AMERICANS SOON TO LEAVE CHINA

Plans for the Evacuation of Peking Go Rapidly Forward.

France's Intention to Establish a Permanent Railway Garrison Causes Anxiety to Great Britain.

PEKING, March 3.—The American preparations for departure are going actively forward. All supplies, except enough for two companies, have been packed and marked for Manila. The British plans contemplate a summer along the Pieho and a general withdrawal of forces to India, leaving behind by next winter half a battalion of Welsh Fusileers as a legation guard in Peking, together with an Indian regiment to guard the railroad.

The Germans show few signs of intention to depart, but they are endeavoring to sell 50,000 American and Austrian horses, as well as a quantity of camels.

It is rumored the French intend to withdraw most of their forces, leaving only an infantry brigade, a regiment of cavalry and some artillery to protect the French legation and to guard the lines of communication. A part of this, is it understood, will be employed to guard the Franco-Belgian railroad from Peking to Paotingfu.

In French military circles it is freely asserted that the French intend to send a force to be stationed permanently at Hankow and to guard the other end of the Puhan raidroad, 120 kilometers of which has been captured. More definite information on this point is awaited with anxiety by the British, who regard such an intention with serious misgiving, because it is calculated to bring about complications with the Yangtse Viceroys, if for no other reason.

Particularly noticeable just now are the sharp lines drawn between the various nationalities at the social functions. General Gaselee, the British commander, gave an elaborate dinner at which only British, German and American representatives were present, including generals, ministers and secretaries of legations. M. de Giers, the Russian Minister, gave a banquet at which only Russians, Frenchmen and Austrians were guests, while the Japanese Minister entertained at dinner last evening all Americans and Japanese. The Officers' Club at the Temple of Heaven, where games and other amusements are provided, is attended only by the English, Americans and Germans, with the possible exception of a few Jananese on rare occasions.

The Ministers of the powers now meet thrice a week, but no business of great importance is transacted. They are now going over local claims.

The subject of legation defenses is being considered, although this will be left for final consideration until the United States Government has reached a decision as to the legation barracks question, which the legation is anxious to have settled immediately in order that the building may be constructed before the rainy season sets in.

BOXERS ATTACK INCHENG.

Japanese Gunboat Arrives at a Most Opportune Time.

VICTORIA, March 3.—Shanghai papers received by the Olympia publish advices from Korea that upward of 3000 Boxers and Manchurian robbers have crossed the upper waters of the Tumen River and are reported to have attacked and looted Incheng, a place recently opened to foreign commerce. As luck would have it, the Japanese gunboat Maya happened to arrive at Incheng when the trouble was in full swing and she took all the Japanese residents on board and carried them to Gensan.

A large number of Koreans found the Boxers and were making their way south when, hearing that the Japanese and Korean governments were taking steps to crush them, they began to retrace their steps northward.

A thousand Korean troops under Colonel Kim Yi Chong had, in fact, left Seoul for Wuju, and 500 more were being dispatched from Pingyang City, while a Japanese warship was to co-operate at a given point on the coast. Meantime the Russians, who, it appears, had driven the Boxers and banditti south from Kirin, were following up the enemy and even crossed the border and occupied several Korean villages, which they looted and drove the inhabitants into the hills. The Russians were still holding the Korean territory when the last couriers from the perturbed district were dispatched with reports for the Government.

Considerable alarm is felt in the northern mining camps, which are, however, prepared to give any marauders a warm reception. Maxims and plenty of small arms are stated to have been supplied to the American mining camps in Wunsan district and it is believed they could hold out for weeks if necessary.

STRIKERS INTERFERE WITH FRENCH SHIPPING

Situation Is Serious at Marseilles and Cruisers May Have to Carry the Mails.

MARSEILLES, March 3.—A mob of seamen and stokers who joined the strike of dock laborers marched to the docks this morning and endeavored to induce the crews to quit the steamers. There was some disorder before the strikers were dispersed by the police.

The steamship companies are experiencing considerable difficulty in recruiting laborers and a number of ships which have arrived since the strike began have been compelled to proceed without discharging their cargoes. The P. and O. Steam Navigation Company's Golconda, from London, proceeded for India without discharging her cargo consigned to Marseilles, and the same company's steamer Himalaya, from Colombo, proceeded for London, unable to discharge 200 bales of silk.

The Government has ordered the Mediterranean light division, consisting of six cruisers, to coal at Toulon, with a view to taking over the mail service for Algeria and Corsica in the event of the strikers interfering with the mail packets. Several steamers managed to discharge perishable cargoes by the aid of the crews and employes of the consignees.

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BY SALLY SHARP.

MUSIC and the love of music—these have been the cause of many wondrous transformation scenes, but none, I wager, more marvelous than this their last achievement—the converting of a society woman into a full-fledged impresario.

Mrs. Flora Arnold is the lady, and her first act in the transformation scene will be the introduction of the world's greatest barytone, Frangcon Davies. Mr. Davies will come out here in April by special invitation of Mrs. Arnold, give two concerts, probably at the California Theater, and spend one whole month on the coast, the guest of his friend and manager.

Mrs. Arnold is already busily preparing to entertain her distinguished guest. Biggest among the many things she has planned is a reception in his honor, to which, in addition to the lady's personal friends, will be asked all the music teachers of this city and their pupils. "I love all students of music," says Mrs. Arnold, in explanation of this novel form of entertainment, "and I want them to enjoy the great lesson of meeting a world famous musician."

Mrs. Arnold's home is an ideal one for entertaining. The apartments are spacious and filled with wondrous carved wood and gobelin upholstered furniture and many works of art. Her music room seats 300 people and is as a music room should be—destitute of all superfluous hangings and without even a rug on the exquisitely polished floor—nothing, in short, that might interfere with the perfect acoustics of the room.

I have never seen a more perfectly appointed home than Mrs. Arnold's. And I ceased to marvel at it when I was told that the house was built to suit the remarkable furnishings. All that is in that elegant Washington-street house was in Mrs. Arnold's home in Berlin. Both Mr. and Mrs. Arnold spent many years in collecting that furniture, and when they decided to build here they decided also that all that made their Berlin home beautiful should be brought out to grace the house in California.

Although Mrs. Arnold is new among us, she has many friends here, friends who enjoyed the hospitality of her foreign home. Alice Ames (now Mrs. Robbins) and Bessie Ames were known in the German capital as "Mrs. Arnold's tea girls," because they might always be found pouring tea at the delightful Arnold "at homes."

Mrs. Arnold is more than a lover of music. She is the fortunate possessor of a magnificent voice that has been trained by the finest European masters. When Frangcon Davies is here Mrs. Arnold will give a musicale and will sing with the great man. At present the lady is singing considerably with Edgar Mills. The beau of Menlo has a magnificent voice, which blends beautifully with that of the society impresario.

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Mr. and Mrs. Francis Burton Harrison are on their way out here, accompanied by Mrs. Burton Harrison. They are going, however, for a tour of Mexico before coming here. I understand that the desire to be present at the weddings of Mary Scott and young Martin and Caro Crockett and Laurence Scott is what brings the distinguished party out here. Caro Crockett and Mary Scott were bridesmaids when Mary Crocker became Mrs. Harrison, and the gossips have it that the bride promised them to assist at her bridesmaids' weddings when this happiness should come to them.

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The proposed "rummage sale" that the patronesses of the Children's Hospital have been worrying about has been declared "off." The ladies having the affair in hand met one difficulty after another, until they finally had to succumb to the inevitable. Anyway, the "rummage sale" had all the new shine rubbed off it by the successful little affair gotten up by a bevy of enthusiastic girl-workers in the name of the Infants' Shelter. They had two sales, each of two days' duration, and they netted altogether $300. Three hundred was much for the infants, but for the Children's Hospital it would only be a drop in the bucket. The patronesses of the hospital have taken all these points into consideration, and their decision is to make no appeal to a generous public until early in the fall, when they promise some sort of affair, altogether new, and with which they hope to fill the hospital's coffers.

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Mrs. Jewett has adopted the prevailing Eastern fad—Lenten readings. The first of these affairs took place at Mrs. Jewett's home on Monday evening last, and the clever reader, Miss Jennie Long, presented a delightful programme. Mr. and Mrs. Jewett did not appear at the reading owing to the recent death of their most intimate friends, Mr. and Mrs. Rounsevelle Wildman.

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Mrs. George Doubleday, who is visiting her people in Oakland, will soon return to her New York home, whence she will be accompanied by her sister, Miss Lucy Moffitt. The present visit is Mrs. Doubleday's first one since she left a bride, about a year ago. Her many friends had a charming opportunity to greet her on Tuesday last, when her mother, Mrs. Moffitt, gave an elegant dinner in Mrs. Doubleday's honor at her home in Oakland. The dinner was a most elaborate affair, for which fifty covers were laid.

Miss Elena Robinson, who has been the most feted of the debutantes, leaves shortly with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Robinson, for Southern California.

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A custom of the long ago was introduced with most charming effect at the pretty wedding of Emma Fortman and Dr. Stevens on Tuesday evening last. The fair young bride walked proudly to the altar leaning on the strong arm of him who was to be her support through life.

I never before saw such elaborate decorations and such fanciful weaving of blossoms as those which made the Fortman home beautiful. All the rooms in the house were thrown open to the guests, and each room had a liberal share of floral decorations.

After the honeymoon, which is being spent amid the orange groves, Dr. and Mrs. Stevens will return to the realities of life and begin housekeeping at 2320 Devisadero street.

MRS. FLORA ARNOLD, WHO HAS CREATED A STIR IN SWELL SOCIETY AND SURPRISED HER FASHIONABLE FRIENDS BY DECIDING TO BECOME AN IMPRESARIO.

HAYTI IS MAKING READY FOR WAR

Sends a Strong Expedition to the Santo Domingan Frontier.

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PORT AU PRINCE, Hayti, March 3.—A strong military and naval force, accompanied by the President of the republic and several members of the Cabinet, left the capital this morning for the north. It was officially announced that they had gone for a month's tour to Cape Haytien and the northern part of the republic. The Ministers of Finance and the Interior are left in charge of the Government, the Ministers of War and of Foreign Affairs having accompanied the military force.

Although special dispatches from Porto Plata, Santo Domingo, have shown that serious trouble with Hayti was expected, strict censorship has been maintained by Hayti and such dispatches as heretofore have been permitted to go out have been denials of any activity on the part of the republic.

It is evident, however, that Hayti is now taking steps to offset the gathering of Santo Domingo's naval and military forces at Monte Christi, near the scene of the recent fighting on the boundary.

Cape Haytien, the objective point of the expedition that has left Port au Prince, is the Haytien seaport nearest the territory in dispute.

FOURTEEN THOUSAND THE NUMBER OF BILLS

Great Amount of Work Done by Congress During a Comparatively Short Session.

WASHINGTON, March 3.—The volume of work done by the Congress just closing was shown to-day in a supplement to the House calendar prepared by Tally Clerk Workfield of the House staff. The Congress was in session 197 days, which is less than any Congress for years. The following is given of bills, acts, etc.:

Number of bills, 14,336; number of reports, 3000; public acts, 345; private acts, 1259; total acts, 1596; number of joint resolutions, 396.

Jealousy Causes a Tragedy.

BELOIT, Ill., March 3.—Homer Payne, a mechanic, aged 45 years, shot his wife and Arthur Cady, a neighbor of whom he was jealous. Then, placing a revolver to his head, he killed himself instantly. Mrs. Payne will recover. Cady was not seriously injured.

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REACH QUARTERS IN MODEL CAMP

Warm Welcome of Thirty-Sixth Infantry Upon Arrival at Presidio.

Thousands of visitors at the Presidio yesterday tendered a fitting welcome to the Thirty-sixth Infantry. At an early hour in the morning the reservation was crowded, and when the whistles of the bay steamers carrying the returning volunteers were heard, all rushed to the wharf. Stationed there were the garrison troops and the Third Artillery band, awaiting the arrival of the regiment. As soon as the vessel reached the dock the band rendered its choicest selections, and the escort presented arms.

The men disembarked rapidly, and were soon in marching order. Headed by the band the parade started, the post soldiers falling in behind the musicians and the Manila heroes in the rear.

The regiment was escorted to the upper portion of Model Camp and all along the line of march the spectators shouted cheering words of welcome. The men reached the camp after a few minutes' march and were soon disbanded and organized into working parties. The hurry and bustle attendant upon preparing a camp for the occupancy of hundreds of troops took up the early hours of the day, but by noon the quarters of the men were ready for the visitors anxiously awaiting a chance to ask questions concerning friends in the Philippines, and to listen to tales of stirring adventure.

Those who remained on the wharf after the landing of the Thirty-sixth Infantry and its start for camp witnessed a sad spectacle. The unloading of the bodies of those who died in Manila began. From the hold of the steamer were brought up the plain long boxes, containing the remains of the soldiers. In a few moments the crowd had quietly dissolved, for the contrast between the home-coming of the living soldiers and of those who had sacrificed their lives in far-away lands was more than it could endure.

Ira Kipp, an artillery private, was thrown from his horse yesterday afternoon and suffered a fracture of a bone in his left ankle.

L. F. Boughen and Leo de Norbonne died yesterday at the General Hospital.

HARRIS MENTIONED FOR ATTORNEY GENERALSHIP

Is About to Leave Vienna, and After Brief Trip Will Return to America.

VIENNA, March 3.—A rumor is current that A. C. Harris, United States Minister, will be succeeded by Robert McCormick of Chicago. Mr. Harris leaves Vienna in two weeks, and after a trip to the Riviera will return to America.

The story is current in the American colony that he will enter the Cabinet as Attorney General.

JOIN IN PRAISES OF DEAD SENATOR

St. Patrick's Day Convention Delegates Honor Memory of White.

Chorus of Two Hundred Voices From Sacred Heart Will Be a Feature of Evening Celebration.

Speeches eulogistic of the late ex-Senator Stephen Mallory White and Judge Michael Cooney consumed the greater portion of the proceedings of the St. Patrick's day convention yesterday afternoon. The session was held in Red Branch Hall, 1133 Mission street.

In its zeal to make the forthcoming St. Patrick's day celebration a notable achievement, the convention did not forget to honor the name of the man who has been such a conspicuous figure in the national arena. Resolutions to the memory of ex-Senator White had been carefully prepared by a committee consisting of R. C. O'Connor, chairman; Thomas F. Barry, John Heenan and Thomas F. McGrath.

Made Seat Illustrious.

Intense enthusiasm was created when the resolution spoke of Mr. White as the man who had "made illustrious that seat that had already been filled by three men of his race, Broderick, Conness and Casserly." It extolled his virtues as a citizen, the strength of his fidelity, loyalty and courage, the purity of his home, and recounted the story of the noble impulses that had ever been his guiding star in his service to the people. Mr. Barry, Mr. Heenan, Colonel McGrath and others spoke feelingly of the deceased, and others in the convention added eloquent words of praise. Sympathy was, of course, extended to the bereaved family of the ex-Senator, and a suitably engrossed copy of the resolutions was ordered sent them.

No less sincere however, was the convention's endorsement of the late Judge Cooney, who had for many years been a member of the convention that celebrates the Celtic national holiday. Mr. O'Connor read the resolution, and fully half an hour thereafter was consumed in the expression of eulogies by members of the convention. Mr. O'Connor spoke at length of Judge Cooney's connection with the body in session, and others who added their testimonials to his life work and character were Messrs. McGrath, Canniffe and Lynch.

Chorus of Two Hundred Voices.

A chorus of 200 voices from Sacred Heart College will be a feature of the evening celebration, March 18, in Mechanics' Pavilion. The afternoon festivities of that day will be in the Central Theater, where Hon. Samuel M. Shortridge will be the orator. There will also be an original poem by J. M. Miller and a presentation of "Colleen Bawn," under the direction of James M. Ward. The evening programme includes a promenade concert by Roncovieri's band and stereopticon views, a ball following.

Previous to the convention a meeting of the Ancient Order of Hibernians was held, also for the purpose of promoting the St. Patrick's day celebration. Father Crowley, State President Conklin, County President Donahue and Professor J. H. Gallagher delivered addresses. Representatives from different districts were present and pledged themselves to take charge of the different districts of the city that the work might be systematized.

ATTEMPT TO PARDON WIDBER FRUSTRATED

Motion to Dismiss the Second Charge Against Him Denied by Judge Cook.

The motion made three weeks ago before Judge Cook to dismiss the charge still hanging over A. C. Widber, the defaulting ex-City Treasurer, who is now serving a term in San Quentin, was argued before the Judge Saturday morning. Attorney Peixotto argued in support of the motion, which was opposed by Assistant District Attorney Deuprey.

The Judge denied the motion and ordered the case restored to the calendar. It will be called next Saturday to be set. The District Attorney wants to keep the second charge of embezzlement hanging over Widber so that any attempt on the part of his friends to secure a pardon for him may be unavailing.

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