

Calendar for December 1899 with days of the week and dates.

A Missouri Judge has decided that a physician who believes his patient's case is hopeless and does not inform him is guilty of a breach of trust.

A New Jersey company is offering something called artificial humber. The recent appearance of artificial oysters leaves no room for surprise in regard to imitations.

When Mrs. Peter Karl, of New York, died a short time ago she made a dying wish that her body be cremated and that the ashes be hurled to the winds from the top of the statue of Liberty.

Bishop Potter says that, coming of an ecclesiastical family, he owes his love of preaching to "those grandfathers and great-grandfathers."

There are two gold fields in Alaska, not in British territory, Cape Nome and Cape York, that promise some sensations in the matter of dust next year.

The head of a house in Germany which is one of the biggest buyers of Russian wheat in Europe has closed a contract for several hundred thousands of dollars' worth of American wheat.

It is said the discovery has been made that it is possible to raise and ripen grain in the Klondike, and large fields of wheat, barley and oats are to be sown.

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MISSOURI ITEMS CONDENSED.

The four-year-old child of a miner named Upchurch was killed by the cave-in of a coal mine five miles northeast of Holden.

Otis Ruch, aged 14, tried to board a freight train at Devier when he was thrown violently against a switch-stand. A gash was cut in his head and his leg was broken.

A 12-year-old son of Albert Story, while out hunting near Charleston, tried to drag a shotgun over the fence after him, when the hammer caught. His forehead was largely affected.

Elias Brandon, while hunting near Louisiana, leaned on the muzzle of his gun when it was discharged, the shot entering under the right arm, killing him instantly. His body was found in the woods.

It has been found that Effie Connor, who was mysteriously poisoned by morphine at the Danforth hotel in Webb City, was the wife of Dan Clark, of Riteley. John Jacobs, of Pierce City, was said to be her lover and that it was he who registered at the Buffalo with her.

Thomas Bledsoe, a well-known town character at Marshall and for many years a dissipated and ruined man, has been placed under surveillance by the police authorities, suspected of having murdered his wife, who died under very mysterious and peculiar circumstances the other morning.

Martin Roth, aged 30 years, who has been missing from his home in Cooper county for several days, was captured by the sheriff in the woods near Loomville almost nude. He lost his mind suddenly about a week ago. Roth put up a desperate fight when captured and succeeded in sticking the officer three times with a knife.

Business men in St. Joseph are giving serious consideration to the convention hall matter. One enthusiastic booster of the scheme is confident that 50,000 buttons could be sold to local residents at 50 cents each and that public entertainments and subscriptions would swell the fund to a sum sufficient for all requirements.

The Culpeper-Shannon college at Lebanon suspended on account of not receiving proper support. The faculty made heroic efforts to keep it alive, but since the burning of the college building in September it has been impossible to do so.

Fritz Koebel, who disappeared from his home near California in June, is now believed to have committed suicide. William Orly, with whom he lived, while passing through an unfrequented part of the woods, saw a rope hanging from a tree. Under it he found human bones, a shirt and trousers which belonged to Koebel.

Milton Barde, foreman of the upholstery department at the M. K. & T. shops at Sedalia, announces that he will be one of the 100,000 persons to contribute 25 cents each to a \$25,000 fund to be given to the widow of Capt. Charles V. Grady.

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LOSSES OF THE VARIOUS COMMANDS.

Of the Total Seventy-Three Were Killed Outright—The British Dismissing Their "Butcher's Bill"—Gen. Methuen Constructing a Bridge Across the Modder.

London, Dec. 3.—As surmised the British dead and wounded at the hard-fought battle of Modder River number hundreds. Up to 2 p. m. only the bare total, 428, of which number 73 were killed, had been given out.

The revised list of Modder River casualties, non-commissioned officers and men, is divided as follows: Ninth Lancers—One wounded. Engineers—Two wounded. Artillery—Three killed, 25 wounded. Second Goldstreams—Ten killed, 36 wounded.

Third Grenadiers—Nine killed, 38 wounded, four missing. Scots Guards—Ten killed, 37 wounded, one missing. Northumberland Fusiliers—Eleven killed, 31 wounded.

First Northumberlands—Three wounded. Second Yorkshire—Nine killed, 14 wounded. First North Lancashire—Three killed, 11 wounded.

Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders—Fifteen killed, 95 wounded, two missing. First Coldstreams—Twenty wounded. South African Reserve—One wounded.

Medical Corps—One wounded. AN OFFICIAL DISPATCH. The British War Office Hears From Gen. Forester-Walker.

London, Dec. 3.—The war office has received the following from Gen. Forester-Walker: Cape Town, Friday, Dec. 1.—Gen. Gatties reports no change in the situation.

Gen. French has made a reconnaissance from Naauwpoort to Bismarck. The troops have returned. Gen. Methuen's fresh wound is slight. He is remaining at Modder River for the reconstruction of the bridge.

Am reinforcing him with Highlanders and a cavalry corps. Horse artillery, the Canadian regiment, Australian contingents and three battalions of infantry have moved up to the De Aar and Belmont line.

Reports Were Premature. From Gen. Forester-Walker's dispatch it is proved that all reports of Gen. Methuen's advance after the battle of Modder River were premature, though, with the railroad working, he should not be long in constructing a temporary bridge.

His enforced delay, doubtless, will be of considerable service in giving his hard-pressed column a well-earned rest and in allowing the arrival of reinforcements, of which he must be sorely in need, after three such fights, placing hors de combat upwards of 1,000 men out of less than 7,000.

Some Anxiety Relieved. Gen. Forester-Walker's announcement that the Canadian marksmen and other reinforcements have been pushed forward to the neighborhood of the Orange river, to protect Gen. Methuen's line of communication, has relieved the much anxiety here, where it was fully expected the Boers would attempt to attack the vulnerable points of the line of communication.

The Latest From Natal. The latest news from Natal indicates that the bulk of the Ladysmith relief force has arrived at Pieter, though there is considerable conjecture as to the whereabouts of Gen. Clery, whose movements have not been chronicled recently. It is surmised in some quarters that he may reappear in a totally unexpected quarter, on the flank or rear of Gen. Joubert's force, which is supposed to be concentrated at Crokers Kloof, north of the Tugela river.

As Gen. Hildyard's advanced guard was in touch with the Boers as long ago as Tuesday last, developments should not be long delayed. Stopped Short of the Trap. Dundonald's mounted force, November 28, accompanied by four guns, went in pursuit of a body of Boers returning to Colenso. They followed the Boers to within two and a half miles of Colenso, when the Boers repulsed the British sheiks with long-range guns. There were no casualties.

Colenso bridge, it is added, was afterwards blown up. British Transport Ashore. London, Dec. 4.—The war office publishes the following dispatch from Cape Town, dated yesterday: "The transport is ashore on the rocks in St. Helena bay. The troops have been safely landed, but the horses are still on board. H. M. S. Doris and Niobe, with the transport Columbian, have gone to her assistance.

Col. Kokowich reports under date of Thursday, November 30, that the British Natal police captured the Boer laager west of Kimberley, November 28. Arrived at Cape Town and Proceeded. Cape Town, Tuesday, Nov. 29.—The troopship Bavarian, from Queenstown, November 10, with Col. Iver Herbert, assistant adjutant general for home district, and the foreign military attachés, together with the Connaught rangers, the first battalion of the royal Dublin fusiliers and a contingent of miscellaneous troops, in all more than 2,000 men, arrived here yesterday.

THE PENSION LAWS.

Secretary Hitchcock Makes Some Recommendations—Other Extracts from His Report.

Washington, Dec. 2.—The annual report of Secretary of the Interior Hitchcock, while summing up the work in all the bureaus, is of special interest by reason of its statements regarding pension policies.

The close of the fiscal year there were 291,539 pensioners, a decrease of 2,186 during the current fiscal year. Secretary Hitchcock urges legislation to definitely continue the act of June 27, 1890, relating to widows' pensions.

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The secretary's report estimates the irrigation of the arid region of the United States at \$100,000,000. It is estimated that the present system of irrigation requires \$100,000,000 per year for maintenance.

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REVIEW OF TRADE. November Somewhat Quieter Than the Preceding Month—Price Situation Generally Strong.

New York, Dec. 2.—Bradstreet's says: "Warm weather and a holiday have impeded an ordinarily active market."

The price situation generally is apparently one of stability. In view of the fact that the price of cotton has advanced 1/2 cent, and that of wool 1/4 cent, it is probable that the price of other commodities will also advance.

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THE POSTAL SERVICE.

Postmaster General Smith Points Out the Abuse and Needs of His Department in His Report.

Washington, Dec. 4.—The annual report of Postmaster General Charles Emory Smith is made public. His chief feature is a plea for congressional action to stop the abuse of second-class mail privileges.

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The Surrender of Gen. Conon and Eight Hundred Filipinos to Fifty Americans.

Lieut. Munro Played Bluff and Won. One of the Best Pieces of Work Done During the Entire Filipino War—Seventy Spanish Prisoners and Some Americans Rescued—Arms and Property Captured.

New York, Dec. 3.—A dispatch to the Herald from Manila says: The surrender of Gen. Conon and 800 insurgents at Bayonong, to Lieut. James E. Munro, of the Fourth cavalry, was the result of a remarkable display of courage and "bluff" on the part of the American officer.

Lieut. Munro had only 50 men with him, and all possible reinforcements were far in his rear. He communicated by telegraph with the insurgent leader, stating that he was ready to move on Bayonong at once with a large force unless he received the unconditional surrender of the rebels.

The lieutenant wired south for reinforcements, but 24 hours before they reached him he went to Bayonong with his little escort of half a hundred men and Gen. Conon surrendered to him.

It was a Successful Bluff. Manila, Dec. 2, 6 p. m.—The capture by Lieut. Munro and 50 men of the Fourth cavalry of the Filipino general, Conon, with 800 officers and men with rifles, several American and 70 Spanish prisoners at Bayonong, Province of Nueva Vizcaya, was a successful bluff. Lieut. Munro tapped the rebel wire, telegraphed to Conon that he was advancing with a large force and demanded his surrender.

Gen. Otis' Official Report. Washington, Dec. 3.—Gen. Otis informed the war department of the surrender of Bayonong in the following dispatch: Manila, Dec. 2.—Report received that Bayonong, with province Nueva Vizcaya, surrendered November 28 to Lieut. Munro, Fourth cavalry, who commanded the advance scouts on Carrangal trail, consisting of 50 men of the Fourth cavalry, and three native scouts.

Capt. Rumbold with 35 men of Co. G, Thirty-second infantry, while escorting the signal corps, laying the wire from Porac to Florida Blanca, charged and routed 70 insurgents, killing a captain and several privates. The Americans found on the captain, the sword and revolver that were taken from the body of Naval Cadet Melburn C. Wood, who was killed by the insurgent leader, when that vessel was captured in the Orani river.

Hopes to Capture Aguinaldo. Manila, Dec. 5.—A press dispatch from Dagupan, containing advices later than those from Santa Cruz says that Gen. Young hopes to find Aguinaldo in Beguet mountain pass and to capture him there. Both entrances to Beguet are fortified. Two troops of the Third cavalry will reinforce Gen. Young in the pass.

THE MASTER OF ALL CUBA. Gen. Leonard Wood Said to Be Selected for Supreme Command in the Island of Cuba.

Chicago, Dec. 3.—A special to the Times-Herald from Washington says: Gen. Leonard Wood will be the master of all Cuba, under the direction of the president, until the time comes when congress takes action by providing a new civil government for the island.

Gen. Wood is not to be called officially "civil governor." He will be military governor, in supreme command of the island, but in the absence of any insurrection or trouble—and none is expected by the administration—his duties will chiefly be civil.

Gen. Wood is to have the rank of major general of volunteers, which will enable him to outrank the regular army officers, who remain in Cuba under his command.

Some of the generals now there are to be withdrawn, and those who remain will be placed under Gen. Wood's orders. To appease those who are taken away, the president will make several promotions to brigadier generalships of the regular army.

Trouble Possible at Frankfurt. London, Ky., Dec. 4.—The Baker feudists are still hunting for the men who ambushed Jason Rowling and Joe Johnson, last Friday, and fatally injured the former. It is estimated that there will be over 1,000 men from Laurel, Knox, Whiteley and Clay counties go to Frankfurt this week to watch the proceedings of the state board of election commissioners, and these visiting statesmen will include leaders of both the Baker and White factions in Clay county, who may get together at the state capital.

Will Advance Wages. Wooster, Mass., Dec. 4.—Eben S. Stevens has posted notices in his woolen mills at Quinebaug, Conn., announcing a general increase of ten per cent. in the wages of his employes, the new scale of prices to go into effect the first of the year. The increase will affect 600 people.

Spanish Prisoners Released. Madrid, Dec. 4.—The Spanish consul at Manila announces that 135 Spanish prisoners have been released by the Filipinos.

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THE REBELS HAD EVACUATEE.

Filipino Desert an Impregnable Position on the Approach of American Troops.

Manila, Dec. 5.—A press dispatch from Santa Cruz, Province of South Ilocos, forwarded by courier to San Fabian, says that Gen. Young, with three troops of the Third cavalry, and Maj. Peyton C. March's battalion of the Thirty-third infantry, arrived at Santa Cruz yesterday.

Deserted An Impregnable Position. The Americans left Lampancan, Province of Union, yesterday morning, expecting to have a hard fight at Tagudin, in South Ilocos province, but they found on arriving there that 600 rebels under Gen. Tino, had evacuated 36 hours before, deserting an almost impregnable position.

Received With a Brass Band. The residents of Tagudin received the Americans outside the town with a brass band. They had been robbed of almost everything by the insurgents and are glad to welcome friendly and protecting troops.

A similar reception awaited Gen. Young at Santa Cruz. Prominent citizens, headed by a band, escorted the American officers to houses where rest and refreshment were offered.

A Poor Boarding-house. Gen. Young's command was almost without food. The men had been living on the country, which affords but little, and the horses are completely worn out, most of them without shoes. The inhabitants of Santa Cruz and of other towns through which the Americans passed, say that Aguinaldo and his entire refugee army have gone into the mountains eastward since the Oregon, Samar and Callao attacked Vigan and landed a force there.

Credentialed from Lieut. Gilmore. In several towns Gen. Young was shown letters written by Lieut. Gilmore, showing that he had been kindly treated by the citizens, and had been entertained by them when he passed through last May.

American Prisoners. Reports indicate that all the American prisoners, some 25 or 30, were at one time at Benguet prison, but it is supposed now that they have been removed into the Pampanga province. Gen. Young's desire is to pursue the rebels into the mountains. There is no communication between his small command and any of the American columns, except indirectly perhaps, by fighting and signalling United States gunboats bound so or from Manila.

Reported Twice Their Number. Capt. Rumbold with 35 men of Co. G, Thirty-second infantry, while escorting the signal corps, laying the wire from Porac to Florida Blanca, charged and routed 70 insurgents, killing a captain and several privates. The Americans found on the captain, the sword and revolver that were taken from the body of Naval Cadet Melburn C. Wood, who was killed by the insurgent leader, when that vessel was captured in the Orani river.

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THE GERMAN IN POSSESSION. German Governors Occupy the Caroline Islands—News from Lieut. Gilmore.

Manila, Dec. 5.—The Spanish transport Alva and the gunboats Villalobos and Quilos, with the Spanish garrison and civilians of the Caroline islands, arrived here yesterday. They report that the German governors of the islands, who arrived on the steamer ship Jaguar occupied Yap, November 23, Rojan November 16, and Pomape October 3. They garrisoned the places with 15 men each. The Spanish governors of Yap and Ponape said they considered the small German garrisons in danger from the natives.

The Spanish gunboats will probably be offered for sale to the United States government. The Spanish secretary, Senor Benigno, has arrived here with a note from Lieut. Gilmore, to his sister, Mrs. Maj. Price. He says he has been ill, but is now in fairly good health. The Spaniards befriended him and gave him money and clothes.

Parcels Post With Guatemala. Washington, Dec. 5.—President McKinley, Postmaster General Charles Emory Smith and Mr. Laga Arriaga, the Guatemalan minister, yesterday signed a parcels post treaty between the United States and Guatemala, effective January 1. It is similar to the other treaties now in force admitting packages up to 11 pounds in the mails at 12 cents a pound.

Health Regardless of Expense. New York, Dec. 5.—Of the four steamers loaded with coffee, from Santos, now at Quarantine, President Murphy of the health board said yesterday: "The cargo of these ships coming from the plague ports will be detained and exposed to the air for eight days according to the best sanitary requirements. I do not propose to run any risks. It will cause delay and expense to shippers you say. Of course it will, but I will not take any chances whatever."

Capture of Maracibo Confirmed. Washington, Dec. 5.—The state department has received a cable message from United States Minister Loomis at Caracas, Venezuela, confirming the press report of the capture of Maracibo by the insurgent general Hernandez.

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