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FOREIGN COMPLICATIONS FEARED.

President and Secretary Hay Holding Important Conference.

Oyster Bay, July 7.—Secretary of State John Hay is a guest of President Roosevelt tonight at Sagamore Hill. Matters of grave importance to this country, in its international relation, were under consideration during the afternoon and evening.

The conclusions reached at the conference are not disclosed, both the president and Secretary Hay regarding it as inexpedient at this time to discuss for publication the details of their work. To two subjects of serious concern most of their attention was turned. They considered in all its phases the Russian situation, particularly with respect to the B'nai B'rith petition, which it had been determined will be forwarded to the Russian government, and the Alaskan boundary question, which next month is to be taken up for what is hoped may be final adjustment by the American and British commission in London.

Among the president's other visitors were Senators Hanna, Fairbanks and Keates.

Senator Hanna assured the newspaper men that his visit to the president has no political significance.

When one of his interviewers asked if he thought he would be able to manage the next Republican national campaign, he replied, laughingly: "Now you are getting inquisitive. Really, that is a matter which has not been determined, so far as I know. That the question of the national chairmanship can be determined only by future events."

When the other visitors had gone the president and Secretary Hay continued their conference until far into the night. It is regarded as likely that some developments in the Russian situation may be expected in a few days.

King Edward's proficiency as a linguist was strikingly illustrated during his recent visit to Paris. At a private dinner given by M. Loubet, the French President read a very formal speech. The King of England got up immediately after and delivered without a note an admirable speech in French. Everybody was surprised when the native ruler spoke in his own tongue with elaborate preparation and the English sovereign spoke in the tongue of the Frenchman impromptu.

Spartanburg, July 7.—Mr. John B. Cleveland has received from Mr. Andrew Carnegie, the multi-millionaire, a letter, in response to a correspondence which has recently been in progress between these two gentlemen. This letter stipulates that if the city of Spartanburg, by resolutions of its council, will maintain a free public library at a cost of not less than \$15,000 a year, and also provide a suitable site for the building, Mr. Carnegie will furnish \$15,000 to erect a free public library for Spartanburg. This letter is from Skibo Castle, Scotland, and bears date of June 23. It is probable that the matter will come up for consideration at a council meeting in the future.

Night Was Her Terror.

"I would cough nearly all night long," writes Mrs. Chas. Applegate, of Alexandria, Ind., "and could hardly get any sleep. I had consumption so bad that if I walked a block I would cough frightfully and spit blood, but, when all other medicines failed, three \$1.00 bottles of Dr. King's New Discovery wholly cured me and I gained 58 pounds." It's absolutely guaranteed to cure Coughs, Colds, La Grippe, Bronchitis and all Throat and Lung Troubles. Trial bottles free at J. F. W. DeLorme's drug store.

ILLEGAL INSURANCE.

Comptroller General Jones After Wild Cat Companies.

Columbia, July 7.—Reports have been received at the Comptroller General's office to the effect that certain so-called insurance companies are attempting to do business in this State without a license. They are of the class generally known as "wild cat," and in reply to a request made to what should be done where agents of such concerns attempt to do business he wrote the following letter today:

Dear Sir: Answering your request as to the — Company, I beg to say that they are not authorized and have no license to do business in this State. If anyone is soliciting business for them you can swear out a warrant against him before a magistrate of this State, charging him with acting as agent for a foreign insurance company without license, under Section 607, of the Criminal Code, which reads as follows:

Section 607. Any person who shall transact any business of insurance in this State for any company of the United States or foreign State not incorporated by the laws of this State, without having first obtained license by law required, or, after his license has been withdrawn, or shall in any way violate the foregoing provisions in relation to license of insurance companies or agents thereof, shall, upon conviction in any Court of competent jurisdiction, be fined for every such offence, not more than one hundred dollars; provided, that nothing contained in this section shall release such company or companies upon any policy issued or delivered by it or them.

Upon your making the affidavit before the magistrate it is his duty to issue his warrant for the arrest of the party and bring him to trial before him. Each time the person solicits insurance and issues a policy constitutes a separate violation of this law, and they can be prosecuted for each separate violation.

This is the only law for the punishment of the individual soliciting insurance.

In addition to this proceeding in the criminal Courts the company itself may be fined a sum not exceeding one thousand dollars, nor less than five hundred dollars, to be recovered in a civil action by any party suing therefor in the Court of Common Pleas. This suit is to be brought against the company issuing the policy of insurance, and the amount recovered is to be retained by the party suing for same. The State gets no part of this penalty.

Section 1,798 of the civil Code, Vol. I, Code of Laws, reads as follows:

Section 1,798. Should any insurance company or association violate the provisions of this chapter such company shall be fined in a sum not to exceed one thousand dollars and not less than five hundred dollars, to be recovered in any Court of competent jurisdiction in this State, to be recovered by any citizen of this State having a policy of insurance in said company; provided, that nothing in this chapter shall release any such company, companies or association violating the provisions thereof upon any policy issued by it or them.

A. W. Jones,
Comptroller General.

A city hall to be forty-five stories high and to cost \$50,000,000 is planned for New York city. The building is to contain the terminals for street railways and the bridges, as well as offices for city officials and the courts. The height of the building from the sidewalk is to be 650 feet, making it the tallest building in the world. The project is one of the most ambitious of its kind ever undertaken. Several years would be required to complete the building, if it should be authorized.

While arguing a case in the United States court in Wheeling, W. Va., on Monday, ex-Judge Blizard was suddenly stricken dumb. He was in the midst of a heated address when he began to stammer in his speech. A physician ordered complete rest, but it is feared Mr. Blizard's vocal organs have sustained permanent injury. He has been prominently mentioned as Republican candidate for Governor next year.

The hammocks being sold by H. G. Osteen & Co., haven't a superior in Sumter, at the price.

A GOOD ROADS HINT.

Commissioner Celey Tells of the Evils of Road Ditches Acting As Drains.

County Commissioner B. F. Celey, along with the other members of the board, is taking a great deal of interest in the discussion now going on throughout the county on the subject of good roads. He agrees with every body else that a change is needed in the present system of road working, but he has not yet made up his mind as to what that change should be. Some means will have to be devised, he says, for procuring the money before any extensive road building can be undertaken.

In talking about good roads yesterday Mr. Celey said one of the greatest obstacles the commissioners have to contend with is the road ditches which act as drains for the adjacent fields. The road ditches have to carry off not only the rain water which falls in the fields, but that which comes from the fields and plowed lands brings sand and dirt, and the ditches are soon filled and the road bed overflowed and washed away.

Mr. Celey says it will be impossible to maintain good roads, and especially good earth roads, until some system is adopted which will keep the road ditches from acting as drains for the surrounding country. He thinks there should be a law to compel every man who owns the land adjacent to a public road to keep a separate drain ditch from the road.—Anderson Mail.

THE COTTON MARKET.

The Future Market Was Strouger Yesterday.

New York, July 8.—Our market opened with sales of August at 11.46a 11.44 and after selling at 11.46a 11.20, ruled at 11.34 at 1 p. m.

Although the market has been quieter the fluctuations today have been most violent, causing rapid advances and declines, without apparent cause. More inquiries have come from the mills for cotton on about the present basis of values than for many weeks, but it is difficult to find or buy the stock. At times the market was sharply attacked, especially on September, which has fluctuated more rapidly than the other months. Apparently these orders emanate from the same Wall street sellers, who have been aggressive on the short side during the past week under the influence of reports of increasing damage from the Mexican weevil. The close was firm. The spot interest has largely increased today in September and October. The spot market was quiet and unchanged.

Hubbard Bros. & Co.

It's Never Given Away.

"Pa," said Johnny, who is a persistent knowledge seeker, "what is a law-giver?"
"There isn't any such thing, Johnny," replied the good old gentleman, who had been involved in considerable litigation in his time.
"But this book says that somebody was a great law-giver," persisted the youngster.

Then it's a mistake," rejoined the father. "Law is never given; it's retained in very small quantities at very high figures."

Charlotte, N. C., July 8.—A special to The Observer from Newbern, N. C., says fire which broke out at 10.30 tonight destroyed Mitchell's livery stables, Scott's livery stables, the Planter's tobacco warehouse and prize house and eight tenement houses. The whole business section of the city was threatened with destruction for a time. The fire was under control shortly after midnight. Loss \$50,000; insurance unknown.

Catarrh of the Stomach.

When the stomach is overloaded; when food is taken into it that fails to digest, it decays and inflames the mucous membrane, exposing the nerves, and causing the glands to secrete mucus, instead of the natural juices of digestion. This is called Catarrh of the Stomach. For years I suffered with Catarrh of the Stomach, caused by indigestion. Doctors and medicines failed to benefit me until I used Kodol Dyspepsia Cure.—J. R. Rhea, Coppel, Tex. Sold by J. S. Hughson & Co.

WHAT THE RASCALS ARE DOING.

Political News and Gossip From Our Washinton Correspondent

Washington, July 8.—Strained relations with Russia now threaten as a result of President Roosevelt's desire to cultivate favor with the Jewish voters. As has already been told in these letters, the President yielded to the importunities of the executive committee of the B'nai B'rith and agreed to forward to Russia a petition for consideration of the Jews in Bessarabia. As soon as the President's intention became known in Saint Petersburg, an intimation was imparted to the Associated Press to the effect that under no circumstances could Russia consent to receive any representation or petition regarding its internal affairs. But the President was not daunted by this intimation. He has declared that the United States will accept no semi-official intimation and that the petition will be forwarded to the Czar as soon as it is received in Washington. Russia's next move in the situation is awaited with keenest interest.

Republicans in Washington claim to be jubilant over the result of the Iowa convention. Under the shrewd guidance of Senator Allison, the obnoxious assertion that the tariff "sheltered monopolies," which has been eliminated or rather replaced with a non-descript plank which is one of Mr. Allison's masterpieces in the "good Lord, good Devil" line. To the "stand-paters" there may be some satisfaction in his elimination but the greatest satisfaction falls to the democrats who can now point to the fact that even Iowa has been swung into line, afraid to stand by its convictions, that the tariff is the "mother of trusts," and that every republican who favors a revision of the existing tariff rates must vote the democratic ticket or stultify himself. After the adoption of the platform Governor Cummins made a speech in which he reasserted his old time position but in as much as he had yielded his position and waived his conviction that prompt lowering of the duties on trust made goods was imperative, his subsequent statements will be received for what they are worth.

President Roosevelt and Postmaster General Payne have between them managed to close most of the avenues by which news has previously been obtained regarding the Postoffice investigation and comparatively little news of importance is now getting into print. The most important subjects under investigation at present are the purchase of sheet iron mail boxes, the painting of the same with a certain patent paint, and the General Manufacturing Company which sells to the government \$400,000 worth of manila folder paper a year, one half of which is bought by the postoffice. Almost no information can be obtained regarding the first investigations aside from the fact that they are presenting some interesting and probably important developments. With regard to the latter it has been found that the clerk who buys the manila folder paper has a son who is receiving \$2,000 a year from the General Manufacturing Company, that Representative Joseph Sibley is largely interested in the concern and it is suspected that Speaker Cannon is also, although that has not been verified as the inspectors have not yet gained access to the stock books.

Fourth Assistant Postmaster General Bristow has announced a policy which is likely to make for improvement of the postal service if he is sustained in it by the Postmaster General, unfortunately a very doubtful condition. Mr. Bristow declares that the rural free delivery service has been seriously hampered by the establishment of routes as favors to Congressmen, regardless of whether the condition attending such routes warrants their establishment. Hereafter he is determined that members of Congress shall have no voice in this matter, apart from the presentation of the positions of their constituents. He says the inspectors will be used to ascertain if the circumstances surrounding a proposed route are such as to give some ground for believing that it will eventually bring an adequate return to the government and that unless such is found to be the case the route will be denied.

The most serious commentary yet found on the administration of Postmaster General Payne is contained in the statement for the fiscal year just ended by which is shown a deficit for the year of \$4,617,203, nearly double

that of the previous year. It is announced that a large portion of this deficit is due to the extension of the free delivery service in the rural districts but it is not denied that had such extension been made on business lines, instead of for political purposes and to save the districts of weak congressmen, the deficiency would have been materially lessened. It is also true, of course, that the "graft" practiced by the Machen, Beavers crowd, the relics of the Hanna, Heath administration, also added its share to the deficiency. In view of the fact that the courts have sustained the Department in its elimination from the second class privilege of "fake" newspapers the receipts of the postoffice department should more closely approximate the expenses than ever before.

Governor Francis and other members of the Saint Louis Exposition Company have been in Washington to get the \$5,000,000 appropriated for the Exposition by Congress, but payable only when the Exposition should itself have expended \$10,000,000. The gentlemen who represented the Exposition Company had much trouble convincing Secretary Shaw that they had performed their part of the contract. The Secretary of the Treasury was indeed object to such payments as \$40,000 paid for the floating of a loan, \$30,000 gate receipts much of which was taken in on Sundays, although Congress, at the behest of the Sabatarians, has expressly stipulated that the Exposition must be closed on Sundays, etc. The Company finally convinced the Secretary however, and will go its way rejoicing, with \$5,000,000 in United States legal tenders in its inside pocket, so to speak.

WORKING FOR EXHIBIT.

Gov. Heyward Takes Lead in Effort to Insure

A Worthy Exhibit From This State at the World's Fair in St. Louis.

Columbia, July 8.—A conference was held in the Governor's office today relative to an exhibit from this State at the St. Louis Exposition. A good deal of quiet but effective work has been done in various counties, and the outlook is reported to be very encouraging. Those who were present at the conference were: Governor Heyward, J. H. Averill, R. G. Rhett, Robert Aldrich, A. W. Love, Altamont Moses, Louis Appelt, August John and W. E. Gonzales. It was decided to appoint a commission to consist of two men from each Congressional district, who are to meet here next Thursday night at 8 o'clock for the purpose of taking further and definite steps towards getting up a creditable show for the State.

The following are the commissioners: First district, R. G. Rhett, Charleston; Louis Appelt, Clarendon. Second district, M. B. McSweeney, Hampton; Robert Aldrich, Barnwell. Third district, R. T. Jaynes, Oconee; J. M. Sullivan, Anderson. Fourth district, T. C. Duncan, Union; T. J. Moore, Spartanburg. Fifth district, Leroy Springs, Lancaster; R. A. Love, Chester. Sixth district, Thomas Wilson, Williamsburg; R. P. Hornet, Jr., Marion. Seventh district, Altamont Moses, Sumter; E. B. Clark, Richland.

Gen. Longstreet III.

Macon, Ga., July 8.—A Gainesville dispatch to the Telegraph says that Gen. James Longstreet is dangerously ill and that physicians will perform an operation tomorrow for the removal of his left eye, destroyed by a cancer. On account of his age, 81 years, he may not be able to withstand the shock, though he has assented to the operation.

A Surgical Operation

is always dangerous—do not submit to the surgeon's knife until you have tried DeWitt's Witch Hazel salve. It will cure when everything else fails—it has done this in thousands of cases. Here is one of them: I suffered from bleeding and protruding piles for twenty years. Was treated by different specialists and used many remedies, but obtained no relief until I used DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve. Two boxes of this salve cured me eighteen months ago and I have not had a touch of the piles since.—H. A. Tisdale, Summerton, S. C. For Blind, Bleeding, Itching and Protruding Piles no Remedy equals DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve. Sold by J. S. Hughson & Co.

PREPARING FOR WAR IN EAST.

Significant Russian Conference At Port Arthur.

Kin Chau, July 8.—All the prominent Russian officials in China, Manchuria and Korea are attending the conference at Port Arthur. Among them are Minister of War Knorpatkin, Admiral Alexieff, the Russian ministers at Peking and Seoul, the political agents in China and Korea, including M. Pokotiloff, recently Russian financial representative at Peking, Gen. Dessino, the military agent in China, the civil and military officers at Mukden, Harbin and Kirin and the administrator of New Chwang. The proceedings at the conference are enveloped in profound secrecy. It is popularly supposed that the Russian officials are considering the war question. The foreign commercial officials at New Chwang and Port Arthur believe that the possibility of war is increasing steadily. The Russian policy is believed to be to hold the present positions in Manchuria, including New Chwang, and to take no steps to avert hostility with Japan if it is assured that Japan will fight unaided. The war feeling among the Japanese in North China is intensifying.

The Russian civil administrator, with the governor general of New Chwang, has commenced the erection of Government buildings designed to hold all Russian officers, including the telegraph and telephone departments, in the centre of the foreign settlement, partly on land ceded by the Chinese, according to the Russian explanation, and partly on the public square, about which the foreign consuls of other nationalities are preparing to protest against this encroachment on the public square.

Russian company has completed the purchase of the river steam tug business heretofore controlled by a British company. This is regarded as an important step towards Russian control of the harbor.

Lexington, Ky., July 8.—Gen. Cassius M. Clay was today pronounced by a jury at Richmond to be of unsound mind. He will be sent to an asylum, this action being taken to protect his property. The aged gentleman was not in court. Physicians testified as to his mental condition.

No Pity Shown.

"For years fate was after me continuously," writes F. A. Gullidge, Verbena, Ala. "I had a terrible case of Piles causing 24 tumors. When all failed Bucklen's Arnica Salve cured me. Equally good for burns and all aches and pains. Only 25c at J. F. W. DeLorme's Drug Store."

Coatless witnesses are not allowed to testify in the Marlboro county court. There was a case in which there were many witnesses from the cotton mills. They came in their shirt sleeves. Judge Gage told them that would not do. Their coats were a mile and a half away at their homes. But somehow the crowd furnished one coat and it was changed around so that the whole crowd used it.

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Memphis, Tenn., July 8.—Two deaths occurred in the city today as a direct result of the severe heat, a maximum temperature of 94 degrees being reached. The victims were: Edward Pryor, plasterer, aged 30 years. Mary Sausance, aged one year.

Brutally Tortured.

A case came to light that for persistent and unmerciful torture has perhaps never been equalled. Joe Golobick of Colusa, Calif., writes "For fifteen years I endured insufferable pain from Rheumatism and nothing relieved me though I tried everything known. I came across Electric Bitters and it's the greatest medicine on earth for that trouble. A few bottles of it completely relieved and cured me." Just as good for Liver and Kidney troubles and general debility. Only 50c. Satisfaction guaranteed by J. F. W. DeLorme Drugstore.