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SALES. SATURDAY, Sept. 23d, 1899.—Daniel Laidaker, of Watsontown, Pa., will sell, at public sale, on the premises, in Derry Twp., Montour Co., Pa., 2 1/2 miles from Jerseytown, a farm, containing 122 acres, with a large dwelling house, kitchen, bank barn, &c.

THURSDAY, Sept. 28, 1899.—Aaron Smith will offer at public sale, in Hemlock Twp. (near New Columbia), a lot of personal property, consisting in part of household goods, a horse, cow, and other articles. Sale to commence at ten o'clock in the forenoon.

TUESDAY, Oct. 17, 1899.—Wm. Chrisman and Lloyd Zaner, executors of the estate of John Zaner, late of Fishingcreek Twp., dec'd, will sell valuable real estate, late the homestead of John Zaner, and containing 178 acres of land. Sale to commence at 10 o'clock a. m.

Lamp burners, wicks, chimneys, and lamps of many kinds at Mercer's Drug & Book Store.

Some close observer has discovered that we grow to resemble what we eat. This probably accounts for so many men appearing as small potatoes.

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The autumnal equinox occurs Thursday, 21st., the sun entering the sign Libra, and the ecliptic and equator crossing each other. The sun will then shine from pole to pole. A storm is generally supposed to occur at that time of more or less severity.

SWAMP. It is not recommended for everything, but if you have kidney, liver, or bladder trouble it will be found just the remedy you need. At druggists in fifty cent and dollar sizes.

DREYFUS PARDONED.

Decision of French Cabinet Creates Little Excitement.

PRESS VIOLENTLY ATTACKS LOUBET.

The Liberation From the Rennes Prison Will Be Kept Secret Until the Captain Is Safe in England, His Future Home.

PARIS, Sept. 20.—Ex-Captain Alfred Dreyfus has been pardoned. The announcement of Dreyfus' liberation from prison will not be made until after his departure for England.

The story of Mme. Dreyfus' visit to Folkestone, England, with Maitre Labori is contradicted. Mme. Dreyfus is still at Rennes.

Ex-Captain Dreyfus has withdrawn his appeal to the military court of revision. The pardon will not be signed for several days, as numerous formalities remain to be carried out.

The decision of the cabinet to pardon Dreyfus created less interest in Paris than would the result of a big horse race. In fact, it may be said that it caused no excitement whatever.

The anti-Dreyfusard evening papers tried to infuse interest into the government's action by a rabid attack upon President Loubet, but their efforts were futile. The peaceful crowds that filled the tables in front of the cafes, sipping their after dinner coffee and cognac, looked at the newshoys who displayed the front pages of these sheets with their violent headlines, but utterly refused to get excited.

The anti-Dreyfusard newspaper Soir had the most sensational caption, two lines of enormous letters extending across the entire front page, announcing "The Traitor Dreyfus Pardoned—Outrage on the Army." Then in the course of an article violently attacking President Loubet it said:

"Loubet has given himself a coup de grace in pardoning Dreyfus. He should be prosecuted for committing an outrage upon the army, for his decision amounts to this. By a stroke of the pen he has destroyed the effect of the sentence of two courts martial and has declared that two military courts have lied."

The Soir adds: "The affair has become grave when the chief of state assumes the leadership of the anti-military movement and pardons a confessed traitor under the pretext that he has been condemned twice instead of once."

The Aurora, the leading organ of the Dreyfusard body, today publishes an article by M. Francis de Pressense, the distinguished journalist, who from the first was a leader in the revision movement. The writer says:

"If the president by pardoning Dreyfus wished to spare France the ineffable shame of a judicial crime, this exercise of his prerogative, called mercy, so far from impairing the necessary work of justice, will only prepare and facilitate it, for we must speak straight out."

"If it was imagined that impunity for criminals could be purchased by pardoning an innocent man, if it was thought that the friends of law would barter amnesty to the scoundrels who perpetrated those crimes upon the bruised body of the man from whom they have torn out the soul, then we throw from this degrading and deceitful offer. Dreyfus would be the first to reject as an infamy such traffic with his honor."

May Be Already Free. LONDON, Sept. 20.—The Rennes correspondent of The Daily Telegraph, writing at 9 o'clock last evening, says: "There is reason to believe that Dreyfus is already out of prison and that with his wife he will probably leave Rennes tonight."

William K. Vanderbilt at the Head. NEW YORK, Sept. 20.—The Times today says: "The failure to place young Cornelius Vanderbilt in the directorates of the New York Central and the Harlem roads in place of his father was commented upon by persons familiar with the old time Vanderbilt policy of succession. There was a belief that if the present Cornelius was to succeed his father in the possession and management of the bulk of the vast estate held by that branch of the family he would be given a place in the board of directors even if in consequence of his youth and inexperience he was not trusted with official responsibility. The action taken yesterday, however, was indicative of the assumption by William K. Vanderbilt of general control of all the Vanderbilt railroad interests. There is good ground for the assertion that this policy was favored and provided for by Cornelius Vanderbilt. The entry of William Rockefeller into the New York Central directory has a deeper significance than appears on the surface."

Admiral Montojo on Trial. MADRID, Sept. 20.—The trial of Admiral Montojo, formerly chief in command of Spain's naval forces in the Philippines, who surrendered to Admiral Dewey after the destruction of the Spanish fleet in the battle of Cavite, began here yesterday. The prosecution demanded a sentence of imprisonment for life, with dismissal from the service. The defense will be presented today.

From England to France by Balloon. DOVER, England, Sept. 16.—Mr. Percival Spencer, the aeronaut who started by balloon to convey the greetings of the British association to the French Science association now convened at Boulogne, landed safely near Dunkirk.

The Plague at Hongkong. HONGKONG, Sept. 19.—Twenty deaths from the bubonic plague took place here last week. Eighteen new cases have been officially reported.

TROOPS ON THE MOVE.

England Hurries Men and Ships to South Africa.

LONDON, Sept. 20.—Summonses were issued late yesterday for a cabinet council, which, it is understood, will be held Friday. This is regarded as the result of the visit of the premier, Lord Salisbury, to London, whence he came in the afternoon, remaining at the foreign office from 4:30 p. m. to 6:30 p. m. Mr. Joseph Chamberlain, the secretary of state for the colonies, was present in the building at the same time, and, as a private doorway connects the offices, it is presumed that the summonses were the result of their joint deliberation.

Even rumors of a movement of the Boers across the Natal border apparently fail to excite the military authorities here, who profess at least not to fear such a contingency for the present.

In the meantime the movement of troops proceeds. The Royal West Sussex regiment left yesterday for Malta, where it will replace the First Border regiment, which goes by the same steamer to Natal.

It is announced that the British first class protected cruisers Terrible and Powerful have both been ordered to the Cape. They have reliefs on board capable of forming a naval brigade of 1,000 men.

The steamer Jelunga will take 500 troops bound for Natal today, and she will embark a rifle brigade at the island of Crete for the Cape.

A FAMOUS GEM.

Boston Becomes Possessor of "Cupid and Psyche."

BOSTON, Sept. 19.—The Marlborough gems and jewelry, including the Marlborough cameos, purchased by the Boston Museum of Fine Arts at the request of the late Henry L. Pierce, have arrived and have been placed on exhibition. There are 13 of them here, with six more to come. Among those received is the famous cameo entitled "The Marriage of Cupid and Psyche," for which \$10,000 was paid. It was well known throughout the civilized world before the Christian era began. For 20 centuries it has been in the greatest art galleries of Europe.

Students of art and mythology are familiar with this particular cameo. It humorously represents the wedding procession of Cupid and Psyche. In form it is an oval, measuring 1 7/16 by 1 3/8 inches. The relief is in flesh color upon a background of black. The name of the designer, Triphen, is cut in the cameo.

The Marlborough jewels for years were considered of almost priceless value by the family till necessity made their sale imperative. They were sold to David Brownlow of Battersea Park, Bedfordshire, in 1874 for \$175,000 and have been buried from sight until the present sale at Christie's, in London.

Admiral Schley's Appointment. WASHINGTON, Sept. 16.—Some time ago Admiral Schley applied to the navy department for sea service. At present he is head of the retiring board. The navy department has now granted the request and has notified him to hold himself in readiness to command the south Atlantic station. The department is about to take steps to make the command commensurate with his rank by increasing considerably the number of vessels on the station. The Cincinnati probably will go there, the Detroit is already on her way to join, and the Marblehead is likely to be attached. Altogether there will be five or six ships on the station when the quota is filled.

Captain Barker to Bear Admiral. WASHINGTON, Sept. 16.—Captain Barker, who succeeded Admiral Dewey in command of the squadron at Manila, was at the navy department yesterday for the first time since he returned to this country some weeks ago. As a result of the recent death of Rear Admiral Pickens, Captain Barker becomes first on the list of captains and as such will be the next to advance to the rank of rear admiral. He is here to be examined for promotion and to assume his duties on the naval examining board.

Judge Day Retires. CLEVELAND, Sept. 16.—Ex-Secretary of State Day has announced his retirement from active practice of law. He will assume the work of judge in the United States court of appeals in October, but his family will not remove from Canton at present. Judge Day has been an active lawyer since 1870 and head of a law firm since 1875. He is one of the best known attorneys of northeastern Ohio.

Rockaway Hotels Burned. NEW YORK, Sept. 18.—Three of the largest hotels at Hammel's station, Rockaway, were destroyed by fire Sunday morning, entailing a loss of \$75,000. The flames were kept from adjoining cottages and buildings by hard work on the part of the firemen, who were hampered by a lack of water pressure. The fire was the largest Rockaway has had in a number of years.

Receipts From Porto Rico. WASHINGTON, Sept. 15.—The war department has received the amount of receipts gathered from all sources in Porto Rico for the month of August. The receipts aggregate \$173,780, divided as follows: Customs receipts, \$155,672; postal receipts, \$8,018; internal revenue receipts, \$9,912; miscellaneous, \$2,677.

A Granite Train Likely. QUINCY, Mass., Sept. 16.—A combine of granite manufacturers in this section, the territory made famous by "Quincy granite," is proposed, with capitalization of over \$1,000,000. It is understood that negotiations for control of all the quarries here are well under way. The capitalization is set at \$1,750,000.

Aerolite Falls in Ohio. TIPPIN, O., Sept. 16.—A large aerolite fell near Sycamore, south of here, into many pieces. The light of the meteor was blinding, and its roar in passing through the air was deafening. It made the earth tremble when it struck.

First Snow of the Season. PLATTSBURG, N. Y., Sept. 15.—Snow fell at McCullum's, in the town of Duane, Franklin county, near Paul Smith's yesterday morning. The fall was quite heavy and completely covered the ground. This is the first snow of the season in the Adirondacks.

New Yorker Gets the Contract. WASHINGTON, Sept. 20.—The navy department has awarded the contract for building the Portsmouth dock, one of the largest structures of its kind, to John Peirce of New York at \$1,089,000.

REBELS WEAKENING.

Filipinos Offer to Give Up American Prisoners.

A CONFERENCE ALSO ASKED FOR.

General Otis Grants the Request, and the Rebels Promise to Release the Captives—No Exchange of Prisoners Asked.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 20.—Secretary Root has received a cablegram from General Otis that seems to indicate a weakening on the part of the insurgents in Luzon. It contained a proffer to deliver the American prisoners who have been for so many months in the hands of the insurgents and also sought permission to parley with General Otis. This cablegram was at once taken by Secretary Root over to the cabinet meeting and formed the main topic for discussion at the beginning of the session. However, upon reading the message carefully, its apparent importance seemed to diminish. Secretary Root himself did not regard the matter as of importance at this time.

He recalled frequent efforts on the part of the insurgents in the past to gain time at critical moments by opening negotiations, ostensibly with the object of making peace, and he was not sure but that this last offer was something of the same kind. However, the secretary was of the opinion that it would fail to afford the insurgents any advantage. General Otis would receive any messenger and listen to him and make answer to his proposals, but this would not restrain the military operations in the slightest degree, and the American arms would lose no ground, no matter how the negotiations turned out. There is a possibility also that the insurgents have become disheartened at the renewed and intense activity in the direction of re-entangling General Otis and concluded in view of the great force gathering to open the campaign in the dry season that further resistance would be useless.

It is pointed out as a noticeable fact that Aguinaldo's name does not appear in General Otis' dispatch, and though this may not be of great significance, still among some of the army officers it is surmised that there are serious dissensions among the insurgents and that perhaps some of the discordant elements are acting on their own responsibility. The text of the dispatch follows:

"Two insurgent majors entered the American lines yesterday under a flag of truce. They visited General MacArthur and offered to release 16 American prisoners, including Lieutenant Gilmore and his men, from the gunboat Yorktown, who were captured at Baler on April 12 last. In return they merely asked permission to send these prisoners through the lines accompanied by Filipinos who desire to confer with General Otis.

"The request was granted, and the insurgent officers returned to their lines this morning, after promising that the prisoners would be released in a few days. No mention was made of an exchange of prisoners, and the insurgents are evidently desirous of showing their magnanimity. General Otis has consistently followed the policy of releasing Filipino prisoners of war, retaining only their arms."

Sailing of Troops Delayed. SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 19.—The Thirty-first infantry, which was scheduled to sail on the Grant yesterday, has been ordered back because of a suspected case of smallpox in its ranks. John C. White of the Thirty-first was found to have symptoms of smallpox. He was immediately put into quarantine, and every precaution was taken to prevent the spread of the disease, but the bare possibility of its going through the regiment on the long journey to Manila is so alarming that the troops have been detained until a thorough investigation can be made. They may be delayed for some time.

The Hen Leads. ST. LOUIS, Sept. 18.—State Commissioner Rixey reports that over 70,000,000 pounds of poultry and nearly 30,000,000 dozens of eggs were handled by transportation companies last year, the aggregate cash returns for which were \$8,298,282. The gross value of Missouri's shipments of poultry and eggs in 1898 exceeded the value of the combined shipments of wheat, corn, oats and hay and the combined value of the shipments of lumber, logs, croasties, piling, cooperage and cordwood.

The Plague in Russia. WASHINGTON, Sept. 20.—The plague has appeared in the Russian province of Astrakhan in a new and alarming form, according to a report to the state department from Consul Heenan at Odessa. He says that it there takes the form of a most malignant and fatal pneumonia, yet according to diagnosis is but an obscure manifestation of the true bubonic plague.

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Second Anniversary of M. E. Church. The second anniversary of the dedication of the Methodist Episcopal church of Bloomsburg, Pa., next Sunday, Sept. 24, will be a most interesting occasion. The success of this great enterprise has greatly encouraged the members and friends of the church, and next Sunday will be a grand rally day.

Rev. George Elliott, D. D., a most gifted and popular minister of the Philadelphia Conference will preach at 10:30 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. An enlarged choir of fifty trained voices will render excellent and appropriate music. No special public collection will be taken, but a free-will offering will be received.

Dr. Elliott will also lecture in the church on Saturday evening, Sept. 23, subject: "The Golden Age." A large audience will hear this eloquent lecture. A small admission of 10 cts. will be charged to cover expenses. All the members and friends of the church are earnestly and cordially invited to hear the lecture and also to attend the Sunday services.

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The United States Navy.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 15.—The navigation bureau of the navy has issued a list of vessels of the United States navy of all kinds, making the surprising showing of 312 craft. This includes many small vessels and craft captured in Cuba and the Philippines, but the showing is nevertheless remarkable in comparison with the naval list of two years ago.

Fast Run to Buffalo.

BUFFALO, Sept. 18.—With a newspaper train carrying the New York Sunday papers, consisting of three baggage cars and a locomotive, the Lackawanna railroad beat all records between New York and Buffalo for a trip, covering the 410 miles in the actual running time of 7 hours and 23 minutes.

A Village Destroyed by Fire.

FARNHAM, N. Y., Sept. 19.—Almost the entire business section of this village was wiped out of existence by a fire which started in Louis Schwartz' barn yesterday. A conservative estimate places the loss at between \$200,000 and \$250,000.

Ex-Speaker Reed in New York.

NEW YORK, Sept. 19.—Ex-Speaker Thomas B. Reed of the house of representatives yesterday began active practice as a member of the law firm of Reed, Simpson, Thatcher & Barnum of this city.

Provisions For Porto Rico.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 19.—The commissary department will receive 350 tons of contributed provisions for Porto Rico this week and will purchase enough to make 1,000 tons to ship on the transport leaving tomorrow.

A Dewey Number.

McClure's Magazine For October will be a special Dewey Number; and in order that it may be abroad to greet the Admiral at his return home from Manila, it will be published on September 27th, three days earlier than the usual time of issue. It will have a special Dewey cover, drawn by C. L. Hinton and C. D. Graves, and beautifully printed in colors. It will open with a fine Dewey portrait, and an article by Governor Theodore Roosevelt, explaining, from the author's personal knowledge as Assistant Secretary of the Navy at the time, how Dewey came to be assigned to command the Asiatic Squadron and what the Navy Department hoped for from him in giving him that command.

Another Dewey feature will be an article by Mr. Joseph L. Stickney, describing the Admiral as Mr. Stickney saw him and talked with him almost daily during his recent homeward voyage through the Mediterranean and giving passages from his conversations regarding the transactions at Manila, and many other matters of great interest. Mr. Stickney was formerly in the navy himself; he is now a staff correspondent of the Chicago "Record" and he stood beside Dewey on the bridge of the "Olympia" throughout the fight at Manila Bay. He has long enjoyed the Admiral's fullest confidence, and in these conversations the latter expressed himself with great frankness.

Both Mr. Roosevelt and Mr. Stickney's article will be fully illustrated from recent photographs. The illustrations will comprise portraits of Dewey and all his officers; views of life aboard the "Olympia" during her homeward voyage, and pictures of various interesting scenes connected with the ship and her heroic commander.

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REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE FARMERS NATIONAL BANK

At Bloomsburg, in the State of Pennsylvania, at the close of business, September 27th 1899.

Table with columns for RESOURCES and LIABILITIES. Includes items like Loans and discounts, Bonds, and Capital stock paid in.

Capital stock paid in \$50,000.00. Surplus fund \$10,000.00. Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes paid \$17,548.15.

STATE OF PENNSYLVANIA, I. A. H. BLOOM, Cashier.

I, A. H. Bloom, Cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Subscribed and sworn before me this 15th day of September, 1899. J. C. RUTTER JR., Notary Public.

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