

President Roosevelt's Letter of Acceptance

It Will Be a Long Document and Will Be Issued in About Two Weeks—Putting on the Finishing Touches

Oyster Bay, Aug. 26.—Taking advantage of the fact that no engagements are booked for today, the president and Mrs. Roosevelt, accompanied by two of their sons, went for a long horseback ride, returning to Sagamore Hill only in time for luncheon. Business was deferred until afternoon.

During the next three or four days the president will put the finishing touches on his letter of acceptance. It will probably be placed in the hands of a printer September 1. The letter will contain approximately 12,000 words. The date of its publication has not been determined definitely, but it very likely will be on Monday, September 12. The president has not received the

representations said to have been forwarded to him by the attorneys for the Western Federation of Miners, urging action by the national government in the matter of deportation of citizens from the disturbed district in Colorado.

The department of commerce and labor, through Carroll D. Wright, commissioner of labor, and his agent, has made an exhaustive inquiry into the Colorado labor situation and is keeping in constant touch with it. Thus the president is enabled to have practically first-hand information on the subject. As the matter stands now it is understood to be entirely improbable that any action will be taken by the national government.

It was authoritatively denied here today that the German student duelist, who arrived in New York on the Deutschland yesterday, en route to the St. Louis Exposition, came to this country either by the invitation or at the instance of President Roosevelt, as has been announced. The president did not send an invitation to them to come to this country, and he has had no intention of witnessing an exhibition of "paukerel," or students' duel.

are three number fives, distinguished by their respective stations. He believes that the captured one is the one close to Itshan, which if held by the Japanese would enable them to dominate Itshan fort, thus confirming the earlier reports. This would bring the Japanese advance guard close to what is known as the new European settlement, but that would be merely one step toward success. They may even enter the residential and business sections of the city without incurring its fall, the defenses being so arranged as to enable the defenders to resist as long as a man is left, and if all the rest is taken a prolonged stand may be expected at the Tigers Tail and Liaotshian.

Called a Rector

Winston-Salem, N. C., Aug. 26.—Special.—St. Paul's Episcopal church has chosen a rector to succeed Rev. Harris Mallinckrodt, who recently accepted a call to Charlotte. A call has been extended to Rev. Mr. Buckner of Pine Bluff, Ark., who will arrive here tomorrow to look over the field.

JAPANIZING COREA

A Thorough Plan Approved by the Emperor

London, Aug. 27.—A dispatch from Tokio to the Standard gives details of the progress of the Japanizing of Corea, whose government has agreed to the appointment of supervising advisers of the finance and the foreign office departments. The right of the selection of these men is vested in the Japanese minister at Seoul, who will probably appoint an American who is in the confidence of Japan as adviser to the foreign office. Other details of the Japanese scheme, which the Korean emperor has approved in principle, include the withdrawal of the Korean representatives abroad and the handing over of that country's interests to the representatives of Japan, the adoption of the Japanese educational system and the reduction of the Korean army to 1,000 men, which will act as an imperial body guard.

STABBED AT HIS DOOR

Tragedy Growing Out of Pernicious Activity in Politics

Cincinnati, Aug. 26.—John C. Lansdowne, aged 27, a former employee of the internal revenue department, died of a stab wound at the threshold of his home in Garrard street, Covington, Ky., shortly after one o'clock this morning. Before he died he declared that John L. Libberth stabbed him. John Libberth is a brother of Collector George Libberth. About a year ago charges of "pernicious activity" in politics were filed with President Roosevelt against Collector Libberth. An investigation of these charges is now in progress in the Covington district. Wallace Lansdowne, John's brother, declared that he believed his brother was mistaken for him because he made the charges against Collector Libberth. He said John and he were very much alike in appearance. Collector Libberth deplors the tragedy. He says he did not believe the charges filed by Lansdowne against him had anything to do with it. He further said that his brother John had been in poor health for some time.

death in the riot at Lattimer that day seven years ago. The ten men in question were all foreigners and were shot by a posse of deputies under Sheriff Martin, because they refused to disperse upon his orders and attacked the deputies.

Lives Lost in Fire

Antwerp, Belgium, Aug. 26.—A great fire is raging among the oil tanks near this city. Seven women have been killed and many persons injured. The blaze started among the Effe Company's tanks and spread to those of the Standard Oil Company. It was caused by the escape of gas. A high wind fanned the flames. The loss is estimated at \$125,000.

Big Target Authorized

Washington, Aug. 26.—The navy department has granted permission to the officials of the bureau of ordnance of the war department to erect at the Sandy Hook proving grounds a section of an armored cruiser to be used in testing the efficiency of the big guns of the army for coast defense purpose. Work on the target will be begun very soon.

Damask Cotton Mill

Roaring River, N. C., Aug. 26.—Special.—Ground is being broken for the Damask cotton mill. The brick is being made for the building and the lumber is being placed in the yard. The work will be pushed forward as rapidly as possible until the mill is completed. A good number of hands are at work.

Taken for Criminal Assault

Asheville, N. C., Aug. 26.—Special. A negro named Min Many was brought here this afternoon from Big Ivy charged with an attempt to commit criminal assault on Mrs. Burleson, a white lady of that section last Friday night. The negro was caught in the attempt to assault, but got away and went to Tennessee. The officers went after him and brought him back today. It is alleged that the negro choked Mrs. Burleson and in the scuffle they fell over a chair, and the negro became frightened and ran.

Spencerites Win Again

Salisbury, N. C., Aug. 26.—Special. A telegram from St. Louis tonight says the Spencer hose reel team won the second prize in the three-hundred-yard race today. The company was also awarded fifty dollars for coming the longest distance to the firemen's national convention. This was the second time the Spencerites have won a second prize in the national contest. The total money they won at St. Louis is \$150.

Train Load of Tobacco

Winston-Salem, N. C., Aug. 26.—Special.—The R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Company shipped today a solid train of twenty-nine cars, approximating 800,000 pounds, of Schnapps and other brands, which breaks all previous records of shipments of flat plug tobacco. The train will run through to Atlanta, from which point the tobacco will be distributed to various points in Georgia and Alabama. This company made one-third of all the increase shown by the government tax receipts from the entire tobacco industry of the United States for the last fiscal year.

Campaign in Kentucky

Louisville, Aug. 26.—The Democratic campaign was opened today in this state with a rally at the Fern Creek fair. Senator J. C. S. Blackburn was the principal speaker and made a declaration that he still stood on the platform of 1860 and 1890 and was as much a free silver advocate today as ever before.

Memorial for Miners

Hazleton, Pa., Aug. 26.—Mine workers and members of trades unions today announced that memorial services would be held Saturday, September 10, for the ten mine workers who met

Trade Conditions Showing Improvement

Crop Prospects Have Brightened and the Iron Business Has Escaped the Expected Demoralization. Labor Troubles Continue

New York, Aug. 26.—R. G. Dun's weekly review of trade tomorrow will say:

Trade has improved somewhat, chiefly because of the better crop prospects and the fact that last week's variations in prices of steel products failed to demoralize that industry. The industrial atmosphere is still disturbed by labor controversies, however, and it will be impossible to fully restore national prosperity until the proportion of voluntary unemployed wage earners is generally reduced.

Dispatches from leading cities indicate irregular conditions, but there is increasing confidence in the future. Prospects are considered bright on the Pacific coast, because of the high prices paid for farm products. Retail trade is sluggish at Cincinnati, but wholesale business is active in fall and winter fabrics. Boston reports current trade quiet, yet there is encouragement regarding the future. Jobbing trade at Baltimore is active, although collections are slow. Pittsburg reports a better demand from agricultural centers and a few window glass factories will open September 1. Lumber dealers and importers of chemicals for use in the textile industry at Philadelphia have large orders on hand. Seasonable weather stimulates retail trade at Chicago and interior buyers place orders in staple lines.

Foreign commerce at this port for the last week was unfavorable, exports showing a loss of \$1,091,905 as compared with last year, while imports increased \$3,267,773. Money has at last begun to move away from this centre, yet rates are still easy, and the financial institutions are in a position to lend freely, which is calculated to stimulate speculation in commodities as well as securities. Bank exchanges at New York for the week were 10.4 per cent larger than a year ago, while at other leading cities the gain was only .8 per cent.

Price uncertainty still dominates the iron and steel markets. While business is decidedly quiet, on the whole, several contracts have been placed covering a large tonnage, which tends to avert the threatened demoralization. New business is reported in steel rails for both domestic and foreign accounts. The pig iron outlook has been brightened by the restoration of several blast furnaces to the active list.

Instead of increased activity with the prospect of abundant raw material, the manufacture of cotton goods has experienced a further curtailment. Revival of speculation and high prices for raw cotton are responsible, sellers being forced to advance their demands while buyers exhibit an inclination to await developments.

Boot and shoe shops of New England have received sufficient additional fall contracts to give practical assurance of activity well into October. Liberal purchases by prominent interests gave additional strength to the high market. Violent speculation in the leading staples produced some striking fluctuations in prices. The boom in wheat collapsed suddenly, speculators for the long account liquidating rapidly to secure profits, while crop news from the northwest was less discouraging.

Commercial failures this week in the United States are 205, against 226 last week. Failures in Canada number 30, against 24 last week.

BOYS BREAK JAIL

Judge Bryan Orders a Grand Jury Investigation

Greensboro, N. C., Aug. 26.—Special. Four negro boys escaped from the county jail last evening about 7:30 o'clock, but two of them were recaptured last night by Policemen Donnell and Patterson. Those who escaped were Jesse Brinkley, sentenced by

Judge Bryan this week to three years on the roads for snatching a purse; Charles Mason and John Henry Mason, each under sentence of twelve months for larceny; and Ernest White, six months for larceny. The two recaptured last night were Jesse Brinkley and John Henry Mason. All of them had been tried this week.

This morning Fletcher Reid, a hack driver, reported to the police that Charles Mason and Ernest White came to his house and during the night stole \$3 from him while he was asleep. From the manner of their escape it is presumed that there will be an investigation. In fact, Judge Bryan summoned the grand jury before him this morning and reported the jail delivery to them, charging them to make an investigation and find out who is responsible, saying that whoever is to blame is subject to indictment. The boys made their escape through a window which was sawed open while the famous gold-brick swindlers were in jail here two years ago and which had never been repaired, the cell leading to it having been kept locked, but the lock was broken last evening.

JAPS TAKE THE OFFENSIVE AGAINST KUROPATKIN'S ARMY

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ships of the volunteer fleet. A number of sixteen-ored steel boats are being built to transship coal from the tenders to the warships at sea.

Kuropatkin's Report Breaks off Suddenly

London, Aug. 27.—In the absence of anything but Chinese reports from Port Arthur interest is centered in General Kuroki's forward movement. Nothing in regard to this has come from Japanese sources and General Kuropatkin's report breaks off in characteristic fashion just as the real attack is developing. Unofficial news on this point is meagre, but read with General Kuropatkin's report, it seems to indicate a great combined Japanese advance. According to the unofficial reports the Russian estimates of the combined Japanese forces make a total of 240,000 men, viz: 100,000 under General Kuroki, 70,000 in command of General Nodzu and 40,000 men under General Oku, while two divisions calculated to number 30,000 men are advancing west of the Liao River. The last is alternatively conjectured as part of General Oku's command or a new column from Yongkow. The latest unofficial reports are that the fighting is continuous all along the line. The Japanese, according to one St. Petersburg version, have been everywhere repulsed. This account is ascribed to General Ivanoff, who succeeded the late General Count Keller.

The Last Mine Disaster

Tokio, Aug. 26.—The commander of the third squadron at Port Arthur sends under date August 20 the following account of the latest Russian mine disaster: "According to information from our watchtowers in the neighborhood of Port Arthur and the cruiser Hashidate, one of the enemy's two funneled destroyers struck a mine yesterday evening and sank two miles east of Liaotshian. Shortly afterward a four funneled destroyer struck a mine, but was towed back to Port Arthur. This morning five mine clearing steamers and three destroyers came out to the scene of the disaster, but escaped to the inside harbor again."

Unofficial accounts report the five mine clearing steamers and three destroyers as having been engaged in clearing the approaches to the mines, from which it is inferred that another sortie of the Port Arthur fleet is intended.

The Situation at Port Arthur

London, Aug. 26.—According to the latest reports from Chefoo the only item which attracts the attention of the critics is the recurrent assertion that the Japanese have captured Fort No. 5. A Russian at Chefoo, who professes to have an intimate acquaintance with the Port Arthur fortifications, says there



announces that, owing to the growing scarcity of cracker barrels due to the increasing use of

Uneeda Biscuit

the name of the club is hereby changed to The Uneeda Biscuit Club, and all members are directed to buy, instead of common crackers in paper bags, Uneeda Biscuit in air tight packages.



NATIONAL BISCUIT COMPANY

Dog Wrecks Automobile Hurting Occupants Out

Mr. H. H. Crocker Pitched Out Headlong and Mr. Holtzman Pinned Under His Wrecked Machine—Duke, the Puppy, Escaped

An automobile, dashing down Hillsboro street, encountered a small dog as a result the machine was wrecked and the occupants hurled out. The disaster came near being very serious if not fatal. The first arrival upon the scene of the accident found one man pinned under the capsized machine and another man sprawled out on the ground with his face lacerated, while a yelping canine, the cause of all the trouble, was flying up the street at the rate of about 20 miles an hour. However, no one was badly injured. Mr. Robert Holtzman, the owner of the automobile, had his shoulder hurt and bruised but no bones were broken. His companion on the ill-fated journey, Mr. Heber H. Crocker, received a cut on his forehead and a gash across the nose. "Duke," the mischievous little dog, had not been found at last accounts.

Mr. Holtzman, a machinist at the Seaboard Air Line shops here, takes great pride in his automobile and he is an expert with the machine. He was out for a spin yesterday afternoon when he met his friend Deputy Sheriff H. H. Crocker, alderman from the third ward and one of Raleigh's best known citizens. Alderman Crocker had some misgivings about riding in one of these horseless buggies but these scruples were overcome and he took his seat beside Mr. Holtzman for a ride. The experience was grand. They sped along Hillsboro street, coming towards the capital, at the rate of about ten miles an hour and Mr. Crocker confessed that he enjoyed the outing.

But Mr. Charles E. Johnson has a handsome black setter pup named Duke, and Duke, child like, has a fondness for playing in the street. The danger from street cars has been impressed on his canine mind and he has been warned about frisking around in the highway. Yesterday afternoon Mr. Johnson was standing in front of his residence when he heard Duke give a sharp yelp. The next instant an automobile, containing two men, Mr. Holtzman and Mr. Crocker, darted from the street against the sidewalk curbing, Mr. Crocker was pitched headlong clear over his companion, landing in the street on his head, and the machine turned bottom up with Mr. Holtzman under it. Mr. Johnson and two other men ran to the rescue, raised the automobile and extricated Mr. Holtzman. Mr. Crocker, who was partially stunned by his fall, was lifted to his feet and assisted to a chair on Mr. Johnson's porch.

At first Mr. Holtzman declared that he was not injured and he set manfully to work righting the wrecked machine. The wheels and lower frame seemed in good shape, but the top was splintered and broken and showed every indication of a serious encounter. However, the automobile was patched up and later towed behind a buggy to Mr. Holtzman's home.

When the excitement was over Mr. Holtzman found that his right shoulder was quite painfully bruised.

Dr. J. R. Rogers, who lives next to Mr. Johnson, arrived a few minutes af-

ter the accident and took Mr. Crocker in his buggy to his office in the Tucker building. There Mr. Crocker's wounds, consisting of cuts on the forehead and nose, were dressed and he went to his home on east Hargett street.

Running over the dog would not in itself have been sufficient to upset the automobile. But the pup suddenly appeared right in front of the auto and when the wheel grazed or passed over him, despite Mr. Holtzman's efforts to avoid the canine, the machine was whirled sharply to the left and dashed into the curbing.

What became of Duke, the dog, is now the question. He vanished at break neck speed, without even waiting to see the ruin he had wrought. After the wreck was cleared away Mr. Johnson used his whistle diligently but no Duke responded. At a late hour last night he had not put in an appearance. When last seen he was clipping out Hillsboro street at a speed which would have landed him in Durham long before dawn.

Suicide Prevented

The startling announcement that a preventive of suicide had been discovered will interest many. A run down system, or despondency invariably precede suicide and something has been found that will prevent that condition which makes suicide likely. At the first thought of self destruction take Electric Bitters. It being a great tonic and nerveine will strengthen the nerves and build up the system. It's also a great Stomach, Liver and Kidney regulator. Only 50c. Satisfaction guaranteed by all druggists.

TELEGRAPH TERSITIES

Constantinople, Aug. 26.—The Russian Navigation Company's steamships Zenona and Meteor, laden with coal and fresh water, passed through the Dardanelles this morning on their way to join the Baltic fleet.

Cape Town, Aug. 26.—The British admiral at this station has been directed to patrol the African east coast with a view of stopping the Russian volunteer steamship Smolensk from further interference with British shipping.

London, Aug. 26.—The will of the late Wilson Barrett, the actor and manager, was admitted to probate today. The estate is valued at \$154,810.

The German consul at Rustchuk reports that the native Turkish tanneries and leather shops are losing ground, owing to the foreign competition. Hungary and Italy furnish 40 per cent. sole leather; France 20 per cent. Wax and goat leather, Germany, 70 per cent. France, 30 per cent. Only Germany furnishes lacquered leather, huggy leather and shoemaker's supplies. Russia furnishes boot leather and leather for caps. Hungary supplies saddle leather. Austria-Hungary supplies women's and children's shoes.

The Norwegian cod fisheries have practically come to a close with a total catch of 42,774,000 fish from all the cod fisheries of Norway. From this catch about the same quantities of klipfish, stockfish and salted and dried fish have been prepared, as has been for the past two years. The season's catch has produced to the present about 13,000 barrels (30.8 gallons per barrel) of cod-liver oil, or more than five times the quantity produced from about the same number of fish in 1903.

Japan has 11 steam railway companies with \$84,350,000 paid up capital, paying dividends of from 2 to 14 per cent.