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THE SPANISH CLAIMS.

Report of the Commission Showing the Progress Made.

There Are, All Told, 127 Attorneys Engaged in the Prosecution of the Demands Which Aggregate \$60,158,878.

Washington, Dec. 11.—A report from the Spanish-claims commission showing the progress made was presented to the senate Tuesday. It includes a memorandum from the chairman of the commission, Hon. W. E. Chandler, in which he makes complaint of the inadequate provision for the protection of the interests of the government in the investigation of these claims. He says that the commission last April made, through the president, requests for assistance from the departments of justice, war and state, asking that the last mentioned department make an effort to secure the co-operation of the Spanish government in investigating the claims, but the information has not been forthcoming.

Mr. Chandler gives the number of claims as 494, the aggregate amount being \$60,158,878. There are, all told, 127 attorneys engaged in their prosecution, and some of them have been preparing their cases since 1895. For the defense there is one assistant attorney general, two of three special assistants, "that," says Mr. Chandler, "they have without any funds with which to make special preliminary investigations absolutely necessary prior to filing denunciations or answers and proceeding to meet, in the taking of testimony and in the arguing and submitting of the cases to the commission, the fully informed, well equipped and formidable corps of 127 counsel employed by the claimants."

CONFLAGRATION IN A MINE.

Fifteen Men at Work When the Fire Broke Out, Hoisted to the Surface With Difficulty.

Hartsville, Pa., Dec. 11.—Fire broke out in the big Lick mine near Lyons Monday night and is still raging. Fifteen men were working in the mine when the fire was discovered. They crowded into a set which was hoisted to the surface through a shaft of fire. None of them were injured. Twenty men were either roasted alive or suffocated by smoke and gas. A steam pump was gotten in operation Tuesday and the mine is being flooded to prevent the flames from spreading. The mine is operated by the Lyons Valley Coal Co. and is one of the most productive in the Lyons region. It is believed the fire was started by incendiaries, as it broke out in a portion that has not been worked for some time. A large number of men and boys have been thrown out of work by the conflagration.

FOUR SEAMEN DROWNED.

They Belonged to the Norwegian Steamer Ella, Which Was Disastrously Run on the Rocks.

Halifax, N. S., Dec. 11.—Four seamen thought to be missing in the Norwegian steamer Ella lost their lives in an attempt to reach shore for assistance when the Ella, which was bound from Lunenburg, N. S., to this city, lost her propeller off Scattered Island. A high sea was running and the men became exhausted and a sea swelled the boat in which they tried to reach land. One by one they sank until but one remained. He reached the shores of Mainland Tuesday.

COMMISSION FIRM FAILED.

Ombudsman, Dec. 11.—The commission firm of H. R. Pomy & Co., with offices in the board of trade building, closed their doors Tuesday morning. The firm had been operating in Chicago, Illinois, Peoria, Frankfort, Columbus and Syracuse, Neb., also closed. H. R. Pomy said that the firm had suffered losses of over \$100,000 during the recent bull movement in wheat, but that his customers would be paid in full.

THE MCKINLEY DEATH MASK.

Washington, Dec. 11.—E. J. A. Pausch, the Buffalo sculptor, brought to the white house Tuesday the death mask of the late President McKinley, which was taken almost immediately after his demise. The mask has not yet been shown to the public. It is expected it will be donated to the government and deposited in the Smithsonian institute. It is said it is a remarkably faithful likeness of the late president.

PRICE OF GAS REDUCED.

Detroit, Mich., Dec. 11.—As a result of much local agitation the city council Tuesday night amended the existing ordinance so as to require the gas company to deliver fuel and illuminate gas at the price of 1.00 per foot. At present the price of illuminating gas is \$1, and of fuel gas 90 cents.

THE FASTEST MAIDEN TRIP.

New Orleans, Dec. 11.—The new Morgan line steamship, the S. S. Capt. H. B. Quick, which arrived Tuesday morning from New York, made the fastest maiden trip ever made by any vessel from dock to dock by 35 minutes.

DRIVEN INSANE BY HYPNOTISM.

Stamford, Ct., Dec. 11.—Stephen Blaise, a Hungarian cabinet maker, was placed under a hypnotic spell in a saloon recently, and is demoralized now. He raves continually about the incident.

TOOK STRYCHNINE.

Holena, Mont., Dec. 11.—Because her sweetheart's love had grown cold, Fannie Huntley, 18 years old, daughter of Joseph Huntley, a prosperous citizen of Carbon county, took a dose of strychnine that resulted in almost instant death.

BRAZILIAN DELEGATE DEAD.

Mexico City, Dec. 11.—Jose Hyginis Duarte Pereira, delegate of Brazil to the Pan-American conference, died Tuesday afternoon at 4:20 o'clock from pneumonia complicated with heart trouble.

PERMANENTLY ESTABLISHED.

The American Federation of the Catholic Societies Organized at the Convention in Cincinnati.

Cincinnati, Dec. 11.—The American Federation of Catholic Societies is now permanently established. At the sessions of the first day of its initial convention no opposition to the confederation was manifested. On the contrary the attendance, unanimity of opinion and enthusiasm of all present in the new organization surpassed all expectations.

In his discourse in the morning at St. Peter's cathedral, Dr. J. M. Lavelle, rector of St. Patrick's cathedral, New York, eloquently sounded the keynote in favor of the confederation. He was followed by Archbishop Elder in one of the most vigorous addresses that venerable prelate has made for years. Archbishop Elder discussed the need of unity of action as well as of purpose and predicted great results in the future by the union of Catholic organizations.

Prof. Anthony Matr, president of the Cincinnati federation, Gov. Nash, Mayor Fleischman, T. B. Minahan, president of the Ohio federation, President Fricks, Vice President Fitzgerald and others were all most enthusiastic in their speeches at the opening of the convention in the Auditorium, predicting good results for society and the country, the address of Gov. Nash being repeatedly cheered as he referred to the good work of the church for law and order and for the suppression of anarchy.

AN UNUSUAL CRIME.

Ben Milam, Colored, Arrested on the Charge of Kidnaping Negroes and Selling Them as Slaves.

Decatur, Ala., Dec. 11.—Ben Milam, colored, an ex-slave of Lawrence county, is under arrest charged with an unusual crime. It is alleged that Milam has for some time been engaged in kidnaping Negroes and selling them as slaves to the white manager of a Tennessee river island plantation, some miles below Decatur. It is said Milam would kidnap Negroes to a company boat to the island with the promise of securing positions for them on the plantation at good wages, and that when they reached there he would sell them in bondage, and being confined within the stockade, escape was impossible and their relatives could never ascertain their whereabouts.

PENAL ISLAND.

Resolution Looking to the Selection of Territory Suitable for Confinement of Certain Criminals.

Washington, Dec. 10.—Senator Hear introduced the following resolution: "That the president be required, if he shall deem it practicable, to enter into negotiations with other civilized countries to the end that a convention may be made in accordance with the terms of which some island, or if that can not be done, some other suitable territory, may be set apart to which, under due precautions and after fair and proper trial, persons found guilty of attempting or committing the crime of kidnapping or selling as slaves any of the citizens of the United States, or of criminal attempts upon the lives of chief magistrates or high officials of such government, may be transported and to which they may be confined."

MURDER OR SUICIDE?

Two Brothers, One Formerly a Priest, Found Dead in Their Bed in a Room of Fifth at Boston.

Boston, Dec. 11.—Maurice Fitzgerald and his brother, Edward Fitzgerald, were found dead in bed Tuesday morning in a room of Fifth. A diligent search by the police fails to show whether it was a case of murder or suicide or suicide by each. Both bodies were fully attired. Maurice was a priest 35 years ago in Boston and was excommunicated by Archbishop Williams, having been condemned for violation of his priestly vows.

FATAL SALOON ROW.

Mansfield, Ohio, Dec. 11.—Bert Ardy was killed, Garrett Thurman was shot and his hand and eye, and L. McDonald was shot in the left shoulder in a saloon row in the village of Port, Washita county. The men had fought the bartender, Sam Pepper, one of them jumping upon the bar when he opened fire.

DEATH OF JUDGE R. W. HUGHES.

Bristol, Tenn., Dec. 11.—Judge R. W. Hughes died Tuesday at his home near Abingdon, Va. He was a leader in republican politics in Virginia and for several years a federal district attorney and later a federal judge of Virginia. He fought two duels during his career.

DIED A MARTYR.

New York, Dec. 11.—Father W. J. O'Reilly, the Catholic priest who injured his hand while fishing, and who refused until too late to allow one of his thumbs to be amputated for the reason that he feared it would interfere with his work as a priest, is dead.

CORONATION DATE.

London, Dec. 11.—At a session of the privy council Tuesday King Edward definitely fixed June 26, 1902, as the date of his coronation. It was also decided that parliament will meet January 16.

DRESSED IN MALE ATTIRE.

Baltimore, Dec. 11.—Garbed in clothing of her husband, Mrs. Alice Ditzel, a pretty young matron of this city, was arrested on the street Tuesday night and charged at the Central police station with disorderly conduct, as the result of a masquerade.

WILL ANTICIPATE IT.

Washington, Dec. 11.—The treasury officials have decided to anticipate the interest due on January 1, and on Saturday United States Treasurer Roberts will mail checks covering interest amounting to \$4,665,712.

THE HOLIDAY RECESS.

Congress Will Adjourn December 19 Until January 6.

Bill Introduced Authorizing the State Department to Expend Money For Miss Stone's Ransom—Other Measures Introduced.

Washington, Dec. 5.—Practically the entire time of the senate Wednesday was devoted to the introduction of bills and resolutions. Among them were the following: For the admission of Mexico as a state; to prevent the desertion of the American flag; to increase the pay of letter carriers; for a committee of five to investigate trade relations with the Orient; for the establishment of a department of commerce; to make the census bureau permanent, creating a national bureau of criminal identification; to repeal the bankruptcy law; for the laying of a cable to Hawaii and the Philippines; authorizing the creation of a forest reserve of 5,000,000 acres in the Appalachian mountains of Virginia, North Carolina, Tennessee and Georgia; subjecting national banks to the laws of the state in which they are located; creating a national military park at Valley Forge.

Washington, Dec. 6.—In the senate Thursday the presiding officer announced the following senators as the committee to act, with the committee from the house, to consider by what token of respect congress may express its deep sensibility at the death of the late President McKinley: Messrs. Foraker, (O.), Allison, (Ia.), Fairbanks, (Ind.), Keam, (N. J.), Aldrich, (R. I.), Nelson, (Minn.), Perkins, (Cal.), Jones, (Ark.), Morgan, (Ala.), Cockrell, (Mo.), and McKinley, (Ia.).

MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS.

Woburn and Chelsea, Mass., Changes From No License to License—Newburyport Voted No License.

Boston, Mass., Dec. 11.—Republicans in Massachusetts were not quite so successful in the 18 city elections held Tuesday, when they carried 11 to the democrats four, the other three being non-partisan contests, three republicans mayors were defeated, while the party suffered almost a rout in this city. In Woburn, Mayor O'Connell, a democrat, was defeated. In Woburn, Mayor Feeney defeated the present mayor, and the city changed from no license to license. In Chelsea, where the republicans swept the city, there was a change from no license to license for the first time in 11 years. In Newburyport, where it has had a firm hold for 20 years, the city voted no by over 200 majority.

UNKNOWN TO THE MINERS.

An Abundance of Platinum Found Among the Millions of Dollars of Yukon Gold.

Montreal, Dec. 11.—D. C. Hurter, dominion government metallurgist of Vancouver, is responsible for the statement that among the millions of dollars of Yukon gold brought to him for purchase by the government this season was an abundance of platinum unknown to the miners. Hundreds of little nuggets of platinum were mixed with the coarse gold. Mr. Hurter gave it as his opinion that the miners of the Yukon are throwing away thousands of dollars worth of platinum. The dominion government is now sending an expert to the Klondike to investigate.

INSANE PREACHER'S ACT.

Rev. John Klunnen, of Copper Falls, Mich., Murdered His Wife and Children and Suicided.

Houghton, Mich., Dec. 11.—Rev. John Klunnen, minister of the Finnish Evangelical Lutheran church, at Copper Falls, Keweenaw county, murdered his wife and two children and committed suicide Monday night. Klunnen had brooded over the death of his wife for some time and became violently insane. He first cut his wife's throat with a butcher knife and then killed his two younger sons with it. The oldest boy, aged 13, escaped. After killing his wife and two sons, Klunnen fired the house and cut his own throat. The flames were easily extinguished.

FIRST CIVILIAN COMMISSION.

Washington, Dec. 11.—Judge Charles H. Darling, who will succeed Frank Hackett December 17 as assistant secretary of the navy, will receive the first civilian commission ever issued by the navy department. The resignation of Assistant Secretary Hackett takes effect December 16.

ROLAND CHALLENGES SANDOW.

New York, Dec. 11.—Roland, who issued a challenge some time ago to Sandow for a weight lifting contest for the championship of the world, renewed the challenge. Rolandow says that he would be willing to give his share of the purse to charity for \$10,000 a side.

KILLED HER WITH AN AX.

McGro, Ga., Dec. 11.—Arthur Petee, a Negro, captured in Monroe county and brought to Macon last Tuesday, has confessed to having murdered Mrs. R. J. Roland in South Macon last Wednesday. He knocked her down with his fist and then struck her with an ax.

MCKINLEY MEMORIAL BRIDGE.

Washington, Dec. 11.—Senator Martin Tuesday introduced a bill for a McKinley memorial bridge across the Potomac river at Washington at a cost of \$5,000,000.

MISS GRACE'S WEDDING.

London, Dec. 11.—December 21 has now been fixed for the marriage of Miss Elwena Grace, niece of the former mayor of New York, and the earl of Donoghmore. A reception will afterward be held at the residence of the bride's father.

THE BOND APPROVED.

Washington, Dec. 11.—The secretary of the Interior has approved bond issued by the city of Muskogee, Creek nation, I. T., for \$150,000 for construction of water works and \$25,000 for sewers.

THE METAL EXPLODED.

Several Men Were Injured in the South Sharon (Pa.) Steel Works—Havoc Wrought.

Sharon, Pa., Dec. 11.—An explosion that shook the earth for miles shattered windows in hundreds of houses at South Sharon, moved adjacent buildings from their foundations and caused the injury of nine men, two perhaps fatally, occurred at the Sharon Steel Co.'s plant Tuesday. Out of the nine men injured four were taken to the hospital. They are: Michael Howard, burned about head, one arm broken at elbow, serious; Michael Burgeth, burned about head, pains about the arms; one about face and body burned, will probably die; Cassius Trull, compound fracture left arm, serious. The other five men were taken to their homes in South Sharon.

The explosion occurred in the casting department of the "pig mill." The metal was being poured from the ladle into the casting machine when it came in contact with some water which caused a blast that was felt a great distance. The casting house was completely wrecked. Large strips of heavy corrugated iron beams and other materials were hurled hundreds of yards by the explosion. The casting machine and conveyor were damaged almost beyond repair. A part of the conveyor was blown several hundred feet, while not a vestige of the iron roof of the mill remains. Windows in the office of the steel company on Broadway, several hundred yards away from the explosion, were broken, and in Sharon and South Sharon the shock was felt like an earthquake.

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STATE NEWS PICK-UPS.

BERRY HOWARD IN JAIL. He Is Charged With Complicity in the Murder of Senator William Goebel.

Frankfort, Ky., Dec. 9.—Berry Howard, of Bell county, accompanied by three deputies, arrived here at 10 o'clock Sunday morning, having in charge Berry Howard, of Bell county, who stands charged with complicity in the murder of William Goebel, and who has been a fugitive from justice for more than a year. He turned his prisoner over to Jailer Lawrence, of this county, and Howard was assigned quarters in the jail with Caleb Powers and Jim Howard, a relative, charged with the same crime. Howard protests his innocence of the charge and says that he became a fugitive in the mountain section of the state only because he did not want to lie in jail here. He will consent to come and ask for an immediate hearing, and if this is denied, that he be released on \$5000 bond.

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