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FORSYTH, MISSOURI

The young Countess Castellane, nee Gould, has given birth to a boy, her second son, in Paris.

ELLA DANA CONWAY, wife of Monroe D. Conway, the author and lecturer, died, on the 27th, at her home in New York city, aged 64 years.

COUNT MATSUKAKA, the Japanese premier, and Admiral the Marquis Saigo Tadamichi, minister of marine, resigned on the 26th. It is probable that Marquis Ito will be the new premier.

ADLAI E. STEVENSON, former vice-president of the United States, has accepted the position of western counsel of the North American Trust Co. of New York city, with a membership in the board of directors.

The supreme court of California, after having heard the matter argued in chambers, on the 25th denied the application of the attorneys for W. H. T. Durrant, the condemned murderer of Blanche Lamont, for a writ of probable cause.

A DISPATCH from Stockport, England, on the 26th, announced the death of Ephraim Hallam. Mr. Hallam was mayor of Stockport at the breaking out of the civil war in the United States, and did much to organize public relief funds.

MRS. MARY BARNETT, who was connected by marriage with the family of President McKinley, died in Milwaukee, on the 27th, aged 89. Mrs. Barnett was born in Ireland. Her husband's mother was named McKinley, and her mother was a Douglas.

The Baron de Hirsch association has decided that there are too many men and women employed in the clothing trade on the east side in New York city. It is expected that their number will be diminished by starting a colony for them elsewhere.

THERE is a project on foot to start several steamers from Halifax, N. S., for the Klondike next spring, the first leaving in March or perhaps earlier. Capt. James Farquhar, of Halifax, is now in England for the purpose of securing suitable steamers.

The Constantinople correspondent of the Times says that at the last meeting of the ambassadors of the powers, the Russian representatives created a surprise by proposing Prince George of Greece as governor of Greece. The proposal was coldly received.

EIGHTY per cent. of the edge tool manufacturers in the United States have consolidated their interests. The concern will be known as the American Ax and Tool Co., and will have a capital stock of \$2,000,000, and will employ over 2,000 skilled workmen.

COMMANDER BOOTH-TUCKER has gone to California to complete the work of founding the first of the Salvation Army colonies in this country at Soledad, near Monterey. Most of the cottages have already been built, and the work of cultivation is well under way.

The plan for the liquidation of all claims against the Chestnut Street national bank and the Chestnut Street Trust and Savings Fund Co., of Philadelphia, are, as far as can be learned, quite acceptable to the general body of depositors of both of those institutions.

DEPOSITORS and shareholders of the Chestnut Street national bank and the Chestnut Street Trust and Savings Fund Co., of Philadelphia, continue to sign agreements declaring their approval of the plan for the voluntary liquidation of the affairs of the two institutions.

It is reported that a Japanese fleet of war-ships is waiting near Goto island, outside Nagasaki fully equipped for war and only awaiting instructions. This includes the Yashima and the Fuji, two of the finest vessels in the Japanese navy, and the Chen-Yuen, that was captured from China.

The German question is unsettled. China's difficulty is increased, owing to the uncertainty of the attitude of the powers. Germany's withdrawal from Kiaochow is said to be conditional upon her finding a suitable naval station elsewhere. China is becoming alarmed at the present situation.

FOURTEEN of the most prominent contractors in the United States are en route to Nicaragua to inspect the survey of the proposed canal. If the work is deemed practicable these men will form a company and bid for the job. The party is under the direction of E. F. Cragin and E. L. Cooley, chief engineer of the Chicago drainage canal.

SECRETARY SHERMAN, on the 29th, received a telegram from the Anacosta Standard directing him to draw on the National Park bank of New York city for \$800, the amount of the interest on the state of Montana, through that paper, for the relief of suffering Cubans. The dispatch added that a second remittance would be ready on January 1.

The annual meeting of the American Folk Lore society opened in Baltimore, Md., on the 29th, in Johns Hopkins university. Dr. Washington Matthews, of Washington, D. C., read a paper on "Idiophony"; Miss Alice Fletcher, of Washington, on "The Significance of the Seal Look," and Miss Mary Willis Miller, of Baltimore read "A Folk Tale."

The Madrid El Heraldo said, on the 26th, "the encroachments of the United States upon the internal policies of Spain have become intolerable and must be resisted energetically. The situation is difficult, but, at whatever cost, the government ought to put an end to a shameful state of affairs for the sake of the dignity of Spain."

The conferees selected to formulate a plan for the settlement of the affairs of the Chestnut Street national bank and the Chestnut Street Trust and Savings Fund Co., of Philadelphia, of which Wm. M. Slinger, proprietor of The Record, was president, submitted their report for the approval of the creditors, on the 27th, which, after an all-day conference, was approved.

NEWS AND NOTES.

A Summary of Important Events.

PERSONAL AND GENERAL.

SEVENTEEN British war-ships are reported off Chemulpo, Corea, southwest of Seoul, supporting the British consul's protest, really amounting to an ultimatum against the king practically yielding the government of Corea into the hands of the Russian minister.

The engagement is announced of Miss Margaret Vancouver, daughter of New York, and Frank McNutt, of Richmond, Ind. Miss Ogden is said to be worth \$20,000,000. The wedding is announced for January 4.

The Canadian Pacific company has completed arrangements for the construction of six light draught stern-wheel steamers to ply on Alaskan waters, in conjunction with two ocean steamers which they have purchased in Scotland. These vessels will be constructed in Toronto, the contracts having been let to the Bertram & Polson works.

A DISPATCH from Edmonton, N. W. T., records the death of Capt. Alleyne, leader of an English party bound for the Klondike. He succumbed to pneumonia.

The 28th 375 applications for patents were received at the patent office, the highest on record for any one day in the history of the office.

The Hamburger Nachrichten denies that Prince Bismarck's gout is better, and says he can not walk or sleep and is unable to read or answer his friends' letters. The former chancellor is described as being very irate at the statement that his health is satisfactory.

The Turkish government, replying to the representations of Greece, has explained that the fring upon the Greek gunboat Actium, by the Turks at Prevesa, recently, as the vessel was leaving the gulf of Ambracia, was due to a misunderstanding.

A BOMB, made of gas piping and filled with powder, was exploded at the German theater in Olmutz, Moravia, on the 27th. Little damage was done, but the incident caused great excitement among the German residents.

PROF. ALEXANDER MELVILLE BELL, the distinguished scientist of Edinburgh, Scotland, and the father of Graham Bell, the inventor of the telephone, will soon wed Mrs. H. G. Shelby, of Toronto, Ont.

REV. ANDREW MONTGOMERY, better known as "Uncle" Andrew, who is probably the oldest born slave in the United States, is on a visit to New York city in behalf of the aged and helpless of his race.

FORMER Vice-President Levi P. Morton has accepted the presidency of the newly-formed Fifth Avenue (New York) Trust Co.

It is officially announced that the Eurasians have occupied Kin Chow, China. The result of this announcement has been to create consternation in Great Britain and throughout continental Europe.

ON Christmas day Mrs. McKinley sent a beautiful basket of flowers to Letitia Tyler Semple, now an inmate of the home for old women in Washington. Mrs. Semple is the granddaughter of President Tyler.

The Cook county (Ill.) grand jury, on the 27th, voted an indictment against Charles F. Charney, ex-treasurer of the Presbyterian board of aid for colleges and academies. The bill accuses Charney of the embezzlement of \$65,000 of the funds of the board.

LORD SALISBURY has written to United States Ambassador Hay in response to America's latest proposal that Great Britain enter into an agreement with the United States, Russia and Japan to stop selling Great Britain declared to enter into such an agreement.

HENRY BARONS, founder of the firm of Barons & Co. piano manufacturers of New York, died in Nyack, N. Y., on the 28th, aged 78 years.

REPORTS received at the navy department indicate that the British government is pushing the work of modernizing the great fortifications at the Rock of Gibraltar with all speed, and that less than 5,000 Spanish workmen pass daily over the line to work from their work on the fortifications.

The receivers of the Superior Consolidated Lead and Coal Co. of Milwaukee petitioned Judge Johnson in the United States court, on the 28th, for permission to borrow \$200,000, the funds to be used in carrying on the business of the company, making improvements, etc.

FRED F. FINSTER and William Muir, deputy inspectors at Port Huron, Mich., were removed from their positions, on the 28th, for violations of the civil service rules in soliciting campaign contributions.

The famous mechanical pipe-organ in the rotunda of the Great Northern hotel, Chicago, was destroyed by fire on the night of the 28th, causing a damage of \$35,000. Of this amount \$15,000 was represented by the organ, and \$20,000 was due to the destruction of two world's fair paintings on either side of the organ.

GEN. FANDBO has returned to Santiago de Cuba with the remains of the force used in the expedition to the Cauto river. It is estimated that over 1,000 soldiers perished in the three fights with Garcia, and fully an equal number have disappeared.

SECRETARY ALGER, who had been confined to his room by a severe cold, was decidedly improved, on the 28th, and expected to be at the war department in a few days.

The Orange Free State has ratified the extradition treaty between that country and the United States, recently negotiated, and has returned the document to Washington, where it awaits the action of the United States senate.

The first annual meeting of the Negro American academy was held in Washington, D. C., on the 28th. The organization was formed a year ago, and numbers among its members some of the most prominent negro educators of Washington.

Mrs. ELIZABETH STANTON Woolworth, wife of J. M. Woolworth, executive president of the American Bar association, died at her home in Omaha, Neb., on the 28th, at the age of 61 years. Mrs. Woolworth was the daughter of Moses Bradford Butterfield, and was a lineal descendant of William Bradford, the first governor of Plymouth colony.

THEODORE BURLOCH and Ernestine Burloch were arrested at Clinton, Ia., on the 28th, charged with the murder of Charles Selhausen, the woman's former husband, in September. The woman confessed, after arrest, that she had killed Selhausen, and implicated Burloch.

SIG. PRUZZATI, Italian minister of finance, in a report to the chambers, has recommended the establishment of a bank in New York city, to be under the direct supervision of the Italian government.

HALLA and Walda Crem were asphyxiated by coal gas from a stove in their home at Leipzig, O., on the 28th, during the absence of their mother. Their bodies were found on the floor by the mother on her return home.

J. W. HARRIS, a North Carolina negro, was arraigned, in New York, on the 28th, on the charge of sending threatening letters to William K. Vanderbilt, Charles Broadway Rouse, John W. Rockefeller and other prominent men. He was committed as a vagrant.

STENOGRAPHERS employed by the defense in the Luetgert case, at Chicago, have struck, and the defense may have to depend upon the notes taken by the state's attorney's stenographers if it is found necessary to take the case to the supreme court.

Mrs. MARY ANDERSON and her daughters, Edith and Myrtle, aged eight and seven respectively, were asphyxiated by illuminating gas in their home in Chicago.

The widow of Capt. Isaac Bassett, late assistant doorkeeper of the United States senate, died, on the 28th, in Washington.

MAYOR HARRISON of Chicago has issued an order prohibiting public boxing exhibitions in that city. He said his permission to hold six-round contests had been abused and that fights were taking place in the city every night. He said he might rescind the order after a time, but that it would stand for many months.

By the order of the United States district court, the remaining assets of the defunct Maverick national bank of Boston were sold at auction, on the 28th, at the home of one of these. The assets included the home of one of these. The assets included the home of one of these.

HON. GEORGE W. PECK, ex-governor of Wisconsin and author of "Peck's Bad Boy," has closed a contract with the Southern Lyceum bureau for a limited course of lectures in the south and middle western states.

The statement of the condition of the treasury, on the 29th, showed: Available cash balance, \$243,339,028; gold reserve, \$160,542,293.

The American Folk Lore society closed its ninth annual convention at Johns Hopkins university, in Baltimore, Md., on the 29th.

The French fleet hoisted the French flag on the island of Hai Nan on the 29th. The Chinese offered no opposition.

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A SPECIAL dispatch from Shanghai says that communications are constantly passing between the British and Japanese consuls, and it is understood that the Japanese ministers are trying to effect a rapprochement with England on the basis of a joint guarantee of reform in Chinese administration.

THE marriage of James B. Haggin, the wealthy turfman of California, Kentucky and New York, and Miss Pearl Voorhies, of Versailles, Ky., took place, on the 30th, at the home of Miss Voorhies' stepfather, James P. Ausden, in Lexington, Ky. The groom is wealthy and 74, the bride beautiful and 23.

STEPHEN V. WHITE, who failed in the financial panic of 1893, was reinstated to full membership in the New York stock exchange, on the 30th, by the unanimous vote of the committee on admissions. The "deacon" had settled all his obligations with interest.

WARNINGS were issued, on the 30th, for the arrest of C. P. Stargis, president of the defunct Citizens bank of Oelwein, Ia., who recently attempted suicide by shooting. The warrant charged embezzlement of school funds.

THE main portion of the St. Charles seminary, at Sherbrooke, Que., and the left wing were gutted by fire on the 30th. Most of the pupils, among whom were many American boys, were away on the holidays. Loss \$23,000.

MISSOURI STATE NEWS.

"The Pickers" Meet. "The Pickers" held their third annual banquet at the Grand Central hotel, Leavenworth.

THERE were many distinguished sons of old Pike county present. One of the most pleasing features of the evening was the reading of a poetical effusion, written by Prof. Berry Smith, a Pike county resident of Fayette, but who was unable to be present.

"ONCE A PIKE COUNTY ALWAYS A PIKE COUNTY" I was born in old Pike county. And I think there's nothing like her: Two stray notes beyond her border, Yet at heart I'm still a Pike county boy. As a fellow loves his sweetheart, 'Cause he can not help but like her, So a fellow loves Pike county, If he's ever been a Pike county boy.

Sister, sweetheart, wife or mother— O this world has nothing like her: If you've seen a Pike county boy, You will want to be a Pike county boy. Eastward, westward, northward, southward Upward, downward, nothing like her! Pike's the center of creation In the eyes of every Pike county boy.

All her dead in—well, no matter— Still believes there's nothing like her, When old Gabriel toots his trumpet, Every Pike county boy will be a Pike county boy.

Safe Cure for Windy Lawyers. If Judge Wofford of Kansas City adheres to his intention which he has just announced, all Haggin, and several years ago. Mr. Haggin recently purchased the Elmendorf farm, near Lexington, and has removed to it a large part of his extensive horse breeding establishment.

It is understood that he and his bride will spend a part of their time at Elmendorf, although they will reside in New York. They came to Lexington last night in his private car Salva-tor and will leave to-day for New York city.

USELESS AND EXPENSIVE. Pension Attorneys May be Replaced by Officials Under Government Supervision. WASHINGTON, Dec. 31.—Commissioner of Pensions Evans has been giving some attention to a proposition whereby the services of pension attorneys engaged in the prosecution of claims before the office may be dispensed with, and the work done by officials under government supervision.

Discontinuing the services of the attorneys would result in a great saving to both the pensioners and the government, and the liability to frauds in issuing pensions would be reduced to a minimum. Under government supervision the pension bureau would have direct control of the persons appointed to look after the cases, whose business it would be to see that all honest claims were promptly and impartially presented.

The commissioner notes the fact that \$13,500,000 has been paid out during the past 13 years to pension attorneys by applicants for the prosecution of their claims.

CAPT. ROBINSON'S REPORT. The Merits of the Different Trails Leading into the Klondike Country Set Forth. WASHINGTON, Dec. 31.—Secretary Alger has received two reports from Capt. Robinson, the contract quartermaster at Seattle, touching the respective merits of the different trails leading from the seaboard into the Klondike country. He made a thorough inquiry as to the direction of the secretaries, and in substance his conclusion, reached after conference with Jack Dalton and other experts, is that the Dalton trail is not well adapted to uses of the government expedition during the winter, but that the Skagway route is probably the best.

The captain says he has had an interview with one man who claims to have 70,000 pounds of beef stored at Lake Tenno, which he is willing to sell at \$1 per pound. The same man says he has 10,000 pounds of corn and 20 or 30 horses at the same place with which he proposes to organize a sled train to Dawson. Capt. Robinson says himself that his opinion is that the difficulty of reaching Dawson has been very much exaggerated, and that a good army officer could make his way in with an expedition. Montana horses should be used.

HAVANA AN OPEN PORT. Gen. Weyler's Closing Order to be Abrogated—Tobacco for America. ATLANTA, Ga., Dec. 31.—A special to the Constitution from Havana, via Key West, says: From a strictly private and yet responsible source comes the information that the port of Havana will be opened to exportation within 24 hours. The port was closed by Capt. Gen. Weyler's edict of May 14, 1896, for the purpose of cutting the tobacco industries of the United States, particularly those of Tampa, and Key West, Fla., off from their supply. Gen. Weyler did this, he claimed, to insure permanent employment to the discontented cigar-makers in Havana during the troublesome times of war, but it is known that his special aim was to paralyze the Cuban colonies of the United States, from which was coming the fostering strength that made the insurgents formidable.

DAMAGED IN A COLLISION. But Proceeded on Her Journey After Several Repairs. ST. MICHAEL'S, Dec. 31.—The British steamer Mayland, Capt. Turner, here since November 22, before reported damaged from collision, has been repaired and proceeded yesterday for either New Orleans or Galveston.

The British steamer Silverdale, from Galveston, via Newport News, for Bremen, before reported having had a fire in her afterhold at this port, is reloading the cotton which was discharged when the fire was extinguished.

DREADFUL ACCIDENT. A Prominent Citizen Shoots and Kills His Father. LOUISVILLE, Ky., Dec. 31.—A special to the Times from Crawfordsville, Ind., says: Yesterday morning at Linden, Ore. Stingley, a prominent citizen, accidentally shot and killed his aged father, John Stingley. Mr. Stingley had started to leave the house with a rifle and in passing through a door the weapon was struck against the casing and discharged, the lead entering the back of his father's head as he sat between his daughter and granddaughter.

UNEQUALLY YOKED.

A Groom of Seventy-Four Weds a Young Woman of Twenty-Five. Marriage of James B. Haggin and Miss Pearl Voorhies.

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ALASKAN TERRITORY.

Congressional Committees Preparing the Way for Action. Secretary Bliss Demanded—The Time Not Considered Ripe for Full Territorial Government, on Account of the Transitory Nature of the Population.

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Mr. Gladstone's price for a new \$1,000. Conan Doyle received \$35,000 for "The Hound of the Baskin's."

Ruskin's 64 books bring him a year. Swinburne, who writes very well, makes \$3,000 a year by his pen. Browning, in his later years, made \$10,000 a year from the sale of his works.

Ian Maclaren made \$35,000 "The Bonnie Brier Bush" and "Lang Syne." Anthony Hope charges \$450 a magazine story, reserving the right. Zola's first fourteen books net him \$220,000, and in twenty years has made at least \$375,000.

Tennyson is said to have received 000 a year from the Macmillans for the last years of his life. Mr. Moody is believed to have been paid in royalties for the hymns and tunes issued by him in conjunction with Mr. Sankey.

The Pall Mall Gazette paid Rudyard Kipling \$750 for each of his "Barrack Room Ballads" and "The Seven Seas" brought him \$11,000. He has received 50 cents a word for a 10,000-word story. Mrs. Humphry Ward received \$40,000 for "Robert Elsmere," \$30,000 each for "David Grieve" and "Marcella," \$20,000 for "Sir George Trevelyan" and \$10,000 for "Bessie Costrell."

Rider Haggard asks from \$75 to \$100 a column of 1,500 words and will write an article for which less than \$1,000 is to be paid. Two hundred thousand dollars was paid to Alphonse Daudet for his "Sappho," the highest ever paid for a novel.

ABOUT THE WOMEN. A woman doctor who has been visiting Russia reports that there are about 600 lady doctors in that country, who mostly hold posts under government patronage. The empress of Japan takes a great interest in the Women's hospital, Tokyo, which is conducted on modern principles. Her majesty seems anxious to do all she can for the advancement of her sex, and has had a modern gymnasium built in the palace, where she practices daily.

The strained relations between the queen regent of Spain and the widow of her late premier, Canovas del Castillo, are attracting more and more attention. The murdered statesman was interred with such honor as is otherwise only shown royal persons, and his widow was made duchess of Canovas. The latter did not see fit, however, to thank the queen for the honor bestowed upon her.

We are hearing a good deal of Finland and the work of the Finland women are just now and it may be of interest to note that Finnish women are less progressive than others of the sex. They enjoy the privileges of elective franchise in local or commercial affairs and are also eligible to take office as members of the schools, as well as councillor and elector in the administration of charitable institutions, besides being largely employed in many of the public departments and as teachers.

CYCLE NOVELTIES. A recently patented bicycle pump has a spring inside the hollow piston rod to force it outward after each stroke of the pump, a pin being used to lock the piston in a closed position for placing in the tool bag.

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