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## DIVULGED A CABINET SECRET

Ex-Secretary of State Sherman Tells Secret Dealings.

## HE TRIED TO PREVENT WAR

Says Negotiations for the Purchase of Cuba From Spain Were Under Way When the War Sentiment Arose and Spoiled All.

CHICAGO, Dec. 20.—A special to the Tribune from Washington says:

Former Secretary of State John Sherman, in an interview, tells an interesting cabinet secret, which in the days before the war was frequently suspected, but never established. With considerable emotion, he said:

"I tried to prevent this foolish war with Spain. As a matter of fact, negotiations were in progress to purchase Cuba from Spain when the war feeling suddenly rose and swept everything before it. And Spain would have accepted the terms.

"This is a matter of secret history. And now what have we got to show for all this expense? Some islands in the Philippines, for instance, which are worth about \$200,000 per annum income; increased indebtedness of \$200,000 and a lot of islands inhabited mainly by man-eaters. And the most distressing feature of the affair is that we are now about to be called upon to pay \$20,000,000 for territory that we could have taken without expending a dollar.

## FIRE IN A NEW YORK RESIDENCE

A Woman and a Man Seriously Injured—One Woman Jumped From an Upstairs Window and Another Burned to Death.

NEW YORK, Dec. 20.—Two women were killed and another woman and a man severely injured today during a fire at the residence of C. H. Raymond, at West End avenue and Seventy-third street.

A superb collection of pictures and tapestries owned by Raymond was entirely destroyed. The fire was discovered by some one passing on the street. When the firemen arrived they could not get into the building, as the flames burst out in such volumes that the men were driven back. Mr. and Mrs. Raymond and Mrs. Underwood could be seen climbing out of the windows, and the firemen and crowd begged them to go back.

Doerr was half way up the ladder when Mrs. Underwood jumped from a window, striking Doerr full in the breast and carrying him with her to the street. Then the firemen bore away Mrs. Underwood while others rescued Doerr. Mrs. Underwood was dead, and Doerr was dying. Their skulls had been crushed.

Meantime Mrs. Raymond, who could not be restrained by her husband, had jumped out of a window. It is feared she is fatally hurt. Two firemen who climbed a ladder to the third story, rescued Raymond just as he was overcome by smoke. Ferguson, the butler, escaped by the rear. His face was badly lacerated by falling while making his escape. After the fire had been subdued the body of Harriet Fee was found; all clothing had been burned off and the corpse was black from the flames. The loss was \$50,000.

## Gold in Pike's Peak.

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo., Dec. 19.—A strike of gold in the Strickler tunnel, being driven through Pike's Peak to increase the water supply of this city, has caused the most intense excitement in Colorado Springs. A splendid vein bearing large quantities of sylvanite has been encountered by the contractor, Geo.

W. Jackson, and samples from the find assay up into the thousands. Today pieces of the ore were roasted, and globules of gold were apparent in the rock.

The find is of importance to this city, as the riches will revert to the city of Colorado Springs.

Experts who have examined the property say that millions of dollars' worth of gold are contained in the vein encountered.

## New Yorkers Reach Frisco.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 19.—The Third battalion of the First New York regiment, which arrived here late last night on the transport Scandia, will be landed today in time to witness the departure for home of their comrades now here. The new arrivals will be encamped at the Presidio, and in about a week sent on to their homes. They are in command of Major J. K. Segue.

There were 90 convalescent soldiers from Manila on the Scandia, in charge of Major Woodruff. The vessel also brought seven sailors from Dewey's fleet, three of them prisoners who will serve their sentences at Mare Island, the other four being men whose terms of service had expired.

## FRIENDSHIP DEMONSTRATED

Filibustering Expedition Being Prepared to Go to Aguinaldo's Aid Supported at Hong Kong.

CHICAGO, Dec. 20.—A Washington special says:

Great Britain has given another striking example of her friendship for the United States, and at the same time has taken action which is looked upon in the light of recognition of the sovereignty of the United States over the Philippines. A filibustering expedition organized to go to the support of Aguinaldo has been suppressed at Hong Kong by order of the British authorities.

This information came to the department a few days ago in a cablegram from Consul-General Wildman, and has just been made public. The reason for keeping the information secret was that the department wished to ascertain if possible the source of the expedition and who was responsible for the organization of it.

Consul-General Wildman, so far as can be learned, has not yet been able to get those details.

## More Rain in California.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 20.—Another copious rain has fallen throughout northern and central California. Reports from all sections of the state show that for the past week damp, foggy weather has prevailed, so that the soil has absorbed every bit of the rain that fell last week. In most of the valleys the soil is in splendid condition for seeding, and where grain was sown early it has sprouted and is looking well.

In the Sacramento valley the farmers have ceased worrying over possibilities of a drought, and are now confident that sufficient rain will fall to insure big crops of grain. The indications are for a continuance of the rain.

## Compliment to Simon.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.—Senator Simon was complimented by the vice-president today, being appointed a member of the special committee on the centennial of the capitol. This will give him a prominent place in all proceedings in reference to the ceremonies of the occasion next year, as the senate and house committees will virtually have entire charge of the affair.

Senator Wilson will leave tomorrow for Washington, to remain until after the senatorial election.

## Rev. Dr. Daniel Wise.

NEW YORK, Dec. 20.—Rev. Dr. Daniel Wise is dead at his home in Englewood, N. J. He was born in Portsmouth, England, in 1803, and came to this country in 1833 and became a minister of the M. E. church.

Dr. Wise was the author of more than thirty religious works for young people. Several of these books have been translated into other languages. In his early life he was a strong abolitionist.

## Want Rev. John Watson.

NEW YORK, Dec. 20.—Prominent members of Plymouth church, Brooklyn, hope that it will be possible to induce Rev. John Watson (son of Maclaren) to accept the pastorate soon to be vacated by Dr. Lyman Abbott. Dr. Watson is now pastor of the Sefton Park Presbyterian church, Liverpool.

## THE LEGAL RIGHT TO EXPAND

Teller's Address on the Legal Points in the Question.

## SELF-GOVERNMENT FOR THE ISLANDS

House Also Has a Speech on the Philippines—Agricultural Appropriation Bill Passed.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—Senator Teller occupied the first half of today's session of the senate with a speech in advocacy of the theory that there are no restrictions upon the right of the United States to expand its borders so far as to include far distant territory. He went into the legal points bearing upon the question and incidentally discussed at some length the form of government for the Philippines, saying he would encourage self government among the islanders, and would give them the most liberal government which they are capable of conducting, but that he would not take down the American flag where once planted.

The house listened to the first speech on the annexation of the Philippines. Williams, a Democratic member of the foreign affairs committee, in an hour's speech, stated his opposition to a policy which would bring the islands under the sphere of the United States' influence. He contended that it would be hostile to the spirit of our institutions to assume control of over nine million people; that annexation would cost us \$140,000,000 a year; that the annexation of the islands met none of the tests which applied to our past acquisitions of territory, and would be a mistake from a social, political and material standpoint. Williams' remarks received careful attention, and several times drew applause from his democratic colleagues.

The agricultural appropriation bill was passed without material amendment. It carried \$3,696,322, or \$187,120 more than the current law. In the senate the house resolution providing to adjourn congress from December 21st to January 4th, was adopted without division. Gallinger favorably reported Proctor's resolution providing for a commission of senators to visit Cuba and Porto Rico, with a view to ascertaining the condition of the islands and reporting it with recommendations to the senate, but upon Hale's objection to present consideration the resolution was placed on the calendar. On motion of Hoar, it was ordered that on February 22d, immediately after the senate convenes, Washington's farewell address be read by Senator Wolcott.

A bill to extend the time for construction of a bridge across the Columbia river between Oregon and Washington by the Oregon & Washington Bridge Company was passed.

Hitchcock Secretary of Interior. WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—The president today nominated Ethan A. Hitchcock, of Missouri, to be secretary of the interior, and F. M. Johnson, of California, to be register of the land office at Marysville, Cal.

Hitchcock is at present ambassador to Russia. He was appointed minister more than a year ago, and when the rank was raised to an embassy he was re-appointed. Hitchcock is a wealthy lawyer and business man of St. Louis, and was for some time an extensive plate glass manufacturer. He is a great-grandson of Ethan Allen, of Revolutionary fame. His ancestors were from Vermont, but his father moved south and Hitchcock was born at Mobile, Ala.

Trouble at Samoa in Selecting a King. AUCKLAND, New Zealand, Dec. 21.—Advices from Samoa under date of December 16, say there is serious trouble in connection with the selection of a king to succeed the late Malietoa. Supporters of Mataafa have become warlike, and it is reported that the German consul is supporting Mataafa, in spite of an agreement arrived at between the consuls to remain central and allow the chief justice to decide upon the question of succession.

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Reported to Have Been Assassinated. PARIS, Dec. 20.—A dispatch from Cape Haytien says it is rumored that the Mominican president, Heureaux, was assassinated while incognito attending a christening.

## STEERABLE BALLOON TRIED

A Successful Trip From London to the Continent Was Made Yesterday.

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—A dispatch from London says:

The Daily Chronicle successfully carried out the first trip from London to the continent in a steerable balloon. For weeks the large balloon in the grounds of the Crystal Palace has been awaiting a northerly or northwesterly wind. It started at 11:38 o'clock this morning.

The passengers were Percival Spencer, the famous aeronaut, to whom the balloon belonged, and Lawrence Swinburn, of the Daily Chronicle staff.

The balloon's cubic capacity is 56,000 feet, and its weight, empty, ten and a half hundred weight. The steering ap-

paratus consists of a sail twelve feet square weighing ten pounds, and a trail rope 600 feet long, with a hundred-pound weight at the end. When steering becomes necessary the balloon descends until the rope trails on the ground, and by attaching the other end to one side or other of a ring above the car, the sail is brought round to catch the wind. In this manner a course of four or five points from the direction of the wind can be sailed.

Although the general purpose of the trial was to add to the knowledge concerning steerable balloons, special interest attaches to it owing to the light it may throw on the fate of Andre, whose balloon, in which he attempted to reach the North Pole, was rigged with precisely similar steering apparatus. This is the 14th successful cross-channel trip, several other attempts having had fatal results.

## WRECK OF TWO EXPRESS TRAINS

All the Passengers in the Sleeper Were Thrown From Their Berths and Three Seriously Injured.

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—A rear-end collision occurred on the Pennsylvania railroad three miles from Rahway, which resulted in the loss of two lives and injury to many persons. The killed are William C. Dewolf, clerk in the accountant's office of the Ohio River railway, at Parkersburg, Va., and F. Knight, colored, of Jersey City, porter of the sleeping car.

About twenty persons were cut and bruised, and nearly all occupants of the trains in collision were thrown from their berths. The collision was between the Chicago and New York express and the Eastern express. When three miles from Rahway, N. J., shortly before 7 o'clock, the Chicago and New York express was stopped, according to its engineer, by signal. A thick fog prevailed. The Eastern express coming up from behind at about 20 miles per hour dashed into the Chicago express, sending the baggage car off the track and crushing through a Pullman sleeper, which contained 15 passengers.

The passengers in the sleeper of the Chicago express were thrown forward amid the broken woodwork and escaping steam and flying glass. The car tipped over on its side, and lay slanting against the bank. The unhurt passengers scrambling through windows.

For two hours two women and two men lay pinned down in debris, suffering from their injuries. It was impossible to get them out until the arrival of the relief train, which came about half past 8. The passengers of both trains were brought to New York on trains. The accident is said to have been caused by a thick fog.

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## MECCA FOR ALL THE RAILROADS

Reduction of Twelve Hours in Transcontinental Schedule.

## TWO MORE LINES ARE NOW COMING

Strong Indications that the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy and the C. R. I. & P. are Figuring on Reaching This Coast and That the Former Will Make Portland Its Terminus.

CHICAGO, Dec. 22.—The Chronicle has the following:

There are strong indications that the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy and the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific roads are figuring on extending their lines to the coast. The absorption of the Hawaiian and Philippine islands by this country, it is expected by the owners of these roads, will open up an immense transcontinental rail business, both east and west-bound.

The recent deal by which the Santa Fe will have its own line into San Francisco in the spring has awakened the officials of the competing semi-transcontinental roads.

An officer of one of the western roads who has just come from the coast, and who takes a keen interest in railroad affairs out there, says:

"I would not be surprised to wake up some morning and find the transcontinental situation further complicated by the announcement that the Burlington was to be extended to the Pacific coast. The Burlington is a great deal nearer the coast than most people imagine, and I understand that this road has been surveying through Idaho all summer—one line through Nez Perce pass and another through Lolo pass. I understand also that two or three independent lines that are now being built in Western Idaho and Northeastern Oregon are intended eventually to form part of the proposed western extension of the Burlington.

"Another point of interest in this connection is the fact that the Burlington is a large holder of valuable terminal and dock property at Gray's harbor which would be of great value to the company should they enter the Oriental trade. Such an extension would form a short route from Tacoma to New Orleans."

Denver is now the Western terminus of the Rock Island, and Billings, Mont., is the end of the Burlington's tracks. It has been reported that the former company would soon purchase the Colorado Midland, which would place its terminus 400 miles further west. Billings, Mont., the end of the Burlington, is 1020 miles from Tacoma, or a little farther than Ogden is from San Francisco.

While President Purdy, of the Rock Island, denies the report that his company is figuring on absorbing the Midland, nothing definite can be learned regarding the intentions of the Burlington.

## MUSTER OUT OF VOLUNTEERS

Government Decided Yesterday to Release Fifty Thousand of Them as Soon as Possible.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—The war department has not yet made definite plans for the muster out of 50,000 volunteers, which was decided on at the cabinet meeting yesterday, but it is understood that work will be pretty well mapped out by the first of the year.

The completion of the muster out will depend on whether the department adopts the plan of three months furlough or immediate discharge, with two months extra pay, as suggested by Congressman Hull.

It has been practically decided to muster out all the volunteers in the

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Philippines as fast as they can be replaced with regulars, so as not to hamper the military administration of the island. Following the discharges of the regiments of the Philippine stations, it is understood the volunteer troops in the West Indies will be mustered out.

CHICAGO, Dec. 22.—Telegraphic instructions were received today from the secretary of war ordering the Fourth infantry at Fort Sheridan, and the Seventeenth, at Columbus, to sail for the Philippines on or before January 15. The regiments will go via New York and the Suez canal.

## MAIL SCHEDULE WAS REDUCED

Reduction of Twelve Hours in the Transcontinental Time.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—The change of time to take place January 1st by Eastern lines in shortening the mail-train service from Washington, New York, Boston and all points east to Chicago and St. Paul, will on the same date, be continued to Montana and the Pacific coast by an important change made in the schedule of the Great Northern railway, that company having decided to put on a limited train on that date, leaving St. Paul at 9 a. m., immediately upon the arrival of the fast mail and limited trains from Chicago and the East. This will shorten the train service to Montana and all points west by 12 hours, making the delivery of the mails possible at Helena and Butte the second night from Chicago, arriving at Seattle and coast cities the third night, thus making continuous service to the Puget sound and Portland for both passengers and the United States mails. Its second coast train will leave St. Paul at 8 p. m. daily, thus giving double train service from St. Paul and Chicago to Montana and all Western points.

## WERE BURIED UNDER SNOW

Six Persons Killed by an Avalanche on Chilkoot Pass.

SEATTLE, Wash., Dec. 20.—The steamer Al-Ki, which arrived here from Alaska, brings meager particulars of an avalanche on the Chilkoot pass, in which at least six people were killed. The name of the sixth person has not been ascertained.

Contrary to the advice of old-timers, who realized that the trip was a dangerous one, in view of recent storms, the party set out with light outfits. It was storming very hard when they crossed the summit, but they succeeded in reaching Crater Lake, where the blizzard forced them to camp, although it was but seven miles to their destination. While encamped there tons of ice and snow, mixed with rocks and timber, swept over them, evidently without warning, and went on down the valley, leaving them buried under several feet of hard snow. Their bodies were found two days later by a searching party. The bodies were not bruised in the least.

Explosion Kills 300 Chinese Soldiers. LONDON, Dec. 20.—A dispatch from Shanghai says a powder magazine, situated in the center of the Chinese camp, in Hankow, exploded, leveling a square mile of houses. It is estimated that 300 soldiers were killed, including the

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