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EMPEROR GREET'S PRINCE HENRY

America's Recent Royal Guest Is Now Again Back in the Fatherland.

GREAT CROWDS CHEER AS THE BROTHERS MEET

Emperor William Greet's the Prince with a Kiss on Both Cheeks—Henry Sends Final Word to America Through Correspondent of the Associated Press—He Entertains Nothing but the Most Pleasing Recollections of His Flying Trip.

Cuxhaven, March 18.—The return of Admiral Prince Henry of Prussia to Germany was a safely accomplished this afternoon, amid all the pomp and circumstance with which the prince's imperial brother has seen fit to mark the successful ending of Prince Henry's American mission.

The Hamburg-American steamer Deutschland, from Cherbourg, having on board the prince and his suite, was first sighted at 5.30 this afternoon. The German battleship Kaiser Wilhelm II steamed down the bay to meet the Deutschland, and returned escorting to the new stone quay, and was the first ship to dock there.

Emperor William stood upon the quay, surrounded by high naval and municipal officials. As representative of the American embassy at Berlin, Commander William H. Beecher, the naval attaché to the embassy, stood at the emperor's side.

The quay was decorated with the flags of all the states of the empire, and the thousands of spectators, who covered the roofs of the great warehouses and the wide slopes overlooking the scene, cheered wildly as Prince Henry walked down the quay from the steamer. Emperor William kissed his brother upon both cheeks, and shook hands with the members of his suite, saying a few cheerful sentences to each. In the meantime the guns of the squadron saluted.

Side by side his majesty and Prince Henry then passed down in front of the marine guard, which stood at salute. After this, the marine guard passed in review, while the imperial naval band played the national anthem.

The passengers on the Deutschland crowded to the steamer's rail and cheered heartily during the ceremony. Some of the American passengers waved little American flags; otherwise the Stars and Stripes were not flying.

After the inspection of the guard of honor and the veterans by Emperor William, his majesty and his party, Prince Henry and his staff and Commander Beecher boarded a tender and started toward Kiel through the canal. A banquet was served on board the warship.

Last Word to America. As the steamer drew near to Cuxhaven, Prince Henry received the correspondent of the Associated Press in his cabin. The prince said: "I desire to send a last word through you to America, to say how deeply grateful I am for the measureless kindness I received while there. I tried to say this before I left, but I want to say again that I am grateful for the cordial and generous manner in which the people and the president of the United States received me."

"I met and talked with as many individuals as I could, but of course I saw most of the people in crowds, and sometimes only from the railroad car platform, and only long enough to touch my cap or take off my hat to them. I wish to thank all those thousands for the trouble they took."

son, and that he only saw the text of the message upon his arrival at Plymouth. The interest Emperor William takes in Prince Henry's trip was then mentioned. In this connection Prince Henry said to the correspondent: "I shall tell his majesty exactly what I have told you; namely, how I appreciate the kindness shown me by the people of America. I wish to add a special word of thanks for the sympathetic way in which the American papers treated me."

In conclusion the emperor's brother said: "You may be sure the impressions I received will be lasting."

Prince Henry, who looked to be thoroughly rested, wore a dark blue yachting suit with the Kiel yacht club button.

CHARGED WITH CRIME

Secretary of Union Held for Placing Explosives in a Foundry.

York, Pa., March 18.—B. F. Butler, secretary of the local iron moulders' union, was given a hearing today on the charge of secreting Mauser cartridges in the sand of a flask at the foundry of the A. B. Perquhar company.

SIXTY-DAY WAGE CLAUSE

The Meaning of the Provision Is Explained by a Reading Official.

Philadelphia, March 18.—There appears to be some misapprehension on the part, not only of the anthracite coal miners, but others, relative to the sixty-day clause in the notice posted last week by the coal operators containing the present wage scale to April, 1902. A high official of the Philadelphia and Reading railway, in interpreting the notice today, said: "We can look upon this clause in two ways. One is to believe that present conditions will continue for a year, at least, and that we can continue to pay the wages made in effect until April 1, 1902. Beyond that time no one can tell with any degree of safety and while the operators are perfectly willing to continue the present wage rate beyond that time should present conditions then exist, they are unwilling to pledge themselves to that effect and hence the provision of the sixty-day clause. In the event of the necessity for a change."

POOL AT BROOKLYN

Progress of the Championship Games at Montauk Academy.

Brooklyn, March 18.—The continuous professional championship pool tournament which has been in progress at the Montauk Billiard Academy, Brooklyn, for the past week, probably will be completed today. The management inaugurated three series of five games, each consisting of two contests as well as two contests at night.

ATTACKS ON GOVERNMENT

Result of Debate in the House of Commons Yesterday.

London, March 18.—The debate this evening in the house of commons on the motion of the Liberal leader, Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman, yesterday that the appointment of a select committee to investigate the whole commercial history of the South African war, including the contracts for the purchase of munitions, meat and furs, and the contracts for freight and transportation, called out several attacks on the government.

CORPORATIONS CHARTERED

Harrisburg, March 18.—Charters were issued by the state department today to the following corporations: Ingot Amusement company, Pittsburg; capital, \$10,000. Commercial Lumber Amusement company, Pittsburg; capital, \$10,000. Farmers Telephone company, Pottsville; capital, \$5,000. Malsburg Distilling company, Harrisburg; capital, \$25,000. Seasonal Grocery company, Harrisburg; capital, \$25,000. Ingot Pleasure Amusement company, Pittsburg; capital, \$10,000. American Amusement company, Pittsburg; capital, \$10,000. The National Amusement company, Pittsburg; capital, \$10,000.

AVONDALE MINERS RESUME WORK

Wilkes-Barre, March 18.—The Avondale mine workers of the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western company decided today to resume work as the miners' recent strike has been terminated. The company has promised to take them back, but cannot give all of them their old positions. The strikers accepted the offer, and with all the tools and furniture, and the Westward collection have resumed the offer and are well off.

VALUABLE LIVE STOCK BURNED

Lancaster, Pa., March 18.—The fire in the county building today, just east of the city, that it was destroyed by an incendiary fire last night. Thirteen steers, eleven cows, four horses, three mules, a bull and a heifer were burned, together with all the crops and farm implements. The loss is about \$10,000, and the insurance \$5,500.

CIGAR BUNCHERS STRIKE

Middletown, N. Y., March 18.—Three hundred girls employed by the American Cigar company have went on strike today owing to a change made in the system of handling cigars.

POSTMASTER AT DANVILLE

Washington, March 18.—The president today sent to the senate the nomination of Charles F. Bader to be postmaster at Danville, Va.

JOHN YOUNG HANGED

Second of the Murderers of Washington Hunter Pays the Penalty.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Mt. Holly, N. J., March 18.—John Young was hanged in the yard of the county jail here today, for complicity in the murder of Washington Hunter, an aged and wealthy farmer, who was killed in his home at Riverside, on the night of January 25, 1901. Young made a confession, in which he admitted having led the murderers to the Hunter home, but denied having struck the blows. Young is the second of the four men who participated in the murder of Mr. Hunter, to pay the death penalty.

COAL MINERS' CONVENTION AT SHAMOKIN

The Most Important Gathering Since the Memorable Strike of 1900.

JOHN MITCHELL WILL PRESIDE

He Arrived in the City from Altoona Yesterday—Has Entirely Recovered from the Indisposition Which Overtook Him in the West—The Impression Prevails That Recognition by Operators Will Not Be Insisted Upon.

Shamokin, March 18.—The most important convention of hard coal miners since that which resulted in the memorable strike of 1900, began here today, and is likely to remain in session until Saturday. The three anthracite coal districts, known technically as Districts 1, 7 and 9, United Mine Workers of America, are represented by over six hundred delegates, the majority of whom presented their credentials. The remainder are expected tomorrow. The delegations from the Scranton and Wyoming regions were late in arriving and the convention was not called to order until 2.15 o'clock this afternoon.

THE SENATE DISCUSSES PROTECTION MEASURE

Heated Debate Aroused by the Arguments on Bill to Safeguard the President.

Washington, March 18.—The general debate on the river and harbor bill in the house today was continued by Mr. Hepburn. Contrary to his usual custom, Mr. Hepburn found several things in the bill to commend, although some of his criticisms were quite severe. The other speakers today were Messrs. Ball (Texas) and Lawrence (Mass.), both members of the committee, and Messrs. White (Kentucky), Thompson and Burnett (Alabama), who spoke in favor of improvements of interests to their districts. It was agreed that general debate on the bill should close tomorrow at 3 o'clock. Saturday, April 26, was set aside for memorial services on the late Representative Stokes, of South Carolina, and the late Representative Crump, of Michigan.

For three hours today the senate had under consideration the bill providing for the protection of the president of the United States and for the punishment by United States courts of those who commit assaults on him. Mr. Bacon (Georgia) opposed the bill, and Mr. Hoar (Massachusetts) and Mr. Mason (Illinois) supported it. Mr. Bacon's arguments followed the lines of his speech delivered ten days ago. Mr. Hoar's speech was largely legal and constitutional. He maintained the right of the government to protect itself against assaults upon its sovereignty through the president. He announced an amendment to the bill offered by Mr. Bacon. He denounced it as opening the door to special pleading for the benefit of assassins of the president. This drew Mr. Bacon's fire. He considered Mr. Mason's criticism a personal reflection on himself, and presented it with heat. An explanation by the Illinois senator cleared the atmosphere.

QUIET AT NORFOLK

The Street Car Strike Dies a Natural Death.

Norfolk, Va., March 18.—The strike of the street car men has died a natural death. There has been a cessation of demonstrations, the part of the strikers and their sympathizers. A trolley pole was cut tonight and several cars stopped, but within the city limits where police protection is slight.

THREE MEN KILLED

Saw Mill Near Callon, Wis., Wrecked by an Explosion.

Wausau, Wis., March 18.—Three men killed, the entire mill wrecked and one man injured was the result of an explosion today in Gavitt's saw mill near Callon, a village eight miles east of here. The dead were: Wheeler Gavitt, proprietor of mill; Chester Goldman, engineer; John Dunsaville.

AN APPOINTMENT FOR GARFIELD

Washington, March 18.—It is understood that the president has appointed the civil service commissioner vacant made vacant by the resignation of W. A. Bodeburg to Harry A. Garfield, of Cleveland, O., a son of President Garfield. There is some question, however, as to whether he will accept the office, should he decline to accept it is said the appointment may be tendered to his brother, James H. Garfield.

Cecil Rhodes Weaker

Cape Town, March 18.—Cecil Rhodes is weaker, Mr. Rhodes has received the following cable message from Queen Alexandra: "I am sorry to hear of your trying illness and pray God to restore you to health."

Advocates Duty on Corn

London, March 18.—In the course of a lecture delivered in London tonight, Sir Robert Giffen, the statistician, expressed the opinion that the British total yearly expenditure for armaments in the future, would amount to \$125,000,000 and advocated a duty on corn as preferable to a high income tax.

Children Will Play with Philadelphia

Philadelphia, March 18.—Peter Cilibio, who played last season with the St. Louis and Chicago National clubs, has been signed for the coming season to play with the Philadelphia National club.

Tobacco Advertising

London, March 18.—The Imperial Tobacco company has issued a circular offering large bonuses to its customers who undertake not to sell American goods for a term of years.

LAUNDRIES MUST PAY TAX

Not Entitled to Exemption as Manufacturing Corporations.

Harrisburg, March 18.—There was filed with Attorney General Elkin today an important decision handed down by Judge Weiss, in which it is held that laundries are not manufacturing corporations and are, therefore, not entitled to exemption from the tax imposed upon manufacturing corporations by the state.

THE NEXT ENCAMPMENT OF THE NATIONAL GUARD

Will Be Held at Mt. Gretna, and Probably at Mt. Gretna.

Harrisburg, Pa., March 18.—A conference between the general officers of the National Guard of Pennsylvania was held today in this city, to arrange for next summer's division encampment. The encampment will be held from July 12 to 19.

FIRST TRIUMPH FOR CUBAN RECIPROCITY

The Advocates Score a Victory at the Conference of the House Republicans.

Washington, March 18.—The advocates of Cuban reciprocity scored a decisive victory tonight at the conference of the House Republicans of the house of representatives, of the ways and means committee, for a twenty per cent reduction of duty, with the Sibley amendment limiting the duration of the reduced rates to December 1, 1903, being adopted by a vote of 85 yeas to 31 nays. This result was reached at 11.30 o'clock, after a protracted debate, followed by a series of exciting roll calls. The first test was when Mr. Payne concluded the speech-making with a motion for the previous question on all pending propositions. This motion prevailed, 78 to 56. A vote was then taken on a substitute offered by Representative Dick, of Ohio, in behalf of those opposed to the reciprocity plan, offering in its stead a plan of direct payment to Cuba covering several years. This was defeated, 57 to 78. An amendment by Mr. Morris, of Minnesota, to take off the differential on refined sugar, was defeated, 50 to 72. The ways and means proposition for reciprocity, with the Sibley amendment limiting its duration, was then agreed to, 85 to 31. While the voting was in progress, quite a number of those who oppose the ways and means plan left the chamber.

Immediately following this vote, the conference adjourned, and the long-pending controversy over Cuban reciprocity was determined, so far as the Republican conference was concerned, although it still remains to be dealt with in the house.

The Payne resolution, as adopted tonight, gives the general form of a bill, authorizing the president to negotiate a commercial agreement with Cuba for reciprocal and equivalent concessions, by which the rates of duty shall be reduced at least twenty per cent, ad valorem on all articles imported from Cuba into the United States. It also provides that the United States immigration and exclusion laws shall be enacted by the government of Cuba as a preliminary to reciprocity. The Sibley amendment, which is adopted as a part of the Payne resolution, recites that the foregoing twenty per cent reduction shall be limited in its duration and effect to the first day of December, 1903.

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Mine Workers at Huntington

Huntington, W. Va., March 18.—The annual convention of the United Mine Workers of America, District No. 17, embracing the states of Virginia and West Virginia, met here today. President Springer and other officials, as well as several national officers, are here. The meeting will continue two or three days. Officers to be elected and important matters will be discussed.

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