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FIVE WARSHIPS WILL MEET GERMAN PRINCE'S STEAMER

Plan For His Reception at New York—To Arrive On February 22.

Washington, Jan. 15.—The German ambassador received a despatch from Berlin today containing an outline of the plan for the coming of Prince Henry. It calls for the landing of the Prince at New York instead of Newport News, Va.

Secretary Long said today that the squadron of warships that would meet the steamer on which the prince will arrive will consist of the Illinois, Olympia, Cincinnati, Hartford and Machias. In view of the fact that Prince Henry will be accompanied by a vice admiral, Admiral Dewey may be detailed to participate in the reception.

Dr. Von Holleben, German ambassador here, has received a cablegram from Berlin giving the dates of arrival and departure of Prince Henry and a list of the party who will accompany him to the United States.

Prince Henry will arrive at New York on the Kron Prinz Wilhelm February 22, and will sail for Germany on the Hamburg-American liner Columbia March 8. He will be accompanied by Hofmarschall Vice-Admiral Von Seckendorff and two aides-de-camp, Lieutenant-Commanders Schmidt von Schwind and Von Egidy. His chief physician will be Dr. Reich.

Herr von Thirpitz, the German secretary of state for the navy, with his aide-de-camp, Lieutenant-Commander von Trotha, will also accompany the party. Emperor William will send his adjutant-general, Von Plessen; captain of the navy, Von Mueller, and Von Brumme, aide-de-camp to the emperor.

Prince Henry will have his own retinue of servants, and each of the gentlemen of the party will bring his own valet. Herr Mirza, the chief clerk to the secretary of state for the navy, will be one of the party.

Reception in New York

New York, Jan. 15.—Mayor Low has taken up the consideration of plans for the reception of Prince Henry of Prussia. He announced today that he would name a large and representative committee of leading citizens to arrange for the welcome of the distinguished visitors. In case the prince comes here by steamer a pier will be specially reserved as a landing place.

FORAKER'S RE-ELECTION AS SENATOR CONFIRMED

ADDRESS TO OHIO LEGISLATURE REVIEWING COUNTRY'S PROGRESS.

Columbus, O., Jan. 15.—The Ohio house and senate in joint session today confirmed the ballot taken yesterday by the two houses in separate session re-elected Joseph Benson Foraker to the United States senate.

Senator Foraker had practically no opposition the division being purely partisan, the democratic members supporting Hon. Charles W. Baker, of Cincinnati. Every republican present passed his vote for Senator Foraker. There were no addresses except that of the senator and no demonstrations except the spontaneous applause which greeted the senator when he was introduced to the general assembly.

In his address Senator Foraker said: Gentlemen of the general assembly:—I would not appear insensible to this occasion if I could, and I could not if I would. I have my fair share of enemies and detractors, but it is a great satisfaction to be able to set down over

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against all they have said or may say the answering fact that of all the many honors it has been my good fortune to enjoy, at the hands of the republicans of Ohio everyone, without a single exception, has come to me with this same unanimity of expression and most of them without solicitation.

"Since I stood here six years ago on a similar occasion, a great deal of important history has been made. Long vanished prosperity has returned, and never in the history of the world has there been anything like what we now enjoy. The great industrial problem of Europe at this time is how to protect their markets from our commercial invasion and one of the greatest industrial problems is how to go on indefinitely collecting the stupendous balance of trade in our favor, without bankrupting all the rest of the world and destroying the customers we are acquiring. The floods of gold that are pouring in upon us are rapidly making us the great creditor nation of the earth, so that henceforth we shall hold the securities of other peoples and collect interest from them on their obligations instead of, as heretofore, paying them tribute on ours.

"Unexpected emergencies have arisen and unforeseen responsibilities have been faithfully discharged. Grave questions of a vital character relating to our power to acquire, hold and govern territory to the necessities of the people have been settled for all time in favor of the authority of the United States.

"As a result, we are today more than ever before in our history a world power in the fullest meaning of that phrase.

"The inter-ocean canal, our merchant marine, our navy, the government of our insular possessions, our relations with Cuba, and especially our trade relations with other commercial countries, will demand and must receive the highest and best thought of the legislative mind.

"When I stood here six years ago another graced the occasion with his presence, who is now gone from among us forever. He was at that time just retiring from the governorship of this state, but we all knew that the higher honor he has never been equalled by any man of his time, and that his most distinguished public services yet remained to be rendered. Whom we only then claimed, all the world claims now. Not only as a great president, but as the gentlest and most lovable type of humanity is the place in history that will always be held by William McKinley. His life and his death were alike, surpassingly noble. We cannot any more have the benefit of his helpful leadership, but it is just cause for the most sincere congratulation that we find one altogether worthy to be his successor in the person of Theodore Roosevelt. He may be less patient and more aggressive, but in intellectual endowment, in scholarly culture, in broad minded Americanism, in integrity of character and in patriotic impulse he has never been excelled by any occupant of the white house. I assure I hazard nothing in predicting for his administration the most unqualified approbation of the American people."

DEATH OF POPE EXPECTED DAILY

SO SAYS THE ROME CORRESPONDENT OF A LONDON PAPER.

London, Jan. 15.—Vanity Fair's correspondent at Rome writes: The death of the pope may be expected any day, as his holiness may be said to be just alive. He takes little nourishment, and is generally half unconscious. He suffers no pain and simply dozes the hours away, without comprehension of what is going on around him.

President Invited to Winston.

Washington, Jan. 15.—A delegation of women called today to invite President Roosevelt's attendance at the centennial of Salem Female academy at Winston-Salem, N. C., next May. The president took the matter under advisement.

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TRANSPORTS ACCOUNTED FOR, ALL EXCEPT ONE

RECENT ATTEMPT TO BLOW UP THE MECHANICAN RECALLED AS EVIDENCE OF WHAT MAY HAVE OCCURRED.

New Orleans, La., Jan. 15.—It is believed in shipping circles here that a British transport, laden with American mules, bound for South Africa, has been either intercepted and blown up by a Boer spy in the Gulf of Mexico or has foundered.

A schooner arriving on the lower coast reports hundreds of dead mules floating for a distance of thirty miles. The more conservative elements attribute the floating carcasses to a disaster to one of the British vessels during the storms that has been raging near the coast this week. Despatches from Quintan, Texas, which is only a short distance south of Port Bades, say that the schooner Olga has put in at Matagorda bay to shelter from the fierce gale blowing on the gulf, and that Capt. George Peterson reports having seen long rows of dead cattle and mules floating in the water. He describes the range of the dead stock as covering at least thirty miles.

Matthew Warring, of the Elder-Dempster Steamship company, which furnishes many of the British transports, states that all their transports have been accounted for except one, sailing from here three days ago. They had heard nothing from her.

A recent attempt to blow up the British transport Mechanican in this port is recalled by those persons who incline to the opinion that the British transport has been blown up. The attempt to destroy the Mechanican was charged to Boer agents.

Keith will get the collectorship Freeman to succeed Roberts—Harold Johnston for army exam.

M'KINLEY MEMORIAL DAY IN CONGRESS

HOUSE RESOLUTION --TO CONSTRUCT LIGHT HOUSE AT DANGEROUS POINT.

Washington, Jan. 15.—The house today passed the pension appropriation bill. No amendments were adopted.

Mr. Grosvenor (Ohio) presented the resolutions for holding the McKinley memorial exercises in the hall of the house, February 27, and it was unanimously adopted. According to the resolution an address upon the life and character of McKinley will be pronounced by the Hon. John Hay, and that the speaker of the house be requested to invite the president and ex-presidents of the United States, ex-vice-

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NEW CANAL ROUTE ACROSS THE ISTHMUS

Plans Will Be Presented to Senate Committee On Canals—Shorter Than Nicaragua or Panama.

New York, Jan. 15.—Plans for a new ship canal will be presented next Thursday to the senate committee on canals by Gen. Edward W. Sorrell, for the American Isthmian Canal company and the Isthmian company, both corporations of New Jersey.

The route for the canal proposed is from the Gulf of San Blas to the Pacific ocean, behind the Pearl Islands, and is called the "Mandigo route."

It will be proposed that the company build the work, under the supervision and protection of the government, without any cost to the United States, which will be asked to guarantee the bonds of the company.

The company will propose that the government have the use of the canal free of charge for all government vessels and if at any time the company does not do as agreed, the government shall take possession of the canal.

The company asserts that it has secured a right-of-way. The newly suggested route is less than thirty miles long and therefore is shorter than any other so far proposed. No engineering difficulties are encountered, its supporters say, until a spur of the Andes is reached. This mountain chain must be pierced by a tunnel seven miles long, and the plans state that it will be 200 feet high, 180 feet wide, and deep enough for the largest ship which would go through the canal. The rock through which the tunnel would cut is said to be solid granite. In the tunnel a trolley appliance would tow the ships.

General Correll, who is at the head of the project, was engineer of the Panama railroad and has acted as engineer of the Panama canal and as engineer for the government.

KEITH WILL GET THE COLLECTORSHIP

FREEMAN TO SUCCEED ROBERTS—HAROLD JOHNSTON FOR ARMY EXAM.

Special to the Gazette.

Washington, Jan. 15.—Congressman Moody this afternoon received a letter from Adjutant General Corbin which said:

"Having in mind your interest in the appointment of Harold B. Johnston of Asheville, I now have the honor to inform you that the president has designated him for examination with a view to his appointment as lieutenant in the army."

Senator Pritchard and Congressman Moody have approved the agreement of the Henderson county republicans, which will mean that Judge Blythe will get a position as United States commissioner and A. B. Freeman will succeed R. B. Roberts in Collector Harkins' office. Judge Blythe decided he did not want to give up his home law practice. B. F. Keith will be appointed collector of the port at Wilmington.

EDWARD SAYS WAR IS NEARING END

KING ENDORSES BELIEF THAT PFACE DECLARATION MAY BE ANTICIPATED.

London, Jan. 15.—King Edward has given the royal endorsement to the belief current among the public that an early declaration of peace in South Africa may be anticipated.

"The war might now be regarded as approaching its conclusion," were the words used by his majesty today in addressing the officers of the guard after reviewing a draft of 1,200 of the Grenadiers, Coldstreams and Scots Guards, who start for South Africa tonight.

The king's speech, otherwise was unimportant. His majesty was accompanied by the Prince of Wales, the Duke of Connaught, the Duke of Cambridge and Lord Roberts, surrounded by brilliant staffs. A large gathering of privileged guests viewed the function.

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