

TO QUESTION MAC ARTHUR

SECRETARY ROOT WILL ASK GENERAL FOR EXPLANATION OF REPORT.

SAYS POINTS ARE WRONG

General MacArthur Claims the Report As Published Misinterprets His Views - Matter is Mentioned in Cabinet Meeting Today.

Washington, Dec. 11.—Secretary Root said today that the only information he had concerning the statements attributed to General MacArthur in which he predicted war in the immediate future between the United States and Germany, was what he had seen in the papers.

Contemplated no Action. As MacArthur is quoted as saying the statements had utterly misrepresented his views in most particulars, the secretary said he would take no action in the matter.

Moody Changes His Mind. At the meeting of the cabinet today it is said the matter was discussed as the result of which it seems likely that Secretary Root will modify his view and in the interest of fairness to MacArthur, will call upon him for an explanation upon his arrival in the United States the latter part of this month.

MacArthur Makes Denial. According to a report of Colonel Jones to Governor Carter on the military conference, Major General MacArthur said that in all probability war will take place between the United States and Germany in the near future, which makes the Hawaiian national guard of national importance.

Views Misrepresented. General MacArthur says that the report does not correctly represent his views in any particular, and utterly misrepresents them in some. Otherwise he has nothing to say.

Jones Tells Story. Colonel Jones says that he is surprised at the publication of his report and said that General MacArthur's expressions, made in the course of a social conversation, were intended to emphasize the need of strength in the Hawaiian islands.

Colonel Jones' report quotes General MacArthur as saying that the Pan-Germanic doctrine which is being spread throughout the world is being fostered and propagated by the imperial government in every possible way.

PLOT TO KILL.

Foreman of Omaha Grand Jury is Threatened With Murder.

Omaha, Neb., Dec. 11.—Coincident with the return yesterday of twenty-two indictments by the federal grand jury, which is investigating the post-office bribery cases, in which Senator Dietrich and Senator Curry are involved, came the startling announcement that a conspiracy is on foot to assassinate Francis E. White, foreman of the grand jury.

The plot was disclosed to Mr. White by Mrs. H. W. Benner, of Fairbury, Neb., who personally told the foreman yesterday afternoon that a secret society to which she belongs had determined to kill him if he did not leave Omaha before the beginning of next week.

TWO BAD IOWA FIRES.

\$85,000 Loss at Cedar Rapids—Dubuque Plant Totally Destroyed.

Cedar Rapids, Dec. 11.—Fire destroyed the wholesale millinery stock of Lyman Brothers last night. Loss, \$85,000; about half of that amount insurance.

Dubuque, Dec. 11.—The local plant of the National Biscuit company was totally destroyed by fire last night. It is estimated the loss on the building and stock and machinery is \$50,000, insurance about eighty per cent.

NEW IOWA PURE FOOD LAW.

State Board of Agriculture Asks Labeling of All Foods.

Des Moines, Dec. 11.—The state board of agriculture has formulated a pure food law and recommended its passage by the legislature. It will compel the labeling of all foods, and all mixtures will have to have the ingredients noted.

Resolutions have been passed looking to the consolidation of the annual conventions of the State Agricultural society, Farmers' Institute, State Horticultural society and State Forestry association.

CONTEST GORDON M'KAY WILL.

Notice is Filed in Probate Court at Boston.

Boston, Mass., Dec. 11.—Notice that the will of the late Gordon McKay of Newport, R. I., which bequeathed several millions to Harvard university, will be contested was filed in the Suffolk county probate court here yesterday. Nettie S. Abbott, a distant relative and a resident of New Hampshire, is the contestant.

"FAIR TRIAL LAW."

Montana Legislature Holds Special Session to Pass It.

COMMITTEE MEETS.

Republican National Convention Arrangements Being Made.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 11.—When the republican national committee was called to order today by Chairman Hanna every state and territory, except Hawaii, was represented by a regular member or proxy. The principal business to be transacted is the selecting of a time and place for holding the national convention.

ALMOST A MIRACLE

Building in Course of Construction at Fairfield Collapses.

Fairfield, Dec. 11.—(Special.)—The almost miraculous escape from death of four men who were hurled to the ground from the top of an iron structure yesterday afternoon has been the subject of discussion for citizens of Fairfield since the accident happened.

The injured men, none of whom is in danger of losing his life as the result of the accident, are progressing well.

The injured: John Commingore, found in an unconscious condition with deep gash in back of head and shattered collar bone. Will Bailey, left forearm broken and chest smashed in, besides internal injuries.

Charles Moore, ankle sprained. Courtland Merckens, the son of former County Clerk John Merckens. He was perhaps the most fortunate of the four, though his escape was by the narrowest margin.

When he alighted on the ground an iron rod tore through his clothing and fractured a rib but aside from this he is practically uninjured.

Collapse of Structure. The men were working on the iron frame work for a foundry building to be used by the Malleable Iron Co., a new establishment recently launched here.

The building is to be 106 by 142 feet in dimensions and thirty-five feet high. The men were working on top of one of the trusses when it broke and fell, without any warning, precipitating the three workmen to the ground.

Two doctors were immediately summoned and the injured men were removed to their homes, where, at last reports, they are well on the road to recovery.

(Joseph Dain, of Ottumwa, is an officer and large stockholder in the Malleable Iron Works, and other Ottumwas are interested in the company, which was organized and incorporated only a short time ago in Fairfield. The buildings are now being erected for the factory, which will include several departments and will make malleable iron goods exclusively. The officers of the concern placed the amount of loss to the company as the result of yesterday accident, at \$1,500.)

SEES GAIN FOR PROHIBITION.

O. W. Stewart of Chicago, Attending Meeting in Des Moines.

Des Moines, Dec. 11.—O. W. Stewart of Chicago, chairman of the national prohibition committee, is attending a meeting of the state central committee here. Mr. Stewart says money for campaign expenses is coming in plentifully, and the presidential election would see a gain of 100 per cent in the national prohibition vote.

E. L. WENTZ NOT FOUND.

Stories About Missing Millionaire Declared False by Father.

Philadelphia, Dec. 11.—Dr. J. S. Wentz, father of E. L. Wentz, said yesterday that he had no knowledge of the reported rescue of his son from bandits. Dr. Wentz characterized the rumors published even in the disappearance of his son as the work of a fellow in Bristol, Tenn.

THROWS THE "FARMER".

Frank A. Gotch, of Humboldt, Defeats Burns in the West.

Whatcom, Wash., Dec. 11.—Frank A. Gotch, of Humboldt, Iowa, last night defeated "Farmer" (Martin) Burns, of Big Rock, Iowa. The challenge from Tom Jenkins was accepted by Gotch's manager.

LAUGH AT THE IDEA BOILER EXPLODES

JUDGE WADE'S FRIENDS DO NOT CONSIDER HIM AS POSSIBLE CANDIDATE.

Iowa City, Dec. 11.—(Special.)—The reports published in the Chicago dailies regarding Congressman Martin J. Wade, of Iowa City, the lone democratic representative from Iowa, as a mate with W. R. Hearst on the democratic national ticket in 1904, is not considered seriously by influential men and politicians even in Wade's own county. Mr. Wade is considered a wire man than to allow his reputation now becoming known to be thus abruptly checked in its healthy growth by allowing it to be used as a temporary advertisement for an absolutely hopeless enterprise.

BEGIN TRIP TO PANAMA

REPORT SAYS THAT COLOMBIAN TROOPS ARE ENROUTE TO ISTHMUS.

GUNBOAT GOES AGROUND

The Castine Bound for Southern Waters Fails to Get Out of the Delaware River on the Way From Philadelphia—Prairie to Go to Colon.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 11.—Secretary Moody has received a cablegram from Admiral Glass saying a rumor has reached Panama that a small body of Colombian troops has landed on the Isthmus. Glass has been unable to confirm the rumor.

Gunboat Castine Aground. Philadelphia, Pa., Dec. 11.—The gunboat Castine which sailed last night for Key West went aground today in the Delaware river below Marquis Hook.

The Castine is lying directly across the channel. The government tug Samoset is alongside the gunboat and will attempt to release her at the next high tide.

Battleships Leave Guantanamo. Guantanamo, Cuba, Dec. 11.—The battleships Kearsarge, Illinois and Indiana will sail today for Porto Rico and Culebra. The cruiser Prairie sails for Colon Monday. The Vixen and Scorpion will remain here.

First Venturers Withdraw. Washington, Dec. 11.—Information has reached the state department to the effect that the Colombian troops which were said to have landed at the mouth of the Atrato river to march on the isthmus, have been withdrawn.

To Withdraw Artillery. In view of the report of the joint army and navy board which recently visited the United States naval stations at Guantanamo and Bahal Honda, Cuba, that it will be at least a year before either of these stations will be ready for a coast artillery force, the war department has determined to withdraw the Seventeenth, Nineteenth and Twentieth regiments of artillery companies now at Havana and Santiago and keep them in the United States until they are needed at the naval stations.

DEWEYS LET OUT OF JAIL.

Cattlemen Charged With Murder are Admitted to Bail.

St. Francis, Kan., Dec. 11.—In the case of Chauncey Dewey, Clyde Wilson and W. J. McBride, charged with the murder of the Berry family last May, the court yesterday afternoon granted a change of venue to Norton county. Bonds were furnished for the defendants and they were released. It was contended by the defense that the condition of public sentiment was such that a fair trial was impossible. The case will probably be tried in January.

AUTHORIZED TO RESUME.

Comptroller Approves Petition of Federal National Bank.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 11.—The comptroller of the currency has authorized the Federal National bank of Pittsburg, Pa., which closed its doors October 31, 1903, to resume business on Monday morning, December 14, and the receiver has been instructed to surrender to the new president and board of directors all the assets of the bank in his possession.

BANK FAILURE IS A BAD ONE.

Department of Justice May Take Up Elkhardt National Disaster.

South Bend, Ind., Dec. 11.—Sensations follow every report in the Elkhardt National bank failure. Judge F. F. Oldham, chief of the insolvency bureau of the treasury department, says there is no hope of the institution paying its creditors in full, and there was reason for the department of justice to investigate the failure.

STILL HOPES TO TRY ZIEGLER.

Missouri Attorney General to Again Ask Extradition From Odell.

St. Louis, Dec. 11.—Attorney General E. C. Crow has not abandoned hope of persuading Governor Odell to extradite William Ziegler, the millionaire baking powder manufacturer, under indictment in Missouri for bribing members of the legislature. He says: "The fight has not yet ended. It is, in fact, just begun."

PROMPT WORK SAVES ONE HUNDRED GIRLS FROM DEATH IN FIRE.

Pittsburg, Dec. 11.—Seven persons were seriously burned and a number of others sustained slight injuries today in a fire and boiler explosion at Armstrong's cork factory. One man is missing.

Over 100 girls were carried by the police and firemen from the second floor by means of ladders.

Trainmen Released. Peoria, Dec. 11.—The grand jury has ignored the charges against the Big Four trainmen, whom the coroner's jury held for the Tremont wreck recently. Both men have been released.

TO STOP FIGHT OF RIGHT

SPECIAL BOARD OF ARMY OFFICERS WILL COME TO IOWA.

TWO TOWNS IN DISPUTE

Guttenburg, Iowa and Glen Haven, Wis., Believe They Are Each to Be Damaged By Work on the Mississippi—Board of Officers

[BY II. J. MAHIN.] Washington Bureau of the Courier, Washington, Dec. 11, 1903.

Within a few weeks a special board of three army officers will go from Washington to Rock Island where they will hear testimony and finally settle the contention between the communities of Guttenburg, Iowa, and Glen Haven, Wis., in regard to the proposed improvement of the Mississippi river opposite those towns.

This board will be composed of absolutely impartial army officers appointed by the secretary of war, and they will grant public hearings to all the parties interested in the contention.

Officials at the war department make no secret of the fact that the strife between Glen Haven and Guttenburg has been the source of much annoyance. The continued protests against the plans of the engineers has had the effect of suspending the work at a somewhat critical stage of the improvement.

It appears that each town thinks it is to be harmed, and its harbor affected by the rival plans. Guttenburg has had the idea that it was to be deprived of its harbor entirely, and the citizens have stirred themselves to unusual efforts with petitions and protests galore. The war department has gone to unusual lengths in appointing this special board, and it hopes in this way to be able to settle the controversy satisfactorily to both towns.

As a matter of course the plans of the engineers have been adopted only with a view to the demands of general navigation. The plan adopted was to preserve in Cassville slough, on which Glen Haven is situated, an adequate channel, if practicable, at a reasonable cost. At the same time, the proposed improvements of the Guttenburg channel was with a view to the permanent river business.

The permanent improvement of that channel was adopted by the engineers because it was better adapted to meet the need of general navigation for a single route, good at all stages.

The improvement of the Guttenburg channel is not a new thing. As far back as 1885 the officer then in charge of that district reported that the work of the Guttenburg channel might be regarded as a part of the adopted system of thorough navigation.

The special board will go first to Rock Island and will there examine the plans of the engineers in charge of the Mississippi river improvements and familiarize the members with the whole scheme of improvement. This done the board will proceed to some point convenient to both Glen Haven and Guttenburg and give an opportunity for full presentation of both sides of the controversy by citizens of Iowa and Wisconsin as well as rivermen from Davenport and other towns who are familiar with the needs of navigation on the upper river. It is likely that the board will hold sessions at Dubuque although this has not yet been decided and will not be until after the officers reach Rock Island.

Congressman Hull stepped up to the speaker's desk the other day just after "Uncle" Joe Cannon had been through an unusually hard parliamentary struggle with some members on the floor and the speaker relieved himself with the following frank declaration to Mr. Hull:

"If I could only use both hands in presiding over this house" he said in all earnestness, "I might handle this speakership job with more satisfaction to myself and in a manner more acceptable to the brethren on the floor. It's no use, I can't do myself justice in talking when I am compelled by custom to keep my hands still. I am ill at ease when I try to strike a dignified attitude with one hand resting on a book of rules and the other leaning on the gavel. I give more thought to controlling my hands than I do to what I have to say."

When Mr. Cannon was on the floor and would get warmed up to some good lively argument he would use both hands in some very strange but still effective gestures. It is said that away down deep in his honest old heart "Uncle" Joe feels that he would sometimes be easier in a rough and tumble debate on the floor than in the speaker's chair, struggling to wield the gavel with becoming dignity and in strict accordance with parliamentary law.

Fifteen thousand farmers' bulletins issued by the United States government.

THE WEATHER

Iowa—Snow or rain tonight and Saturday. Warmer tonight and in east and central portions Saturday.

Illinois—Snow flurries in north portion, rain or snow in south portion tonight and Saturday. Rising temperature.

Local Weather. Thursday, 9 p. m. 29 Friday, 9 a. m. 29 Friday, 2 p. m. 34

QUESTION OF RIGHT

SENATOR CULBERTSON WANTS TO KNOW ABOUT PANAMA REPUBLIC.

CUBAN BILL DISCUSSED

Bard of California Opposes Reciprocity Measure—House Considers the Pension Appropriation, Sitting as a Committee of the Whole.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 11.—At the beginning of today's session of the senate Culbertson introduced a resolution instructing the committee on the judiciary to inquire into the question of the right of the department of Panama to establish an independent government. The resolution went over until tomorrow.

Against Cuban Bill. The Cuban reciprocity bill was then laid before the senate. Bard (Rep) of California addressed the senate in opposition to the measure.

House Considers Pensions. The house today went into committee of the whole for the consideration of the pension appropriation bill.

President Invited to St. Louis. A delegation of St. Louis citizens, headed by president of the exposition, Francis, called on President Roosevelt today, and invited him to visit St. Louis during the exposition, and to present medals to the winners of the Olympian games. The President promised to take the invitation under consideration.

Major Lacey's way out to Major Lacey's district in Iowa. With his usual promptness and strict attention to business Major Lacey is getting these valuable documents out and into the hands of his constituents long before many congressmen have even thought of sending in their requisition for the amount allowed them. There will be few of Major Lacey's friends in the sixth district who will not get one of these little bulletins full of interesting facts direct from government experts under Secretary Wilson. The list of bulletins is a long one as many different subjects are treated but Major Lacey has apportioned them in a careful manner, sending the sort that will be particularly valuable to any one section according to the principal products of that part of the district. The different subjects have been sent into various communities, also so that a man receiving one bulletin will have a chance to see all of the others by exchanging with his neighbors. It is safe to say that the people of the sixth district will receive these handy little government publications long before the people of any other part of Iowa.

The New York World referring to Major Lacey as the "scholar of the house," said that he was criticizing some of the hideous portraits of ancient speakers which hang in the lobby by back of the house, the other day while talking with Col. Hepburn. "It is not good art," contested Mr. Lacey.

"Well Lacey," broke in Mr. Hepburn "What do you know about art? You are no painter. How can you tell a bad picture? You never painted one."

"No," said Mr. Lacey, "I never laid an egg either, but I can tell a bad one just the same."

GILMAN PRESIDENT.

Is Re-elected to Civil Service Reform Association.

Baltimore, Dec. 11.—The National Civil Service Reform association today re-elected Daniel C. Gilman president. The new council, which will be chosen later, will elect a treasurer and secretary.

FINISH TO BE CLOSE

SEVEN TEAMS ARE TIED TODAY IN BIG TEST OF ENDURANCE.

New York, Dec. 11.—With seven teams tied for first place at 10 o'clock today with 1,784 miles, 2 laps to their credit and with Moran and Keegan still a lap behind, but were making occasional desperate spurts to make up that distance, the riders in the six day bicycle race kept up their weary grind today. All the men except Breton, appear to be in shape to continue to the end.

FOR BANK AT WORLD'S FAIR.

Institution to Be Established Inside the Grounds at St. Louis.

St. Louis, Dec. 11.—Preparations are being made for the establishment of a national bank on the world's fair grounds. A charter has been applied for and a meeting to elect officers and directors will be called in a few days. The bank is to be owned jointly by all bankers of the city who have financial interests in the exposition. The institution is to be known as the Bankers' National.

PAYS PENALTY CHILD LOSES BOTH LEGS

NEGRO MURDERER M'CREA HANGED AT PEORIA, ILL., THIS MORNING.

Peoria, Ill., Dec. 11.—John McCrea the colored murderer of William Murphy was hanged at 9:40 o'clock this morning. There was no excitement and the execution was carried out according to program.

McCrea walked to the scaffold without assistance and died protesting his innocence. His neck was broken by the fall.

Narrowly Escaped Lynching. He was convicted of killing Detective Murphy who caught him stealing coal in June last. He only escaped lynching at the time by being secretly taken to Galesburg by the officials.

DEATH WAS INSTANT.

Dr. Perriquet Says Fair Passed Away Quickly.

Paris, Dec. 11.—Dr. Perriquet, considered as the leading witness in the Fair will case, testified today. The doctor arrived on the scene of the automobile accident within an hour and found both dead but the condition of Mrs. Fair's body indicated that she died after her husband. The latter's death, the doctor believed was instantaneous.

TODAY'S MARKETS.

This market is furnished by Wear & Grain Co., Chicago, E. C. French, Suite 18, Hoffman building, Agents.

Wheat—Open, High, Low, Close. Dec. 80 80 79 79 1/2 May 81 81 81 81 1/2 July 77 77 76 76 1/2

Corn—Dec. 42 42 42 42 1/2 May 43 43 43 43 1/2 July 43 43 43 43 1/2

Oats—Dec. 34 35 34 34 1/2 May 36 37 36 36 1/2 July 36 37 36 36 1/2

Northwestern Receipts. Duluth—Today, 40; last week, 145; last year, 43. Minneapolis—Today, 397; last week, 528; last year, 528. Chicago—Today, 62; last week, 56; last year, 51.

Receipts Today. Chicago, Dec. 11.—Wheat, 62 cars; corn, 180 cars; oats, 184 cars. Estimated Receipts Tomorrow. Wheat, 70 cars; corn, 210 cars; oats, 154 cars.

Primary Receipts. Wheat—Today, 796,000 bushels, and last year, 825,000 bushels. Corn—Today, 727,000 bushels, and last year, 692,000 bushels.

Shipments. Wheat—Today, 285,000 bushels, and last year, 170,000 bushels. Corn—Today, 247,000 bushels, and last year, 355,000 bushels.

Clearances. Wheat, 658,000 bushels; corn, 51,000 bushels; oats, 40,000 bushels.

Liverpool Cables. Opening—Wheat—Unchanged; corn, unchanged. Closing—Wheat, 1/4 higher; corn, 1/4 higher.

Hog Market. Receipts today, 30,000; left over, 3,000; estimated tomorrow, 24,000; official receipts yesterday, 38,000.

MARKETS BY ASSOCIATED PRESS

Chicago Live Stock Market. Chicago, Dec. 11.—Cattle—Receipts, 2,500; slow. Good to prime, \$5.00 to \$5.75; poor to medium, \$3.25 to \$4.75; stockers, \$1.75 to \$3.00; cows, \$1.50 to \$3.00; Texans, \$3.65 to \$4.00.

Hogs—Receipts, 30,000; steady to strong. Mixed butchers, \$4.35 to \$4.65; good to choice heavy, \$4.55 to \$4.62 1/2; rough heavy, \$4.30 to \$4.50; light, \$4.15 to \$4.50; bulk sales, \$4.45 to \$4.55.

Sheep—Receipts, 5,000; steady. \$2.25 to \$4.30; lambs, \$3.50 to \$5.75.

Chicago Produce Market. Chicago, Dec. 11.—Wheat—No. 2 red, 88c; No. 3 red, 85 1/2c; No. 2 hard, 80c to 82c; No. 3 hard, 70c to 78c; Dec., 79c; May opened, 81 1/2c to 81c; highest, 82 1/2c; lowest, 81c; closing, 81 1/2c.

Corn—No. 2, 42c to 43c; No. 3, 34c; No. 4, 30c to 31c; No. 5, 28c to 29c; No. 6, 26c to 27c; No. 7, 24c to 25c; No. 8, 22c to 23c; No. 9, 20c to 21c; No. 10, 18c to 19c; No. 11, 16c to 17c; No. 12, 14c to 15c.

Oats—No. 1, 31c to 32c; No. 2, 28c to 29c; No. 3, 26c to 27c; No. 4, 24c to 25c; No. 5, 22c to 23c; No. 6, 20c to 21c; No. 7, 18c to 19c; No. 8, 16c to 17c; No. 9, 14c to 15c; No. 10, 12c to 13c; No. 11, 10c to 11c; No. 12, 8c to 9c.

Flax, 92 to 93 1/2c.

LITTLE BLANCHE HOURIHAN FALLS BETWEEN WHEELS OF ROCK ISLAND TRAIN.

From Friday's Daily. "Don't take me to the hospital, the expense will be too much for mama to bear."

This was the appeal that touched the hearts of the curious crowd which surrounded the authorities tenderly carrying the mangled form of little 12-year-old Blanche Hourihan to the ambulance last evening just after she had had both legs amputated by the cars. The little girl's first thought, even in her pitiful condition, was for her mother. With injuries which would have rendered unconscious many a strong man she forgot about herself in her efforts to spare her parent trouble.

Mayor Pickler, who was at the scene of the accident shortly after it occurred and who helped carry the little sufferer to the ambulance, took the case in his own hands and gently overruling the little girl's mandate, had her taken to the hospital in the city ambulance. This afternoon, with one leg amputated near the thigh and the other just below the knee, Blanche Hourihan lies in the women's ward at the hospital, fighting for her life. At 3 o'clock she was still alive and everything possible is being done by nurses and doctors to help her, but there is little hope.

The little girl is the daughter of Mrs. Hulda Hourihan, who lives at 630 East Main street.

THE ACCIDENT.

The little girl, it is stated, was on top of a coal car filled with coal, which was standing in the Rock Island yards, Rock Island switch engine No. 239 under the supervision of Engineer Joseph Greaves had been switching in the yards and when coupling on the string of engines, the engine car was one of the force of the collision threw the child under the car and four wheels passed over her legs. The engineer was unable to see the little girl owing to the distance between the engine and the coal car. The accident happened about 5:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon at the rear of the child's home, 630 East Main street.

Both Legs Amputated. The little girl called for help and the attention of David Adams and Mayor T. H. Pickler was attracted. They came to the rescue of the child and the ambulance was immediately summoned. The little one was removed to the hospital where it was found that the right leg was crushed to such an extent that amputation above the knee, near the thigh was necessary. The left leg was crushed below the knee and this, too had to be amputated.

Never Lost Consciousness. The little girl showed remarkable endurance. She never lost consciousness, but on the other hand related to her mother in a manner most clear and explicit the details of the accident. The child never once flinched but named each detail in a remarkably surprising manner for one with injuries so severe.

Corn—No. 2, 42c to 43c; No. 3, 34c; No. 4, 30c to 31c; No. 5, 28c to 29c; No. 6, 26c