



FRIDAY EVENING, MAY 4, 1900.

FROM WASHINGTON.

(Correspondence of the Alexandria Gazette.) Washington, May 4. The industrial commission will report on the 15th inst. to Congress a report on labor. One of the members of the commission says every branch of labor has been considered.

The man arrested here Wednesday charged with attempting to rob the internal revenue agency here, and who claimed to be Henry E. Hill, a produce merchant of Philadelphia, has been identified by Pinkerton detectives as "Billy" Coleman, the notorious bank robber. Coleman, when arraigned in the police court this morning, demanded a jury trial and his case was set for next Friday.

An unknown steamer is stranded on a reef off Cape Hatteras. A message to this effect was received at the headquarters of the life saving crews this morning. The life saving crews off Cape Hatteras and Creed's Hill have gone to the steamer's assistance. Chief Wilkie, of the Secret Service, received a telegram from Los Angeles, Cal., today that told of the arrest of Charles T. Lutter, a postage stamp forger. The Secret Service agents captured a large number of counterfeit stamps, the message says, as well as Lutter's presses, ink and paper used in making them.

The President has vetoed the bill recently passed by Congress opening up the Navajo Indian reservation to miners. The bill was rushed through Congress without the officials of the Interior Department being consulted. Only six months ago the reservation was extended because these Indians, who in the past were very warlike, had become peaceable and agricultural. This is the first veto of the session.

The House committee on judiciary this morning had a hearing relative to the bill already passed by the Senate relating to the Gaynor case which removes the necessity of showing probable cause in a person desired for extradition and ordering such extradition merely on proof of identity and presentation of indictment. Gen. Dudley was heard in opposition to the measure, his argument being that the bill removed necessary safeguards and might work harm to the business interests, particularly the railroad interests which he represented.

In view of the fact that the Senate naval committee has decided on the purchase of five of the Holland submarine torpedo boats, the House committee on naval affairs at its meeting this morning determined to recommend no further appropriation on this subject at this session. On motion of Mr. Cummings his bill proposing the purchase of twenty of these boats was laid aside until next winter. The democratic members of the committee are receiving the congratulations of their colleagues in the House that the Senate naval committee has accepted precisely the propositions on the questions of a government armor plate factory and on the price of armor that were suggested in the report of the House minority.

Representative Baker, of Maryland introduced a bill today repealing the Chinese exclusion acts and providing that the acts applying to other nationalities shall apply to Chinese who can read the constitution of the United States written or printed in English or Chinese. Many friends of Senator Clark, of Montana, seem to think that in view of the general desire of Congress to adjourn early next month, the Clark case will not be acted on definitely at this session, but Mr. Chandler, who is regarded as the sine qua non of the Senate, seems intent upon scratching the Montana senator next week, if such a thing be possible.

The District officials who have to do with the removal of the garbage of this city say that arrangements have been made by which no more garbage will be deposited on the shores of the Potomac above Fort Foote, and that an indictment has been found against the proprietor of the boat mill on the Maryland side of the river between here and Alexandria, for creating a nuisance, and that if he is convicted, as seems probable, that nuisance also will be abated. President McKinley is on such good terms with the kings and emperors of Europe now, that he sends them congratulatory dispatches on all occasions. His latest one was to Emperor William of Germany yesterday, on the arrival of his son at the age of majority.

The Department of Justice, people here say, is not disturbed over the decision rendered in the Porto Rican case at St. Paul by Judge Lochren in which the latter decided that the island is an integral part of the United States and is covered by the constitution. "What's the use of talking about the decision," said Attorney General Griggs when asked about it. "The government was upheld." Governor Griggs refused to discuss the question of the island's status under the constitution. Why certainly! Imperialism is above all laws and all courts.

The War Department received a cablegram from Gen. O'Rourke to be dispatched at once. The dispatch was received by Gen. O'Rourke that by direction of the President he is detached, and is being sent to turn over his command in the Philippines to Gen. MacArthur. It is supposed this will be done today and Gen. MacArthur will relieve O'Rourke some time during the day. Mr. Gaines, of the House coinage committee, before which the bill for a monument to General Washington at Alexandria is waiting, said today that though he is in favor of it, he didn't think there was any chance of the passage of that bill, or even a favorable report upon it, at this session.

Several of the delegates to the late Norfolk convention, among them some Congressmen, here today, agree with the Gazette, that while the platform adopted by that convention urges all the voters of Virginia to support the call for a constitutional convention, it does not make that call a party question. They also say it was the majority of that convention who ever attended and that not a drunken man was seen in the convention hall. They also say that from what they heard, they are induced to believe that Mr. Swanson has the best chance for the gubernatorial nomination.

There is a poor chance for the Arlington bridge this year. It was stated today in the room of the Senate District committee that bill is, to which committee that bill has been referred, that there is no probability of even the consideration of the bill during the remainder of this session, as the four million the bridge would cost is not in sight. Even the friends of the Nicaraguan canal bill have now practically abandoned all hope of the passage of that bill by the Senate at this session of Congress. Every member of that body is now doing all he can to effect an adjournment early in June, and as

VIRGINIA NEWS.

there are so many bills to be passed there is no time for one that will provoke such a long debate as that one is likely to do. This is well. In the House today Mr. Oley of Virginia introduced a bill to authorize the construction of a dam across New river in Grayson county, Virginia, for manufacturing purposes. Senator Hays denies that he ever used President McKinley's name in giving a reason why he thought it would be well that the temperance question rest where it is, or that he made any bargain with any interest in consideration of a contribution to campaign funds.

Among the nominations sent to the Senate today were those of E. C. Bellows, of Washington, to be consul general of the United States at Yokohama, Japan, and Lieut. Commander G. C. Lemley, U. S. N., of North Carolina, to be Judge Advocate General of the Navy, with the rank of Captain.

NEWS OF THE DAY.

French Minister of War de Galliffet has forbidden the use of absinthe and vermouth in the army. Already the legality of the cabinet, pointed by civil Governor Allen is being questioned by Porto Rican lawyers. Ambassador Choate has asked an explanation of the boarding of the American ship Sea Witch by the British ship Wasp in neutral waters in Portuguese territory.

Whether Aguinaldo be dead or alive it is evident to officials of the War Department that the Filipinos are pursuing a policy of warfare best adapted to prolonging the war. Lieutenant Gibson, the favorite, won the Kentucky Derby at Louisville yesterday. The winners of the other events were The Bush, Ethel Pace, Salvarez, Sord and Grayless.

The friends of the armor plate trust in the House are greatly excited over the Senate's opposition to bills governing plate mill under certain contingencies. The provision will be vigorously fought. Judge William Lochren, of the United States District Court, at St. Paul, Minn., yesterday decided that the constitution of the United States extends in all its provinces over the island of Porto Rico, and that without Congress having taken any action.

An elaborate banquet, given at the Arlington Hotel, in Washington, marked the close last night of the fifth triennial Congress of American Physicians and Surgeons. Most of the constituent societies held meetings during the day and finished up their programs.

Rev. Dr. Easton, of the Eastern Presbyterian Church, Washington, who has been made a defendant by Miss Olga Netherole, the actress, for libelling her from the pulpit, announces that he will make an apology from the pulpit, where he called her a lewd woman. This will probably end the matter. The North Carolina Pine Association, which controls the lumber mills of southeastern Virginia and eastern North Carolina, met yesterday in Norfolk with a large attendance. The output will be reduced 33 per cent. for thirty days by running the mills two days less in the week. Prices will be maintained. The market is said to be brisk.

Mrs. James Weedon died very suddenly at her home near Orleans on Friday evening last. She had just returned home from Mrs. J. W. Wright's and walked down to the spring. Her protracted absence caused some anxiety to her sister and daughter, who were the only persons at home, and one of them went down to the spring and found Mrs. Weedon breathing her last.

The postoffice at Franklin, Southampton county, was entered by burglars early yesterday morning and the office blown open by dynamite. Between \$300 and \$500 in stamps were taken, besides a considerable amount of cash belonging to Postmaster Brownlee. The postoffice is on the ground floor of the hotel, and though the explosion was heard no alarm was raised, and the robbers escaped with their booty. Bloodhounds are being employed.

Just before the adjournment of the State democratic convention at Norfolk yesterday evening Mr. J. Taylor Elyson, on behalf of the State committee, submitted the plan of party organization, adopted by the new committee. The plan was practically the same as that now existing, save that it provided that the various city and county committees should be reorganized every two years. There were but few delegates who lingered in the hall to hear the reading of the plan. These gathered about the platform, and some time was spent in considering amendments to this provision.

Congressman Hay offered an amendment that this reorganization should be effected by 1901. Mr. W. A. Anderson, of Rockbridge, asserted that there was urgent reason for reorganization of some of the county committees, and that to accept Mr. Hay's amendment would operate to defeat the very object sought to be attained by the State committee. The effect of the Hay amendment was to terminate the tenure of office of all present county committees, when the legislature is nominated in 1901. It was adopted.

FIFTY-SIXTH CONGRESS.

Washington, May 4. SENATE. The Senate by a vote of 44 to 8 sustained the provision making Major-General Miles a lieutenant-general of the army. Mr. Wolcott, from the committee on postoffices and postroads reported the postoffice appropriation bill and gave notice that he would call it up for consideration May 15 or 16.

Mr. Teller again requested that his Boer resolution go over with the understanding that it will be called up for consideration at the close of routine business tomorrow. A bill was passed appropriating \$250,000 to establish a branch soldier's home at or near Denver, Col. At the close of routine business the army reorganization bill was laid before the Senate.

Mr. Berry moved to strike out the section of the bill providing that the senior major-general commanding the army shall have the rank of lieutenant-general. The amendment was rejected by a vote of 44 to 8. Mr. Keeny proposed an amendment providing for a veterinary corps, which was adopted by a vote of 25 to 23.

HOUSE. The President's veto of the bill recently passed adjusting the rights of settlers on the Navajo Indian reservation was read to the House immediately after the approval of the journal. The bill as passed would, the President says, even though that be not the intention, deprive them of these lands. It was referred to the Indian committee.

The House then resolved itself into committee of the whole for the further consideration of the sundry civil appropriation bill. An amendment was adopted increasing the pay of crews of surf men employed at life saving and surfboat stations to the uniform rate of \$65 per month instead of \$60, during the period of actual employment.

The fight between the naval and appropriation committees as to whether the navy or the coast and geodetic survey should make surveys of the coasts of the islands acquired from Spain came up again, but the House decided to leave the surveys in the hands of the coast and geodetic survey.

THE WAR IN AFRICA.

It is fairly certain that Gen. Roberts is about to begin, or has begun, his movement to Pretoria. That this seems to be a fact is corroborated by a report that well-informed circles in South Africa place the further endurance of the war at six weeks. Lord Roberts is using his cavalry effectively in the checking of the Boer advance. Col. Broadwood has reached Isabellfontein, 28 miles to the north of Thaba N'chu, placing himself between the Boers at Brandfont and those eastward.

These movements combine to provide that Lord Roberts will first cut off the Boers and then advance upon the Transvaal capital, which, with such arrangements as are completed, may make its occupation as easy as that of Bloemfontein. Continued fighting is reported from the vicinity of Brandfont, where the British have thus far failed to scatter the Boer forces, which are harassing Lord Roberts' flank and rear. The fighting is almost constant, and it seems to be the purpose of the burghers to make the early portion of the main advance as difficult as possible.

Prices became buoyant on the London Stock Exchange yesterday after a dull opening. This was due to a variety of rumors, all, however, requiring confirmation, including an important British victory in South Africa, the death of President Kruger and the relief of Mafeking. The Boer peace delegates have sailed from Rotterdam for New York on the steamer Maedam.

CONGRESSIONAL.

The Senate passed the army appropriation bill. A number of pension bills were also passed, one of them being for General Longstreet at \$50 per month, as was the bill to indemnify the State of Pennsylvania for money expended in the civil war. The House passed the Eddy Free Home bill, by practically a unanimous vote. The principal opposition was made by Mr. Maddox on the ground that the bill was unfair to settlers who had previously located on the lands affected. The bill permits homestead settlers upon Indian reservations to opt to settlement. The remainder of the day was devoted to the sundry civil appropriation bill, the last but one of the great supply bills.

A memorial of the American Publishers' Association asks Congress to take some steps to give relief from the extortions of the paper trust. THE METHODISTS.—The bishops' quadrennial address read by Bishop Andrews yesterday before the Methodist General Conference, in session at Chicago, showed that the church membership had grown 37-fold in the last century. The address says the church will not abandon its position on the liquor question, but has been aroused by the aggressions of the liquor power. It deprecates the shameful degradation in the theatre, concert and dance hall, and urges a wise discrimination between admissible and improper diversions. As to marriage and divorce, the address says: "In the presence of this evil the church cannot allow its rules on the subject of divorce and marriage to be in any case imperative and void. Let it, if need be, the church law be amended to more perfectly express the New Testament rule of marriage. But by the voice of its public assemblies, by its pulpits and by its judicious exercise of discipline, the church should keep itself pure and the practices of society to become pure."

According to gossip heard in military and political circles in Havana, if Senator Hanna turns down Timothy Woodruff in his aspirations for the Vice Presidency, then M. J. Dady, the contractor, backed by Gov. Roosevelt, the Quay element in Pennsylvania and a western combination, will spring Gov. Wood for McKinley's running mate.

TO-DAY'S TELEGRAPHIC NEWS.

Foreign News. Paris, May 4.—The archbishop of Paris today dedicated the memorial chapel, our Lady of Consolation, erected by the Castellanes on the site of the Chantry Bazaar which burned with terrible loss of life in 1897. Constantinople, May 4.—As a result of the recent blowing up of a Turkish torpedo boat on the coast of Syria, in which over a score of lives were lost, an inspection of the other torpedo boats in the Turkish service was ordered. Nearly all of them were found defective and it is reported the Sultan has decided to order six new torpedo boats of an improved type, from Italian and American firms.

London, May 4.—A dispatch from Accra, British Gold Coast, says that the trouble in Ashanti is thought to be over. The Governor, Sir F. Hodgson, is still at Kumasi, negotiating with the native tribes. There is no fear now for his personal safety. Berlin, May 4.—Emperor Franz Josef today appointed the Kaiser a field marshal general in the Austrian army. On to Pretoria! London, May 4.—The long awaited advance toward Pretoria is at last under way. Gen. Roberts today occupied Brandfont, 37 miles north of Bloemfontein, without much opposition. Only the Irish-American contingent, fighting with the Boers, resisted the entry of the British into Brandfont. They retired before Hutton's brigade. The Boer army, which is under De la Rey, retired in a northeasterly direction. The disposition of the cavalry shows that Roberts is taking every precaution to guard against flank attacks on his long line of transportation. The disposition of the Boer forces to meet the aggressive British movement is not clear, but it is apparent they are not contesting Roberts' main advance. It is not known where they expect to make their next stand although it is said they are prepared for a stubborn resistance to the British advance on an entrenched hill south of Kroonstad. The monotony of the British halt at Bloemfontein is ended today and stirring events are looked for.

The War Office gives the casualties at Thaba N'chu at Jacobs Rus on April 29, 30 and May 1, as 4 killed, 58 wounded and four missing. Berlin En Fete. Berlin, May 4.—Emperor Franz Josef of Austria, accompanied by the imperial suite, arrived at Potsdam today. The Emperor comes to attend the ceremony of the coming of age of the Prussian crown prince on Sunday. The Kaiser met Franz Josef at the station and extremely cordial salutations were exchanged. They shook hands and kissed each other on the cheek. The two emperors then drove to the castle, escorted by the Household troops. They were cheered by a throng of over 200,000 people who lined the streets and exhibited unparalleled enthusiasm.

All Berlin is in fete on the eve of the celebration of the crown prince's majority. The buildings, public and private, are decorated with the national colors of Germany and Austria and numerous arches have been erected throughout the city. All the hotels are filled to overflowing with strangers and guests from all parts of Europe. Strikes Settled. Buffalo, N. Y., March 4.—Every man on the New York Central Railroad who was out has gone to work and freight is being moved rapidly. Work was resumed this morning and an extra force was put on to get accumulated freight out of the way. Strikes continue on the other roads however. None of the roads seem to be willing to pay the rates granted by the New York Central.

Boston May 4.—The strike of the brewery engineers of this city has been settled, the men securing the eight hour day without reduction of wages. All the breweries are in full operation this morning. Boston, May 4.—The New England granite strike practically ended yesterday by the settling of the trouble in the yards at Quincy. Elsewhere the manufacturers and journeymen have already made compromise and work has been resumed.

Cleveland, O., May 4.—The strike of the Big Consolidated street railway employes, inaugurated nearly a year ago, was declared off last night. The men would make no statement except that an agreement had been reached satisfactory to both them and the company. The strikers will be taken back.

THE MARKETS.

Chicago, May 4.—The market closed as follows: Wheat—May 65 1/2; July 66 1/2; Georgetown, May 4.—Wheat 69 1/2. KING OF THE CARNIVAL. Quite a stir has been made in Richmond by the announcement of the independent candidacy of Samuel Stern for king of the carnival, and a determined canvass by his friends, whose loyalty in buying votes for Mr. Stern is all he could wish and makes chills run up and down the spines of the nominating committee.

The conferring of the position by popular vote was not so much intended to raise money as it was to secure a rivalry among the friends of prominent business men for what is considered an honor and high social distinction. Mr. Stern is a successful pawnbroker, and has a wide political influence in Jefferson ward, where he is president of the John W. Daniel Democratic Club. He is a wide-awake man, and sometimes advertises his business with a gayly caparisoned hack with four horses and a band, with himself on the back seat in silk beaver and diamonds. The picturesqueness of the Rex idea struck him, and he adopted it with all the energy for which he is noted.

A heavy fall of snow occurred at Kingston, Ont., this morning. The ground is covered. Wm. Webb's dwelling and his two children were burned last night at Holcomb, N. Y. THE FINEST EXTRA SMALL CANNED PEAS are cheap at 15c per can, J. C. MILBURN, Sole Agent.

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Story of a slave. To be bound hand and foot for years by the chains of disease is the worst kind of slavery. George D. Williams, of Manchester, Mich., tells how such a slave was made free. He says: "My wife had been so helpless for five years that she could not turn over in bed alone. After using two bottles of Electric Bitters, she is wonderfully improved and able to do her own work." This supreme remedy for female diseases is sold by all druggists. It cures nervousness, melancholy, headache, fainting and dizzy spells. This miracle working medicine is good for sickly, run-down people. Every bottle guaranteed. Only 50c. Sold by E. S. Leadbeater & Sons' Druggists.

MONETARY AND COMMERCIAL.

New York, May 4.—The stock market had a more cheerful tone at the opening and shorts were inclined to cover in all directions except sugar. The general list was favorably affected by the ease in money. The railway list was generally calmer and higher. Bullishness followed the first early sports of activity and there were more concessions in buying government bonds the 3s improved 1/4 and all other issues 1/4 per cent.

Table of Wholesale Prices in Alexandria. Columns include item names (e.g., Flour Extra, Family, Fancy brands) and prices per unit.

Alexandria Market, May 4.

There has been little doing in the grain market this week and prices have remained about the same as last week and elsewhere. Country produce is quiet.

Baltimore Cattle Market, May 3.—Red Cattle.—The arrivals during the week were 2,400 head, against 2,400 head last week. Market strong, better grade of stock being offered as follows: Good quality of beef cattle \$3.75-\$4.25; good heifers, \$4.00-\$4.50; medium quality, \$3.50-\$4.00; common, \$2.50-\$3.00; good oxen, \$4.50-\$5.00; good bulls, \$3.75-\$4.15; common to medium \$2.50-\$3.50.

Chicago Cattle Market, May 3.—Cattle.—Market active and strong; butchers' steady. Good to prime steers, \$4.75-\$5.00; poor to medium, \$4.10-\$4.65; select calves, \$4.25-\$4.50; mixed steers, \$3.60-\$4.10; cows, \$3.50-\$4.00; heifers, \$3.25-\$3.75; calves, \$3.50-\$4.00; 2.55; bulls, \$2.75-\$3.00; calves, \$3.00-\$3.50; Sheep.—Market steady; wool easy, \$5.00-\$5.50; clipped ewes, \$3.50-\$4.00; clipped bucks, \$2.50-\$3.00; clipped wethers, common to good, \$3.50-\$4.00; good to prime, \$4.50-\$5.00; lambs, \$4.50-\$5.00; mixed steers, \$3.60-\$4.10; cows, \$3.50-\$4.00; heifers, \$3.25-\$3.75; calves, \$3.50-\$4.00; 2.55; bulls, \$2.75-\$3.00; calves, \$3.00-\$3.50; Sheep.—Market steady; wool easy, \$5.00-\$5.50; clipped ewes, \$3.50-\$4.00; clipped bucks, \$2.50-\$3.00; clipped wethers, common to good, \$3.50-\$4.00; good to prime, \$4.50-\$5.00; lambs, \$4.50-\$5.00; mixed steers, \$3.60-\$4.10; cows, \$3.50-\$4.00; heifers, \$3.25-\$3.75; calves, \$3.50-\$4.00; 2.55; bulls, \$2.75-\$3.00; calves, \$3.00-\$3.50.

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