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PLANS READY

For Inauguration of the President.

VISITORS ARE COMING

Thousands of People Have Arrived and More Coming By Every Train.

REUNIONS OF CLUB HOUSE

Indications Point to the Most Successful and Brilliant Inauguration Ever Witnessed in the History of the United States.

Washington, March 3.—The probabilities strongly lean to rain for the early part of tomorrow's inauguration festivities, in the opinion of Weather Forecaster Frankfield of the weather bureau. He is of the opinion that the weather may clear up in the afternoon in time for the parade. Barring the prospect of rain tomorrow everything points to the most successful and brilliant inauguration in the history of the United States.

Evidence of the completion of all the arrangements for the grand event are evidenced on every side. The capital was the mecca for many more than could possibly gain admission to the senate and house galleries to witness the closing scenes of congress. The overflow wandered through the corridors, while the congressional library shared honors with the capitol as the crowd, most of which remained until the closing hours.

Thousands of people have arrived in the city and every train brings in more. At every clubhouse reunions are being held by the various political and patriotic organizations, and many receptions to visiting governors are in progress. The streets are handsomely decorated, thousands of flags are floating on the breezes. The streets are lined with people and continued to be crowded until a late hour tonight. Bands are discoursing music at various hotels, halls and clubhouses and some are parading the streets.

President Roosevelt and family spent the evening very quietly at the White House. At the home of Vice President Fairbanks, a home dinner was followed by a reception to the governor of Indiana and his staff.

DRUGGIST SOLD SODA.

Mrs. Stanford Purchased It Before Leaving for Honolulu.

Stanford University, March 3.—It has developed tonight beyond all question that the bicarbonate of soda which Mrs. Stanford took on the night of her death was purchased at Palo Alto, W. E. Jackson, head clerk in the Stanford pharmacy said tonight that he sold Mrs. Stanford and Miss Bertha, her secretary, three ounces of bicarbonate of soda on February 6, just nine days before she sailed for Honolulu. Jackson states that there was no possibility of strychnine becoming mixed with the soda in his store.

DEMANDS ACCDED TO.

Czar of Russia Issues an Important Manifesto to the People.

St. Petersburg, March 3.—In Alexander's palace at Tsarskoe-Selo, surrounded by his ministers and a few members of the court with the empress at his side, Emperor Nicholas this afternoon affixed his signature to a receipt containing the majesty's decree given the elective representatives of the people an opportunity to express their views on the preparation of laws of the empire. This is autocracy's final response to the agitation in favor of the participation by the people in the government, which has brought Russia during the past few months almost to the brink of

revolution. No condition in the regime of autocracy is involved for the present and it means neither a constitution nor a national assembly. At the same time it recognizes the principle of the people to be heard regarding the laws under which they live. Whatever the result may be, the document is certain to mark an epoch in Russian history as important as signing the emancipation manifesto on the 24th anniversary, of which it was intended to signalize. The signing of the document came at the end of a dramatic scene, the climax of which was the impassioned speech of the emperor to his ministers, in which he declared that he sought only the welfare of his subjects.

"I am willing," the emperor said, "to shed my blood for the good of my people."

BILLIARD MATCH.

Professional Match Being Arranged in New York.

New York, March 3.—Plans are under way to bring about a professional billiard match for the world's championship in this city. If they are successful the play probably will begin about May 1. Maurice Daly is now on his way to Paris where negotiations have been proceeding in a tentative way for some time and upon the result of his mission the match depends.

Cure, Fournel and Barutel are the Frenchmen named as possible participants. They will be consulted together with George Sutton and Ore Morningstar. In this country, Slosson, Schaefer and Hoppe seem likely to fill out the list. The proposed tournament is to be the 13-inch ball line game with two counts allowed in ball.

HERMANN INDICTED

By the Federal Grand Jury at Washington.

DESTROYING COPY BOOKS

Alleged That Binger Hermann Destroyed Thirty-Five Letter Press Copy Books Containing Important Letters.

Washington, March 3.—The federal grand jury of the District of Columbia today indicted Congressman Binger Hermann of Oregon on an information alleging that he destroyed by burning 35 letter press copy books containing some of the records of the office of the commissioner of the general land office which Hermann held in 1903.

The indictment charges that Hermann did, unlawfully and fraudulently, destroy the 35 letter press copy books and the contents of the copy books with the intent to impair their usefulness and to prejudice the due and proper administration of the business of the said general land office, contrary to the form of the statutes in such cases made and provided and against the peace of the government.

Immediately after the indictment was returned Hermann's attorney appeared and on behalf of his client waived the exemption due members of congress and asked that the bail be fixed at \$2500, which was agreed to. As he was leaving the city hall, Mr. Hermann made the following statement to a representative of the Associated Press:

"This is the same old story. For more than two years these charges have been paraded in the public press. During all of this time I have been ready and willing to meet them in this case. They are absolutely untrue and without any foundation."

Jap War in Frisco.

San Francisco, March 3.—K. Koyama, a Japanese boarding house keeper, has shot and killed two of his fellow countrymen and wounded a third in a fight that took place at his home at 110 Prospect place.

The names of the dead are E. Nakamura and T. Urata. The wounded man is J. Okada. Koyama claims that the three attempted to enter his room and that he shot them in self-defense.

END CONGRESS

Will Adjourn at the Noon Hour Today.

BUSINESS TRANSACTED

River and Harbor Bill is Finally Passed and Goes to the President.

GALLERIES WERE CROWDED

River and Harbor Measure Sent Back to Conference, But Subsequently Passed, as Was Also Indian Postoffice Appropriation.

Washington, March 3.—The last day's session of the house before final adjournment of the 58th congress at noon tomorrow, found that body almost through with its work, disposing of all the conference reports on the great supply measures of the government, besides passing a few measures of public importance. The doors remained open until late last night and the galleries were packed, while outside of the corridors were thousands interested in the final proceedings. A feature of the proceedings was a general desire on the part of the members to abstain from obstruction tactics and permit the disposition of all the important business. The only subject which gave rise and caused considerable debate was the conference report on the river and harbor bill.

By an overwhelming vote the house refused to concur to a motion made by Mr. Sibley to concur in the amendments, and send the bill back for conference. Conference committee reported on the Indian postoffice appropriations and they were agreed to. Finally both that and the river and harbor bill was passed. The conference report on the naval appropriation bill was called. In the division which was called for 100 to 89 members of the house concurred in the amendments thereby fully passed the bill.

Several other measures were passed, among them being a bill authorizing the president to allot and distribute Indian tribal funds to such Indians as in his judgment may be entitled to them by reason of their advanced civilization. The conference report on the civil service appropriation bill was agreed to with very little opposition.

The senate found itself today far less pressed than usual on the last day of the session of congress. The last of the appropriation bills having been passed the session was given up largely to general legislation, and when necessary to conference reports on appropriation bills.

During the day final reports were presented on the naval, postoffice, Indian and sundry civil bills, leaving only the river and harbor bill and general deficiency bill to be considered in their final stages.

The joint resolution continuing in force the present law applicable to the Panama canal zone was unanimously adopted, but not until after several senators had expressed themselves in strong language concerning the attitude of the house to which they attributed the failure of the conference on the bill. The resolution was agreed to on a roll call, 69 yeas, no nays.

RAILROAD SOLD.

Columbia River and Northern Sold to Eastern Capitalists.

Portland, March 3.—The Oregonian will say tomorrow that the Columbia River & Northern railway has been sold for a sum approximating \$1,000,000, presumably to eastern capitalists, though in reality, it is thought, to the Northern Pacific Railway Company. In a few days the formal transfer of stocks and property of the company will be made from the old owners to the new purchasers. The Columbia

River & Northern railway is backed largely by Portland and Oregon capital, and is the road running from Lytle on the north bank of the Columbia river to Goldendale, a distance of 46 miles. It also owns the Regulator line of steamships, consisting of four vessels, the Regulator, Bally Gatzert, Dalles City and Metlaco. If it is true that the road has passed into the control of the Northern Pacific it would appear that the old dream of the north bank grade of the Northern Pacific into Portland has not been forgotten.

SEVEN MEN KILLED.

Collision of Train Carrying People to Inauguration.

Pittsburg, Pa., March 3.—Seven men killed and a score of persons injured tonight by a rear-end collision on a special train bound from Cleveland to Washington on the Pittsburg, Fort Wayne & Chicago railway, carrying the Ohio delegation to the inauguration. Seven cars of the train carried the battalion of the Ohio National guard. The train stopped at Clifton, eight miles west of Pittsburg to repair a hot box. The second train, with the same number of cars, carrying the Tippacanoe Club of Cleveland, and a band of 25 women. The special trains were running close together and the rear brakeman of the forward train did not have time to run back. The engineer of the rear train said the block signal light showed green and he ran ahead at the speed of 45 miles an hour. His locomotive plowed through the Pullman of the forward train and half way into the tourist sleeping car ahead. The wreckage caught fire and all of the forward train and three cars of the rear train were burned.

POISONED BY DRUGS

Doubts Exist If Mrs. Stanford Was Poisoned.

OPINION OF PROF. JORDAN'S

Has Hope Mrs. Stanford Met Death Accidentally, and Has No Theory as to Who Could Have Committed the Deed.

Stanford University, March 3.—President Jordan of the Stanford university states today that he still has hopes that Mrs. Stanford met death accidentally and not by wilful poisoning, as asserted today. He has absolutely no theory as to who could have had any motive in killing Mrs. Stanford, and does not believe any of the servants would do the deed. The poisoned drug must have come from the same bottle that poisoned the mineral water in San Francisco in January.

Another Detective Goes.

San Francisco, March 3.—One more expert detective will be dispatched to Honolulu tomorrow to pick up the scattered threads of the Stanford mystery and will endeavor to track the murderer, if murder really was committed. Reports of the San Francisco chemist who analyzed the mineral water of which Mrs. Stanford drank on January 14, declares positively that there was strychnine in the water submitted to him for examination.

Although every effort has been made to solve the mystery of the alleged poisoning of Mrs. Stanford, few new developments were made today. The autopsy at Honolulu has not been completed and it has not been proven that death was not the result of natural causes. A cablegram from Honolulu intimates that there are indications of acute indigestion which may have caused the fatal illness of Mrs. Stanford, who before dying recalled the previous stories of the attempt on her life. As yet no arrests have been made, but detectives are engaged in investigating the matter, but have made no direct accusations, although all the members of the Stanford household are being watched.

STILL FIGHTING

Russians Defeat Seems Certain.

JAPANESE VICTORIOUS

Japanese Forces Occupying Strategic Points in Manchuria Province.

FIERCE BATTLE IS RAGING

Russians Defeated at Every Turn and Are Forced to Retreat Under Superior Generalship of Japanese Officers.

General Oku's Headquarters, Feb. 28 (Delayed in Transmission).—The Russians have been very active for several days, evidently expecting the Japanese to move. That portion of the Japanese line lying west of the railway has continuously bombarded night and day with heavy guns as well as field guns.

The left wing, following the example of the extreme right moved forward driving in the outposts and occupying a line running from Shotze-mun to Kalama on the east bank of the Liao river, 12 miles north of the Shakhe river. This completely blocked any attempt of the Russians to turn the Japanese left.

It is probable that the commencement of a general battle is only a matter of hours. The Russians are spending the days heavily bombarding the Japanese lines and at night making small attacks on many points, sending out detachments of one or two companies.

All the attacks are easily repulsed by the Japanese who are suffering no serious loss. The most serious attack occurred last night when five companies of Russian infantry desperately assaulted Lamuting, which has been attacked a score of times since the battle of the Shakhe. After a desperate fight lasting one hour and a half the Russians were repulsed. They left behind 60 dead and some prisoners. A severe bombardment is continuing today. The Russians using additional heavy guns, but firing blindly. The Japanese are responding lightly. There is every evidence that both sides are preparing for what may prove the decisive battle of the war. Probably fully a million men will be ready to move when the battle is joined.

The battle must be fought before a general thaw comes, making the roads impassable for several weeks. The Japanese troops are in excellent health and spirits, despite the long winter of unaccustomed cold. A few Russian soldiers are surrendering daily, the number being largely increased the last few days.

Japs Swinging North.

General Oku's Headquarters, March 1, 10 a. m. via Fusan (Delayed in Transmission).—The Japanese are now swinging north, taking position. The main force this morning with the troops on the east bank of the river Hun, advanced under the cover of a heavy bombardment on Shantan and neighboring villages, reaching a point 100 meters from the Russian trenches. They are now holding the position awaiting a favorable opportunity to attack.

Strike Declared.

St. Petersburg, March 3.—Meetings of the workmen and various trade unions were held this afternoon and it was decided to strike. Over 50,000 men will go out tomorrow and serious trouble is anticipated.

Terrific Bombardment.

General Oku's Headquarters, March 1, (noon, via Fusan, Delayed in the Transmission).—The Japanese this morning opened a terrific bombardment, the entire line using enormous guns, the heaviest yet used. The Jap-

anese fire was directed against the Russian defenses of the villages on both sides of the railway and great damage was done. One hundred guns of all sizes took part in the bombardment. The Russian guns were quiet for the first time in months. Evidently they were unable to respond.

OPPOSE BILL BOARDS.

Public Opinion in Portland Against Nuisance.

Portland, March 3.—Public opinion seems to be well settled in regard to the bill board nuisance. The elimination of this method of advertising is regarded as very hard, but its regulation is held to be within the powers of the city. All are agreed that the unsightly billboards should go, but realize at the same time that it is a difficult task. The only relief at hand is strict regulation on the part of the city; not so much, some say, in the way of higher license, but as to the location of the bill boards.

The majority of the people requested to express their views on this question did not hesitate to say that the billboards were an eyesore to the city. They are generally unpopular but become more so when unsightly advertisements are posted on them. In other instances they are a nuisance because they hide dirt, filth and debris behind them.

Committed Suicide.

Oakland, March 3.—Captain Henrich Topfer of the coasting schooner Marlon was found dead in the cabin of his vessel today. He had a pistol clutched in his hand which showed that he had committed suicide. The cause is not known.

STRIKE IN PORTLAND

Six Hundred Carpenters Strike Yesterday.

OVER HOURS AND WAGES

Contractors Claim They Have Not Been Treated Fair by the Agitators and Express Confidence of Securing More Men.

Portland, March 3.—Between 500 and 600 carpenters and others laid down their tools and struck at the Lewis and Clark fair grounds this morning. The government building on the peninsula and the American inn are the buildings most affected, less than 100 workmen remaining at their posts on the former. Recognition of the union and more pay and shorter hours are demanded, the strike being mainly in sympathy with the bridgeworkers who went out Wednesday and yesterday. Pickets have been placed about the fair grounds and employment offices in Portland. Contractors blame agitators who, they claim, have acted unreasonably for the strike, but they say they feel they can secure men to continue the work with but slight delay.

The strikers declare they will win, and they say the plasterers and teamsters will go out tomorrow. A meeting of the strikers was held this morning and the strike leaders are in conference at the same place this afternoon.

REPORT TOMORROW.

Chemists Examining Mrs. Stanford's Stomach Not Ready.

Honolulu, March 3.—The chemists examining the contents of Mrs. June L. Stanford's stomach, who died here under suspicious circumstances, may not be able to arrive at a conclusion before tomorrow afternoon, when they expect to make a report to High Sheriff Henry.

CAUSE OF FIRE

Steamer Caught Fire Through Careless

Eureka, March 3.—Attention this afternoon on the fire on the steamer caused through carelessness in the shipment of belled phosphorus there were 14