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NEWS IN SHORT ORDER

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FOR OFFICIAL REFORMS

The President Urges Sweeping Changes in Methods.

Pay in Proportion to the Work.

Too Much Time Wasted in Perfunctory Letter-writing—Official Gazette, Uniform Standards, Central Purchasing Office for Supplies, and Business Methods in Bookkeeping Urged.

Washington (Special).—The President has appointed a commission of five to report to him on improved methods of doing the public business in the various bureaus and departments.

The scope and character of the work expected of the committee is indicated in the following letter, addressed to Charles H. Keep, assistant secretary of the treasury, by President Roosevelt:

"You are hereby designated as chairman of a committee, to consist, in addition to yourself, of the following four gentlemen: Frank H. Hitchcock, first assistant postmaster general; Lawrence O. Murray, assistant secretary of commerce and labor; James R. Garfield, commissioner of corporations, and Gifford Pinchot, forester, Department of Agriculture, who are to investigate and find out what changes are needed to place the conduct of the executive business of the government in all its branches on the most economical and effective basis in the light of the best modern business practice. In making this investigation I would like you to have in view securing an improvement in business methods, particularly among the following:

In preparation of decisions for ministerial approval, expert knowledge of actual conditions affecting or affected by such decisions should govern, as distinguished from a knowledge of the record alone.

Salaries should be commensurate with the character and market value of the service performed and uniform for similar service in all departments.

Government supplies, except such as are required to meet emergencies or for immediate use in the field, should be standardized and purchased through a central purchasing office.

It is the duty of the accounting and auditing officers to facilitate executive work. Fiscal restrictions or regulations should not interfere with executive discretion, and should be uniform and should be as few and simple as is consistent with accuracy and safety.

The existence of any method, standard, custom or practice is no reason for its continuance when a better is offered.

The comparative cost of all work for which cost keeping is possible should be ascertained as between offices and departments and as between the government and private enterprise, and should be followed by the adoption of standards of maximum cost.

There should be systematic interdepartmental co-operation in the use of expert or technical knowledge. The business methods of the different departments should be substantially uniform.

As between the adoption of a uniform standard and the actual efficiency of any office, the former must yield.

No recommendation for change should be made until after full consultation with all executive officers affected.

There should be published an official gazette to contain all executive orders, statements of changes in organizations or personnel, reports of important work begun, in progress or completed by any department, advertisements of all government contracts, all legal notices not required to be published locally, notices of coming civil service examinations, etc.

A resolute effort should be made to secure brevity in correspondence and the elimination of useless letter-writing. There is a type of bureaucratic who believes that his entire work, and that the entire work of the government, should be the collecting of papers in reference to a case, commenting with eager minuteness on each and corresponding with other officials in reference thereto. These people really care nothing for the case, but only for the documents in the case.

TWENTY-FIVE DEAD IN WRECK.

Several of the More Seriously Hurt Succumbed in the Hospital.

Baltimore, Md. (Special).—Twenty-five killed, 20 badly injured and two slightly hurt is the result of a head-on collision on the Western Maryland Railroad which occurred at 6 o'clock P. M. about one and a half miles south of Patapsco Station, which is about 10 miles south of Westminster.

All of the dead and injured were employees of the Western Maryland Railroad, the dead having been engaged in wrecking work, and were on the way to their homes in Western Maryland when the accident occurred.

The injured were brought to this city at 10.30 o'clock and were removed to the City Hospital and St. Joseph's Hospital, where they received prompt medical attention. The train bearing the dead was sent on to Westminster.

The cause of the accident was a head-on collision between a heavily laden freight train of about 18 cars drawn by Engines 41 and 43, which was coming toward Baltimore, and passenger train No. 5, which left Hillen Station, in this city, at 5 o'clock. The trains, both of which were going at good speed, crashed together at 5.55 o'clock, and just where the blame lies must necessarily be fixed by the officials of the Western Maryland Railroad and a coroner's jury of inquest, which will be held in Carroll county near the scene of the accident.

According to the statements made by the railroad officials Sunday, the wreck was due, as far as can be learned, to a fatal case of forgetfulness on the part of the engine men and conductor of the freight train, who, after the passage of train No. 17, which leaves Baltimore at 4.15 for White Bridge, seemed to be impressed with the idea that the No. 5 passenger train had also passed.

The authority for this statement comes from Rear Brakeman Lynch, of the freight train, who heard the conversation held by the engineers and conductor of the freight train while the latter was standing at Gorsch Siding, and by good fortune escaped with his life to tell the tale.

TRAGEDY IN A STREET CAR.

Jealous Italian Drives a Siletto into the Side of His Rival.

New York (Special).—Rushing into a well-filled car at Fourteenth street and Avenue B, Vincenzo Garabillo plunged a keen-pointed siletto into Marcello Micheli, who, it is said, had won the affections of a young woman in whom both were interested. Garabillo escaped, and the friends of the victim of the assault, who probably will die, pleaded with the police not to search for him, but to allow him or his friends to settle the account in their own way.

The passengers in the street car were thrown into a panic when Garabillo with the long knife in his hand, jumped aboard and hurried through the car to where Micheli was sitting. Micheli was one of the first to see him and made a dash for the front door in an effort to escape, but the other man was too quick for him, and plunged the knife into his rival's side. None of the passengers dared interfere, and the assailant ran from the car and disappeared. The wounded man was taken to a hospital.

Exterminated by Turks.

Salonica (By Cable).—The band of Macedonian insurgents, 80 strong, commanded by Tontcheff, was completely exterminated by Turkish troops, near Jalanka, June 13, after seven hours severe fighting. The Turks lost 9 killed, including two officers, and had 11 men wounded.

A Chinaman at West Point.

West Point, N. Y. (Special).—For the first time in the history of the Military Academy, representatives of the Chinese Empire were admitted as cadets in that institution. The two young Chinamen, Ting Chia Chen and Ying Hsing Wen, with Luis Bagran, of Honduras, and F. Tomas Plaza, of Ecuador, under special act of Congress, will receive instructions with the class of 145 candidates just received as cadets.

Bank Official Pleads Guilty.

Toledo, O. (Special).—Facing three federal indictments containing 21 counts, the combined minimum sentence of which would mean a continuous sentence of 105 years, a maximum sentence of 210 years, Oran M. Burns, the Montpelier (O.) banker, indicted by the federal grand jury for embezzlement, misapplication of bank funds, false entries and perjury, voluntarily entered a plea of guilty on one count in one indictment. Judge R. W. Taylor sentenced Burns to seven years in the Ohio Penitentiary.

A Hotel Mystery.

St. Louis, Mo. (Special).—The dead body of an unknown man was found lying across a bed in the Hotel Barnum, but there was no evidence to show what caused his death. Wednesday two men registering as T. Martin and R. H. Patterson were assigned to the room. One was found dead and the other has disappeared. It is not known which name the dead man bore nor whence he came. On his breast was tattooed the image of a sailor holding a flag and his hand sweatband is stamped "Manassas, New Orleans."

Not a Delegate Came.

Lincoln, Neb. (Special).—A Populist convention to nominate a candidate for Congress in the First Nebraska district was called to meet in this city, but when the hour for the convention came not a delegate could be found.

Secretary Hay's Plans.

New York (Special).—Secretary of State John Hay left the hotel in this city where he stopped, and went to the Laurels, home of his daughter, in Mineola, L. I. Asked as to his plans for the immediate future, Mr. Hay said: "I intend to remain with Mr. and Mrs. Whitney for a time. I can't say just how long. It is probable that I will run down to Washington for a few days soon and look over the matters that need my attention in the State Department."

FINANCIAL.

Missouri Pacific declared its usual semi-annual dividend of 2 1/2 per cent. Cotton is more than \$10 a bale higher now than it was some months ago. In May the production of pig iron was 1,077,586 tons, the highest figure ever reached. Japan deposited in New York something over \$600,000 derived from the recent sale of bonds.

W. L. Bull says: "The buying of Atlantic Coast-Line and of Louisville & Nashville is of the best character."

ALL EUROPE ABLAZE

Effect of Crisis Between Germany and France.

GREAT DANGER ON THE FRONTIER.

Slight Break May Cause a Bad Rupture—Premier Rouvier Decides to Continue as Foreign Minister During the Period of Strained Relations—Germany Will Not Recognize French Predominance in Morocco.

London (By Cable).—It can no longer be denied that we are in the presence of an international crisis of the first magnitude. A dispatch from Paris reports that the French government is almost convinced that it is Germany's deliberate intention to provoke war.

Orders were given by the Ministry of War to make every preparation to resist attack. All officers and men on leave were ordered to rejoin the colors instantly. Special trains in all parts of the country have been facilitating the execution of the instructions.

Prime Minister Rouvier has adopted the most conciliatory attitude toward Germany, but every concession he makes inspires fresh demands, until now Emeryo William asks, in effect, the cancellation of the Anglo-French entente.

This is not, of course, demanded in so many words, but it is insisted that France shall make no combinations antagonistic to German interests. Complete submission to the pressure of the Emperor is now putting upon the French Republic would reduce the country to vassalage. France sincerely desires to avoid war, but at the moment it is apparent that Germany is deliberately attempting to humiliate her French pride, which will burst into uncontrollable resentment.

It should not be inferred that the British attitude is in any degree weak or yielding. The British government is fully aware that Germany's aggression is aimed quite as much at Great Britain as against France.

Lord Lansdowne is all for peace, but the remainder of the cabinet are determined to resist with all the resources of the empire any serious encroachment on British interests. Lord Lansdowne has counseled France, while avoiding all provocation, to preserve a firm attitude in face of German aggression.

Great Britain has also taken important independent action, which is not yet disclosed. It will become known when the China Squadron and other ships of the British Navy, which are hastening homeward at top speed, approach their destination. It will be found to be quite as significant as the mobilization of the Flying Squadron, which was Great Britain's response to the German Emperor's famous Kruger letters. There is reason to believe also that even if France yields to German pressure in the matter of an international conference in regard to Morocco Great Britain will veto it, even if she stands alone.

The British government and people were never more anxious for peace than now, but if the Emperor should attempt to deal with this country as he is treating France war would be a question only of hours. Meantime the developments in the Russo-Japanese peace movement command only the secondary attention of official circles and the general public.

Great Britain has probably gone somewhat further than the other powers in her refusal to take part in the proposed conference of the signatory powers of the Madrid convention, but should France, after all, agree to a conference, which is now considered probable, Great Britain could gracefully do likewise, since the refusal of Great Britain was made on the understanding that the conference was unfavorably viewed by France.

The fact, the attitude of Great Britain is much the same as that of the United States, the latter having indicated that she will wait until it is seen what France will do.

Sunk by Russians.

Singapore (By Cable).—The Russian auxiliary cruiser Dnieper recently stopped the Dutch steamer Flores, from Amsterdam for Batavia, in the Straits of Malacca and transferred to her 41 of the Chinese crew and the mails belonging to the British steamer St. Kilda, from Hongkong, captured the Dnieper with contraband on board and sunk in the China Sea. The European officers of the St. Kilda returned here on board the Dnieper.

A Young Wife Burned.

Cambridge, Md. (Special).—The wife of Allen Tyler was shockingly burned as a result of attempting to start a fire with coal oil. Her little stepdaughter, who was by her side at the time of the explosion, was also seriously burned. Both were taken to the hospital, and Mrs. Tyler's death is expected to occur during the night. The little girl will recover. Mrs. Tyler is but 19 years old, and was married last fall.

To Divide Surplus.

Madison, Wis. (Special).—The Senate has passed the Host bill, to compel the mutual life insurance companies to divide their surpluses among the policyholders at least once every five years. It now goes to the Governor for his approval, and it is believed that he will sign the measure. This is one of the most important measures passed by the Legislature this session, and will have a direct bearing upon the squabble over the Equitable millions in New York.

A Chair of Philanthropy.

Columbus, O. (Special).—The trustees of Otterbein University, a United Brethren college at Westerville, have decided upon a departure in education in the establishment of a chair of philanthropy and practical religion. The purpose of the new department is to afford an opportunity for training, not only in the Christian ministry, but also for work in various philanthropic enterprises, such as Young Men's Christian Association, social settlements and city missions.

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is the most direct route to the Pacific Coast, and there are two fast through trains daily via this line, over the famous double-track railway between Chicago and the Missouri River. Special low round-trip rates are in effect via this line throughout the summer to various Pacific Coast points, and colonist low rate one-way tickets will be on sale during September and October, which give an unusual chance for settlers to make the trip at a minimum of expense.

Daily and personally conducted excursions are operated through to San Francisco, Los Angeles, and Portland without change, on which a double berth in a Pullman tourist sleeping car from Chicago costs only \$7.00, via the

Chicago & North-Western, Union Pacific and Southern Pacific Railways.

FILL IN THIS COUPON AND MAIL IT TO-DAY. W. B. KNISKERN, P. T. M. C. & N.-W. Ry., Chicago, Ill. Please mail free to my address, California booklets, maps and full particulars concerning rates and train service.

PRESIDENT GIVES ORDER.

Care Must Be Used in Excluding Chinese Exclusion Act.

Washington, D. C. (Special).—President Roosevelt is manifesting a deep interest in the statements made to him by a delegation of members of the American Asiatic Association concerning the difficulties which hitherto have been experienced by Chinese merchants, students, travelers and literary men in gaining admission to this country.

The complaints of the Chinese Government about the alleged humiliation to which members of these classes of Chinese often are subjected upon their arrival in the United States, together with the threats of the commercial guilds of China to retaliate by boycotting American-made goods, have also aroused the business men of this country to interest against what they regard as unreasonable discrimination in the enforcement of the Chinese exclusion laws.

In a letter to Secretary McFall, of the Department of Commerce and Labor, the President directs him to see that the immigration officers exercise discretion in the enforcement of the exclusion law, to the end that the relations of this Government with China may continue to be cordial.

It is pointed out that great difficulty is experienced by the immigration officers in executing the law, because of the many bogus certificates presented by Chinese. It is a well understood fact that, for a consideration, a Chinese coolie may procure in China a certificate that he is a merchant or a traveler or a member of another of the exempt classes. On its face, the certificate entitles him to admission to the United States. So many frauds have been discovered in the matter of these certificates that the immigration officials examine all of them most carefully. That fact accounts for the trouble experienced by genuine merchants, travelers, etc., when they arrive at United States ports.

Thus far no feasible plan has been worked out to remedy the trouble of which the Chinese complain. Secretary McFall is in favor of Congressional legislation on the subject, providing for a rigid supervision of the issuance of certificates in China, the idea being to hold absolutely responsible for the accuracy of the statements contained in the certificates the officials who issue them.

STRANGE DEATH OF TWO YOUNG WOMEN.

May Have Been the Result of a Suicide Pact.

Freeport, Ill. (Special).—Mystery surrounds the death of Mrs. John Young, 20, and Miss Media Pyle, 18 years old, whose bodies were found close together in the Peatonica River here. A suicide compact is believed to have been entered into by the two young women, who were close friends, and a love affair is reported to have caused them to agree to end their lives. A post-mortem examination, however, showed the elder woman undoubtedly died by drowning, but the girl did not, as her lungs were filled with air. There was a large contusion on her forehead.

It is the coroner's theory that the girl gashed to withdraw from the suicide

PROMINENT PEOPLE.

The Czar of Russia, it is said, \$25,000,000 invested in English securities. William Dean Howells and have settled for the summer at K Point, Me. Paderewski, it is said, can play memory more than five hundred positions.

Mme. Rejane, the noted French tress, proposes to establish a French theatre in London. Kaiser Wilhelm often notifies his officers to leave the ball, as their ink is not up to the mark. Probably the younger world is a nephew of Persia, a boy not 5 old.

King Leopold will leave a \$10,000,000, most of which will the Belgian people for works of utility. President Loubet, of France, ated with French politics and seek re-election, but may go the Senate.

The retirement of Fassell Wall street is said to be a loss of that cunning which is great fortune. "Big Tim" Sullivan, of New City, has tired of being a Congressman and will try for his old post State Senator.

Since beginning his law Judge Alton B. Parker lived at a New York hotel, going to for Saturday and Sunday. Craig-y-Nos Castle, the Welsh home of Mrs. Patti (Cedermont), is announced at a price regardless of "costs of station."

Justice Oliver Wendell of the Supreme Court, in a recent on a stock gambling case, dealing in futures was the "best ment of society to the probable THE NATIONAL G

The Boston Nationals may way for catchers. The Cincinnati Club has outfielder Harry Dolan. Billy Maloney deserves the Billy Sunday the second.

Manager Clarke is disgraced base running of the Braves. Strong is in better physical than he was when Bpooklyn Howard and Clancy, of Braves, are evidently in fast stay. Hans Wagner is making for the base-running National.

The Boston Champion be using bad judgment on this season. The Washington Club fielder John Amerson York Club for \$200,000. Jimmy Collins is in hand in Jesse Burkett. The connecting very often. Devlin is developing into runner. He has a very sliding in the second base. Stanley Robinson better for the season ends. Ar best second base man in Oddwell's batting decider to explain that this is the record of a while Brooklyn slugger

compact and that the woman knocked her unconscious and threw her into the water. There is but one set of footprints on the bank, and no signs of a body being dragged to the water. Young and Miss Pyle were intimate friends and Miss Pyle the parents of the young woman, who endeavored in vain to break up the friendship. Mrs. Young had been estranged from her husband for two years.

There is a story that the two young women were frequently in the company of two young men, who were likewise close friends, and that a quarrel over the same subject resulted in the estrangement of both couples and the resolve of the women to end their woes by death.

Albion, Ill. (Special).—Three persons were killed and 20 injured in a wreck of the eastbound passenger train on the Southern Railway, at Golden Gate. The train was a "cotton special," carrying Confederate Veterans to the reunion at Louisville, Ky. While running at a speed of 50 miles an hour the engine struck a spread rail on a trestle 29 feet high and the engine and four coaches were overturned and fell to the bottom of the ravine.

The train consisted of three Pullmans and four coaches. Two of the sleepers were derailed, but did not go over the trestle. The third sleeper remained on the track. Most of the injured were taken to Louisville. The others were taken westward by way of Olney. J. J. Uhle, the only passenger that was killed, was a merchant of Greenway, Ark.

LIVE WASHINGTON AFFAIRS.

Governor Magoon has sent an official communication to Colonel Gargas, chief sanitary officer of the canal zone, advising him that it is the President's wish that yellow fever be checked if it is within the power of human agency to do so.

President Roosevelt has appointed a committee to examine into the methods of conducting business in the several departments of the government with a view to recommending improved business systems.

The President has approved the findings in the two trials of Capt. George W. Kirkman, sentenced to dismissal from the Army and to confinement in the penitentiary. Assistant Secretary Melville W. Miller has resigned. Jesse Wilson, of Indiana, is his successor.

The Treasury Department began the issue of new twenty-dollar gold certificates. The District Court of Appeals decided that public officials were amenable to the District Antismoke Law as well as private citizens.

At the meeting of the Cabinet the President was congratulated upon the success of his efforts in inducing Russia and Japan to agree to appoint plenipotentiaries to negotiate peace. Orders were issued at the War Department directing the formation of two provisional regiments of field artillery. Three deaths and three new cases of yellow fever were reported by Governor Magoon, of the isthmian strip.