

Fair today and tomorrow; light to fresh westerly winds, becoming variable.

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DARKNESS AS OF NIGHT IN NEW YORK CITY AT NOONDAY

Lights Burned in the Streets and by Craft in the Harbor.

LIKE THE HISTORICAL "DARK DAY"

Phenomenon Lasted Nearly Half an Hour, During Which Rain Fell.

HARBOR SIGNALS WERE LIT

Almost Unprecedented Scene in the Waters Surrounding the Metropolis—Storm Visits Other Places With Much Fury.

NEW YORK, Aug. 3.—Noonday was turned practically into night all over New York city today, and whenever there was business to be done lights were turned on exactly as at night. The heavy storm clouds that came out of the west and southwest on a mellow wind were too dense even for the meridian rays of the sun to penetrate. Across open squares or parks only the outlines of buildings were perceptible at half a block's distance, as at latest dusk. The surface cars ran up and down the avenues with headlights and inner lights all going as in the evening. Lights on the River. More unusual still, if indeed, such a thing has ever happened here before at midday, harbor navigation went on by light signals, as in the night. Ferry-boats and tugs lit their sidelights, the lights on the ends of the racks at the Battery the red danger light which marks the position of the swimming bath was lighted. The intense darkness lasted between twenty and thirty minutes and coincident with it was a heavy downpour of rain, and an electric bombardment that alarmed the timid, interested the curious, and aroused the dormant. Those living within sight of corners saw the inside lights of saloons go up boldly in many parts of the town. It was the middle of the morning service in the churches and their painted windows striped the gloom without with color. Like Famous Dark Day. It is fortunate for the historians and the wise that the rain and the electric demonstration came with the darkness, for there might have been another "Dark Day" of May 19, 1870. At that time the darkness overpread all New England, as well as New York and New Jersey, beginning at 10 o'clock in the morning. People were unable to read print in the open air. As the New Englanders could not explain it they started a revival. The presence of volcanic matter in the atmosphere has been suggested as an explanation.

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CHINA IMPORT FRAUDS.

Leading New York Firm Is Said to Be Involved.

NEW YORK, Aug. 3.—Sensational disclosures are promised in the investigation now being conducted by the customs officers of the alleged scheme to defraud the Government by a New York firm, known throughout the country as leaders in the importation of fine china. The firm is said to have almost a monopoly of the trade in this country in costly wares. Mr. Lunt, of the board of appraisers, said yesterday that the departure of the chief of the board, J. F. Fischer, for Europe, was in connection with the scandal. He said: "Mr. Fischer will make inquiry about a certain transaction while in Europe which may bring to light a long series of undervaluations involving vast sums of money."

KING SENDS WREATH TO JOCKEY'S FUNERAL

John Watts, the "Grand Old Man" of the English Turf, Remembered by Edward VII.

LONDON, Aug. 3.—The funeral of J. Watts, the one time famous and successful jockey, was held at Newmarket yesterday afternoon in the presence of a remarkable gathering. The King sent Lord Marcus Beresford specially to represent him, and wreaths were sent by the King, Lord Rosebery, Sir Edgar Vincent, and others. Many notable persons and almost the entire town of Newmarket marched in the funeral procession. John Watts was known as the "Grand Old Man" of the English turf, although he was only forty-one years old at the time of his death. He rode the Derby winner four times in ten years. In 1881 he rode 114 winners. When he became too stout to ride he became a trainer and served in that capacity for the King.

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DERAILED BY WRECKERS.

Freight Falls Into Trap Set for Passenger Train.

NEW ORLEANS, Aug. 3.—A through freight on the Illinois Central Railroad was derailed near the Louisiana-Mississippi State line last night, and the engineer and a brakeman were killed, and the trainman badly injured. The engine and thirteen cars were badly wrecked. An investigation showed that the accident had been caused by a train wrecker, who had removed the bolts of the switch, and dug out a tie, with the intention, it is thought, of wrecking a passenger train, and securing a rich booty.

STRONG FAILS TO SEE MAY YOHE IN PARIS

Was Near Her Hotel, But Did Not Call.

Actress Refuses to See Any Visitors Except a Doctor—Able, However, to Go Out.

PARIS, Aug. 3.—May Yohe arrived here from London in a state of lassitude and fatigue. She is staying at Meurice's. She refused to see visitors, except a doctor, who attended her for the injury she sustained by falling when entering her cab in London yesterday. She had recovered sufficiently this evening, however, to go out. Putnam Bradley Strong, of whom Miss Yohe is supposed to be in pursuit, failed to call at the hotel during the day, although he was seen in the neighborhood. "I spent most of the time I was in the islands in Luzon and Samar. I always tried to do what seemed best for the service in both districts. The natives of Luzon seem considerably more civilized than those of the southern islands. "Some of those in Samar are nothing but savages, and, of course, cannot be treated like civilized people. They all would resort to the most barbarous methods of warfare at times. "Instances of torture and slaughter of American soldiers are very numerous. Anyone of my command knows that I was not unduly severe with the natives. Obeyed Regulations. "I have always tried to conduct my campaigns according to military regulations. There is no use asking me to talk about other things. It would not be military; it would be of no use. I am a soldier and take what is coming to me. It is not for me to say whether I deserve it or not. I have done what I thought was right and am ready to settle down in quiet."

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GENERAL SMITH TALKS OF HIS RETIREMENT

Is a Soldier and Can Take Punishment.

NO CRITICISM TO MAKE

Tried to Do His Best and Obey Military Regulations—His Sentence Severe Than Expected—Coming at Once to Washington to Report.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Aug. 3.—Gen. Jacob H. Smith, whose order to make Samar a "howling wilderness" caused his retirement from the army by President Roosevelt, talked of his punishment for the first time last night. He said: "It was an unwelcome surprise to me. I naturally supposed that I would receive a reprimand as a result of the verdict of the court-martial, but nothing more. I have always tried to do my duty in a conscientious manner and to conduct myself as a soldier. "I am still in the Government service and consequently not at liberty to discuss the recent personal occurrences. I could be as readily court-martialed now as if I were not on the retired list. "I shall leave for Washington as soon as possible and report to the adjutant general of the army in obedience to the orders I have received. After that I shall undoubtedly go to my home in Portsmouth, Ohio, and settle down for the rest of my days. Did His Best. "I spent most of the time I was in the islands in Luzon and Samar. I always tried to do what seemed best for the service in both districts. The natives of Luzon seem considerably more civilized than those of the southern islands. "Some of those in Samar are nothing but savages, and, of course, cannot be treated like civilized people. They all would resort to the most barbarous methods of warfare at times. "Instances of torture and slaughter of American soldiers are very numerous. Anyone of my command knows that I was not unduly severe with the natives. Obeyed Regulations. "I have always tried to conduct my campaigns according to military regulations. There is no use asking me to talk about other things. It would not be military; it would be of no use. I am a soldier and take what is coming to me. It is not for me to say whether I deserve it or not. I have done what I thought was right and am ready to settle down in quiet."

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GIVE IN TO ENGLAND.

Chinese Grant British Demand Regarding Shangkaiwan Railway.

PEKIN, Aug. 3.—Prince Ching, head of the board of foreign affairs, has informed the ministers that the clause in the agreement for the restoration of the Shangkaiwan Railway, providing for the appointment of a director in addition to the English director has been eliminated. The railway will probably be restored under the present arrangement, though the French, who are not satisfied with the agreement, claim the right of interference hereafter. They suspect that there is a secret secondary agreement intended to prevent the construction of the Tientsin-Pootung-fu line.

SAY THAT DISPUTE BROKE UP EXPEDITION

Captain Johannes Relieved of His Command.

Alleged Reason for the Return of the Baldwin-Ziegler Party—Mystery in the Affair.

LONDON, Aug. 4.—A dispatch to the "Daily Mail" from Copenhagen says that although the official reason given for the return of the Baldwin-Ziegler polar expedition is the continuous work in the ice and the running out of the coal supply, the real reason is supposed to have been differences among the officers aboard. Captain Johannes was relieved of his command, and Mate Menander took his position. The matter is shrouded in mystery. CHRISTIANA, Aug. 3.—The "Morgenbladet's" Tromsø correspondent says that Captain Johannes has been examined by a maritime court concerning the incidents of the American voyage. The correspondent adds that sensational charges have been made.

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MARYLAND LINE RESORT RAIDED

INSISTS ON ARBITRATION.

Great Britain's Proposal Regarding French Congo Cases.

PARIS, Aug. 3.—The "Temps" says that Great Britain has proposed to France to arbitrate all their disputes in regard to the alleged starving out of British firms on the French Congo. France has not replied to the proposition, but she can scarcely refuse. The difference arose from France granting concessions which amounted practically to monopolies for all their holders. The British took the view that such concessions were contrary to the treaty of Berlin, which provides that trade shall be free and open in all the regions in question. France desired the interested parties to fight the matter out themselves in the law courts, but this Great Britain would not allow as the question is one of international importance. Hence the proposal to arbitrate.

ACCIDENT GAVE RISE TO ASSASSINATION STORY

Shot Fired at a Wild Duck Passed Near President Loubet, of France.

PARIS, Aug. 3.—It is explained that the report that an attempt had been made to shoot President Loubet arose from an incident that occurred while he was walking with General Faure, General Lhuys, governor of Paris, and Major Lamy, of the president's household staff, after a shooting party at Rambouillet. As the party were walking along Major Lamy saw a wild duck and fired at it. Some of the shot passed near the president, who skipped aside. Peasants who saw the incident were responsible for the story of attempted shooting. It is said that some of the shot bruised the president's ankle.

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Danger of Criticisms of the Administration Branding Members of the Church as a Body of Malcontents—America a Just Nation. MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., Aug. 2.—Archbishop Ireland, in a sermon at the cathedral today, denounced those persons who attempt to use the name of Catholicism in arraignment of the administration's colonial policy. "The interests of the Catholic Church," he said, "are made to suffer at the hands of the Government," the archbishop stated, "and the call to arms is sounded from the rostrums of Catholic societies and through the columns of Catholic papers, to the perturbation of the whole Catholic body, and, indeed, of the whole country. Bishop Blank, of Porto Rico, openly rejoices that the American flag, rather than the Spanish, guards his diocese and the hierarchy in Cuba are thanking God that church interests there were settled by the Government at Washington before a Cuban parliament was allowed to sit in Havana. "Nothing is to be more avoided in America than hatred and warring among citizens in the name of religion, and it behooves all classes of the population to do their utmost to nurture and maintain peace and harmony; it behooves Catholics even more than others to be models of prudence and good will in this regard. "The simplest approach among them to form a political party on the basis of religious interests would be fatal to those interests and fatal to peace. I say it advisedly, and I am prepared to stand by what I here say, there is always redress from grievances so far as circumstances may allow, if it is sought through quiet and reasonable methods from the high representatives of the Government. Let justice be done to America; in no other country is there a Government so fair-minded, so willing to treat all classes of citizens with absolute justice as that with which we are blessed in America. "And let Catholics be careful, lest by imprudent agitation and repeated mistreatment of the Government of America they fall into the snare of many of their fellow-citizens the notion that as Catholics they are disposed to form themselves into a people apart, ever dissatisfied with America and its institutions, ever ready to complain, ever anxious to find a plea upon which to rest their murmurings. Lesson of the Pope. "To be one with the country is the lesson which Pope Leo is ceaselessly teaching Catholics in every country. It is the lesson which I am confident he would wish Catholics in America to take to heart and to practice, even were there in so doing some sacrifice to be made. "As to matters in the Philippine Islands, we cannot discuss them. They are for the time being put beyond our reach since they are the subject of negotiations between the Government of America and the Sovereign Pontiff."

CLOUD OF PECULIAR SHAPE.

Heavy Damage by Tornado at St. Catharines, Ontario.

NIAGARA FALLS, N. Y., Aug. 3.—At noon today a tornado touched the city of St. Catharines, Ontario, with no little violence. A cloud of peculiar shape settled upon the city from the north-west, and its path indicates that it had an up-and-down motion. In the spots where it struck the earth it demolished chimneys, uprooted trees, razed small buildings, and tore one end out of the brick barn of the Niagara, St. Catharines and Toronto Railroad. Many narrow escapes from death are reported, but the authorities state that no lives were lost. A negro boy named Deveraux was caught in the grasp of the storm and carried through the air several yards. He was severely shaken up. His mother's home was the first thing wrecked. Telegraph, telephone, and light wires are in a tangle, many poles being down. This is the second tornado experienced in St. Catharines.

SIDE WINDOWS FALL FROM VENICE CHURCH

Peculiar Disaster at St. John and St. Paul's.

VENICE, Aug. 2.—Yesterday, following a heavy peal of thunder, one of the large side windows in the Church of St. John and Paul, the next most important church in Venice after St. Mark's, fell bodily outward, with a large piece of cornice and part of the lateral columns. The accident caused excited crowds to gather, and there were loud cries of dismay. Several engineers and architects made a hurried examination of the whole church. They decided that the nave was in danger, and that measures must be taken immediately to save it from collapse. The church is the burial place of all the Doges. It was founded in 1250 and finished in 1450. It is in the pure Gothic style of architecture. The "Giornale d'Italia" says it contains all the history of Venice.

Chesapeake Beach Junction Saloon Scene of Strife.

INMATES OFFER FIERCE BATTLE

Maryland and District Officers Unite to Wipe Out Sore Spot.

SURPRISE FOR PROPRIETOR