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France and Turkey.

Much has been written and printed during the past few days of the triumph that France has won in the East...

People.

He would certainly be an interesting visitor, but there is danger that the anti-imperialists might turn his little head, greatly to his own disadvantage.

Arrangements have been made for large shipments of anthracite coal to Germany.

Dealers there find that they can secure it here on better terms than at any European mines, though a large freight bill has to be paid.

It is evident that a strong effort will be made to establish the Census Bureau as a permanent institution.

But much will depend upon whether the advocates can show that the Government would save money on the job.

There are obviously some limits to indefinite commercial expansion.

As a delegate to the Reciprocity Convention pointed out, we have very little to hope from the fourteen million people in the world who wear nothing but their own hair.

The kind of reciprocity which the manufacturers want is that by which they can get as much more as possible without surrendering anything they have already.

That's business, perhaps. Various questions with the elements of their business, but it is quite safe to assume that they know enough to understand this.

CURRENT PRESS COMMENT.

Statedhood for All.

Charles News and Courier—The fact is that there is no honest reason why all four of the Territories should not be put on the footing with such States as Rhode Island and Nevada before Congress adjourns.

A Word for John Chinaman.

Chicago Chronicle—To sacrifice American life and treasure in the Far East and to become embroiled with the predatory empires of the Old World in intrigues of various description with the object of extending our commerce and influence in that quarter, and at the same time to maintain unfriendly laws against trade with the Chinese, is a policy which is being followed by the Government.

The Line-Up.

Philadelphia Ledger—The Senators know in advance on which side public sympathy will be in case they get up a quarrel with the President on the subject of appointments and promotions.

The Ever Present Surplus.

St. Louis GLOBE-DEMOCRAT—When Congress last winter knocked off \$40,000,000 of taxes by removing a large part of the impost put on at the beginning of the session in 1898, it intended that it had abolished the Treasury surplus.

The Biggest Year in Steel.

Buffalo Express—The rail orders for next year's delivery now amount to 1,800,000 tons, with 400,000 tons holding over from this year.

Tired of the Stone Session.

Hartford Courant—The busy American people demand a session, and soon weary of the old. For a few days the fate of Miss Stone was what everybody was talking about.

The Same Old Story.

"I'm going to bet on that pretty one; I just know he'll win," said a young lady at the driving park one day last week.

Bureau Reform.

President Roosevelt has had experience, as Assistant Secretary of the Navy, in the working of Government Departments. As a national Civil Service Commissioner, and as President of the New York police board, he had opportunity to know the inner workings of the civil service law.

One Original Idea.

Rev. Dr. B.—was what is commonly termed a "popular preacher," not, however, by drawing on his own stores, but by the knack which he possesses of appropriating the thoughts and languages of the great divines who have gone before him to his own use.

Electrotyping by Phonograph.

A candidate for municipal honors in Sheffield, England, has lately been putting his views before the electors by means of a phonograph, and it is possible that the plan may soon be extensively adopted.

PERSONAL.

The Poolroom King of New York.

A man of retiring manners, and unassuming in appearance, sat in the lobby of the New Willard yesterday quietly smoking a cigar and reading a newspaper.

The Only Amasa Thornton.

Another conspicuous New Yorker in Washington yesterday was Amasa Thornton. He is not very well known at the National Capital, but in Gotham the streeturchins point to him with admiration.

A Book on Economics.

English Walling and his brother, Willoughby Walling, have come to Washington to publish a book on economics. The young men, not long out of college, are the sons of Dr. Walling, a prominent physician of Indianapolis.

Hospitality of Canton.

"Never was a large crowd handled with less friction or confusion than that which gathered in Canton to pay homage to the memory of President McKinley," said Bruce Carrell, of Canton, this morning.

No Party Question Involved.

"There is no party question involved in the legislation necessary to start the Nicaragua Canal," said Representative Joshua S. Salmon of New Jersey at the Raleigh last night.

Reported Lincoln-Douglas Debates.

"I know nothing but the truth," said Col. R. H. Pitt, of Illinois, when asked for a story yesterday by a Times reporter.

Foreign Topics.

British Coal Not Exhaustible.

The British scientists, and following them the British business interests, are devoting much consideration to the coal problem, and even there is much serious thought already on the question of how long the coal supply of the island will last.

Almost Yankee Inventiveness.

Contact with Yankee ingenuity is not entirely lost on the folks on the other side of the Atlantic. It is said that the records of the patent offices of both England and the Continental countries exhibit a much greater sprightliness of imagination of recent years.

IN SOCIETY.

The Marriage of Senator J. C. S. Blackburn to Mrs. E. Blackburn of this city, will take place December 10.

The chaplains of the dance to be given at the Shoreham on the evening of November 25 will be Mrs. A. O. Bliss and Mrs. J. M. Cole.

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AT THE PRESIDENT'S BEHEST.

Governor-Elect Cummins Here to Confer With Mr. Roosevelt.

A. B. Cummins, Governor-elect of Iowa, is in Washington. At the invitation of President Roosevelt he came to the city yesterday from New York, where he delivered an eloquent address at the Chamber of Commerce banquet on Tuesday evening.

Mr. Cummins' election attracted national attention, inasmuch as it effected a transformation in the control of the Republican party in the Hawkeye State.

Mr. Cummins is an old friend of President Roosevelt, and with Mrs. Cummins, who accompanied him, was a guest at dinner in the White House last night. His visit to Washington, however, has no political significance, despite the unfounded rumor, current early in the week, that Senator Allison would enter the Cabinet and that Mr. Cummins would succeed him in the Senate.

Nevertheless Mr. Cummins is considered Senator Allison's logical successor.

Both United States Senators from that State are to be re-elected at the coming session of the Legislature in Des Moines. Senator Allison will secure the regular term of six years. Senator Dolliver will fill out the unexpired term of Senator Gear, whose place he now fills by appointment, made soon after Senator Gear's death.

There are many Republicans who think that Mr. Cummins is a possibility for the Republican nomination in 1904.

He has all the qualities of the successful leader. He is at the head of the bar in Iowa and will next week make at least a temporary farewell to the profession in that State. An orator of eloquence seldom equaled, he has a grasp of national affairs which has caused the opinion of some of the national press to be widely spread.

Mr. Cummins is a believer in reciprocity.

But he believes that the principles of reciprocity should not be so applied as to disturb existing satisfactory conditions. According to his own statement, he believes that the present status of the "diploma" in the administration of this question.

He deems advisable its application in such manner as will serve to solidify and maintain the present prosperous conditions of international trade.

On this ground he takes stand with a few exporters of the present time, who believe they are in favor of the general principles of reciprocity, still recognizing the danger of "tinkering" with existing tariff schedules at the present time.

It was on railroad issues that Mr. Cummins secured the gubernatorial nomination last July.

For a number of years the great trunk lines of the country have been in the hands of the Republican party in Iowa. As a result, the tax assessment of railroad property became inequitable.

THINK HITCHCOCK WILL RESIGN.

Fight With Kerens Regarded as a Determining Factor.

In Republican circles last night the statement was made that Secretary Hitchcock of the Interior Department would be the first member of the Cabinet to retire.

It has been known for some time that it was Secretary Hitchcock's intention to retire from official life in the near future, but the unforeseen complications that have arisen over the distribution of Federal patronage in Missouri has hastened his determination.

It is believed that the breach now existing between Secretary Hitchcock and Col. Richard C. Kerens, the national committee man of the representative of the Republican organization in Missouri and under his leadership the Republicans in the State have made some notable gains.

Secretary Hitchcock, it seems, is not in touch with the organization, and his appointments under the Interior Department, the Secretary, according to reports received here, has been guided almost entirely by the wishes of Mr. Kerens, N. L. Atkins, Republican State chairman, and by following the endorsement of the State chairman much discord has been created within the organization.

As Colonel Kerens is quoted as saying, the difference between him and the Secretary of the Interior is not so much the question of who shall control the Federal patronage as it is of strengthening the Republican organization. The whole subject has now been submitted to President Roosevelt for his consideration.

At first blush it would seem but natural that the President would side with the Secretary of the Interior, who is a member of his official family, but when the fact is recalled that Secretary Hitchcock is not of President Roosevelt's choosing, but was appointed by President McKinley, and therefore the President does not feel under any particular necessity to stand by Secretary Hitchcock as against Colonel Kerens, who in addition to the Missouri State organization is backed by the Republican National Committee, and who has been a member of the Cabinet for some time.

WOMEN WANT PUBLIC OFFICE.

Petition to Be Sent to Mr. Low by Suffragists.

NEW YORK, Nov. 21.—It is the intention of the Brooklyn Women Suffrage Association to attempt to get five women appointed on the board of education, and to have the public library board represented by women to the extent of one-third of the full representation to which it is entitled.

ADMINISTRATOR GETS \$1,000 VERDICT.

LYNCHBURG, Va., Nov. 21.—A verdict in favor of the administrator of the estate of William Hall for \$1,000, against the Southern Railway, was rendered in the Circuit Court this afternoon. Hall was killed while crossing the tracks of the railway company about a year ago. The administrator sued for \$10,000.

INDUSTRIES IN THE SOUTH.

Great Activity Shown in Lumber, Oil, and Cotton.

BALTIMORE, Nov. 21.—Lumber, a first-rate index of industrial conditions in the South, is displaying most satisfactory activity at present. During the past week, as reported to the "Manufacturers' Record," the movement in Southwest Virginia and East Tennessee and Georgia, in both pine and hardwood timber, has been very active, while the development of forest properties is rather more pronounced than usual at this season.

Plants for getting out timber and for handling it to various purposes are increasing.

Among the announcements of the week are the purchase of machinery for a 10,000 capacity hardwood and cypress mill; the organization of a \$20,000 company at Salisbury, N. C., to erect a complete furniture factory; the building of a box factory at Chattanooga, Tenn.; the letting of a contract to cut 80,000 acres of timber near Greenville, Tenn.; a furniture factory and planing mill at Thorsby, Ala.; a single mill with 50,000 capacity daily at Wilmington, N. C.; the erection of a saw factory at Waverly, Va.; and the cutting of 2,500 acres of timber lands near Yazoo City, Miss.

Takeings of cotton by Southern mills continue to show an upward trend.

More than 25,000 greater than during the same period last year. The new mill at Monticello, Ark., is nearly ready for operation, and is expected to add 10,000 spindles to the existing capacity. The new mill at Fayetteville, N. C., will erect an addition for increasing its capacity. Machinery is arriving for the addition of 150 more looms to the Standard Cotton Mills at Colerston, Ga., which will increase the number of spindles from 4,500 to 12,500. The W. T. Moore mill at Asheville, N. C., is also under construction, and will add 150 more looms. The Hol-Morgan mills of Fayetteville, N. C., will erect an addition for increasing its capacity. Machinery is arriving for the addition of 150 more looms to the Standard Cotton Mills at Colerston, Ga., which will increase the number of spindles from 4,500 to 12,500.

Other projects of the week include developments near Florence, Ala.; Prairie Grove, Ark.; Floyd County, Georgia; Alcham, Tenn.; and Beaumont, Tex.; also mining near Charleston, Bluefield, Grafton and Mount Airy, Va.; ice factories at Jacksonville, Fla.; copper mines at Palestine and San Antonio, Tex.; canneries at Hawkeville, Ky., Tyler, Tex., and Thorsby, Ala.; oil storage tanks and refinery at Baltimore, Md.; harness factory at Nashville, Tenn.; paper mill at Mount Vernon, Va.; and developments at Lytle, Ga., and West's Island, La.; steel plant at Port Norfolk, Va.; brick works at Jennings, La., and marble quarrying by a company organized at Beaumont, Tex.

ENQUIRY RECORDS BARRED.

Witnesses at Meade Court, However, Allowed to Refresh Memories.

NEW YORK, Nov. 21.—Most of the time at the sessions today of the general court-martial which is trying Col. Robert L. Meade, of the Marine Corps, on charges of drunkenness and false swearing was taken up in deciding whether or not they would admit as evidence against Colonel Meade the record of the court of enquiry held last summer.

It was while being examined by this court that Colonel Meade made statements accusing officers of conspiracy against him and of collusion to disregard the Government. It is on these statements that the charge of false swearing is based.

The court finally refused to admit the record unless there was mutual agreement by counsel, but in the afternoon a decision was made allowing original documents, such as reports, to be introduced in cases where such documents formed a part of the record.

This allowed Judge Advocate Niblack to read Colonel Meade's endorsement of the report of Colonel Denny, the development commandant of the marines, in which Colonel Meade first made the accusation that Colonel Denny was in a conspiracy against him and was plotting to disregard the Government. It is on these statements in Colonel Denny's report had been made to "neutralize his efforts to prevent the Government from being defamed."

In order to get out the testimony of Colonel Meade before the court of enquiry the judge advocate put Captain Denny on the stand, and when he was sworn, the judge advocate of that court, on the stand, and then put into his hands the record and asked him if he remembered whether such testimony had been given.

Colonel Meade's counsel objected, the court decided to allow witnesses, if they could not remember testimony, to refresh their memory from any document.

One more officer, Lieutenant Hooker, was called today to testify as to Colonel Meade's condition on one of the dates named in the charges. Lieutenant Hooker testified that in his opinion the colonel was perfectly sober.

COUNTRY'S OLDEST MAN DEAD.

New Yorker Had Nearly Reached Age of 120 Years.

UTICA, N. Y., Nov. 21.—Abraham Ephraim Elmer, believed to have been the oldest man in the United States, died at his home in this city last night, aged nearly 120 years. He had been in feeble health for years, but his mind and memory were good up to last Monday.

His son in Wisconsin has the family Bible and a copy of the record in the possession of his son in this city. It states that Mr. Elmer was born in the town of Warren, Herkimer County, January 28, 1782.

Mr. Elmer had lived with his son, William H. Elmer, for twenty years.

Throughout his life Mr. Elmer had been a hard worker and when he was 104 years old he walked from Washington Mills to Chadwicks, a distance of ten miles. At this advanced age he also did his last work as a shoemaker, earning a dollar a day.

Mr. Elmer cast his first vote for James Madison for President and had voted at every election since up to the time when Mr. McKinley first ran for President.

Queen Wilhelmina Improving.

THE HAGUE, Nov. 21.—The condition of Queen Wilhelmina has improved, but she is still weak and will need much rest.