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FREE STATE HOLDS KEY

Information of Importance Is Anxiously Awaited.

TRANSVAAL IS HOPEFUL

Secret Session of the Orange Road Expected to Be Ended Tomorrow.

London, Sept. 25.—Another week has opened with both sides in the Transvaal situation making time.

Actual war news is scarce today. The newspapers here recapitulate the reports of British and Transvaal military preparations.

Cape Town, Sept. 25.—A great number of Johannesburg refugees are arriving here daily.

Chamberlain's Letter.

London, Sept. 25.—The officials of the foreign office this evening gave out the text of the letter of the secretary of state for the colonies, Mr. Chamberlain, to the British high commissioner in South Africa, Sir Alfred Milner, dated Sept. 22.

The object her majesty's government had in view in the recent negotiations has been stated in a manner which cannot admit of misapprehension.

The proposals made by the South African republic in its letter of Aug. 20 and 21 were not indicated by suggestions given by the British agent from the state attorney as claimed.

The imperial government sees no ground for misapprehension on the part of the South African republic as to its answer regarding non-interference and neutrality as the imperial government has stated that it would not press for the establishment of a joint commission of inquiry in view of the fact that such an inquiry would, in the opinion of the South African republic, prejudice the right of full independence repeatedly recognized by the imperial government.

As to the use of the English language in the volksraad, the imperial government regards this as reasonable and is satisfied that the government of the South African republic will make a point of denying that the government of the South African republic ever proposed the same to the British agent.

London, Sept. 25.—The Brussels correspondent of the Standard says that Dr. Leyds, European representative of the South African republic, now recognizes the hopelessness of obtaining European intervention.

Durban, Natal, Sept. 25.—Seven hundred and fifty men of the Cape Townshire regiment, 250 of the Royal Durban Fusiliers, 200 mounted infantry and the Eighteenth Hussars have arrived at Dundee from Ladysmith.

Pretoria, Sept. 25.—The imperial dispatch was read today in the v. k. raad. President Kruger announced that the reply of the government of the South African republic would be presented to the volksraad tomorrow.

Crumb for the Creditors.

INDIAN CRICKETER

Prince Ranjitsinghji Plays His First Game in America.

Philadelphia, Sept. 25.—Prince Ranjitsinghji, the famous Indian cricketer, and his English eleven began their first match in this country today on the grounds of the Belmont Cricket club at Elmwood, a suburb of this city.

It had been agreed to allow twenty-two colored men to take the field against the prince's team, but at his request it was decided to use but fourteen fielders, twenty-two men to bat.

The feature of today's play was the fielding of the visitors. The prince put in seven of his bowlers, Townsend being the most effective. The highest individual score was twenty-seven, made by Jordan, White following with twenty-one.

Ranjitsinghji bowled, vice Townsend, at 122. That he was effective is shown by the local score. The prince will go to bat tomorrow.

SAMOAN CLAIMS ARE CONSIDERED

Three Governments Looking to a Settlement of Damages Arising from Bombardment Last Summer.

Washington, Sept. 25.—The three governments interested in Samoa, Great Britain, Germany and the United States, have been considering the claims arising out of the bombardment last summer, in which the American forces under Admiral Kautz and the British forces under Captain Sturdee participated.

The course of the United States has not yet fully been determined either as to the bombardment or the claims arising from native deprivations.

J. HAY BROWN APPOINTED.

Will Fill the Vacancy Caused by Death of Judge Williams.

Harrisburg, Sept. 25.—Governor Stanger today appointed J. Hay Brown of Lancaster to the vacancy on the supreme court bench created by the death of Judge Henry W. Williams, of Wellsville, last winter.

Judge S. Leslie Mott, of Uniontown, the Democratic candidate will be elected at the same time. By reason of two vacancies existing on the bench and no elector being entitled to vote for more than one person both candidates are certain of election.

THE TENTH WILL ATTEND.

Pennsylvania Volunteers Will Welcome Dewey.

Harrisburg, Sept. 25.—General orders were issued today by the headquarters of the National Guard designating the provisional brigade to represent Pennsylvania at the reception to Admiral Dewey in New York.

PLAGUE SPREADING.

Four New Cases Reported in Oporto.

Oporto, Sept. 25.—Four new cases of the bubonic plague were reported yesterday.

Choynski Defeats Hall.

RACE PROBLEM IS DISCUSSED

BOOKER WASHINGTON'S ADDRESS AT ATLANTA, GA.

It Is Heard by Five Hundred Negroes—Governor Candler Welcomes the Speaker and Advises the Audience to Heed the Counsel Given—Suggestions Looking to Elevation of the Colored Race.

Atlanta, Ga., Sept. 25.—Five hundred negroes headed by T. Washington, president of Tuscegeee normal and industrial school, for negroes at Tuscegeee, Alabama, deliver an address here tonight on "The race problem in the light of European travel."

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With the cleanest and strongest members of both races standing shoulder to shoulder in favor of the blotting out of crime, the speaker said, "there can be no doubt as to the future prosperity and happiness of each race."

So long as the negro is permitted unmolested to secure education, property, employment and to give the protection of the law, the speaker said, "there can be no doubt as to the future prosperity and happiness of each race."

Unparalleled Progress.

The negro in proportion to his opportunities has made unparalleled progress, but I want the progress in the future to be greater than in the past.

ARTILLERY TO LEAVE CUBA.

General Brooke Says Batteries Are Awaiting Transport.

Washington, Sept. 25.—The adjutant general received the following from General Brooke this morning:

BANKS PRESS BROKERS.

London, Sept. 25.—During the account now closing, some of the banks exercised considerable pressure, with the result that many brokers are urging operators to close their accounts before the carry-over.

Appointment for Freytagster.

Louisville, Ky., Sept. 25.—Joe Choynski, of California, knocked out Jim Hall, of Australia, in the third round tonight before the National Athletic Club at Blaine hall in the presence of some 2,500 people.

WELLINGTON RESIGNS.

Called from the Maryland Republican State Committee.

Baltimore, Md., Sept. 25.—United States Senator George L. Wellington today resigned the chairmanship of the Republican state committee in accordance with the recent written request of Governor Lloyd I. Bowles who is a candidate for re-election on the Republican ticket.

Senator Wellington's resignation today is the result of a controversy between him and Governor Lowmeyer over the action of the state committee a few days ago in appointing a commission on finance and the conduct of the campaign.

The Rev. Sheldon Jackson Describes the Recent Disturbances at Yakutat—Fifty-Two Distinct Shocks Felt—Panic-Stricken Inhabitants Unable to Keep Their Feet—Severe Tidal Wave—The Village in Great Peril—Flight to the Hills.

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THE NEWS THIS MORNING

Weather Indications Today: RAIN, COOLER.

1 General—Filipino Capture a United States Gunboat.

2 General—Northeastern Pennsylvania News.

3 General—Northeastern Pennsylvania News.

4 Editorial, News and Comment.

5 General—Mysteries of Death Valley.

6 Local—Proceedings in Court.

7 Local—Board of Control Has a Lively Meeting.

8 Local—West Scranton and Suburban.

9 Round About the County.

10 Local—Live Industrial News.

WHO IS EDWARD TONREY?

A Demented Man Arrested at Washington Claims Scranton as His Home—Wears Bed Ticking Clothes.

Washington, D. C., Sept. 25.—Edward W. Tonrey, 45 years old, of Scranton, was arrested in the basement of the capitol here this afternoon and locked up, pending an investigation into his mental condition.

OYSTERS TO BE DEARER.

Connecticut "Growers" Expect to Prosper This Season.

New Haven, Sept. 25.—The outlook for the oyster business in Connecticut for the coming season is in every way encouraging.

ATTEMPT ON KING MILAN'S LIFE

CAPTURED BY THE REBELS

Filipinos Secure a United States Gunboat.

Manila, Sept. 25.—It is reported that the insurgents have captured the United States gunboat Urdaneta, in the Orani river, on the northwest side of Manila Bay, where she was patrolling.

AN AMERICAN DISASTER.

The Urdaneta Is Beached and Riddled with Bullets—One American Officer and Nine Sailors Missing—Boat Seized While She Was Patrolling the Orani River, Manila Bay.

The United States gunboat Petrel was sent to investigate the matter, and has returned here after having discovered that the Urdaneta had been beached opposite the town of Orani, on the Orani river, riddled with bullets and burned and the flowing guns with their ammunition captured.

Washington, Sept. 25.—The gunboat Urdaneta, which was captured with her crew at Orani, about twenty-five miles from Manila on the Bay of Manila, is a little craft of only forty tons displacement, not much larger than a small tugboat.

DEWEY LAND PARADE.

Enormous Prices Have Been Paid for Positions in the Line.

New York, Sept. 25.—Enormous prices have been paid for good positions from which to view the Dewey land parade.

FIVE LIVES LOST.

The Steamer Adula Founders Off Port Morant.

Kingston, Jamaica, Sept. 25.—The Atlas Steam company's steamer Adula, Captain McAuley, from Kingston, for Baltimore, foundered at half past three today off Port Morant, on the south coast of Jamaica.

FREED BY PRESIDENT'S ORDER.

Ex-Cashier of a National Bank Released from Auburn.

Auburn, Sept. 25.—Robert W. Eaton, cashier of the Fayetteville, N. Y., National bank, who was convicted of making false reports to the controller of the currency, was today released from prison on a special commutation granted by President McKinley.

ALLEGED FORGER IN JAPAN.

Washington, Sept. 25.—The state department has asked the Japanese government for the provisional detention of Alva M. Rent, Jr., who is wanted in Jamestown, N. Y., on a charge of having forged instruments to notes for \$100,000 on the Union Trust company of that town.

WEATHER FORECAST.