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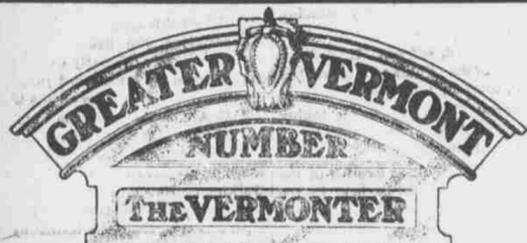


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The following philosophy is from the Atebison Globe:—"If the editor makes a mistake, he has to apologize for it, but if the doctor makes a mistake, he buries it. If we make a mistake there is a law suit, tall swearing, and a smell of sulphur, but if the doctor makes one, there is a funeral, cut flowers and a smell of varnish. The doctor can use a word a foot long, but if the editor uses it, he has to spell it. If the doctor goes to see another man's wife, he will charge the man for his visit. If the editor calls on another man's wife, he gets a charge of buck-shot."

The Evening Banner and its editor are willing to forgive all the pleasant things that have been said about them by the state press, but how our friends are going to square themselves with their conscience is a mystery. It is pleasant however to have so many friends and well wishers, even if they put the case stronger than the facts warrant and it is our sincere wish and earnest hope that, if the holiday season at hand has good things in store, a fair share may fall to the editors and publishers of the newspapers of Vermont—the hard working fellows who do more for their towns and vicinities with fewer thanks and less profit than any other men.

LOUISIANA TRANSFER.

New Orleans Celebrates the Great Event's Anniversary.

NEW ORLEANS, La., Dec. 21.—Under the sunniest of skies the stars and stripes rose gracefully to the top of the tall staff in the historic Place d'Armes, amid the ringing of the cathedral bells, the roar of cannon and the shouts of the populace, and the centennial celebration of the Louisiana transfer ended in a burst of enthusiasm.

The day's exercises were impressive and inspiring. They opened with the pontifical mass in the old St. Louis cathedral, built while the Spaniards were still in possession of Louisiana, the shrine to which Andrew Jackson went immediately after the battle of New Orleans to hear the high mass of thanksgiving sung for the victory of the American arms.

One of the features of the celebration has been the popular interest in the Spanish representation. Senor Turo y O'Donnell has been the recipient of unusual attention and courtesy.

Low Opened the New Bridge.

NEW YORK, Dec. 19.—The new Williamsburg bridge over the East river, connecting New York and Brooklyn, was opened today by Mayor Low and other city officials. Mayor Low and the officials of Manhattan, Bronx and Richmond boroughs and the guests of the city for the occasion started from the city hall, Manhattan, and drove to the Clinton street end of the bridge. Thence they proceeded to the middle of the structure, where they met the Brooklyn and Queens officials and their guests. After formal greetings between them they proceeded to a platform on the Brooklyn plaza, where Mayor Low declared the bridge open for traffic, and the formal ceremonies of the bridge opening were carried out.

Did Tolstol Want a Rest?

ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 21.—William Jennings Bryan has arrived here. Mr. Bryan spent fourteen hours with Tolstol, arriving before breakfast. He rode half an hour with Tolstol, who then insisted that Mr. Bryan should take a siesta while the author wrote. Tolstol's physician laughingly said he was sorry that the author had curtailed his daily exercise through the fear of tiring Mr. Bryan. The conversation between Tolstol and Mr. Bryan took the widest range. While Mr. Bryan was dining with Ambassador McCormick at a restaurant the servants rushed in with the news that Mr. McCormick's house was on fire. It turned out, however, that only a chimney was ablaze, and the fire was soon extinguished.

Telegrams at Postage Rates.

SOUTH ORANGE, N. J., Dec. 21.—Patrick B. Delany, the electrical inventor, has perfected a telegraph system which, he says, will send messages at a rate of 3,000 words a minute. A company, it is expected, will be organized which will compete for the sending of long messages to the principal cities. The cost will be but a little above the postal rates.

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TURKEY'S APOLOGY.

Porte Has Agreed to Demands of Minister Leishman.

REGRETS FOR INSULT OFFERED DAVIS

Governor of Alexandretta Gets Orders to Call on Consul on His Return and Make Amends for Attack by the Local Police.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Dec. 21.—The porte has agreed to the demands of the United States government and has ordered the governor of Alexandretta to make ample apology to Consul Davis for the insults offered him and the assault committed upon him by the local police of Alexandretta while the consul was accompanying on board a departing steamer a naturalized American citizen named Attarin, who had been liberated from prison through the intervention of Mr. Davis.

United States Minister Leishman arrived at a friendly understanding in the premises with Tewfik Pasha, the Turkish foreign minister, who agreed to his demands.

The porte notified the United States legation orally and in writing of the instructions telegraphed to the vail of Aleppo to order the governor of Alexandretta to make a complete apology. The porte has also promised to punish the police officials who assaulted Consul Davis and will allow Attarin to depart unhindered.

The United States cruiser San Francisco, with Rear Admiral Cotton, which has left Beirut for the purpose of taking Consul Davis to Alexandretta, is expected to arrive there, and if the Turkish government carries out the programme it has formulated the Alexandretta incident may be considered closed. It is felt here that delay or complications are not likely, but Rear Admiral Cotton has received instructions to meet all eventualities.

Roosevelts' Christmas.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—Great preparations are now being made at the White House for the Christmas festivities. Masters Theodore, Jr., and Kermit Roosevelt have arrived from school, and Miss Alice Roosevelt will be home from New York in time for the celebration of one of the most elaborate holiday programmes ever carried out in the mansion. On Christmas the children of the president will share the celebration of the day with their cousin, Master William Cowles, Jr., at the home of their relatives, Captain and Mrs. Cowles, President and Mrs. Roosevelt will remember all the employees about the White House in the way of presents and good things. Many children in institutions and homes of the poor here will have reason to be thankful to the president, as were the children in the Cova schoolhouse at Oyster Bay, where he used to play Santa Claus for their benefit.

Draw Moved by Egyptian Method.

NEWARK, N. J., Dec. 21.—More than a thousand persons stood in the rain for hours on the Newark bank of the Passaic river near the Lackawanna railroad crossing and watched the lowering from a floating structure of the thousand ton double decked steel draw of the Morris and Essex division of the road. The work began at 4 o'clock in the morning and was not completed until 6 o'clock in the evening. All traffic over the division was suspended for the time being. Lincoln Brush, chief engineer in charge, said that the principle of engineering applied was said to have been familiar in Egypt centuries ago, but never was tried in this country before.

Red Star Liner Finland Aground.

FLUSHING, Holland, Dec. 21.—The Red Star line steamer Finland, which left Antwerp at noon Saturday for New York and which later ran ashore in the fog near Nieuwenhuis, lies in a dangerous position. She has a thousand passengers on board and when she grounded was going at the rate of sixteen knots an hour. Attempts have been made by several vessels to pull her off, but so far have been unsuccessful.

Fire Rages in Mine.

SULLIVAN, Ind., Dec. 21.—Fire which started in the Citizens' company mine here is still raging. Noble Burton and Richard Jones, who went down the shaft, were overcome by smoke and rescued with difficulty. The fire was started by a shot which was exploded in a gas pocket.

CONDENSED DISPATCHES.

Women have carried off the larger proportion of honors in the London university examinations.

Preparations have been completed for a complete test of rival types of submarine boats off Newport, R. I.

Nasir Ali Khan, prince of Rampur, India, is in New York visiting Mrs. Duveen, mother of his university companion at Oxford, England.

The withdrawal of Mr. W. C. Whitney and Mr. James and Mr. Foxhall Keene from the British turf has called forth many expressions of regret.

Alleging that defalcations of a trusted employee had made the action necessary, Lighton & Foulke, cotton brokers, have announced their suspension.

Striking drivers have prevented the use of hearse in Chicago funerals, and riots and disturbances are frequent, bodies now being carried to cemeteries in common wagons.

With impressive ceremonies and in the presence of a great throng the city officials formally declared open the new and costly Williamsburg bridge connecting New York and Brooklyn.

GORMAN ON PANAMA.

Senator Says Senate Has Not Yet Recognized Republic.

ROOSEVELT SENDS DOWN DOCUMENTS

Confirmation of Buchanan as Minister to Isthmian Republic Barred by Want of Senate's Approval, Although He Is En Route.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—The house has received from President Roosevelt the third installment of papers relating to the recent revolution on the Isthmus of Panama. They comprise the correspondence between the state department and Minister Beupre at Bogota relative to the Hay-Herran treaty.

Secretary Hay telegraphed Mr. Beupre to notify Colombia on April 7 last that the matter of requests made by Colombia to canal and railroad companies for appointment of agents to negotiate cancellation of the present concessions was covered by the treaty.

On April 13 Mr. Beupre reviewed again at length the feeling in Colombia toward the treaty. On its negotiation he says, "I am convinced the public had never expected better terms."

In a later communication on the subject of public opinion adverse to the treaty Mr. Beupre says: "It is utterly impossible to convince these people that the Nicaraguan route was ever seriously considered by the United States; that the negotiation concerning it had any other motive than the squeezing of an advantageous bargain out of Colombia, and that any other than the Panama route ever will be selected."

The senate in a session for the consideration of executive nominations has voted to reconsider the vote by which William I. Buchanan of New York had been confirmed as envoy extraordinary and minister plenipotentiary to the new republic of Panama.

The nomination of Mr. Buchanan was sent to the senate by the president a few days ago. It was confirmed without opposition, and Mr. Buchanan has already received his credentials and is en route for his post.

Senator Gorman's action moving a reconsideration of the vote by which the nomination was confirmed came like a thunderclap. He rose at his place in the senate and first called attention to the fact that Mr. Buchanan's nomination had been confirmed. He said it had "slipped through" without the knowledge of any of the senators on the Democratic side and, he believed, with the knowledge of a very few senators in the chamber. He said that a very grave question had been raised in the senate as to whether the new republic of Panama ought to be recognized, and the senate had taken no vote on this question.

Polish Lady Died at the age of 105.

WORCESTER, Mass., Dec. 21.—Mrs. Honoretta Marshall of Webster has just died in the Worcester insane hospital at the age of 105 years, 4 months and 12 days. So far as any record is known she was the oldest woman in Worcester county. The woman, whose life spans an entire century and reaches into three, was a remarkable character. Born in Poland Aug. 8, 1798, she enjoyed as a young woman both wealth and position. Left a widow over sixty years ago with immense wealth, she devoted herself to distributing her entire fortune and sold her home to give to the poor. Forty-seven years ago she married John Marshall in Poland.

Governor in a Flur Fight.

HOPE, Ark., Dec. 21.—During a joint discussion here by the three candidates for the Democratic nomination for governor a personal encounter occurred between two of the candidates, Governor Jefferson Davis and Associate Justice Carroll D. Wood of the supreme court. Governor Davis struck Judge Wood on the side of the head, causing blood to flow freely. As Judge Wood attempted to retaliate he was seized and kept from reaching the governor. Later he disengaged himself and struck the governor on the arm. The two principals were arrested and placed under bonds for their appearance in the mayor's court Jan. 15.

Peabody Glue Factory Destroyed.

PEABODY, Mass., Dec. 21.—The George W. Brown Glue works, operated by the American Hide and Leather company, located in South Peabody, have been totally consumed, causing a loss estimated at \$100,000 and throwing seventy-five workmen out of employment. The fire started in an out-building some distance from the boiler room, and it is believed to have been incendiary origin.

John Redmond's Protest.

LONDON, Dec. 21.—John Redmond, speaking at Bunningagun, County Sligo, Ireland, strongly protested against decisions of the legal officers at Dublin castle which, he said, prevented the proper operation of the Irish land act in congested districts by enabling landlords to combine in a refusal to sell grazing lands.

Two Killed by Freight Train.

IPSWICH, Mass., Dec. 21.—Thomas Fitz and William Russ, both about forty-five years of age, residents of Ipswich, were struck by a freight train on the Boston and Maine railroad some time during the night. Fitz was killed instantly, and Russ received injuries from which he died soon after being found.

Georgetown Has \$100,000 Fire.

GEORGETOWN, O., Dec. 21.—Fire has caused a loss of \$100,000 to the stores of J. W. Wirthlin, Hoppel Bros. and William H. Hannon and to Milens' saloon and cafe.

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S. B. HALL, Cashier.
North Bennington, December 3, 1908.