



MONDAY EVENING, NOV. 27 1899

THERE HAS BEEN of late a good deal of talk touching the degeneracy of the U. S. Senate, and it has been assumed by some that any evil existing in that body could be cured by a system of popular election.

Turning to the House of Representatives we find a body chosen directly by the people every two years. Their private morals we do not propose to discuss.

There has been a number of these Senators propose to refuse to allow a seat to Roberts, the man of Utah whose enthusiasm for matrimony has exceeded all legal bounds.

Accepting these professedly of clean private morals at their full face value, it may be proper to ask how many of these gentlemen have been dancing attendance on the President, to beg for office for their friends?

And this last brings up the serious question whether this is the kind of relation a representative of the people ought to occupy towards the President. If the President or one of his secretaries confers a high or lucrative office on the son or nephew of the Congressman, is there not some danger that the President may think that he is entitled to the support in Congress of that particular Congressman, and that any exhibition by him of independence in vote or speech is an act of bad faith and ingratitude?

Again, when a Congressman makes such a request of the President, is it not just possible that the President, in his eager anxiety to precipitate the representative, may fasten a bad man on the public service. If this be done in the army or the navy, besides being a discredit to the service, the appointment may endanger the lives of faithful men by incompetent leadership.

On the other hand, what effect may be reasonably expected to be produced upon the mind of a congressman who has had one or more of his sons, perhaps even a daughter, placed by the President on the government pay roll? Can a representative thus loaded down with pecuniary favors for his own family be expected to be an independent representative?

How can he criticize an administration when by his own instrumentality and solicitation he has fastened his own children at the public crib? Is there not great danger that the member will thereafter be tempted to palliate the errors and shortcomings of the President, to defend his wars, whether just or unjust, to give him all the power he wants, to excuse his usurpations and to shut his eyes to all other acts of corruption and undue influence by the executive? Is there a constituency in the country that would elect a man to Congress if he were to say frankly to them that he expected to use his power when elected to have members of his own family appointed to office? This system is certainly objectionable even in the case of republican members of Congress, but in the case of democratic members of the House of Representatives, the evil consequences are far greater and the public scandal more gross and offensive. If this abuse be once begun, as it is well understood it has been, where is it to end and how many members are to fasten their families on the public treasury?

town and village near which such an attack is made. And yet an international peace congress was held a few months ago to prevent war and ameliorate its horrors, and the flag of the Geneva cross now flies in all quarters of the world. Long live humbug! More power to its elbow!

U. S. GENERALS in Cuba report officially that that island is a foreign country, outside of Havana, and dispatches from that city say that a convention of delegates from all parts of the island now assembled there, protests against the prolonged rule of the Americans there, even by civil governors. After a while the fact may dawn upon the mob that now rules this country, as the instrument of the plutocrats, that the Spanish government knew more about the Cubans than those Americans who brought on the war.

EX-GOVERNOR O'FERRALL of Virginia has come to life again, in order to say that he and the other 2,105 Virginians who voted for Palmer in 1896, knew what democracy was, and that the 154,985 democrats who voted for Bryan, did not, and that if Mr. Bryan be allowed to lead the democratic party to perdition, it will not lead him there; no novel words to that effect. If "perdition" be the destination of the democracy, Mr. O'Ferrall's friend, Mr. Cleveland, is the man to blame for it, certainly not Mr. Bryan, who increased the vote of his party to six and a half million.

REV. DR. McKim, formerly of this city, but now of Washington, repudiates the policy of the shoemaker's sticking to his last, though its wisdom has been approved by the sages of all ages. He now goes into the newspapers, along with the short haired women and long haired men, in demanding that the Utah Congressman, though elected fairly and legally, and in accordance with the terms of the Constitution, shall not be allowed to take his seat, because he drives his wives abreast, and not in tandem style, as many of the other members of Congress do.

FROM WASHINGTON.

General Otis reports from Manila to say that Second Lieut. Charles M. Smith, of the Eighteenth infantry, died November 22, at Iloilo, the result of a gunshot wound received in action. Lieut. Smith came of Virginia stock. His grandfather was United States Senator Lewis, of Virginia, and his father was John Ambler Smith, of Richmond, Va., who was well known as a politician and a lawyer. The grandfather and father are both dead. Lieutenant Smith served as a private with the District of Columbia regiment through the Cuban campaign. He was appointed a second lieutenant on July 1, 1899, and assigned to the 18th infantry.

Admiral Dewey called at the White House today to see the President about a personal matter, and when he came out he said: "I want to see Mr. McKinley take a second term. The President is a good friend of mine, and I don't want to hear of any one attempting to rob him of the place. I shall never cease to thank him for the noble cheering messages he sent me when I was at Manila. I have them all home and shall keep them as long as I live." When asked about the Presidential boom he said: "No, No, No! I have no Presidential boom of any sort. The American people have too much sense to do anything like that. I think that these so-called heroes of battle make mighty poor Presidents. Look at poor old Taylor. The office did not do him any good. And Grant, I think he made a very bad President, to speak plainly. The President of the United States ought to be a statesman trained to the business. Let the army officers and the naval officers stay where they belong. I am much pleased to see the war in the Philippines winding up. It is a very vigorous active measure that has been taken there and is being now and been taken a year ago the insurrection might have been ended there. When asked what will be done with Aguinaldo if he is caught, he said: "I hope he won't be caught; I hope he will make his escape from the country and thus rid us of the problem. If he is captured, though, we are too humane victors to do anything to punish him. We will let him live out his years in peace, like we did Jeff Davis. We'll not hang him or imprison him for life, as perhaps he deserves."

But few congressmen have yet reached the city, and many, especially from the North, will not be here until after Thanksgiving Day. The republican caucus of the House will be held Saturday afternoon, and that of the democracy Saturday night. There will be no contest for any of the offices of the House except for that of sergeant-at-arms, as the Speaker has already been elected, and all the other officers will be re-elected. In the Senate it will be different. There, it is generally understood that Mr. J. S. Clarkson will take the place of Mr. Cox as secretary, and Mr. A. H. Stewart may possibly be elected sergeant-at-arms, though Colonel Briel has rendered himself so popular with all the members of that body that he may be retained temporarily at least. The leadership of the democratic minority in the House is as uncertain today as ever. Mr. Richardson this morning engaged two rooms at the Metropolitan Hotel and opened headquarters there, and the talk on the street is to the effect that he will be selected. Many democrats, however, think a man of a different mold should occupy that position, and that if Mr. Bailey won't accept, Mr. DeArmond would fill it better than either Briel or Sulzer, who are candidates for it. As on Saturday, the information is that the Sulzer strength will go to Baileys. The chairmanships of the committees will, on occasion, Speaker Henderson no little trouble, especially those of the river and harbor, and naval committees, as great opposition has manifested itself to Messrs. Burton and Boutwell, who now hold those places.

Congressmen Rixey and Swanson, of Virginia, are here now and Messrs. Hay and Jones are expected tomorrow. Several well-known Virginians, here today, say they have received, from the same source in Richmond, dispatches asking their views in respect of nominating Senator Daniel for the

Presidency, but that they have not answered them, for while they have the highest respect for the Senator, and deem him eminently worthy of the nomination, they think he should take steps at once to close the mouth of the source referred to, as otherwise it will do him no good, but much harm. The caucus for the six cruisers were awarded today in accordance with the recommendation of the Board of Construction—one each to the following firms: Wan R. Trice & Co., Richmond, Va.; Lewis Nixon, Elizabethport, N. J.; Bath Iron Works, Bath, Me.; Fore River Engine Co., Fall River, Mass.; Neale and Levy, Philadelphia; The Union Iron Works, San Francisco. An able and practical member of the Virginia legislature, here today, on his way to Richmond to attend the meeting of that body Wednesday week, said that so far as he was informed, the members who ran against the regularly nominated democratic candidates would not be admitted to the democratic caucus, and that only those members who hoped for more and higher so-called honors would vote for their admission. He also said he hoped that measures would be taken to abolish the county courts and increase the number of circuit courts.

Ida Jackson, aged 45 years, a negro, was fatally beaten to death this afternoon, at No. 408 Eighteenth street, northwest, by a negro man named Ashton. Jealously was the cause. Ashton is under arrest.

As usual, the army and navy reports clash. Otis says the Zambonga insurgents surrendered to the troops. Rear Admiral Watson's previous report says they surrendered to Commander Vary, of the navy. How is the story? "Steamer" Fabian yesterday brought one hundred and fifteen Spanish prisoners, \$75,000 insurgent government money, and other property captured by Lawson's troops near Tayug on twenty-fifth Watson's troops. Fowler's company, thirty-third Virginia, westward from Mangatran, few miles southwest of Dagupan, captured five three-inch muzzle loading guns, twelve rifles, twelve thousand rounds of cartridges, one thousand shrapnel, eight hundred rounds of powder and other property, also a quantity of arms and American prisoners. Bell, with 36th infantry, in pursuit and will march down the western Luzon coast. Indications are two or three bodies of insurgent troops, numbering five hundred or more each, in mountainous regions of the north, and will do their best to escape. They have the bulk of the insurgent artillery, all of which will be captured unless they are driven into the mountains. Young still in pursuit of Aguinaldo, who is heading for Bangue, a few miles west of Vigan. Young, with cavalry and scouts, is followed by a battalion of the Thirty-third and the bulk of the Twenty-third. Two battalions of the Twenty-third are en route for Vigan by military post road. Young's reconnoitering parties have collected more than one thousand of his troops at the present time, and will do their best to capture them. Number of small detachments of insurgent troops throughout the country north of Manila have been captured and inhabitants manifest gratitude for deliverance. Indications are that insurgent force south of Manila disintegrating and moving toward their homes in Luzon. Southern islands favorable; Zambonga insurgents surrendered to our troops and no trouble anticipated.

Among other interesting matters touched upon in a cablegram from Gen. Otis received this afternoon is a reference to the fate of Aguinaldo's wife, according to latest reports, was last in the woods. She has been found and she and Aguinaldo's son are now under American protection, and we have had Aguinaldo having threatened to murder both on second thought Gen. Otis also divides credit with the navy in the matter of the surrender at Zambonga.

Word has been received that the transport Thomas, from New York to Manila, has arrived at Port Said. All the troops aboard are reported well. Mr. Clark, being asked today if he would be a candidate for the Congressional nomination in his district next fall, said emphatically that he would not; that he had so informed Mr. Eixey a long time ago, and that he could see no good reason for turning out a Congressman for no other purpose than to give his seat to somebody else.

NEWS OF THE DAY.

Great Britain has notified the powers that she is in a state of war with the South African republics. It is reported that Lord Iveagh has purchased the Muckross estate, which includes the lakes of Killarney. It is said in Berlin to be likely that the Reichstag will be dissolved as a result of expected opposition to the navy bill. Robert Lowry, D. D., one of the best known hymn writers in the world, died at his home in Plainfield, N. J., on Saturday.

A meeting of the leading Methodists from both north and south is in progress in St. Louis. Questions relating to the church are to be discussed. Mr. Roberts, the Mormon who was elected to the House from Utah, says he will attend the democratic caucus, and that there can be no question of his right to do this. Middleton Smith, a clerk in the statistics division of the Treasury Department, was arrested yesterday on Saturday for the alleged forgery of notes aggregating \$1,200, which he had discounted at Riggs's bank.

Rear Admiral Schley, on board the flagship Chicago, of the South Atlantic Squadron, was arrested yesterday on Saturday for the alleged forgery of notes aggregating \$1,200, which he had discounted at Riggs's bank. At New Haven Conn., on Saturday the Princeton football team won from Yale, but the margin was by but a single point. Up to the very last minute of play it looked like a Yale victory, but a lucky goal from the field changed the result, and Princeton won by a score of 11 to 10. Dr. Doty, after a thorough examination of the history of the bubonic plague on board the steamer J. W. Taylor, which arrived at New York from Santos last Saturday week, decided to discharge the cargo of coffee into lighters and keep the loaded lighters at quarantine for a period of eight days. Dr. Doty believes that the exposure of the coffee to the air at this season of the year will be ample protection from the danger of infection.

There are indications of Great Britain, the United States, Russia, Germany and Japan becoming signatories of a treaty delimiting the spheres of political influence in China and determining their fiscal policy there, based upon the "open door" principles. The United States, Great Britain and Japan have already reached an understanding in the matter. Mr. Wu, the Chinese minister, says that a treaty among the European powers on spheres of influence in China is preposterous. Charles Coghlan, the actor, died this morning in Galveston, Texas, aged 59 years. LaGrippe, with its after effects, annually destroys thousands of people. It may be quickly cured by One Minute Cough Cure, the only remedy that produces immediate relief in coughs, colds, croup, bronchitis, pneumonia, and throat and lung troubles. It prevents consumption. Edgar Wardell, Jr., corner King and Pitt streets.

VIRGINIA NEWS.

Two masked men made an unsuccessful attempt at robbery on the schooner Geneva Kirwan in Coan river a few nights since. The feature of Governor Tyler's message to the Legislature, which meets December 4, which will probably attract most attention will be that relating to trusts. Thirteen years in the penitentiary was the sentence imposed by the jury at Boydton on Saturday on Jennie Corpew for acid throwing. It was in evidence that the Corpew woman lay in wait in a dark place for her rival, Mary Hayes, and after assaulting her, threw carbolic acid in her face and eyes, disfiguring the woman for life. Miss Georgie Bizer, of Monterey, is a victim of religious mania, a result of the protracted services of Rev. R. T. Nugent, an Episcopal evangelist of Richmond, an advocate of the doctrine of "holiness," or sanctification. The young woman is at the home of her aged parents, where a close watch is being kept to prevent her from carrying out her aim of self-destruction. Falling in a bold attempt at jail-delivery, E. Peterson, alias Jones, alias Smith, a prisoner, on Saturday afternoon tried to shoot the jailer's sister-in-law and then fired a bullet into his own head in the Suffolk jail. His condition is critical. Peterson had hidden a revolver in his coat lining, and he covered the turnkey, securing the cell keys, and after liberating all other inmates, attempted to kill Mrs. Norfleet, who would not open the outer door.

The capias for and rule to show cause why the bond of H. L. Owens, alias Captain F. C. Ward, who is charged with fraudulently impersonating an officer of the United States army, have been granted in Richmond by Judge Waddill, of the District court, and papers in the case have been forwarded to Deputy United States Marshal Glover, at this city. At present Owens alias Ward is confined in an asylum at Staunton, and habeas corpus proceedings will likely be instituted. Recently J. F. Myers, aged 60 years, was arrested and jailed charged with abducting Miss Kilby Shuffelbarger, the 17 year old daughter of Taylor Shuffelbarger, of Pulaski county. On Saturday while Myers was in charge of the sergeant of Pulaski City, on his way to trial in that place, the father of the girl shot him twice, once through the neck and once through the elbow. Myers's wounds are serious, but not necessarily fatal. Shuffelbarger was arrested and bailed in \$1,000. Public sentiment is universally in favor of Shuffelbarger.

In the United States Court of Appeals in Richmond on Saturday Chief Justice Fuller handed down an opinion in the Wadley case. Wadley had, it is alleged, embezzled \$200,000, and by procedure in the United States courts, had secured orders that prevented prosecution in the Wye County Court in Virginia. The State of Virginia perfected an appeal to the United States Supreme Court, which reversed the lower court and directed the vacation of the orders. By the decision rendered on Saturday, Virginia wins her case and the appeal of Wadley is dismissed.

THE WAR IN AFRICA.

Another battle has been fought by General Lord Paul Methuen's column, which is advancing to the relief of Kimberley. The battle occurred Saturday morning, but news of it was not sent out until yesterday. The British censorship continues strict. The scene of the fight was near Gras Pan, in west-Cape Colony. Gras Pan is ten miles north of Belmont, and 46 miles south of Kimberley. It is on the railroad line along which General Methuen is advancing. The official report of the British commander states the Boers retreated, but he does not give many details. He says the Boer force engaged numbered 2,500. These were doubtless Free State, who have been operating in that vicinity. The British force was about 7,000 men. It is known, telegraphs General Methuen, that the Boers lost at least 31 killed and 48 wounded. The British loss is not stated, but is presumably heavy, as the British commander says: "The enemy showed the greatest stubbornness." The naval brigade and the infantry charged and carried the heights which the Boer artillery had occupied. The naval brigade suffered heavy losses. General Methuen's force will halt one day at Gras Pan to rest and replenish ammunition. The Boers occupied Stormberg, Cape Colony, Sunday morning. Gen. Methuen is now in telegraphic communication with Kimberley. Gen. J. Buller, it is reported, is retiring from Mooi river, Natal, to Ladysmith, and signs point to a strong Boer expedition to attempt to capture White's army. A dispatch from Pretoria, dated last Friday, says the Boers expected to capture Ladysmith "at the end of this week." The British had almost ceased to reply to the Boer artillery fire, indicating, perhaps, that their ammunition was exhausted. Followed the supposed retirement of the Boers, the British have restored telegraphic communication with Estcourt. On the other hand the retirement of the Boers may be a sign of weakness. An Estcourt dispatch indicates that it is because they lack food. Gen. Hildyard, who commanded the British troops at Ladysmith, has advanced northward to Frere.

Gen. Sir Redvers Buller, British commander-in-chief in South Africa, has arrived at Durban from Capetown and started northward. Lord Dundonald's force has restored railway communication between Estcourt and Mooi river, and the British forces entered Estcourt, and thence proceeded toward Colenso.

EX-SECRETARY BOUTWELL ON THE PHILIPPINE WAR.

The New England Anti-Imperial League held its annual meeting in Wesleyan Hall on Saturday, at which the principal speech was made by ex-governor George S. Boutwell. Winslow Warren presided. Ex-governor Boutwell denounced the McKinley administration for its policy in the Philippines. The speaker said that he had much enthusiasm and which was most applauded, when he declared that if President McKinley is the candidate of the republican party next year on a platform embodying his present policy, he will be as surprised a man on the morning after the election as Van Buren was in 1840, when he thought he was elected, while he had received the votes of only five States. Gamaliel Bradford presented a resolution, which was adopted, to the effect that the ministers should be asked to present the topic of the war in the Philippines in their Thanksgiving Day sermons. At the business meeting officers were elected, including George S. Boutwell, president; Irving Winslow, secretary, and Francis A. Osborne, treasurer.

MOUNT VERNON AVENUE.

The New York Sun of today, in referring to the proposed Mount Vernon Avenue, says: "The beginning of the 20th century will witness the construction of a national boulevard, which, when completed, will connect Washington and Mount Vernon." The Sun then proceeds to give a history of the conception of the avenue and the present prospects for its construction, and farther on says: "The Mount Vernon Avenue Association recently met in Alexandria and elected a board of directors, who resolved to resume this work as soon as the board of directors of the city of Washington end of this highway will be the western entrance of the Capitol building. The line will run through the Mall, south of the White House, and near the monument to the Potomac at the western terminus of New York avenue. It will cross the Potomac over the proposed memorial bridge which will unite the Capitol with Arlington, the home of Lee, and now the Arlington National Cemetery. On the Virginia shore the boulevard will follow the course of the Potomac to Alexandria, and from thence to Mount Vernon on the exact line over which Washington traveled from his home to Alexandria when he attended Christ Church in that city, and in which his nightgown is still pointed out to tourists. When this boulevard is completed in accordance with the proposed plan it will belong to the nation. The distance of this highway will be seven-and-a-half miles. This distance will be divided up as many sections as there are States and Territories. Each of these sections will be named for a State or Territory, and such State or Territory to be honored will be asked to contribute to the beauty of the boulevard in whatever manner shall be decided upon by legislative enactment. Whatever trees or shrubs are planted along any reservation will be taken from the soil of the State the name of which is applied to the reservation. If there shall be monuments, or columns, or arches, as there will be probably in the course of time, they will be constructed from material taken from the mines or quarries of States and Territories honored by having sections named for them. It has been suggested that each State shall erect a statue of its most distinguished citizen. The traveler over this highway will thus find in a short distance a mute history of the United States, given him in a short journey a conception of the scope of the country which he could obtain in no other way without time and expense. It will be an avenue of the story of the country. The possibilities of the beauty of such a highway can scarcely be computed. Since it has become known that the work is to be pushed, suggestions multiply daily. One is that a monument shall follow the completion of the boulevard proper in the corner of which shall be placed the name of every man employed in the highway's construction. Another is that midway there shall be a plaza, in the center of which shall be erected a temple dedicated to the Presidents and vice-presidents of the country, in which will be placed a statue of each. One of the suggestions proposes a Pantheon somewhere along the line, in which shall be gathered the remains of each president. This plan provides that each succeeding president shall find sepulture here when his life's work is done. The suggestion to have statues of the military and naval heroes grouped in a temple constructed upon a field to contain reproductions of all the appliances of warfare in the history of this country is being discussed. There have been suggestions from those favorable to the idea of expansion that somewhere along the route there shall be something—not yet defined—which will convey to the mind of the citizen of other years the effort of this government to civilize and elevate the peoples of the colonial possessions."

THE COUNTY DEVELOPMENT.

The directors of the board of development of Alexandria county, held their first meeting on Saturday afternoon at the office of Mr. A. M. Lothrop, in Washington, president of the association. James E. Clements was placed in nomination for secretary. Mr. Clements said that he was not eligible for the position of secretary. The board then prevailed upon Mr. Clements to resign as a director and become a candidate for secretary of the association, and he was unanimously elected. On motion of Mr. Frank Hume, Mr. Courland H. Smith, of Alexandria county, was elected a director in place of Mr. Clements. Mr. M. B. Harlow placed before the board the resignation of Mr. C. C. Carlin as a director, which was accepted, whereupon Mr. Harlow then placed Mr. Carlin in nomination for general counsel of the association, and he was elected. Mr. A. W. Armstrong, of Alexandria, was elected a director to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Mr. Carlin. Mr. George N. Saegmuller was unanimously elected treasurer of the association. It was decided to hold the next regular meeting of the association on the third Monday in December, 1899, at 3 o'clock p. m., at the rooms of the Business Men's League, in this city. Mr. A. M. Lothrop, the president of the association, was appointed a committee to wait upon the Board of Trade of Washington and ascertain if the hall and rooms of that association could not be obtained for future meetings. President Lothrop stated he would announce the legislative committee in a few days. A motion was made to appoint a committee to wait upon Gen. David B. Henderson, prospective Speaker of the House of Representatives, and petition him to appoint Representative John F. Rixey, of Virginia, as a member of the District of Columbia committee of the House, was passed unanimously. Gen. S. H. Burdett, Hon. Frank Hume, M. B. Harlow, Maj. R. S. Lacey, and the president and secretary of the association were selected to carry out the purpose of the resolution. Directors Harlow and Douglas and secretary Clements were appointed a committee to draft a set of by-laws for the association, and to present the same for consideration at the next meeting.

Volcanic Eruptions.

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TO-DAY'S TELEGRAPHIC NEWS.

The Situation in Natal. Durban, Nov. 27.—The Boers have apparently abandoned everything south of Estcourt and relaxed their investment of that town. General Hildyard has advanced unopposed from Estcourt north to Frere station where the arranged train disaster occurred. He is reported to have ten thousand men with him. On Saturday two British regiments and some mounted cavalry marched from the Mooi river to Estcourt. A dispatch from Pietermaritzburg, Saturday, says a large Boer force was proceeding northward from the Mooi river in the direction of Greytown. A captured Boer dispatch says that Belman's commando has left Ladysmith for Weesand and Greytown. The situation at present indicates that Cery will not be seriously opposed on its front till he gets to the Tugela river. The whereabouts of General Joubert are still a matter of conjecture. A message from Ladysmith says a combined attack on the town is expected. London, Nov. 27.—Lord Methuen is fighting his advance to the relief of Kimberley a tough proposition. The official dispatch giving the news of the second fight at Gras Pan is obscure on two important points. The first is the extent of the British losses and the second the fate of the Ninth Lancers. It is feared in some quarters they may have met the same fate that befell the Eighteenth Hussars at Dundee and the Gloucesters at Nicholson's Nek. Capetown, Nov. 27.—Kuruman, in western Cape Colony, has been attacked by the Boers. The latter were repulsed by the British garrison with the reported loss of 30 killed and 28 wounded. Capetown, Nov. 27.—General Methuen is reported to have taken Honey Beer position, having captured Hony Beer's Kloppan, a post south of the Modder river. He seized two million rounds of ammunition. Durban, Nov. 27.—General Hildyard's losses in the sortie at Estcourt last week, are reported to have been fifteen killed and 72 wounded. Several of the British were captured including Major Hobbs. Durban, Nov. 27.—The message by pigeon from Ladysmith sent yesterday says: "All well."

Insurrection in Cuba. Havana, Nov. 27.—It is reported that 1,000 armed Cubans have taken to the woods in the province of Pinar Del Rio, and are prepared to fight for Cuban independence, which they believe is in jeopardy. The report causes great excitement here where anti-American sentiment has reached a high pitch. Secret meetings of the independence party are being held nightly in Havana and Pinar Del Rio provinces, and anti-American sentiments are freely expressed. An uprising against the Americans is said to be planned for Thanksgiving Day. The American authorities are keeping in close touch with the situation. The 7th cavalry and 8th infantry have received orders what to do in case of an outbreak. Today is the anniversary of the killing of the Cuban students and a great demonstration by the natives is in progress. The anti-American sentiment in Cuba is due to the feeling that somehow the island is to be unannounced out of independence. The sensation has been made that the census of Cuba, now at completion, was taken in the uniform dress of representing that the native Cubans were in the minority and that the desire for annexation was wide-spread.

Foreign News.

Constantinople, Nov. 27.—The Sultan has unlearned another plot against his life and as a result there has been a trial and deportation of several important musliman officials. The Sultan learned that those high officials were planning to place Richard Ellard, his nephew, on the throne and had arranged to annihilate Abdul Hamid, with dynamite bombs on Friday next. Four of the bombs were found. Dublin, Nov. 27.—The sale of the Lakes of Killarney is still a matter of dispute. It is now stated that Lord Ardilaun, President of the Royal Dublin Society, has bought the lakes for \$300,000. Rome, Nov. 27.—Monsignor Sabretti, secretary to Monsignor Marini, at Washington, has been appointed Archbishop of Havana, Mr. Chanla has been appointed to the Vatican and an American Archbishop would not be acceptable to the Pope. London, Nov. 27.—The London arrival of Southampton yesterday, which was expected at once to London, proceeded at once to London.

Not in Destitute Circumstances. Erie, Pa., Nov. 27.—There is no foundation for the story sent out from Erie that Mrs. Gridley, widow of Captain Gridley, who commanded the flagship Olympia at Manila, has been appointed Archbishop of Havana, Mr. Chanla has been appointed to the Vatican and an American Archbishop would not be acceptable to the Pope. London, Nov. 27.—The London arrival of Southampton yesterday, which was expected at once to London, proceeded at once to London.

TELEGRAPHIC BRIEFS.

Lyman Johnson, aged 40 years, a millable iron worker, after quarreling with his wife, in a quarrel, in Auburn, N. Y., struck her on the head with an axe, fracturing her skull. She was removed to a hospital and will die. Johnson then went down in the cellar and cut his throat with a razor. He had thrown on a pile of coal and died. The husband drank and family quarrels were frequent. The body of Bill Anthony of the ship Maine, who committed suicide at the Park, New York, because he could not work, and was too much to ask for his salary today in an under-keeper's establishment. Thinking of the people, and many are the expressions of those who are sorry that it did not come to them for assistance. Charles Leroy, a young man 18 years old, employed on the steamboat Messenger, was engaged in oiling the machinery this morning at Fishkill Landing, N. Y., was struck by the revolving shaft which cut off the top of his head, killing him instantly.

Dr. Edward McGlynn, who is now in Newburgh, N. Y., of which he is pastor, somewhat improved today. Dr. McGlynn recently suffered a congestive chill. Admiral Dewey has written to Mayor Harrison, of Chicago, formally accepting the invitation to be the guest of the city of Chicago May 1, 1900.

On account of labor trouble twelve or more piano and organ firms now located in and around Capetown are seeking locations in Norfolk, Va., and vicinity. The list of those who wish to locate in Norfolk includes eight of the biggest piano and organ manufacturers in the country. Dr. Stron, president of the League for Social Service, has retained ex-Senators Edmunds and Carlisle, and Mr. Harry H. Smith, former journal editor of the House of Representatives, to prepare and argue the case against Brigham Roberts, representative-elect from Utah. J. Robert Lumpkins, of Pittsylvania county, was thrown from a buggy in Danville and received injuries which caused his death yesterday.

Dr. H. H. Haden, Summit, Ala., says: "I think Kodol Dyspepsia Cure is a specific medicine. I prescribe it and my patients in it grows with continued use." It gets what you eat and quickly cures dyspepsia and indigestion. Edgar Wardell, Jr., corner King and Pitt streets.

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