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THE WEEK'S NEWS

Happenings of the Past Seven Days in Brief.

ROUND ABOUT THE WORLD

Casualties and Fires, Personal and Political Notes, Business Failures and Resumptions, Weather Record.

INTELLIGENCE FROM ALL PARTS

WAR NEWS.

According to Madrid advices the Spanish peace commissioners will maintain their present attitude in regard to the Philippine islands and will not accept the conditions of the United States.

A high official of the German foreign office asserts that no communications have occurred between the powers regarding the Philippine question.

The government has renewed and strengthened its determination that the Spanish evacuation of Cuba and the American occupation shall not be deferred beyond January 1 next.

Col. Jared A. Smith, United States government engineer, has been inspecting the Atlantic coast defenses and says they are strong enough to protect us against any enemy.

The Spanish commission in Havana has agreed upon January 1 next as the date of evacuation.

The national relief commission at Philadelphia has decided to discontinue relief work in Porto Rico December 1.

The peace commission met in joint session in Paris and the Spanish commissioners submitted a voluminous memorandum, contesting the right of the Americans to raise the question of the sovereignty of the Philippines under the terms of the protocol and asking for arbitration. The meeting adjourned until the 19th.

Four islanders and two United States negro soldiers dead is the cost of a shooting affray at San Luis, Cuba.

The navy department will probably arrange with the Neptune company of Sweden to float the Spanish cruiser Cristobal Colon.

An order has been issued by the war department directing ten regiments of the regular army now stationed in northwestern forts and posts to hold themselves in readiness for immediate transportation and service in tropical climates.

The members of the First regiment were discharged in Chicago from the regular service of the United States.

Washington advices say that the movement of United States troops to Havana province will begin within ten days.

Assistant Secretary Vanderlip, of the treasury department, will go to Porto Rico to study the currency needs of the island.

Advices received in Washington from Paris encouraged the authorities to believe the peace negotiations will be satisfactorily completed at a very early date.

The Spanish transport Porto Rico arrived at Malaga with 1,217 troops from Cuba. There were 31 deaths during the voyage.

DOMESTIC.

The entire business section of Covington, La., was swept away by fire.

Robert Brown shot and killed his father-in-law, Louis McClellan, his mother-in-law and his wife Bertha and dangerously wounded his brother-in-law in Glasgow, Ky.

R. R. Tolbert, whose father and brother were shot in the race war at Phoenix, S. C., was in Washington to secure an investigation of the riot by the federal authorities.

Gen. D. W. Flagler, chief of the bureau of ordnance, in his annual report says that there were expended during the fiscal year ended June 30, 1898, \$7,348,795.

The president has appointed Richard Guenther, of Wisconsin, to be consul-general of the United States at Frankfurt, Germany, and Frank H. Mason, of Ohio, to be consul-general at Berlin, Germany.

In convention in St. Paul the Woman's Christian Temperance union decided to abandon the temple building in Chicago.

Anna Swanson eloped from her home near Webster City, Ia., with F. E. Frederickson, and the father of the girl pursued the elopers and killed Frederickson.

The Michigan supreme court says boycotts are illegal when other than peaceable methods are employed.

At the annual meeting in St. Paul of the Woman's Christian Temperance union Mrs. L. M. N. Stevens, of Maine, was elected president.

The strike of coal miners in the Virden (Ill.) district, which has been the cause of rioting and bloodshed, has been brought to an end.

Chase, Isherwood & Co., the oldest tobacco firm in Ohio, has gone out of business.

The Missouri supreme court decided the law by which cities are compelled to sell franchises to corporations to be unconstitutional.

Prairie fires in Gregory, Tripp and Todd counties, S. D., caused the ruin of thousands of acres of range and the loss of many cattle.

Robert McFadden, William Henderson, John Kell and George Morgan were caught in the bottom of a shaft in Butte, Mont., by an explosion and fatally injured.

The First national bank of Emporia, Kan., was closed by order of the comptroller of the treasury, and an hour later Charles S. Cross, the bank's president, committed suicide.

Ethel Marlowe, a young and handsome actress, dropped dead on the stage in New York.

The report of Gen. G. N. Lieber, judge advocate general, for the year ended August 31, shows that there have been a total of 1,180 courts-martial during the year.

Bishop Fowler announces that the Methodists are preparing to establish churches in Cuba, Porto Rico and the Philippines.

The government has decided to investigate the race troubles in South Carolina in respect to the interference with the duties of federal officers.

Mayor Ziegenheim has vetoed the curfew bill passed by the St. Louis city council.

The thirty-second annual meeting of the National Grange, Patrons of Husbandry, began in Concord, N. H.

At the closing session in St. Paul of the Woman's Christian Temperance union Mrs. M. B. Carse, of Illinois, one of the most prominent members, withdrew from the organization, saying she would not return until the temple fund was raised.

The world's gold product for 1898 is placed at \$275,000,000, against \$237,000,000 in 1897.

The total imports of gold in the ten months ended October 31, 1898, were \$143,658,095, exceeding the exports by \$129,306,246.

The total money in circulation in the United States at the beginning of the present month was \$1,866,575,782, against \$1,706,732,904 at the corresponding date last year.

Two battles took place between union white miners and negroes in Springside, a suburb of Pana, Ill., but no one was seriously injured.

Secretary Long in his annual report recommends the construction of three first-class battleships and five first-class armored cruisers and recommends an addition of 5,000 men to the navy.

At a citizens' mass meeting in Omaha it was decided that the trans-Mississippi exposition should be continued next year.

Col. F. C. Ainsworth, chief of the record and pension office, war department, in his annual report says that 13,296 cases were received and disposed of during the past fiscal year, a net increase of 43,489 cases over the previous year.

At Newport, R. I., the torpedo boat Dupont made over 30 knots an hour, proving her to be the fastest boat in the United States navy.

Timothy Dwight, president of Yale college at New Haven, Conn., for 12 years, has resigned.

Seidenberg, Steifel & Co., cigar dealers in New York, failed for \$500,000.

It is said that Secretary Alger, in his annual report, and President McKinley, in his annual message to congress, will recommend that the standing army be placed on a permanent peace basis of 100,000 men.

G. W. Schmidt, wholesale liquor dealer in Pittsburgh, Pa., filed his petition in voluntary bankruptcy with liabilities of \$318,000.

PERSONAL AND POLITICAL.

Clara Fisher Maeder, the oldest actress in this country and probably in the world, died at Metuchen, N. J., aged 87 years.

Mrs. Lucy Alexander (colored) died at her home in Keokuk, Ia., aged 127 years.

James Richardson, the largest cotton planter in the world, died suddenly at Benoit, Miss.

Official returns from Indiana show that the republican plurality in the recent election is as follows: Hunt, secretary of state, 16,899; Hart, auditor, 17,681; Levy, treasurer, 16,930.

Dr. Thomas A. Kennedy, whose fame as a hypnotist was world wide, died in Chicago, aged 45 years.

Dr. Samuel C. Bartlett, former president of Dartmouth college, died suddenly at Hanover, N. H., aged 71 years.

The official returns of Ohio in the recent election show that Charles Kinney, heading the republican ticket for secretary of state, has a plurality of 61,224.

William E. Hale, an old and prominent citizen of Chicago, notable as the introducer of the hydraulic elevator in the west, died at the age of 62 years.

Prof. George L. Osborne, president of the state normal school at Warrensburg, Mo., for 21 years, died at the age of 68 years.

The seventh annual convention of the American Republican College league began at Indianapolis.

FOREIGN.

It is said that the sultan has offered Crete to Russia as a set-off to the balance of the Russo-Turkish war indemnity.

The inauguration of Brazil's new president, Campos Sales, took place in Petropolis.

Trains collided on the Grand Trunk road near Murray Hill, Ont., and 12 persons were killed and a dozen or more seriously injured.

Steamers collided in a Chinese inland sea off Takami and 70 persons were drowned.

The American board of trade of the island of Cuba held its first session in Havana.

The Corea government has issued orders that foreigners are to be stopped from trading in the interior.

LATER.

The first real storm of the winter season visited Minneapolis the 21st. The wind and snow were on the rampage all day.

The case of the American Railroad Conductor Temple, who has been held under arrest in Mexico for killing a man on this side of the line, has been satisfactorily adjusted. The Mexican government will surrender Temple to the authorities of Arizona.

The grand jury at Philadelphia presented bills of indictment against United States Senator Quay, his son Richard P. Quay and Benjamin J. Woodward, ex-state treasurer. The bills charge the defendants with unlawful use of the state's money.

It is reported that the steamer Dixon of the Booth line running between Duluth and Port Arthur has foundered near Two Harbors, Minn.

The Spaniards deny the story that the insurgents have captured Iloilo.

In private letters Admiral Dewey advises the retention of all of the Philippine islands.

Ex. Queen Lilioukaiani, arrived at San Francisco on her way to Washington. The object of her visit is to try to influence congress to allow her to retain possession of the crown lands, valued at \$5,000,000. Lilioukaiani maintains that despite the annexation of the Hawaiian islands to the United States, the crown lands are her absolute private property, and that this country has no more right to assume ownership of the land than it has to take the property of any private citizen.

The United States peace commissioners have undoubtedly made their final proposition at Paris. When the conference opened the 21st, Judge Day, addressing Senator Montero Rios and his colleagues of the Spanish commission, recurred to the protracted negotiations and reaffirmed the desire of the American commissioners to reach an amicable conclusion. Then, handing the American presentation to the interpreter, Judge Day concluded his remarks by saying that the Americans, preferring not to break the armistice or to resume hostilities, had determined to present another and final proposition, which he hoped would lead to a speedy and amicable adjustment. That portion of the presentation setting forth the new proposal, the proposal that the United States must have possession of the entire Philippine archipelago, with a tender of \$20,000,000 for a treaty cession of the islands, was then read.

THE TAG ENDS OF THINGS.

One-fifteenth of the inhabitants of Spain are nobles.

Fish with white flesh are more easily digested than fish with reddish flesh.

Fowls are plucked alive in Malta, in the public markets, and in some parts of England.

The population of England has increased from 4,000,000 in the Elizabethan era to 29,000,000 to-day.

A gold mine under the town of Balarat, Australia, is considered the richest in the world.

Bamboo pens still retain their hold in India, where they have been in use for more than 1,000 years.

According to the best authorities there has never been a race of men who were ignorant of the use of fire.

To make paper fireproof nothing more is necessary than to saturate the paper in a strong solution of alum water, and when thoroughly dry it will resist the action of the flame.

The otter is the fastest swimming quadruped known. In the water it exhibits an astonishing agility, swimming in a nearly horizontal position with the greatest ease, diving and darting along beneath the surface with a speed equal, if not superior, to that of many fishes.

WITH THE ELECTRICIANS.

There are now 31 telephone lines in Michigan; where there was but one ten years ago.

The telegraph and telephone, says the Electrical Review, will soon revolutionize the business life in Porto Rico.

A professional school of electricity is to be established near Paris, France. The school is intended to furnish laborers and foremen with an electrical education.

According to the Western Electrician, the electrical wires of Chicago are gradually going underground, not only in the central business district, where the rule has been enforced for several years, but in the outlying districts as well.

Among proposed applications of power at long distances from its source is the lighting of the interior passages and chambers of the great Pyramids by electric currents generated at the cataract of Assouan, several hundred miles away. The same power is intended to operate pumping stations and cotton mills along the Nile.

CAPTURED BY INSURGENTS

Iloilo, in the Philippines, Said to Have Fallen—Dewey Sends Warship There.

DENIED BY OFFICIAL ADVICES AT MADRID

Two Spanish Cruisers, the Isla de Cuba and Isla de Luzon, Sunk by Dewey Last May, Have Been Raised and Docked at Cavite—The McCulloch Starts for Home.

Manila, Nov. 19.—It is said that Iloilo, capital of the island of Panay, is in the hands of the insurgents. The United States cruiser Charleston and the United States gunboat Concord have gone there.

Dispatch from Dewey.

Washington, Nov. 21.—The navy department has received the following dispatch from Admiral Dewey, which, if the news in regard to the fall of Iloilo is true, was sent before the admiral had been informed of the latest victory of the natives:

"Manila, Nov. 18, 1898.—Secretary Navy, Washington: Charleston and Concord arrived from Iloilo. Glass reports that the entire island of Panay is in possession of insurgents except Iloilo, which is defended by 800 Spanish troops. All foreign citizens there beg for American protection. The island of Negros has declared independence and desires American protectorate. (Signed) DEWEY."

Denied at Madrid.

Madrid, Nov. 21.—The Spanish government has received dispatches from Senator Montero Rios, president of the peace commission at Paris, detailing the investiture of President Faure with the Order of the Golden Fleece, bestowed upon him by the queen regent, and giving further particulars regarding the peace negotiations. President Faure has conferred the grand cordon of the Legion of Honor on the queen regent.

According to the government officials here, there is no truth in the report that certain prelates are conspiring against the Spanish government.

Count Von Radowitz, the German ambassador, has officially notified the Spanish government that Emperor William has abandoned his intended visit to Spanish ports, "owing to the change in temperature in the Mediterranean."

Spanish Cruisers Raised.

Manila, Nov. 21.—The Spanish cruisers Isla de Cuba and Isla de Luzon, which were sunk during the battle of Manila, have been floated and docked at Cavite.

The United States revenue cutter McCulloch has left Manila on her way home.

The Philippine provinces have suffered from the severest typhoon in years. Malolos, the headquarters of Aguinaldo, has been damaged and many villages have been destroyed.

The merchants of this city have decided to establish a chamber of commerce, which, by Spanish law, they were previously precluded from doing.

Fatal Row at Manila.

Manila, Nov. 21.—Three Filipino natives hired a carriage and afterwards became engaged in a dispute with the driver regarding the fare. Some members of the American military police attempted to arrest the natives, but the latter resisted and Sergt. Price, of the Minnesota regiment, was stabbed and killed and three other American soldiers, Maher, Montgomery and Hoyt, were wounded.

Maher shot one native dead. The others were arrested.

St. Paul, Minn., Nov. 21.—The news of the street fight in Manila Friday night was received with much interest here. As the Thirteenth Minnesota regiment has been on police duty for some time it was supposed that the wounded privates, as well as Sergt. Price, belonged to that regiment. Sergt. Price was of company E, in which company are also found the names of Privates Maher, Montgomery and Hoyt. This is Capt. Spears, St. Paul company.

Low Death Rate.

Washington, Nov. 21.—The following has been received at the war department:

"Manila, Nov. 19.—Adjutant-General, Washington: The following death occurred since last report: November 14, Jay A. Smith, private, company G, First South Dakota; apoplexy following malarial fever. (Signed) OTIS."

The war department officials say that the report showing such a small death rate among so many soldiers is extremely gratifying, and indicates an improved condition at Manila. That only one death should occur in 20,000 soldiers in a week or ten days is very surprising. The department believes there has been a great improvement in the health conditions in the Philippines.

Trying to Murder Milan.

London, Nov. 21.—A special dispatch from Bucharest, published Saturday afternoon, says two attempts have been made recently upon the life of ex-King Milan of Serbia. The first, it appears, was on a train between Kragujevez and Nisch. Later, at Nisch, a man dressed as a student and armed with a revolver, entered Milan's bedroom, but was arrested before he could attack the ex-king.

SHORT SPECIALS.

Fire at Louisville, Ky., Saturday, caused a loss to the Renz-Bowles drug firm of between \$80,000 and \$100,000.

Sir Stuart Knill, head of the firm of John Knill & Co., and lord mayor of London during the year 1892-93, is dead. He was born in 1824.

Secretary Long has issued an order increasing the age requirement in the case of apprentices admitted to the naval service from 14 to 15 years.

W. S. Carothers, formerly one of the best-known stock men in Texas, has filed a petition in bankruptcy, with liabilities of \$23,456, at Galveston.

Adam Ziegenhein, son of Mayor Ziegenhein, of St. Louis, died suddenly of acute hernia in Paragould, Ark., where he had gone on a hunting trip.

Edward Bootle Wilbraham, first earl of Lathom, is dead. He was born in 1837 and was formerly lord chamberlain and deputy grand master of the English free masons.

A fire which broke out in the shipyards of John H. Starin at West New Brighton, S. I., burned seven buildings and their contents and caused a damage estimated to be about \$400,000.

The people of the Creek nation have by a majority of 52 votes declined to ratify the proposed agreement with the Dawes commission. The Indians will now be handled by the government.

William H. Overbaugh, of Hanover, N. Y., has been appointed receiver of the Hanover Foundry & Machine company, under a bond of \$150,000. The liabilities, \$120,234, exceed the assets by \$13,000.

The steamer Belgic has sailed from San Francisco for China and Japan, via Honolulu, with so many passengers that valuable cargo had to be refused. This will be her last voyage to the orient.

Former United States Judge Sage died at Lebanon, O., Saturday morning, after a long illness. Judge Sage held the office the required number of years to permit him to retire under the law in August last.

At a mass meeting of citizens of Omaha it was decided to purchase the exposition buildings and plant of the Trans-Mississippi and International Exposition association and hold an exposition next year.

A registered letter containing \$1,000, sent from New York by John E. Madden, the noted horseman, to Lexington, Ky., was opened en route and the money taken. The government is investigating.

States Senator Burke, of Ohio, is on trial before the Bar association in Cleveland on the charge of circulating stories reflecting upon the judicial honesty of Judge F. E. Dellenbaugh, of the common pleas court.

The treasury department has recommended to the secretary of war that quinine be admitted into Cuba and Porto Rico free of duty. Under the Spanish law the duty on quinine was about \$13 a pound.

Rear Admiral Joseph N. Miller, who hoisted the American flag over Hawaii August 12 last, will be retired Tuesday, after spending over 47 years in active service. Of this about 20 years has been passed afloat.

Attorney-General Crowe, of Missouri, has petitioned the supreme court of the state for a writ of mandamus compelling the various express companies to pay for the war revenue stamps and their receipts to shippers.

A special from Nashville, says: John Smartt, a well-disposed colored citizen, living at Chapelton, one and a half miles from Smartt's Station, in Warren county, Tenn., was shot and killed by white caps Friday night.

The commission appointed last June by President McKinley to revise the patent and trade-mark laws of the United States held its first meeting in New York. Judge Grosscup, the Chicago member, was unable to be present.

The president's turkey for his Thanksgiving dinner has been dressed by Horace Vose, of Westerly, R. I., who has supplied the white house for nearly 25 years. The turkey weighs 23½ pounds and has been shipped by express.

The joint committee of the senate and house, which is looking into postal affairs, will convene in Chicago to-day (Monday) to take up that branch of the inquiry relating to the cost of transporting mail over the railways, rental of postal cars, etc.

A dispatch from the Seoul, capital of Corea, says the American, British and Japanese ministers there have protested against the action of the Corean government in issuing orders that foreigners are to be stopped from trading in the interior.

Three four-story brick business buildings, Nos. 65, 70 and 72 Broadway, New York, were practically destroyed by fire Saturday morning. The loss will exceed \$300,000. The buildings were occupied principally by brokers, real estate and insurance agents.

Attorney-General Monnett, of Ohio, filed suits in the Ohio supreme court against the Solar Refining company and the Ohio Oil company to oust them from doing business in Ohio. Suit is brought under the anti-trust order made by the court in 1892. The attorney-general claims the companies are a part of the oil trust and in fact a part of the Standard Oil company.

KNIGHTS OF LABOR ELECT.

John N. Parsons, of New York, Chosen to Succeed Henry A. Hicks as Grand Master Workman.

Chicago, Nov. 21.—John N. Parsons, of New York city, was chosen grand master workman of the Knights of Labor at the annual election of officers Saturday to succeed Henry A. Hicks. With one or two other minor exceptions all the other general officers were reelected. Boston was chosen as the place of holding the convention next year.

[The new grand master workman has been a member of the Knights of Labor nearly 20 years, but never before held an office in the general body. He is a member of District Assembly No. 49, of New York city, and is also president of the National Association of Letter Carriers, to which position he has been elected for three consecutive terms. In 1896 he effected a consolidation of the 19 different assemblies of Chicago letter carriers into one organization. He served for ten years as a letter carrier in New York city, but last March embarked in the hat manufacturing business.]

Russian Students Expelled.

London, Nov. 21.—The Vienna correspondent of the Observer says: "The Galician newspapers say that a socialistic conspiracy has been discovered among the students at Warsaw, Kieff and Vilna, in Russia. Five hundred have been arrested and 80 exiled to Siberia, 30 of the latter being sent to perpetual banishment. Two hundred have been expelled from the universities."