

Showers tonight and tomorrow.  
Light, easterly winds.

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## COURTS TO PASS ON SQUATTERS' RIGHTS

### Question of Title of Settlers Along Rock Creek.

## NO EVICTION OUTSIDE OF LAW

### Attorney General Again Advises Secretary Root as to Only Course the Government Can Pursue.

Attorney General Knox has again sent an opinion to the Secretary of War ruling that the squatters who have settled on Government land along Rock Creek cannot be ejected until their rights to remain have been determined by the courts. Secretary Root will now be compelled to recall his instructions to Aulick Palmer, United States Marshal for the District, to dispossess forcibly the occupants of the lands, which they have made with much filling and on which they have lived undisturbed for many years.

The ground in dispute is along Rock Creek at the west end of Virginia Avenue. It is covered with small sheds and one-story houses. Among the squatters are John Shore, Mary Hughes, John B. Lord, and the Barber Asphalt Company. Mary Hughes has lived on the land she holds for twenty-two years, and Shore has had for twenty years a house on the ground he claims.

Several months ago the Secretary of War decided the Government should reclaim the land. Colonel Bingham, who was then the officer in charge of public buildings and grounds, was instructed to inquire into the titles of the squatters, and take steps to remove their buildings. He reported that the statutes of the District empower the Chief of Engineers or officer in charge of buildings and grounds to have the squatters ejected.

### Squatters Showed Fight.

Secretary Root consulted Attorney General Knox concerning the squatters, and was advised that when land has been held for a certain length of time the Government should apply to the courts to have the squatters ejected. The Secretary did not act upon this advice, however, but instructed Colonel Bingham to have the squatters removed without delay.

When notices of eviction were served by the United States marshal it became apparent from the attitude of the occupants of the land that they would not relinquish their claims without their rights being fully determined. Though the Secretary of War at first was disposed to resort to force, if necessary, in order to reclaim the land for the Government, on second thought he again appealed to Attorney General Knox to find some law on the statutes by which the Government's rights could be established beyond a question and without trying the matter up in the courts.

The Attorney General has made a thorough search of the statutes and is firmer than ever in his opinion that the squatters may have some rights. In the second opinion just sent to the Secretary of War he says the only safe way is for the courts to pass upon the question of title before the eviction is made.

Through municipal improvements in the direction of Rock Creek the land in question has become valuable. The Barber Asphalt Company is financially able to protect its interests, and it is believed will defend its claim to the property to the end.

The decision in that case would apply to all the others. In the cases of Shore and Mrs. Hughes the savings of a score of years have been expended in filling the property and making homes. As the years went by and the Government took no action to have them removed, they came to believe that they would not be disturbed. It appears now, from the opinion of Attorney General Knox, that they may at least hope to be successful in a contest with Uncle Sam for possession of the land.

## BOTH DUELISTS DYING.

HELENA, Mont., June 25.—Charles Spaulding and Clifton E. Walker, residents of Cascade, are dying of wounds inflicted by each other in a quarrel over papers of value in a land filing case. Mrs. Walker was badly bruised. Spaulding claims that Mrs. Walker attacked him with a butcher knife, and he knocked her down in self-defense. Walker then fired a load of buckshot into him, and he (Spaulding) retaliated with a pistol shot which entered Walker's lungs.

## WEATHER REPORT.

Temperatures are still below the seasonable average east of the Rocky Mountains, particularly in the Middle Atlantic States and New England. The weather will continue unsettled tonight and tomorrow in the East and South, with occasional showers over nearly all districts. Temperatures will change but little.

## TEMPERATURE.

9 a. m. 65  
12 m. 65  
1 p. m. 66

## THE SUN.

Sun sets today 7:49 p. m.  
Sun rises tomorrow 4:23 a. m.

## TIDE TABLE.

High tide today 8:05 p. m.  
High tide tomorrow 8:29 a. m., 3:59 p. m.  
Low tide tomorrow 2:24 a. m., 3:03 p. m.

## KAISER WILHELM II ABOARD KEARSARGE

### Returns Visit Paid Him by Admiral Cotton.

## KAISER RETURNS VISIT.

### Praises American Ships

KIEI, June 25.—Regatta week began here today with magnificent weather prevailing. The whole town is in a fever for the occasion, and in addition to this, unprecedented efforts are being made to honor the officers and men of the American squadron now in the harbor.

The Kaiser this morning returned the visit paid him yesterday by Admiral Cotton, of the American fleet. His majesty boarded the flagship Kearsarge amid a booming of cannon, all the American vessels firing thirty-three guns. As the Emperor stepped aboard the American drums and bugles were sounded and the marines aboard presented arms.

Admiral Cotton received his royal guest at the gangway and conducted him to the cabin, where the Kaiser spent half an hour. The two chatted on nautical and personal topics. His majesty showed an intimate knowledge of American matters. He said he admired the smart appearance of the American ships as he steamed into the bay yesterday.

"I intend to cable President Roosevelt that I found your ships in highly efficient condition," said the Kaiser.

This message is now on its way. His majesty will be Admiral Cotton's guest at lunch on Saturday.

### Americans Especially Honored.

The Kaiser, several days ago, sent explicit orders to the port authorities, the yacht club, and others, not to spare any effort to make the visit of the American an unqualified success.

Among the celebrities here are United States Ambassadors Tower and Meyer, and a number of American attaches and consuls; the Princess Pless, the Princess of Thurn, Baron Louis de Rothschild, Count de Sugny, Count von Walderssee, and Herr Ballin, the well-known shipping man. Cornelius Vanderbilt and his wife arrived late and found the hotels crowded. They were obliged to go to a lodging house in a mean back street.

In the bay today are twenty-two German warships, the four vessels comprising the American squadron, and 400 racing yachts for the regatta, including German, English, French, Swedish, Danish, and one American yacht, the Swan, owned by R. W. Goelt.

## LEO, WORN AND EMACIATED, BLESSES NEW CARDINALS

### Pontiff Carried This Morning to What Many Believe to Be His Last Public Consistory.

ROME, June 25.—The public consistory, following the secret meeting held last week, took place this morning. The affair called for particular attention, as it is believed in many circles that it is the last one Pope Leo will attend. All the papal notables were present.

His Holiness seemed worn and emaciated, as dressed in his full vestments, he was carried in the sedia gestatoria through the kneeling thousands on whom he bestowed his blessing.

The full ceremonial of the occasion was strictly adhered to. The historic feather fans waved above the Pontiff's head, while the picturesque papal guard

## LITTLE CHANCE FOR DISTRICT ASPIRANTS

### Appointment of Outsider to Succeed Justice Hagner Apparently Assured.

The opinion prevails about the White House offices and the District court building that a local man will not be appointed to fill the vacancy on the District bench.

Senator McComas said yesterday, following his visit to the President for the purpose of presenting his candidate, John Wirt Randall, of Annapolis, that he believed the position would be given to a non-resident. He spoke with assurance and it is not unlikely that he received some intimation as to whom the President intends to appoint. Whether the President told the Senator that he would name Mr. Randall is not known.

The rumor that the District bar need not hope for a local appointment undoubtedly originated in Senator McComas' visit. The chances of Mr. Randall are believed to be increased by the fact that he is endorsed by the entire Maryland delegation in Congress.

## ROBBED AND ABANDONED.

CHICAGO, June 25.—Lured from St. Louis to San Francisco by a man who pretended to love her, then drugged, robbed of \$1,000 and abandoned, is the substance of a story told by Mrs. Julia Klein, of St. Louis, who has just caused the arrest of Charles Marco, a well educated Hungarian, who is married and lives in Chicago, declares that he is innocent.

## MAMMOTH HOTEL ON EBBITT SITE

### To Take in Geological Survey and Other Buildings.

## PLANS UNDER DISCUSSION

### Long Lease May Delay Arrangements. Local Interests Concerned in Deal.

The Ebbitt House, the building occupied by the Geological Survey, and the intervening structures are to be torn down and a mammoth hotel building erected on their site. C. C. Willard, owner of the Ebbitt House building, and several local financiers, propose to undertake the project.

The plan will give Washington a hotel that will compare favorably with the best of modern hotels in this country. The new building will probably extend to the depth of the present building on Fourteenth Street, and will front on F Street from Fourteenth Street to the alley midway between Thirteenth and Fourteenth Streets.

Mr. Willard said today that no definite plans as to size, cost, or other details had been arranged. The present management of the Ebbitt House has a three years' lease of the property, which has not yet expired, and the consummation of definite plans may consequently be delayed unless some agreement voiding the unexpired term can be made. Mr. Willard is understood to be the owner of all the property on the south side of F Street, between Thirteenth and Fourteenth Streets.

The property between the Ebbitt House and the building containing the Geological Survey, is one of the latest of Mr. Willard's acquisitions in that locality. The small strip formerly belonged to his brother, Joseph Willard, now dead. During his brother's lifetime, C. C. Willard often attempted to buy the property, but was unsuccessful. The son of Joseph Willard, however, after his father's death sold the property to C. C. Willard. This gives Mr. Willard ownership of the entire site for the proposed hotel.

## SEIZURE OF CHATTANOOGA NOT DELAYING WORK

The recent seizure of the Chattanooga, under construction at the Crescent shipyard at Elizabethport, N. J., has not interfered with the progress of Government work on the vessel. The Navy Department has decided, therefore, that it will not be necessary to take official notice of the seizure.

The dealer from whom they were purchased gave his receipt for \$1,150, thus receiving pay for both sets, though he had only delivered the first.

July 2.—Mr. Parker, the dealer, was paid \$1,150 by the disbursing officer of the District.

July 3.—Parker sent his personal check to Miss Johnston for \$600.

The award of the contract to John C. Parker for the six sets of school maps which were not delivered is regarded as perfectly regular. Bids were advertised for on the twenty sets of maps. Rand, McNally & Co., made a proposal of \$650 and the bid of Mr. Parker was \$600, the amount paid to Miss Johnston.

No explanation has been offered as yet of the difference between the bill rendered by Miss Johnston and the amount she is said to have been paid. The only similar bill of Miss Johnston's on file in the District Auditor's office is for \$225, while \$600 is the amount paid to Miss Johnston by Mr. Parker.

## WHITE HOUSE STAFF TO BE INCREASED

Eight new positions are to be created at the White House, the appointments to be made within a day or two to take effect July 1. Four ushers will be named at \$1,200 a year; two clerks at \$1,000 a year; and two messengers, \$700.

The ushers will take the place of four policemen now assigned to duty inside the office building. Two policemen are employed from 8 a. m. to 4 p. m., and two others from 4 p. m. to midnight.

The reumption of the general work of "making over" the White House will mark the beginning of next week. Just as soon as President Roosevelt departs from the mansion for Oyster Bay the artisans, painters and decorators will go back again to occupy the building from cellar to garret.

Last fall when they were working slowly but surely the President moved into the house and gave orders that he desired the completion of the work hastened. This was done. Now it has been discovered that wherever the paint was put on in such a hurry it has not stood the test well and will have to be gone over again. Retouching here and there and a general coating afterward are needed, it is said, and this will be done while the President is absent for the summer.

### THREE TRAMPS KILLED.

LAFAYETTE, Ind., June 25.—The Magon southbound freight, No. 57, was wrecked at Ashgrod, north of here, at 3 o'clock this morning. Underneath the seven cars that were derailed are the bodies of three tramps, who were stealing a ride. Their names are unknown.

## INQUIRY IS ORDERED BY COMMISSIONERS

### Will Investigate Payment for Photographs.

## MATTER IS WITH ATTORNEY

### Action Must Be Speedy as Statute of Limitations Becomes Operative in a Few Days.

An investigation of the irregular methods reported to in the payment of a bill for \$524 the Board of Education owed to Frances Benjamin Johnston has been ordered by the District Commissioners.

As soon as the report of the Board of Education on the transaction (which is published in another column) reached the Commissioners this morning, Corporation Counsel Duvall was summoned to the District Building and had a short conference with the Commissioners. It was then announced that the board had adopted the following motion of Commissioner Macfarland:

### Mr. Macfarland's Motion.

"A violation of the law having been committed, apparently, in the transaction described in the enclosed report, I move that the report and all other papers relating to the matter be referred to the Corporation Counsel, with instructions to take immediately such steps as are practicable to insure prosecution, by conference with the District Attorney of the United States for the District of Columbia, or otherwise."

It appears that a very important point in the fictitious requisition for school maps has not yet been brought out. Before this requisition was prepared Controller Tracewell had decided not to comply for photographs for the Paris Exposition could not be legally paid from school funds, but that there was no legal authority for the first payment, and that school funds should not have been used for any such purpose. In the face of this opinion, which was well known in the office of the Board of Education, and in defiance of it, the requisition to pay the claim was prepared, and the school funds defrauded in the manner now made public.

### Significant Dates.

As the statute of limitation will run against prosecutions in this matter in a very few days, two years being that limit, much interest attaches to the dates of the several steps in the case.

May 27, 1901.—Requisition was made on the Commissioners of the District for two sets of maps, one to cost \$550, the other \$500.

June 11, 1901.—The order was given at the District Building for purchasing these maps.

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## PRESIDENT WILL DENY HIMSELF TO CALLERS

### Trying to Wind Up Important Matters Before Leaving.

Few callers are received at the White House today, and the same rule will apply tomorrow. The President is desirous of winding up a number of important matters of routine business before he leaves Washington Saturday morning for his Sagamore Hill home at Oyster Bay. No persons will be received tomorrow except those who have urgent matters to present to the President.

At Oyster Bay the President will receive a great deal, but at the same time general calling will be discouraged. It will be necessary to make engagements in advance if the President is to be seen.

## SIR THOMAS LIPTON WILL ARRIVE THIS AFTERNOON

Sir Thomas Lipton, whose yacht, Shamrock III, will compete for America's Cup, will arrive in Washington this afternoon at about 3:15 o'clock, and will be the guest of the President at luncheon tomorrow afternoon.

General Corbin called at the White House offices this morning to announce to the President the acceptance of the President's invitation of Tuesday to Sir Thomas.

The distinguished English sportsman will be the guest of General Corbin on his visit to Washington.

## YALE MAKES CLEAN SWEEP BY DEFEATING HARVARD IN THREE EVENTS ON THAMES

### The Blues Win First Event for Varsity Fours in Easy Style, and Follow Up Victory With a Clearcut Race for Freshmen Eights.

## STATISTICS OF THE TWO VARSITY CREWS

YALE VARSITY EIGHT.				HARVARD VARSITY EIGHT.			
Name	Age	Weight	Height	Name	Age	Weight	Height
Bogue, stroke	23	171	6	D. T. McGrew, stroke	21	172	6.01½
Crosby	22	173	6	C. Lawson	22	184	6.01
Miller	21	176	6.02	O. P. Tuttle	22	178	5.11½
Wiltner	21	186	6.01½	J. P. B. Duff	24	172	6.01
Coffin	21	178	6	Foster	22	185	5.10½
Stubbs	21	188	6.01½	E. George	22	174	5.11½
Judson	23	177	6	S. H. Wolcott	21	181	6.02½
Waterman	24	162	5.09	L. T. Swain, bow	20	167	6.04½
Misner, coxswain	21	115	5.09	Litchfield, coxswain	22	116	5.04½

VARSITY FOUR.				VARSITY FOUR.			
Name	Age	Weight	Height	Name	Age	Weight	Height
Adams, stroke	21	145	5.09	Dillingham, stroke	21	140	5.10
Plab	22	174	6.02½	Ayer, Jr.	20	180	6.00½
Aschlinckes	22	179	6.01	H. Weisner	19	170	6
Johnson, bow	22	162	5.10½	Hartwell	22	168	6
Le Blanc, coxswain	20	155	5.06	Levy, coxswain	19	150	5.06½

VARSITY SUBSTITUTES.				VARSITY SUBSTITUTES.			
Name	Age	Weight	Height	Name	Age	Weight	Height
Hagden	21	162	5	R. Derby	22	168	6
Hewitt	22	168	5½	H. C. Ober	21	161	5.11
Bailey	21	168	5.10½				
Chase	19	122	6.02				
Daly	21	162	6.02½				

FRESHMAN EIGHT.				FRESHMAN EIGHT.			
Name	Age	Weight	Height	Name	Age	Weight	Height
Whitney, stroke	20	162	5.09	Pleasanton, stroke	19	170	6.00½
Weeks	20	167	6.00½	Burchard	20	169	5.09
McMahon	21	187	6.01	Guill	20	172	6.00½
Meyer	19	122	6.02	Katag	19	169	6.00½
Scott	20	178	6.01	White	18	168	5.00½
Morse	20	170	6	Switzer	18	164	5.11
Seimann	20	165	5.10	Judd	19	153	5.11
Hockler, bow	19	158	5.08	Filsh	18	143	5.11
Muzzy, coxswain	20	105	5.03	Williams, coxswain	18	114	5.08

## PETER KARA-GEORGOVITCH ASCENDS THRONE OF SERVIA

### Great Enthusiasm in Belgrade, Where New Ruler Gives Practical Demonstration of His Democracy.

BELGRADE, June 25.—King Peter I of Serbia took the oath of ruler before the shuptschina this morning amid the greatest enthusiasm. After the ceremony the new King reviewed the troops.

Among King Peter's suite at the review were the conspirators in the assassination, Colonels Mischits and Mischits. This fact was the cause of general astonishment, as it was thought the new King was not favorably disposed toward the assassins.

The King's oath read: "I, Peter Kara-Georgovitch, ascending the throne of the kingdom of Serbia, and assuming the royal power thereof, swear by Almighty God, and by all that is holiest and dearest to me upon this earth, that I will protect the independence of Serbia and the unity of its government; that I will govern in conformity with the constitution of the country and its laws, and that in all my undertakings and dealings I will keep the welfare of my people before my eyes."

The populace of the capital is more than favorably impressed with its new ruler. There were some who considered him a man lacking in courage, but the fact that his majesty drove through the city unescorted yesterday has made a big impression and won over many disbelievers.

LONDON, June 25.—The Belgrade correspondent of the "Times" says that the new King of Serbia, Peter I, is by no means of imposing physique.

He is short, and bears his fifty-seven years more heavily than might be supposed from his portraits circulated in Belgrade before his arrival at the capital. He is gray and wears pince-nez. His features, though somewhat emaciated, are agreeable.

He has an intellectual expression, but one scarcely suggestive of native force of character.

## PRESIDENT DECLINES INVITATION OF ELKS

### Tells Baltimore Delegation He Has to Forego All Such.

The President was unable to accept the invitation of the Baltimore Lodge of Elks to visit that city at some time in the course of the grand lodge meeting in Baltimore in July. The delegation was with the President for more than half an hour today, but was unable to move him. The President explained he had received invitations from the millers, the lumbermen, and a large number of other organizations that will hold convention this year, but he had been compelled to decline them all.

The delegation was composed of Elks Ruler Charles R. Schrim, Representative Frank C. Wichter, Jacob Epstein, Charles Snowden Watts, and John P. Nixon. It was the desire of the Baltimore lodge that the President attend either the opening exercises of the grand lodge, at Ford's Opera House, on Tuesday, July 21; the band concert, at Electric Park, on the afternoon of the same day, or review the parade on Wednesday morning, July 22.

The President greatly admires the Elks, though he is not a member of the lodge, in fact, is a member of few secret societies. In the state dining room the President has had placed a magnificent specimen of an elk's head. The head occupies the position of honor.

## REQUIEM MASS FOR LATE CARDINAL VAUGHAN

LONDON, June 25.—A requiem mass for the repose of the soul of the late Cardinal Vaughan was celebrated in Westminster Cathedral today. The cathedral was crowded with the notable people of London, among them United States Ambassador Choate and Secretary Henry White.

### THE WARLIKE SWISS.

GENEVA, June 26.—The government has voted 21,000,000 francs for the retraining of the Swiss field artillery.

## The Blues Win First Event for Varsity Fours in Easy Style, and Follow Up Victory With a Clearcut Race for Freshmen Eights.

The Blues won the first event for Varsity Fours in easy style, and followed up their victory with a clearcut race for Freshmen Eights.

## The Race for Varsity Eights Proved the Piece de Resistance of the Day--Harvard Led to the Two-Mile Line.

The race for Varsity Eights proved the piece de resistance of the day. Harvard led to the two-mile line.

## Scenes of Unsurpassed Animation and Enthusiasm. Mrs. and Miss Roosevelt the Cynosure of All Eyes.

WINNERS.  
Varsity fours—Yale. Official time—Yale, 10:59; Harvard, 11:07.  
Freshmen eights—Yale. Official time—Yale, 9:44; Harvard, 9:52.  
Varsity eights—Yale.

NEW LONDON, Conn., June 25.—Trained to the top pitch of physical perfection, drilled to a finesse in the art of driving a racing shell, the sturdy crews of Yale and Harvard met today for their annual regatta on the Thames River for aquatic supremacy.

Yale's victory was clean, sharp, and decisive. The blue waving triumphant over Harvard's crimson in all three events, namely:

The varsity fours, over two-mile course.  
Freshmen eights, two-mile course.  
Varsity eights, four-mile course.

10:31—The preliminary "got ready" was sounded from referee's launch for the varsity fours.

11:33—They were off. Harvard caught the water first. She gained three-quarters of a boat length within two minutes of the start. They were rowing a fast race, and before a quarter of a mile had passed, open water showed between the boats. Passing the Harvard quarters, the Crimson crew were slowly increasing their advantage and increasing their lead over Yale.

At the half it was nip and tuck, with Yale gradually pulling ahead. At the three-quarters Yale was a half-boat length ahead.

At the mile Yale was almost three boat lengths in the lead and going ahead at a fast clip.

At the mile and a half Yale was leading by two lengths and Harvard's men were beaten. From this point the race was a procession, and Yale passed the two-mile and finish mark victors by three good boat lengths.

Awaiting Pistol's Crack.  
The freshmen race, two miles down stream, was the next event.

They were off at 12:07. Yale took the water first and was half a length ahead in the first minute.

They got away in the varsity four to a good start. The Harvard crew was swinging a terrific pace and for a few moments seemed to draw away from Old Eli's sons. The brawny wearers of the blue were not to be denied, however, and quickly wrested the lead from their crimson-clad opponents. Passing the first mile mark Yale led by clear water and the Harvard men were plainly in trouble. Bending all their energies to the task the Cambridge men tried to gain the lost ground, but in vain, Yale winning out