

THE NEWS OF THE WEEK

From All Parts of the New World and the Old.

OF INTEREST TO OUR READERS

Comprehensive Review of the Important Happenings of the Past Week Collected From the Telegraph Columns

The province of Cayan, Luzon, has surrendered to Captain McCalla.

Americans have destroyed Aguinaldo's body guard and the rebel chief has fled in disguise.

MacArthur has captured Mabini, one of the ablest of insurgents, and founder of their government.

Prominent officials will go to Washington to lobby for the admission of New Mexico to statehood.

The army and navy are each urging different routes for the Pacific cable. Private companies are also after it.

Alaska is after better government. Her special envoy is in Washington to present a petition for favors desired.

Lady Smith relief forces' advance column has reached a position within three miles of Colenso without opposition.

General Methuen attacked 12,000 Boers on the Modder river, but found their front too strong for him. He reports great losses.

Major-General Andrew G. Wauchope was killed in action at Modder river. He was a veteran of the Ashante and Egyptian campaigns.

A recent decision of the customs department in regard to the shipment of goods in bond without a great injury to Pacific coast interests.

Germany has inquired as to our intentions regarding the Danish West Indies. It is believed Germany would like to have them, but this would not suit Uncle Sam.

Two Americans were killed, apparently without provocation, in San Pedro, Spanish Honduras. The killing, as reported, was of a particularly aggravating type.

Major-General Edward Ferrero is dead at New York. In 1861 he raised the "Shepard Rifles," of which he was made colonel. He took the first fortified redoubt captured in the war.

Another gigantic corporation is now organizing to oppose the sugar trust in the island. A former member of the sugar trust is believed to be one of the leading spirits. The capital will be \$100,000,000 and may be known as the Colonial Sugar Refining Company.

A Washington dispatch to the Cleveland Leader says that McKinley and Root will head the Republican ticket. Leading Republicans favor their nomination by acclamation. Tuesday, June 12, is suggested as the most likely date for the convention.

An anti-British meeting was held in Omaha.

Catastrophes do not blame the guides for his disaster.

Otis has been instructed to open ports in the Philippines.

A colony of 90 Michigan people will settle near Fairhaven, Wash.

Five stores were burned out on Sixth street, near Alder, Portland, Or.; loss, \$10,000.

It is said that South Africa has all ways been a graveyard for the British general's reputations.

The British bark Indian Emprie, laden with coal, was burned to the water's edge near Lima, Peru.

Our iron ore supply is short. It will take 200 vessels to handle the cargoes of iron engaged for importation.

Two prominent Portland physicians have been sued by a lady who claims negligence in diagnosing her case.

A report comes from Astoria, Or., that the packers' combine will operate only three of its canneries next season.

Britishers acknowledge that they lost over 700 men at Stormberg, and Boer reports apparently agree with those from British sources.

LATER NEWS.

The New York stock exchange was thrown into a panic by two large fallers.

The house passed the currency bill by a vote of 190 to 150. Eleven Democrats voted for it.

The weather bureau at Fort Canby has been closed and the work will hereafter be done at Astoria.

The verdict of the jury in the McDaniel case was manslaughter, with the extreme penalty recommended.

Howard Tuttle, a former Portland, Or., boy, denies that he is the man who jumped into the bay near San Francisco.

Malcolm Glenn, a newspaper man known all over the north coast region, attempted to cut his throat with a razor at Ontario, Or.

Yamhill county hoggrowers have decided to go into the pool and have sent delegates to the Oregon Hoggrowers' Association.

The La Madre Optical Company, of France, with a capital of \$1,000,000, will establish branch factories in Illinois and Connecticut.

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SILVER WILL NOT GIVE UP

Supreme Court Must Pass on Demonetization Act.

COLORADO WILL BRING SUIT

United States Will Defend the Legality of the Act

Denver, Dec. 18.—W. A. Rucker, president of the United States Monetary League, left here last night for St. Louis, where he will hold a conference with the governors of several states friendly to the free coinage of silver.

The general assembly of the state has decided to resist the demonetization of silver.

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The American Federation of Labor has registered an emphatic disapproval of government subsidies.

The Stanford University football team will play the Michigan club on New Year's day at Portland.

Baron Roberts has been appointed to supersede General Buller in command of the South African forces.

ANOTHER DEFEAT.

Buller Repulsed by the Boers at Tugela River.

London, Dec. 18.—The war office has received a dispatch announcing that General Buller has met with serious reverses, losing 11 guns. General Buller was attempting to cross the Tugela river. Finding it impossible to effect his object, he ordered a retirement in order to avoid greater losses. He left 11 guns behind.

The following is the text of General Buller's dispatch announcing the reverse: "Buller to Lansdowne: Chevely Camp, Dec. 18.—I regret to report a serious reverse. I moved in full strength from our camp near Chevely 4 o'clock on Monday morning. There are two fordable places in the Tugela river, and it was my intention to force a passage through at one of them. They are about two miles apart. My intention was to force the other with the brigade, supported by a central brigade. General Hart was to attack the left flank, and General Littleton was to take the center and to support either."

"The reverse was a complete one. General Hart would not be able to force a passage, and I directed him to withdraw. He had, however, attacked with great gallantry, and his leading battalion, the Comnaghts rangers, I fear, suffered severely. The Comnaghts I. G. Brooke was seriously wounded."

"We have abandoned 10 guns and lost by shell-fire one. I fear, very severely. I have lost 100 men, and several wounded, 100 are not large. The Fourteenth and Sixty-ninth field batteries also suffered severe losses."

"We have retired to our camp at Chevely."

SHOT WIFE AND SONS.

Jealous Man Then Sent Bullet Through His Own Head.

Tacoma, Dec. 18.—Adam Crist deliberately shot his wife fatally, killed his 5-year-old son, seriously wounded a second son, aged 5 years, and then ended the tragedy by putting a bullet through his own brain. Jealousy is the only motive assigned for the crime.

Crist is the proprietor of the Chicago house, and returned this morning from a six months' business trip to Spokane. He was at the hotel during the morning, and apparently in the best of health and spirits. About 2 o'clock in the afternoon he went to a Pacific avenue pawnbroker and purchased two revolvers. He stopped a few doors away at a drug store and bought 25 cents' worth of vitriol. He must have proceeded directly home, for the shooting occurred only a few moments later.

Crist was in the hotel kitchen on the second floor, when his wife was called to the head of the stairs to talk to a peddler. After the interval of a few moments she returned to the kitchen to ask her husband to come to the kitchen. Immediately afterward four shots were fired, all of which were found to have taken effect in her body. He then turned the revolver on the little boy, and the bullet passed through the child's head and into the wall above.

The woman staggered to the sidewalk and Crist went into the hall, where he caught the 8-year-old boy. There he witnessed the rest of the tragedy, but from the position of the bodies Crist must have held the lad close to him while he put a bullet through his heart. A 41-caliber bullet through his own head followed, and both bodies fell to the floor, still clasped in each other's arms.

Navy Is Badly in Need of Men.

Washington, Dec. 18.—The navy is 4,000 short of the legal maximum, and the recruiting officers are busy in recruiting officers. Secretary Long has called the attention of congress to this, and suggests that it might offer a decided incentive by extending to all officers enlisting in the navy the act of 1876, which provides for a bonus of \$45 in value. Under the present system, the men are kept in debt for months after enlistment by the purchase of the necessary outfit.

Vallejo, Cal., Dec. 18.—Sixty recruits from the United States ship "Albatross" have refused to sign articles of enlistment because, as they claim, the government charges them for the cost of their uniforms and clothes. The Hartford was Admiral Farragut's flagship at the battle of Mobile bay, in the civil war. During the past four years she has been fully restored, and is now being fitted out for a cruise to New York, where she will be used as a training ship. The men are badly needed in the service.

Eastern Buyers Contract for Wool.

Seattle, Dec. 18.—For two weeks past representatives of Eastern wool firms, principally from Boston, have been causing a great amount of trouble in the state in an effort to buy up next year's clip. In the Rainier reserve district, advances have been offered, at a full price when delivered next summer of from 17 to 20 cents per pound. The advance is offered by offering to buy in advance by the house represented for delivery next fall, and to make sure of a supply, all the crops possible are now being secured.

Dewey Invited to California.

San Francisco, Dec. 18.—An invitation, signed by Mayor Phelan and the grand officers of the Native Sons of the Golden West, has been sent to Admiral Dewey, requesting his presence in this city on admission day, September 9, 1900.

Gandy-makers in Baltimore to the number of 800 are organizing.

Eggs without shells are shipped from Russia to England.

Death Sentence Commuted.

Washington, Dec. 18.—Secretary Root has recommended commutation of the death sentence imposed by court-martial upon Corporal Damphoffer and two other soldiers of the Washington volunteer regiment, who were convicted of ravishing Filipino women. The commutation recommended is imprisonment for 30 years. In making this recommendation, Secretary Root states specifically that he is satisfied of the legality of the original sentence, although they had been called in question by military lawyers.

Fire in Nebraska Penitentiary.

Lincoln, Neb., Dec. 18.—Fire at the penitentiary this afternoon consumed the manufactory building and caused loss to buildings and contents amounting to between \$75,000 and \$100,000. The principal part of the loss falls on the state, which owned the building and the machine shops, which were together valued at \$50,000, and were uninsured.

Calcutta, Dec. 18.—Distress in the famine-stricken districts is becoming more acute. About 2,350,000 people have received relief.

LOSING FAITH IN ENGLAND

Dutch of Cape Colony Are Rising.

SAVAGES ALSO DISSATISFIED

Baron Roberts Has Been Appointed to Supersede Buller in General Command of South African War.

Sterkfontein, Dec. 19.—As a result of the British reverses, the whole country northward is in rebellion. The natives there, as well as those in Basutoland, are said to be much disturbed and losing heart respecting the strength of the British.

Cape Town, Dec. 19.—Secret meetings of Boer sympathizers continue to be held in various parts of Cape Colony, and the attitude of the Dutch farmer is turbulent.

London, Dec. 19.—Shortly before midnight the following notice was posted at the war office: "The general campaign in Natal, in the opinion of her majesty's government, is likely to require the presence and undivided attention of General Sir Buller, it has been decided to send Baron Roberts, of Kandahar and Waterford, as commander-in-chief of South Africa, with Lord Kitchener as chief of staff."

FIVE KILLED IN A WRECK.

Crew of Freight Train on a Northern Pacific Branch.

Lewiston, Idaho, Dec. 19.—Piled up at the bottom of Kendrick hill on the Northern Pacific branch are two engines and 19 cars loaded with steel. In houses near by are the dead bodies of Engineers Arthur E. Bain and John A. Ogden, Fireman Earl Bradshaw and Charles A. Dodge, Spokane, and John Peterson, also of Spokane, fatally injured.

The train was an extra with a load of steel for the Northern Pacific extension. The rails were covered with ice and snow, and in descending the long grade leading into Kendrick the train got out of control of the trainmen and dashed madly down the steep grade, about 7 o'clock this evening. A mile and a half east of Kendrick four cars were derailed, and the train was torn up for a quarter of a mile. When the rest of the flying train struck the yards the engines and all the cars were derailed and completely wrecked, and the train there upon for 200 yards.

Working trains have been sent from Spokane and Lewiston.

The Kendrick grade is one of the steepest in the Northwest. Control of the train was lost at the head of the grade, and the train started on their mad five-mile run in the dark. None of the fated crew have lived to tell the story of their awful sensations while being swept on to death.

Fifty Horses Burned.

New York, Dec. 19.—Fire strated at 12:40 o'clock this morning in a big factory building, at 655-657 First avenue, occupied by several manufacturers. The fire broke out in a room where spread with marked rapidity, and within a few minutes there was a terrific panic in the surrounding tenements, and the avenue was soon almost blocked with half-naked poor people, who had been running to the fire, and the cries of fright. Sheets of flames burst from the windows and showers of sparks fell upon the gathering crowds and terrified tenement dwellers. The basement was occupied as a livery stable, and the horses started on their mad run in the dark. The fire was confined to the one building with a loss of about \$75,000.

Americans Want to Fight.

Ottawa, Ont., Dec. 19.—Dr. Borden, minister of militia, has received an offer from the president of a manufacturing concern in the United States, who was at one time a member of the Grande Trunk rifle brigade, in Canada, offering to raise a regiment of Canadians in the United States in such a way as not to violate the neutrality laws. Another offer comes from Idaho to raise 500 men. Besides these there are individual offers from all over Canada.

Rail Rates to Go Up.

Chicago, Dec. 19.—The Chronicle says: "One of the most radical and general advances ever made in freight rates will go into effect on all the railroads in certain sections of the country. Thousands of articles of every description will be affected, and the increase will average 35 and 40 per cent, the jump on many classes reaching 50 per cent. The commencing action has aroused the shipping interests of the country."

Three Children Burned to a Cisp.

Nicholasville, Ky., Dec. 19.—Three children of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Reynolds, aged 6, 8 and 1, respectively, were burned to a crisp today in their home, in which they had been locked while their parents were visiting. The Reynolds returned in time to see the house collapse and the victims vainly fighting to escape.

Losses of the People.

Durham, Dec. 19.—The National government Gazette announces that General Buller has appointed a commission to inquire into the losses of the people of the colony resulting from the Boer invasion.

Fierman Church Dead.

Fremo, Cal., Dec. 20.—Fierman Church has died in this city from complications of ailments, aged 78 years. He was a practicing attorney in Chicago before coming West, being associated with Lyman Trumbull. He came to Los Angeles in 1885, after which he removed to Fresno, and was district attorney for four years, and for two years at the same time ex-officio mayor of this city, as chairman of the city trustees.

Return of the Rio Janeiro.

San Francisco, Dec. 20.—The transport City of Rio de Janeiro arrived here this morning with several officers on leave, and a number of sick and discharged soldiers. Patrick Cleary, of the Thirty-fifth infantry, died on the outward voyage, and five soldiers, invalided home, died on the way from Manila.

Washington, Dec. 20.—Brigadier-General Edgar S. Kellogg, recently promoted from colonel of the Sixth infantry, has been placed on the retired list.

AFFAIRS IN PUERTO RICO.

Elections Slowly Progressing—Much Interest in Congress.

San Juan, Puerto Rico, Dec. 20.—The elections in Puerto Rico are progressing slowly. The Republicans carried Ponce on December 11 by about 1,100 majority.

According to the census of 1897 there are over 45,000 people in the Ponce district, but of that number only 4,468 are eligible to vote, the right of suffrage being limited to taxpayers and professional men, about 4,460 of that number going to the polls. The Republicans say that San Juan will give them a tremendous majority, and that the election throughout the island will result in an overwhelming federal defeat.

The people are looking forward anxiously to the action of congress on the question of civil government. Many expect that Puerto Rico will be immediately given a system of self-government for the island, while others take a more conservative view of the subject. The Bulletin Mercantil, commenting on the subject says: "The form of civil government for Puerto Rico will undoubtedly be the one recommended by President McKinley in his annual message to congress. To believe that the speaker of the house, the appointee for which place is not known yet, the appointments will be distributed among the most capable Puerto Ricans and Americans."

YAGUIS ARE ACTIVE.

Moving Bands Capture Supplies Sent for Mexican Soldiers.

Austin, Tex., Dec. 20.—A special from Oris, state of Sonora, Mexico, states that the Mexican authorities are contemplating sending more troops into the Yaqui Indian country at once, as it is thought that the Yaquis will not be able to cope with the situation. General Torres now has some 5,000 men, but it will take at least that number, or possibly twice that number, owing to the geographical conditions surrounding the uprising which prevents successful military movements. The Indians are so scattered that unless some troops are sent to the front to engage the small roving bands, they will continue to depredate the country and harass the soldiers under General Torres until they wear them out. There are now about 1,500 Indians engaging the attention of the soldiers, while the remainder of the 5,000 braves who are on the war path have scattered into small, roving bands, for the purpose of pillaging. These roving bands of Indians are capturing supply trains sent out to the Mexican forces in the field. They have of late captured several trains containing provisions and ammunition.

STEAMER STRATTON LOST.

Takoa Boat Overturned by Ice and Soon Submerged.

Dawson City, N. W. T., Oct. 20.—The steamer W. S. Stratton left White Horse rapids October 18 with 40 passengers, nine of whom were women, and all the mail that had been accumulating there since the mail boats quit running—about two weeks. All went fairly until the 24th, when the mouth of Selwyn creek, 120 miles above the rapids, was reached. There heavy floating ice was encountered, and surrounded by it, the boat floated with the current. All would have been well had it not been in a narrow gorge the ice below jammed. When the boat struck that it was in a station where it did not. On it came, with terrific force, and in a short time the pressure was so strong that the steamer was first turned on her side and then completely bottom up, in which position she remained for several minutes. The incident occurred about 8 o'clock P. M., and with the first announcement of danger, passengers and crew hurried to the deck. As the steamer toppled over, her sides crushed to fragments and the passengers stepped on the ice and all safely reached shore, about 850 feet away. In less than five minutes after the steamer sunk the ice covered the place where she went down, and not a vestige was to be seen. On the boat was a large amount of freight, four tons of express matter, a great amount of which was Christmas presents, and 28 sacks of mail, about 66,000 letters. Since the accident the steamer has been located by the police.

Pressmen's Strike Settled.

St. Louis, Dec. 20.—The disagreement between the St. Louis newspaper publishers and the striking pressmen was settled today. A conference was held at the residence of the publisher, and the arbitration agreement to make it comply with the international law, and some modification of terms. With these changes made by unanimous consent, the arbitration decision was accepted, and the dispute settled.

Man Who Built Hoosac Tunnel.

Montreal, Dec. 19.—Walter Shanley, a well-known civil engineer, died today, aged 80. He constructed the Hoosac mountain tunnel, and was general manager of the Grand Trunk for four years. He was associated with the development of the St. Lawrence canal system.

China and France May Fight.

Chicago, Dec. 20.—A special to the Chronicle from Tacoma says: Hong Kong mail advices state another Franco-Chinese war is imminent over the delimitation of France's "leased" territory at Kwang Chon bay, on the Tonkin border. This dispute is of several months' standing, the French having demanded tribute, the amount of territory which China is willing to concede under France's original demand for an open port there under France's domination.

Lawton Goes to San Mateo.

Chicago, Dec. 20.—General Lawton will start tonight from Manila with the Eleventh cavalry, under Colonel Lockart, and battalions of the Twenty-ninth and Twenty-seventh infantry, under Colonel Sargent, to capture San Mateo, where Geronimo has 300 insurgents.

Iowa and Philadelphia.

Los Angeles, Cal., Dec. 20.—The battleship Iowa and the cruiser Philadelphia, after lying at anchor off Port Angeles for two days, have sailed for San Diego.

CURRENCY BILL PASSED

The Vote of the House Was 190 to 150.

ELEVEN DEMOCRATS FOR IT

The Measure Had the Support of Every Republican Member of the House—Resolutions in the Senate.

Washington, Dec. 20.—The currency bill, which was debated all last week, was passed today by the house by a vote of 190 to 150. It had the united support of every Republican in the house, and of 11 Democrats—Clayton, Briggs, Ferguson, Levy, Twigg, Seaman, Underhill, and Wadsworth, New York; McAleer, of Pennsylvania; Denny, of Maryland, and Thayer, of Massachusetts. All the other Democrats voted against the measure or were placed upon it, including John W. Aldrich, Smith, governor-elect of Maryland; Stallings, of Alabama, and General Joseph Wheeler, of Alabama. Stallings has not been present in the house this session on account of illness, and to believe that he would have voted in the negative. General Wheeler is serving in the Philippines.

When the speaker announced the result the Republicans cheered lustily. After the vote the speaker rather unexpectedly announced the committee selections, and the reading of the list was followed with intense eagerness by the members, whose opportunities for distinction depend largely upon their committee assignments.

The only incident in connection with the reading of the list was Bailey's interjection of the speaker as to whether General Wheeler's name had been placed upon it, concerning the way and means. Speaker Henderson responded in the negative.

Announcement of the death of the late Representative Bland, of Missouri, which occurred last summer, caused an early adjournment.

What the senate may accomplish in the way of legislation for the Philippines is a question which is not only problematical, but that the question will be thoroughly discussed is indicated by the number of resolutions appearing upon it being produced. In opposition to the retention by the United States of the Philippine islands, two resolutions were introduced today, one by Tillman, of South Carolina, and the other by Bacon, of Georgia. Each resolution proposes to yield