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Great Increase Shown.

Chicago, Dec. 23.—In the 11 months ended on November 30, 1901, the earnings of 100 roads increased $68,000,000, compared with an increase of $55,500,000 in 1900, $52,000,000 in 1899, and $59,500,000 in 1898. Twenty roads out of the number have increased over $1,000,000 each in 11 months.

Victims of Flames.

Dubois, Pa., Dec. 23.—Word has just reached this city of a terrible holocaust that occurred about three miles from Summerville, Jefferson county. The home of John Ashbaugh, a farmer, was destroyed by fire, and four persons were burned to death.

Retires from Business.

Chicago, Dec. 21.—William Deering, venerable founder of the Deering harvester works and patron of Northwestern university, has retired from active business because of ill health and advancing years.

Electrocuted.

Boston, Dec. 24.—Franceszek Unillan was executed by electricity at the state prison at Charlestown at 12:30 o'clock this morning for the murder of Kasimiers Jedrusek, in Granby, on December 31, 1899.

Fighting Is Severe.

London, Dec. 24.—Lord Kitchener reports severe fighting at numerous points in South Africa, in which the losses have been severe and about equally divided between the Boers and British.

Business Failures.

New York, Dec. 21.—There were 265 business failures in the United States in the seven days ended yesterday, against 273 the week previous and 293 the corresponding period of last year.

Child Smothered.

Standish, Dec. 23.—A little child of Mr. and Mrs. James Dobson was accidentally smothered in bed by one of the parents rolling on it during the night. The accident was not discovered until morning.

From a Hotel Landlord.

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APPROVES THE FINDINGS.

Secretary Long Upholds Majority Report of the Court of Inquiry.

SAMPSON'S APPLICATION IS DECLINED.

Recommendation That No Further Proceedings Be Had Accepted—Gen. Miles Severely Reprimanded by the President—Maclay's Resignation Demanded.

Washington, Dec. 23. — Secretary Long has disposed finally of the Schley case so far as the navy department is concerned, by acting upon the findings and conclusions of the court of inquiry.

He approved the findings of fact and the opinion of the full court; he approves the majority opinion where there is a difference in the court; he holds that the court could not have entered into a consideration of the question of command at the battle at Santiago, and finally he accepts the recommendation that no further proceedings shall be had.

The secretary also has declined the application of Admiral Sampson's

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counsel to enter upon an inquiry into the question of command and has notified Admiral Schley's counsel of that fact as a reason for declining to hear them on that point.

Secretary Long's Statement.

Secretary Long's approval of the majority report was as follows:

"The department has read the testimony in this case, the arguments of counsel at the trial, the court's findings of fact, opinion and recommendation, the individual memorandum of the presiding member, the statement of exceptions to the said findings and opinion by the applicant; the reply to said statement by the judge advocate of the court and his assistant, and the brief this day submitted by counsel for Rear Admiral Sampson traversing the presiding member's view as to who was in command at the battle of Santiago.

"And after careful consideration the findings of fact and the opinion of the full court are approved.

"As to the points on which the presiding member differs from the majority of the court, the opinion of the majority is approved.

"As to the further expression of his views by the same member with regard to the questions of command on the morning of July 3, 1898, and of the title to credit for the ensuing victory, the conduct of the court in making no finding and rendering no opinion on those questions is approved—indeed it could with propriety take no other course, evidence on these questions, during the inquiry, having been excluded by the court.

"The department approves the recommendation of the court that no further proceedings be had in the premises.

"The department records its appreciation of the arduous labors of the whole court.

(Signed) "JOHN D. LONG,
"Secretary of the Navy."

Miles Severely Reprimanded.

Washington, Dec. 23.—Gen. Miles was severely reprimanded Saturday because he gave public expression in a newspaper interview of his conviction that Admiral Dewey's verdict in the Schley inquiry was just and accorded more nearly with the facts disclosed at the inquiry than the verdict of Admirals Ramsay and Benham. The soldier's first reprimand came from the president during a visit which Gen. Miles paid to the white house Saturday morning. The second came in the form of a letter signed by Secretary Root.

Resignation of Maclay Demanded.

Washington, Dec. 23.—The following order was made public Saturday afternoon by Secretary of War Root:

"Navy Department, Washington, D. C., Dec. 20.—Rear Admiral A. S. Barker, Commandant Navy Yard, New York.—Sir: I am directed by the president to ask Edgar S. Maclay, special laborer, general storekeeper's office, navy yard, New York, to send in his resignation. Very respectfully,

(Signed) "JOHN D. LONG,
"Secretary."

Will Obey the Order.

Washington, Dec. 24.—E. S. Maclay at first declined to resign at the president's order, but later changed his mind and decided to do so.

Clearing House Exchanges.

New York, Dec. 21.—The exchanges at the clearing houses in the United States during the seven days ended yesterday agrgegated $2,374,918,952, against $2,102,831,892 the previous week. The increase compared with the corresponding week of last year was 6.6.

Rathbun Convicted.

Jeffersonville, Ind., Dec. 24.—Newell C. Rathbun was convicted here of manslaughter in connection with the death of Charles Goodman, the killing of whom, it was charged, was part of an insurance swindle.

Sent to Prison.

London, Dec. 21.—Diss de Bar was found guilty of fraud in London and given seven years of penal servitude, while her husband was sentenced to 15 years.

THE NEWS IN BRIEF.

For the Week Ending Dec. 24.

Louis Rock died at Ludington, Mich., aged 107 years.

The state bank of Gothenburg, Neb., closed its doors with liabilities of $2,000.

"Jennie June" Croly, a writer and organizer of women's clubs, died at New York.

A negro with smallpox sat among spectators all day at a murder trial in Springfield, Ill.

A Portuguese ship was wrecked in the harbor at Lisbon and 15 of the crew were drowned.

The progress of the South African campaign is now causing more satisfaction in England.

The National Civic Federation has changed its headquarters from Chicago to New York.

Charles F. Chipp, an employe in the New York comptroller's office, robbed undetected for 20 years.

The Wabash railroad has let the contract for a $1,000,000 bridge over the Ohio river at Mingo Junction.

An Oklahoma farmer has been arrested charged with the murder of a man at Arno, Mo., 32 years ago.

Marvin Hughitt will be given a $50,000 Christmas present by the Northwestern railroad directors.

A syndicate of Illinois investors, including Congressman Cannon, has bought 10,000 acres in Nebraska.

The Minnesota attorney general has selected two lawyers to help fight against Hill's railroad merger.

William Pethick, an American who served as private secretary to Li Hung Chang, died at Peking.

Extensive forgeries of railroad tickets have been discovered in Kansas City. All western roads are losers.

A Fort Wayne train crashed into a party of working girls in Chicago, killing one and fatally injuring another.

Wayne Demon, an 18-year-old boy, shot three persons to death who attacked him in a saloon at Davy, W. Va.

Superintendent Collins, of New York state prisons, issued an order prohibiting the shipping of convicts' hair.

Argentine has severed diplomatic relations with Chili. The differences between the nations are becoming graver.

Four men were seriously burned by an explosion of molten metal in the McCormick harvester plant at Chicago.

The Massachusetts memorial tablet erected on the site of the old prison at Andersonville, Ga., has been dedicated.

The new training school in Salt Lake City of the University of Utah with its entire contents has been destroyed by fire.

The death rate for Chicago in 1901 is lower than that recorded in any year in any other big city in the world—15.8 per 1,000.

D. D. Barnard and John Liess, founders and leaders in the Polish colony near Oceola, Neb., were killed in a runaway accident.

The arrest of C. P. Chipp disclosed the conspiracy to rob the comptroller's office in New York city. The loss may reach $100,000.

Two men were killed and another badly hurt in a collision of two fast freights on the Northwestern line near Little Suamico, Wis.

George Gardner, of Lowell, Mass., knocked out Kid Carter, of Brooklyn, N. Y., in the eighth round of their fight at San Francisco.

A train burned in a tunnel of the overhead electric railway at Liverpool and seven persons are known to have perished. The total may reach 37.

Charles F. Wurzbacker, appointed by President Roosevelt collector of customs at St. Louis, has declined the office because of business responsibilities.

Scientists at Ann Arbor, Mich., are said to have discovered an absolute antiseptic for all intestinal diseases, such as cholera, typhoid fever and dysentery.

Representatives of 26 box and paperboard manufacturing companies met at Buffalo and formed the United Box Board & Paper company, with $20,000,000 capital.

Two young women were run down by a Fort Wayne suburban train at the Thirty-first street crossing, Chicago. One was killed and the other badly injured.

The war spirit is high in Argentina. Eighty thousand men in patriotic mood marched through the streets of Buenos Ayres in a demonstration against Chili.

Minister Prinetti, in the Italian senate, declared that indemnities do not affect lynchings of Italians in the United States and said the government would continue to protest.

Continental powers are looking for trouble between Turkey and the rulers of Persia. Great Britain and Russia have warships in the Persian gulf ready for emergencies.

Henry Siegel, on his return to New York from abroad, admits that he is considering the establishment in London of a department store on American lines and that Sir Thomas Lipton may be associated with him in the venture.

Illinois board of equalization makes a net increase of $57,000,000 over last year in tax assessment for the state. Almost all of the addition falls upon Cook county, $75,000,000 being valuation placed upon capital stock of corporations.

Will Redding, wife murderer, and Jim Winton (both colored), who killed his sweetheart, were hanged at Birmingham, Ala. Reuben Quinn was executed at Danville, Ky., for shooting Officer John T. Crum, who tried to arrest him. Cicero Harris (colored), who murdered Samuel Wason last September, was hanged at Bristol, Va.

FOUND GUILTY.

Newell C. Rathbun Convicted of Murder of Charles Goodman at Jeffersonville, Ind.—The Penalty.

Jeffersonville, Ind., Dec. 24.—Newell C. Rathbun, who was tried on the charge of murdering Charles Goodman by giving him poison, was found guilty at ten o'clock Monday night of manslaughter and his punishment was fixed at two to twenty-one years in the penitentiary. The jury had been considering the case since Saturday afternoon at 3:15 o'clock. Rathbun's attorneys asked for a new trial and the motion will be argued later.

[Charles Goodman, Rathbun's alleged victim, was found dead last month in a hotel in this city, after he had spent some time with Rathbun. His body was shipped to Little Rock, Ark., where Rathbun's wife lives, as that of Rathbun, on whose life an insurance policy for $4,000 had been issued. Following the discovery that the body was not Rathbun's came Rathbun's arrest at Louisville, where he had enlisted under another name in the United States army. The corpse was later identified as that of Charles Goodman, a wanderer, who came to Louisville from Evansville, Ind., and met Rathbun in front of the Salvation Army headquarters here.]

One Life Lost.

Richmond, Va., Dec. 24.—A tank of oil on a car in the lower part of this city caught fire and exploded Monday, killing Buck Wakefield, a machinist, and slightly injuring several other persons. The flaming oil set fire to and destroyed a trestle on which the car was standing and several shanties in the neighborhood, entailing a loss of $20,000.

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FIFTY-SEVENTH CONGRESS.

Daily Summary of the Work Done by the Nation's Lawmakers in the Capital City.

Washington, Dec. 19.—A bill was introduced in the senate yesterday for the establishment of schools for the industrial education of the youth in every county of over 5,000 population in each state. Over 1,700 army nominations and promotions were confirmed.

Washington, Dec. 20. — Senator Hanna introduced a bill in the senate yesterday granting a pension of $5,000 a year to Mrs. McKinley, widow of the late president. Senator Penrose introduced a bill to make Schley, Sampson and Clark vice admirals. The bill temporarily to provide revenue for the Philippine islands, passed by the house, was referred to the committee on Philippines. Adjourned to January 6.

Washington, Dec. 19.—The bill to provide revenue temporarily for the Philippine islands was passed in the house yesterday by a vote of 161 to 12[illegible]. Bills were introduced appropriati[illegible] $2,000,000 for a new building for [illegible] department of agriculture; to incre[illegible] the pay of letter carriers; prov[illegible] the death penalty for assaults [illegible] president or other executive o[illegible] and making it a felony to adv[illegible] teach the overthrow of the [illegible] ment.

Washington, Dec. 20.—It wa[illegible] in the house yesterday to [illegible] the Nicaraguan canal bill on [illegible] January 7, and thereafter u[illegible] posed of. A bill was introd[illegible] viving the grade of vice admiral [illegible] navy and authorizing the appoi[illegible] ment of Sampson, Schley and Clark. Mr. Jenkins (Wis.) proposed a constitutional amendment to control trusts. Adjourned to January 6.

FIGHTING IN PHILIPPINES.

Several Slight Engagements in Which Insurgents Are Defeated by Americans.

Manila, Dec. 23.—Capt. John S. Parke, Jr., with 30 men of the Twenty-first infantry, encountered 60 insurgents last week at Alaminos, in Laguna province. Four of the enemy were killed, several guns were captured and their barracks was destroyed.

Gen. Bell, who is in command of the American forces in Batangas province, Luzon, has praised Lieut. James D. Tilford who, while scouting with troop D, of the First cavalry, routed an insurgent force in that province. Lieut. Tilford located a rebel stronghold on top of a hill near the town of Batangas. He surrounded the enemy under cover of night and attacked them at daylight. Their surprise was complete. Nineteen insurgents were killed while attempting to escape. Lieut. Tilford captured 16 rifles and 500 rounds of ammunition.

MEET AWFUL DEATH.

Ten Men Roasted in Midair in Pittsburg by an Explosion of Gas at an Iron Furnace.

Pittsburg, Pa., Dec. 20.—Ten men were burned to death and four injured by an explosion of gas at the Soho furnace of Jones & Laughlin, Limited, in Second avenue near Brady street Thursday night. The explosion was caused by a slip in the furnace, the gas and flames belching upward through the bell. The men were on the furnace platform, 85 feet above the ground.

The tons of molten metal and flames fell upon them, and burned ten men to death. Their bodies dropped to the roof of the mill, 85 feet below, every bone broken and an unrecognizable mass of human flesh.

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