

OBSCURING FAVOR... Ready Market Found, Especially for Canned Goods.

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CALL BUREAU, WELLINGTON HOTEL, WASHINGTON, Oct. 17.—In response to an instruction from the State Department, made at the instance of a resident of California, Consul Greener at Vladivostok has forwarded a report on the fruit market in Siberia.

Siberians, as a rule, he says, are not great consumers of lemons, nor do they use them in tea as much as may be the custom in Central Russia, cream having come into general use by the importation of condensed milk from the United States, France and Switzerland.

Most of the lemons, raisins, figs, honey, olives, olive oil, oranges and nuts imported come from Europe via Odessa. All of these are brought by steamer, usually carefully packed, and at a cheaper rate than could be given by Pacific Coast merchants.

California products have already been introduced, says Consul Greener, by several of the larger firms, especially the canned fruits, which are in great favor. There seems to be a preference for our goods of this character, but high freights, delays in receipt of goods and bad packing have done much to injure American interests.

Several persons have been here within the last two years looking for openings for California fruit; but after examining the field they seem not to have considered the outlook favorable.

Some lemons and raisins come from the United States, figs and olives from Italy and France and a little honey from Russia, while wines come from Russia and oranges and nuts from China (Cheu) and Japan. No fruit from Japan or Manchuria compares with that cultivated in the United States, and it was possible to put our leading fruits into this market I believe it would prove to be not only a blessing to the people but a commercial success. But all depends on low rates of freight, quick transit and proper packing.

The principal trade markets of Siberia are Vladivostok, the southern terminus of the Trans-Siberian line, 45 miles from Habarovsk, the northern terminus of the capital of the Amur province, situated at the junction of the Amur and Sungari rivers. Nikolai, a town in the Amur province, is reached from Vladivostok either by sea or by the Amur River. Between Habarovsk and Vladivostok is the important town of Nikolai-Ussuri, the eastern end of the new Siberian railway. The most important island town of Eastern Siberia is about half way between Habarovsk and Vladivostok, a good distance from Habarovsk. There is a large business community here and American goods are widely used. From Vladivostok to Nikolai-Ussuri is from five to ten days' sail; from Vladivostok to Nikolai-Ussuri about four hours by rail from the Amur River, some thirty hours from Habarovsk, by steamer, to Biakovstchensk, and thence to Vladivostok, according to the condition of the river. Transportation facilities are good. There are two lines of communication in this district.

The communication between Port Arthur and Vladivostok will not be delayed under the circumstances mentioned later than the spring of 1902.

WARNED BY BANDITS TO LEAVE THE COUNTRY Two Wyoming Stockmen May Share the Fate of Rash and Dart.

CHEYENNE, Wyo., Oct. 17.—Yesterday the following note was found pinned to the cabin of Isham Dart, the wealthy stockman of Browns Park, south of Rawlins, Wyo., who was shot from ambush last night:

Joe Davenport and John Bassett, it is your turn next, and unless both of you get out of the country within sixty days you will meet the same fate as our friend Isham Dart. The note, written in a rough hand, was not signed, but was tucked up where it could be seen plainly. Davenport and Bassett are said to have left the country, but will remain and run down the murderer of Rash and Dart and the author of the warning note.

Browns Park is the hiding place of one of the boldest bands of outlaws that infest the Rocky Mountains, and it is believed the gang has set out on a raid of the well-to-do residents of the place. Rash and Dart were both shot from ambush on the same line of the same road, and from the same rifle, killed both men. The authorities are powerless to prevent the outlaws from leaving the country, but will doubtless soon be committed in Browns Park.

BRYAN'S NEW YORK TOUR. Makes Speeches to People Representing Many Classes.

ALBANY, N. Y., Oct. 15.—William Jennings Bryan ran around two sides of a triangle to-day from Hudson to Albany, inclusive, and probably spoke to as cosmopolitan a lot of people as he has addressed during the campaign. At Hudson he spoke to a gathering of business people of all classes; at Troy to a crowded opera-house and at an overflow meeting at Mechanicville to a large number of people; at Catskills to the mass of employees of the cotton and woolen mills, and at Albany to two immense meetings, one in the opera-house and one outside, composed of the best element of the city.

OPER A COMPANY TO SAIL FOR SAN FRANCISCO Was Recruited by Grau's Representative and Will Be the Largest to Leave England.

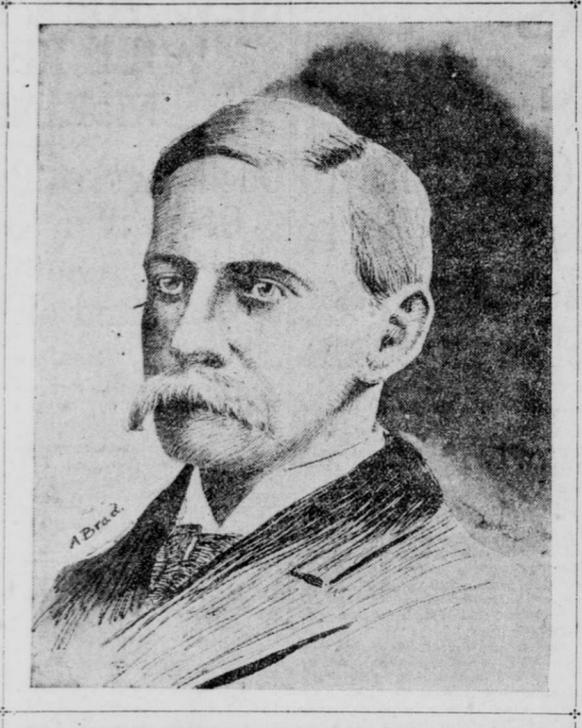
LONDON, Oct. 15.—Fred Lathorne, English representative of Maurice Grau, has arranged for an opera company numbering 100 persons to leave Southampton for New York on Saturday. This company, which is mainly recruited from Covent Garden in the city, is the largest to ever leave this country. On arriving at New York they will proceed at once to San Francisco on a special train.

POLICE ARREST AN ITALIAN SUSPECT Known to Have Been a Friend of the Assassins of President Carnot and King Humbert.

RIO JANEIRO, Oct. 17.—The police arrested to-day an Italian named Angel Manetti, who is known as a friend of Caserio, who assassinated President Carnot of France, and of Breschi, who killed King Humbert of Italy. Manetti, it is charged, was plotting to take the life of President Campos Salles of Brazil.

There was one new case of plague yesterday. One death occurred.

DEATH OF A FORMER POSTMASTER GENERAL Close of the Career of William L. Wilson.



THE LATE WILLIAM LYNE WILSON, FORMER CONGRESSMAN, POSTMASTER GENERAL, JURIST AND NOTED EDUCATOR, WHO DIED SUDDENLY AT LEXINGTON, VA., YESTERDAY MORNING.

LEXINGTON, Va., Oct. 17.—William L. Wilson, president of Washington and Lee University and ex-Postmaster General, died suddenly at 9:30 o'clock this morning from congestion of the lungs. He has been falling ever since his return from Arizona. His son, Dr. Arthur Wilson of Lynchburg, visited him Sunday and left Monday. Then came the sudden change. Mr. Wilson's attending physician did not give up hope of his rallying until late last night. Mr. Wilson was confined to the house from Tuesday a week ago, but was thought to be improved when his son left him. He was conscious until the last. By his bedside were his wife, his daughters, Misses Mary and Bessie Wilson, and one son, William H. Wilson.

Mr. Wilson's funeral will occur at Charlottesville, Jefferson County, Va., on Friday morning at 10 o'clock. The remains will leave Lexington this morning for the Baltimore and Ohio at 4 o'clock, accompanied by the family, Harry St. George Tucker, chairman of the faculty of professors; committees of the faculty and board of trustees, and a committee of twelve students. Services will be held to-morrow afternoon in Lee Memorial Chapel at the university. All duties were suspended to-day in the university. The remains are now lying in state at the president's home.

William Lyne Wilson was born in Jefferson County, Virginia, May 3, 1842. He attended the Charlottesville, Va., academy, and was graduated from Columbia University in 1869. Later he attended other leading educational institutions, securing the LL.D. degree. He was married August 6, 1868, to Nannie Huntington, daughter of Rev. Dr. A. J. Huntington, dean of Columbia University. Dr. C. Mr. Wilson was professor of Latin in Columbia University and later practiced law from 1871 to 1882. He was a member of Congress from 1882 to 1885, and as chairman of the Ways and Means Committee he drew up the famous Wilson tariff bill. In 1892 he was chairman of the National Democratic Convention. Three years later he was appointed Postmaster General, which position he held until 1897, when he became president of Washington and Lee University. He was also a regent of the Smithsonian Institution.

MELVILLE WANTS RESIGNATION OF HOHENLOHE NEW REPAIR SHIP OF HOHENLOHE

Recommendations of the Engineer-in-Chief in His Report. Kaiser's Attitude on the Chinese Question.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 17.—In his annual report Engineer-in-Chief Melville urges an appropriation of \$1,000,000 for a 5,000-ton repair ship on the plan of the Vulcan, but improved in detail. The force of engineers inspectors is said to be entirely insufficient and it is suggested that some of the younger line officers might be detailed to this duty with much benefit to themselves as well as to the service.

The engineer-in-chief makes a strong argument against the proposed consolidation of naval bureaus, pointing out that in every large shipbuilding plant the bureau system prevails, to a more complete separation of the special branches of the navy than is practiced in the navy. Ships of war are of such construction, in his opinion, that it would not be safe to trust their design to any one man, with the prospect of his carrying out thereon his own ideas or experiments. Therefore, he argues, the members of the present Board of Construction are necessary advisers to the Secretary of the Navy and he asks the Secretary to withdraw the recommendation made by him to the last Congress for a consolidation.

The engineer-in-chief expresses the opinion that the personnel bill was either a mistake or the proper course has not been taken to carry out its intent.

The condition of the steam engineering interests of the navy is said to be even less satisfactory than that of the personnel bill. It is urged that in no other way can relief be obtained than by the immediate assignment to duty as understudies and assistants to the experienced engineers in the navy the assignment of line officers to such duties and that the practice should be extended. As a matter of fact there are available 300 less engineer officers than just prior to the passage of the personnel bill, which act was intended to increase their numbers.

A suggestion is made that naval cadets be trained in engineering aboard the Cincinnati and the Raleigh after these vessels are thoroughly modernized. A considerable increase is wanted in the number of warrant machinists who have given general satisfaction to the various navy yards and stations are as follows: \$65,335; Norfolk, \$44,886; Boston, \$27,322; Mare Island, \$32,525; League Island, \$161,467; Portsmouth, \$132,412; Fort Royal, \$89,000; Washington, \$1, 84,842; Pensacola, \$55,487; Key West, \$22,663; Newport, \$92,793; Bremerton, \$60,620.

An appropriation is asked for a machine shop foundry and smithy at Honolulu, though no special estimate is submitted.

Bryan Again Notified. LINCOLN, Neb., Oct. 17.—A letter notifying William J. Bryan of his nomination by the Silver Republican convention has been in his possession for some time and his answer is expected to-morrow.

Papete the Beautiful. Those who are fond of traveling (and who is not) will hail with delight the news of a direct steamship route to Tahiti. This charming land has until now been accessible only by slow sailing vessels, but on November 1st the popular steamship Australia will sail direct, making the trip in 10 1/2 days. A reduced round-trip rate has been made for the first trip. Call at 643 Market street for sailing list.

COMMISSIONERS ARE NOW PREPARING A REPORT FOR CONGRESS. While No Definite Decision Has Been Reached, the Nicaragua Route Seems to Be the Most Favored.

CALL BUREAU, WELLINGTON HOTEL, WASHINGTON, Oct. 17.—The Isthmian Canal Commission is at work on its report, but it is evident that it will not be possible to do more than submit a preliminary statement to Congress when the session begins. This report will present facts and figures referring to both the Panama canal and Nicaragua route. A vote has not been taken by the commission as to which it will recommend, nor will a decision be reached until further information has been received regarding both projects.

M. Hutin, president of the Panama Canal Company, arrived in Washington to-day and paid his respects to the commission. He came to Washington in compliance with the request of Rear Admiral Walker and will stay as long as business engagements will permit, when he will return to Paris. He will come back to Washington during the session of Congress. Notwithstanding the fact that the commission has not taken a vote as to the route, it is apparent from the trend of its investigations that it favors the Nicaragua route. Because of the dimensions and displacement of modern steamships it has been determined that a canal thirty feet deep and one hundred feet wide will require the removal of rock or soft dirt. The advocates of the Nicaragua canal are making considerable headway in their efforts to show its entire practicability. Engineering parties sent out by the Isthmian Commission have done some exploring work on the route. They have recommended that the sites of several locks be slightly changed from the original plan, and that the recommendation. The general impression seems to be that the commission will favor the Walker route provided that the Nicaragua route is shown to be feasible.

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BULLET LOCATED IN FERGUSON'S SPINE Operation Will Be Performed on the Famous Starter Which May Attain Permanent Relief.

LEXINGTON, Ky., Oct. 17.—Mary L. Pence, professor of physics, located the bullet in the spinal column of James B. Ferguson, the noted starter of race horses, and an operation to remove the missile has been arranged for to-morrow morning. The bullet, which was fired from a .38 Smith & Wesson revolver, entered Ferguson's back at the base of the spine during a difficulty on Main street here. Ferguson for years felt no ill effects from the bullet, but recently he became almost paralyzed while starting horses in California and was attended by the best physicians who endeavored utterly to locate the cause of his trouble.

RANKS OF STRIKING LIGHTER MEN AUGMENTED Hundreds of Barges of Provisions and Merchandise Remain Unloaded, Blocking Traffic on the Thames.

LONDON, Oct. 17.—An additional 300 lightermen joined the 1500 now on strike to-day. There does not seem to be any prospect of the trouble being arbitrated. The congestion of boats is now more serious. Hundreds of barges of provisions and merchandise remain unloaded, blocking traffic seriously and affecting the merchants who are awaiting the goods. The strikers have been materially assisted by the retention of a sailing fleet and by the approval of the stand taken by the Employers' Association. He has made a deal of the strikers' for and hereafter will do his own lightering.

EFFORTS TO RELEASE CARTER FROM PRISON Brother of the ex-Captain of Engineers Applies for a Writ of Habeas Corpus.

LEAVENWORTH, Kans., Oct. 17.—A habeas corpus to release Oberlin M. Carter, ex-captain of engineers, from the Federal penitentiary at Fort Leavenworth, was filed in the United States court here to-day. The suit was filed by Stuart Carter, a brother of the prisoner, as the petitioner, although a general retainer against Warden McClure of the Federal penitentiary. Judge Hook set Carter free on his own recognizance on application and announced that Judge Thayer of St. Louis would probably be asked to issue the writ.

RUMORED REMARRIAGE OF EMPRESS FREDERICK Said to Have Been United to Baron Seckendorff in England Last April.

BERLIN, Oct. 17.—It is reported that Dowager Empress Frederick was married last April to Baron Seckendorff, who was Hofmeister under Emperor Frederick, although widely circulated abroad, had not been confirmed here until the present crisis in her declining health. Now, however, it is being circulated and accepted, together with a number of other details, such as the marriage occurred in England. It is said that the principal malady of the Dowager Empress is cancer of the kidney, according to the latest bulletins she is somewhat better, but a fatal result is generally expected by the public.

Wilhelmina's Betrothal Announced. THE HAGUE, Oct. 17.—The announcement of the betrothal of Queen Wilhelmina to the Duke of Mecklenburg-Schwering in the Second Chamber of the Netherlands Parliament to-day was greeted with cheers. The House charged the President to transmit to the Queen her congratulations and thanks for communicating the glad event, which was of the highest importance to the dynasty and country.

Checker Tournament. BOSTON, Oct. 17.—Barker and Jordan fought through two more drawn games in the third day of their championship checker match to-day.

GUSTAVUS ENTICED WITH THE GOVERNMENT Will Act as Regent During the Illness of King Oscar.



CROWN PRINCE GUSTAVUS OF NORWAY AND SWEDEN, WHO HAS BEEN APPOINTED REGENT BY THE COUNCIL OF STATE OWING TO KING OSCAR'S ILLNESS.

STOCKHOLM, Oct. 17.—At to-day's session of the Council of State it was decided to entrust the government of the country to Crown Prince Gustavus during the illness of King Oscar.

The Crown Prince and Crown Princess and their eldest son, Gustavus, start Friday for Christiania, where the Crown Prince will open the Storting and take the oath before the house. King Oscar passed a quiet night, but does not gain strength.

SOURCE OF GOLD IN SOUTH AFRICA SAID RICE WAS IN HIS POWER

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WELTERBEE GIVES DAMAGING TESTIMONY AGAINST JONES. Relates on the Witness Stand Several Conversations Held With the Valet of the Deceased Millionaire.

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Referring to the Indian currency, the president said the problem was still unsolved. He added that although the desired steadiness in exchange was fairly maintained, the supply of currency, in the absence of internal demand for gold, proved insufficient and the authorities were compelled to purchase nearly four million sterling worth of bar silver during the current year in order to increase the circulation. The profit on this would yield the government a surplus of a million and a half. But, while the gold was like to the revenue was desirable, from an economic standpoint, was debatable.

WOULD REORGANIZE ENTIRE SPANISH ARMY General Linarez Names the Terms on Which He Will Accept Portfolio of Secretary of War.

MADRID, Oct. 17.—General Linarez, to whom the Premier, Senor Sivola, has offered the portfolio of war, stipulates as a condition of acceptance that he shall have perfect freedom to introduce sweeping military reforms and to reorganize the entire army. He also stipulates that his method of reaching these ends must rest solely with himself. Senor Sivola, it is understood, has accepted these conditions and the nomination of General Linarez is therefore practically assured.

HAWAIIAN CENSUS. WASHINGTON, Oct. 17.—The Census Bureau expects to be able to announce the population of Alaska and the Hawaiian Islands early next week. The count in Alaska is expected to be a small section of the southern part, inhabited chiefly by Indians.

AIRSHIP A SUCCESS. FRIEDRICHSHAFEN, Oct. 17.—Count Zeppelin's airship ascended this afternoon, steered against the wind and put successfully through various maneuvers. It was then sailed in the direction of Immenstadt. The King and Queen of Wurtemberg witnessed the trial.

ADVERTISEMENTS. TELEPHONE GRANT 33. L. LEBENBAUM & CO. 222-224 SUTTER ST.

SPECIAL REDUCTIONS THURSDAY-FRIDAY-SATURDAY. Butter, Finest Creamery, square 50c. Imported, 2 sizes, Reg. 30c, Now 25c. Bread Boards, "Hollywool", Imported-Diameter 10 inch and 12 inch, Reg. 30c, Now 25c. Sardines, Boneless, in 20c. Castile Soap, "Conti's", 1/2 bar 50c. Malt Extract, "Fod's", doz 93.00. Enamel or Stone Polish, 7 tins 25c. For Stoves, Grates and Ranges, Regularly 5 for 25c. Fare Powder, "Victoria", box 20c. Tooth Powder, "Victoria", box 20c. For a "bit" try "LA MUREL". Imported Clear, Extra large size. See window. NOW IN EVERY BODY'S MOUTH. "RENZI BEER"

ONLY TO-DAY and TO-MORROW, THURSDAY and FRIDAY, AT 11 A. M. AND 2 P. M. ABSOLUTE AUCTION FINEST PERFECT ANTIQUE Turkish Rugs Persian Rugs. MHRAN'S COLLECTION. Cor. GEARY and STOCKTON STS. POSITIVELY LAST CHANCE. ONLY TWO DAYS MORE. At this sale will be offered the finest RUGS of the PERSIAN KHAN'S Collection, besides 500 other rugs. The Renowned TURKISH KILIMAN'S, THE PINK CAMEL'S HAIR, THE CREAM SERPENTINE PRINCES BOKHARA, THE BLUE PRINCE, etc. Come and Witness the Sale of the Most Valuable Rugs Ever Brought to This Country. Come and see these masterpieces of Art Before Sale. A. W. LOUDERBACK, Auctioneer.

AGED JOHN SHERMAN IS DANGEROUSLY ILL Suffering From a General Collapse Due to Old Age and His Recent Serious Illness. WASHINGTON, Oct. 17.—John Sherman is dangerously ill at his residence on K street in this city. The attack has taken the form of a general collapse, in part due to the general debility incident to old age and in part to the effects of the serious illness from which he suffered while on a trip to the West Indies two years ago. He has never fully recovered from that illness. Mrs. Sherman's death during the summer at the old homestead at Mansfield, Ohio, also had an effect on the venerable statesman, who deeply mourned her loss. Mr. Sherman returned to Washington several weeks ago from his residence in K street in this city. The attack has taken the form of a general collapse, in part due to the general debility incident to old age and in part to the effects of the serious illness from which he suffered while on a trip to the West Indies two years ago. 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