

OTIS CENSURED.

SOLDIERS HAVE NO CONFIDENCE IN HIS ABILITY.

Say His System of Operations Costs Labor and Lives But Leads to Nothing—A Nebraskaan from the Scene Tells of the Futility of the Plan.

OMAHA, Neb., July 23.—Among both officers and privates one may find a spirit of general disgust at the manner in which the campaign has been conducted. They say that upon these lines the war may drag along for 10 years with nothing to show for it at the end of that time but a stretch of devastated fields, with the attacking troops more thoroughly knocked out than the insurgents. They are tired of being used for Filipino targets, and condemn as thoroughly as they dare the policy of procrastination, which gives the rebels time to build other fortifications after being successfully dislodged from former strongholds.

THE JOINT COMMISSION.

Senator Fairbank Interviewed on the Prospects of It Again Meeting.

WASHINGTON, July 24.—Senator Fairbank made a brief call upon the president today. He declined to discuss the speech of Sir Wilfrid Laurier or to remark upon a situation with reference to the boundary dispute. He confirmed the report already given out that there would be no meeting of the joint commission on August 2, and says that he agreed upon a postponement for an indefinite period.

THE FRANCO-AMERICAN TREATY SIGNED.

WASHINGTON, July 24.—The long pending reciprocity treaty negotiations between the United States and France were brought to a successful close at the state department late this afternoon, when Ambassador Cambon, on behalf of France, and Commissioner Dingley, on behalf of the United States, affixed their signatures to the treaty. It is by far the most important treaty concluded under the reciprocity provisions of the Dingley law, and the only one affecting the trade with a large commercial nation. The negotiations were marked by rather sharp and long continued discussions, which continued up to the time the signatures were placed on the document. On the whole, the spirit of compromise prevailed, and each side yielded something. As a whole, both sides express satisfaction with the general result secured. The treaty is a compromise necessitated some minor sacrifices, the general effect of the treaty will encourage commerce between the two countries.

DRIFTED 2,400 MILES.

One of the Latest Involuntary Voyages Over the Pacific.

The geographers of Europe are talking about a remarkable journey last year of a little schooner from Tahiti, and are inclined to think that its involuntary wandering through the light on the long-voiced question as to how it happens that so many widely separated specks of land are inhabited. They believe that many of the islands were peopled by natives who, while out at sea in the various craft, were blown away from their own islands and carried to others of which they had no previous knowledge.

Dewey at Trieste.

TRIESTE, July 24.—A correspondent of the Associated Press today visited Admiral Dewey on board his flagship Olympia and was cordially received. Being requested to convey the admiral's thanks to the Associated Press, Admiral Dewey said that although he had received many invitations from American journalists at Carlsbad he had never gone there. "Look at me," said the admiral, "do I look like a sick man? Do I look as if I required Carlsbad treatment? I am quite healthy, and though I shall be 62 next December, I feel quite young."

AN ENGINEERING FEAT.

DRAW TAKEN FROM A BRIDGE AND ANOTHER PUT IN.

In Eight Minutes, Although it Weighed Five Hundred Tons—The Operation Watched by Thousands—Engineers Warmly Praise the Achievement.

New York, July 24.—The new 600 ton drawbridge erected to replace the old and worn out draw by the Pennsylvania Railroad on the bridge over the Passaic river between Harrison and Newark was safely and successfully placed in position yesterday afternoon, while several thousand persons lined the banks on both sides of the river and watched the engineering feat, which appeared so easy of accomplishment.

ANOTHER LAKE DUCK.

The Alimere Bound for St. John—Towed into Halifax With Her Propeller Gone.

HALIFAX, July 24.—Midsummer dullness in shipping circles was dispelled this morning when, shortly after 9 o'clock, signals were noticed at the harbor that a tow was sighted off the harbor.

English Opinions on the Premier's Speech.

TORONTO, July 24.—The Telegram's special cable from London, says the St. James's Gazette, commenting upon the speech by Sir Wilfrid Laurier in the house of commons Saturday on the Alaska boundary question, says "It is a very serious diplomatic collision with the United States."

Suppressing Fakos.

WASHINGTON, July 24.—A largely operated advertising plan excluded from the mails by a decision rendered by Acting Assistant Attorney General Barrett for the post office department, the plan consists of puzzles with prizes offered, whose solutions is easy by counting dots in a circle, spoken by a witness or arranging a set of jumbled letters to form names of prominent persons, but the catch is in a proviso imposing conditions on successful contestants. The heavy mail following these advertisements bring out circulars from the promoters which lead patrons to believe they have won valuable prizes, conditioned on their making or obtaining subscriptions, selling articles, etc. The department, in directing the postmaster at Boston in a previous case to accept for mailing circulars relating to such schemes, holds that they deceive the credulous and uneducated.

New Mode of Execution.

The Japanese government is striving to discover a new and more modern mode for the execution of its convicted criminals. It has laid aside the idea of execution by electricity as it is now practiced in America, and is considering an entirely new and improved method of execution.

A Disappearance in Maine.

WESTBORO, Maine, July 24.—Miss Eliza Connor, of this city, was returning from a vacation at Calais with her friend Miss Fanny Matthews and after crossing on the ferryboat at Calais she disappeared and nothing has been heard from her since. That was about 10 days ago and there is no known cause for her disappearance. She is about 21 years of age, tall and of dark complexion.

THE PEACE CONFERENCE.

WILLIAM T. STEAD SUMMARIZES THE WORK DONE SO FAR.

The Conference Has Achieved Great Success—The Establishment of a Permanent Court of Arbitration Presents Vast Progress.

THE HAGUE, July 25.—Mr. William Stead, on the Peace Conference, says: "I have seen the American delegates, and they talked freely about the conference, and refused to make a statement about the results before the conference closes. The following, however, may be accepted as a fairly accurate summary of the views they entertained."

MODERN POCKETS.

The Up-to-date Woman Wears Them Every Where.

At last the secret is out. Now we know why women have all along been going about with those complacent, almost indifferent looks, wearing the fashionably indifferently made hats? No, for all along some of them have had pockets in their underclothes.

Sham American Civilization.

LONDON, July 25.—According to the Rome correspondent of the Daily Mail, the United States government has informed the Italian authorities that it is impossible to discover the Lynchers of the Italians in Louisiana. The newspapers, the correspondent adds, are indignant, and vigorously denounce what they call sham American civilization.

FREE.

This beautiful stem winding watch and chain F.W. Jewellery Co. will send you a name and address and we will send you a name and address. Sell these to your friends at the end of the year and you will get the money and we will send you a name and address. We also give gold rings, Accordeons, National Watch & Jewellery Co., Toronto, Ont.

TENDERS.

For an Annex to the Lunatic Asylum. Department of Public Works, Charlottetown, P. E. Island, June 27th, 1899.

GRADED TENDERS will be received at this office until 10 o'clock on July 25th, 1899, for the building of an annex to the Lunatic Asylum at Charlottetown, P. E. Island. The tenders must be accompanied by a certificate of the architect to be seen at this office.

The signatures of two good and responsible sureties must accompany each tender. The government will not accept the lowest or any tender. RICHARD SMITH, Chief of Public Works.

SECURELY SEWN TO THE SKIRT, EDGE TO EDGE.

so that the front slit forms the entrance to the depths, and there it snugly reposes, away from any danger of being plucked. In the outer underskirt, if the paradox may be allowed in this limited vocabulary of dress, there is another series of pockets placed. These run around the back and even the sides, if one has much to carry around with one. They are called portemonnaies, and have a very Frenchy little gathering of ribbon in them, to hold the valuable things in from harm. The rows are all made of gray canvas stitched on very carefully and lined with chambray skirt. They are shallow and about the length of a back note—which is what is supposed to repose within this shielded spot. The lips are bound with silk braid, and stitched in colour, and are tied with ribbon "runs" to keep them from being too much, and to make them follow, as far as may be, the falling of the drop skirt at this point. The corset is furnished with two pockets, each of gray suede, or black or white, according to the color of the stays. They are firmly sewed into the stays, with only the button flaps left open, for inserting smaller dimensions of bills or notes. They fall in the lower part of the bust line and do not add to the bulk, so that every woman will welcome them. The hose have their upper edge, or hem, arranged to accommodate the rings or any small articles of value, and are very convenient for the hairpins. The corset covers an admirably adapted in these days of "margineries" and full waists, to conceal the girth and are doing away with more and more the robberies than you would think for. The owner of the brooches, rings and pins can always transfer them from one set of lines to another when she is changing her clothing, so that no skirts need be left around with any of diamond and emerald buttons or her turquoise rings in them.

MARITIME PROVINCE SURVIVORS.

Of the Edmonton Trail Return After Being on the Trail Almost Two Years—Terrible Tales of Hardship.

WREXHAM, Alaska, July 26 (via Seattle, July 24). The Stricken River Steamers Strathcona and Oakes have arrived here with 75 survivors from the Edmonton trail. These unfortunate had been on the trail nearly two years. They relate tales of hardship and suffering, and non-feasibility of both the land and water routes overland. Under orders from the Canadian government, the Hudson Bay and other trading companies have sent out relief expeditions to bring in several hundred sick and starving men, struggling along the Laird and Pelly rivers. During the past winter it is estimated that fifty died of scurvy and as many more were drowned, while others returned to Edmonton.

Epidemic of Suicide.

SOUTH ROYALTON, Mass., July 24.—The body of an unknown man, evidently a Pole, was found today hanging in a shed situated in an unincorporated part of the town. The man evidently committed suicide, and it is believed the body had been hanging there for over a day.

ROBERT DARROW, MARRIED.

SACO, Me., July 24.—John Dufrene, for the York corporation, committed suicide today by drowning in the Saco river. He placed a cord about his neck to which was attached a large stone.

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