

NEWS ITEMS.

It is stated that Richard Burton, of Hartford, has been offered the chair of English literature in the University of Minnesota.

In the wreck of the Austrian bark Mattea for Pensacola, at Palermo, before reported, the captain and six of the crew were drowned.

Steamers City of Seattle and Noyo have sailed from Seattle, Wash., for Alaska. The City of Seattle carried 600 passengers and the Noyo 200.

Senor Juan L. Cuestas, the president of Uruguay ad interim, has executed his threatened coup d'etat and has issued a decree dissolving the assembly.

The house committee on Indian affairs has reported favorably a bill to ratify the agreement with the Comanche, Kiowa and Apache Indians in Oklahoma.

Arrangements have been made to transport the remaining detachment of government relief expedition on the steamer Lucille, which sails from Seattle next Sunday.

The official confirmation of the assassination of President Barrios came Thursday to the state department in a cable from United States Minister Hunter at Guatemala City.

According to a special dispatch from Paris the Chinese government has agreed to pay an indemnity of £4,000 to M. Lyandot, the Frenchman kidnapped by Tonquin pirates in 1895.

The Alaska Commercial Co. will start a steamer from San Francisco in about a week for Unalaska. This steamer, the Bertha, will carry mail which will reach Dutch Island about March 1.

The Union Beet Sugar Co. has let a contract for a \$500,000 beet sugar factory to be located near Santa Maria, Cal. It will be connected by rail with the Southern Pacific near Gaudaloupe.

The torpedo boat Cushing sailed from Key West for Havana Tuesday evening. Adm. Sicard, who was given a leave of absence several days ago, will resume command Saturday of the fleet.

At Nowata, Kas., John Wilson, city marshal, in attempting to arrest a man named Dwyer, a whisky peddler, has been shot by Dwyer. The marshal in turn shot Dwyer. Both died within 15 minutes.

State Senator Robert J. Hanby, who has been prominent as the leader of the Addicks' faction of the republican party in Delaware, died suddenly Thursday morning at his home in Holy Oak, Del.

The board of control of the Joint Traffic association met in New York Friday and adopted a resolution continuing the west-bound rail and lake rates of 54 cents on first-class freight to Chicago for one year.

Justice Sanford, of the United States court at Tacoma, Wash., has granted an injunction restraining the treasurer of Lewis county from selling Northern Pacific railroad lands for delinquent taxes of 1897.

A special to the New York Herald from Buenos Ayres says that advice from Rio Janeiro are to the effect that Japan has made an offer to Brazil to purchase the warships now in course of construction in Europe.

The queen regent is much concerned, it is said in court circles, over the unexpected De Lome incident. Premier Sagasta, Colonial Minister Moret and other members of the cabinet, were astonished and much displeased with the minister.

Alexis Claremont, who carried Uncle Sam's mail on foot from Green Bay, Wis., to Chicago 66 years ago, is dead, aged 97. He repeated the trip during the World's fair. He was born in St. Ignace and served in the Black Hawk war in 1832.

Among the passengers on the steamship Mariposa, from Australian ports, were 50 stalwart miners, who are on their way to the Alaskan gold fields. They stated that at least 5,000 people would leave Australia for the gold fields during the next few months.

The Washington correspondent of the London Daily News says: President McKinley is resolved that Spain shall have no vestige of an excuse to pick a quarrel with the United States, and Spain can disown Senor De Lome's utterance without the slightest loss of dignity.

At Topeka, Kas., Judge Hazen, in the state district court, in a decision just rendered, holds that a bicycle is a tool and essential to a man's profession or occupation, and that as such is exempt from execution. A citizen's bicycle had been levied upon to collect a judgment.

On account of increased Klondike business the Canadian Pacific Telegraph Co. has decided to lay an additional cable between Vancouver and Victoria, British Columbia. The company is also stringing another heavy copper wire between Montreal and Vancouver.

The first of a series of skating contests between Joseph Donoghue, the Canadian champion, and Wm. Letts, of New Jersey, was skated Thursday night at the Ice Palace, Philadelphia. The distance was one mile and Donoghue won in three minutes, 46 seconds.

According to an official dispatch received by Laza Arriaga, the Guatemalan minister at 11 o'clock Friday night, there is no foundation for the report published that a revolution broke out Thursday in Guatemala City. Order has not been disturbed and peace prevails all over the country.

Rev. W. D. Rockwell has brought an action for libel against Chancellor Jas. R. Day of Syracuse (N. Y.) university, and Dr. Jas. M. Buckley, editor of the Christian Advocate, of New York. He asks for a joint judgment of \$35,000 because of the publication of articles, which, he claims, defame him.

The senate committee on post offices and post roads is not likely to report the nomination of O. W. Petty to be postmaster at Charleston, W. Va. A general understanding has reached to that effect. The senators do not want to displace Mrs. Kenna, the widow of the late Senator Kenna, who is present incumbent of the office.

QUARANTINING.

Several Papers Read at the Convention in Mobile, Ala.

Resolutions Introduced for the Establishment of a Uniform System of Quarantine and Health Laws—Line Between State and National Quarantine.

MOBILE, Ala., Feb. 11.—There was added attendance at the quarantine convention Thursday. The first paper read was on "Quarantine as it Affects Personal Rights," by Prof. G. D. Sands, of the law department, University of Mississippi. He defined to what extent quarantine law can go without coming in conflict with constitutional rights of citizens; the action of such law if extremely limited. The paper was discussed by Judge H. A. Austill, of Mobile, A. L. McLeod, of Mobile, Dr. W. H. Sanders, state health officer of Alabama, read a paper upon "National, State and Local Quarantines, How Best to Adjust Their Differences." He held that there must be harmony between the national, state and local quarantine, and harmony would be promoted by making the state supreme in its own borders, the function of general government being to aid and to co-operate with state authorities. The system he advocated is a national bureau of public health, in which all states would have a voice and all states have equal rights in making rules and regulations. Under such regulations a complete system of local quarantine can be organized. Dr. Sanders outlined details of his plan, and in conclusion expressed his strong objection to placing all power in officers directed by a central head far removed from the scene of action. Discussion of this subject followed. Mr. Farrer, of New Orleans, introduced a resolution calling for a national marine quarantine, assisting state maritime quarantine; second, for an interstate compact establishing a uniform system of quarantine and health laws; third, for the cession to United States authorities over localities where placed the national quarantine station; fourth, for a definition for a line between state and national quarantine. Referred to the committee on resolutions.

The committee on resolutions reported at the afternoon session a resolution approving the passage by congress of an anti-visitation law. After some discussion a motion to table was lost and the resolution was adopted.

DESPERATE FIGHT

Between Two Young Men at a Dance Near Atlanta, Ga.—One Dead, the Other May Die.

ATLANTA, Ga., Feb. 11.—Charles Brown, a 17-year-old boy, shot and killed Clint Suttles at a dance on the outskirts of the city Wednesday night. Both young men were well known in the city. Suttles was a notorious fighter and has always been regarded as a dangerous man. Wednesday night Brown went into the dance hall late and Suttles began cursing him. Brown resented and Suttles pulled a knife and cut him. Brown fled to a back and Suttles followed. Brown pulled his pistol and shot Suttles through the head, but the desperate man still followed with his knife in his hand. He pulled Brown out of the back in which he had taken refuge, and throwing him to the ground commenced cutting him again. Brown used his pistol once more and shot his assailant dead. Brown is seriously out and may die of his injuries.

DE LOME SCORED.

The Madrid Herald Called the Late Minister Incompetent.

MADRID, Feb. 11.—The publication in the United States of Minister De Lome's letter to Senor Canalejas, the text of which has been called here, revives public interest in the Herald's recent ratings of the minister's incompetence. It appears that although Senor De Lome advised the government here of the intentions of the United States to send the warship Maine to Havana, he did not notify the government of her actual sailing.

The Herald on January 28 quoted a list of other instances of Senor De Lome's slowness under the spread heading, "Let Dupuy Take a Rest."

Isaac B. Potter Re-Elected President.

ST. LOUIS, Feb. 11.—Isaac B. Potter, of New York, was elected president of the L. A. W. on the first ballot. The

vote stood: Potter, 212; Geo. D. Gideon, of Philadelphia, 107; blank, 6. Keenan, of Pennsylvania, was elected vice president. The national assembly will meet next year at Providence, R. I.

Twenty Persons Crushed to Death.

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Law to Govern Primary Elections.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Feb. 11.—The state senate Thursday passed the primary election reform bill, which had already passed the lower house, and the governor signed the bill immediately. The law will govern all primary elections hereafter held in Chicago.

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FORTIFICATIONS.

Appropriation Bill Amended and Reported to the Senate Committee—The Amount Carried by the Measure is Over Nine Million Dollars.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 12.—A number of members of the senate committee on foreign relations favorable to the Hawaiian annexation treaty held an informal meeting in Senator Frye's committee room Friday for the purpose of considering the future course to be pursued with reference to the treaty. The meeting resulted from Senator Teller's suggestion made in executive session a few days since that the treaty should be abandoned, as much because of the lack of votes to pass it, and that annexation be accomplished through the means of direct legislation. There was a thorough discussion of the situation at Friday's meeting, the result of which was a decision to find an early method of determining the strength of the annexation sentiment. Accordingly Senator Davis will make an effort to get the treaty up in the senate next week with the view of exhausting the speeches as soon as possible. He will then attempt to secure a test which will reveal the voting strength of the friends of the measure and locate the senators now considered doubtful.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 12.—The exact amount carried by the fortification bill is \$9,052,494, as against \$4,144,912 carried by the bill as it passed the house.

The principal item of increase is that of \$2,000,000 for the construction of gun and mortar batteries, making a total of \$3,000,000. The appropriation in this instance is for works now in process of construction. The senate also added more than a million dollars to the sum appropriated for the purchase or manufacture of 12-inch breech-loading mortars.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 12.—A number of members of congress especially interested in postal matters and Gen. Shallenberger, the second assistant postmaster general, will be present Saturday at the opening in New York of circuit No. 3 of the pneumatic tube system built for the transmission of the mails. The second circuit runs from the general postoffice to Station H, or the Grand Central railroad station, and is three and a half miles in length. Notice that it was ready for operation reached the post

office department Friday, and Gen. Gary being unable to attend the ceremony delegated Mr. Shallenberger to represent him. Good results are looked to from the new tube. Greater facility in handling the immense amount of mail matter passing between the post office and the Grand Central station will be the greatest advantage gained. As a result of the introduction of the service the postal officials believe that the resort will be had to the mails for hasty communication by many persons who heretofore have used the telegraph for that purpose.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 12.—The war department Friday made public the advice received from Capt. P. H. Ray, of the Eighth infantry, who was sent to Alaska to report on the conditions in the mining country. The reports embrace a period running from October 3 to November 3 and are dated from Circle City and Fort Yukon. They show a very serious state of affairs, that trouble is threatened at various places and that there is serious danger at some points of lack of food owing in a large measure to the failure of the transportation companies to get in sufficient supplies. In a report dated Circle City, October 3, Capt. Ray recommends, should the department decide to establish a post on the Upper river, that the mouth of Mission or American creek be chosen as the site with a sub-post if necessary at Circle City. The best interests of the service, he says, requires permanent garrisons to be located well away from mining towns, so that the troops if required to act will not be biased by local influence.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 12.—The Indian office will soon issue advertisements inviting pasture lands on the Osage and Kaw Indian reservations in Oklahoma. There are about 200,000 acres to be leased, and the period is to be three years from April 1.

Winthrop, Minn., Berlin, Md., Spenncourt, N. Y., and Dresden, O., all fourth-class post offices, will be assigned to the third class April 1.

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ONE DISPATCH

Says That Spain Regrets the Deputy De Lome Incident.

Another Dispatch Says That Spain Does Not Disavow Responsibility for the Utterances of De Lome and Does Not Consider a Disclaimer Necessary.

NEW YORK, Feb. 14.—A dispatch to the World from Madrid says: A formal statement of regret at and censure of Dupuy De Lome's conduct, coupled with an expression of sincere desire that the Canojas letter incident shall not impair the present friendly relations between the governments of Spain and the United States or interrupt the negotiations for a commercial treaty, will be made by Foreign Minister Gullon immediately following the gazetting of the royal decree accepting Senor De Lome's resignation and appointing his successor as Spain's representative at Washington.

On the other hand, the Washington correspondent of the World says that Spain has not disavowed responsibility for the utterances of Senor De Lome and does not consider that any disclaimer of that character is necessary. From Spain's point of view the incident is closed, not only as to De Lome's reflections upon the president and the American people, but as to his declaration that autonomy is a mockery and reciprocity a fraud. Such is the unsatisfactory information contained in the long expected statement from Mr. Woodford, received late Saturday night.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 14.—A third message has been sent to Minister Woodford directing him to make a peremptory demand upon the Spanish government for a disavowal of the personal and political points of De Lome's letter. Gen. Woodford is sharply rebuked for his seeming indifference, and the suggestion is conveyed through him to Premier Sagasta that unless the De Lome incident is closed by Tuesday next the United States will suspend diplomatic relations with Spain.

ENSIGN BRECKENRIDGE.

Of the Torpedo Boat Cushing, Washed Overboard and Drowned.

NEW YORK, Feb. 14.—Ensign Joseph C. Breckenridge, executive officer of the torpedo boat Cushing, was washed overboard and drowned during a stormy passage from Key West to Havana, says the Havana correspondent of the Herald. The Cushing arrived Friday night with the body and signalled the Maine for medical assistance. All efforts to resuscitate Ensign Breckenridge were futile. The body was sent by the Cushing to Key West Saturday.

The Cushing left Key West Friday morning with stores for the Maine. She pitched heavily in a fearful sea. She slowed engines at one o'clock in sight of the coast of Cuba. Immediately afterward Ensign Breckenridge, who was stationed forward was carried off his feet by a heavy sea. He clutched the lifeline as he was swept aft. The line parted, however, and Ensign Breckenridge went overboard. Seaman Everett and Coppage started to go to the rescue in a lifeboat, but it was swamped in lowering and the men were thrown into the water.

Ensign Breckenridge's strength was fast failing, as he was encumbered with heavy oilskin boots. The Cushing was running through the sea deluged from stem to stern. As Breckenridge was going under the cook, Daniel Askins, went overboard to the rescue. The Cushing finally obeyed her helm and swung around and maneuvered near the men in the water. Atkins, Coppage and Everett were rescued by lines, and Ensign Breckenridge was taken on board in the same manner, Atkins fastening the line to him.

On the arrival in Havana the Maine's surgeon was ashore. A message was sent Dr. Burgess. Burgess said it was doubtful if medical aid, if available, could have saved the ensign. Lieut. Gleaver, commander of the Cushing, is heartbroken.

Breckenridge's father is inspector general of the army in Washington. The chief officer of the customs has asked the general government if he has the right to collect customs duties on the provisions brought by the Cushing to the Maine.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 12.—The following cablegram has been received at the state department from Consul General Lee, at Havana, dated Friday: "Ensign J. R. Breckenridge, of the Cushing, was washed overboard and drowned a few hours before the arrival of the vessel in this port. The body was recovered and I am arranging to have it embalmed and sent home tomorrow."

Capt. Sigbee, of the Maine, makes the following report to the navy department on the same subject: "Ensign Breckenridge, of the Cushing, fell overboard in heavy sea by parting of life line and drowned. Body recovered. Break news to family. Will send body back to Key West Sunday by Olivette if practicable. Otherwise by Cushing. Will send Cushing back when sea subsides."

The navy department has given orders that a naval officer shall meet the remains, which are expected to reach Key West Sunday afternoon on the Olivette. They will be interred at the home of the young officer at Lexington, Ky.

An Eight-Hour Day Movement.

NEW YORK, Feb. 14.—Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, has been in this city for two days to get the unions of the city to enter into a great movement for an eight-hour work day. According to the present plans of labor leaders a demand for the eight-hour day will be made on May 1 next, that will involve fully a million men.

Justice McFarland Dead.

ST. LOUIS, Feb. 14.—Justice G. W. McFarland, of the state supreme court, died at seven a. m. Saturday, as a result of an operation for appendicitis.

KANSAS PACIFIC.

Representatives of the Reorganization Committee Offer to Increase

The Committee's Bid to an Amount Equal to the Principal of the Government's Indebtedness—Sale Will, Therefore, Take Place February 16, 17, 18.

ST. LOUIS, Feb. 14.—There will be no postponement of the sale of the Kansas Pacific railway set for February 16, 17 and 18, and ex-Gov. George Hoadley, of New York, special counsel for the government in the Union Pacific cases, arrived in St. Louis Friday for the purpose of asking the United States district court to postpone the sale and allow the government the privilege of redeeming the claims of the first mortgage bondholders on the eastern and middle divisions. He was also asked for the appointment of a receiver.

By this means it was expected that the government would be able to obtain a better price than the reorganization committee had offered.

Mr. Hoadley was met here by attorneys representing the reorganization committee and the stockholders. They all held a conference. The representative of the reorganization committee offered to increase the committee's bid to an amount equal to the principal of the government's indebtedness. The offer was accepted. The gentlemen appeared before Judge Sanborn in chambers Saturday, and announced that they had reached an agreement. The sale will therefore be good.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 14.—Attorney General Griggs received a dispatch from Judge Hoadley, the government's legal representative in the matter of the sale of the Kansas Pacific railroad, stating that an arrangement had been effected by which the Union Pacific reorganization committee would pay the principal of the government's lien in full.

DELINA READER ROBERTS. (About to be Presented with a Medal for Bravery Displayed During the War.)

CUBAN EXPEDITION

Sails From a Point on Pease River With Arms and Ammunition.

JACKSONVILLE, Fla., Feb. 14.—A special to the Times Union and Citizen from Tampa, Fla., says: Almost under the nose of Edward Gaylor, superintendent of Pinkerton's Spanish spies, a large Cuban expedition left Tampa Saturday night and Sunday night sailed from a point on Pease river.

The men, about 70 in number, walked through the streets of Tampa about 2 o'clock Sunday morning and boarded a special train, which quickly bore them to a point near where they were to embark, and there they remained in hiding until Sunday night, when a tug took them out to the steamer which bore them away to Cuba, Col. Emilio Nunez being in charge of the steamer. It is said Gen. Sangulilly is the real commander and color is given this rumor by the fact that when the men left here they were in charge of Col. Lechuga, who was first lieutenant of the personal staff selected by Sangulilly when he failed to get away from Jacksonville. Superintendent Gaylor, hisson and another Pinkerton man have been here looking for Sangulilly, they believing he was somewhere near. It is alleged that the Cubans have sent Sangulilly away on this trip to get rid of him