in the southeast portion. There will be rain tomorrow in the middle and south Atlantic States.

It will be colder tonight, except in the Atlantic States, and colder generally tomorrow in the East and South, decidedly so in the lower lake region, the Ohio valley, and the east Atlantic States. It will be colder tomorrow night in the Atlantic States.

### TEMPERATURE.

8 a. m. 64  
12 m. 61  
1 p. m. 58

### THE SUN.

Sun sets today 6:57 p. m.  
Sun rises tomorrow 4:56 a. m.

### TIDE TABLE.

High tide today 4:44 p. m.  
High tide tomorrow 10:54 a. m., 11:29 p. m.

### MANY STATES TO SHARE IN THE APPROPRIATION

Under the new order of affairs nearly all posts in the United States will share in the appropriation made by Congress. The principal expenditure will be made in the following States:

- UTAH
- VERMONT
- MONTANA
- RHODE ISLAND
- COLORADO
- VIRGINIA
- NORTH CAROLINA
- NEW YORK
- MINNESOTA
- MICHIGAN
- WYOMING
- GEORGIA
- LOUISIANA
- SOUTH CAROLINA
- KANSAS
- ILLINOIS
- WASHINGTON
- IOWA
- CALIFORNIA
- FLORIDA
- NEW JERSEY
- MISSOURI
- OREGON
- MARYLAND
- LOUISIANA
- SOUTH CAROLINA
- MASSACHUSETTS

### WILL ASK DESIGNS FOR ALL BUILDINGS

Small Structures to Rank With Large Ones.

### BY VIRTUE OF TARSNEY ACT

Supervising Architect Taylor of the Treasury to Be Relieved of Much Routine Work.

J. K. Taylor, Supervising Architect of the Treasury Department, put into operation this morning the provisions of the Tarsney act, by which designs for small Government buildings, ranging in cost from \$50,000 to \$100,000, will be obtained by the competitive system. The act had heretofore been applied to the more expensive structures. Plans for the small buildings were always prepared under the direction of the Supervising Architect.

### Invitations Sent Out.

Invitations were extended this morning to seven firms of architects to prepare and submit plans for a new post-office building at Atlantic City. Six of the firms, Davis & Davis, Albert Kelsey, William C. Frichet, John T. Windrum, George E. Page, and E. Seeler, had headquarters at Philadelphia, while the seventh, Harold F. Adams, has his offices at Atlantic City. James Rush Marshall and James G. Hill, both Washington architects, will serve with Mr. Taylor as umpires of the competition.

Within a few days invitations will be prepared by Mr. Taylor and sent out in relation to obtaining designs for buildings in a number of other places. Mr. Taylor is having prepared a list of the buildings authorized for the various States, plans for which will be let by private contract.

### A New Departure.

Under the provisions of the Tarsney act, the Supervising Architect may invite such men as he pleases to enter the competitions. It is Mr. Taylor's purpose to select six or more architects in every community where buildings are to be constructed, and so far as possible get the best talent. Only the plans of those who are invited will be considered.

### WORKMAN HURT BY FALL AT STONELEIGH COURT

George N. Lyman Falls While Walking Along Narrow Ledge.

Stoneleigh Court, Secretary Hay's new apartment house, at Connecticut Avenue and L Street, was the scene of an accident this morning. While working on the second floor of the building George N. Lyman, aged twenty-five years, fell, and was injured about the face and head. He was removed to the Emergency Hospital, where his condition was pronounced not serious.

Lyman had been walking along a narrow ledge when the accident occurred. He made a misstep, and was hurled headlong to the ground, where he lay in a semi-conscious condition. He was quickly removed to the hospital, and an examination showed that he had suffered cuts about the head and compression of the brain.

### SECRETARY OF BELGIAN LEGATION ARRIVES

P. S. Letellier, recently appointed secretary of the Belgian legation in Washington, arrived here yesterday from New York. He made the passage on the Vaderland.

M. Letellier is a young man and the present position is his debut in the diplomatic service. He succeeds M. Boyo, who leaves soon with his wife and child for his new post in Rotterdam.

### GLEN FALLS FIRE-SWEPT.

GLENS FALLS, N. Y., April 30.—Several forest fires are raging in the vicinity of Glen Lake, and the head of Lake George. Two hundred and fifty acres near Fort Gage, south of Lake George, were swept last night. Rain has not fallen in many days, and the fires will continue until there is a change in climatic conditions.

## NEW PACIFIC CABLE READY JULY FOURTH

Vice President Ward Talks of Company's Plans.

### WORK PROGRESSING RAPIDLY

Governor Taft Will Cable Message to President Roosevelt on Fourth of July—Mr. Ward Confers With Assistant Secretary Darling.

"The Pacific cable, now being placed by the Postal Telegraph and Cable Company, will be opened for business for the first time, July 4," said George G. Ward, vice president of the company. "I am here to confer with the officials of the navy as to certain minor matters pertaining to its completion." Mr. Ward continued, "Steamers are now on the ocean between Honolulu and Manila putting down the remainder of the cable as fast as possible. The station in Manila will be put in readiness, and the first messages to come direct from the Philippines will probably pass between the President and Governor Taft on the morning of the Fourth of July."

### Officially Announced.

This announcement was made by Mr. Ward in the first official statement made by the company as to the time of opening the cable for use by the public. The cable was completed between San Francisco and Honolulu some weeks ago. Since then the ships with the larger portion have been traversing the Pacific and making all possible headway.

When Mr. Ward was asked if his visit to Washington had any connection with the petition filed yesterday by the Western Union Telegraph Company in the United States court in Baltimore, in which an injunction was asked against the Pennsylvania road removing their poles and wires from the Philadelphia, Baltimore and Washington Branch, he replied: "I did not know such an action had been taken."

### Postal Company's Franchise.

"The Postal Company has been given the franchise along the lines of the Pennsylvania Railroad, and as soon as the Western Union Company vacates the property our company will construct its lines. I give no attention to the legal end of such matters as they do not come in my department. I will say, however, that I have the most confidence in the outcome of the whole controversy, and there will be but little delay."

Mr. Ward called at the Navy Department this morning and held a conference with Assistant Secretary Darling. He left Washington for New York this afternoon.

### SAMUEL H. WHEATLEY NOT DEAD, AS REPORTED

A dispatch has been received from the United States consular agent at Torreon, Mexico, stating that it was Wheatley Hitt and not Samuel Hartley Wheatley of this city, who had died in a hospital at Mapimi, near Torreon, on April 19.

Mr. Wheatley's mother made an inquiry at the State Department regarding the reported death of her son, and while the inquiry was in progress received a letter from her son in Tucson, Ariz., informing her of his well-being.

### CHINESE MOBS MENACE AMERICAN ENGINEERS

Lieutenant Anderson, of Gunboat Callao, to the Rescue.

PEKIN, April 30.—Mr. Conger, the American minister to China, has informed the Chinese foreign office that American engineers on the Hankow-Canton Railway are in danger from mobs at a place about 140 miles north of Canton. Lieutenant Anderson, of the American gunboat Callao, is proceeding north on a river boat for the purpose of rescuing the engineers. Mr. Conger has asked the Chinese foreign office to instruct the officials of the province of Kwantung to assist him in this work.

### "NEGRO MANHOOD FIRST; THEN COMES SUFFRAGE"

NORFOLK, Va., April 30.—Dr. Lyman Abbott, of New York, in speaking at the closing exercises at the Hampton, Va., Normal School of Indians and negroes last evening on "The Negro and Manhood Suffrage," said with great emphasis in the midst of his speech: "Let suffrage come first and then manhood."

Booker T. Washington and others on the stage were quick in calling Dr. Abbott's attention to his mistake, whereupon he quickly said: "The mistake I have just made is one we all made forty years ago, when the negro was given suffrage before demonstrating his manhood." Great applause followed.

### INDIA PLAGUE RECORD.

LONDON, April 30.—A despatch from Simla to the Exchange Telegraph Company says it is officially announced that the bubonic plague infects nine British provinces, 156 districts, 106 big towns, 7 cantonments, and 51 States. The weekly mortality exceeds 30,000.

## ASSEMBLED THOUSANDS VIEW THE DEDICATION OF ST. LOUIS FAIR

### TODAY'S ELABORATE PROGRAM FOR WORLD'S FAIR CEREMONIES

Freedom of city presented to the President—10 a. m. Military Parade under direction of Maj. Gen. H. C. Corbin—10:30 a. m. Concert by thirty bands and 3,000 singers—1:00 p. m. Formal dedication of Exposition—2 p. m.; invocation by Cardinal Gibbons. Dedication Address—President Roosevelt. Orator of the Occasion—Ex-President Grover Cleveland. Prayer—Bishop E. R. Hendrix, of Southern Methodist Church. Benediction—Bishop Henry C. Potter, of the Protestant Episcopal Church, of New York. Centennial Salute—100 guns. 8 p. m.—Display of fireworks. Cost, \$55,000.

### FACTS ABOUT THE FAIR.

Commemorates Louisiana purchase, 1803. Total cost (estimated) \$28,000,000. Space 1,190 acres. Exhibit buildings 14. Opens May 1, 1904. Lasts (about) five months. Comparative size—Twice as large as World's Fair, Chicago; four times that of Pan-American Exposition.

### CANADIAN MINING TOWN COMPLETELY WIPED OUT

Terrific Explosion Results in 175 Casualties.

### ERUPTION NOT VOLCANIC

Coal Dust and Gas Combined Responsible—Debris Piled Up for Miles.

McLEOD, N. W. T., via Vancouver, April 30.—It is now feared that the loss of life in the catastrophe in the mining town of Frank yesterday will reach 175. Only fifteen miners escaped, and it is thought all of the others were killed.

It is said by the officials of the company that the accident was not due to seismic disturbances, but was caused by an explosion in the Canadian American Coal and Coke Company's mine, the president of which is H. L. Frank, of Butte, Mont., the copper millionaire.

The seam has always given out a large quantity of gas, and as it is dusty the officials are inclined to the opinion that what has taken place is a terrific explosion either entirely of coal dust, or an explosion of gas and coal dust combined, the effects of which caused the impression that there was a volcanic eruption.

Debris is piled up for a distance of a mile and a half, and in some places the rock is two hundred feet deep. The water of the creek is being backed up and is causing a flood. The town is wiped out.

The casualties reported last night were: Men, women and children killed in their beds as they slept, 82. Miners working outside the mines and instantly killed, 12. Imprisoned in the mine, 18.

### RUSSIAN PROTESTATIONS RECEIVE CONFIRMATION

Disclaims Seeking of Exclusive Privileges in Manchuria.

LONDON, April 30.—The question of Russia's demands in regard to Manchuria was again brought up in the house of commons today. Viscount Cranborne, under secretary for foreign affairs, replying to one question on this subject, said that communications were still in progress.

The government has received confirmation from trustworthy sources of statements that the Russian government has announced that it has no knowledge of any convention with China in regard to the evacuation of Manchuria, and that Russia disclaims any intention of seeking exclusive privileges or of departing from the assurance she has already given in respect to Manchuria.

Replying to a question by Thomas Gibson Bowles on the same subject, Prime Minister Balfour said that while the British government was desirous of taking advantage to the utmost of the opportunities offered by the Hague arbitration court for the settlement of disputes between governments, it did not think that any pending questions between Great Britain and Russia could be well handled by that tribunal.

### KING SEEKS DIVORCE.

LONDON, April 30.—A despatch from Paris to the Exchange Telegraph Company says it is again reported that King Alexander of Serbia, is contemplating a divorce from his wife, Queen Draga, who was formerly a lady in waiting to his mother, former Queen Natalie.

### "STOP TAKING ORDERS."

EDINBURGH, April 30.—The Scottish agents of the Standard Oil Company have received cabled instructions to stop taking orders for future delivery.

### EXIT COL. BINGHAM; ENTER MAJOR SYMONDS

Officer in Charge of Public Buildings and Grounds.

### COMES HERE FROM BUFFALO

Colonel Bingham's Departure From Washington Generally Regretted—Takes Charge of Work on Lakes.

Col. Theodore A. Bingham retires today from the position of officer in charge of public buildings and grounds, and will not join his husband at their new home for several weeks. Colonel Bingham called this morning at the Treasury Department and visited offices in other departments, where Major Symonds' work will require him to go.

Colonel Bingham will probably leave here for Buffalo on Saturday. Mrs. Bingham is now in Atlantic City, and will not join her husband at their new home for several weeks. Colonel Bingham has been in charge of the buildings and public grounds for more than six years. He came here from Willett's Point, N. Y., where he was in command of a company of the Engineer Battalion.

In the six years he has lived in Washington, Colonel Bingham has acquired a wide acquaintance through his prominence in all large social functions given at the White House and has made many friends who regret he is to leave.

Colonel Bingham will assume the duties Major Symonds formerly had and will be stationed at Buffalo in charge of fortifications and works on Lakes Erie and Ontario.

### KAISER'S "FLIRTATION" OFFENDS PROTESTANTS

Italy, They Say, May Yet Coquet With France.

BERLIN, April 30.—The "Taegliche Rundschau" today asserts that the Kaiser's extreme consideration for the Pope in proposing a visit to the Vatican in the course of his majesty's coming visit to Rome, has had a bad influence on the relations between Germany and Italy. The paper says:

"Italians resent the consideration shown the Vatican, especially by the Protestant monarch. Germany cannot object to Italy's coquetting with France if she, herself, flirts with the Vatican."

### PRESIDENT G. F. BAER DENIES DISCRIMINATION

NEW YORK, April 30.—"The independent operators are not discriminated against by the coal-carrying railroads and any statement of that character has no foundation in fact." So said President George F. Baer, of the Philadelphia and Reading Railroad Company when re-called to the stand today in the inquiry into the charges made by W. R. Hearst that the coal-carrying roads are violating the Sherman anti-trust law.

Mr. Baer reiterated his statement yesterday that the Reading Company will advance the price of coal 10 cents per ton, beginning May 1. Asked if orders booked today would be filled at the old rate, he said:

"Yes; if the coal can be delivered within a month."

### TEHERAN BREAD RIOTS.

TEHERAN, Persia, April 30.—An increase in the price of bread has caused a revolt at Meshed. For two days past the people of the city and the Shah's troops have had frequent collisions and there has been bloodshed.

## Mound City a Mass of Bunting and Flags, and Resembles a Vast Military Camp.

### ANOTHER VICTORY FOR UNION LABOR

Strike at Willard Hotel Amicably Settled.

### WORK RESUMED AT ONCE

Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners Carry Their Point—Building Trades Council Upheld.

The strike of the carpenters and joiners employed on the new Willard Hotel, which was started yesterday, was amicably settled this morning by the representative of the George A. Fuller Company, contractors, agreeing to employ none but members of the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners. This is a decided victory for the organization affiliated with the Building Trades Council. The strike was caused by the employment of two carpenters with membership in the Amalgamated Society of Carpenters and Joiners, who went to work yesterday morning. Forty carpenters with membership in the Brotherhood withdrew from their work, and, to strengthen their position, induced the engineers, electricians and other union men to withdraw from the work. Before their point was won, however, they were compelled to call out Brotherhood employees now at work on the new building at Howard University and at the pumping station.

About a year ago an order was issued to the members of the Brotherhood to refuse to work with any member of the Knights of Labor or the Amalgamated Carpenters and Joiners, and yesterday's strike was the result of the employment of the two men who were members of one of the offensive organizations.

The men at the Willard left their work yesterday morning, and within two hours the men at the pumping station and Howard University went out. Several months ago the Brotherhood carpenters throughout the country served notice on their employers that after May 1 they would not work for less than \$2 and \$2.50 per day. This demand was granted today by the Fuller Company, and harmony has been re-established.

### ATTACKED BY A NEGRO.

BOYD'S, Md., April 30.—While Priscilla Earp, sister of Walter Earp, a trackman, was going to a spring near her little home there for water Monday last, she was pounced upon from behind by a burly negro. Her screams and the quick approach of her sisters and a house dog frightened off the negro. Sheriff Collier will this evening put officers on the case.

### COLONIAL BEACH TO REMAIN A WET TOWN

Election Results in Overthrow of the Drys.

Summer visitors are likely to enjoy their drinks this season at Colonial Beach as usual. According to early reports from the resort, where the voting is going on, the delegation of Washington men who went down there with a war chest well filled with treasure to defeat the temperance men proved to be factors too powerful to overcome. They won, so the people who arrived on the steamer from the beach early this morning, said. All of the votes had not been counted at that time, and the facts will not be known until the next boat arrives tomorrow. It was also said that the local option party won in Warsaw, Montrose, and Wakefield, the birthplace of Washington.

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### Dinner to President.

Covers for the 500 guests will be laid, and the list of guests will include the President, ex-President Cleveland, the officiating clergymen at the dedication exercises, the members of the Diplomatic Corps, national commission, board of lady managers, and distinguished guests. The Marine Band will play.

### Driven to Club.

President Roosevelt and ex-President Cleveland, who were the guests overnight of President David R. Francis, of the exposition, were driven to the St. Louis Club, on Lindell Block, at 9:30 a. m., with the white horse troop of the Eighth Cavalry for an escort. The Diplomatic Corps had preceded them only a few moments. There were present Senor Manuel Azpiroz, of Mexico; Signor Edmondo Mayor de Planches, of Italy; M. Jules Jusserand, of France, and Senor Ojeda, of Spain. Besides these were the Japanese, Chinese, and Turkish ministers and representatives from all the Latin republics. The corps, attired in brilliant uniforms and wearing the decorations of their countries, made an imposing group never before seen outside of Washington.

### Given Higher Wages.

BOSTON, April 30.—Fully 10,000 men in this city and vicinity will tomorrow morning go to work for higher wages. Among them are 4,500 carpenters, 1,800 bakers, and 3,500 painters, the latter getting \$3 a day hereafter, and nearly all the marine engineers in the harbor will have a substantial raise.

ST. LOUIS, April 30.—By far the most notable event of yesterday's session of the Good Roads Convention was the visit of President Roosevelt.

In his speech the President dwelt upon the fame which the old Romans acquired by the construction of "indestructible" roads. To counteract the tendency of people to drift into the cities good roads should be constructed, the President declared, and that by means of mutual cooperation.

### Mayor Wells Tenders Freedom of City in Terms of Admiration for Executive.

### Magnificent Military Parade, Five Miles Long, Passes in Review Before the Distinguished Guests.

### Great Throngs of People Surge Into Grounds and Gather About Liberal Arts Building for the Exercises.

ST. LOUIS, April 30.—More than 250,000 visitors are within the gates of St. Louis to witness the dedication ceremonies today. The streets are crowded with parading troops, and the World's Fair city is a mass of brightly colored bunting and flags.

The exercises began at 10 o'clock, when the freedom of the city was tendered to President Roosevelt at the St. Louis Club by Mayor Wells. The formal ceremonies which will jointly commemorate the Louisiana Purchase and the dedication of the exposition, which will be opened a year from now, will take place at 2 o'clock this afternoon. The celebration will continue for three days.

### Sharp Winds Prevail.

Threatened rain was blown away by sharp winds today and St. Louis gave its hundreds of thousands of guests some meteorological encouragement for its dedication festivities. The streets are spick and span, decorations are flaunting from every house and every street car and automobile is pressed into service.

General Corbin had, with his staff, made every preparation to safeguard against contingencies. All military bodies were ordered to be in line by 8:30, although the actual start was not ordered till 10:30, and every available mount in and near St. Louis was in service. The wide asphalt and graveled streets, and miles of smooth brick surfaced thoroughfares, made excellent places of assembly, and so carefully had they been cleaned that little dust annoyed the soldiers.

### Arkansas an Attraction.

The monitor Arkansas is a great attraction. Twenty thousand boarded her yesterday, though today the big coast defender is closed to visitors. The crew took part in the parade. Unless orders to the contrary are received the monitor will depart on Saturday.

Ex-President Cleveland was the guest last night of the Princeton Club, and awoke this morning refreshed. The ex-President, on arrival here, looked weary after his long journey from the peaceful town of Princeton, and he so expressed himself. He wore a black four-buttoned, a loose sack, black overcoat, and a silk hat. His face was clean shaven, except for the familiar short cropped gray mustache, which drooped long at the ends.

The lines of Mr. Cleveland's face are deep, and when he walked from the train to the carriage his step was far from that of an agile man.

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