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BRIEFS BY WIRE.

Venezuela Wants War Material—Tug Boat Combine—Plague and Smallpox.

Venezuela is planning important orders for war material, says the London Daily Mail, and having been Krupp and others to tender for the supply of cruisers, torpedo boats and the like.

The bright colors have been seen at Lima, Peru, for several nights is still visible and is the subject of much discussion among the naval officers and those at the observatory. The former are of the opinion that it is Venus's comet, and the latter that it is Broca's or Broca's.

J. F. Nagle, owner of the largest fleet in Toledo, went to Cleveland last night to close a deal, whereby the Great Lakes Towing Co., the tug trust, will become the owner of his boats. The Great Lakes Towing Company will now control all Lake Erie ports.

Charles B. Hare, the student at Ann Harbor, who was released today as permanently cured, and Cummins, the friend who nursed him through the sickness was released with him. There has not been the slightest sign of any infection from the virus.

A military captive balloon with two men in the car, ascended at Cologne during manoeuvres Sunday afternoon. It broke loose in a gale, was soon lost to sight in the clouds and has not been seen since.

According to the Rome correspondent of the London Daily Chronicle, Herr Palewski, apostolic delegate in Bombay, will be nominated apostolic delegate for the United States.

The steamer Cotuit, arriving at Port Townsend, Wa., from the north, confirms the reports of smallpox at Sitka and also that the disease is rapidly spreading among the Indians, where there are over 100 cases.

Donald A. Lathaw, an editorial writer on the Kansas City Star, died last night of consumption, aged 31 years.

His wife, Violet, daughter of the Chicago Tribune and also a reporter for the New York World.

A special to the Denver, Colo., News from Santa Fe, N. M., says: "Four beautiful turquoise from the Fortunate mines in the Burro mountains were presented to President McKinley yesterday by Governor Otero of Deming. The largest stone weighed 30 karats and was a superb specimen.

The statement of the British board of trade for the month of April shows an increase of 3,711,000 pounds in imports, and a decrease of 688,100 pounds in exports.

Sir Reginald Beauchamp got a divorce from his wife, Violet, daughter of the fifth earl of Roden, in London, today, and £10,000 damages. The respondent was Hugh Watt, a former member of parliament, well known in financial circles.

There was a heavy fall of snow in North Devonshire and Dartmoor (South Devonshire), England today, endangering the spring crops.

The change from the almost tropical heat of the past month to the most arctic and promises to continue for some time.

At a meeting today of the Leyland Line shareholders in London, the Morgan-Ellerman agreement was unanimously confirmed.

STREET CAR STRIKE.

One Thousand Men Out—Service in Five Cities Tied Up.

ALBANY, May 7.—The employees of the United Traction company, which operates the street surface car lines in Albany, Troy, Cohoes, Waterfalls, and Rensselaer, went on a strike this morning.

One thousand employees of the road went out. There is a complete suspension of operations in the five cities, but to this hour the greatest order has prevailed.

The strike was wholly unexpected by the public, and the residents of the five cities were unaware of it until they awoke this morning. The cause of the strike is practically three grievances. The employees of the company are organized in two branches of the amalgamated association of street railway employes. The men want complete recognition of the union by the discharge of seven non-union men employed by the company. They also want extra men paid the same rate per hour as regular men. A modification of the duties of conductors relative to the registration of inspectors is also required. The strike has caused a great public inconvenience, and all sorts of conveniences are being used for transit purposes.

CONGER AND WU.

CHICAGO, May 7.—"Senator Wu is a hero and is entitled to the lasting gratitude of every American citizen. The statement now being circulated that I ever challenged his trustworthiness or his honesty of intention is absolutely false."

In these words Major E. H. Conger, minister, disposed of the charge that he had intimated to Wu Tang Ping, minister Conger in his way to Washington, where he will remain two weeks. Mr. Conger said: "If I receive the nomination for governor of Iowa, I shall of course immediately resign my post in China and come home for the campaign."

ANOTHER SMALL-POX CASE.

NEW YORK, May 7.—Another Italian immigrant steamer has arrived in port with smallpox among the passengers. It was the steamer Italia which arrived today from Naples with four cases and 1,311 steerage passengers. There was one case aboard. The steamer will be disinfected, and about 20 of the passengers will be sent to Hoffman Island for observation.

ONE OF TART'S FRIENDS.

Demands that Canada Did Not Join the United States.

(Letter in New York Sun.)

MONTREAL, April 25.—The agitation against the proposed erection of a commemorative tablet to Gen. Montcalm in the city of Quebec is still being carried on by the ultra-loyalists who have found support for their crusade in a few of the Canadian newspapers. The insulting columns headed at Gen. Montcalm's memory by Mrs. Fessenden, the leader of the agitators, has drawn forth a remarkable letter from a prominent French-Canadian, Louis Le J. Papiereau, Seigneur of Montebello, Seigneur Papiereau is a son of the famous Louis Papiereau, who in 1837 was the leader of the French-Canadian rebellion against British rule in Canada, a struggle which resulted in the establishment of a responsible government in this country. Seigneur Papiereau denounces the character of Mrs. Fessenden, to which reference was made recently in The Sun, and protests against the call for the erection of the tablet.

"Montgomery, like Benjamin Franklin and Carroll of Baltimore," says Seigneur Papiereau, "came to offer us liberty and independence, and they were repulsed by our bishop and his priests, but the republican armies of the continental congress show they were never guilty of the crimes against women which are so fluently attributed in the letter of a lady."

Mr. Canada had joined the revolution instead of remaining a puny colony of six millions it would now number over twenty millions, and the whole trade of the northern states would have followed the natural course of the St. Lawrence. The doubt as to custom houses and construction would have had an existence. Toronto would have outstripped Buffalo, and even Chicago; Montreal and Quebec would have eclipsed Boston and New York.

In the seventy millions of the United States today there are included one million of English Canadians and one million of French Canadians. Why have we not as many from the United States filling their places here? Why does the great bulk of the immigrants from Europe land in the United States and so few in Canada? Because we are shunned as colonists. Were we an independent nation we would soon get a fair share of immigration. Why not independent? Is a great measure of this owing to the United Empire Loyalists who settled in Ontario—refugees of the American Revolution—an incubus on the progress of Canada?

Although the Quebec authorities are being deluged with petitions to prevent the erection of the proposed tablet to Gen. Montgomery it is not likely that they will withdraw the permission already given to the Sons of the Revolution.

RUBBER HISTORY.

Man Who Came with Columbus Saw Haytiens Playing Ball.

(Ainslie's Magazine.)

The world was a long time learning the uses and value of rubber. For two centuries after the Spaniards saw the gum in the hands of natives of the new world it was little more than a curiosity. Old Hernando, who went with Columbus on his second voyage, made a note of an elastic ball which was molded from the gum of a tree. At their games the nude Haytiens made it bound high in the air. The Astecs were familiar with the gum and called it uli, and from them the Spaniards learned to smear it on their coats to keep out the wet. They had crossed the sea for gold, and never dreamed of a sticky milk the smooth Indians drew from strange trees would be worth more than all the treasure of the hills. On February 23, 1899, a ship carrying a cargo of 1,107 tons of rubber, valued at \$2,310,000, sailed from Para for New York, leaving 200 tons behind on the wharf.

Jose, King of Portugal, in 1555, comes down to us as the wearer of a pair of boots sent out to Para to be covered with a waterproof gum. Yet three hundred years were to elapse before a Connecticut Yankee should make a pair of boots of rubber which would not decompose. Dr. Priestly, author of a work on "Respectively," was the first to record that caoutchouc (pronounced "koochoc") was useful in small cubes for rubbing out pencil marks—hence the name rubber. The India linked with it refers to the savages who carried it in the Amazon wilderness. Dr. Priestly's cubes were half an inch long and sold for three shillings, or seventy-five cents apiece. A stiff price, for the finest rubber today is a dollar a pound. Its price for ten years has ranged from 62 cents to 1.60. The conversion of the gum to useful purposes made but slow headway.

The first waterproof cloth in 1791 was the work of an Englishman. It was tentative, and, of course, it would not stand heat. In 1823 Charles Macintosh, of Glasgow, discovered naphtha, and dissolving rubber in it, produced a varnish which, when spread on cloth, made it really impervious to water. As late as 1859 the importation of rubber into England amounted only to 50,000 pounds. In 1899 no less than 16,000,000 pounds were consumed in the country, and the consumption in the United States reached \$1,606,737 pounds. Most of the rubber used in the world still comes from equatorial South America, and the forests where the Indians gathered it are as dense today and almost as little known to white men as in the time of Cortez.

HAD TO BE.

(Brooklyn Life.)

"I hope you were an observant traveler," said his friend.

"Well, I think I did pretty well," said the man who had just returned from Europe, "considering that I had to keep a sharp eye all the time on people who were trying to skin me out of my last cent!"

SOUTH AFRICA.

Demand For Fresh Troops to Hurry the War to an End.

LONDON, May 7.—The Pretoria correspondent of the Times in a letter dated April 6, describes the insecurity of the "Delagoa Bay" R. R. and the constant delays and stoppages due to systematic attempts by Boer commandoes to wreck the lines and trains with mines.

The Times Kronsstad correspondent in a letter published yesterday, the Pretoria correspondent also insists upon the imperative necessity of replacing the stale British troops by fresh drafts, declaring that, "Unless the war is finished before September we must resign ourselves to its continuance for another year."

Commenting upon the communications from its correspondents in Kronsstad and Pretoria, the Times says: "The large captures of Boers since these letters were written give promise of a better state of things, but the government ought to do their utmost. Unlucky circumstances to carry out any general system of relief, but something might surely be done for the battalions which have suffered most."

CAPB TOWN, May 7.—A big steamer is ashore on Robben Island, not far from here. It is said that the vessel is British steamer Tantallon, one of the Castle line, with relief troops and passengers on board.

COTTON CROP DAMAGED.

SAVANNAH, Ga., May 6.—Specials from Burke and Emanuel Counties report a heavy hail storm last night. The indications at present are that 75 p. c. of the cotton is beaten to pieces.

SELMA, Ala., May 4.—The heaviest storm of hail in years visited this city today. Stones the size of birds' eggs fell and remained on the ground about 40 minutes, damaging young corn and cotton.

THE STRIKING LINEMEN.

BOSTON, May 6.—The striking linemen won their first victory today when the Charlestown Gas and Electric Co. yielded to their demand for a nine hour day and \$3 per day, agreeing to pay them from Saturday morning, when the strike began.

The elevated road has dropped any intention it might have had of compelling them to work by the striking linemen. It has practically agreed to let the matter take its own course and ignore the strikers altogether.

NICARAGUA CANAL ROUTE.

NEW YORK, May 7.—It is understood that the engineers who have been making test borings and surveys for a route for the Nicaraguan canal, some of whom have just arrived here from Greytown, believe that a canal across Nicaragua costing less than \$25,000,000 is feasible. The work would include about fifty miles of embankment and cut on each side, the building of a 110 foot dam and the cutting out of rock for sixteen miles from Lake Nicaragua to the Pacific ocean. The total length if the route is 182 miles. The highest ridge which it would be necessary to cut through is slightly more than 300 feet high. Great care has been taken to avoid sand.

HERE'S A LUCKY DOG.

NEW YORK, May 7.—Policeman Daniel J. White, the driver of the patrol wagon at the Coney Island police station, will apply on Monday for three months' leave of absence to go to Melbourne, Australia, to collect a legacy of \$10,000. He has been notified by Sydney H. Preston, barrister, of 27 Chancery Lane, London, that the money is waiting for him. It is said to be one-fifth of the estate of Ralph Shields, a steamship magnate of Melbourne, who died in 1872, and who was a great uncle of White. White is married and has several children.

THE WEATHER.

TORONTO, May 7.—Northern with westerly winds, cloudy and cool, with local showers Wednesday; moderate northwesterly winds, clearing and milder.

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 7.—Fore-cast: Eastern states and northern New York—Partly cloudy tonight; Wednesday, showers and cooler, variable winds mostly westerly. Western New York—Partly cloudy tonight; probably showers in west portion; Wednesday, rain and cooler, fresh southeasterly winds.

FREDERICTON.

Man Dropped Dead—Had His Arm Cut Off.

FREDERICTON, May 7.—Michael Davis, a teamster for R. A. Estey, dropped dead in the mill-yard today. He was about 80 years old and leaves a widow, two daughters and one son.

The equine coach, James Macfarlane, residing in his session today, dealing with two York County cases.

Robert McCoy, while fixing a belt at Gibson's shingle mill, Marysville, today, was thrown against a saw and his right arm cut off at the elbow. He belongs to the Portage, near Stanley.

WOODSTOCK NEWS.

Arthur G. Boyne, of St. John, who has been in Woodstock for the last seven months, in charge of the Boys' Christian Association, has severed his connection with the organization and gone to Stellarton, N. S., where he is to act as superintendent of a railway.

M. C. A. A. Woodstock letter says: "Mr. Boyne was a highly respected young man and thoroughly efficient in his work. He will be much missed in musical circles as he was a valued member of St. Luke's church choir. His many friends wish him success in his new sphere of work."



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