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WHITE AND BLACK.

Trouble in Kentucky Threatening to Assume Large Proportions.

CITIZENS OF MAYFIELD ALARMED.

They Expect an Attack by a Colored Mob—The State Guards Send Them a Gatling Gun.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Dec. 23.—A special to the Post from Mayfield, Ky., says: At 4 o'clock this morning a number of thirty white men from Fulton, thirty miles away, came into the city armed to the teeth and prepared to assist the negroes who propose to attack this place on account of the recent lynching. Kuttawa, Wingo, Princeton, Paducah and neighboring towns have been asked for aid. Companies are being formed in all these places. The second regiment of the Kentucky state guards at Paducah has been asked for a gatling gun and the piece is now on its way to this city.

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THE POWERS NOW AGREE.

The Sultan Must Be Compelled to Reform His Government.

Promises Amount to Nothing—Russia Submits a Proposition to the European Powers.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Dec. 23. [Delayed in transmission.]—All ambassadors have now received instructions to concert in preparing with a view of improving the situation in the Ottoman empire. The proposals before being submitted to the sultan will be referred to their respective governments. All powers, including Russia, as repeatedly announced the past few months, have agreed in principle to the expediency of employing coercion, should the sultan refuse to listen. But the form of coercion will not be determined until the emergency arises.

LONDON, Dec. 23.—As frequently before, it is now stated that the sultan's promises amount to nothing, and are determined to begin a policy of coercion. All information points to the accuracy of the news received today from Constantinople and added to the Associated Press. The Marquis of Salisbury on Monday received the ambassadors to the foreign office and communicated to them the views of the British government on the subject of Russia's proposals for joint intervention, in order that each ambassador might communicate them to his government.

Trouble on a Mexican Ranch.

GUADALAJARA, Mexico, Dec. 23.—Particulars have been received here of a desperate affray on the ranch of Juan Vidrio. Vidrio had trouble with his employes and thirty attacked him, seriously wounded he took refuge in his residence and fired on the assailants, killing two and wounding seven badly. Twenty members of the mob have been arrested and probably will be shot.

The Annapolis Launched.

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—The gunboat Annapolis sailed for service as a practice cruiser for the United States naval academy at Annapolis was launched at Elizabeth at 10:30 a. m.

The Annapolis is a vessel of an entirely new type in size and a composite construction, all frames being of steel. Planks of Georgia pine to a depth of 4 feet from the water line, secured by composition bolts in such a manner as to prevent galvanic action which covers with copper. This will make the vessel largely independent of docking facilities and economical in the use of fuel.

Another feature of the vessel that distinguishes it from other naval ships is the use of full sail power in addition to steam. It is a sister ship to the Vicksburg and Newport.

Miss Georgie Potter, daughter of Lieutenant Theodore Porter, granddaughter of the late admiral Porter, broke the customary bottle of wine on the vessel's bow as it glided into Staten Island sound, exclaiming, "I name thee Annapolis."

Another Bank Fails.

WEST SUPERIOR, Wis., Dec. 23.—The Bank of Superior, with a capital of $100,000, surplus, $50,000, suspended operations this morning. A direct result of the troubles of the banks in Minnesota and Illinois. The notice of suspension stated that the cause was the Bank of Minneapolis failure and the Bank of Illinois weakened it considerably.

At the November statement the bank had deposits $78,947; rediscounts, $1,000.

Loans and discounts, $18,971; real estate owned, $13,000; bonds and securities, $5,391; cash on hand, $22,259.90.

The officials say they expect to resume and pay the depositors in full.

Mexican Patriotism.

SAN DIEGO, Cal., Dec. 23.—The patriotism of Mexicans and their reverence for liberty is shown in their strong sympathy with the Cuban insurgents. Every day during the past six months there has been traffic on the City of Mexico between Mexicans and Spanish and the general government is taking severe measures to check any guilty demonstration of hostility of Spain. In San Luis Potosi the feeling has so high that serious trouble is threatened. Last Wednesday a mob gathered in that city enflamed by a circular, said to have been written by a Spaniard and delaying Mexicans and Mexican institutions, especially in the part taken in sympathy with the Cubans. This circular precipitated a riot. A mob of 3,000 people, in the evening constantly growing in numbers and violence until at 10 o'clock it had reached the proportions of a mob that swept everything before it. The mob gathered in front of the Spanish consulate and attempted to demolish the structure but were finally controlled by one or two of the heads. The banners, inscribed with once red letters, were burned in front of the consulate and were talk and insults rankled. The Spanish consul was in great peril and appealed to the authorities to protect him. The mob finally left, after severe measures had been taken by the police and place were hurriedly made to disperse any subsequent gathering.

Shown to Alone.

PORTLAND, Ind., Dec. 23.—The afternoon Telegram magazine near Modjeller exploded today with terrible force. Harry Adams and Charles Mitchell were blown to atoms. A great hole in the ground is the only mark left to show the location of the building. The shock was felt for miles around.

Bills Signed by the President.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—The President signed the sundry civil appropriation bill. The latter carries nearly two hundred appropriations, chiefly of the bureau of construction and steam engineering have been settled that they may continue repairing the ships.

Senator Shoup Goes to Canton.

CLEVELAND, Dec. 23.—Senator Shoup, who came here yesterday with Senator Thurston to see Chairman Hanna, departed for Canton this morning, where he will confer with the President-elect.

Thurston left last evening for Chicago.

Making Ready for Russell.

LONDON, Dec. 23.—Dec. 23.—Earl Russell's Riverside residence at Maidenhead on Thames was gutted by fire early this morning. It is rumored the fire was of incendiary origin. Since the death of the earl's only surviving mother-in-law, Lady Sellina Scott, he has received several threatening letters.

Lilinokalani's Journey.

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 23.—Queen Liliuokalani arrived this morning, accompanied by Mrs. E. Gibson and two children, Arthur and Annie, a maid and male attendant. She left immediately over the Louisville and Nashville for the north.

A NARROW ESCAPE.

Attempt to Wreck a Train and Hurt the Passengers in Transit.

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., Dec. 23.—A passenger train on the Southern railway due here at an early hour this morning had a narrow escape from destruction at a point near Trundale, about twelve miles east of Birmingham.

The train was running at the usual rate of speed; when upon approaching a trestle spanning the Chulafinnee creek covered that a rail had been removed from the structure. The air brakes were applied and the train stopped in time to avoid a terrible catastrophe, the engine, however, going partly over the break in the rails, but remaining on the trestle.

Southern railway officials claim that no one on the train was injured in the least and that the delayed train has reached Birmingham without further mishap.

A Suit Involving Millions.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Dec. 23.—A decree of foreclosure to the suit of the United States Trust company of New York against the Atlantic and Pacific Railroad company has been granted in the circuit court of the Southern district of California. This is one of a series of foreclosures that have been granted in several states on a suit involving about $16,000,000.

Foreigner Keys in Court.

CHICAGO, Dec. 23.—A Roentgen ray photograph, showing the picture of a pistol and three different bullets, and a imbedded bullet, revealed double testimony in Justice Kohoe court at the Hospital Sunday afternoon.

Frank Dugan, No. 563 Park avenue, was the defendant. The charge was preferred against him by Thomas Taylor of assault with intent to kill. The night of December 19 a quarrel occurred during which Taylor struck Dugan. The latter drew a revolver and shot Taylor in the left side of the head near the temple. Taylor went to his office in Sprague, who dressed the wound, but who was unable to find the bullet. Taylor's testimony was unsupported when it appeared in court, and when the defense put in the claim that no shots had been fired during the encounter and that Dugan had only struck Taylor on the side of the head with the revolver, it appeared that no case had been made out.

City Prosecuting Attorney Ingram introduced W. C. Fuoss, who said he had taken an X-ray photograph of Taylor's head soon after the alleged shooting took place and had discovered the bullet near the left temple.

The photograph showing a full steel bend of Taylor was then shown to the court. The features of Taylor are visible through the steel and marks the place in the man's head where the bullet now lies.

Justice Kohoe, at the suggestion of Prosecutor Ingram, allowed the introduction of the photograph as evidence.

The attorney representing Dugan was taken by surprise at the introduction of the photograph by Prosecutor Ingram that he agreed readily to a continuance when it was suggested by Justice Kohoe.

Trouble in Hayti.

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—A special to the Herald from Kingston, Jamaica, says:

Matters are tranquil in Hayti at present, but it is stated that a revolution is bound to come later. The report that the French government has given instructions to General Manigat as Haytian minister to the republic is confirmed here. If he should return to Hayti from Paris Manigat may make trouble.

A PLAN OF DEFENSE.

How to Protect the Atlantic and Gulf Coasts in Times of War.

REPORT BY NAVAL OFFICERS.

Auxiliary Cruisers Available in Case of an Emergency—Guns for Texas Ships.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—A report has just been submitted to Secretary Herbert by a board of naval officers outlining a plan of defense of the Atlantic and Gulf coasts in case of war.

The board met secretly and consisted of Admirals Ramsay and Selfridge, Captains Sampson and Taylor and Lieutenant Wainwright. In so much as this board was organized by order, dated August 19 last, and convened by virtue of that order, the meeting has no relations to the present state of foreign relations. The plans of defense considered were originally prepared at the naval war college at Newport, R. I.

The order for the examination and revision of plans was issued in view of possible trouble with a foreign power.

The secretary of the navy denies that the board was assembled on account of possible complications with Spain and declared that plans for coast defense would have been prepared at this time, whether our foreign relations were serene or strained. The fact that the board met and submitted its report while the Senate foreign relations committee was delaying for the indeterminate of Cuba issue additional interest to the plans submitted. The plans are said to have been in preparation at the war college for three years and never have been revised in detail. Participants and approved by the highest authorities in the navy. They provide for the defense of the Atlantic coast from Delaware to Cape Cod, from Cape Cod to the Florida coast, Delaware and Chesapeake bays, from Cape Hatteras to East Port, Maine, and for the southern part of the Atlantic coast and for the entire Gulf coast.

It is also seen that the board considered and reported to the secretary of the navy on the defenses of the North Atlantic squadron in case of war.

The strength of the navy, including the ships in commission and those laid up, is discussed in the report.

One of the important features of the board's deliberations was the question of auxiliary cruisers for use in case of an emergency. There are nine ocean sailing steamers now on the North Atlantic coast which have been subsidized by the government and are capable of being made effective in case of war. These ships range from the St. Louis, with 11,629 tons displacement, to the Philadelphia with 11,635 tons. The proposal is that these merchant ships include all guns up to six inches in calibre. But few of these guns are now in the navy yard. The number is being increased each year and the guns are stored at a port which would be convenient for the vessels for which they are intended.

The conclusions of this board are undoubtedly of great importance but will not, probably, be revealed by Secretary Herbert, unless it should be necessary to put the recommendations into operation.

PROSPECTS OF HOSTILITIES.

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—Lieutenant Commander R. H. Buckingham, U. S. N., came from Washington and attended a meeting of the second provisional naval militia battalion which was held in Brooklyn last night. He represented the secretary of the navy. In telling of the great service the naval militia would render to the regular navy in case of war, he said the greatest danger in New York was not that the ships of an enemy would fire shell upon the forts at the entrance to the harbor, but that they would lie off out of range of our guns and blockade our port, putting a stop to commerce.

"The navy department," said he, "has been planning to have a flotilla of thirty or forty torpedo boats in this harbor and others at different ports along the Atlantic and Pacific coasts. These would be officered and manned in great part by our navy militia. The navy department is counting on the naval militia to help in case of a sudden emergency to protect our seaboard cities. In case of an attack, it might mobilize all the naval militia organizations of the country at one point. Lieut. Commander Buckingham's words left no doubt in the minds of the officers present that the prospect of hostilities which set him to speak so he did.

WORK AT A NAVY YARD.

VALLEJO, Cal., Dec. 23.—Though work has slackened somewhat at the navy yard owing to the discharge of a part of the force because of a lack of funds there is still a fair amount of work in progress. Twenty men being employed. Work still continues on the Baltimore, Concord, Mohican, Ranger and Pensacola, which ships are expected to be ready for service by last Congress. The cruiser Charleston, however, did not come under this heading, as work upon her was well until appropriations from the present Congress are available but she her repairs begin. The Charleston, which was placed in commission Dec. 16th, is at the dock fitting with stores for a three years' cruise on the China station. She will probably be laid up for two months more during which time she will be inspected by the board of inspection.

GERMANS IN JAPAN.

America, England and France May be Driven Out of the Market.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 23.—German merchants are contemplating a scheme of wonderful magnitude in Japan, according to the Asahi. It is reported that about twenty firms, including ship building, railway and other big concerns, are combining to form a syndicate in order to get all the orders of the Japanese government which are to be given, in consequence of the military extension and other schemes subsequent to the war with China and to import everything required in Japan through their hands.

They intend to engage in the export trade of Japan. Their representative is Dr. Kuhn, who is now in Japan. The syndicate is actually certified that, Great Britain, America, France and other countries will be driven out of the market and it cannot fail to affect the commercial world to a very great extent.

A Stock City House Fails.

SIOUX CITY, Iowa, Dec. 23.—Parsons Felmer, dry goods company, one of the largest houses in Sioux City, has not gone under. The store is in the hands of mortgagees who hold claims for $70,000. These include Farwell & Co., and Marshall Field & Co., Chicago; Farmers Loan and Trust company, Sioux City, and H. B. Claflin & Co., New York. No figures are in sight as to the assets. The failure is due to the general stringency of the times.

Machine Shops Destroyed.

ST. PAUL, Minn., Dec. 23.—A Glendive, Mont., special to the Dispatch says: The machine shops belonging to the extensive machine shops and all but one section of the round house belonging to the Northern Pacific, burned today.

Fourteen engines were saved by being pushed out by hand. All machinery in their engines undergoing repairs were destroyed. The origin of the fire is unknown.

The Minnesota Bank.

ST. PAUL, Dec. 23.—State Bank Examiner Kaplan was still in charge of the Bank of Minnesota at noon today, the receivers not having been appointed.

Frank E. Seymour has been decided on for one of the receivers, but he seemed to yet to be selected. There is no excitement in business circles, the assurance that depositors will be paid in full being given by the stock holders, who individually could well pay the depositors.

Lost in a Storm.

SAN DIEGO, Cal., Dec. 23.—A terrible storm occurred in the Gulf of Campeche on the 11th and 12th of this month, and among other casualties reported is the wreck of the bark Jamacia, with twelve passengers and twelve of the crew lost. The Jamacia was bound from Campeche to Vera Cruz and had a cargo and some treasure aboard. She encountered a gale on the night of the 11th, but got through until the afternoon of the next day, at the time working westward toward Vera Cruz.

So long as the ship remained in good condition she was able to outdistance the storm, but at 4 o'clock on the afternoon that port was sighted, but too secluded after another encountered the raging finally making it impossible for her to the anxious seas, with almost all the sails blown away.

Bankers Arrested.

CHICAGO, Dec. 23.—E. S. Dreyer and Robert Berger of the firm of Dreyer & Berger, which collapsed last week, were arrested on bench warrants were issued last night gave themselves up today. Arrangements had already been made for bail and the bankers were promptly released. Dreyer and Berger are charged with receiving money on Saturday, knowing the bank was insolvent.

THE NATIONAL BANK OF ILLINOIS

Statement of How the Institution Was Wrecked.

CHICAGO, Dec. 23.—W. A. Hammond, second vice president of the National Bank of Illinois, who has been charged with pulling wool over the eyes of the directors of the defunct bank, would not talk today when seen by the Associated Press at Evanston. Through an intimate friend, however, he made a statement calculated to exculpate several directors as well as two or three men not connected with the bank.

"W. A. Hammond is to be made the scapegoat for the failure of the National Bank of Illinois," said the friend, "Hammond is a broken man today, but not any more so than for the amount of money issued on Calumet securities than are the members of the finance committee of the bank and the directors. It was necessary to the purposes of the men connected with the South Chicago City railway and the South Chicago City railway and the officer of one of the last known banks in this city to deprecate the Calumet Electric road's stocks, and to make it appear that it had brought great cities. In case of an attack, it might mobilize all the naval militia organizations of the country at one point. Lieut. Commander Buckingham's words left no doubt in the minds of the officers present that the prospect of hostilities which set him to speak so he did.

WORK AT A NAVY YARD.

VALLEJO, Cal., Dec. 23.—Though work has slackened somewhat at the navy yard owing to the discharge of a part of the force because of a lack of funds there is still a fair amount of work in progress. Twenty men being employed. Work still continues on the Baltimore, Concord, Mohican, Ranger and Pensacola, which ships are expected to be ready for service by last Congress. The cruiser Charleston, however, did not come under this heading, as work upon her was well until appropriations from the present Congress are available but she her repairs begin. The Charleston, which was placed in commission Dec. 16th, is at the dock fitting with stores for a three years' cruise on the China station. She will probably be laid up for two months more during which time she will be inspected by the board of inspection.

GERMANS IN JAPAN.

America, England and France May be Driven Out of the Market.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 23.—German merchants are contemplating a scheme of wonderful magnitude in Japan, according to the Asahi. It is reported that about twenty firms, including ship building, railway and other big concerns, are combining to form a syndicate in order to get all the orders of the Japanese government which are to be given, in consequence of the reorganization committee, all of New York, will arrive here tomorrow to inspect the St. Joseph and Grand Island railway, and will be hidden at the sale of the road at Hastings, December 24. P. McNeal, president and general manager of the Oregon Railway & Navigation company of Portland Or., arrived today. It is not known for what interests he represents at the sale.

The theory obtained here is that his presence of the Grand Island road will mean the early consummation of the cherished scheme of paralleling the Union and Central Pacific from Omaha to Ogden. In this case, half the blame in the length of their property, and of merging interests with an Eastern trunk line, the railroads in Ohio, for instance, seem to combine an unbroken transcontinental line between the two oceans.

Confirmation of this theory is found in the present movement for a new court line between Denver and Salt Lake City, which would shorten the real distance 200 miles, and in the fact that by the connection of 124 miles of track the Grand Island road will be unified with the Rails to and Ohio at Boulder, Colo., obtain a Kansas City and Omaha entrance, and reach Denver on the Union Pacific, Neb., Kan., and the Kansas division of the Union Pacific, which is not a government road. The Denver and Salt Lake Short Line would bring about a junction with the Union Northern Pacific, Short Line and the Oregon Railway and Navigation company, and land the Baltimore and Ohio in Portland, Ore.

A CHRISTMAS DISPLAY.

Dressed Turkeys, Geese, Ducks, Hens, Fatter, Pork, Veal, Etc., Make a Show.

The Tithing office meat market is in holiday order today, Joseph Keddington, Wm. Garver and their corps of assistants having completed the arrangements of a striking and attractive display for Christmas. The choicest cuts of evergreens and colored paper are very tasty, but the prominent feature is the cleanliness, variety and quality of the edible flesh in the places. There are beef, mutton, veal, pork, hams, briskets, geese, ducks, chickens, sausage, sauerkraut, etc., clean, fresh and good, arranged in an elegant display, and all are of the very best quality. The animals and fowls have been specially bid for the market, but of the fine porkers coming from W. L. Rich's farm, nothing is made, and is highly creditable to the management.

THE WATROUS CASE.

What the Grand Jury Basis Its Disbarment Suggestions On.

Comment

—he grand jury in their report recommended that the court appoint a committee to investigate the alleged misconduct of Attorney H. R. Watrous, in the case of the State of Utah vs Guy A. Sandy, with a view to ascertaining if Mr. Watrous had not been guilty of unprofessional conduct, for which he should be disbarred. From an investigation of the facts in the case it appears, that on the 1st of September last Sandy was arrested on a charge of obtaining money under false pretenses before Justice Sells. The offense consisted of Sandy's selling dark rock to people, which he represented as being Clematis bullie. Sandy was represented by Watrous; the agreement between them was that Watrous should receive $10 for his services and $95 if he secured Sandy's acquittal. Sandy was adjudged guilty, fined $95 and sentenced to three months' imprisonment in the county jail. Sandy's parents are in England and Watrous is the mother of $10 ($50), requesting that it be sent to care of Watrous.

It is stated that Sandy's mother sent the money to the order of the Nevada National Bank of Illinois, and the check was made payable to Sandy's name. Watrous, it is said, opened the letter and altered the check to read to his order. He failed, but went to the jail and obtained Sandy's signature, the understanding being according to Sandy's story, that Watrous was to cash the check and return to him the remaining $45. This amount Sandy says he never got. Later, Watrous said to the wife of Sandy, Mrs. Sandy's mother that if she would send him $50 he would not only secure the release of her son, but completely exonerate him. In this he