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The Popularity of Potatoes.

For every 10,000 inhabitants of Germany 160 acres of potatoes are planted, as against 112 acres in Austria; 98 acres in France; 35 acres in the United States and 31 acres in Great Britain and Ireland.

Street Merchants Organize.

The latest trade union to be formed in Sydney, Australia, is one embracing all manner of street merchants. It is called an association of "newsvendors, street musicians, shoeblacks, lace and stud-sellers, fruit-hawkers, fish-sellers, flower-sellers and general street workers.

Farmers Complain of Smelters.

Farmers claim that the ore smelters of Butte, Mont., throw into the air five tons of sulphuric acid and half a ton of arsenic each day, greatly to the damage of crops.

Something Must Be Wrong.

Germany, with 1,083 paper mills, makes only half as much paper as England with but 300.

FIGHTING FILIPINOS.

AMERICANS CAPTURE TEN FORTS AND A SULTAN.

Two Americans Are Killed and Seven Wounded, While One Hundred and Fifteen Moros Meet Death.

Captain Pershing's column has defeated the sultan of Amparuganosa's force of Moros in the Taraca country on the east shore of Lake Lanao, Island of Mindanao. The Americans captured ten forts. One hundred and fifteen Moros were killed, 13 wounded and 60 were made prisoners. The Moros captured included the sultan. Two Americans were killed and seven were wounded.

The ten forts constitute serious and strong positions on the banks of the Taraca river and from them the Moros vigorously resisted Captain Pershing's advance. The American troops attacked the forts Monday and captured eight of them without suffering any losses, though the 36 obsolete cannon mounted on the fortifications were served with the best of the enemy's ability.

The garrison of the ninth fort resisted fiercely and Captain Pershing ordered the fort to be shelled and captured by assault, which was done. Lieutenants Shaw and Gracie, leading two companies of the Twenty-seventh infantry and a detachment of cavalry, surrounded the tenth fort, where the sultan had sought refuge, and it surrendered. The forts have been dismantled.

BROTHER OF CZOLGOSZ IN LOS ANGELES JAIL.

Will Be Detained Behind Bars Until President Leaves Los Angeles.

The report comes from Los Angeles that, acting under instructions from the secret service bureau at Washington, the police have arrested a man who is suspected of being one of the four brothers of Czolgosz, the assassin of the late President McKinley.

VISIT CALIFORNIA.

Presidential Party Now in the Land of Flowers.

The enthusiastic welcome that has greeted President Roosevelt at every stopping place within the boundaries of California seemed to have reached a climax when the presidential train pulled into Los Angeles. Thousands of people blocked the streets on every side. Former members of the president's rough rider regiment, a detachment of troop D, N. G. C., and "Teddy's Terrors," a political club of prominent Los Angeles business men, wearing the rough rider uniform, formed on either side of the platform and kept the crowds back.

The annual Fiesta de Las Flores, the chief feature of which is the elaborate floral parade, was arranged this year to coincide with the visit of the president. Unusual efforts had been made by the fiesta committee to make this feature of the celebration particularly attractive, a sort of expression of the floral wealth of southern California. The floral parade occurred Friday afternoon, and was reviewed by the president and party as well as some 150,000 persons.

When the presidential party arrived at Redlands on Thursday Governor Pardee and Lieutenant Governor Anderson were present to welcome President Roosevelt to the great state of California.

Extraordinary precautions are being taken by the officials looking to the safety of the chief executive. At Los Angeles Friday night a cordon of police surrounded Westminster hotel, the temporay stopping place of the president, and no one except those holding passes were admitted.

TWELVE MEN KILLED.

Result of a Wreck on the Canadian Pacific Railway.

Meager reports have been received at St. Paul, Minn., of a serious accident at Dexter, a small station on the Canadian Pacific railway, 50 miles west of Port Arthur, in which 12 lives were lost. A large number of laborers were with a work train at Dexter, where they had been loading ties. The train was on a side track and the men were at breakfast in the caboose, or boarding car, at the end of the train. A passanger train crashed into the caboose, where the men were eating, overturning the car, and the wreckage caught fire almost immediately from the engine fire. Of the men in the car, twelve were instantly killed or burned to death.

PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT.

Great secrecy has been maintained about the arrest and practically no information has been given out concerning the man. It is known, however, that he was arrested and confined in the city jail. No charge has been lodged against him, the police simply detaining the man on suspicion until after President Roosevelt shall have left Los Angeles.

COLONEL DEWEY DEAD.

Well Known Idahoan Passes to the Great Beyond.

Colonel W. H. Dewey died of dropsy Friday morning at the Dewey Palace hotel at Nampa. He was 80 years old and a native of New York.

Colonel Dewey was one of the very prominent men of the state. He made a fortune in the mines of Silver City, and more recently developed the Dewey mine at Thunder mountain, which is now known to be of great value.

He built two short lines of railway, one from Nampa to Murphy, the other from Nampa to Emmett. Another monument is his Nampa hotel, which was opened three months ago. It cost $250,000. His estate is estimated at from $1,000,000 to $1,250,000.

Bubonic Plague in Peru.

According to recent reports from Lima, Peru, the existence of bubonic plague has been discovered in the suburbs of Callao and the people of that port are much alarmed. The authorities have closed and isolated a flour mill, where certain suspicious cases have originated. Forty laborers who were employed in the mill have been quarantined. It has been decided to close the principal market of Lima and to confiscate all flour coming from the mill in question. The plague has not spread.

OPEN DOOR IN CHINA.

Russia Declares She will Restore Manchuria to China.

In the Russian series of diplomatic exchanges in the current volume of foreign relations now in press is given the text of a communication addressed by Ambassador Tower to the Russian foreign office, relative to the announcement that China was about to sign an agreement with the Russo-Chinese bank by which valuable exclusive privileges were to be secured by that institution. The note brought forth the important declaration from Count Lamsdorff, minister for foreign affairs, that Russia purposed to restore Manchuria to China, and would recall her troops from that province, and that there was no intention to interfere with the "open door" arrangement.

Loth to Leave China.

The Russians, it is announced, have reoccupied New Chwang with a large force and have also put a garrison in the forts at the mouth of the Liao river. They are further reported to be making extensive warlike preparations. The news of Russian activity, which comes from a most trustworthy source at New Chwang, adds that on their return to New Chwang the Russian troops brought with them several large guns. A large force has been ordered to reoccupy Tien Shwang Tai.

KILLED BY STRIKERS

A NON-UNION BRAKEMAN SHOT DOWN IN COLD BLOOD.

Situation at Jackson, Tenn., Becomes Serious, and Railway Company Will Ask for Federal Troops.

The strike on the Mobile & Ohio railroad is becoming serious, especially at Jackson, Tenn. One man killed, two trains blocked and business badly tied up is the result of Sunday in Jackson. Early in the morning Chief of Police Gaston and his force were called to the Union depot on account of a wreck, alleged to have been the work of the strikers. A fishplate had been laid between the rails of a switch and a monster engine was ditched. The engine was placed again on the rails, but when an attempt was made to pull out a train the switch was thrown and another delay occasioned.

Later, Will Yarboro, a young man, was shot and killed while on the tender of his engine. Yarboro boarded the train Saturday as a brakeman. The train on which he was killed was the same as that manned by Captain Pringle, a bridge foreman, and his crew of negro hands. South of Jackson the negroes were run off the train and at Bethel, Yarboro joined Pringle's train. The strikers say that they know nothing of the identity of the man who did the shooting.

The railway company will ask for troops to preserve order on their line

MOROS HAVE A PLENTY.

Pershing's Men Killed Nine Datos and One Sultan at Taraca.

Captain Pershing and his column have returned to Camp Vicars, Mindanao, from the expedition through the country east of Lake Lanao. The column experienced no opposition after the fighting at Taraca. The prisoners captured at Taraca took the oath of allegiance to the United States and were released. Among the Moros killed in the Taraca forts were nine dattos and one sultan. The moral effect of this fight will be far-reaching, and it is doubtful if there will be any further hostility in the Lake Lanao country.

Captain Pershing estimates the population of Taraca at 30,000, and that of the district at 100,000. He says the population of the Lake Lanao district has been under-estimated.

MAY ENJOIN UNCLE SAM.

People of Cheyenne Object to Pollution of Waters by Government Stables.

An injunction may be taken out by the city of Cheyenne to prevent the government from building two large stables on the banks of Crow creek at Fort Russell. The creek flows through Cheyenne and is the town's source of water supply. The erection of stables on the banks at Fort Russell would pollute water and make it unfit for domestic use, although the filter beds lie between the town and the fort.

LAID WASTE BY FIRE.

Hundreds of Houses Swept Away and Many Rendered Homeless.

A fire, suspected of being of incendiary origin, destroyed hundreds of houses and millions of feet of lumber in Ottawa, Ont. John White, who had just been released from the penitentiary after serving a term for arson, was caught near where the fire was first discovered. He was taken to the police station and will be charged with starting the conflagration.

Bubonic Plague in Peru.

Callao and Pisco, Peru, have been officially declared infected with the bubonic plague. The banks and business houses of Guayaquil are subscribing funds for the purpose of cleaning the city. Three Cosmos line steamers from southern ports will be refused admittance here. Ecuadorean troops have been stationed on the Peruvian frontier to stop communication. The board of health at Payta, Peru, has closed that port to vessels from Callao.

Miners in an Idaho Mine Have Secured an Eight-hour Day.

The eight-hour day in the mine and mills of the Trade Dollar company at Silver City, Idaho, is now an assured fact. The Miners' union at Boise ratified the agreement of its committee with General Manager Cowan and the change will go into effect as soon as possible. It is said the change will take place tomorrow, and that it will be put into effect in the mine as soon as the schedules can be arranged—probably within a week or ten days.

A Peculiar Accident.

D. C. Haskins, foreman of the Iconoclast mine, is in the hospital at Wheatland, Wyo., as the result of a very unusual accident. The hoisting at the Iconoclast is done by means of a gasoline engine. Haskins attempted to start the machine by detaching the pipe carrying gasoline to the cylinder, and blowing gasoline through the pipe. The expected explosion in the cylinder occurred, but a valve failing to work properly, a quantity of gasoline was blown down Haskins' throat.

World's Railway Mileage.

Russia's increase in railway mileage in 1901 was 6.09 per cent, as against 2.57 in Germany, 1.94 in France, 78 in Great Britain.