

Showers tonight; tomorrow showers and cooler.

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CONGRESS SOLELY POSSESSES POWER ON THE OPEN CUT

Superintendent Woods Cites Section of Law on Subject.

OFFICIALS MEET TODAY

It Is Not Likely Action Will Be Taken on Tunnel Question Till Congress Meets.

The probabilities are now that no further official action will be taken before Congress convenes on the project of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company to construct the First Street tunnel by the open cut instead of the underground boring process.

Woods Quotes Deficiency Act.

"I shall hold an informal conference on the matter late this afternoon with the law officials of the Interior Department," said Mr. Woods to a Times reporter this morning.

Section Bearing on Woods.

The act referred to by Mr. Woods was passed by Congress February 14, 1902, and the section bearing on the present problem reads as follows:

"Hereafter the office of Architect of the Capitol shall be designated as Superintendent of the Capitol Building and Grounds, and the Superintendent of the Capitol Building and Grounds shall hereafter exercise all the power and authority heretofore exercised by the Architect of the Capitol, and he shall be appointed by the President.

Would Bring Sickness.

District Commissioner West today referred to the Health Officer for report a letter he received from Horace A. Dodge, of the law firm of Dodge & Sons, saying that the construction of the tunnel by the open cut plan would bring much sickness into the neighborhood of the work.

"If I understand correctly, the opening up of the tunnel along First Street north of D Street has caused more or less sickness of a serious nature, and, doubtless, more will follow."

"This aspect of the situation seems to me to merit serious consideration, and is a question of more importance, as I view it, than the mere annoyance of the steam shovel which undoubtedly will be employed in the open cut."

Engineering Official's Object.

Although the names are withheld, there were found at the District Building today engineers and architects who objected to the proposed open cut method for the tunnel. They pointed out that it must be possible for the contractors to construct the tunnel since so many much more difficult tunneling jobs have already been accomplished throughout this country and Europe.

WEATHER REPORT.

The northern arm of the long depression that covered the slope region Wednesday morning has moved eastward to the northern upper lake region, while the southern arm has remained practically stationary over the Southern Plateau.

The two together have caused general showers from the Southwest States northeastward into the Lake region. In the Atlantic and Gulf States, the Northwest, and extreme West the weather has been fair.

Temperatures are above the seasonal average over almost the entire country, particularly in the Lake region and the Central valleys, where they are from 10 to 20 degrees above the normal.

TEMPERATURE.
8..... 68
9..... 72
10..... 74
11..... 77

DOWNTOWN.
(Registered at Allen's Standard Thermometer.)
8..... 65
9..... 68
10..... 70
11..... 73
12..... 75

THE SUN.
Sun sets today..... 5:49
Sun rises tomorrow..... 5:32

TIDE TABLE.
Low tide today..... 5:34 p. m.
High tide today..... 11:34 a. m.
Low tide tomorrow, 5:24 a. m., 5:43 p. m.
High tide tomorrow, 11:22 a. m., 11:51 p. m.

SEVEN ALDERMEN IN BUFFALO FACE BRIBERY CHARGES

Three of Present Board and Four of Former.

ARRAIGNED IN COURT

Each Pleads Not Guilty and Charges Political Trick.

BUFFALO, Sept. 29.—Before Justice Kenefick, at 10 o'clock this morning, seven present and former members of the board of aldermen indicted on charges of accepting bribes for the awarding of municipal contracts, were arraigned and entered pleas of not guilty. Bail was fixed at \$5,000 in each case and was promptly furnished.

The indicted aldermen include Henry Moest, J. Thomas Harp, and Orrin P. Pearce. The former members of the board indicted are: Edward C. Belsler, Louis G. Roedel, Henry G. Schneider, and John G. Busch.

Justice Kenefick's courtroom was crowded to its full capacity, but the accused aldermen met the gaze of the multitude with unflinching countenances. All of the indicted men were represented by counsel.

Innocent of Wrongdoing.

Innocent of any wrongdoing is the claim of each of the accused men. Each is a Republican and each declares he is the victim of a political plot, not only to wreck his individual chances for office, but to aid the Democrats in the State and national election.

Justice of the serving of bench warrants on the aldermen spread over the city last night, causing a profound sensation.

Buffalo's city hall has been termed "the 'steal plant'" for several years, as a result of frequent reports of aldermen's corruption. It has been pointed out that the city has been paying double prices for its sewers and public buildings, and that city officials were accepting bribes for the awarding of contracts.

It is charged that in the cases of the indicted present and former aldermen the individual bribery sums have ranged from \$50 to \$4,500.

There is a rumor this morning that two aldermen made confessions before the grand jury and that they thereby are immune from prosecution.

PRESIDENT IS GLAD HE IS AN "OLD BOY"

Club Representatives, Headed by Murat Halstead as Spokesman, Tell Him About It.

The Old Boys' Club of Washington, through its president and members of its executive committee, extended congratulations and assurances of support to President Roosevelt this morning.

He was notified he had been elected a member of the club and accepted the distinction gratefully and gracefully.

The delegation consisted of Murat Halstead, Dr. Robert Reynolds, William S. Odell, and Dr. W. D. Hughes. Mr. Halstead was the spokesman for the party. He said:

"Mr. President: Your administration has filled the measure of our country's glory and expanded it. The cause before the people is whether Republican policy shall be continued. Half a century ago the party became national. The question

FORGOT SHE WAS ALREADY A WIFE

Reminded of It on the Eve of the Day Set for Her Marriage With Another Man.

CHICAGO, Sept. 29.—Ethel Gardner, of Austin, is a pretty woman of twenty, with a most peculiar memory. For eighteen months she has been engaged to marry William Altman.

The ceremony was to have been performed yesterday. While both were preparing for the wedding Altman was called to the telephone.

"Mine! Mine!" "I am Walter Hoskland," said a voice, "and the woman you are going to marry is already my wife. The name Altman almost collapsed. He asked Mrs. Gardner if her daughter had ever been married.

"Certainly not," was the answer. "Then Mr. Gardner was called. "That must be some crazy man," was his comment.

"Ethel," said Altman to his promised bride, "some one almost put me out with a joke. He said he was your husband, and gave the name of Hoagland."

"Oh, yes! I remember Now. "That name sounds familiar," answered Ethel. "Let me see—oh, yes, I did marry him on a visit to Coldwater, Mich., two years ago. I was visiting."

Altman showed signs of heart failure, and the parents were called. "The girl said that Hoagland, whom

SUMMONS SENT TO CONSUL GOODNOW TO FACE CHARGES

No Bias in Report of Assistant Secretary Peirce.

PRESIDENT WILL WAIT

Curtis' Charges Are to Be Incorporated in Evidence Collected.

John Goodnow, the United States consul general at Shanghai, has been summoned to Washington by President Roosevelt to face the charges of malfeasance in office which have been preferred against him.

Until Mr. Goodnow has an opportunity to defend himself no action will be taken by the President on the report which Third Assistant Secretary Peirce has sent to him of the Goodnow case after a big personal investigation of conditions in Shanghai.

No Bias in Report.

Mr. Peirce, it was stated in a newspaper this morning, had made a report on the Goodnow case which is favorable to Mr. Goodnow. Mr. Peirce denied positively to a reporter for The Times this afternoon that he had found either favorably or unfavorably for the consul general.

After formulating the complex charges, Mr. Peirce informed the President for the purpose of formulating charges against Mr. Goodnow, inspired the report that Mr. Peirce has made a recommendation favorable to the consul general, and has made public many of the facts relating to the charges.

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Whether all the States should be free or slave, and "Freedom's battle, once begun, Requiem for bleeding girl to son, Though baffled oft, is ever won."

"It is won forever! All North America is free and the United States a world power. As representatives of a former generation, we greet you with respect and honor you. We have organized to aid in confirming that which has been gained and in gaining in worth and in fame, and going on, that all the American people may share in the prosperity of their industry and the growth of the Republic.

"With such a cause and such a leader there is no such word as fail."

The President returned his thanks in cordial, and appreciative terms. His name has already been inscribed on the roster of the Old Boys' Club.

Miss Alice Welles, the granddaughter of Gideon Welles, Secretary of the Navy under President Lincoln, christened the new battleship, Secretary Morton and other distinguished men watched the giant take to the water.

It is probable that never before have so many persons seen a battleship launched as were at the navy yard today. Besides the 10,000 tickets issued to the workmen, 23,000 other tickets have been issued. This number, with the crews of the warships not at the yard, brought the total number of spectators up to 35,000.

Many Could Not See It. It was impossible for many of those to see more than the hull of the great boat, and as for the details of the launching, thousands of persons were not able to get even a partial view. The yard was patrolled by the marines and the yard police, and every precaution was taken to prevent accidents.

Naval Constructor Baxter, in his bridge just below the christening stand, was connected with all parts of the ship by telephone and told when everything at the stern was ready for the launching. Just before the sole piece, which holds the sliding ways to the ground ways, was cut in two, the warning whistle was given to the men. Then Mr. Baxter passed the word to Miss Welles, the bottle of wine was broken against the bow, and the great hulk of steel was on the way to the water.

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SEA LEVEL CANAL NOT DETERMINED ON

A member of the Isthmian Canal Commission said this morning that no decision as to the kind of canal to be built at Panama had been made or was likely to be made until next spring.

This is in contradiction to many statements appearing in the press to the effect that the engineers have definitely determined on a sea level waterway instead of a system of locks.

\$1.25 to Baltimore and Return, Via Pennsylvania Railroad, tickets sold every Saturday and Sunday, good returning until Sunday night. All trains except Congressional Limited.—Adv.

MISS ALICE WELLES



She Christened the Connecticut as the Big Sea Fighter Passed Off the Ways.

BIG BATTLESHIP CONNECTICUT IS OCEAN'S BRIDE

Successfully Launched at Brooklyn Navy Yard—Christened With Wine by Miss Welles—Spectators Numerous.

DIMENSIONS OF THE BIG SHIP

The Connecticut is one of the largest class of battleships in the new American navy. She is in the same grade as the Louisiana, Kansas, Minnesota, and Vermont. Following are the principal dimensions and characteristics of the Connecticut:

Length, 450 feet. Extreme breadth, 76 feet 10 inches. Mean draught, 24 feet 6 inches. Displacement, 16,000 tons. Twin screws. Vertical triple-expansion engines. B. & W. boilers. Speed 18 knots. Indicated horsepower, 16,500. Coal capacity, 2,200 tons. Complement, 42 officers, 761 men. Protective deck, 2 1/2 inches on the slope, 1 1/2 inches flat.

Armament: Four 12-inch guns, eight 8-inch guns, twelve 7-inch guns, twenty 3-inch rapid-fire guns, twelve 3-pounders, eight 1-pounders, two 3-inch field guns, eight machine guns, four torpedo tubes, submerged.

Armor belt, 11 inches top, 9 inches bottom. Turret armor, 12-inch for 12-inch guns, 8-inch for 8-inch guns. Barbette armor 10-inch for 12-inch guns, 6-inch for 8-inch guns.

BROOKLYN NAVY YARD, NEW YORK, Sept. 29.—Amid the cheers of thousands of spectators, the waving of flags, and the booming of cannon, the battleship Connecticut, designed to be the best and most impressive fighting machine afloat on the world's sea, was successfully launched at 11:35 this morning.

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MOST POWERFUL SHIP AFLOAT

When the battleship Connecticut is completed she will be the most powerful engine of war in the United States Navy.

A comparison with the best ships of other nations shows that the Connecticut would more than hold her own in battle against any ship in the world. The Connecticut is the only first-class

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JAPS ADVANCING AGAINST ENTIRE RUSSIAN FRONT

St. Petersburg Hears of Enemy's Activity. Kuropatkin and Oyama Meet on Same Footing in Impending Battle.

EQUAL FORCES WILL NUMBER ABOUT HALF A MILLION MEN

Japs, With 1,000 Guns, Have an Advantage in Artillery Over the Russians' 800 Pieces—Disposition of Czar's Soldiers.

LONDON, Sept. 29.—The Central News has a dispatch from St. Petersburg stating that telegrams received in the Russian capital from the front indicate that the Japanese are making an advance along the entire Russian front.

The Chinese in the neighborhood are flocking to Mukden.

MEET ON EQUAL FOOTING.

ROME, Sept. 29.—The St. Petersburg correspondent of the newspaper "Italia Militaire" reports that in the impending battle of Mukden Kuropatkin will have a force equal, if not superior to, that of the enemy.

JAPS SUPERIOR IN GUNS.

The Russian force, he says, will amount to 250,000 men, with 800 guns, of whom 60,000 are at Sin Min Ting and 120,000 along the Hun River. The rest of the army faces south from Mukden. Besides these there are 10,000 Russians at Tie Pass to the north of the city on the banks of the Liao.

The Japanese force, he adds, is estimated at 250,000 men, with 1,000 guns.

King Alfonso Declines Mikado's Chrysanthemum

MADRID, Sept. 29.—Your correspondent is informed that the Mikado recently expressed a wish, through Minister Akabane, to confer the grand badge of the chrysanthemum on King Alfonso.

Premier Maura had a consultation with Alfonso on the subject. After going over the matter thoroughly he informed Minister Akabane that the Spanish ruler could not accept the honor.

It is from a fear that such action would be interpreted as an official acknowledgment of Spain's pro-Japanese sympathies.

No News From Stoessel; St. Petersburg Alarmed

ST. PETERSBURG, Sept. 29.—Despondency regarding the situation at Port Arthur is becoming more pronounced daily. Reports of the Russian commander have been added to in the last few days by the entire absence of news from General Stoessel.

Heretofore the Russian commander has been able to get some word through by means of vessels to Chefoo. It is now stated the Japanese blockade is perfect. All junks or other vessels coming out of Port Arthur, or attempting to enter the port, are sent to Dalny. It is

also understood in official quarters that fresh Japanese re-enforcements are continually arriving outside the besieged city, thus relieving their jaded comrades. The Russians, however, have no rest.

PARIS, Sept. 29.—The foreign office states that all inquiries as to the whereabouts of French attaché De Courville at Port Arthur have been without result.

The attaché was reported to have left Port Arthur about the time of the Russian naval sortie on August 10. Nothing has been heard of him since. Various reports as to his whereabouts have been current, but none of these has been confirmed.

JAPS UNABLE TO HOLD FORTS DEARLY WON AT PORT ARTHUR

CHEFOO, Sept. 29.—Fresh Chinese arrivals confirm the stories of recent incessant fighting at Port Arthur. The Japanese have made little progress. They took forts four, five, and six, but were unable to hold them, and withdrew on the afternoon of September 28.

Their losses in the assaults were enormous. The Russian losses were also severe.

Tunneling Toward Forts. The Japanese have done much tunneling toward the forts. The Russians have counter-tunneled and laid mines, which have inflicted terrible losses.

The Chinese say the Japanese fleet has gone to its base at the Elliot Islands. Two or three Russian ships occasionally go outside the harbor. Torpedo boats have captured several Japanese junks bound for Dalny.

The Russians are now building a new fort at Liaotian, bearing landward. Its construction indicates that it will mount five big guns.

Squadrons Ready for Sea. LONDON, Sept. 29.—A dispatch to the "Morning Post" from Shanghai says it is reported that the Port Arthur and Vladivostok squadrons are ready for sea, and it is expected that each will attempt to make a simultaneous sortie.

An undated dispatch to the "Express" from Tokyo, sent by way of Shanghai, September 28, says that for the first time since the war began impatience is manifested in Japan regarding the delay in the capitulation of Port Arthur. The newspapers editorially complain about General Nogi's failure to capture the fortress.

Suggest Hara-Kiri. One paper says: "We would like to send to the august general a sharp sword which hangs in our office."

This remark is a covert invitation to General Nogi to commit hara-kiri, which, in Japan, is the logical result of failing in such a task.

Other newspapers that have glowingly announced that Port Arthur had fallen have now lapsed into gloomy silence on the subject. In view of the failure of

the last terrific assault, the opinion is expressed that the fortress may hold out for three months longer.

Re-enforcements, variously estimated to number from 10,000 to 12,000 infantry, and some siege guns have been sent to General Nogi's work. Invaded besiegers who have arrived home say that the Russians are defending Port Arthur almost frantically. Every conceivable device is adopted to repel the assaults, even the throwing of red pepper in fighting at close quarters.

The story of the terrible havoc wrought by the land mines are not exaggerated. The Russians plant fresh mines at night. The approaches to the fortress are practically strewn with dynamite. Both sides are physically exhausted.

JAP RESERVISTS TO SERVE LONGER

TOKYO, Sept. 28.—An emergency ordinance under the conscription law was gazetted this morning.

The new ordinance extends the period of the service of second class reservists from five to ten years and abolishes the distinction between conscripts of the first and second classes of reserves.

The change will necessitate a new scheme of divisional organization.

HIS MAJESTY'S SUBJECT HAS FEELINGS RUFFLED

After twenty years of residence in Washington and the United States, J. W. Jendwine, of 916 Fourteenth Street, was held up by the United States immigration authorities and compelled to pay the head tax and answer all kinds of queer questions, on his return from a trip abroad.

Today he made a complaint of his treatment to the Department of Commerce and Labor.

Mr. Jendwine is a subject of King Edward and has made no attempt to become a citizen of this country.

Scotch Brown Suitings, Wingman, 914 F—Adv.