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SUMMARY OF NEWS

Happenings All Over the Union Briefly Told.

News of Many States Collected and Compiled in Short Form.

Wednesday, December 27.
Congressman Bontelle of Maine is seriously ill.
The proposed combine of British Columbia canneries has fallen through.
Mail advices from Japan state war is imminent in the spring between Russia and Japan.
A military reservation will be created near Point Spencer, Alaska, where San Francisco people are now planning to found a townsite. The reservation would extend from the north end of Point Spencer south 20 miles, thence three miles west across Point Spencer from Port Clarence harbor to Behring sea. Secretary Root, who favors permanent occupation by the government, has been informed there is ample room for a townsite south of the line.

General Otis issued a decree authorizing the celebration of civil marriages in the Philippines. He cabled Secretary Root to that effect today and the secretary promptly approved the action. Heretofore marriages were celebrated by the Catholic church, so that protestants and non-Christians were prohibited from marrying. The decree does not interfere with the Catholics who may be married according to their own rites, but extends the privilege of civil marriage to those who desire it, just as practiced in the United States.
Elliott Danforth, chairman of the democratic state committee, returned to New York after a trip through the south, during which he talked with Senator James K. Jones, chairman of the democratic national committee, and most of the chairmen of the democratic state committees. Mr. Danforth said: "In my trip through the south I observed one thing which will be considered of particular interest in New York, namely, that none of the leaders seemed disposed to insist on free silver as the main issue of the campaign next year."

Thursday, December 28
The viceroy of India, Lord Curzon of Kedleston, telegraphed from Calcutta that there has been no increase of rain and that 31,000 natives suffering from famine are now receiving relief.
At a special election it was decided to bond the city of San Francisco in the sum of \$4,500,000 for public park purposes. About 30,000 votes were cast, and the proposition carried by a vote of four to one.
By the unanimous action of Local Assembly No. 1460, Knights of Labor, Chicago, the ranks of that organization were reduced nearly 500. At a meeting the members of the assembly which is composed of letter carriers decided to withdraw from the national organization.

The privy council held a meeting at Windsor castle, at which Queen Victoria proclaimed a warning to all British subjects not to assist inhabitants of the Transvaal or Orange Free State or to sell or transport merchandise there, under penalty of the law. The proclamation was gazetted.
E. C. Hodges & Co., brokers at Boston suspended business today. The firm is one of the largest in the city. Its dealings have been principally in municipal bonds. It is a member of the Boston and New York stock exchanges and Chicago board of trade. Hodges said that the trouble was caused by a refusal of the Boston banks to give the firm credit on United States mining shares. The failure was no surprise.

Friday, December 29.
San Francisco, by special election, voted to issue \$6,750,000 bonds to build new school houses, a new hospital and a new sewer system. Tuesday last \$4,500,000 were voted for parks, making \$11,250,000.
Boer report: "On Monday morning the enemy from Mafeking attacked one of our forts in force with cannon and an armored train, and so persistently that there was fighting right on the walls of the fort. The British loss is reported as 55."

Under a plan recommended to the stockholders of the Great Northern railway by President James J. Hill and the management, the capital stock of the road will be increased 10 per cent in February and the employees of the road given an opportunity to invest in the issue at par. Stock is now worth \$175 a share.
The insurgents who evacuated the coast towns between Dagupan and Vigan, fleeing to the mountains before the advancing Americans, are returning in small bands to the towns. The Americans do not occupy and terrorizing the natives and Chinamen who showed friendship for the Americans. The natives and Chinamen are seeking the protection of the American garrisons.

Pool Grinsled, editor of the Wathena, Kansas, Star, was sentenced in the district court today to 11 months' imprisonment in the county jail under a conviction of criminal libel. The conviction is an outgrowth of a legislative scandal, the editor having accused State Senator John Fulton of Brown county of accepting a bribe in connection with the location of a new state insane asylum. Grinsled will edit his paper from the county jail.
Saturday, December 30.
San Francisco is suffering a coal famine.
Andrew Carnegie presented city of Cheyenne, Wyoming, with \$50,000 for a free library.

A dispatch to the Herald from Manila says: Six men of the signal corps were attacked Thursday at Talevera, east of Tacac, by a force of 200 insurgents and four of them were either killed or captured.
Colonel Lockett has had a second engagement with the insurgents north-west of Montalban, and by a brilliant charge drove the enemy from their position. Only one American officer

and five soldiers were wounded, but the loss of the insurgents was heavy. Our troops captured a number of rifles and a quantity of ammunition and provisions.

General Otis in the Philippines recent decree authorizing civil marriages makes no provision for divorce. Only the Catholic reasons for separation are recognized in the order. Girls 12 years old and boys of 14 are permitted to marry with the consent of their parents, but otherwise they must be 21 years old.
The steamer Bundesath, belonging to the German East African line, was captured by a British gunboat and taken as a prize to Durban. A representative of the Associated Press learned that there were three officers and 20 men attired in Khaki and intending to serve the Boers, on board the Bundesath, which explains her capture. German newspapers are wrathful over the seizure.

Sunday, December 31.
The heaviest snow ever known in Georgia and South Carolina fell. At Macon, Ga., six inches laid on the ground.
Roy Brewer and Roland Burke, boys of 12, were playing soldier with a .72-caliber rifle. It was discharged and the ball struck Burke in the right eye, killing him instantly. Both lived at Walla Walla.
The United Irish societies of New York and vicinity filled the Academy of Music tonight at a mass meeting called to express sympathy with the Boers and opposition to England in consequence of the South African war.

One hundred and seventy-one sacks of ore concentrates were brought to Tacoma on the City of London from the mines near Singapore, in the Straits Settlement, for treatment in the Tacoma smelter. This is the first shipment of ore from the Orient to an American smelter. The product of these mines has been sent to England in the past, and this shipment is in the nature of a trial order for the Tacoma smelter. There are a number of large producing mines in the Settlement, and others are being opened up.

It is asserted that the pope during the recent service of opening the holy door at St. Peter's cathedral addressed his intimate entourage and said: "I thank Divine Providence for granting me the grace of being able to celebrate the great function and I wish for my successor grandeur and long reign, to the greater glory of God. My successor will be young, as compared with my own age, and will have time to see many popes of the papacy and the church." Later Leo clearly designated Cardinal Girolamo Maria Gotti, prefect of the congregation of indulgences and sacred relics, as his successor. Cardinal Gotti, the famous Genoese monk, is a man of great piety and modesty. Now about 64 years of age, he has always lived the life of an ascetic, and despite the dignity of a prince of the church, he always sleeps in a cell and on a hard mattress.

Monday, January 1.
Kid McCoy whipped Peter Maher in five rounds.

The Ohio assembly met and elected the republican caucus nominees by a strict party vote.
E. C. Hershey, county treasurer at Lancaster, Pa., is reported short \$65,042. He has fled.

Torpedo boat Goldsborough, built at Portland ran for eight minutes at 32 miles an hour, against a two-mile current.

For the first time in many years, the Mississippi river is frozen over at St. Louis. As a result, boats are arriving and departing and the ferries have been compelled to shut down.

Orlando Stevens of Ottumwa, Iowa, has made a new world's record in a competition mile bicycle race. His time was 1:59.14. The record was formerly held by Fred Sims, made at Washington in 2:00.25.

A Manila dispatch says: The first movement of a general southern advance occurred this morning, when two battalions of the Fourth Infantry landed and occupied Cabuyo, on the south side of Laguna de Bay. Two Americans were killed. Twenty-four Filipinos were found dead in one house. One hundred and fifty prisoners and four six-pounders were captured.

Tuesday, January 2.
Members of the new Cuban cabinet took the oath of office.
Gov. Taylor of Kentucky asks the legislature to repeal the Goebel election law. He says it is "an infamy which has demoralized, disturbed and disgraced the state."

When all the English troops destined for South Africa are there they will reach 200,000. Winston Churchill, who escaped from the Boers, says England will need 250,000 men.

After four years of retirement J. S. C. Blackburn was chosen tonight by the joint caucus of the democratic members of the legislature as the successor of Wm. Lindsay in the United States senate from Kentucky.

The statement issued by the director of the mint shows that the total coinage executed at the mints of the United States during the calendar year ended December 30, 1899, was \$139,243,191, as follows: Gold, \$111,144,220; silver, \$26,061,055; minor coins \$1,837,451.

At Chicago the quietude of the wheat pit and the firmness characterizing it was turned to decided strength by an imposing array of bullishness and statistics. January, 66 3/4; May, 70 1/2. Portland, cash, 52; Tacoma, 51.

The Canadian regiment captured a Boer laager at Sunnyside and took 40 prisoners, some tents, three wagons, a great store of guns and ammunition, forage, saddles and equipment. Two British were killed and one wounded. The Boer loss is given at six killed and 12 wounded.

Secretary Wilson of the agricultural department walked into Adjutant General Corbin's office at the war department and handed him \$100 in gold for the Lawton fund, remarking that "it was a farmer's contribution to a soldier's widow." Another contribution to the fund received by General Corbin today was a check for \$1,000 from J. Pierpont Morgan of New York.

BRITISH WON A FIGHT

General French Dispersed Boers and Took Colesburg.

But Later Reports Say the Dutch Rallied and Turned Upon the British.

London, Jan. 2.—The new year has opened with a brilliant exploit by the only British general in South Africa who has not been beaten. French has been operating with mobile forces during the last month from Naanpoort to protect Methuen's line of communications by keeping the Free State force from Colesburg fully occupied. After threatening the enemy's communication with the Orange river and compelling the Dutch to retire from Rensberg, French decided upon a sudden stroke. He ordered the mounted force and artillery to advance rapidly on Sunday night, with his infantry in wagons behind them, and by daylight had succeeded in turning the enemy's position at Colesburg. The infantry and batteries made a feint attack on the front, while the light artillery and cavalry were massed on the right flank.

The Dutch camp was surprised by the unexpected night march, of which it had not received warning, and the Free State did not attempt to defend their position, but retreated eastward, leaving Colesburg in French's possession.

This exploit brings the British troops within striking distance of Norvalspoor at Boothas drift, Colesburg is an important border town, and if the town can be held and the bridge and drift secured, two gates leading into the Free State will be under British guard in advance of the arrival of Roberts and the concentration of the Sixth and Seventh corps for the march upon Springfontein, the most important strategic point in the Orange republic. French's occupation of Colesburg is a distinct gain for the British cause.

Boers Turned On French.
San Francisco, Jan. 2.—The World's London special says: The latest news of General French's operations shows that his clever surprise of the Boers and his successful skirmish with them was not the impressive victory that a section of the press claimed. The fact seems to be that the Boers not only suffered very little, but during the darkness rallied by attacking the British next day with their supposed crippled guns, some of which were evidently those that General Gatacre lost at Stormberg. General French's dispatch does not detail his movements later than 2 p. m. January 1, and the final issue of the movement is unknown. Nothing reliable has been received confirming the rumored occupation of Colesburg.

ALL HIS OWN WAY.
Goebel Has Kentucky Legislature Under His Thumb.

Frankfort, Ky., Jan. 1.—All doubt as to the ability of the Goebel democrats to organize both houses of the legislature was removed by the attendance on the democratic caucus tonight. In the caucus all of the 58 democrats answered to the roll call, and participated. In the senate four democrats remained out. They were Senators Alexander, Hays, Gillespie and Roberts. Senator Hill was sick and absent, but is not classed with the dissenters. In the senate caucus Senator Harold created a sensation by making an alleged expose of the anti-Goebel leaders, declaring that he had been approached by J. H. Whallem of Louisville, and paid \$4500 to remain out of the caucus. The money, he said, had been placed in a box with the Louisville Trust company, the key to which he passed up to Senator Goebel, who was presiding over the caucus, ending his speech by declaring that he had exposed Whallem, and further, that there was not enough money in the world to make him disloyal to his party and his state.

Senator Goebel was nominated by the democratic caucus of the senate for assistant clerk and William Cromwell for assistant clerk. The entire slate of the Goebel organization for places in the senate went through.

Republican leaders say all republicans will support the candidate named by the anti-Goebel democrats. General Wat Hardin today appealed to his friends to keep out of the democratic caucus. Goebel's notice of contest will be served on Governor Taylor either this afternoon or tomorrow.

Attorneys for Goebel and other contesting democratic candidates for state offices this afternoon served notices upon the republicans to take depositions to be used as evidence in the pending contest cases, and naming their witnesses.

The list of witnesses include a long array of prominent men in both the republican and anti-Goebel democratic parties, like Governor Bradley, Senator Deboe, General Basil W. Duke, John H. Whallem and others.

A YEAR OF EXPANSION.
Trade of the United States Was Immense.

New York, Dec. 29.—Bradstreet's Review of "The Year in Business" tomorrow will say:
Rarely have sanguine hopes or predictions found such adequate realization as they did during 1899. Certainly nothing like the widespread and general upward movement of values, alike of staples and of securities, such as occurred during this year could have been foreseen. Linked with an immense business and a record-breaking production in nearly all lines of business and industry, except perhaps in some products of the agricultural interest, there was with it an advance of staple values either of which alone would have made the year notable and combined have served to establish the year as a record-breaker and set up new standards. The volume of domestic and foreign trade alike was the largest ever recorded and the bank clearings reflecting immense business expansion, active speculation in stocks and immense new industrial floatings far surpassed all previous

records. Prices, as a result primarily of the stimulation proceeding from supply and demand conditions, scored probably the greatest advances in any single year and brought the general level of staple values to the highest point reached for more than eight years past. Failure statistics point to the smallest number reported for 17 years past. These results have come to pass in face of a considerably lessened production of wheat and an immense falling off in the yield of cotton.

Industrial affairs in the year has been one of enormous expansion. Certainly nothing like the general advance in wages of industrial employes has been witnessed for many years and this has been accomplished with a minimum of friction.

FILIPINO BOMB THROWERS.
Plot for a Big Uprising in Manila Was Quelled.

Manila, Dec. 31.—Four explosive bombs, a few firearms and 500 rounds of ammunition were discovered in a house in the center of Manila this morning while the police were seeking Recarte, the insurgent leader, who was said to have come to Manila in the hope of effecting an outbreak yesterday by taking advantage of the mobilization of the American troops at General Lawton's funeral.

Today it developed that the plot included the throwing of bombs among the foreign consuls attending the ceremonies in order to bring about international complications. These, it seems, were to have been thrown from the Escolta's high buildings, but the avoidance of the Escolta by the funeral procession spoiled the plan.

The populace, it is thought had been prepared for the attempt by a rumor circulated widely among the natives yesterday that Aguinaldo was in Manila and would possibly lead the outbreak.

The American authorities having been advised of what was brewing, prepared for all contingencies. Captain Morrison, who commands the troops in the most turbulent district of this city, says he does not believe an actual uprising will ever occur, as the natives lack the resolution to take the first steps in a movement that would entail fighting at close quarters with American troops.

Alive With Assassins.
Manila, Jan. 1.—Yesterday's capture of bombs involved the seizure of documents incriminating a thousand Filipinos, who intended to rise against the Americans. Papers were also found showing a division of the city into districts and a careful assignment of leaders and followers. The precautions taken by the Americans on Saturday, it is now evident, alone prevented an uprising. The provost marshal has requested that two more regiments be detailed for the protection of Manila. Three thousand troops are now actually in the city.

Captured His Wife.
Manila, Jan. 1.—Aguinaldo's wife, sisters and 18 Filipinos have surrendered to Major Marsh's battalion. Third infantry, at Bontoc. Three Filipino officers also surrendered to Major Marsh and the Filipinos gave up two Spanish and two American prisoners.

That Flour of Ours.
Washington, Jan. 2.—The state department received from Ambassador Choate, at London, by cable a statement of the facts he had developed in connection with the seizure by British war ships of American goods on the three merchant vessels, Beatrice, Marchona and Maria. The goods comprised not only flour, but miscellaneous articles of common trade. They were shipped for Lorenzo Marquez in British and German ships, but our officials contend that they were not subject to seizure. They could not, however, lodge representations on the subject until they were possessed of a knowledge of the facts, and as soon as Mr. Choate's statement came to hand today an instruction was cable to him to inform the British government that we could not admit the right of seizure in these cases.

Deal for the West Indies.
The sale of the Danish West Indies to the United States bids fair to be accomplished. The Danish captain, Christians, who has influential connections in the United States, and who has secured the support of President McKinley, Admiral Dewey and a number of influential American senators, is acting as intermediary between the two governments, direct official communication being impossible for Denmark after repeated failures in previous attempts.

AROUND THE COUNTY.
The Oakesdale Sun has ceased publication, at least for a time. It may be revived.

Anderson Bros., of Rosalia have filed at the clerk's office a petition to disincorporate.

James Conway shipped another carload of draft horses from Colton to Seattle last week.

M. J. Rooks, a pioneer of the Palouse country, whose home was at Colton, died December 22 at Medical Lake.

H. M. Boone has completed his new store building at Palouse and is now occupying it. The building is an exceptionally fine one and Palouse citizens are proud of it.

Garfield Enterprise: The new street lamps lately purchased by private individuals at a cost of \$75 are now in position and are certainly a success. They will be kept lighted at the expense of the town. The cost will be small.

Colton News Letter: Hon. C. E. Cline, ex-speaker of the house at Olympia, delivered a very interesting talk on direct legislation to a small audience in the Opera House Wednesday evening. As a result of his labors a club of ten was organized.

Uniontown Gazette: When Uniontown gets its flouring mill, fruit dryer and the O. R. & N. road so that the farmers can ship over either road, Uniontown will not be so quiet a town as now. Everything brings a good price except wheat. A fruit dryer will be a necessity. So will a flouring mill and the cheese factory. All will consume what the farmer has to sell besides giving employment to hired help.