

SENATE'S NOTABLE SESSION

The Army Reorganization Bill Is Passed After Brief Debate.

TO REVOLUTIONIZE STAFF

The New Measure Proposes to Change the Present System of Permanent Appointments to One of Detail by Gradual Process as Officers Go Out of Active Service...

Washington, May 4.—Today's session of the senate was rendered especially notable by the passage, after a debate lasting only three hours, of the army reorganization bill...

Commanding General.

The rank of the commanding general of the army is raised to that of lieutenant general and that of the lieutenant general to major general...

Mr. Brosius on Banking.

Washington, May 4.—Representative Brosius, of Pennsylvania, chairman of the house committee on banking and currency, today made a statement official in character...

Arbor Day in New York.

New York, May 4.—Arbor Day is being appropriately observed throughout this state. The school children of the state have planted more than 200,000 trees...

HOAX PUNCTURED.

Professor Harris Ridicules the Yellow Journal Agrippa Story.

Philadelphia, May 4.—Professor J. Rendel Harris, paleographer of Cambridge University, England, and who is considered one of the greatest authorities in the world on Biblical manuscripts...

DEWEY GREETED BY MANY CHILDREN

Ten Thousand Little People Wave Flags and Sing Songs—Admiral and Mrs. Dewey Receive Punch Bowl.

St. Louis, May 4.—Ten thousand Sunday school children, waving American flags, cheered and sang patriotic songs in honor of Admiral George Dewey at the public reception at the exposition building...

MEADE ORDERED TO SAIL.

Major General Otis Will Probably Embark Today.

Manila, May 4.—The United States transport Meade has been ordered to be ready to sail tomorrow. It is supposed that Major General Otis with his personal staff will then start for the United States...

MINING TOWN BURNED.

Sandon, East Kootenai, British Columbia, Is Destroyed.

Victoria, B. C., May 4.—The chief portion of the mining town of Sandon, East Kootenai, was destroyed by fire today. The railway station and telegraph office were burned, and therefore no details have been received...

Death of a Former Slave.

Trenton, N. J., May 4.—D. L. Hendrickson, a former slave, whose age is said to have been 90 years, was buried today from the almshouse, where he had been an inmate for a long time...

Soldier's Sudden Summons.

Cottsville, Pa., May 4.—While Daniel D. Clark, who served three years in Company C, Seventy-first Pennsylvania volunteers, during the Civil war, was signing his pension papers in "Square Meyer's" office today, he suddenly dropped dead from heart disease...

Lutz Jury Still Out.

Wilkes-Barre, May 4.—The jury in the case of John Lutz, charged with the murder of his wife, is still out. The jurors have now been locked up five hours, and apparently are no nearer reaching a verdict than when they first went out...

Sentences to Death.

Moston, Mass., May 4.—William J. Fisher will be executed here tomorrow for the murder of Will Dugan.

METHODIST CHURCH ON AMUSEMENTS

DR. BROWN'S RESOLUTION PROVOKES LIVELY DEBATE.

Dr. Wilson Introduces a Resolution Regarding Dedication of Churches. The Text of the Amended Paragraph—Pastors All Requested to Read to Their Congregations the Address of Bishop Hartzell.

Chicago, May 4.—At today's session of the Methodist conference the hours were listened by some vigorous debate, i. e., Henry Brown, Columbia river conference, brought up the amusement question by offering a resolution which was in substance that the conference should by proper action show the world that the church had not changed front on the amusement question...

STATE OF TRADE.

A Glance at Business Life Through the Columns of Bradstreets.

New York, May 4.—Bradstreets tomorrow will again confer with the public. A further subsidence of demand and of level of prices is noted in several lines this week, this process being, no doubt, aided by the unsettling of the market more than usually disturbed conditions in labor circles...

BRITISH STEAMER VIRGINIA SINKS

SIX MEMBERS OF THE CREW ARE DROWNED.

Cape Henry, Va., May 4.—The British steamer Virginia, Captain Charles Samuels, from Daiquiri, Cuba, for Baltimore, with a cargo of iron ore, went ashore last night on Diamond shoal, Cape Hatteras. The steamer carried a crew of twenty-five men. The entire crew took the boats and attempted to leave the ship. One boat with fifteen of the crew got away, but the other boat was swamped and six men were drowned...

MAYOR KNOWS NOTHING OF IT.

Says He Has No Personal Knowledge of Removal of Officers.

Mayor Moir stated to a Tribune man yesterday that personally he knew nothing whatever about the alleged forthcoming removal of certain police officers which Select Councilman J. J. McAndrew so darkly hinted at on Thursday night. He said he had heard that certain councilmen had discussed on the matter, but nothing further. He stated that under the existing law Chief Pollock reports to him once a month the names of all police officers who have been absent from duty during the previous month and that in case Mr. Oliver's resolution providing for a report to council was passed, he and not the chief would have to report to the city's legislative bodies...

WILL VISIT PHILADELPHIA.

National Committeemen Will Inspect Convention Buildings.

Philadelphia, May 8.—Joseph H. Manley, of Maine, and United States Senator Scott, of West Virginia, who represent the Republican National committee, arrived here today and visited the hall in which the convention will be held. Mr. Manley said that the hall will be practically finished by May 15, and considered it in many ways better than any in which the Republican National convention has ever been held. Mr. Manley also expressed himself as well pleased with the arrangements so far made, and added that the city of Philadelphia has in every way kept faith with the National committee...

COEUR D'ALENE INVESTIGATION.

Washington, May 4.—The taking of testimony in the Coeur d'Alene investigation closed tonight, after having continued uninterruptedly since Feb. 21, a period of nearly three months. Captain Lyons closed the testimony for the defense after hearing some rebuttal evidence both sides read, and the committee expressed all interest. On Monday the arguments of counsel will begin, probably concluding that day.

Killed by Lightning.

New York, May 4.—John Cavin, 12 years old, son of Simon Cavin, a well known resident of Clifford, N. J., was struck and killed by lightning during the thunderstorm last night. The boy was about to set himself at the supper table when the lightning bolt struck him, killing him instantly. No other injury was done.

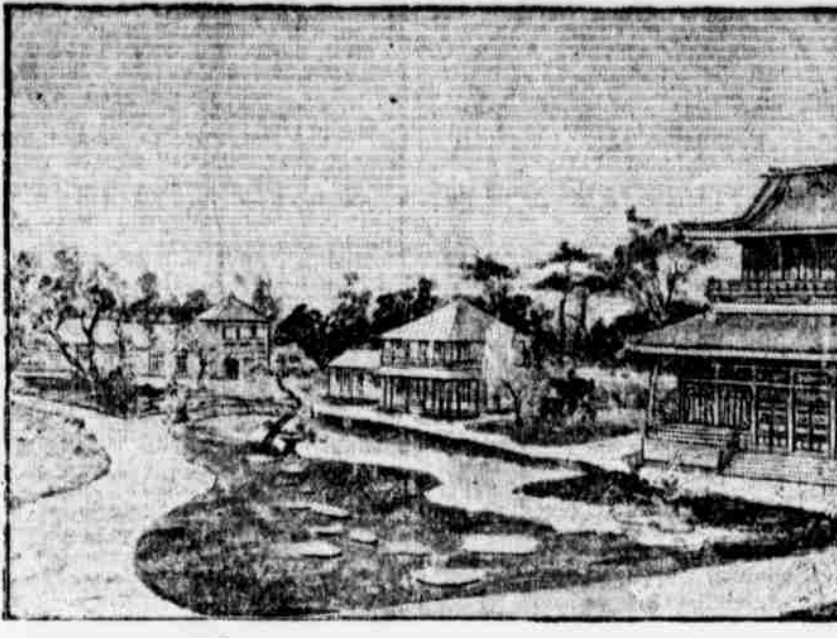
Locomotives for Egypt.

Philadelphia, May 4.—The Baldwin Locomotive works today received an order from the Egyptian government for twenty locomotives to be used on the Egyptian railway. The contract calls for ten passenger and ten switch locomotives.

Wolcott Defeats Mysterious Billy.

New York, May 4.—Joe Wolcott was awarded the decision tonight over Mysterious Billy Smith, at the end of the twenty-fifth round.

JAPANESE PAVILION.



The Japanese Imperial Pavilion, which reproduces a charming bit of old Japan, at the Paris Exposition. In the evening the grounds are illuminated with vari-colored lanterns, after the manner of the "Feast of a Thousand Lanterns."

THE NEWS THIS MORNING

- Weather indications today: FAIR; WARMER. 1 General—Brandfort Occupied by Lord Roberts. 2 Senate Passes the Army Reorganization Bill. 3 General—Northernmost Pennsylvania. 4 Sports—Atlantic, National and Other League Base Ball Games. 5 Editorial. 6 Local—Social and Personal. 7 Local—Work for Next Week's Grand Jury. 8 Local—Fifteen More Warrants Issued Against Lawbreakers Alleged. 9 Local—West Scranton and Suburban. 10 Round About the County. 11 General—Whitney's Weekly News Budget. 12 Local—Sunday School Lesson for Tomorrow. 13 Local—Live Industrial News. 14 Episcopal Diocesan Convention Will Consider Division of the Diocese.

STRIKE SITUATION IN PHILADELPHIA

A Conflict Between Rival Labor Organizations Rather Than Struggle Between Employer and Employees.

Philadelphia, May 4.—The strike of the building trades union today remained a conflict between rival organizations rather than a struggle between employers and employees. Secretary Joseph B. Allen, of the Allied Building Trades council, said today that at least 10,000 workmen are unemployed in consequence of the deadlock of carpenters and joiners persisting in its refusal to affiliate with the council. Mr. Allen declares untrue the statement made by Secretary John Watson, of the brotherhood, that the question of joining forces with the Allied Trades council would be considered at a meeting of the carpenters' district council. The real cause of the dispute between the two organizations, Mr. Allen says is a West Philadelphia Carpenters' union which had been expelled from the brotherhood for non-payment of dues. This union was afterwards recognized by the Allied Building Trades council and the brotherhood charged the council with breaking faith. Secretary Allen says he then charged the brotherhood with having used the smaller organization as a means to compel employers to recognize the movement for shorter hours and increased wages. After gaining his end, Mr. Allen says, the brotherhood repudiated the small union. Work on the new dormitories in course of erection at the University of Pennsylvania was stopped today by reason of fifteen fire-carriers striking. This action compelled one hundred men of various trades to quit work. There are now about three hundred hood-carriers out. A new co-operative scheme is to be tried soon by the Masonic Workers' union, the employers quickly resign the schedule. There are but sixty-five mosaic workmen in the city and fifty-seven are members of the union. Business Agent Francis Sagna said today that the organization has a shop ready for business and material enough with which to begin operations. The members will be assessed to secure the capital necessary to establish the plant. Work on the national export exposition main building, which is undergoing alterations for the national republican convention, has not suffered because of the strike. There was practically no change today in the situation at the Continental Woollen mills of George Campbell & Company, where over three hundred girls are on strike. So far the dissatisfied spinners and weavers have failed to make any formal statement of their grievances to the firm, who claim to go on as regards the occasion for the strike. President's Message Acknowledged. Washington, May 4.—The president tonight received the following from Salt Lake, Utah: Hon. William McKinley, Washington. Your telegram expressing your generous sympathy for the families and friends of our fellow citizens who have so unexpectedly met death in the mine explosion at Southfork, is received and appreciated. Sorrowing Utah thanks you for your thoughtful interest. (Signed) Helzer M. Wells, governor.

PHILANDER SUTTON DROWNED.

Wilkes-Barre, May 4.—Phlander M. Sutton, a well known citizen of Pittston, and a veteran of the civil war, fell off the bridge crossing the Susquehanna river at Custer, today, and was drowned.

Corporations Chartered.

Harrisburg, May 4.—Charters were issued by the state department today to the following corporations: The Bangor State company, Bangor, capital, \$1,000; J. C. Bartlett company, Pittsburg, capital, \$1,000.

WEATHER FORECAST.

Washington, May 4.—Forecast for Saturday and Sunday: Eastern Pennsylvania—Fair and warmer Saturday and Sunday; warmer, fresh westerly winds here Sunday; cloudy, variable elsewhere.

THE FALL OF BRANDFORT

Boers Retire Out of Reach of the British Shells.



The Boer flag was flying over Brandfort as the British entered the town. Several British wounded were found in the hospital. The Boer postmaster gave up the keys of the public building, and it is reported that the Irish lost severely.

GENERAL SUTTON RECEIVED

The Irish-American Brigade from Lourenco-Marques Surprises the Advancing Britons with a Volley. The Relief of Mafeking May Be Accomplished Before the Queen's Birthday—Wepener Is to Be Garri-soned. London, May 5 (4.05 a. m.).—The mounted infantry with Lord Roberts, among whom are the Canadians, have picketed their horses on the south bank of the Vet river, 15 miles north of Brandfort. The head of Lord Roberts' column has thus advanced 32 miles from Karoo Sidling in two days, or 54 miles north of Bloemfontein. Little power was spent. The British work was hard marching, the Boers retiring out of the reach of the British shells. The correspondents supplement Lord Roberts' plain statements with a few details. As General Hutton, with the First mounted infantry brigade, drew near Brandfort, he saw a khaki clad body of troops ahead of him. He was surprised, but thought they must be the British. Soon, however, they opened fire on the British, who replied heavily. They were the Irish-American brigade from Lourenco Marques, and it is reported that the Irish lost severely. The Boer flag was flying over Brandfort as the British entered the town. Several British wounded were found in the hospital. The Boer postmaster gave up the keys of the public building, and it is reported that the Irish lost severely. General Kitchener arrived at Brandfort at noon and Lord Roberts at dusk. General French's cavalry are sweeping the country northward. The expectation is that the infantry advances will be continued toward Kroonstadt immediately. Although no prisoners were taken and although no hot pursuit was attempted the news greatly cheers London. Nevertheless, it has been received with the fine rapture that attended the first successes of Lord Roberts. Relief of Mafeking. General Hunter's crossing the Vaal at Windsorton brings the relief of Mafeking, 105 miles beyond, almost within a calculable interval. It is now regarded as quite possible that Mafeking may be succored before the queen's birthday. The debate in parliament on the Siplon Kop dispatches proved a disappointment to the supporters of the government. The ministerial papers confess to a certain amount of inconsistency and weakness in the statement of the spokesman of the government. On the other hands, as the dispute between the two organizations, Mr. Allen says is a West Philadelphia Carpenters' union which had been expelled from the brotherhood for non-payment of dues. This union was afterwards recognized by the Allied Building Trades council and the brotherhood charged the council with breaking faith. Secretary Allen says he then charged the brotherhood with having used the smaller organization as a means to compel employers to recognize the movement for shorter hours and increased wages. After gaining his end, Mr. Allen says, the brotherhood repudiated the small union. Work on the new dormitories in course of erection at the University of Pennsylvania was stopped today by reason of fifteen fire-carriers striking. This action compelled one hundred men of various trades to quit work. There are now about three hundred hood-carriers out. A new co-operative scheme is to be tried soon by the Masonic Workers' union, the employers quickly resign the schedule. There are but sixty-five mosaic workmen in the city and fifty-seven are members of the union. Business Agent Francis Sagna said today that the organization has a shop ready for business and material enough with which to begin operations. The members will be assessed to secure the capital necessary to establish the plant. Work on the national export exposition main building, which is undergoing alterations for the national republican convention, has not suffered because of the strike. There was practically no change today in the situation at the Continental Woollen mills of George Campbell & Company, where over three hundred girls are on strike. So far the dissatisfied spinners and weavers have failed to make any formal statement of their grievances to the firm, who claim to go on as regards the occasion for the strike. President's Message Acknowledged. Washington, May 4.—The president tonight received the following from Salt Lake, Utah: Hon. William McKinley, Washington. Your telegram expressing your generous sympathy for the families and friends of our fellow citizens who have so unexpectedly met death in the mine explosion at Southfork, is received and appreciated. Sorrowing Utah thanks you for your thoughtful interest. (Signed) Helzer M. Wells, governor.

CONFERENCE AT BUFFALO.

Arranged for Settlement of Labor Questions.

Buffalo, May 4.—The return of the striking car repairers of the New York Central to their work this morning, an agreement reached by which the men of the Nickel Plate receive the scale agreed to by the New York Central and their promise to resume work in the morning, an absolute failure of agreement between the men of the Erie and the division superintendent; a partial failure between the men of the Lackawanna and the master car builder and a delay pending the ultimatum of higher officials in the matter of the demands made by the men of the Western New York and Pennsylvania and the Lehigh Valley, were the developments of today in the strike of the car repairers. The conference between the Lackawanna men and Master Car-Builders Cantello was lengthy and not conclusive. Negotiations are still on. Mr. Canfield proposes a sliding scale, which is somewhat complex, and the men are not quite certain about its advantages. NATIONAL GUARD ORDERS. Regiments Assigned—Collar Insignia of Commissioned Officers. Harrisburg, May 4.—Adjutant General Stewart issued a general order today to the National Guard of Pennsylvania, assigning the State Fencible battalion to the Sixth regiment, and announcing the appointment of Corporal William L. Hicks, of the Governor's troop, Harrisburg, to be quartermaster sergeant on the governor's staff. An order was also issued designating the collar insignia of commissioned officers of the guard.

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