



ALEXANDRIA, VA. TUESDAY EVENING, DEC. 20

FROM WASHINGTON

The United Press was able today, as a result of a special personal audience granted its Washington manager to present a story dealing with the views of President Taft upon the permanent tariff commission, and the future meaning of the Panama Canal to American citizens.

Secretary of State Knox today began the work of framing the preliminary convention on which a new treaty with Japan is to be based. In drafting the proposed treaty, which is to replace the convention of commerce and navigation ratified in 1894, Secretary Knox is between two great dangers.

In response to a request from Paul W. Beck of the Citizens Aviation committee of San Francisco, a naval vessel will be assigned for experimental duty in the harbor at that city. It is desired to use the vessel for an attempt by an aviator to land on its deck.

The case of the machinists employed on the Panama canal was presented to President Taft today by their Representative, H. L. Mayhew. The machinists now employed there by the hour are allowed two weeks holiday and one week pay for the balance of the year.

A CORRESPONDENT in Portland writes to the Indianapolis News that he believes Maine will repeal its prohibition laws at the election next September. The preliminaries to the necessary constitutional amendment are all arranged according to this observer.

That there is little chance for the adoption of the Rainey resolution, directing an investigation of the traveling expenses of Mr. Roosevelt while president at this session of Congress, was the consensus of opinion of interested members of the House today.

It is all a travesty on Christmas, and a thousand times worse than no Christmas at all. If you find yourself buying presents in a perfunctory sort of way, half saying to yourself that you wish the season was over; if you are not doing it gladly and joyously, with an accompaniment of song in your heart, then stop right there and ask God to put, in some way, the meaning of Christmas day into your heart.

in the police court and were held for the action of the grand jury. A number of citizens from Virginia were at the Cayitol today for the purpose of demanding legislation which would restore to Alexandria county the sum of \$100,000 which it is claimed, is owed that state by the government for money it borrowed for building government buildings in Washington.

SIXTY-FIRST CONGRESS.

The lively filibuster being conducted against the omnibus claims bill in the Senate was continued today, Senator Bristow holding the floor. He resumed the calling of attention to numerous items which he characterized as unjustifiable.

The San Francisco-New Orleans Exposition squabble had a brief recurrence in the House this afternoon. Mr. Kahn, moved to discharge the House committee on industrial arts and expositions from consideration of his first San Francisco fair bill, introduced last December, explaining that this measure asked for an appropriation of \$5,000,000 and that the campaigns of California had raised \$17,000,000 and he did not desire to ask for any appropriation from the government.

Another Charge Against Armstrong. Richmond, Va., Dec. 20.—That Alton A. Armstrong, under arrest in Washington, D. C., in connection with the Knott-Rosenthal badge game, operated in Richmond, Va., the positive belief of Misses Hortense Blair and May Howard. From an accurate description furnished by the police, both officers are certain that Armstrong, for whom the police have been looking ever since, is the man who figured in Richmond. Miss Howard was bound and gagged in her room some months ago and robbed of more than \$40. So positive is Miss Howard that Armstrong is her assailant, that she will be taken this morning to face the prisoner with her accusation.

To Abandon Plural Marriages. Washington, Dec. 20.—That the elders of the Mormon Church positively promised among themselves to abandon plural marriages following the intervention of President Cleveland to protect them from prosecution, is the tenet of former United States Senator Frank J. Cannon in the current Everybody's. Twenty-six of the Mormon hierarchy participated in the meeting in President Wilford Woodruff's office and all agreed that there had been a "revelation from God," against the practice.

Red Cross Christmas Seals. Washington, Dec. 20.—The American Red Cross announced today that up to last Saturday night nearly 75,000,000 Red Cross Christmas seals had been sold. The actual number sold to date is 15,000,000 in excess of sales for 1909, and the society expects this year's stamps are on sale in every state and territory excepting Idaho and Montana.

Accident to an Aviator. Chartres, Dec. 20.—Aviator Foin, while attempting the series of flights required by the Aero Club of France to qualify for an aviator's license, fell. He was badly injured and his aeroplane was completely wrecked.

Echo of the Glover Murder. Boston, Dec. 20.—District Attorney Higgins, asked today regarding the report that an unnamed woman had been indicted in connection with the Glover murder, declared the indictment was the one spoken of six months ago, and the reason that the woman never was arrested was that there was not sufficient evidence against her.

Striking Miners Shot. West Newton, Pa., Dec. 20.—Word was conveyed to the local police today of the shooting of three miners of Osborne, near here, early today by Deputy Sheriffs guarding the mines of the Pittsburg Coal Company. It is reported that the strikers attacked the deputies and were repulsed. The condition of the wounded men is serious.

Mexico City, Dec. 20.—Employing every possible precaution against assassination, President Diaz, of Mexico, is living in fear of his life. It became known today that trusted servants taste all food before he eats and that the aged president changes his sleeping apartments nightly, fearing a plot to kill him.

No Bidders For Two Cutters. It was discovered yesterday that the application of the eight-hour law to the construction of vessels for the government has hit the revenue cutter service a blow.

When the hour arrived for the opening of bids for the two revenue cutters provided for at the last session of Congress there were no bidders to consider. This indifference to government contracts was at once attributed to the operation of the eight-hour law, many shipbuilders having declared it would be impossible to engage upon work under the requirements laid down by that law, considering the limit of appropriations.

The greatest danger from influenza is of its resulting in pneumonia. This can be obviated by using Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, as it not only cures influenza, but counteracts any tendency of the disease towards pneumonia. Sold by W. F. Creighton and Richard Gibson.

Do the right thing if you have Nasal Catarrh. Get Ely's Cream Balm at once. Don't touch the catarrh powders and snuffs, for they contain cocaine. Ely's Cream Balm releases the secretions that inflame the nasal passages and the throat, whereas medicines made with mercury merely dry up the secretions and leave you no better than you were. In a word, Ely's Cream Balm is a real remedy, not a delusion. All druggists, 50 cents, or mailed by Ely Bros., 36 Warren Street, New York.

A sprained ankle will usually disable the injured person for three or four weeks. This is due to lack of proper treatment. When Chamberlain's Liniment is applied a cure may be effected in three or four days. This liniment is one of the best and most remarkable preparations in use. Sold by W. F. Creighton and Richard Gibson.

NEWS OF THE DAY.

The U. S. Supreme Court adjourned yesterday until January 3. The striking machinists, blacksmiths, boiler-makers and sheet metal-workers of the Missouri Pacific-Front Mountain system will return to work tomorrow. The settlement was agreed upon between the officials of the company and representatives of the striking employees last night in St. Louis.

With a knife wound in his heart, three-quarters of an inch in length, neatly stitched up by the surgeons, Samuel Herman, a New York waiter, went back to work yesterday. His case is said to be the seventh successful operation of the kind known. Herman was stabbed in a brawl with a customer. He was taken to Gouverneur Hospital and Dr. John F. Erdman used twelve stitches to draw the lips of the wound in the least together. To replace lost blood, the surgeon injected 500 cubic centimeters of salt solution.

It is expected that a constituent assembly will be convened in Lisbon in April. The present plans call for the creation of a single chamber legislative body of 200 members which will elect the president of the republic for a five year term. The special naval commission appointed under the provisional government recommends the acquisition of three 19,000 ton battleships with a speed of twenty one knots each, carrying ten guns; three 3,000 ton twenty-two knot cruisers; twelve thirty knot torpedo boat destroyers and six submarines. American constructors will be invited to bid for the new vessels.

By a decisive vote in the Senate yesterday the vice-president was overruled in the matter of counting a quorum. Senator Beveridge failed to get a promise for early consideration of the gift coupon bill. The Indian appropriation bill was reported favorably.

Senator Bristow continued his filibuster against the omnibus claims bill. By forcing a number of roll calls and by retaining the floor during a large portion of the day he prevented a vote and again forced the bill over.

The House early in the day fell into a parliamentary wrangle, which developed when the bill to codify the postal laws was taken up. The measure was taken up. The measure was still under consideration when the House adjourned.

Several bills of minor importance were passed. A resolution was introduced calling for a congressional investigation of Theodore Roosevelt's transportation expenses while he was president.

A resolution was passed to extend time for marking Confederate graves. A bill to reimburse subscribers to Mrs. Stone's ransom fund was favorably reported.

Much of the session was devoted to the counting of quorums and the discussion of questions of a parliamentary nature. It was the first "suspension Monday" since the revised rules.

For the first time the House of Representatives put into actual practice the new rule adopted just before the close of the last session whereby on "suspension Monday" motions to discharge a committee from further consideration of a public bill and to place the bill on the calendar shall have precedence over motions to suspend the rules and bring in some particular bill.

The protest of the Mount Vernon custodians was based on the issue of erecting a criminal institution within a short distance of Washington's home and tomb. Led by Mrs. Levi Leiter, the society has waged an active fight, culminating with the introduction of Senator Du Pont's resolution.

The commissioners' report will take up in detail the location of the property selected, showing that although it is but four miles from Mount Vernon, it is separated from it by Gunston Cove, about one mile wide, by the high ridge that divided the two original plantations, and a wide strip of heavily wooded forest.

It will be expressed as the commissioners' plan to erect the reformatory buildings some distance from the water front, so that they will be entirely screened from the river. A stockade will inclose the reservations to prevent possible escape. A brick-making plant and possibly some other industries are contemplated.

The tract selected by the commissioners embraces about 1,500 acres, and slopes from the ridge downward to Potomac bay and Accotink bay. The report will lay special stress upon the desirability of such an institution being located on the river front, thus providing quick means of transportation.

The sentence of John Wynne, murderer, who was sentenced to be hanged for the murder of A. F. McKinnon, was today commented by President Taft to life imprisonment. But the mother is ignorant of the crime of her son and the Department of Justice and the president joined effort to keep the facts from her.

Many persons find themselves affected with a persistent cough after an attack of influenza. As this cough can be promptly cured by the use of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, it should not be allowed to run until it becomes troublesome. Sold by W. F. Creighton and Richard Gibson.

CHRISTMAS—WHAT IT MEANS.

We can easily imagine that somewhere in the great beyond that moves in its orbit a planet inhabited by people very much like ourselves, possessed of a higher state of perfection in mechanism than this earth has yet discovered for witnessing the transactions of another globe.

He does not know that on the very first Christmas day there was accomplished the most transcending love of the mind of man has ever known. He is ignorant of the fact that on that memorable day the heavens were opened and the light of God's presence was shown to men. He does not know, perhaps, that on this day there came a fusion of the human and the divine, such as has never been pictured.

Christmas represents a great deal. Family connections and kindred hearts, which the toils, cares and sorrows and even pleasures of a busy world are ever tending to drive asunder, the spirit of Christmas gathers together and commingles in Christian peace. It bids us ask not how much our friends think of us, but what we think of them. It helps us to forget what we have done for others and remember only what others have done for us.

It bids us to be good to all mankind. It bids us to be kind to the weak and lonely of those who are in the gear and yellow leaf of life. It bids us care for the desolate, heal the wounded of heart, cheer up those cast down in spirit, and with a happy smile produce sunshine in the midst of gloom.

Visit the poor and minister to their many wants. Many of the little ones are shoeless and without proper clothing to keep them warm, and are found in many places. In these homes are the strongest and gentlest and sweetest influence by which human life is touched. It may be the humblest hovel on the hillside, but it is a home if in it one man loves and is loved by another man, and one woman loves and is loved by another woman, and one child loves and is loved by another child.

Alexandria is noted for its charity inclined people and organizations. The good women are kept busy now in ferreting out and ministering to the many wants of the suffering during this wintry weather and find the need much beyond their ability to meet. Tons of discarded clothing are, no doubt, being moth eaten in garrets in many homes in our city which would be a God send to the shivering waif or mother at this time. In addition to the organization represented by charity inclined women, the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks will, as usual, fill many baskets for the needy and brighter numerous homes now so gloomy. We are sure that if an appeal were made for many things that have been relegated to the woodshed, the closets and the store-rooms of many of our homes and these things collected and distributed by the proper authorities, in the right channel, it would be not only Christmas in name to many suffering ones, but one in nature. Like bread cast upon the waters, it will return to bless the giver.

Deputy Sheriff Killed. Latrobe, Pa., Dec. 20.—During a fight with a party of striking coal miners, Deputy Sheriff Chas. Davidson, attempted to board a moving freight train of the Pennsylvania railroad, at Brandeville today, and missing his footing fell to the rails and was ground to death. Davidson, who was a resident of Philadelphia, was escorting a negro strike-breaker to the plant of the Latrobe and Connellsville Coal Company at Brandeville when attacked by the strikers.

Teamster Killed. Chicago, Dec. 20.—John Donnelly, aged 25, a stevedore in the employ of a local garment manufacturer, was shot and killed, supposed by strikers, while at work here early today. Donnelly, after being shot, continued to drive his wagon, but lost consciousness after proceeding half a mile. He was taken to the hospital and died shortly after his arrival there without giving any clue to the identity of his assailant.

'Big Bill' Kellher, implicated with George W. Coleman in misappropriating the funds of the National City Bank of Cambridge, Mass., was today sentenced to 18 years in the Charlestown state prison.

Compromise agreement ending the machinists' strike on the Missouri Pacific-Front Mountain system, stops automatically balloting of a general strike proposition affecting Gould lines.

What is the best Christmas gift for your wife, daughter, sister or mother? A pair of COUSIN'S \$6.50 SHOES for \$5.00. J. A. Marshall & Bro., 422 King street.

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DRY GOODS.

This store will be open late tonight. Christmas Silks \$1.00 and \$1.25 Fancy Silks, 159c. 20-inch Fancy Taffetas and Louisines in checks, stripes, and figures. All colors in the lot. Worth \$1.00 and 50c \$1.25 a yard. At

\$1.25 Black Beau de Cygne, 85c. 35-inch Black Beau de Cygne; very soft and perfectly finished. Nothing nicer for dresses. All pure silk, and sells regularly at \$1.25 a yard. Special \$1.00. 21 and 22-inch Persian Taffetas and Messalines and Warp Prints. All pure silk. In hundreds of different styles. \$1.00 values. 75c

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THE RICHMOND coroner yesterday interrupted at the grave the funeral of a boy killed on the railroad long enough to satisfy himself no crime had been committed.

Thomas E. Leach, former cashier of the Newport News and Old Point Railway and Electric Company, was arrested yesterday on a charge of stealing \$900 from the company.

Miss Blyss Fitzwater, of Nokesville, and Charles Hall Albright, of Dovesville, Md., yesterday were married at the First Baptist parsonage, at Hagerstown by Rev. E. K. Thomas.

W. U. Varney, referee in bankruptcy, held a meeting at Manassas yesterday of the creditors of Leopold Sellis and appointed Bryan Gordon trustee and Henry Camper, O. D. Waters and Eugene Giddings appraisers.

Francis Foulke Beirne, of Richmond, has been chosen by the committee on selection to receive the Rhodes scholarship for Virginia. He is a son of the late Richard F. Beirne, editor of the old Richmond Star.

Miss Corrie Smith, daughter of a well-to-do widow of Bristol, died Sunday night a suicide from morphine poisoning. A young man, said to have been her sweetheart, has disappeared.

The remains of Judge John E. Mason were taken from the vault in the Fredericksburg cemetery to King George county, his former home, on Monday, and interred in the family lot in the church yard of St. John's Episcopal church.

Richard B. Davis, of Petersburg, has accepted the appointment as assistant attorney-general of Virginia to succeed the late Capt. William E. Bibb. Mr. Davis is a Confederate veteran, and one of the foremost lawyers in the state. His appointment is accepted and gives satisfaction.

Mr. Harry St. George Tucker, of Norfolk, yesterday received a telegram announcing the death of his nephew, Randolph Carmichael, at Lexington, and he left that afternoon for that place. Mr. Carmichael was the son of Mr. Tucker's sister. He was 35 years old, and was a resident of Charleston, W. Va.

Mr. Ernie G. Smith, of Fauquier Springs, and Miss E. Lucile Taylor, of Remington, were married at Remington on Saturday morning. The ceremony was performed by Rev. L. F. Harper. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. Taylor. Among the ushers was Mr. Howard W. Smith, of Alexandria.

Henry Willis, of Culpeper, a mail clerk on the Norfolk and Western Railway, was arrested last night and jailed, charged with rifling the mails and stealing money meant for Roanoke merchants. He admits he is guilty. A decoy letter with marked bills was taken yesterday by Willis, so the postal authorities assert.

In the local option election in Suffolk yesterday the "drys" secured a majority of 55 out of a total vote of 747, the largest which has ever been cast there in any election. After the announcement of the figures, the mills and factories blew their whistles, bells rang, and the victorious faction paraded the streets, shouting. The day was orderly, no clashes or animosity being shown. There were many challenges at the voting places, some of these voting later in the day. Two years ago the "dry" majority was 257. The fair sex was not as active as in the last election in any capacity.

Quality Tells. J. C. MILBURN offers for Christmas Large Cluster Raisins Fancy Paper Shell Almonds English Walnuts Jumbo Pecans Large Brazil Filberts Fancy Citron Seeded Raisins Cleaned Currants Florida Oranges Layer Figs Malaga Grapes Pure Fresh Candies from 10c to 25c lb. Pineapple and Full Cream Cheese Cape Cod Cranberries, &c.

J. C. Milburn 45 Year's Experience in Buying TEAS AND COFFEES.

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Practical Xmas Suggestions For Men. Smoking Jackets, each \$5.00 and \$6.00 Bath robes each \$3.98, \$5.00 and \$7.50 Neckties each 25c, 50c and \$1.00 Initial handkerchiefs each 12 1/2c and 25c Silk mufflers each 50c, 75c, \$1.00 and \$1.50 Kid gloves pair \$1.00, \$1.50 and \$2.00 Warm gloves pair 25c, 50c \$1.00 \$1.50 and \$2.00 Umbrellas each \$1.00 to \$6.50 Suspenders in box pair 25c, 50c, \$1.00 and \$1.50 Combination sets, suspenders, arm bands and garters to match 50c, \$1.00, \$1.50 Ties and handkerchiefs in neat boxes set \$1.00 Tie, handkerchief and hose to match in neat boxes set \$1.00 \$1.25 and \$1.50 Coat sweaters, each \$1.00, \$1.50, \$2.50, \$3.50 and \$5.00 Hosiery pair 15c, 25c and 50c Silk hosiery pair 50c, \$1.00 and \$1.50 Arrow brand collars dozen \$1.35 Monarch dress shirts each \$1.00 Manhattan dress shirts each \$1.50 and \$2.00 Night robes each 50c, 75c, \$1.00 and \$1.50 Pajamas each \$1.00, \$1.50, \$2.00, \$2.50 and \$3.00 Outing night robes each 50c, 75c and \$1.00 Outing pajamas the suit, \$1.00 and \$1.50 Cardigan jackets each \$2.00, \$3.00 and \$3.50 Holeproof Sox guaranteed the box, \$1.50 and \$2.00 Leather pocketbooks each 25c to \$3.50 Cuff buttons pair 25c, 50c, 75c and \$1.00 Scarf pins each 25c, 50c, 75c and \$1.00 Silk handkerchiefs to 25c, 50c, 75c and \$1.00 Winter underwear each 50c to \$2.50 Wool Sox pair 25c and 50c Automobile gauntlets pair \$1.00 \$1.50, \$1.98, \$2.25 and \$2.50 Collar boxes each 40c, 80c and \$1.98

New York Stock Market. New York, Dec. 20.—An easier tone prevailed at the opening and in the early dealings on the stock exchange today, although a few stocks made gains.

Aggressive buying caused a sharp upturn in many of the usually active shares. After the first hour, the market became extremely dull with prices of many issues sagging off to lower levels.

By an agreement of counsel the trial of James J. Callagher, Mayor Gaynor's assailant, was today in Jersey City, N. J., postponed until January 8.

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