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THE NEW CRUSADE

The World to Be Taken for Mahomet

ABDUL HAMID'S IDEA

Missionaries to Be Sent Everywhere to Combat the Spread of Christianity—Pilgrimage to Constantinople

London, April 15.—A dispatch has been received from Constantinople which will greatly interest religious circles throughout the world, for it marks a radical departure in the work of those engaged in spreading the faith of Mahomet.

The Constantinople dispatch says that the Sultan, whose attention recently has been largely devoted to religious matters, is engaged in organizing a movement for the revival of Mohammedanism, which is expected to extend to all corners of the earth.

Abdul Hamid is preparing for a great pilgrimage, which is to be conducted under the patronage and encouragement of the Turkish government, from the Moslem countries and the communities in Asia, Africa and Europe. The plans are to come to Constantinople when plans are perfected, and are to include Abdul Hamid as the true successor of Mahomet.

The great movement for the bringing of thousands of pilgrims to the Turkish capital, the Mohammedans, under the leadership of the Sultan, are to begin an extensive proselyting movement in all parts of the world, which is to be spread by the aid of the sword, but by missionaries, after the fashion of the Christian denominations. Hundreds of missionaries will be sent into all parts of the Orient to answer and expose the arguments of the Christian missionaries.

ASURPRISE APPOINTMENT

An Anti-Bryan Democrat Recognized by Administration

Washington, April 15.—The appointment of John G. Capers to be district attorney of South Carolina will be a great surprise to some people in that State, although rumors of it have been about for some time. Mr. Capers will succeed Attorney Lathrop, the present district attorney for South Carolina.

FAVA RECALLED

Italy Will Send a New Ambassador with a Long Name

Washington, April 15.—Baron Fava, the Italian ambassador to the United States, who has served here longer than any other member of the diplomatic corps, has been recalled. The minister of Italy to the Argentine Republic, Baron Fava, has been appointed to succeed him in his place. This information came to the State Department today in a dispatch from the Italian ambassador at Rome. No mention was made of the reason for the recall.

Presidential Appointments

Washington, April 15.—The President today made the following appointments: Justice—John C. Capers of South Carolina, to be attorney of the United States for the district of Southern Carolina.

Mrs. Nation Husted Out

Kansas City, April 15.—Mrs. Carrie Nation, arrested yesterday charged with obstructing the street, was arraigned before Police Judge McAuley this morning, fined \$500 and given until 6 o'clock this evening to leave the city.

A Murdered Woman's Jewels

Phoenix, Ariz., April 15.—The death here of Mrs. Robert Howe reveals that she had great wealth in jewels and precious stones. The husband of the woman is in jail awaiting trial for insanity and the sheriff has taken charge of the jewelry, the estimated value of which is not less than \$50,000.

Rodenberg in Office

Washington, April 15.—W. A. Rodenberg, who was appointed to membership on the civil service commission to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Mark S. Brewer, entered upon the duties of his new office today.

A Benefactor of Education

Washington, April 15.—Monsignor Joseph McMahon died this morning at the Catholic University after an illness of about four weeks. He had reached the advanced age of 84 and his death was due to the weakness of old age.

WORLD WIDE WAR ON RATS PROPOSED

Chicago, April 15.—A world-wide war on rats is to be proposed by Japan. The nation has been conducting an exhaustive investigation and the conclusion has been reached that rodents are a menace to mankind. Consequently, says Dr. N. Nagasawa, who is a visitor in Chicago, and who has been studying the bubonic plague in Hong Kong, Bombay and Japan, the Mikado's government is to appeal to civilization to exterminate the rodents.

WON'T TAKE PAY

Commissioner Kasson Wants No Sinecure in His

Washington, April 15.—Mr. John A. Kasson of Iowa, special reciprocity commissioner of the United States, declines to accept any compensation from the government on the ground that the failure of Congress to act on recent reciprocity treaties with foreign governments has practically made it impossible for him to render any service to the government. He was appointed to office immediately after the passage of the Dingley tariff law, and negotiated commercial treaties with France, Great Britain, Argentina, Nicaragua, Ecuador and other countries, for which he has been compensated at the rate of \$10,000 a year. The failure of Congress to act on any of the treaties induced him to tender his resignation some time ago. The President, however, declined to accept it, and at his personal request Mr. Kasson has remained in office.

A FINE RECORD

American Troops Favorably Impress the Chinese

EARL LI'S REQUEST

Detachment of Chaffee's Command Desired as a Guard for the Chinese City.

Afraid to Trust Foreigners

London, April 15.—The American troops at Peking have made a good impression on the Chinese, and high compliment has been paid to General Chaffee and his men by Li Hung Chang, the Celestial plenipotentiary, who has been engaged in the peace conference at the capital.

A dispatch from Peking says that Earl Li has applied to General Chaffee for a detachment of American soldiers to police the Chinese city after the departure of the American commander. Earl Li has asked that Captain Tilson and a sufficient force of men be left to guard that portion of the capital, and he has made the request at the earnest solicitation of the Chinese. They declare that they are safer under the guard of the American troops than they would be under other foreigners, and they have become greatly alarmed over the prospective departure of General Chaffee's men.

THE POPE'S COMPLAINT

Outbreak of Hostility to the Church in Europe

Paris, April 15.—A dispatch received here from Rome says that the pope at today's consistory expressed great sorrow at the simultaneous revival in several parts of Europe of hostilities against the church. He also spoke of his sadness at the law against religious associations in France, which had not deserved such a calamity. The pontiff also dwelt on the inconsistency of a country which proclaims liberty for all while refusing even the existence of associations whose members made a profession of practicing the precepts of the Gospel.

DEATHS AT HIGH POINT

High Point, N. C., April 15.—Special.—At his home, in Hamilton street, died this morning from weakness due to old age. He was one of the pioneer settlers of this place, and was respected by every one. A wife, seven sons and three daughters survive him. Most of them reside here. Deceased was a member of the Masonic order. The funeral will take place tomorrow afternoon at two o'clock, from the Methodist Episcopal church.

CASHIER'S ACCOUNTS SHORT

Vergennes, Vermont, April 15.—Cashier D. H. Lewis, of the Farmers' National Bank, of this city, was arrested today on a charge of misappropriating the funds of the institution. The bank did not open for business this morning.

China's Poverty

Shanghai, April 15 (4:40 p. m.).—The viceroys of the southern provinces are actively engaged in the work of investigating the amount received in revenues from the salt tax and the likin. This is being done for the purpose of getting a general idea of the sum that will be necessary to pay the yearly installments to the various powers on account of the indemnity claim. The general feeling among the southern viceroys is that China will not be able to pay any large indemnity unless she sells some of her territory.

Down on Back Doors

Pateron, N. J., April 15.—Dean McNulty, the oldest priest in the city, has declared war against all saloons with back rooms that harbor women. He has raised five places himself. The dean says he will ask the license committee of aldermen to pass an ordinance revoking the license where the saloon men have back rooms or sell to women.

Washington Notes

Washington, April 15.—Special.—The First National Bank of Baltimore has been approved as reserve agent for the First National Bank of Weldon, N. C. These contracts have been awarded: Wilmington, N. C., court house and post office—Fuel: J. A. Springer & Co. Ice: William E. Worth & Co. Custom House—Fuel: J. A. Springer & Co. Pensacola, Fla.—Fuel: J. A. Springer & Co. La Grange, Ill.—Alexander Kemp, Winston, S. C.

HAY'S LATEST IDEA

Principle of Neutrality Not Negatived by the Senate.

Washington, April 15.—Senators Lodge and Foraker, members of the Foreign Relations Committee, had long interviews with Secretary Hay today. They did not come up to appointment to discuss the isthmian canal treaty, but Mr. Hay naturally took advantage of their visits to further talk over the chances of negotiating a convention that would meet with the approval of the Senate. When it appeared that there would be an extra session of Congress Senator Lodge drew up a resolution providing for the abrogation of the Clayton-Bulwer treaty, which he intended to present during the extra session and have referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations. He had also outlined a report in favor of the resolution, which he intended to ask the Foreign Relations Committee to adopt.

JAIL BIRDS GET OUT

Four Out of Six Make Good Their Escape

St. Cloud, Minn., April 15.—The most sensational jail delivery ever effected in this section of the State was successfully accomplished in this city last night. At 10 o'clock Turney Frank Given won into the jail corridor on hearing suspicious noises within. He had no sooner opened the iron door than he was struck several times by six prisoners and fell to the floor.

HOPING FOR PEACE

London Hears Rumors of Renewed Negotiations

London, April 15.—There have been persistent rumors on the Stock Exchange today to the effect that peace negotiations are being conducted with the Boers and that the burghers would lay down their arms the last of May. It is impossible to trace these reports to their source, and the War Office has remained silent on the subject. If negotiations for ending the war are in progress they are being secretly conducted, but the reports are not generally credited here.

IN SELF DEFENSE

Major Evans' Statement in Regard to Griffin

Columbia, S. C., April 15.—Major Barner B. Evans made a declaration to a friend who visited him in jail today that he killed Captain John J. Griffin in self-defense. He has abandoned the claim of suicide. The stick used by Captain Griffin in walking, one leg having been shattered in the Civil War, will furnish the ground for this defense. Ex-Congressman George J. Johnstone and Judge Andrew Crawford of this State, and Major William J. Gary of Augusta, Ga., all criminal lawyers of note, will defend Evans.

IS IN GOOD SHAPE

Pen Will Not Have to Borrow Money

\$45,000 IN PEANUTS

It is Said that the Governor Desires the Election of Chairman Travis as Supt. Meeting Today

The board of directors of the penitentiary met here again today, when the election of superintendent of the institution will be finally determined. There has been some difference of opinion among members as to whether a member of the board should be given the duties of superintendent or whether a superintendent should be elected who is not a director.

It is said to be Governor Aycock's desire that Chairman E. L. Travis, of the board of directors, be placed at the head of the institution. The Board is authorized by the act of the legislature to define the duties and the salary of the chairman.

Chairman Travis has been in the city for several days, and Mr. Warren of Hyde, arrived in the city yesterday. All five members of the board will be present at the meeting today.

COMMISSION APPOINTED

Cubans Coming to See the President at Washington

Havana, April 15.—The constitutional convention, at a secret session, appointed a committee of five delegates to go to Washington to see President McKinley regarding the Platt Amendment. The committee consists of Senores Portenado, Liorente, Berriel, Capote and Diego Thayaogo. Senor Portenado is considered the most radical member and Senor Tamayo the most conservative. Probably there is not a stronger man in the commission, so far as influence with the con-

LEAGUE RACE ON

Senators Lose the First Game to Norfolk.

COULDN'T BUNCH HITS

Wilmington and Richmond Tied in a 13-Inning Contest—Games Played Elsewhere Yesterday.

Norfolk, Va., April 15.—Under miserable weather conditions, with a light rain falling, some two hundred people saw Raleigh and Norfolk open the championship season at League Park today. The Tar Heel nine showed up in the form, the playing of both the locals and visitors being good. Raleigh's inability to bunch hits tells the tale of today's victory. Norfolk's fine fielding cheated Raleigh out of a number of her hits. The visitors batted well, making eight hits. Their fielding was good, but Bowden was wild in the box.

FLOATING EXPOSITION

A Valuable Suggestion Taking a Practical Turn.

Washington, April 15.—The suggestion for a floating exposition to enable American manufacturers and exporters to exhibit their goods at the doors of the people to whom they desire to sell them, recently made by the chief of the Bureau of Statistics of the Treasury Department, is resulting in such discussion of the subject not only throughout the United States, but in other parts of the world. Letters are being received from various countries in Europe and elsewhere, making inquiries regarding the proposed enterprise and many inquiries from manufacturers and merchants in the United States desiring to participate in an undertaking of this character.

GREAT GAME IN RICHMOND

The Score Was a Tie at the End of the Thirteenth Inning

Richmond, April 15.—One thousand people witnessed the opening of the Virginia-North Carolina League here today. It was a royal battle in which neither Richmond or Wilmington won, although 13 innings were played.

NEWPORT NEWS WON

Defeated the Portsmouth Team in a Clever Contest

Newport News, Va., April 15.—The baseball season opened very auspiciously this afternoon, Newport News-Hampton winning from Portsmouth by a score of 5 to 2. Mayor Moss of Newport News pitched the first ball, and Attorney Fay S. Collier of Hampton made an ineffectual effort to capture it. The weather was raw and cold, but in spite of this about 500 of the faithful ventured out to River View and witnessed a splendid contest. The feature of the game was the splendid work of both pitchers. High of Newport News-Hampton was especially effective at critical times, retiring the side on two occasions after the bases had been filled with no one out.

VARSITY DEFEATS CORNELL

A Magnificent Contest at Chapel Hill Yesterday

Chapel Hill, N. C., April 15.—In a magnificent game of ball today, characterized by heavy hitting and brilliant playing by both teams, Carolina defeated Cornell by the score of ten to nine, winning out in the ninth inning. At no time was the game dull, but was full of excitement from start to finish. The teams were quite evenly matched, though the university had the advantage up to the seventh inning.

PRISONERS SAW THE BARS

Wilmington, Del., April 15.—Six colored men and two white men, prisoners in the jail at Georgetown, Sussex county, escaped last night by sawing their way out of their cells and then scaling the prison walls by means of a rope made from some blankets. The sheriff and a large posse have been hunting for them all day. Most of the prisoners were held for trial on various charges of theft.

Gen. Corbin to Marry

Washington, April 15.—Announcement was made today of the engagement of Miss Edith Harry C. Corbin, Adjutant General of the Army, to Miss Edith Patten of this city. General Corbin is a widower and has several children. Miss Patten is a wealthy resident of Washington and prominent in society circles. General Corbin is nearly sixty years old. Miss Patten is about thirty.