

LIKED THE TOWN

Minister Wu Favorably Impressed with Charlotte

LADIES CHARMED HIM

Was Most Interested in the Cotton Mills, as They Represent Commerce with His Own Country

By JOHN BOYLE

Washington, April 24.—Special.—Mr. Wu, the Chinese minister, arrived in Raleigh today at the Raleigh residence and talked interestingly about his recent trip to Charlotte. He was delighted with the hospitality shown by the people of Charlotte.

"My impressions," said he, "were most favorable. Of course I had made inquiries about the city, its size, etc., before I went there, and did not expect to see a city the size of Chicago or New York. But Charlotte is an up-to-date city with its electric lights, its street railroads and its factories. These things impressed me most as their output is the way to my country and the East. Still I noticed that some of the factories were closed as a result of our present troubles. When they are over doubtless the mills of the South will be busy."

"How about the ladies?" was asked. "Oh, the ladies—they were sweet and charming and many of them handsome. I met about five hundred, so bright and so beautiful."

"Did you notice," he asked, turning to the interviewer, "that I carried the sunshine into Charlotte? It rained the day before I arrived and the day after I left."

From this on, Mr. Wu asked innumerable questions about government finances, its bonds, circulation, gold and silver production and the recent rise in the stock market. The Chinese trait to gamble was apparent, and he wanted to know when another rise in stocks was likely to occur, so he could take advantage of it.

During the brief talk Minister Wu reached on the sofa in the most unconventional manner. He seemed a thorough master of English, and was never for a moment at a loss for a word to express his meaning.

DEPARTMENT NOTES

Pensions granted: Mollie Carson, Black Mountain, \$12; Mary Taylor, Point Rock, \$8.

These contracts for the next fiscal year have been awarded for Raleigh public buildings: Coal, B. W. Baker; ice, Johnson & Johnson; miscellaneous, Thomas H. Briggs & Sons.

FIRE IN DANVILLE

Several Business Houses and Their Contents Destroyed

Danville, April 24.—Fire broke out this afternoon about 3:30 o'clock in the Dan Valley Hardware Co. and before the flames could be extinguished the business section of the city sustained a loss of goods and property amounting to over \$150,000, which is partially covered by insurance.

ARMY REORGANIZATION

Plan of General Miles Adopted by the War Department

Washington, April 24.—The Secretary of War today approved General Miles' recommendation for the organization of the army and the distribution of its enlisted strength to the different branches of the service. The plan adopted is that the army shall consist of 76,787 enlisted men, distributed as follows:

nies of 100 men each, and the field artillery 4,800 men, organized into 30 batteries of 160 men each. The engineer battalions will consist of 12 companies amounting to 1,282 men.

This plan makes no provision for the employment of Filipino natives, but this is explained by the fact that the twelve thousand authorized for the native force was made a distinctive feature of the army bill by Congress and separated from the regular army.

Promotions Agreed On

Washington, April 24.—President McKinley has decided, on the recommendation of Secretary Root, to appoint Colonel George L. Gillespie, corps of engineers, now on duty in New York, to be chief of engineers, and Colonel George R. Davis, professor of military tactics at West Point, to be judge advocate general of the army, as soon as the order agreed upon yesterday for retiring General Wilson and Colonel Roberts as chief of engineers, and Generals Lieber, Barr and Clous as judge advocates general has been carried out.

An Out of Date Idea

London, April 24.—It was a passion of the late Queen Victoria to shut up the rooms of dead relatives and friends. The apartment occupied by John Brown, the queen's famous Scotch gillie, at Windsor Castle, has been kept rigorously closed for eighteen years. A brass plate, recording the date of his death, lamenting his loss and commemorating his virtues, was placed upon the wall. Now, however, the room has been reopened, cleared out, and redecorated, and will probably be converted into a second billiard room.

BRYAN IN CHICAGO

He Talks in Guarded Manner to Newspaper Men

Chicago, April 24.—William Jennings Bryan, accompanied by his daughter, Ruth, called upon Mayor Harrison this morning. They arrived here this morning and registered at the Sherman House. He called upon ex-Governor John P. Altgeld and two publishing houses during the morning, in addition to visiting the mayor's office. Corralled by a large delegation of newspaper men in the mayor's office, Mr. Bryan gave peculiar answers to volleys of questions. "I am glad to hear," he said in reply to the many questions, "of any good things being said of any good man like Mayor Harrison. He has many friends in the west. I do not care, however, to discuss political candidates. The silver issue is all right at present. It is too soon, however, to predict what the issues will be in 1904. I may have something to say in my paper with reference to Senator McClaurin's remarks. I believe the cities are ready for municipal ownership, if they wish to institute it."

RACES AT AQUEDUCT

New York, April 24.—Results at Aqueduct track: First race, selling, about 1/2 mile—Lucky Star 5 to 2, Buffoon 3 to 2, Harry Pardee 20 to 1. Time, 1:29 2-5. Second race, maiden, 2-year-olds, 5/8 mile—James Fitz 4 to 3, Lucasta 50 to 1, Merry Hours 80 to 1. Time, 1:04 3-5. Third race, selling, 3/4 mile—Gold Lace 3 to 2, Her Ladyship 5 to 1, Margravite 12 to 1. Time, 1:17 1-5. Fourth race, handicap, about 3/4 mile—Robert Wadell 6 to 5, Janice 5 to 2, Speedmaster 5 to 1. Time, 1:28 4-5. Fifth race, 3-year-olds, 5/8 furlongs—All Green 1 to 1, Himself 5 to 1, Critter 6 to 5. Time, 1:30 2-5. Sixth race, 2-year-old fillies, 5/8 mile—Chirup to 1, Optional 7 to 5, Margie 8 to 2. Time, 1:35 1-5.

Entries for Today

First race, handicap, 5/8 furlongs—Spartan 111, Loedsville 106, Gold Lace 100, Corpeion 99, Bonnie Lizzie 11, 93, Chamberlain 98, Scurry 90, Onduris 90. Second race, 2-year-olds, selling, 5/8 mile—April Showers 108, Red Damsel and Judy 2-Hudly 105, C. Rosenfeld and Eozelle 102, Lysbeth 101, Lady Handy 92. Third race, handicap, maidens, 1 mile 70 yards—Sidney Lucas 126, First Whip 124, Pupul 118, K. of Garter 115, Royal Sterling 112, Blue Away 109, Althea 100, Robert Metcalf 97, Mackie Light 90. Fourth race, selling, 4/5 furlongs—Oom Paul 109, Elsie L. 109, Dixie Queen 106, Rightaway 103, Juvenile 102, C. Rosenfeld, Carroll D., Dalaworth 102, Flint Lock 101, Wait a Minute 99, Nanaimo 90, Lucrasta 94, Lady Handy 94. Fifth race, selling, 3/4 mile—Wait Not 121, Millstream 117, Momentum 117, San Luis 104, Alard 102, Beau 100, Gink 93, Punctual and Cursey 90. Sixth race, 2-year-olds, 5/8 mile—Locket 110, Octoroon, Oom Paul, Essene, Athel-stay, Leslie Bruce, Tamah Nawis and Lauretta B. II, all 107.

Eligible for Lieutenant

Washington, April 24.—The President, through the War Department, today announced a list of 490 men, who are selected for examination for appointment as lieutenants in the regular army. This is in accordance with the provisions of the army reorganization bill. Among those appointed by States are: North Carolina—John W. Gulick, Edward Hill, Robert O. Patterson, William D. Pritchard, William R. Beavers, Walter McIntosh Dickson, A. Everett, John A. Wagner, Bradley J. Wooten, John S. E. Young.

Attractions for the Big Show

New York, April 24.—The steamer Pochonatus, which arrived today from Mediterranean ports, brought twelve Arab and as many camels from Tunis and two sheep. This party is bound for Buffalo to exhibit at the Pan-American Exposition in the Beautiful Orient. These people will represent life in the desert.

STILL IN ARMS VIEWS CONFLICT

Samar Not Ready for American Civilization

FIXED FOR FIGHTING

Six Hundred Well Armed Insurgents Dominate the Island—Taft Commission Foregoes Its Good Intentions

Manila, April 24.—It is probable that there will be no civil government established in the island of Samar for some time to come, as the Taft Commission has found that matters there are far from promising.

The commission went to the island with the intention of organizing civil rule as it had done elsewhere, but left suddenly without accomplishing its purpose. The members learned that there were full 600 insurgents, all of whom are supplied with rifles, yet out there, and that the Filipinos indicate no desire to come in and give up their weapons. There are forty towns in Samar and only seven of them are garrisoned by American troops. Seven companies of the First infantry and one light battery are performing the military service demanded.

When the members of the commission were in Samar they were met by representatives from the seven garrisoned towns who asked that military detachments be sent to the remaining thirty-three which are practically ungarrisoned. The commission promised to ask for an increased military force on its return to Manila, and it is believed that the troops in Samar will be largely increased within a short time.

Just before the arrival of the members of the Taft Commission at Cebu yesterday a large body of insurgents fired into the place from the hills and caused great excitement among the inhabitants. The firing resulted in no damage and a body of troops went out this morning to pursue and capture the insurgents.

During the past few days the Philippine Commission has received numerous indications that there are many Filipinos who have not yet been subdued and seem to have no intention of giving up to the Americans. Not a little uneasiness has been caused by the discovery of the condition of affairs in Samar, and it is understood that the commission will recommend an immediate and active campaign in that island for the purpose of suppressing the large number of riflemen now in control of the situation outside of the places garrisoned by American troops.

WILL WATCH AND WAIT

Hoping for a Better Turn of Affairs in Venezuela

Washington, April 24.—Francis B. Loomis, United States minister to Venezuela, went to the State Department today and had a long conference with Secretary Hay. It is understood that the situation in Venezuela was thoroughly discussed and the relations between that government and the United States considered. Although Mr. Loomis declined to talk regarding the conference with Mr. Hay, it was said after the interview that there had been no change in the attitude of the United States toward Venezuela as a result of the exchange of views.

It was learned from a prominent official of the State Department that it is not likely that anything will be done to bring matters to a head, so far as the relations of the two countries are concerned until Mr. Loomis returns from his holiday in Europe. The understanding is that matters will be left in abeyance until that time, and the situation carefully watched for any development. It is said that the administration hopes that affairs will re-arrange themselves in the course of time, and that no radical measures will become necessary.

The Porte Promises to Pay

Washington, April 24.—Lloyd G. Griscom, first secretary of the United States legation at Constantinople, who was in charge of American diplomatic affairs there for nearly two years, reported to the Secretary of States today. Mr. Griscom obtained several personal promises from the sultan of Turkey that the Armenian indemnity demanded by the United States would be paid. The State Department has received notice from Mr. Leishman, the new American minister to Turkey, that the porte had assured him that the indemnity would be forthcoming. No instructions beyond those sent some time ago to Mr. Leishman to press for payment have been issued by the State Department.

Metal Trust in Russia

London, April 25.—A dispatch to the Daily Mail from St. Petersburg, says that unless the government hinders the completion of the metal trust in South Russia, the capital of the combination will be six hundred thousand roubles. The dispatch adds that another trust has been formed at Kuatal for the purpose of purchasing manganese iron with a view to raising the price.

conference. It is very probable that the commission will present to the President's attention the economic condition of Cuba.

While the members refuse to talk for publication, according to an agreement reached at a meeting this morning after reading General Portuondo's interview given in Jacksonville, it is learned that they hope to secure from the President tomorrow some promise that he would lend his influence to secure from the next congress some concessions to Cuba in the form of changes in the tariff on Cuban imports into this country. General Wood is said to be of the opinion that unless something is done to improve the economic condition of Cuba distress is likely to be felt among the people, and he will not oppose any plan looking to an improvement of the situation. It is certain that the President will tell the commission that the subject of tariff changes is a matter entirely with congress, and that the Platt amendment should be accepted independent of any proposed action to relieve the economic situation.

Arrived at Cavite

Washington, April 24.—The Navy Department has received notice that the mosquito fleet consisting of the little gunboats Annapolis, Frolic, Wompatuck and Piscataqua has arrived at Cavite. These diminutive vessels left Hampton Roads two months ago, and the Navy Department is highly pleased over the fact that the trip half-way around the world was made in safety.

Commercial Crisis in Russia

Cologne, April 24.—The Breslau General Anzeiger says the commercial crisis in Russia is assuming more serious proportions. The young and artificial industries threaten to collapse entirely. Four hundred factories have closed and the outlook is of the blackest character.

PYTHIANS ADJOURN

Asheville Chosen as the Next Place of Meeting

Greensboro, N. C., April 24.—Special.—The Grand Lodge Knights of Pythias adjourned tonight after electing and installing the following officers: Grand Chancellor, L. P. McLeod, Asheville; Grand Vice-Chancellor, J. L. Scott, Jr., Graham; Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, W. T. Hollowell, Goldsboro; Prelate, Rev. E. D. Brown, Kinston; Grand Master at Arms, J. L. Arrington, Rocky Mount; Grand Inner Guard, B. Noe, Jr., Pittsboro; Grand Outer Guard, D. H. Collins, Greensboro; Grand Master of Exchequer, John C. Mills, Rutherfordton. T. S. Franklin, Charlotte was elected representative to the Supreme Lodge. The day was spent in receiving reports from officers, committees, etc. Reports showed the order to be more encouraging than at any time in its history. There are in the State 124 lodges and over 3,000 members. Asheville is the next meeting place.

DEATH BY FREEZING

Several Instances Reported in Recent Advances from Alaska

Seattle, Wash., April 24.—Partial confirmation of the rumors of deaths in Alaska by freezing has been received. Now that spring is breaking Alaska will soon be in communication with the outer world. Dr. Pellon, one of the best-known and most esteemed young pioneers of Alaska, was frozen while on the trail on the night of January 1, near Solomon. He came from Oakland, Cal., and was thirty-three years old. Dan Anderson left Dexter for Nome about four weeks ago and has not been heard of since. It is feared that he perished in a blizzard. Dr. Baum perished while carrying medical assistance to a sick miner. Dr. Baum left Nome January 21 last. He was a native of Mobile, Ala., and saw service in the Cuban war.

United States Marshal McLean brought into town the remains of a man from Solomon. Later they were identified as those of Alexander Spow. A story was told at a Chamber of Commerce meeting of sixteen men and a woman huddled together in a cramped and mutilated condition from frost-bites in a cabin on the Igloo river, unable to lie down because of the crush and with starvation facing them. Generous individuals and companies donated money and food. An appeal to the military was resolved upon and within two hours an emergency supply of food was flying over the trail by moonlight drawn by swift dogs. The next day a number of the victims arrived in town and told their story. Some of them were badly frost-bitten and had endured severe hardships.

Dr. Tam was frozen to death Saturday, January 19. Two unknown men were found dead near Mr. Spow's Igloo.

Knocked Out for Good

London, April 24.—Billy Smith, the New York pugilist, who was knocked out by Jack Roberts in a fight at the National Sporting Club Monday and who was taken to a hospital in an unconscious condition, died at noon today. He never regained consciousness after he was knocked out. His opponent, Roberts, Mr. Angle, the manager of the club, and the referee and seconds have surrendered to the police.

Important Surrender

Manila, April 24.—One hundred and fifteen insurgent officers and 2,157 Bolo men surrendered to the Americans at Narbacan, April 22. They also presented rolls of membership which showed that the secret organization known as the Katipunan Society existed in all barrios.

PILE UP HIGHER

Claims for Indemnities Are Increasing

NO MONEY IN SIGHT

How China is to Meet the Demands Does Not Appear. Trying to Effect Agreement with Missionaries

Pekin, April 24.—The Germans have already reached the pass in the province of Shansi, but have not met any Chinese troops. The natives here are much stirred up over this movement, as they fear a further advance of the Germans and French and a renewal of hostilities. Three officials who are assisting Li Hung Chang in the negotiations conferred with the British, German, French and Japanese ministers, who told them that the amount of the indemnity claims would reach \$95,000,000 by the end of June. If matters were not settled by that time they would increase at the rate of \$100,000 per month on account of the expense of maintaining the military forces. It is still uncertain how China is to raise the money.

Chou Fu, provincial treasurer of Peking, who is helping Li Hung Chang, was appointed to confer with the missionaries for a separate settlement of their claims for losses in Chi Li province. Bishop Fayter represented the French Catholic missions, Mr. Owen the British Protestant missions, and Rev. Dr. Tewksbury the American board. The meeting was an informal one. The points established were three: First, China's willingness to indemnify native converts for any losses they may have sustained if arrangements to that end have not already been made. Second, that an attempt would be made to meet all losses sustained by the missions outside Peking. Third, that it would be impossible for the local authorities to meet the losses sustained by missionaries and converts in Peking itself.

Such an arrangement is very satisfactory, though it will afford the officials a chance for exacting commissions. In making an estimate of the losses Rev. Dr. Tewksbury presented a list of articles which had been confiscated since the siege and the price at which they had been sold. This amount will be deducted from the claims of the American board. Similar action was taken by Bishop Fayter some months ago through a deputy.

Want to Succeed Evans

Washington, April 24.—Although the President has never indicated that he contemplates a change in the office of Commissioner of Pensions, various candidates to succeed Commissioner Evans have been recommended to him. The latest candidates are Richard Blue, an ex-representative in Congress from Kansas, and S. R. Peters of the same State. Both have been unanimously endorsed by the Kansas delegation in Congress and Representative Curtis of Kansas, who called on the President today, said that the appointment of either candidate will be acceptable to the delegation.

Ten Days to Surrender

London, April 25.—A dispatch to the Daily Mail from Constantinople says the criminal court has granted Roston Rey, formerly of the Turkish legation at Washington, who is charged with treason, a further ten days in which to surrender for trial. Roston Rey, who is now in London, is charged with having published revolutionary articles in the Mail.

ENTIRELY JUSTIFIED

Minister Conger Defends the Action of Missionaries

Victoria, B. C., April 24.—In an interview in the Koba Herald Minister Conger, who is on his way to San Francisco, said: "There were really no actions on the part of the missionaries in China that were not entirely justified, when the circumstances are known. Missionaries did not loot. They found 2,000 destitute men and women on their hands. There was no government, no organized authority. These were houses of men who had been firing on the foreign quarter, directing the attack, leaders of the Boxers. Their property had been abandoned as a result of the state of war, and it was taken to succor hundreds of foreigners and destitute Chinese, whose lives were in danger. Michael J. Griffin, the well known base ball player, has been awarded a judgment of \$2,249 against the Brooklyn base ball club by Justice Scripture in the Supreme Court. He sued for \$3,500, alleging breach of contract.

Cape Town, April 24.—At a town meeting today it was decided to give a luncheon in honor of Sir Alfred Milner, governor of the Transvaal and Orange River Colony and high commissioner for South Africa on the occasion of his starting for England on leave of absence. He will be presented with an address by the officials.