

LATE NEWS BY WIRE

France Now Claims to Be Mistress of the Nile.

MAJOR MARCHAND ATTAINS RESULT

India Paper Criticizes British Campaign Against the Afridis.

INEFFICIENCY CHARGED

PUBLISHES, December 23.—The Gil Blas today publishes a letter from Major Marchand, the French officer whose expedition was recently erroneously reported from Brussels to have been successful.

British Campaign Criticized

ALLAHABAD, India, December 23.—The Pioneer publishes a scathing criticism of the recent fighting on the Indian frontier and says the operations have ruined more than one reputation.

Gross Carelessness Shown.

The sole cause of the carelessness and indifference for the safety of the rear guard and had disposition of the fighting strength.

CHICAGO BONDS SELL WELL.

Issue Bearing 7 1/2 Per Cent Interest Selling at 102 1/2.

CHICAGO, December 23.—Controller Walker has made the best bond sale ever made by the city of Chicago.

NEW YORK BLIZZARD SWEPT.

Deep Snows Reported at Watertown and Dunkirk.

WATERTOWN, N. Y., December 23.—One of the worst blizzards that has visited this section in a number of years began last evening and continued all night.

DEATH CAME TO BOTH.

Husband and Wife Pass Away Almost Simultaneously.

SOUTH BEND, Ind., December 23.—Chas. S. and Mary Charlotte Chapman, husband and wife, died yesterday.

LADY MILLAIS DEAD.

Widow of the Celebrated Artist Passes Away in London.

LONDON, December 23.—Lady Millais, widow of Sir John Millais, the late president of the Royal Academy, is dead.

TRACK WILL BE FULL LENGTH.

Arrangements Complete for Meeting of Michael and Chase.

NEW YORK, December 23.—The track at Madison Square Garden will not be short when Michael and Chase meet Saturday night.

TWO MEN LYNNED AT COLDEX.

Murderers of Orville Hayden Hanged by Farmington Citizens.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., December 23.—An Examiner special from Spokane, Wash., says: Several persons who have come here from Colfax declare that notwithstanding all denials, a lynching occurred there Sunday night of Monday morning.

WILL GIVE 1,500 MEN WORK.

Preparations Being Made to Start Tube Mill at Pittsburg.

PITTSBURG, Pa., December 23.—Preparations are being made to start the tube mill of the Oil Well Supply Company, on 23rd avenue, this city.

LIBRARY EXAMINATIONS

Every Employee to Be Tested as to Fitness for Permanent Appointment.

Mr. Young Gratified at the Success of the Department for the Blind.

The board appointed by Mr. John Russell Young, the librarian of Congress, to prepare examinations for the employees of the library, has completed its preliminary work.

RENDINGS TO THE BLIND.

Some time in December Mr. Young suggested this course of readings, intended to be given to the blind.

CLAIMS INFRINGEMENT OF RIGHTS.

George Maurice Currier Sues Paulist Missionary Society.

NEW YORK, December 23.—George Maurice Currier of this city, who claims to be the proprietor of fourteen designs of religious pictures known to Roman Catholics as "The Stations of the Cross," has brought suit in the United States circuit court against the Missionary Society of St. Paul.

WANTS THE GOLD STANDARD.

Calcutta Chamber of Commerce Sends Memorial to Government.

CALCUTTA, December 23.—The Bengal chamber of commerce has sent an address to the government in which it says that the time has arrived to adopt the gold standard, pointing out that it is four years since the government assumed the gold standard without a currency system.

CIVIL SERVICE EXAMINATIONS.

Places to Be Filled Under the Government in February.

The United States civil service commission announced that the examination in examination will be held at Washington and other places for the position of clerk, with a knowledge of marine engineering, in the office of the United States inspector of machinery, at Wolf & Swicker's iron works, Portland, Ore., at a salary of \$3,200 per annum.

GIVEN OVER \$4,000 PENSION.

A Widow Who Applied Many Years After Her Husband's Death.

A pension has been granted to the widow of Knud Knudsen, a soldier in the late war, the back pay of which aggregates over \$4,000.

DEPOSITING MONEY ORDERS.

They Will Be Received by Banks in This City.

What is known as the "Clearing House System" of payment of postal money orders has been put into operation at the city post office, an arrangement having been made with the banks forming the Clearing House Association.

Wagner Pleaded Guilty.

ALBANY, N. Y., December 23.—Albert S. Wagner pleaded guilty today to an indictment found against him for assisting in the kidnaping of Johnny Conway. At his own request he was remanded for sentence until 3 o'clock this afternoon.

Divorce Granted.

Judge Hagner, in Equity Court No. 2, this afternoon granted a divorce to Mrs. Hyter Myers a divorce from Lucy Myers.

Col. Mordecai's Conduct of Affairs.

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EXPORT DUTY ABOLISHED.

Dutch Sugars May Now Escape the Customs.

THE HAGUE, December 23.—The second chamber has adopted a bill abolishing the export duty on Java sugar.

Steps Taken by the Treasury in Regard to the Union Pacific Railway Purchase.

Assistant Secretary Vanderlip, in speaking of the heavy payments by the government January 1, said:

"Secretary Gage intends that there shall be as little disturbance as possible in the money market as a result of the payment of the principal and interest of the Union Pacific railroad bonds which mature January 1."

EX-CASHIER BURR PARDONED.

Was in the Missouri Penitentiary for Embezzling \$20,000.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., December 23.—William E. Burr, jr., ex-cashier of the St. Louis National Bank, now serving a sentence of five years at the Jefferson city state penitentiary for the embezzlement of \$20,000, has been pardoned by President McKinley.

NOTHING KNOWN OF HUGHES.

Commissioner Jones Discredits Reports of Wichita "Boomers."

There is apparently no truth in the published reports of the formation of a band of boomers under Capt. Hughes to rush into the Wichita country and take possession.

DIED AT A HOSPITAL DOOR.

Ella Williams, a Young Colored Girl, a Victim of Heart Disease.

Ella Williams, a colored girl seventeen years of age, who came here recently from Chattanooga, Tenn., her native place, died today at Freedmen's Hospital, where she had just arrived. Ella had a room with Mrs. Taylor, a seamstress, at No. 1063 L street northwest, and has been receiving treatment from Dr. Morgan.

MR. ADAMS AND FAMILY POISONED.

Georgia Preacher Who Had Scored Ill-Will Distillers.

ATLANTA, Ga., December 23.—Five members of the family of Rev. C. D. Adams, pastor of the Methodist Church at Sylvania, Ga., together with the negro cook, were poisoned yesterday morning.

Escaped Crazy Man Arrested.

BUFFALO, N. Y., December 23.—James A. Vold, a lawyer of Topeka, Kan., who escaped from the Kansas State Insane Asylum about two months ago, was arrested in this city today, and is being held for the Kansas authorities.

Big Cargo of Wheat.

TACOMA, Wash., December 23.—The mammoth tramp steamer Alcoa sailed from Tacoma last night with the largest cargo of grain ever loaded in a single vessel, carrying 377,500 bushels of wheat, valued at \$42,000.

To Investigate Cuba's Food Supply.

FORT WORTH, Texas, December 23.—George W. Simpson, president of the Fort Worth stock and grain exchange, has been appointed special food commissioner to the island of Cuba, will sail for Havana next week.

Italy to Send Ships to China.

LONDON, December 23.—A special dispatch from Rome says that at a meeting of the Italian cabinet today it was decided to dispatch a squadron to Chinese waters.

MR. GEORGE TO BE REINSTATE.

It is understood that John V. George, a brother of the late Henry George, will soon be reinstated as special inspector of customs.

Dynamite Exploded in His Pocket.

SAN JOSE, Cal., December 23.—Amezo Hernandez, a Mexican wood chopper, was in the habit of carrying giant powder cartridges in his pocket, and he was today found with a quantity of dynamite in his pocket.

Explosion of Fire Damp.

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BIG JANUARY PAYMENTS

Caution Used With Respect to the Money Market.

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"This represents the actual cash payments made up to date. There were up to date \$23,902,000 of redeemed bonds held in the treasury to secure circulation of national banks. Checks representing the actual cash payments already made up to date are \$10,195,120 of these bonds had been prepared for payment, and treasury drafts to the amount of \$8,350,173 had been issued and sent out from the treasury."

"The department of justice it is said had no circumstances could the United States become party to any proceedings of this character against the state of Mississippi, and it is said to be doubtful whether the state itself could be sued for damages by the United States."

RECEPTION AT THE VATICAN.

Pope Leo Deplores Conflict Between Church and State.

ROME, December 23.—The reception at the Vatican today was largely attended by Catholic Church dignitaries. Replying to the Christmas greetings the pope deplored the conflict between the state and the holy see, which impartial minds desired to end.

NEW YORK'S BIG BUDGET.

NEW YORK, December 23.—The board of estimate and apportionment today passed the final estimate for the expenses of the boroughs of Manhattan and the Bronx for 1898. The total budget amounts to \$51,443,043.

THE DISTRICT A DEFENDANT.

Suit at law to recover \$6,000 damages was this afternoon filed by Dennis Bank, through Attorneys Leo Simmons and Herbert M. Locke, against the District of Columbia.

Suits Against Guard Officers.

Major Walter D. Davidge, jr., judge advocate general of the District of Columbia militia, this afternoon instituted suit in behalf of the United States against Andrew J. Robinson to recover \$388.85, claimed to be due for certain property issued to Robinson while he was captain of Company C, 3d Battalion, District of Columbia National Guard, in the month of May, 1888.

Court-Martial at Fort Myer.

A general court-martial has been appointed to meet at Fort Myer, Va., for the trial of six prisoners as may be ordered before it. The court is composed of the following-named officers of the 6th Cavalry: Capt. Henry M. Kendall, Henry P. Kingsbury and Benjamin H. Cheever, and Lieuts. Barrington K. West, Hugh J. Gallagher, John P. Ryan, Charles D. Rhodes, and Edwin R. Holberg, judge advocate.

Batteries to Return.

General Merritt, commanding the department of the east, has ordered that Batteries D and G of the 1st Artillery, now at Camp Alger, Chickamauga and Chattanooga National Park, Ga., return to their proper station, Fort Jackson, La., as soon as possible. Their troops were sent north during the yellow fever in Louisiana.

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CRUISE OF THE DETROIT.

She Will Visit San Domingo, Navassa and other places.

Instructions have been sent to Commander Dayton, commanding the cruiser Detroit, which recently arrived at Port au Prince from Key West, to visit San Domingo and Navassa and other places in the West Indies. This action is based on information that affairs have quieted down at the Haitian capital since the settlement of the Lueders incident with the German parent company.

DAVID LEE'S MISSION.

Seeking Government Aid in Running Down Murderers.

Government officials say that the mission of David Lee, a colored man from Mississippi, who is said to be on his way to Washington to seek the aid of the United States in securing redress for the murder of five members of his family by "white caps," necessarily must be a failure. Up to this time he has not called on Register Bruce, as it is stated he intended to do, nor does the register know anything of the man or his purposes.

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ATTEMPTS TO KILL HIMSELF

James Burke, a Pensioner, Ours His Throat With Razor.

Despondent Over His Condition and His Inability to Get Employment—Wounds Not Serious.

James Burke, aged twenty-five years and unmarried, a government pensioner, living at 640 Commerce street, attempted suicide today shortly before noon by braving his throat with a razor.

WILLS FILED FOR PROBATE.

The will of the late Alice M. Galer, dated July 21, 1897, was this afternoon filed for probate. The entire estate of the deceased is bequeathed to her daughter, Josephine M. Galer. John N. Stevenson is named as executor.

LOCAL PENSIONS.

The following local pensions were granted today: Richard Weller, \$14; Samuel Johnson, \$8 to \$12; Edwin Krouse, \$8 to \$12.

RESTRAINING ORDER ISSUED.

In the divorce proceedings instituted October 4 last by James William Herbert against Juliet Herbert, Judge Hagner in Equity Court No. 2, this afternoon signed a restraining order against the defendant removing any furniture, carpets or other household effects from the home of the defendant until further order of the court.

CLAIM REGARDING HARVEYZED PLATES.

Representations have been made to the Navy Department in behalf of certain European inventors, which, if true, would invalidate all patents now covering the Harvey process of armor manufacture.

NAVAL CADETS INSUBORDINATE.

Capt. Cooper, superintendent of the Naval Academy at Annapolis, has issued an order that because the cadets of the third class maintained an insubordinate spirit by refusing to tell who were guilty of disrespectful conduct while the officer in charge was in their quarters, they would be restricted to quarters.

A CASE FOR COMMISSIONER EVANS.

Mr. Evans, commissioner of pensions, has received from an inmate of the Soldiers Home at Hampton, Va., a walking stick of unique design. The cane is extensively carved in Grand Army style.

CHINA'S FATE.

China appears to be the destined theater of the next great struggle, forcing trade by the sword. Germany takes the lead, regardless of Russia's pre-emptive rights there.

BALTIMORE MARKETS.

BALTIMORE, December 23.—Flour inactive, unchanged—receipts, 10,836 barrels; exports, 342 barrels.

GRAIN, PROVISIONS AND COTTON MARKETS.

Furnished by W. B. Hibbs & Co., bankers and brokers, 1427 F st., members New York stock exchange, correspondents Messrs. Laidlaw, Thomson & Co., New York.

GOVERNMENT BONDS.

Quotations reported by Corson & Macartney, bankers.

FINANCE AND TRADE

Holiday Dullness Prevailed the New York Stock Market.

TRADERS HAD IT THEIR OWN WAY

Some Activity in Manhattan and Metropolitan Traction Stock.

GENERAL MARKET REPORTS

Special Dispatch to The Evening Star.

NEW YORK, December 23.—Substantial advances in Manhattan and Metropolitan Traction stock were noted today.

Traders monopolized what little business there was, but there was no inclination to take a positive stand in either account.

Prices yielded fractionally under the influence of short selling and recovered very promptly with every attempt to regulate early sales.

The market was wholly of a holiday character and reflected the public loss of habitually steady work.

Traders had it their own way in the new year, and is seemingly disposed to heed this advice.

The two street railway properties named above are regarded as leading the corporate combat for political favor under the new city government.

Setting certain desirable privileges in the near future reduced almost to a certainty the possibility of further speculation as to the future merit of the two properties is groundless.

Whatever the incentive may be the stocks are regarded as being in a position to reflect practically all of the consequential business involved in the present market.

A general list gained something in sympathy with the tendency of the more active issues.

Covering of outstanding contracts in American stock is being watched carefully and this specialty is believed to be held in check only because of the holidays now at hand.

There would seem to be no grounds for fearing any. Congress is not likely to propose any radical legislation of any sort, the greatest possibility being the possibility of a lengthy session.

The banking difficulties in Philadelphia have not been mentioned in the later advice indicating the local nature of the embarrassment restored confidence.

It is generally thought that influential financiers are working for a restoration of credit in the embarrassed district.

Finance market is being watched carefully in order that increasing indications of tightening may be taken into consideration as a factor in determining the price of securities.

Some of the banks are dependent upon a permanent advance in rates, but there may be a flurry running over a few days.

During the final hour, the trading element covering a considerable volume of short contracts. The best opinion continues to be that the market will be held in check by routine events to shake this view has scared the small operators from the short side of the market.

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FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL.

The following are the opening, the highest and the lowest and the closing prices of the New York stock market today, as reported by Corson & Macartney, members of the New York stock exchange.

Table with columns: Name, High, Low, Close. Includes American Spirits, American Sugar, etc.

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Table with columns: Name, High, Low, Close. Includes American Electric, American Gas, etc.

Table with columns: Name, High, Low, Close. Includes American Oil, American Paper, etc.

Table with columns: Name, High, Low, Close. Includes American Steel, American Wire, etc.

Table with columns: Name, High, Low, Close. Includes American Coal, American Lumber, etc.