

INSURGENTS ASK
FOR CONFERENCE.

An Officer to Meet General Otis.

WOULD RETURN PRISONERS.

Secretary Root Inclined to Think It is the Old Device to Gain Time—Conferees, However, Not to be Allowed to Delay the Army Plans—Possibility That the Filipinos, in View of the Large Increase of American Forces Have Concluded That Further Resistance is Useless.

Washington, September 19.—Secretary Root today received a cablegram from General Otis that seemed to indicate a weakening on the part of insurgents. It contains a proffer to deliver the American prisoners who have been for so many months in the hands of the insurgents, and also sought permission to parley with General Otis.

The cablegram was at once taken by Secretary Root to the cabinet meeting and formed the main topic for discussion at the beginning of the session. However, upon reading the message carefully, its apparent importance seemed to diminish. Secretary Root himself did not regard the matter of importance at this time. He recalled frequent efforts on the part of the insurgents in the past to gain time at critical moments by opening negotiations ostensibly with the object of making peace, and he was not sure that this last offer was something of the same kind. However, that may be, the Secretary was of the opinion that it would fail to afford the insurgents any advantage. General Otis would receive any messenger and listen to him and make answer to his proposals, but this would not in the slightest degree restrain the military operations, and the American army would lose no ground, no matter how the negotiations turned out.

A GLEAN OF HOPE.

Still, it is realized there is a possibility that the insurgents may have become disheartened at the renewed and intense activity in the direction of reinforcing General Otis, and concluded in view of the great force gathering to open the campaign in the dry season, that further resistance would be useless.

It is pointed out as a noticeable fact that Aguinaldo's name does not appear in General Otis' dispatch, and though this may not be of great significance, still among some of the army officers it is surmised that there are serious discussions among the insurgents and perhaps some of the discordant elements are in this case acting on their own responsibility.

The text of the dispatch says:

Manila, September 19. Adjutant General, Washington: MacArthur reports from Angeles visit of two insurgent officers with request for permission to send into our lines American prisoners and to send to Manila prominent insurgent general officer for conference. The requested interview granted and insurgent officers at Angeles return north this morning with information.

Oris.

TWENTY-NINTH REGIMENT.

Will Leave for San Francisco Probably on Saturday.

Atlanta, September 19.—The Twenty-Ninth Infantry, United States Volunteers, Colonel E. E. Hardin, will leave Fort McPherson for San Francisco, en route to the Philippines, as soon as the necessary cars can be obtained for transportation, which will probably be on Saturday.

Six companies will go over the Southern via Vicksburg, Miss., and Shreveport, La., and the other six will go over the Atlanta and West Point, via Meridian, Miss. The route from El Paso to San Francisco will be the same for both divisions.

Lieutenant Albert Dillon has been discharged from the regiment on orders from the Secretary of War. He was arrested for being absent without leave and released to go before the examining board before which he was ordered to determine his fitness for the service. He is from Jacksonville, Fla.

Lieutenant Holmes Conrad, of Waynesville, N. C., has resigned and his resignation was accepted.

Batteries N and O, of the Second Artillery, now at Fort McHenry, Baltimore, have been ordered into the Department of the Gulf. The former will be stationed at Fort Royal Sound, St. Helena, S. C., and the latter at Fort McPherson. The batteries will move as early as practicable after October 1.

General Frank has been advised that two batteries will be ordered from Cuba. He stated that he had selected Saint Francis Barracks, at St. Augustine, Fla., for the two batteries.

General Frank said other batteries would probably be ordered from Cuba into the Southern States.

GOSPEL Church Dedication.

The new Christian Church on Cavatts Creek, four miles north of town, will be dedicated the second Sunday in October by J. T. Taylor and J. N. Harman. Dinner will be served on the ground, and J. T. Taylor will preach again at 2:30 p. m. A cordial invitation is extended to all.

FRANCHISING.

Appointments for J. T. Taylor.—Lockhart's Chapel fourth Sunday in September and continue a few days. Horsepen Cove, first Sunday in October and continue one week. Cavatts Creek, second Sunday in October. Dedication of church on that day and continue services a week.

THE GREAT LAND SUIT.

Far-reaching Verdict of the King Case at Abingdon.

Bristol, Va., September 19.—[Special.] The case of Henry King, trustee, against Justice and others, was decided in the federal court of Abingdon this evening, after a trial lasting three weeks. The jury rendered a verdict in favor of the plaintiff.

The action was one of the most important of its kind ever brought in the United States. It involved the title to 500,000 acres of land lying in Virginia and West Virginia counties and embracing the entire town site of Williamson, West Virginia. The tract which was in dispute was granted to Robert Morris in 1795. He afterwards sold it to General James Swann, who died in Paris in 1831. Since that time the land has been in the hands of trustees for the creditors of General Swann, who died bankrupt.

The verdict rendered to day means that the land in question is the property of the descendants of the creditors of the Swann estate, and that the hundreds of people who have held possession of the property for years must surrender the same unless the United States Supreme Court shall see fit to reverse today's decision.

SOUTHERN AGRICULTURE.

Co-operation With the Census Department Required.

Washington, September 18.—Special effort is being planned by Statisticians to secure full statistics of agriculture in the South. The law requires the crops and products only of 1899 to be taken, but they cannot be so taken until June 1, 1900.

As many of the great crops of the Gulf and south Atlantic States were marketed in February, March and April of 1899, the growers will be called upon to furnish statistics thereof which will be over one year old when the enumerators arrive. This census officials are using several channels to urge the necessity of producers being prepared to meet this difficulty, because in the absence of such preparation, a correct and full exhibit of Southern products will be impossible.

Director Merriam, while determined to give to the Southern States everything that belongs to them at any cost, suggests that such a determination can be successfully carried out only in case the people heartily and universally co-operate with the census officials to that end.

THE KEY WEST SITUATION.

Now Over Four Hundred Cases of Yellow Fever There.

Washington, September 19.—The yellow fever situation at Key West is regarded as grave. Since the first case was reported about three weeks ago, the epidemic has been steadily growing, until today there are about four hundred cases. New cases are appearing at the rate of thirty a day, but the mortality is low. Fifty-four cases and two deaths were reported for Sunday and Monday.

Attendant Hall, one of the Marine Hospital Staff, developed the disease last night and he has been isolated.

As Key West is situated below the frost line, the epidemic will have to run its course. The Marine Hospital Service has been directing its efforts to confining the epidemic to the island, and has been rewarded with signal success. Only one infected person is known to have escaped, and he was discovered at Miami and isolated. He has since recovered. All the suspects at Port Tampa were placed in a detention camp and Assistant Surgeon Trotter today reported that the camp would be closed on Wednesday, as all the suspects had been under observation ten days.

None but immunes are allowed to leave Key West direct, and then only on certificates. Others who desire to leave must first go to the detention camp at Dry Tortugas. The treatment of the cases in Key West is entirely under the supervision of the Florida State Board of Health. The Marine Hospital Service is simply enforcing regulations with a view to preventing the spread of the disease.

One new case of fever was reported to the Surgeon General from New Orleans today. The same report stated that freight from New Orleans was undisturbed, except in Texas, which would not permit freight originating in New Orleans to pass through the State. Surgeon Carter, who is in charge there, says there are few unnecessary restrictions. He will meet Dr. Sanders, of the State Board of Health of Alabama, today, to make arrangements for the simplifying the train inspection service.

WILL RESIDE IN ENGLAND.

Reported Plans for Mme. Dreyfus and Her Children.

London, September 18.—It is reported that Maitre Lohr and Madame Dreyfus visited Fokestone, five miles from Dover, Saturday, and engaged apartments, where Madame Dreyfus and her children will dwell in the event of her husband's pardon.

M. Lohr is reported to have been much affected by the kindly expressions towards himself and Madame Dreyfus while at Fokestone.

Chicago, September 18.—Resolutions condemning the Dreyfus verdict, which were introduced at the last meeting of the Methodist Ministers' Conference of Chicago, were passed at the meeting to-day without opposition. The resolutions declare that the whole world is crying for justice at the hands of the French nation toward Dreyfus.

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CHICAGO TO BE
HEADQUARTERS

Of the Next Democratic Campaign.

RUMOR OF CHANGE SETTLED.

Meeting of the Executive Committee of the National Committee Decides the Point—Meeting of this Body to be Held Every Sixty Days—J. G. Johnson, of Kansas, Placed in Charge of the Headquarters Office—Ways and Means and Press Committees Also in Session Yesterday.

Chicago, September 18.—Chicago will be the working centre of the Democratic National Committee during the campaign in preparation for the next Presidential election. This was decided on today at a meeting of the Executive Committee here, thus definitely settling the rumors that the headquarters would be changed.

J. G. Johnson, of Kansas, it was decided will have charge of the work, remaining here in charge of the headquarters office. Those present at the conference were: Ex-Governor Stong, J. G. Johnson, J. M. Head, of Tennessee; George Fred Williams, of Massachusetts; J. M. Guffey, of Pennsylvania, and J. B. O'Brien, of Minnesota.

We have discussed some plans for the organization of our forces for effective work," said ex-Governor Stong, in speaking of the meeting. "But as yet they are so that an account of them would not enlighten the public."

TO MEET EVERY SIXTY DAYS.

It was decided that the members of the Executive Committee meet in Chicago every sixty days to co-operate with Mr. Johnson and to aid him in carrying out his plans.

The Ways and Means Committee was called together during the afternoon by chairman John R. McLean, and the important matter of financing the campaign was discussed.

The Press Committee was also convened by Mr. Johnson, and plans looking to the effectiveness of that committee were talked over. Mr. Johnson and C. A. Walsh were the only members, but ex-Governor Stong held the proxies of Messrs. Troup, of Connecticut, and Howell, of Georgia, this making a quorum. Members of the Press Committee were not disposed to discuss the probabilities, though the majority of inquiries were interested in the question of the disposition to be made of Press Agent P. J. Devlin. It is thought probable that the press arrangements for Chicago will be changed to a degree, using the attitude of the local papers during the last campaign as a basis for reorganization.

STATE NEWS.

The pay roll of the Roanoke Machine Shops and offices for August aggregated \$96,000, an increase of \$7,000 over July. Every department of the shops is working a full force steadily.

Commissioner of Agriculture Koiner is informed of the sale of two crops of Virginia apples for large sums. One of these was sold for \$27,000, and the other for \$10,000.

The sponsor for the Shubrick, the torpedo boat which is to be launched about October 18, will be the little ten-year-old daughter of Dr. J. T. Shubrick, of Rocky Mount, Franklin county.

Mr. James H. Harris, car inspector of the Chesapeake and Ohio railway, at Charlottesville, died Sunday morning at about eleven o'clock, after a short illness, in the sixty-fifth year of his age.

Among the fourth-class postmasters recently commissioned are Fannie H. Spinner, Montrose; Charles E. Pollard, Coboke; Richard F. Hillard, Streets.

Crawford Bell, day clerk at the Hotel Warwick, Newport News, has disappeared, and there is no clue as to his whereabouts. He left suddenly, and all of his belongings are still in his room. Manager Swinterton says he knows of no reason why the young man should have gone away. He was one of the most popular young men in Newport News and a favorite in society.

Charles Broadway Ross, the blind merchant, of New York, has donated one hundred dollars to the fund now being raised by the Confederate organizations of Clarke county for the purpose of erecting a monument to the memory of the Confederate dead from Clarke. One thousand dollars is the amount desired to be put into the monument, and nine hundred dollars has now been subscribed to it. The monument is to be erected on the court house green at Berryville.

Death of a Venerable Citizen.

On last Saturday morning at 5:30 o'clock Mr. A. A. Pobst, after a lingering illness, died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Sally Hoover, on Tazewell Avenue. Mr. Pobst was born in Germany in 1829 and came to America in 1852. About eighteen years ago he moved to Tazewell county, and since that time has resided in the county or town. For about fifteen years he had been a member of the Christian Church and was a man of sterling character and consistent piety. He was a man of remarkable industry and was unhappy when he could not be at work. Of a quiet and amiable nature, he had many friends and no enemies. The deceased is survived by three sons, Messrs. H. W., C. A. and J. D. Pobst, and two daughters, Mrs. Sally Hoover and Mrs. L. C. Wingo. On Sunday afternoon funeral services were held in the Christian church, conducted by Rev. J. N. Harman, a very large audience being present. At the conclusion of the services at the church the remains, followed by a large procession, were taken to the east end cemetery and buried.

DREYFUS PARDON
DECIDED UPON

Announcement Made on Authority.

RELEASE EXPECTED AT ONCE.

Decision of the Cabinet Had Been Discounted and Was Received Without Demonstration in Paris. The News Created Intense Excitement at Rennes—Believed that the Prisoner Will Be Given His Freedom Before the Official Promulgation of the Pardon.

Paris, September 19.—The Council of Ministers decided today to pardon Dreyfus in principle. The pardon will take effect in a few days.

Dreyfus has relinquished his appeal for a reversal of the judgement of the court martial.

The announcement that Dreyfus was to be pardoned had already been discounted by predictions, and there was absolutely no excitement displayed anywhere along the boulevards when the newsmen ran along at about 3:15 p. m. with the first editions containing the statement that the cabinet had decided to pardon Dreyfus. The newspapers sold quickly, but there was no rush for them upon the part of the Boulevardiers. Those who bought the papers sat down in front of the cafes and read the announcement without comment. Every one expected it, and the decision met with no opposition.

The Droite Del'Homme, Socialist organ, said: "Our task remains the same after as before the liberation of Dreyfus to continue the campaign against all those who are responsible for the lamentable affair and unmask the forgers, traitors and false witnesses, even though they may be covered with glittering decorations."

"In principle" is in idiom sometimes used in semi-circle announcements of forthcoming action. It seems to have but slight bearing on the matter, except, perhaps, that it implies the fulfillment of various formalities, before the pardon with slight tentativeness. It is not known yet whether the pardon includes amnesty.

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LOCAL ITEMS.

WHAT HAS RECENTLY TRANSPIRED IN THE COUNTIES OF THIS SECTION.

The Democrats of Washington county will hold a convention on the 25th inst. to nominate candidates for the House of Delegates. It is said that the delegates to the convention stand 25 for Martin and 54 for Tyler. Rhea has lost his grip in Washington county. He is very warmly for Martin.

On last Friday the barn of Mr. T. D. Stephens, a prosperous farmer, who lives about three miles from Christiansburg, Va., was burned. About two years ago a similar misfortune occurred to Mr. Stephens. The loss is principally covered by insurance.

Mr. Sam Hurst, editor and publisher of the Southwest Republican, at Pulaski, Va., was summoned before Judge Longley, of the county court of Pulaski, on last Monday for contempt of court. Mr. Hurst purged himself of contempt and the case was dismissed.

A special election was held at Christiansburg, Va., on the 19th instant, and the town voted for issuing ten thousand dollars in bonds to build an electric light plant. The vote stood one hundred and twenty-two for and one against. The fellow who voted against the proposition ought to offer a motion to make it unanimous.

Noah Finley, who was hanged at Pulaski, Va., on last Friday, about an hour before his execution made a confession of numerous crimes he had committed. Among the list of crimes, consisting of robberies, murders and attempts to kill, he told of a robbery which he committed at Graham, Va., in 1895. He said he robbed a man there by the name of Greener, that he got some money, papers and a badge from him.

Hiram Steele, colored, made his escape from the Central State Hospital, at Pearisburg, a few days ago. He was sent to the penitentiary from this country about two years ago for killing a negro woman. A few weeks ago he was taken from the penitentiary to the insane hospital on account of violent insanity. He may return to Tazewell county, and those who know him should keep a sharp lookout.

School of Instruction.

Rt. Worshipful J. C. Pruner will open a School of Instruction at Graham, Va., on Saturday, Oct. 7th, 1899. I hope every Lodge in this District will send delegates as it is important to know the work.

James O'Keefe, D. D. G. M. 2. t.

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EDITORIAL PARAGRAPHS.

"Where am I at?" is a very natural question for some of the aspirants for legislative honors in Tazewell.

Politics seem to be very much mixed in Tazewell county so far as the legislative election is concerned. When a candidate is spoken of the question is asked "is he a Democratic Republican or a Republican Democrat?"

The State Democratic Committee has opened headquarters at Richmond and will direct the present campaign in Virginia. We suppose the necessity for the committee doing this work is to keep the machine unbroken.

Congressman Jo Bailey, of Texas, is going to Kentucky to make some speeches for Goebel. He ought to discuss the constitutionality of the Goebel election law. Bailey is great on constitutional questions.

Over 100,000 cars have been added this year to the equipment of American railroads, but the "car famine" is still unrelieved. This looks very much like things are moving in this part of the world.

The Agnaldists in the United States continue to quote Admiral Dewey as being opposed to the President's policy in the Philippines, and having said that our Government ought "to stop this accursed war." The Admiral has denied making any such statement; but that does not prevent the unpatriotic citizens from continuing to use it.

The Kearsage, recently completed at Newport News, Va., is the largest war vessel in the Federal Navy. On her trip from Newport News to the Brooklyn Navy Yard the vessel made an excellent run and developed a greater energy than the contract requirement of 10,000 horse power. Her sister ship, the Kentucky, will soon be completed, and they will be a splendid pair of battleships.

Major P. P. Johnson, former chairman of the Democratic State Central Committee of Kentucky, and who is now a candidate on the bolting ticket for Lieutenant Governor of that State, has declared that the Goebel election law is an outrage, and "is capable of being used to rob every citizen of his franchise who fails to vote in accordance with the dictates of the men appointed to administer it." He also says: "Are Democrats to be tempted by lust of office to ally themselves with shameful methods and endeavor to fester them on the people of Kentucky under the mistaken idea that the State is to be kept in line for 1900 in that way?" Major Johnson will find that the lust for office was what caused the Goebel law to be created, as was the Walton law in Virginia and its predecessor the Anderson-McCormick law. He will find that the itching political lust of some men will cause them to do most anything to get office.