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The National Zeitung and the Tageblatt, discussing the revived report that Germany is seeking a naval station in the Danish West Indies, affirm that Germany never had such an intention.

Herr Krupp and other great manufacturers have petitioned for the free admission into Germany of mineral oil for motor consumption, with a view of saving the coal deposits of the country.

Total clearings of all the bank clearinghouses in the United States for the week ended on the 29th, were \$1,834,757,592, an increase of 17.2 per cent. over the corresponding period of last year.

Indian Agent Myton, of the Uintah and Ouray agency, reported, on the 26th, to the Indian bureau, that the search of western Colorado by the state officials had resulted in a failure to find a single Indian.

The steamer Canada, with Loré Roberts on board, arrived at Gibraltar from South Africa on the 25th. The field marshal landed at noon and received a great ovation, the Canada resuming her voyage at night.

The exchanges at the New York clearinghouse, on the 27th, aggregated \$364,013,290, which is a record-breaker. The previous high record was on November 20 last, when the exchanges were about fourteen million dollars less.

The New York and Porto Rico Steamship Co.'s steamer Arkadia sailed from Ponce, on the 27th, for New Orleans, having on board 400 Porto Ricans, 65 per cent. of whom were women and children, destined for Hawaii.

Cadet Ulysses S. Grant, grandson of the former president of the United States, is a third class man at West Point. He stands second in his class, the leader of which is Douglas MacArthur, a son of Gen. MacArthur, commander of the United States forces in the Philippines.

After January 1, in making the calculation of the per capita wealth of the United States, the Hawaiian islands, Alaska and the Indian territory will be included. The probable effect will be to slightly reduce the per capita wealth, which now is about twenty-seven dollars.

Mr. M. A. E. Frye, the superintendent of education of Cuba, has telegraphed the war department a sweeping denial of the published story to the effect that he had issued a circular or proclamation in Havana advising the Cubans to proceed to drive the Americans out of the island.

The president has ordered that the military reservation at Nome, Alaska, be made a public reservation under the control of the war department, and that the military reservation previously set aside near the east side of the mouth of the river be known as the Fort Davis military reservation.

Gov. Roosevelt spoke at Carnegie hall, in New York, on the 29th, before an audience of young men that completely filled the house, under the auspices of the Y. M. C. A. At the same hour his speech was read before delighted audiences in more than a hundred towns throughout the country.

William Westlake, the inventor, died at his home in Brooklyn on the 28th. He was born in Cornwall, England, in 1821, and came to this country when 16 years old. When 21 years old, he was employed by Capt. Ericsson to make the patterns and models for his first hot air engine. Many useful inventions crown his life work.

The Chinese plenipotentiaries have been unexpectedly ordered to sign the preliminary joint note, and, on the 26th, notified the foreign envoys to that effect. The Chinese themselves were greatly astonished at receiving the imperial instructions. Neither Li Hung Chang nor Prince Ching had expected success in persuading the court under ten days.

E. A. Cudahy, the millionaire packer of Omaha, Neb., has received a second communication from the men who kidnaped his son. This time, as formerly, the letter contains a threat and says in substance that unless he withdraws his offer of \$25,000 reward for the arrest and conviction of each of the three bandits, they will kidnap another of his children.

William H. Price, president of the Norwalk Savings bank, and wife brought suit, at Norwalk, O., on the 26th, against the Sandusky Railway Co., on account of the cancellation of life passes that had been issued to them by the company. Mr. Price asks for \$5,000 damages, and Mrs. Price for specific performance of contract, it being alleged that the passes were issued for valuable considerations.

The various sections into which the Cuban constitutional convention at Havana was divided some weeks ago for the purpose of preparing and submitting draft constitutions for the convention are, as a whole, gradually getting on a basis of a unitary government, with restricted suffrage. The convention leaders now hope to have this work completed by January 15, so that the results may be submitted to the United States congress February 1.

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NEWS IN BRIEF.

Compiled from Various Sources.

PERSONAL AND GENERAL.

The czar and zarina will return to Taarskoe-Selo, near St. Petersburg, about February 2.

A certificate of incorporation was filed at Dover, Del., on the 27th, for the Midland Canal Co., of Fargo, N. D. Capital \$1,000,000.

The corn crop of 1900 was one of the four largest ever gathered, while the oat crop has only once been exceeded.

Martial law has been proclaimed in the districts of Beaufort West and Carnarvon, Cape Colony.

In a runaway accident at Flint, Mich., on the 27th, Dr. H. W. Howland was killed and G. H. Quigley, a prominent business man, fatally injured.

Moses Coit Taylor, professor of American history in Cornell university, died at Ithaca, N. Y., on the 28th, after an illness of three weeks.

El Liberal, an official government newspaper, declares that much trichinae has been discovered in pork sold in the Nicaraguan markets.

Maj. Alexandre Alberto da Rocha Serpa Pinto, the African explorer, died in Lisbon on the 28th. He was born April 30, 1846.

The summer meeting of the American Mathematical society will be held next August at Cornell university.

United States Charge Beaupre, at Bogota, informs the state department that Carlos Martinez Silva, Colombian minister for foreign affairs, has been appointed minister to the United States.

It is officially announced that Frederick August, grand duke of Oldenburg, is suffering from overwork.

The Swedish ministry of war has decided to supply the army with snow shoes.

The Holland society of New York received a cablegram from the Hague, on the 28th, saying that Queen Wilhelmina's marriage has been set for September 7 next.

Lord William Leslie de la Poer Beresford, V. C., popularly nicknamed "Fighting Bill," in the British army, died in London, at midnight of the 28th, aged 53 years. He saw active service in Afghanistan, Burma, India and Zululand, and was a sportsman of the first rank.

J. M. Johnson, of Fairlawn, a suburb of Akron, O., on the 28th, shipped to Cleveland, to be broken for President McKinley, a handsome team of bays, to be driven to the president's carriage in the inaugural procession. They cost the chief executive \$1,000 each.

Keepers of 14 dives and gambling houses were indicted by the Chicago grand jury, on the 28th, as the result of the inquiry into crime and vice in the city. The work will be continued. Of the 14 indictments four were against alleged keepers of gambling houses and ten against proprietors of basement and other resorts.

Hamma Divinity hall, on the Wittenberg college grounds, at Springfield, O., was burned to the ground on the night of the 28th. It was occupied by the theological seminary, and was the gift of Dr. M. V. Hamma, of Washington, D. C. The loss on the building will be about \$20,000; covered by insurance.

John Henry Rogers, a pioneer settler and merchant, died at Sycamore, Ill., on the 28th, aged 65. He settled in Sycamore in 1855, when he opened a dry goods store that has been conducted ever since by him. He was one of DeKalb county's wealthiest and most prominent citizens.

During the past year there have been issued 24,660 original patents by the patent office, an increase of 1,364 over the previous year. A total of 1,758 design patents were issued, which is a decrease of 381 over 1899. There was a decrease of eleven reissues, the exact number for the year being 81.

A wild sensation has been caused in New Westminster, B. C., by the discovery of \$12.50 in coarse gold as big as flaxseed in the craw of a wild goose, which was killed at Pitt Lake, 25 miles from Westminster. Prospectors are hunting for the placers.

An accounting made, on the 28th, to the probate court, at Chicago, shows that the Pullman estate is now valued at \$15,000,000, as against \$9,300,000 at the time it was turned over to the executors. The tremendous increase is largely due, it is said, to the increase in the value of stocks, bonds and similar property.

Serious charges have been made against Supt. C. S. McKeown, of the county insane asylum, at La Crosse, Wis., by three former employees of the institution. It is charged that McKeown has abused patients, struck them and fed them on unwholesome food.

Two German tourists, Herren Lainer and Kindlinger, ascended Mount Schwarzenbergen without guides, according to a dispatch to the London Daily Express from Vienna, and, falling into an abyss, were killed.

A movement has been started by the local W. C. T. U. to impanel a special grand jury to investigate the conduct of the city and county officials in permitting the sale of liquors in Wichita, Kas.

Col. Wilcox has cabled the government that the Ashanti rebellion has ended, all of the rebel chiefs having surrendered.

Two persons were killed and 11 seriously wounded at Vivar, Province of Grenada, Spain, during an election riot.

In view of the prolongation of the Boer war, the London Daily Telegraph has again dispatched Mr. Bennett Burleigh, its famous war correspondent, to South Africa.

The Society of Berlin Grain and Produce Dealers has cabled to American exporters cautioning them to see that their goods correspond with the certificates.

The British post at Helvetia was captured, on the 29th, by the Boers. About fifty were killed and wounded and 200 taken prisoners.

LATE NEWS ITEMS.

The provincial government of British Columbia, on the 2d, proclaimed regulations for carrying out the immigration act which was passed at the last session, prescribing the educational test. A big fight will be made by the companies engaged in bringing in Japanese and Chinese, as the act is an effective bar to their entry.

A meeting of the foreign ministers in Peking will be held as soon as Sir Ernest Mason Satow, the British minister, who is suffering from chills and fever, shall have recovered sufficiently to be present, and when a date and place for meeting the Chinese commissioners shall have been agreed upon.

The comet recently discovered by Giovanni Ciocchini, at Nice, France, in the constellation of Thetis has been observed at Liek Observatory, Cal., by Mr. Aitken. It is a faint object of the eleventh magnitude, and, therefore, requires a telescope of considerable size to see it.

At Albany, N. Y., on the 1st, Benjamin B. Odell, Jr., was inaugurated governor of the state. Gov. Roosevelt, the retiring governor, shared with Gov. Odell, to a great extent, the demonstration of welcome in the assembly chamber.

West-bound passenger train No. 3 on the Norfolk & Western railroad, en route to Columbus, O., ran into a rock that had fallen across the track, near Wayne, W. Va., on the 2d, derailing the train. A half dozen persons were injured.

Advices from northern Mexico state that crops all over that republic are heavy this year, owing to a prolonged season of damp weather. Reports that there is financial depression in certain sections of Mexico are denied.

A. W. Millsbaugh, the oldest railway man in the United States in point of active service, died at his home in Kansas City, Mo., on the 1st, aged 86 years. Millsbaugh was born in Middletown, N. Y., in 1812.

All the populist members of the Colorado state senate, eight in number, entered the caucus of the democratic members, on the 1st, and announced their intention to join the democratic party.

Argentina Minister of Agriculture Dr. Martin Garcia Merou in his annual report estimates that there will be 1,700 tons of wheat available for export this season. He says, also, that the corn crop is good.

CURRENT NEWS NOTES.

Alfred C. Harmsworth, editor and proprietor of the London Daily Mail, says the American metropolitan papers are afflicted with the "size disease."

Henry C. Payne, a school teacher, was found dead, partially decapitated, on the railroad track at Webster Groves, Mo.

Herbert Waller was arrested at his home in St. Louis, on a charge that he had committed burglary in Nettleton, Ark.

A wild street car at Peoria, Ill., overturned a high electric light tower which toppled on a church, partially wrecking it.

Capt. Hank Haff has been selected as sailing master of the Boston boat to be built to defend the America cup.

A will of the late William Waddingham of East St. Louis, Ill., is reported found, making the widow sole heir and executrix.

The prosecuting attorneys of Missouri, in session at St. Louis, adopted resolutions urging the enactment of a law to make kidnaping a capital crime.

A bunch of cattle stampeded at Armourdale, Kas., and terrified the citizens. One steer got into a grocery shop and wrecked it.

In a runaway accident at Flint, Mich., Dr. H. W. Howland was killed and G. H. Quigley, a prominent business man, fatally injured.

The nine-year-old son of Louis Tonhose, of Judd, Ia., has been missing since Tuesday last, and the father is of opinion that it is the work of kidnapers.

The fee system is to be abolished among clerks, bailiffs and other officers of the Cuban courts on February 1. They will be put on a salary basis.

Honolulu is preparing for a temperance crusade, to be conducted by representatives of the W. C. T. U., who are expected to arrive from the United States in a short time.

F. W. Rauchenstein, editor and publisher of the St. Louis County (Mo.) Watchman, died Thursday night, at his home in Clayton of pneumonia. He had been sick a week.

Charles H. Beach, formerly of Logansport, Ind., and now of Chicago, is in jail at Logansport, charged with trying to kidnap his son, over whom the boy's mother has control.

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