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The citizens' mass meeting, held last night at Armory hall, was a rousing affair and clearly indicated the rising spirit of opposition to the proposed water-front monopoly of the Northern Pacific Railroad.

It was no fault of the morning "P.-L." that the mass meeting at the Armory last night was a success. The organ of the Northern Pacific gave scant notice in advance, of the affair, placing the same in obscure columns, under insignificant heads.

This morning's "P.-L." contained an account of the meeting, written with an appearance of fairness, in which, however, occurred this misleading statement: "Stenographers, supposed to represent the railroads interested in the controversy, were present, taking down the speeches word by word."

The only stenographer who took verbatim notes of the proceedings, was a shorthand reporter of the Star. The citizens' committee having the affair in charge, was composed of men who are well known to have no connections with any railroad.

The treaty negotiated by the Powers at The Hague last July for the pacific settlement of disputes between nations has been sent to the senate. Accompanying it is a declaration prohibiting the launching of explosives from balloons.

There is some doubt as to whether the treaty will be ratified. It has no mandatory power, and it will doubtless be asserted by some that it is unfair and in the nature of an "entanglement."

England is now using five-inch lyddite shells. A single one of them falling into a compact body would kill 300 men. Not only this, but it has been shown that at the battle of Omdurman the use of these infernal explosives caused large numbers of dervishes to be killed by suffocation, while hundreds of birds dropped dead upon the battlefield from the same cause.

As long as the country which claims to be the leading Christian nation of Europe persists in using these awful explosives, as well as dumdum bullets, the outlook for peace looks rather dismal.

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OFFICERS ARE TOO RECKLESS

General Lawton Was Utterly Fearless.

(From Our Special Correspondent.) WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 29.—In the opinion of military experts here the death of Gen. Lawton is the most serious loss that could have befallen the United States army in the Philippines, and it is attributed to his personal daring and indifference to danger.

Some of the regiments that went into the fight at Santiago came out almost destitute of officers capable of performing duty. When one of the negro regiments came home and marched up Pennsylvania avenue to be reviewed by the president there were only nine line and staff officers to accompany their men.

While this is the highest testimonial that could be paid to the bravery of the American soldiers, at the same time it is evident that their judgment is at fault in exposing themselves to danger when nothing can be accomplished thereby. We have heard of Lawton's capture and again riding up and down his lines on a big white horse and wearing a white uniform and a big white helmet and making a target of himself so often that it is a wonder he has not been killed before.

The same is true of the British officers in South Africa. The proportion of officers killed and wounded there is much larger than it should be, according to the opinion of the veterans who sit around the little tables of the Army and Navy club and deplore the zeal and recklessness of the youngsters who mistake recklessness for courage.

TWO MEN HURT IN A COLLISION

Runaway Team Crashes Into a Renton Car.

A team and wagon owned by the Salvation Army ran away last night about 6 o'clock and collided with No. 12 of the Renton line, on First avenue south and Washington street.

The car was not in motion at the time, and passengers were just boarding. The patrol wagon was called, and the injured men were taken to a nearby office where they were given a doctor's assistance.

THOMSON SOLD.

The steam freighter Elihu Thomson, Capt. B. B. Whitney, will return to San Francisco today as a collier. It is likely the steamer will be continued as a collier between the Sound and San Francisco. Up to yesterday the vessel belonged to David R. Campbell & Co., of Bangor, Me.

LEGISLATION FOR NEW ARMY

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 27.—Chairman Hull, of the house military affairs committee, says an effort will be made this session to repeal the temporary features of the law by which the regular army was increased to 65,000 men.

"If we don't do it," said he, "the army will be reduced in little more than a year to 25,610 men. I am in favor of the proposition to create a corps of artillery. By the time we get through we will have spent \$128,000,000 in artillery for coast defenses. Something will be done toward the reorganization of the staff of the army. I should also like to see a volunteer reserve organized on the same basis as the regular army."

A BIG ADVANCE IN OIL CLOTH

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Dec. 27.—The price of table oil cloth will, in all probability, be materially increased before spring. A combination of table cloth manufacturers is in process of formation, which will endeavor to secure a better price for their product than they have received for some years back.

THREATENS TO USE THE MILITIA

DENVER, Col., Dec. 27.—Gov. Thomas has issued an ultimatum to the government regarding the Indian raids in Western Colorado. In a communication to the interior department the governor says that if the Indians are not kept within bounds next year the military force of the state will have to be invoked to prevent their incursions.

RAILWAY NOTES

Executive officers of Eastern and Western roads are to meet the interstate commerce commission in New York, January 9, to discuss through rates, abolition of commodity rates, and other subjects. It is altogether likely that the Eastern lines will have to withdraw some advances.

The Pennsylvania Railroad's pension system, by which old employees are retired with a yearly salary based on their salary of the past 10 years may be adopted by the Santa Fe in the form of a mutual insurance company, into which employees make deposits. The matter rests with the employees.

BUY HEATERS This Week THEY are going with a rush and are pretty sure to be cleaned out by Saturday night. Our entire stock will be sold as rapidly as we can make you buy, because we ordered several car loads of new goods to take the place of those damaged by the FIRE. And They Will Be Here Very Soon. Z. C. MILES CO. A. L. PIPER, Receiver. 78-84 YESLER WAY The Largest Stove House in the Northwest

TIDE WATER TO TIDE WATER Hill's Plan to Connect Seattle, Gulf and Atlantic. CHICAGO, Dec. 27.—A new proposed trans-continental combination is on between the Great Northern and the Harriman systems. By its terms, the Great Northern would go to Omaha, and connect with the Omaha & St. Louis, which connects with the Kansas City, Pittsburg & Gulf at Kansas City, thus giving a line from Seattle to the Gulf of Mexico.

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NOTICE TO STOCKHOLDERS. Notice is hereby given that a special meeting of the stockholders of the People's Savings Bank, a corporation, will be held at its banking house, No. 116 Yesler way, in the city of Seattle, state of Washington, on the 20th day of January, 1900, at the hour of 3 o'clock p. m., for the purpose of voting upon the question of adopting supplemental articles of incorporation of said corporation and for the further purpose of repealing the present bylaws of said corporation and adopting new bylaws in lieu thereof and for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the meeting. JAMES R. HAYDEN, Secretary. Dated this 18th day of December, 1899.

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