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TAFT RETURNS HOME; DISCUSSES HIS VISIT TO COUNTRIES IN FAR EAST

Secretary of War Says Con- ditions are not What They Should be

WAVE OF LADRONISM SWEEPS THE ISLAND

Hopes For Better State of Af- fairs Within the Next Few Years

San Francisco, Sept. 27.—In an interview with the Associated Press representative, Secretary of War W. H. Taft, who arrived today on the Korea from the Philippine Islands, after describing various incidents of the trip to Japan, referred to the political situation in the Philippines, saying: "The political situation in some respects was not as good as it ought to be. A wave of Ladrionism swept over the province of Cavite, and it has been found necessary to suspend the writ of habeas corpus in the province of Cavite and Batangas, the neighboring province. The same was true of Samar, but the use of troops in Samar and the use of scouts and constabulary in Cavite has put an end to this business; however, there were two or three men responsible for the keeping up of the Ladrionism, who had not been captured. Complaints were made against the constabulary, and while many of them were unfounded, it was probably true that a change in the constabulary ought to be effected, and it is now under consideration by the government. The distressing agricultural depression, due to the loss of 75 per cent. of the agricultural cattle, drought, locusts and the cholera, as well as other causes, will probably not cease for several years. This naturally subjects the government to criticism because this alien government is much more likely to be criticised for existing conditions however free from blame in respect to them, than a native government.

"Some of the younger men of education have been advocating immediate independence. It therefore became necessary to state with considerable emphasis the policy of the administration on this subject and to say that in the opinion of the administration there was no possible hope for independence short of a generation, because the people could not be fitted for self-government in that time; indeed, it will probably take a much longer period.

"The party consisted, as is known, of Democratic as well as Republican senators and congressmen, and their interviews represent all sides of the Philippine question, but with a self-restraint and moderation which cannot be too highly commended. It was agreed among the members of parties on both sides that it would be most unwise for them to discuss before the Filipinos their difference of opinion, and therefore that any statement should be made by the representatives of the administration as to the policy of political administration. Hence the slight which some of the irreconcilable Filipinos had hoped for, to-wit: a constant combat between republican and democratic members with the Filipino people as an audience, was not presented, and I cannot express to emphatically my appreciation of the patriotic stand which democratic brethren took in this matter in remitting a diffusion of differences of opinion to the proper representatives in congress.

"While the conditions in the Philippines are not as favorable as we would have them and probably will not be favorable until the depressing conditions shall be followed by a prosperous season, still progress is being made. The government is more efficient; inefficient men being eliminated and things are settling to business. Economy is being practiced more and more in the government. Filipinos are being introduced very rapidly to the places of Americans, and on the whole, the looking back over two years, decided steps have been taken.

strain and that thorough statesmanship required that when she could make an honorable peace she should do so, there is not, in my judgment, the slightest fear that the people of Japan will not continue to be as friendly to America and Americans as our reception in July showed that they were then.

DEFENDERS MUST GIVE TESTIMONY

Man Recently Fined \$25,000 Subpoened by Attorneys in Beef Trust Investigation

Chicago, Sept. 27.—Max Spizberger, Chicago vice president of the Schwarzschild & Sulzberger Packing Company, and E. B. Fish, who is one of the traffic officials of the company, it is announced today, have been subpoenaed by the government as witnesses in the beef trust case, to testify against Armour & Company and the other defendants. Two other employees of the Schwarzschild & Sulzberger Company plead guilty recently to charges of conspiracy to illegally obtain railroad rebates. The offenders through pleading guilty escaped imprisonment, but were sentenced to pay fines aggregating \$25,000.

ASSASSINATED WHILE SITTING AT TABLE

Waycross, Ga., Sept. 27.—Mr. David H. Murray, a well known citizen of Ware county, was assassinated about 7 o'clock yesterday evening at his home at Millwood, this county. Murray was shot in the back of the head, with a double-barreled shot gun, which nearly tore the head from the body. The assassin fired at Murray while he was seated at his table eating supper, through hole in the door, and made his escape. The dead man was about 38 years old, and leaves a wife and one child. He was under bond in connection with the murder of a young man named Horace Roberts, in this county some two years ago. A true bill was found against Murray charging him with being accessory to the murder of young Roberts.

NORWAY TO BECOME A REPUBLIC SOON

Paris, Sept. 27.—M. Loveland, minister of foreign affairs of Norway, gave the Temps' Christiana correspondent an authorized statement. He said Norway would take steps to secure an early recognition by the powers. This recognition by the powers would confer Norway's government status as a monarchy or a republic, which would be subsequently determined.

mission, was sunk in the harbor and lost in the hurricane of September 26. The Leyte was a gunboat of 150 tons. She was one of the vessels belonging to Spain, which were taken possession of by the navy at the close of the war. She was in bad condition and it is said at the navy department that she was practically worthless.

FEW CASES OF FEVER FOUND

SITUATION IN COUNTRY ALSO GROWING BETTER

Aside From Two New Points of Infection Few Cases Are Reported

YESTERDAY'S RECORD.

New Orleans, Sept. 27.—The fever report up to 6 p. m. today was as follows:
New cases, 19
Total cases to date, 2,918
Deaths, 3
Total deaths, 350
New disease cures, 5
Cases under treatment, 272
Discharged, 2,266

New Orleans, Sept. 27.—The remarkable feature of the report today is the small number of new cases, the smallest reported on any day since the early days of August. The death list is still holding on, just as it always does towards the end of an epidemic. Among the number of deaths are two negroes. The chapel of the convent of Perpetual Adoration, on Marais street, was fumigated today. No more cases have developed in that convent.

The news from the country shows a steady improvement at all of the old points of infection, though two of the recently discovered points are beginning to show activity. The country reports were:
Patterson, 6 new cases; Kenner, 1 death; Bayou Natchez, 4 new cases; Grosse Tete, 5 new cases; Bossade, 3 new cases, 1 death; Lake Providence, 1 new case; Barrataria country, 7 new cases; Milliken, (seven days), 10 cases; R. serve, 1 case; Terrebonne parish, (two days), 17 cases, 1 death.

PENSACOLA BULLETIN.

Pensacola, Fla., Sept. 27.—Six new cases and two deaths is the total of the fever history today. No new case have developed. Suspicious cases reported from Milton and Bluff Springs proved to be malaria. The authorities are proceeding with their usual precautionary measures.

FAIR.

(By Associated Press.)
Washington, Sept. 27.—Forecast for Thursday and Friday: North Carolina—Fair and warmer. Day increasing cloudiness; light variable winds.

SOCIALISTS CAUSE OF RIOT

Hungarian Capitol Scene of Fierce Fight in which Many are Hurt.

NEWSPAPER OFFICES ATTACKED BY MOB

Editors Hurl Heavy Furniture Upon Heads of Enraged Assailants.

Buda Pest, Sept. 27.—Between forty and fifty persons were injured in riots here this evening when Socialists and adherents of the coalition parties, including students, clashed opposite the Royal hotel, and for two hours there were scenes of tremendous excitement. The Royal hotel is the headquarters of the independence club, in which is the council room of the coalition leaders. The students and other supporters of the coalition had arranged for a gigantic torchlight parade tonight, but during the day the Socialists had issued inflammatory proclamations calling on all Socialists and others opposed to the coalition to gather and fight for their rights, which they said the coalition was trying to sidetrack under cover of an alleged affront by the king emperor to the whole nation.

Owing to these proclamations the coalition leaders decided to postpone the torchlight procession, seeking thus to avoid bloodshed. At 8 o'clock about 1,500 Socialists gathered outside the independence club and announced their intention of entering and tearing down the council room. A large force of police was present and was assisted by 150 prominent citizens. The mob made an effort to enter, but was vigorously opposed by the police. A fight ensued amid the wildest clamor, and a number of persons were stabbed, but the Socialists were finally scattered off on various lines. However, they again gathered, in this time adherents of the coalition in large numbers appeared upon the scene and their appearance resulted in a free fight between the two masses, of humanity which surged in every direction, shouting and singing the Marseilles and other songs. Knives, sticks and stones were used vigorously. It is reported that over thirty persons were wounded, and eight of them seriously. There were no deaths.

Scattered lights continued in different quarters and a section of the Socialists marched to a building where is published a newspaper that supports the coalition, where they broke the windows and attempted to gain an entrance. The mob was held back by the police which threw furniture from the windows.

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INQUIRY IS CONTINUED

Insurance Investigation Com- mittee Probes Equitable Affairs

SENATOR DEPEW WAS MEMBER OF SYNDICATE

Matter of Individual Profits Gone Into in Detail During Day

New York, Sept. 27.—Today's session of the legislative committee to investigate insurance methods was given over to the matter of syndicate transactions of the Equitable Life Assurance Society. Henry W. Winthrop, assistant secretary and financial manager of the society, was again on the witness stand, and many of his statements were accompanied by typewritten documents giving the various transactions in detail. It was brought out that in one of these syndicates Senator DePew was a participant to the extent of \$100,000, and the senator was requested to appear before the committee. Mr. Winthrop was unable to find where a record of the profits from a number of syndicate transactions was made, and expert accountants now at work on the books of the society, are expected to unearth these later.

The witness detailed a number of loans to the Equitable Trust companies as well as the sharing of these companies in syndicate transactions with the society.

Later in the day, Henry Greaves, who was a clerk for George H. Squire, formerly a member of the finance committee, was called to supply some information regarding the "George H. Squire, trustee" account, and from him it was learned that there were a number of these accounts. There was besides the "George H. Squire, trustee" account, the "Marcellus Harley, trustee" account, and another, the "J. W. Alexander, trustee" account.

Mr. Greaves gave way temporarily to Mr. Winthrop, while Mr. Hughes inquired further regarding syndicates. Mr. Winthrop was asked to furnish a list of the individual participants in syndicates and said that President McClenahan was preparing such a statement. Mr. Winthrop said he had no positive information of the "James H. Hyde and associates" syndicates, but he expected to have Mr. Winthrop said that in the Philadelphia, Baltimore and Washington and Long Island's syndicate, managed by Kuhn, Loeb & Co., there were two participations one of \$500,000, the other of \$100,000. The society derived profits of \$2,384 on the \$500,000, while J. W. Alexander, J. H. Hyde, J. H. Squire and W. H. McIntyre divided the profits on the \$500,000. The Equitable put up \$218,100. It

SOME SECRETS OF NAVAL SURGERY DISCLOSED BY PROMINENT SURGEONS

Talk At Convention of Mil- itary Surgeons of U. S. Highly Praised

TELLS HOW POISONING WAS OFTEN PREVENTED

Other Valuable Hints Given By Leading Surgeon In Japanese Navy

Detroit, Mich., Sept. 27.—Surgeon General S. Suzuki, of the Imperial Japanese navy, today in his address before the Fourteenth convention of military surgeons of the United States, made what is declared by Medical Director J. S. Wise, of the United States navy, to be the most valuable contribution of modern times to naval surgery.

"Much of our success in the treatment of wounds," said Dr. Suzuki, "I ascribe to the fact that before every engagement I ordered every member of the crew to bathe and put on perfectly clean underclothing. In a great many shot wounds, fragments of clothing are carried into the body, and our insistence upon clean underclothing prevented many cases of blood poisoning among our wounded. Our experience during the war proved that the coming tower of a warship is a most dangerous situation. Fragments of shell penetrate through the slits in the tower, made to furnish the commanding officer a range of vision, and do great damage. Realizing this fact, Admiral Togo directed his fleet from the command house of the Mikasa, without at any time receiving the slightest wound.

"The vision of the men who fire the guns on a warship must necessarily be of the very best if their shots are to count. Before every engagement the surgeons in the Japanese fleets examined carefully the eyes of all the gunners. Any of them found with slightest impairment of vision were treated and if the impairment was too grave to yield to immediate treatment they were transferred to another station and their places filled by men whose eyes were perfect. And, too, during engagements, every battery crew was supplied with water in which a 1 per cent solution of boracic acid had been mixed, to wash out their eyes when they became affected by powder smoke or dust. We also issued to every man in the fleets before going into action cotton wool with which to plug his ears and thereby prevent rupture of the ear-drums by the concussion of the gun fire."

GREENE AND GAYNOR GIVE UP THE FIGHT

Syracuse, N. Y., Sept. 27.—A dispatch to the Post-Standard from its Montreal correspondent tonight says that John F. Gaynor and Benjamin D. Greene, have abandoned all hope of successfully resisting extradition.

TAVERN CLOSED.

New York, Sept. 27.—The subway tavern, the saloon which was opened with prayer by Bishop Potter a year ago, was closed today. The owner closed its doors, saying that the temperance saloon had not been a paying investment.

COLON SAVED BY STREAK OF LUCK

City Has Narrow Escape From Complete Destruction By Fire-- Big Loss Results.

Colon, Sept. 27.—By sheer good luck the city of Colon was saved from complete destruction by fire last night. The fire broke out in a building next to the residence of the Spanish consul and soon destroyed the Phoenix hotel and two other hotels, several liquor saloons and several tenement buildings.

Rowe's building, containing the post office, the offices of the municipality, of Gov. Melendez, the port inspectors, the judiciary and other offices, together with the treasury building also were burned. A fire brigade from Panama, bringing engines and equipment, arrived at 1 o'clock, but by that time the fire was under control. Nearly all of the records and documents of the government of were destroyed. The burned region comprises two blocks. The American residential quarter was not touched.

Dress Suit Case Mystery Continues to Baffle the Police at Every Turn

Boston, Mass., Sept. 27.—No progress in the solution of the suit case mystery seemed evident today, though the police were hopeful of obtaining early results from their investigation. A search of Winthrop Cove by divers for the head and limbs of the victim of the tragedy was resumed. The state police received from the Harvard medical school today the probable measurements of the woman's body in life. They were deduced from the most careful measurements of the torso and calculated by scales declared by experts to be infallible. The report says that the woman was five feet four inches in height, not less than 13 or more than 35 years of age, and from 150 to 140 pounds in weight.

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China: "I hope he won't extend those signs to Peking and Canton before he gets through!" According to reports there is a great land boom on in Manchuria, and the Japanese are investing heavily.—News Item.

Great Loss Reported From the Worst Typhoon of Years in Philippines

Washington, Sept. 27.—The military secretary has received the following cablegram from Gen. Corbin, commanding the Philippine division, regarding the typhoon yesterday at Manila:
"Manila, Sept. 27.—The worst storm of years obtained here yesterday, passing during the night. Considerable damage was done by the unroofing of buildings. The post at Malah, is reported totally destroyed. Further reports when facts are known."
The following cablegram has also been received at the navy department from Admiral Heltzer, commanding the Asiatic fleet:
"The Leyte, which was out of com-