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A Chinese Tribute

Wu Ting Fang Pronounces a Eulogium on General U. S. Grant.

Believes That Statesmen and Generals Do Not Come From Exclusive Stock

New York, May 30.—Although there were threatening signs of rain throughout the early part of to-day, memorial exercises in this city were carried out with more than the usual interest. The important events of the day's programme were the military parade, which was reviewed at Madison Square by Governor O'Dell and Major General W. T. Ting Fang made an address, the decoration of the Hall of Fame of the New York University, at which Senator Chauncey M. Depew delivered an oration.

Minister Wu Ting Fang, the Chinese minister, in accordance with instructions given by Li Hung Chang some years ago, placed an offering of flowers on the stone coffin containing the general's remains. Mr. Wu also delivered an address.

Minister Wu graphically described the career of Gen. Grant as a citizen, soldier and statesman, his remarks showing a deep study of his subject. "Nothing shows more clearly," he said, "the high estimation in which Grant was held by the world at large than the spontaneous enthusiasm with which he was everywhere greeted when he made his famous tour around the world. Princes and common people alike vied in paying him homage due to great rulers. Cities opened their gates to welcome him at his approach. His progress from country to country was like a triumphal procession. All this was a significant tribute to his character and his fame. It must be remembered that he was at this time only a private citizen. It was not until he had the greatest inherent in the man. In no country, I dare say, did he receive a warmer welcome than in the old empire of China.

The career of Grant is just such as is calculated to fire the imagination of the Chinese. Statesmen and generals do not come from an exclusive stock, is one of our favorite sayings. We Chinese have great admiration for men who have risen by their talents from humble beginnings to be acknowledged leaders of the people, such as Grant.

Minister Wu alluded to the friendship between Gen. Grant and Li Hung Chang, and said: "After Grant's death Earl Li gave instructions to the Chinese legation at Washington to send every year, as is done this day, an offering of flowers to the general's tomb on memorial day, as a token of his enduring friendship."

SALT COMBINE.

Two Leading Companies of Canada Consolidated—Lord Strathcona President.

Montreal, May 30.—The consolidation of the two leading salt companies of Canada was accomplished to-day. The Canadian Salt Company and the Windsor Salt Company, the two concerns which practically control the entire salt supply of the Dominion of Canada, have been consolidated under the name of the Canadian Salt Company, with a capital stock of \$8,000,000. Lord Strathcona, president of the Dominion of Canada, is the president of the combine. The board of directors is composed of Sir William Van Horne, T. Bissell and Paul S. McGraw, of Buffalo; George R. E. Colburn, of Montreal; and James G. Thompson, of Toronto, and Thomas Tait, of Montreal. The headquarters of the new combine will be in Montreal.

QUEEN WILHELMINA AT BERLIN.

She Receives Graciously Attention From the Emperor and Citizens.

Berlin, May 31.—Queen Wilhelmina had her husband, the Prince of the Netherlands, witnessed the Emperor's reception of the Berlin garrison this morning. The Queen afterwards drove to the royal castle with the Empress, the first royal riding at the head of the first military regiment with the Prince of the Netherlands on his right hand.

On returning the procession was met on Unter den Linden by the chief burgomasters, the city officials, and a band of musicians. The Queen presented an address to Queen Wilhelmina, and handed her a bouquet of flowers of the Netherlands flag. The Queen replied with a few words of thanks.

LIBERTY SCORNED.

Zanzibar Bondsmen Not Taking Advantage of Emancipation Decree.

London, May 30.—Ninety-eight per cent of the slaves of Zanzibar and Pemba who remain slaves, according to correspondence issued by the Foreign office concerning the working of the emancipation decree, fewer than 1800, because of British commiss. Officers over most of the slaves know their rights, and are not likely to gain much advantage, seeing that those who have a difficult time to make a living. The masters have been kinder since the new legislation was enacted, and seek to make their service more attrac-

The Arbitration Conference

War Declared to Be a Source, Not of Wealth, but of Poverty.

Lake Mohonk, N. Y., May 30.—The subject for this morning's session of the arbitration conference was the influence of commerce and commercial bodies upon the peace of the world. Professor Clarke, of Columbia, combated the idea that war was promotive of prosperity. On the contrary, he said, it simply gave the present money to expend by mortgaging the future. War was a source of poverty, not wealth.

W. J. Combs, of Brooklyn, deprecated the United States tariff policy in that it aroused the antagonism of other nations as already seen in hostile foreign legislation. "We have," he said, "created imperialism in imperio. It is a dangerous and war-making theory that we must extend our borders in order to keep trade going and make money."

Mr. Combs directed attention to the fact that vast as the mercantile and commercial interests of the country were, only one merchant had a seat in the fifty-second or fifty-third congress. He created amusement by suggesting that the chamber might well concern itself over the matter and send some merchants to congress in place of some of the lawyers there, who numbered, he said, 94 per cent.

John A. Taylor, of Brooklyn, followed and largely reaffirmed the positions taken by Mr. Combs.

Joshua Bailey, of Philadelphia, made a plea for a national peace. Other speakers were William Henry Gibson, of New York; Robert Payne, Boston; Robert Gibb, Everett; P. Wheeler and Dr. Allen, of Boston.

OTTAWA NEWS.

Harbor Master Appointed in New Westminster—Lord Minto Rusticating.

Ottawa, June 1.—Joseph Hiechenbach, of New Westminster, is gazetted harbor master of that place.

Lord Minto left to-day with Dr. Webb, of New York Central, to spend a week on the doctor's farm in Adirondacks.

Application will be made next session for an act to incorporate a company to construct and operate a railway of narrow or standard gauge from any point on White Pass & Yukon railway, situated between Cariboo and White Horse, in Yukon territory, or Rainy Hollow and Porcupine Creek, in British Columbia. Benjamin Russell, M. P., is solicitor.

Major F. S. Maude, Coldstream Guards, has been gazetted secretary and military secretary to His Excellency the Governor-General, the appointment dating from May 25th.

LABOR TROUBLES.

Prisoners Jealous for Free Labor's Rights—Struggle Imminent in Railway Circles.

London, Ont., May 30.—A number of prisoners undergoing hard labor terms at London jail, went on strike because they thought their working on the West London breakwater was interfering with "free labor." The ringleader was put in the black hole, and the strike collapsed.

Montreal, May 30.—A report is current that machinists of the Grand Trunk and the eastern division of the Canadian Pacific have been actively engaged for some time past preparing for a struggle, with the object of securing the establishment of uniform conditions on these sections.

GALLANT CANADIAN.

Sergt Richardson, V. C., Arrives Home From England.

Winnipeg, May 30.—Sergt. Richardson, of Strathcona's Horse, who received the first Victoria Cross presented by King Edward, arrived here to-day. He was a passenger by the Lake Superior, which was detained in quarantine for three weeks at Grosvenor Isle. Sergt. Richardson accompanied Strathcona's Horse to England on its return from South Africa, but was prevented from continuing his journey to Canada with the regiment by express command of the King, who wanted to present the cross in person to the gallant trooper.

TROUBLE BREWING.

Uncle Sam's Redskins Are Again Giving the War Department Trouble.

Fort Leavenworth, Kas., May 30.—Under heavy orders from the headquarters of the army, Col. Jesse M. Lee, commanding this post, left on the first train yesterday morning for Denver, and upon his arrival is to report for instructions to Gen. Merriam, commanding the department of Colorado. The final destination of Col. Lee is Fort Washackie, Wyo., where trouble is brewing among the Shoshones and Arapahoes, who live upon the Washackie reservation.

FATAL BOATING ACCIDENT.

Seven People Carried Over a Dam and Drowned.

Philadelphia, May 30.—A rowboat containing a party of eight people was swept over Platteock dam, in the Schuylkill river, this afternoon, and seven of them, six girls and one boy, were drowned. The victims were Mamie Conners, aged 17 years; Sallie Control, 17; Maggie Kennedy, 18; Maud Ritter, 10; Bertram Sullivan, 21; Florence Bond, 21; Merman Osmond, 19. The only one saved is John Moore, aged 21 years.

KIDNAPPED BOY FOUND.

After Two Years Absence He is Located at Ann Arbor.

Toledo, Ohio, June 1.—Albert Koske, aged 14, who is alleged to have been kidnapped by a stranger from his home at Norwalk two years ago, was yesterday located at Ann Arbor, Mich. The alleged kidnapper, who gives the name of Jos. Harris, is under arrest.

Severe Fighting

General Dixon Repulses an Attack at Vladfontein, But With Heavy Loss.

One Hundred and Seventy-Four British Were Killed, and Wounded.

London, May 31.—On the anniversary of Lord Roberts's entry into Johannesburg comes the news of severe fighting and heavy losses within forty miles of the gold reef city. The battle at Vladfontein, on the Durban-Johannesburg railway, reported by Lord Kitchener to-day, is the most serious engagement since Gen. Clements's reverse at Magersburg. The garrison at Vladfontein is apparently largely composed of Yeomanry, and had 174 men put out of action. That their assailants came to close quarters and suffered heavily is shown by the number of dead left on the field. The dispatch from Kitchener, dated Pretoria, May 30th, is as follows: "General Dixon's force at Vladfontein was attacked yesterday by Delarey's forces, and there was severe fighting. The enemy was eventually driven off with heavy loss, leaving 35 dead. I regret that our casualties also were severe. The killed and wounded numbered one hundred and seventy-four. Four officers were killed.

Boers for Jamaica.

Kingston, Jamaica, May 31.—A report from Barbadoes says the Imperial government is arranging to send a draft of Boer prisoners there.

SAMOA AFFAIRS.

Apia, Samoa May 31, via San Francisco, June 1.—The German government has made rapid progress with the roads commenced by the late government. But it has not yet been done altogether with German money, for the government upon the partition of the island secured all the assets of the Malietoa government, including some thousands of dollars in cash on hand. Malietoa is still in Fiji, and the Samoans are waiting him to come back. It is stated that he will not return until Great Britain, Germany and the United States shall have carried out the terms of the treaty made last week, which was intended to abdicate the throne in order to give the high commission a clear field to work upon. He was to receive an annuity and education. Governor T. E. Tilly has paid a visit to the outer islands of Manua and had a most loyal welcome from the King, Tulimaua, and his chiefs. The German court of Apia has convicted two Samoans of the murder of a Chinaman. The principal criminal was sentenced to be hanged and his accomplice to serve 15 years' hard labor. The former suffered the penalty last week. The remainder of lands held by San Francisco firm in trust for the Polyneesian Land Company has been sold to G. Kunst, a wealthy German, who also several years ago bought Valina, the home of the late Robert Louis Stevenson. This transfer places in German hands the largest American control. It is the intention of the new proprietor to send to Germany for settlers to work the lands. Mr. Kunst has purchased two steamers from the Union Steamship Company of New Zealand, for the American trade. The first is daily expected at Apia, and thence she will proceed to Honolulu and San Francisco.

STRIKE AT CHICAGO.

Over a Thousand Men Out in the Windy City.

Chicago, May 31.—The Chicago machinists' strike began to-day. More than 1,000 men quit work in various shops and factories because the employers refused to sign the agreement sent out yesterday for a 12 1/2 per cent. increase in wages, a nine-hour day, and time and a half and double time for all time over nine hours. A few manufacturers signed the agreement.

Chicago, May 31.—The situation assumed a more grave aspect with the threat of the allied trades to declare a sympathetic movement at once. With the exception of six shops none of those to which the agreement was presented has signed. The most extensive firm of the six signing is the Link Belt Co., which with 130 men granted the machinists a 12 1/2 per cent. increase in wages to-morrow nearly 2,000 men will be in the ranks of the strikers.

STILL IN DANGER.

Mrs. McKinley Suffering From Old Ailment in Less Acute Form.

Washington, D. C., May 31.—The physicians who are in attendance upon Mrs. McKinley after a consultation, state that she is recovering from the fatigue of the trip. The illness from which she was suffering in San Francisco still continues, though in less intense form. She is still feeble and cannot be considered out of danger. Her progress will no doubt be slow, but improvement is looked for.

CHURCH OFFICERS.

Pembroke, Ont., May 31.—Rev. Dr. S. P. Rose, of Dominion church, Ottawa, was this morning elected president of the Montreal Methodist conference. Rev. Chas. S. DeCoursey, of Huntington, Que., was elected secretary.

Forty Strikers Killed.

Bloody Outcome of Conflict Between Rioters and Police at St. Petersburg.

London, May 31.—According to a dispatch St. Petersburg to-day, it appears that the conflict at Alexanderovskiy, in the vicinity of St. Petersburg, between the strikers at the Obuchoff Iron Works and the authorities on May 20th, when about 3,500 rioters attacked the police, has much more serious results than were contained in the police report of the affair issued May 21st. It was then said that after 12 of the police had been injured they were reinforced by soldiers, who fired three volleys, killing two men and wounding seven. The relatives of the strikers declare that forty of the men were killed, and 150 others wounded. A reliable witness says he saw four van loads of wounded persons covered with blood, and another spectator declares he saw two tug loads of wounded taken to the hospital.

NANAIMO NEWS.

Steamer Victorian Down From North—Hon. Fred Peters in Town.

Nanaimo, May 31.—Steamer Victorian arrived at this morning from Ketchikan for bunker coal en route to Port Townsend with 25 passengers. She had no news of importance.

Hon. Fred Peters arrived to-day to make a final adjustment with the city council of the water works department which has been arranged through his efforts on a very satisfactory basis.

Chas. F. Alston, late city engineer of Greenwood, who came here some months ago expecting to take the position of engineer of the municipal water works, and latterly employed by New Vancouver Coal Co., left to-day to take a position as engineer of the Black Eagle Mining Co., Rat Portage, Ont.

Mary Brown, in inmate of a sporting house on the Comox road, attempted suicide with laudanum last night and was rescued with great difficulty.

Corruption At Honolulu

Special Grand Jury Investigating Charges of Bribery in the Legislature.

Legislators Solicit Money From Corporations—Officials Refuse to Answer.

Honolulu, May 25, via San Francisco, May 31.—The special grand jury called to investigate the charges of bribery in the legislature has had as witnesses Governor Dole, Attorney-General Dole, Secretary of the Territory Cooper and other high officials, and on the refusal of some of them to answer questions, it has had them brought into court to show cause why they should not testify. In the absence of S. B. Dole, who is indisposed, Secretary Cooper is acting governor.

The grand jury began its investigations on a letter from the governor to the legislature refusing to extend the session, because he had information that bribery was taking place. Governor Dole appeared before the grand jury, and it is said told all that he knew. The other heads of departments were summoned, and all refused to tell what they knew, on the ground that the information they had received was in the nature of a "privileged" communication, having been given to them as government officials.

Acting Governor Cooper, Attorney-General Dole and L. A. Thurston, president of the Gazette Publishing Company, were summoned to appear before Judge Humphries and show cause why they should not tell the grand jury what they had received regarding bribery and the legislature. Judge Humphries sustained Dole, and it was shown that he had told the grand jury the names of the men from whom he had received information.

AUTOMOBILE STALLED.

Cross-Continent Trip Ends Abruptly in a Nevada Sand Hill.

Winnemucca, Nev., May 31.—Alex. B. Winton and Chas. E. Shanks, of Cleveland, Ohio, have abandoned the attempt to cross the continent in an automobile. Their machine stalled in a sand block near this place and they were unable to go further. The tourists left here for Cleveland and the machine will be shipped to that city by rail as soon as it can be extracted.

Mr. Winton says it is impossible for an ordinary automobile to cross the sandy desert of Nevada. He intends to make another trial in a specially constructed machine which he will build.

FORGERS CAPTURED.

Plot to Flood Washington With Bogus Street Car Tickets.

Washington, May 31.—Frederick D. H. Engley, a conductor on the Washington Traction Company's lines, and his brother, Samuel E. Engley, of Plattsville, Md., whose arrests yesterday on charges of forgery revealed an alleged plot for flooding the city with bogus car tickets, were arraigned to-day and waived examination. Later the police received a telegram from the police authorities of Glasgow, Scotland, announcing that they had recovered the plates from which the bogus tickets floated here were struck, and that along with them had recovered 40,000 sheets of tickets aggregating 240,000 tickets. On receipt of this information the bill of each of the men was raised to \$5,000, which they were unable to furnish.

OFFICERS REPRIMANDED.

Manila, May 31.—The result of the Goodwill court of inquiry is that both Lieut. Col. H. G. Goodrell and Col. Henry C. Cochrane have been severely reprimanded by Rear-Admiral Rogers. Goodrell has been ordered to command the marine brigade and Cochrane has been ordered to the United States.

Militia Promotions

Services of Officers in Connection With South African Campaign Recognized.

Large Increase in Customs Revenue For May Over Last Year.

Ottawa, May 31.—The Militia Gazette was issued to-day. It contains the following appointments:

Colonel—Lieut.-Col. C. E. Montzambert, district staff.

To be colonels in recognition of South African service—Lt.-Col. C. W. Drury, Lt.-Col. F. L. Lessard, and Lt.-Col. Evans.

To be lieutenant-colonels—Major G. H. Ogilvie, Major W. G. Hurdman, Ottawa; Major O. C. Pelletier and Major R. E. W. Turner, Quebec; Major A. M. Worthington and Major E. Fiset, W. A. S.

To be majors—Capt. C. M. Nelles, R. C. D.; Capt. V. A. S. Williams, R. C. D.; Capt. L. E. W. Irving.

Reserve of officers—Capt. H. A. Panet, R.C.A.; Capt. A. H. Macdonnell, R.C.A.; Capt. H. B. Stairs, 65th, Halifax; Capt. J. H. C. Ogilvie, R.C.A.; and Capt. H. Z. C. Cockburn, G.G.B.G.

To be captain—Lieut. E. W. B. Morrison, Ottawa.

Lt.-Col. Otter and Lt.-Col. Hudson were previously promoted.

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Subject of Guarantee.

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ROMANTIC ELOPEMENT.

Drummers Assist Young Couple to Elude Enraged Parent.

Sheerbrooke, May 31.—The hired man of a Sheerbrooke farmer eloped with his sixteen-year-old daughter, and walked to Avers Flats, a distance of ten miles. They had dinner there and afterwards boarded the train for here, a little before the arrival of the enraged father. The Cootecook police arrested the couple on arrival of the train there on instructions from the girl's father. They were taken to the Klondike hotel, and imprisoned in the parlor, a policeman being stationed at the door to prevent their escape before the arrival of the enraged parent. Several drummers in the hotel, seeing the plight of the couple, planned an escape. A ladder was placed under the parlor window and the prisoners were quickly assisted to the ground, a team was harnessed and the couple started on a rapid ride for liberty and happiness.

The now thoroughly angry father arrived shortly after, but the fleeing lovers were then safely beyond his reach.

CLEARING HOUSE TOTALS.

Gratifying Reports Received From the Principal Canadian Cities.

New York, May 31.—The principal cities in Canada report the following clearing house totals for the week: Victoria, \$724,671, 42.5 per cent. increase; Montreal, \$14,862,098, 13.8 per cent. increase; Toronto, \$9,516,291, 170.810, 33.1 per cent. decrease; Halifax, \$1,490,116, 12.8 per cent. increase; Hamilton, \$634,746, 14.0 per cent. decrease; St. John, \$615,183, 2.3 per cent. decrease; Vancouver, \$760,139, 10.6 per cent. decrease; Quebec, \$1,279,889; Total, \$30,080,110, 5.2 per cent. increase.

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The Cuban Convention

President McKinley's Cabinet Disapproves of the Modifications of Platt Amendment.

Will Not Relinquish Control Over Island Till Question is Adjusted.

Washington, May 31.—The administration has decided that the action of the Cuban constitutional convention in accepting the terms of the Platt amendment with modifications and interpretation of the Monroe doctrine. It is emphatically stated by some of those who have been present at the conferences that the Monroe doctrine has nothing whatever to do with the present situation in Cuba. It is stated that the earnest desire of the President is to retire from Cuba at the earliest possible moment consistent with the best interests of the people of the island and the future relations between the government and the United States. The problem is whether withdrawal under the amended Platt law will accomplish that result.

Washington, May 31.—The President and cabinet to-day at their meeting decided the action of the Cuban constitutional convention was not a "substantial" compliance with the terms of the Platt amendment. The secretary of war will convey this fact to the convention.

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