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SUMMARY OF THE DAY'S NEWS

The Weather. WASHINGTON, May 24.—Forecast for Wednesday and Thursday: Virginia—Fair Wednesday; Thursday showers and cooler; variable winds, becoming fresh southerly to south.

Yesterday was the hottest of the year; men mopped their foreheads as not since last August. The skies were cloudless.

RANGE OF THE THERMOMETER. 9 A. M. 79. 12 P. M. 87. 3 P. M. 89. 6 P. M. 82. 9 P. M. 78. 12 midnight 78. Average 81.5-6.

MINIATURE ALMANAC. Sun rises 4:55. HIGH TIDE 7:13. Moon sets 2:34. Richmond. The primary principle wins a remarkable victory in Richmond, even surprising its staunchest friends; all the candidates, not nominees of the Parker Club, win, though all are Parker men; Solomon apparently victorious over Easley in Henrico, though there is a split in Hardin's precinct and Easley's friends decline to participate; the primary principle scores another victory—Bid for handsome property, No. 115 East Main Street, is not accepted by owners—Death of Captain William E. Spears, of Chesterfield county—Death of Mr. J. R. Umlauf—V. M. I. cadets at New Market are to have reunion at time of institute's commencement—State Board of Education to meet and receive reports from the county school boards on the books selected—Corporation Commission hears argument in case of the Seven Pines citizens against the Passenger and Power Company, the former complaining that the railway refuses to issue transfers and sell tickets—MANCHESTER—Sentiment against primary extends in local elections—D. L. Toney mentioned as delegate to State Convention—Entertainment to be given for benefit of the City Mission—Annual outing of Joe Johnston Camp at Drewry's Bluff to-morrow.

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INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL MAY END WAR IN EAST.



MR. HILL AS A WITNESS

President of Northern Securities Company Suggests Remedy for Decline in Shipping.

ADVOCATES SHIP SUBSIDY

Said Export Bounty Was Necessary to Revive the Merchant Marine.

(By Associated Press.) NEW YORK, May 24.—James J. Hill, president of the Northern Securities Company, and of the Great Northern Railroad, appeared to-day as a witness before the Merchant Marine Commission, the joint congressional committee, which is investigating the causes of the decline of American shipping, in order to suggest measures for remedial legislation.

"The first thing necessary," said Mr. Hill, "is to create a desire in the people of this country to own ships. It is a purely commercial question. If there is a profit in it, people will engage in it; if a loss, it is a question how long people will stick."

Mr. McDermott pressed the question of governmental aid.

"But is the government able to go far enough?" asked Mr. Hill.

"If you will admit foreign built ships free," he said, "you will get a merchant marine quickly."

"How are we going to get back a merchant marine?" asked Mr. McDermott.

"If you are willing to put a tonnage tax on all that goes to a foreign market, everything that goes out of the country, even to the new markets, I think you would get the ships. That would come out of the people."

"The ship subsidy started in about thirty minutes. I had induced the Japanese to take our cotton to mix with theirs, so that it would make a better yarn. The loom was broken out, and we could not get ships on the Pacific coast. I had to cancel an order for 60,000 bales of cotton in December. I came East and saw Senator Fairbanks and Senator Hanna. I asked why we could not get ships to carry our goods. Senator Hanna said he would see me in the morning, and he did. The result was that he opened his campaign in Ohio on the ship subsidy."

"Then your remedy?" asked Mr. McDermott, "is an export bounty?"

"How much do you think would be required for subsidy?" asked Senator McDermott.

"Oh, \$10,000,000 or \$15,000,000 would get a lot of tonnage. You might take it out of the river and harbor bill. But I tell you, the great big navigation is going to be on steel rails."

Going to the Exposition. The Wilson Light Infantry, the crack military organization of that North Carolina city, will make the trip to the St. Louis Exposition, via Richmond and the Chesapeake and Ohio Railway, arriving in this city May 21st. The company will carry forty men in uniform and will camp on the exposition grounds for some time.

To Compel Russia to Refrain From Placing Mines in Waters Out of Her Jurisdiction.

MANY UNCONFIRMED REPORTS

Japanese Will Make No Aggressive Move Until They Attack Port Arthur.

By Paul Lambeth. (Special Cable to The Times-Dispatch, Copyright.)

LONDON, May 24.—The planting of mines by the Russians in the Straits of

Pechili and in waters outside their territorial jurisdiction may lead to an ending of the war in the far East.

Information has come to me from an apparently reliable authority that a movement is now being considered looking to the calling of an international conference on this subject, which will define the extent to which mines may be used and which will bring pressure to bear on Russia to refrain from endangering neutral ships by the reckless use of these infernal machines.

A diplomat who is well informed as to the progress of affairs, said to-day: "It is not at all improbable that if such an international council is called, not only will it discuss the question of mines, but may very well take up the matter of bringing the war to an end."

It is not a violent assumption that both the belligerents, seeing a long and costly conflict ahead, which is likely to bring both winner and loser to the verge of bankruptcy, would be willing to stop fighting provided this can be accomplished without too great a loss of prestige.

A fair basis of settlement suggested by a conference of the powers ought to be easy to reach.

There have been more unconfirmed rumors of fierce fighting, both above Port Arthur and in Manchuria. One battle is alleged to have taken place near Feng Wang Cheng; another near Kin Chow, and another above Port Arthur. The Japanese losses, according to the reports, in these affairs, foot up between 30,000 and 40,000 men. They all come from Russian sources, with Chinese reports as their nominal basis.

They have no official verification even in St. Petersburg, and nothing is known of any such battles from Japanese sources.

They meet with little credence here. The impression is growing among experts here that the Japanese will make no aggressive move now until Port Arthur and the Russian ships there have been definitely disposed of. It is believed, in fact, that a part of the forces on Liao Yang have been sent to assist in the capture of the Russian stronghold on the Liao Tung peninsula.

Even with the main body of the Russian troops, reconnoitered, a sudden dash by the Russian torpedo fleet might work vast damage to the Japanese transports. Hence the opinion is growing that the entire energy of the Japa/Ru campaign will be directed on Port Arthur.

Russians Capture Japs's Supplies (By Associated Press.) LONDON, May 25.—The correspondent of the Morning Post, at Mukden, under date of May 24th, says it is reported there that General Kuropatkin's Cossacks captured two Japanese transport columns thus leaving the Japanese army without supplies in a difficult country.

Still Another Battle Reported. (By Associated Press.) LIAO YANG, May 24.—A report has been received from New Chung yang that on May 18th, five battalions of Japanese troops reconnoitered the south almost as far as Kin Chow, ran into Major-General Fock's artillery, which was strongly posted on the heights in a narrow section of the Liao Tung peninsula and that the Japanese were entirely wiped out. The report lacks confirmation.

Kuropatkin Returns From Inspection. (By Associated Press.) LIAO YANG, May 24.—General Kuropatkin has just returned from a tour of inspection of the Russian camps, with the general health of which he is greatly pleased.

Have Evacuated Feng Wang Cheng. (By Associated Press.) LIAO YANG, May 24.—It is reported from a Chinese source that the Japanese have evacuated Feng Wang Cheng and are occupying villages in the surrounding territory. There is no explanation of this.

BONSACK COMPANY BLACKSTONE MAN MAKES APPEAL COMMITS SUICIDE

Virginia Concern Asks Secretary of State to Prefer Claim Against Mexico.

(By Associated Press.) WASHINGTON, D. C., May 24.—Attorneys representing the Bonsack Company of Virginia have appealed to the State Department to prefer claim against the Mexican government for \$7,500,000, and the case is under consideration, with the prospect that it will be referred to Ambassador Clayton for preliminary report.

The company's claim is based upon the use by Mexican companies of its patents for manufacturing cigarettes, and it is alleged that the Supreme Court of Mexico has denied justice in this matter.

Falls Dead in Broadway. (By Associated Press.) NEW YORK, May 24.—Myer S. Isaacs, president of the Baron de Hirsch fund and prominently identified with many other local and national organizations, dropped dead in a Broadway cafe to-day. He was sixty-three years of age.

MARRIED HIS OWN STEP-MOTHER

Matrimonial Tangle Ends by Arrest of Woman on Charge of Bigamy.

(By Associated Press.) ATLANTA, Ga., May 24.—Married, deserted, married again, thinking her first husband dead and learning afterwards that he had married his own step-mother, Mrs. Pearl Leauge or Mrs. Marshall, of Oakland City, was to-day arrested on the charge of bigamy. W. Marshall, a private in Company I, Sixteenth Regiment, U. S. A., stationed at Fort McPherson, the second husband of Mrs. Leauge or Marshall, also was arrested by the marshal of Oakland City, on a similar charge.

Alkali Ike Dies in His Cabin. (By Associated Press.) GRAND ENCAMPMENT, WYO., May 24.—Daniel Burrows, familiarly known as the Frontier Alkali Ike, is dead at his cabin, near Fort Steele. He was a friend of "Bill" Nye.

STRIKE TAKES A SERIOUS PHASE

Strike of Firemen Causes Tie-Up on N. Y., N. H. and Hartford Railroad.

(By Associated Press.) NEW YORK, May 24.—The strike, which began several days ago with the refusal of freight handlers, employed by the Fall River Line, to continue work unless a non-union foreman, to whom they objected, be discharged by the company, and has resulted in a serious tie-up of the freight traffic between New York and many New England points, assumed more serious proportions to-day, when a strike of firemen tied up the transfer system of the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad between Mont Haven and New Jersey. Hundreds of cars of freight, much of it of a perishable nature, remain in the yards.

Mr. Hundley Here. Mr. W. C. Hundley, manager of the International Hotel, at Covington, Va., popular and well known here, is in the city for a few days.

YOUNG OFFICERS ARE DISMISSED

Two Lieutenants in the United States Army Discharged for Drunkenness.

(By Associated Press.) WASHINGTON, D. C., May 24.—The War Department has received from the division of the Philippines two cases of court martial, in which the officers tried are sentenced to be dismissed from the service.

First Lieutenant L. H. Harris, Twenty-second Infantry, was tried for drunkenness and disorderly conduct while on duty. He was appointed a cadet to the Military Academy from New Jersey in 1884. Lieutenant Fisher, Twenty-seventh Infantry, was tried for duplication of his pay accounts. He was appointed from the army, which he entered as an enlisted man in 1887. He is a native of Virginia, and was commissioned from that State in February, 1901.

Dr. Bryan Better. Dr. Robert Bryan's condition yesterday was very much improved.

29 WANT HELP TO-DAY The 29 advertisements for help published in to-day's Times-Dispatch on page 8, are as follows: 2 Agents, 2 Salesmen, 20 Domestic, 4 Miscellaneous, 1 Trade. This not only interests those out of work, but those desiring to improve their positions as well.