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SCANDAL OVER A POORHOUSE. BRANFORD PAUPERS HAVE FROZEN FEET AND A HARD TIME GENERALLY.

New-Haven, Conn., Dec. 13 (Special).—The town of Branford is thoroughly aroused to-night over the exposures made by the State Board of Charities of the conditions existing in the town poorhouse.

The condition of the Branford Poorhouse is one of the worst in the State. We have had our attention called to the conditions there several times and have tried to do something to make it better, but without success.

President Edwin A. Down of the Board, Judge Edward Zacher, of the Branford Court, and a large number of citizens also expressed themselves in the same way.

DETAILS OF TYPHOON AT HONG-KONG. MUCH DAMAGE DONE TO SHIPPING ON NOVEMBER 10 AND MANY LIVES LOST.

Victoria, B. C., Dec. 13.—The steamer Empress of India, which arrived yesterday after a stormy passage, brought news of the great typhoon which ravaged Hong-Kong on November 10, causing heavy loss of life and shipping.

At Kluwion and other points there was also a heavy loss. The Empress of India was at her wharf at Kluwion and she was badly shaken. The troops fared badly. A shed and temporary barracks collapsed completely, and the Indian and European troops had to seek refuge wherever they could.

At daylight the powerful dredger Canton River, which had recently arrived from Paisley, listed to port almost without warning, and as was also the number of those on board at the time it is impossible to give accurate figures.

A \$50,000 FIRE IN MASSACHUSETTS. BUSINESS BLOCK DESTROYED—TWO WOMEN LEAP FROM SECOND STORY.

Webster, Mass., Dec. 12.—The worst fire Webster has known in twenty-five years took place to-day. The Tracy Block, a three story structure and the largest business building in town, was burned, entailing a loss estimated at \$50,000.

SCHOOL CHILDREN MUST PAY FULL RATES. Boston, Dec. 12.—Judge Colt of the United States Circuit Court, to-day handed down a decision in which he expressed doubt as to the constitutionality of the legislative act of 1900 which requires street railway companies to transport school children at half regular rates.

BABY MAKES A TEETH RECORD. Albany, Dec. 13.—Baby Agnes Clark, who is only four weeks old, is the possessor of a full set of teeth. The child's father is James Clark, who lives at No. 6 Clinton-st. and is employed in the West Albany shops.

NEW PUBLICATION FROM VASSAR. Poughkeepsie, N. Y., Dec. 12.—The Vassar College Observatory has just issued its first publication. It is entitled: "Catalogue of the Stars Within One Degree of the North Pole, and Optical Distortion of the Heliograph's Astro-Photographic Telescope Deduced from Photographs." Measures. It is by Caroline E. Furness, assistant in the observatory. The director of the observatory is Professor Harry W. Whitney, the successor of Maria Mitchell.

THE ALABAMA TO HAVE SEA TRIAL. Philadelphia, Dec. 13.—The United States battleship Alabama sailed to-day from the League Island Navy Yard for New-York, where she will await further orders. She will make a trial trip on the coast, which will begin as soon as she passes out of the sea.

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NEW POSSESSIONS STATUS.

DECISIONS BY THE SUPREME COURT EXPECTED SOON.

CASES PENDING TO SETTLE THE QUESTION OF WHETHER OR NOT THE CONSTITUTION FOLLOWS THE FLAG.

[BY TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE.]

Washington, Dec. 13.—There is a promise of early action by the United States Supreme Court on the much mooted question as to whether or not "the Constitution follows the flag."

THE PHILIPPINES CASE.

The case is entitled "Fourteen Diamond Rings, Emil J. Pepke, Claimant, vs. the United States." The claimant is a native born citizen of the United States. He enlisted in April, 1898, in the 1st Regiment of the North Dakota United States Volunteer Infantry, and served with the regiment in the Philippine Islands.

As before stated, the case is regarded by the legal profession as the most important yet decided by the Supreme Court in connection with this Government's treatment of its insular possessions as foreign territory, or in accord with the terms of the Paris Treaty, which provided that the United States should determine the status of the Philippines.

PORTRICAN TEST CASES.

The so-called Porto Rican test cases, which are immediately before the Pepee case on the Supreme Court docket, and which are represented by ex-Secretary Carlisle, are not regarded by officials of the Department of Justice as of so much importance because, primarily, a question of jurisdiction is involved, which may send them to the Court of Claims for adjudication, and, secondarily, because, by reason of this very fact, they probably do not reach down as deeply into the real merits of the contention as does the Pepee case.

MOMENTOUS QUESTIONS INVOLVED.

If the Supreme Court decides the case on its merits one or the other of these contentions will be upheld. If the claimant wins, the decision will stop Congress from enacting tariff laws like that which now imposes 15 per cent of the Dingley law duties on Porto Rico, and will throw wide the doors to the vast horde of cheap labor and wares in the Philippines.

TO FIND OUT ABOUT THE PHILIPPINES.

Cambridge, Mass., Dec. 13.—A number of citizens of this city who have undertaken to inform themselves as to the actual facts of the situation under the name of the Philippine Information Society. It is their purpose to collect and distribute authoritative information as to the island, and in partisan literature, but, for example, in the correspondence and reports of military and diplomatic officials—information of which the American people in general are not cognizant, largely because of the voluminous nature of the reports in which the work will be done through the medium of a committee of inquiry set in motion by certain members of the Society.

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GOVERNOR-ELECT ODELL SAID TO FAVOR CHEAPER BUILDINGS FOR THE INSANE.

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It is not said that the Governor-elect found any fault with the members of the State Commission in Lunacy, Dr. Peter S. Wise, William Church Osborn and William L. Parkhurst, for their administration of the affairs of their department, but simply that he expressed the idea that in future this department, as well as others which necessarily must have buildings constructed for the care of the persons in their charge, should make a determined effort to keep down the cost of these buildings.

HER STORMIEST VOYAGE.

STEAMER MAJESTIC DELAYED BY A SERIES OF GALES AND HEAD SEAS.

The voyage of the White Star Line steamer Majestic from Liverpool to this port, which ended yesterday, was one of the roughest she ever experienced, and one of the longest. She met gale after gale, and plunged into head seas all the way over. On four different days it was necessary to reduce the speed of the engines one-half, and on December 11, while crossing the Banks, she logged but 303 miles.

BOYER MEDALS AWARDED.

SERVICES OF LIFE SAVERS IN BREMEN DOCKS FIRE RECOGNIZED.

Colonel Wesley P. Jones, president of the United States Life Saving Corps, visited the Valencia Boat Club at Hoboken, N. J., last night, and awarded medals of honor to Frank Rademacher and Philip Heckel, both of Hoboken, for their services in saving lives in the Bremen docks fire on June 20.

PATRIOTIC REPUBLICAN CLUB.

The Patriotic Republican Club held its regular annual meeting at its new clubhouse, No. 270 East Seventy-eighth-st., Wednesday evening. President Benjamin Oppenheimer presided and Philip Spiro acted as secretary.

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A HISTORY OF TAMMANY NEEDED.

To the Editor of The Tribune. Sir: I send you my ballot for Seth Low. Eighteen years ago he was elected Mayor of the city of Brooklyn, and never since has that city or borough been so well governed. He found the government and the politics of Brooklyn then in the most filthy and corrupt state, and he kept and left them clean. His integrity, his high character and his business acumen for four years' experience as Mayor have made him a well equipped man for the high office of Mayor of New-York.

The time is at hand to quell and to squelch Tammany. It is to-day a vast power for evil, and it has been nothing else for fifty years. It is time it should perish out of our sight. And to this end I would suggest that the history of Tammany from the days of Captain Rynders to the times of slavery to Croker, with all the efforts of Governors Dix, Tilden and others to reform it and their failures, be published in book or pamphlet form, together with a plain, honest statement, without any exaggeration, of the sins, confessions and admissions of Croker and his police, and the evidence brought out by the several investigations since Tammy was in power, or in prison for the first time. And then a copy should reach every voter of the consolidated city.

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EXTRADITION WITH ENGLAND. A TREATY AMENDING THE PRESENT CONVENTION NEGOTIATED. Washington, Dec. 13.—A treaty has been concluded between the United States and Great Britain amending the existing extradition treaty and intended to correct certain imperfections in that instrument which recent experience has developed.

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