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EVENTS OF THE DAY

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TERSE TICKETS FROM THE WIRES

An interesting collection of items from the two continents presented in a condensed form.

The torpedo-boat Fox, built at Portland, has arrived at San Francisco. She made the run from Astoria in 45 hours.

The navy department has abandoned all hope of the recovery of the armored cruiser Cristobal Colon, sunk in the battle of July 3, at Santiago.

The navy department is informed by Admiral Dewey that the supply ship Naushan has left Manila with supplies for the new naval station at Guam.

A correspondent of the state department, writing from Ponapi, Caroline islands, says the inhabitants like everything that is American. They are hoping and praying, he says, that the Americans will take possession of all of the islands, and, if not all, at least the island of Ponapi.

The differences between the Raisin-Growers' Association and the packers of California, have been finally adjusted. The association will make the sales and the packers will receive a liberal commission. The packers will enter an organization with a capital of \$500,000, of which \$10,000 is to be in cash.

The city of Pasig, east of Manila, has been captured by American troops after an hour's fight. The loss to the Filipinos was 30 killed and 16 prisoners. The Americans' loss was one man killed. Six were wounded. The man killed is Private C. E. Thorn, of the Twentieth Kansas. The battle was fought by Wheaton's divisional brigade.

A steam steamer which has returned to Brisbane, Queensland, from Cooktown, on the Endeavor river, this colony, reports that three schooners and 80 luggers were lost and that 400 colored persons and 11 whites were drowned during the recent hurricane that swept the northwest coast of Queensland.

There has been a popular demonstration in Christiania, Norway, against Crown Prince Gustaf, Duke of Wormald, who was recently appointed regent on account of the illness of his father, King Oscar. The prince was returning from the military club when he met a crowd of people, who hooted him, hissed him and pelted him with snowballs.

A determined though unofficial effort is being made to secure the exercise by the United States of its good offices in behalf of China. The matter has not yet been brought officially to the attention of Secretary Hay, but it is understood that he is aware of the wishes of certain interested persons, and the advantage, from their point of view, which would accrue to this government in case of such action.

A wind with the velocity of 45 miles an hour swept through St. Louis, and five people are reported injured in different parts of the city from falling signboards.

Proposals for an arrangement between the contending forces in Bolivia are now under consideration by the leaders, and it is hoped they will result successfully.

A severe snow storm has been raging in Minnesota and over into South Dakota on the west and into Wisconsin on the east. The snow drifted badly, and traffic was delayed.

Three tugs for use among the Philippine islands have been purchased by the United States at Hong Kong. They are each of about 100 tons, 87 feet long and draw eight feet of water.

A terrific wind storm visited Oklahoma City, O. T. For half an hour it blew a perfect gale, while the rain fell in sheets. Nearly 100 houses were blown down. The damage is estimated at \$50,000. No lives were lost.

The ship Marion Chilcott will take from Puget Sound 800 tons of hay, oats and bran, and 400,000 feet of lumber to Manila for government use, in response to a recent order received by Quartermaster Robinson at Seattle.

The dispatch from the Italian government asking from China a concession of the port of San Mun, has been changed into a note of demand, and China, which had refused to cede the port, in answer to the request will now probably yield to the demand.

The Cuban assembly has impeached Gomez and dismissed him from the army for having agreed with United States authorities to disband the Cuban army without consulting the assembly. When Gomez was informed of the action of the assembly, he replied: "All right; I enjoy the situation."

Admiral Sampson has sailed with his flagship the New York, and the Brooklyn, from Havana for Puerto Cortez, on the coast of Honduras. The Indian and the Texas, of the North Atlantic squadron, sailed from Havana for Cienfuegos. The ships will meet again in the course of a week, probably off the Venezuela coast.

Minor News Items.
Two surveying parties are locating the line of the electric road between Tacoma and Seattle, a distance of 30 miles. The road is expected to be in operation by November 1.

A double tragedy is reported from Nanaimo, B. C. Dave Evans shot Libbie White dead and committed suicide in their room at a hotel. Both were public entertainers. Unrequited love is supposed to have been the cause of the tragedy.

LATER NEWS.

The directors of the Pacific Coast Company declared a dividend of 2 1/2 and 3 per cent on preferred and common stock.

Reports of the likelihood of a renewal of the trouble among the Indians at Leach Lake, Minn., are not credited at the Indian bureau, at Washington.

Stanton Sickles, secretary of the United States legation at Madrid before the rupture of diplomatic relations, has been in London on a secret mission.

A report is current involving the establishment in San Francisco by the most widely known financial men of the world of a commercial bank, with a paid-up capital of \$5,000,000.

The snow-bound train on the Cheyenne & Northern at Wheatland has been abandoned by the company officials, who will take steps to rescue the passengers by sleds.

Acting Postmaster-General Heath has issued an order directing that hereafter fees for postal money orders issued in the United States for payment in Cuba shall be the same as those fixed for domestic money orders.

Orders have been issued for the muster out of the First Texas at Galveston and the Second Louisiana at Savannah. Both regiments are now at Havana. The Sixth company volunteer signal corps, at Augusta, Ga., was also ordered mustered out.

The drought which was threatening the loss of millions of dollars to California has been broken by a rain storm continuing for several days. Reports show that both grain and fruit crops are in excellent condition through the big Sacramento valley.

A special from Madrid says: Premier Silveira, in an interview just published, spoke in favor of the intervention of France for the purpose of obtaining permission from the United States for Spain to resume direct negotiations for the release of the Spanish prisoners held by the Philippine rebels.

Six men have arrived at St. Michaels from the North American Transportation & Trading Company's steamer, P. B. Weare, which is ice-bound in the Yukon, near Holy Cross mission. The men do not think they will be able to save her in the spring. Seven men left the steamer, but one got lost coming down, and the others think he was frozen to death.

A party of some 60 members of congress, senators and representatives, will accept the invitation extended by gentlemen representing Panama canal interests and will inspect the Nicaragua and Panama canal works. The party leaves New York, March 2. This body has nothing to do with the official investigation which will be made by the commission to be appointed by President McKinley.

A dispatch from Rome announces that the pope has suffered a renewal of fainting fits, but it is added that his physicians do not regard his condition as serious.

The appellate court, at Chicago, has unanimously sustained a decision rendered by Judge Tuley last summer, that express companies are obliged to furnish war revenue stamps to all shippers.

The sovereign camp Woodmen of the World, the fifth largest fraternal and beneficiary order in the United States are in biennial session at Memphis, Tenn. The session will last ten days or two weeks.

Mrs. Minnie Adams has been arrested at her father's home, in San Francisco, on suspicion of having murdered her two-year-old illegitimate child, John Richard Gray, by administering a dose of carbolic acid.

Senor Quesada, of the Cuban junta in Washington, has received a cablegram from Santiago which says: "The people of Santiago disapprove the assembly, sustain Gomez and are preparing a public manifestation."

At the annual meeting of the Associated Chambers of Commerce in London, a resolution was passed urging the British government to maintain the "open door" in China and prior British rights in the Yangtze Kiang valley.

A contract has been concluded between the German government and Cecil Rhodes, of the British South African magnate, for the construction of a telegraph line in East Africa. A telegraph line for building a railroad through the same territory is upon the point of conclusion.

Rear-Admiral Hichborn, chief naval constructor, in his statement of work accomplished on the vessels now building for the navy, shows that there are now actually under construction, or already contracted for, 51 vessels of various types, ranging from battle-ships to torpedo-boats.

According to a dispatch from Pinar del Rio, five sisters of the American order of Sacred Heart have been ordered away from Cuba by Archbishop Chapelle, papal representative. The nuns are all daughters of Indian chiefs, and the reason given is the "old hatred against the Indian sisters."

Three thousand insurgents moved down to the towns of Pasig and Pateros on the shore of Laguna de Bay, fronting Wheaton's troops on the Pasig river line. By heavy fighting Wheaton dislodged and drove them back, taking 400 prisoners and inflicting heavy losses in killed and wounded.

A monument costing \$40,000 is to be erected over the grave of a simple Kentucky private killed in the San Juan fight. The soldier was only one of many wealthy men who were prepared to go to the front in any capacity.

The Danish East Asiatic Company, limited, which, besides being a steamship company, owns large forests and commercial establishments in Siam, recently ordered four more 10,000-ton steamers for its line between the Baltic and the far East.

THE SESSION CLOSES.

The Sixth Legislative Assembly of Washington Ended Friday—Appropriation Bill.

The sixth legislative session has passed into history. The closing hours were marked by the spirit of fun and relaxation attendant upon the long wait caused by the failure of the free conference committee to agree on the general appropriation bill. Several times Speaker Guie called the house to order, and threatened to adjourn sine die without the report of the committee, but each time Chairman Englehart pleaded for just a few minutes more.

The total appropriations called for now by the new bill appropriate \$1,500,000.

The committee did not report until 5:10 o'clock Friday morning, and when it did come failure to agree on either the original house bill or the senate amendments, and had prepared an entirely new bill. This was read and adopted in both houses without argument. The amounts allowed for each institution and for the maintenance of the state departments are as follows:

Grain inspection	\$ 23,000
Revolving	10,000
Library	2,400
Governor's office	37,700
Lieutenant governor	2,000
Western Washington hospital for insane	225,150
Eastern Washington, same	111,800
Penitentiary	102,200
State auditor	10,400
Reform school	43,700
Soldiers' Home	25,450
State fair	8,000
Road from Marcus to Republic	4,000
Board of health	750
Board of audit and control	8,500
Cost bills, felonies	25,000
Transportation of convicts	14,000
Transportation of incorrigibles	3,500
Transportation of insane	12,000
Rent of state offices	40,000
State university	105,000
Secretary of state	19,930
State treasurer	8,100
Supreme court	56,000
Superior judges	66,000
Attorney-general's office	10,950
School superintendent	12,400
Commissioner public lands	65,715
Grain inspector	3,600
Agricultural college	89,250
Washington reports	4,500
Bureau of labor	8,000
Coal mine inspectors	4,150
Board of horticulture	3,000
School for defective youth	58,000
Fish commissioner	4,000
Fish hatchery fund	44,750
National guard	24,000
Library	4,600
Indexing journals	400
Deficiency Eastern Washington hospital for insane	8,760
Whatcom normal school	3,000
State mining bureau	1,500
Experiment station, Puyallup	5,000
Board of equalization	400
Surveying boundary line	40,000

FOR THE STATE'S DEAD.

Appropriation to Give Honorable Burial to Bodies Returned From Manila.

At the morning session Wednesday the Washington state senate adopted a joint resolution for the admission of a bill out of order, providing an appropriation of \$10,000 for the honorable burial of dead soldiers whose bodies are returned from Manila.

The following bills were then passed: To prevent the spread of tuberculosis; relating to libel and providing for opportunity for retrial; relating to the filing and recording of mixed chattel and real estate mortgages; for the appointment of jury commissioners, to regulate the selection of jurors in superior courts; to encourage and protect the culture of deep-water oysters in the state; for the protection of game animals, song birds and game fish, and creating the office of state game warden; authorizing cities of the first class to levy and collect assessments upon property benefited by local improvements; providing for making definite the boundaries of incorporated cities or towns of the fourth class; making it unlawful to injure or destroy any line erected for the transmission of an electrical current; prohibiting the sale of mountain lake trout or stream trout; erecting a lake on public contracts; to prevent the spread of infectious diseases and providing for disinfection; amending an act in relation to justices of the peace and constables in cities of more than 5,000 inhabitants; and fixing their numbers and salaries; defining the power of municipal corporations in respect to granting franchises; regulating the appropriations of waters of the state for irrigation purposes; authorizing municipal corporations to provide for the acceptance of warrants upon local improvement funds in satisfaction of assessments for local improvements; amending the act for the organization, classification and government of municipal corporations; amending section 51, chapter 89, laws of 1897, relating to public lands of the state; to regulate mutual fire insurance; appropriating \$5,000 for conducting agricultural experiment station at Puyallup; creating the county of Wenatchee. This bill was amended to name the proposed new county Chelan; relating to the sale of allotted lands by Indians.

Big Sum for Tax Certificates.
Attorney Frank Graves, of Spokane, recently paid into the county treasury of Kllickit, Wash., \$8,887.50 for tax certificates on the right-of-way of the portage railroad along the Columbia in Kllickit county. Mr. Graves is the former law partner of Senator Turner, and a friend of Paul Mohr.

Coal Bunkers Collapsed.
The coal bunkers of the Anchor Coal Company, located on the banks of the Cowlitz, just below Ostrander, Wash., collapsed during a wind storm recently. The bunkers contained at the time about 300 tons of coal, all of which, together with the bunkers, went into the Cowlitz river.

Captured a White Coyote.
A white coyote was captured in a trap near the home of E. S. Combs last week, says the Lakeview (Or.) Examiner. The animal had been seen by numerous persons during the past two years, and is so white that one must look closely to discern him in the snow. The hair on the animal is about five inches long.

Rations for Cuban Army.
The military authorities have issued 20,000 rations to Cuban troops who entered Havana with General Gomez. These troops will be given an open air banquet next Sunday by the city of Havana. General Gomez will attend a ball to be given to the Antilles Club, a Cuban organization.

Fifty-one persons in Benton county pay more than \$300 taxes. Combined, they pay more than one-third of all the taxes in the county.

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The state library will be removed to the ground floor, where there is ample room for the rapidly increasing number of volumes. The report was adopted. These bills were taken from the general file and passed: Amending sections 48 and 50, providing for the selection, survey, lease and disposition of the state's granted school and tide and other lands; providing for the dissolution of irrigating districts and the liquidation of their indebtedness; declaring an emergency; for the adoption and use of school text-books in all school districts, including or included within cities and towns maintaining high schools. This bill allows cities to select their own text-books, with an exception relative to primary grades. This bill authorizes the state lands to be sold for less; amending section 1 of the act authorizing cities to construct and operate waterways and other public improvements; amending certain sections of an act for the establishment of a system of improved roads in counties; extending the power of eminent domain to electric power companies; amending certain sections of the law of 1893 relating to proceedings supplemental to execution; declaring an emergency; amending Ballinger's code relating to decrease in the capital stock of corporations; the emergency clause failed to carry; for the punishment of persons stealing rides on cars and defining negligence relative thereto. This bill authorizes trainmen to arrest offenders against this act—emergency clause; fixing salary of the head warden at the penitentiary at \$1,800 a year; relating to the appointment of guardians ad litem of infant persons; amending section 12, law of 1893, providing for liens on sawlogs and other timber. This bill provides the method to secure such liens; relating to chattel mortgages, and the filing thereof, and repealing all laws in conflict therewith; for the appointment of state inspectors at a salary of \$5 a day while actively engaged in the duties of inspection; amending section 5 of an act providing for the establishment of dike districts and the construction and maintenance of a system of dikes; for the compulsory attendance of children in the public schools in cities of more than 10,000 inhabitants; to regulate, control and license insurance companies; providing for condemnation proceedings for right of way for irrigation ditches and flumes for agricultural and mining purposes; to punish persons for the injury or destruction of property and records upon public lands. This bill was instigated by the Mazamas, who have been much annoyed by acts of vandalism in regard to records, etc., left in boxes on mountain peaks and places of interest; providing for right of way for logging purposes, and for conveying timber; empowering the board of regents of the agricultural college to give bonds for the safe keeping of the arms and ammunitions stored by the United States for the college—emergency clause; for a reapportionment of tide lands in front of Bellingham bay cities; for the promotion of the fruit-growing and horticultural interests of the state; authorizing cities and towns to construct sewers and drains; to provide for laying out and establishing private ditches and drains.

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Senor Quesada's Opinion of the Military Assembly.

Washington, March 16.—Senor Quesada today received a cablegram from Santiago which says: "The people of Santiago disapprove the assembly, sustain Gomez and are preparing a public manifestation."

Mr. Quesada gave out the following statement: "The action of the assembly in deposing me is in line with its conduct toward that faithful, unselfish patriot, General Maximo Gomez. I do not care to discuss it, as the assembly does not represent the judicious sentiment of the Cuban people or army."

"Unmoved by any selfish interests, I have devoted all my life to the cause of the independence of Cuba, and for four years have tried my best to establish the basis of the most cordial relations between the United States and Cuba. Sure of the decision of the Cubans, and knowing well that the Americans will not misjudge them from these hasty and ill-advised acts of a disgruntled and ambitious group, I shall continue for the self-government, reconstruction and order of my native country."

The dispatch received by Mr. Quesada from Santiago is from Judge Sanchez, head of the supreme court of Cuba.

ITALY HAS SUPPORT.

Sacked by England and Japan in Her Demands on China.

Rome, March 16.—In the chamber of deputies today, Admiral Canevaro, minister of foreign affairs, made a comprehensive statement regarding Italy's action in China. He confirmed the reported recall of Signor Martino, Italian minister at Peking, and announced that Italy had obtained the approval of Great Britain and Japan before demanding the concession at San Mun.

Great Britain, however, had requested, he said, that force should not be employed, and had promised, in return, to give her diplomatic support to Italy at the court of Peking. Other friendly powers, the minister continued, were then notified, and indicated their acquiescence.

THE IMPRISONED TRAIN.

Passengers Are Sick and in a Weakened Condition.

Cheyenne, Wyo., March 16.—William Pettigrew, of Douglas, Wyo.; John Owens, of Wheatland, Wyo.; and John Oakley, of Aberdeen, S. D., arrived here today, having walked from the Snowbound train at Iron Mountain to the relief train, a distance of 10 miles. Oakley had a foot frozen, and all are suffering from scurvy, the result of improperly cooked food. All those on the imprisoned train are victims of dysentery, and are in a weakened condition. Three women are on the train—Miss Anna Morrison and Lizzie Callahan, of Cheyenne, and Miss Mary Robinson, of Galeton, Pa. It will be impossible to rescue the imprisoned train for some days.

Egan Bought the Beef.

Chicago, March 16.—Colonel O. M. Smith, purchasing agent of the government at Chicago since 1895, testified today before the government court of inquiry that the stores of canned roast beef bought by him during the Spanish war were all upon the direct order of General Egan, the commissary-general. He also stated that some purchases of canned beef were made without his knowledge by the commissary-general. Another important witness was Gustavus F. Swift, head of the packing house of Swift & Co. Good progress was made by the court today, but the end of the list of witnesses to be examined in Chicago is not yet in sight.

Unlucky Thirteen.

Chicago, March 16.—A peculiar feature in regard to the superstition connected with number 13 was that of the death of James Powers, a window washer, happening, as it did, on the 13th of the month. Powers was employed on July 18, 1898, to take the place of John Miller, window washer, who met his death on that day from falling from the same window from which Powers fell. The window is the 13th from the ground. The dead man was 26 years of age—twice 13. Miller, the first man to meet his death from the unlucky window, had worked just 39 days—just thrice 13—when he was killed.

Cheap Metallic Lithium.

Madison, Wis., March 16.—Professor Kahlenburg, of the department of chemistry of the University of Wisconsin, has discovered that by running a direct current of electricity through an hydrous organic solution of lithium chloride, the basic metal is thrown down as an amorphous precipitate of metallic lithium. Metallic lithium costs \$100 per ounce, while the chloride is comparatively cheap. The professor hopes to secure metallic sodium and potassium by the same method.

New Whiskey Distributing Company.

New York, March 16.—The Merchants' Distributing & Distilling Company has been incorporated under the laws of this state, with a capital of \$5,000,000, of which half will be common and the other half preferred stock. The new corporation comprises some of the largest whiskey blending and distributing companies in the country.

Returns to Face the Music.

San Francisco, March 17.—Captain John M. Neal, Fourth cavalry, United States army, who disappeared from the Presidio last month for the purpose of escaping punishment for desertion, is on his return to San Francisco to accept any punishment that may be met