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EVENTS OF THE DAY

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TERSE TICKETS FROM THE WIRES

An interesting collection of items from the two hemispheres presented in a condensed form.

The senate will take up the currency bill on January 4.

The Negro uprising was caused by the Filipino junta at Hong Kong.

Two Chicago electricians are heirs to an estate in Hungary worth \$4,000,000.

Fire in Florence, S. C., destroyed the city hall, hotel, bank and five stores.

The controller of the treasury funds that Admiral Sampson was allowed too much pay.

The remains of the late Lieutenant Brumby were sent to Atlanta, Ga., for interment.

Eight lives were lost in the burning of two big tenement houses in New York city.

Goebel is making preparations for his coming flight against Governor Taylor, of Kentucky.

The transports Hancock and City of Puebla have reached Manila with two regiments of infantry.

All aged employes of the Pennsylvania railroad will be retired and pensioned January 19, 1900.

England has at last decided to send more cavalry to South Africa. This is according to Buller's wishes.

Senator McBride, of Oregon, has introduced a bill to increase the pay of letter-carriers in large cities.

Senator Shoop and party will visit Arizona and New Mexico to report on their application for statehood.

General Lawton was killed while in front of his troops at San Mateo, Luzon. He was shot in the breast and died immediately.

Chairman Joseph H. Manley, of Philadelphia, believes that only metropolitan newspapers should be represented at national conventions.

The supreme court of Ohio has rendered its decision in the bribery case of Attorney-General Monnett against the Standard Oil Company. The attorney-general furnished information to the effect that he was approached by Charles Squires, of New York, with a bribe of \$400,000 if he would permit the cases pending against the Standard Oil Company to go by default. It was claimed that Mr. Squires was the representative of the Standard Oil Company. The decision dismisses the cases on the ground that this fact was not established.

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

The house passed the currency bill by a vote of 190 to 160. 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.

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

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

The executive committee of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers have decided to build a \$300,000 building in Cleveland, O.

A South Pacific naval station will be established as soon as conditions in the Philippines admit of the withdrawal of some of the ships there.

The German navy may be used in conjunction with those of France and Russia to exert pressure to prevent reinforcements reaching South Africa.

The president of the Brown university asserts that if England whips the Boers it will bring on a war of nations in which the United States must participate.

In the steer-tying contest at Denver, Col., Ed. Harrell defeated "Doc" Goodin, tying five steers in 5 minutes 20 seconds. Goodin claimed the world's championship.

It is probable that the distressed bark reported ashore near Point Bonilla on November 18, is the long-missing Colusa, which sailed from Honolulu on October 9 for Esquimault.

Lieutenant Thomas M. Brumby, flag lieutenant to Admiral Dewey during the Manila campaign, who has been ill with typhoid fever for several weeks, died at Garfield hospital, Washington, D. C.

The Chicago & Northwestern road added 298 miles to its lines during 1899.

Governor-elect Nash, of Ohio, is a widower, and the social duties of his administration will devolve upon his stepdaughter, Mrs. Babcock.

Miss Mayme Jester, a niece of Buffalo Bill, is said to be the only female press agent on the road. She left the newspaper business to go into this new field.

LATER NEWS.

Admiral Dewey has celebrated his 62d birthday, but will not retire.

The British army corps is marching towards the Transvaal border.

The French-Canadians have protested to Laurier against Canada sending more troops to South Africa.

Thirty men perished in a colliery horror caused by fire-damp explosion at the Brazzelle mine, near Brownville, Pa.

Fenians threaten to make Great Britain uncomfortable and will hamper her operations in sending troops from home ports.

An earthquake caused havoc in Southern California. Buildings were thrown down at San Jacinto and Hemet, and at the latter place six Indians were crushed under a falling wall.

Twenty-one sailors from the British steamship Ariosto were drowned in Hatteras, N. C., surf. Their lifeboat was swamped. Their companions were subsequently rescued by the lifesaving service.

The situation in the Philippines is very gratifying to Washington officials. The insurgent army has practically disappeared from Northern Luzon, where all ports will be open January 1. Otis will then tackle the South.

Buller's losses at Colenso were 1,119 men.

Chicago poolrooms were closed by the police.

London papers fret under restraint of censorship.

Sol Smith Russell will retire from the stage for a year.

Lieutenant Churchill has arrived safely at Delagoa bay.

Swift & Co. are to be paid for a lot of beef that spoiled.

A receiver has been appointed for the Globe National bank of Boston.

Near Norwood, O., a man was shot and killed for cutting telegraph wires.

Both salt and borax have been discovered in Lake county lakes, Southern Oregon.

The United States government will soon erect a mammoth refrigerating plant in the Philippines.

Price of hops has already materially advanced in consequence of the pool formed by Oregon growers.

President Kruger has entered protest against England's being permitted to purchase war supplies in this country.

Port Macebo has been officially declared open to commerce, and the Venezuela revolution is considered at an end.

The Filipinos have placed a large order with a continental firm for artillery. They are said to have plenty of money.

The warden of a California prison is confronted with a problem. A prisoner whose term has expired refuses to leave the penitentiary.

Ex-United States Senator Washburn, of Maine, is suggested by Indian politicians for the head of the proposed Oriental commission.

Dwight L. Moody, the famous evangelist, is dead at his home in East Northfield, Mass. The cause of his death was a general breaking down due to overwork.

The Venezuelan government troops completely defeated the rebels under General Hernandez. It is believed that many prisoners were taken and that a large quantity of ammunition was seized. General Hernandez fled.

Missionaries in Thibet have a hopeless and dangerous task before them. After three years' work not a single convert has been obtained. The Buddhist priests, owing to China's internal troubles, are in absolute control, and will make physical war on the introduction of Christianity.

Oregon phossians are to be "planted" in Illinois.

General Chaffee may be sent to the Philippines to succeed General Lawton.

Prayer-meetings are being held in Holland for the success of the Boer army.

The navy is in need of more training-vessels and two first-class ones will soon be asked for.

Three wagon loads of mail will leave in the transport Grant for the soldier in the Philippines.

The Santa Fe is now a competitor against the Southern Pacific for South American business.

A Paris dispatch says that the bank of Russia has advanced the bank of England \$8,000,000.

Two big lawsuits have been instituted in Chicago courts between Montana cattle companies.

Samuel Gompers has been unanimously re-elected president of the American Federation of Labor.

The interstate commerce commission will grant railroads more time to equip their cars with safety appliances.

A marvelous quartz discovery is reported from Dawson. The ore assays \$800 to the ton, and the ledge is a mile wide.

Senator Fairbanks has introduced a bill granting a pension of \$2,000 yearly to the widow of General Lawton. A similar bill has been introduced the house.

The National Association of Retail Druggists is strengthening its forces to fight the cut-rate druggists throughout the country.

Nestor Ponce de Leon, a lineal descendant of Ponce de Leon, discoverer of Florida, is dead at Havana. He was treasurer of the Cuban junta during the war.

THE ANGLO-BOER WAR

England Interested in Sending Reinforcements.

LACK OF NEWS FROM THE FRONT

Buller's Losses at Colenso Were Eleven Hundred and Nineteen Men—Colonel Plumer's Expedition.

London, Dec. 23.—There is still no definite news regarding the military operations in South Africa. Probably this is because the only cable that is now working is choked with official dispatches.

General Buller's casualty list at Colenso, just published, shows that 146 men were killed and 746 wounded. Two hundred and twenty-seven are described as missing, and of these about 40 are known to be prisoners in the hands of the Boers. This makes a total larger than General Buller's original estimate.

Royal letters, signed by the queen, are being circulated by the archbishop to the bishops of the various dioceses authorizing a collection in the churches and throughout England, January 7, in aid of the fund for sick and wounded soldiers and their families.

Interest centers for the moment in the preparation to send out reinforcements. The various city guilds have given an additional \$12,000 for the expenses of the imperial volunteers, beside gifts of horses, ambulances and other paraphernalia.

The latest notable volunteers include the two nephews of Lord Roberts, Majors Charles and Maxwell Sherston. Their brother was killed at Colenso.

The admiralty has decided to dispatch another naval brigade of 700 men to South Africa.

It is believed that in mobilizing the Eighth division the war office will have recourse to some extent to the militia, it being deemed inadvisable to denude the home garrisons overmuch of regulars.

The chancellor of the exchequer, Sir Michael Hicks-Beach, has issued a formal denial that any differences exist in the cabinet regarding war expenditures.

According to a dispatch from Cape Town there is a good deal of distress in the Orange Free State, owing to a scarcity of grain.

The Daily Mail says: "We understand that news has arrived from General White to the effect that Lady Smith is well supplied with food and ammunition, and can hold out much longer than has been estimated."

Buller's Guns Turned Against Him.

New York, Dec. 23.—A dispatch to the Herald from London says: Little credence is placed in the report that the guns lost by the British were not captured by the Boers. Had the story been true, General Buller must have returned to it. Sir Redvers' artillery cannot now muster much more than 80 guns, while the captured British weapons have no doubt been mounted in the Boer lines and can be used, since the ammunition wagons seem to have been lost with them.

Moved Back Five Miles.

London, Dec. 23.—A dispatch to the Herald from Chiveley camp, dated December 17, says: General Buller's army moved back five miles today, the march beginning at 1 o'clock this morning, two brigades going to Freere in order to defeat a possible attempt on the part of the Boers to execute a flank movement to destroy the railroad on the British rear.

Short of Ammunition.

London, Dec. 23.—The chief cause of uneasiness which brings back the shadow to English faces is a suspicion that the Ladysmith garrison is short of ammunition and incapable of a prolonged defense. The war office does not admit that Ladysmith is in serious danger or short of ammunition, but the censorship somehow has allowed these alarming reports to reach England.

The censor, it is apparent, sometimes falls asleep, or is dragged by too candid and too inquisitive friends.

Welcome Offer of Mediation.

New York, Dec. 23.—A dispatch to the World from Brussels says: Herr Holborn, in charge of the Transvaal agency here, asked today what truth there is in the report that President Kruger is ready to sign a treaty of peace if Great Britain will ask no further privileges for the uitlanders, and will pay what the war has cost the Boers, has answered:

"No such proposals have been formulated yet. A contingency inviting proposals of peace would be welcome under certain conditions. If any government desires to mediate, the South African republic will treat."

Andrews May Lose His Position.

Chicago, Dec. 21.—Public advocacy of Great Britain's side in the South African war by Dr. E. Benjamin Andrews, superintendent of the public schools of Chicago, was the cause of resolutions being introduced in the city council last night calling for his resignation or removal by the board of education.

Making a Stand at Stormberg.

London, Dec. 22.—The Daily News has the following dispatch from Cape Town, dated Saturday, December 18: "The Boers intend to make a big stand at Stormberg, and are massing a great force at the abandoned British camp. One commando of 2,000 consists chiefly of rebel Dutch."

Bandits Held up a Passenger Train near Kansas City and secured five gold watches and \$100 in money.

INVESTIGATING FREIGHT RATES

Interstate Commission Is Looking Into Proposed Advances.

England Interested in Sending Reinforcements.

Washington, Dec. 23.—Hearing was begun today by the interstate commerce commission in the matter of the freight rates for carriers using classification. Many complaints have been filed with the commission, alleging that discriminating changes in freight classification have been agreed upon to take effect January 1 next. To determine this question a hearing was held today.

Chairman Gill, of the "official classification committee," was the first witness. He maintained the proposed advances were due to the increased cost of railroad plants and maintenance, and that advances had been applied to classes of freight that could well pay them. He intimated that for some reason still further advances probably would have to be made.

PRICE OF FISH IS CLIMBING.

May Reach Fifteen Cents—Changes Expected in the Combine.

Astoria, Dec. 23.—That fish are in demand is evidenced by the rise in the price of steelheads from 5 cents to 6 1/2 cents per pound, and an advance to 8 cents for chinook salmon. The demand is growing every day, and it is confidently expected by those who are in a position to know that before the winter season is over the price for salmon will reach as high as 15 cents per pound.

It is semi-officially announced, and with reasonable confidence for belief, that at the annual meeting of the cannery combine, to be held on January 8, here will be a number of changes. Several of the present officials will drop out, and engage in the cannery business on Puget sound. It is also quite definitely decided that the combine will not engage in the cold-storage business next season.

British Steamer Seized.

Chicago, Dec. 23.—A special to the Record from Victoria, B. C., says: According to Hong Kong advices, the British steamer Labuan, which left Sandakan on November 25, with clearance papers, was seized by the United States steamer Castle at Caldera bay, and sent to Manila under a prize crew. Captain Port, master of the Labuan, reported that permission was sought to proceed to Cota Batu to bring away several families, as they were in danger of being killed by the Moros, but that permission was refused, and the commander of the Castle ordered the British vessels to be seized.

A prize crew was then put on board and the steamer was then sent back to Manila. The seizure was at once protested by the master of the steamer.

Word From Methuen.

London, Dec. 23.—The war office has received the following from General Forester-Walker, British commander: "Cape Town, Dec. 23.—Methuen wires that he has received a rude reply from general Cronje respecting his representations as to Lieutenant Chandos-Pal-Gell, saying this officer is regarded as a spy. General Cronje also states he will hold no further communication with Methuen."

On December 18, the British war office received the following, dated December 17, from Forester-Walker: "Methuen reports that Lieutenant Chandos-Pal-Gell was taken prisoner last Thursday evening, while mooring a flag of truce. He waved a handkerchief in response, and was unarmed."

A Klondike Romance.

Chicago, Dec. 23.—Dr. Luella Day, who, two years ago, left here for the Klondike, and whose death in a snowslide was reported later, arrived at the Auditorium hotel today and was registered by Edward McConnell, a Klondiker, as his wife.

Mrs. McConnell reports that her husband, who had already been several rich claims.

Mrs. McConnell declared that after a couple of years which she and her husband intend to spend in traveling, she will return to Chicago and erect a home and hospital for the treatment of crippled children.

Canal Bill Is Doomed to Wait.

New York, Dec. 23.—A special to the Herald from Washington says: Legislation providing for the construction of a trans-isthmian canal is not probable under the present session of congress. Both the Nicaraguan canal committee in the senate, presided over by Senator Morgan, and the house committee on interstate and foreign commerce, presided over by Mr. Hepburn, of Iowa, propose to take the matter up without waiting for the report of the Walker commission. It is extremely improbable, however, that they will be able to get a bill through either house of congress before that report is available.

Glassworkers' Wages Raised.

Pittsburg, Dec. 23.—D. C. Ripley, president of the United States Glass Company, announced today that the wages of blowers and gatherers in their employ would be advanced 5 per cent January 1. The increase affects 1,300 employes.

Mabini, formerly a member of the Filipino cabinet, says that the future peace of the Philippines depends entirely upon the form of government the Americans establish.

Degradation of Earl Li.

Peking, Dec. 23.—Li Hung Chang has been appointed acting viceroy of Canton. It is believed this is preparatory to his degradation in compliance with French demands.

Sheep to Return to Grazing.

Heppner, Or., Dec. 23.—Sheepmen had commenced to feed, but this morning the light snow which fell Friday night began melting, and the warm wind will soon restore grazing.

SLID INTO THE SEA

Terrible Disaster in a Village of Italy.

LOSS OF LIFE REPORTED HEAVY

An Enormous Rock Fell, Carrying With It Hotels, Villas and a Famous Monastery.

Rome, Dec. 25.—A terrible disaster took place this afternoon at Amalfi, the popular tourist resort on the Gulf of Salerno. About 2 o'clock an enormous rock, upon which stood the Cappuccini hotel, slid bodily into the sea with a deafening roar and without a moment's warning, carrying with it the hotel, the old Capuchian monastery below; the hotel Santa Caterina and several villas. Many people were buried in the debris, which crushed four vessels to the bottom of the sea, destroying their crews. The mass of earth which slipped was about 50,000 cubic yards.

The population is in a state of terror, fearing fresh calamities. Troops have arrived upon the scene and have begun rescue work. It is believed that the loss of life is heavy, including a number of monks and the occupants of the hotel. As yet it is impossible to ascertain the exact number.

Amalfi is a small, but lively town of 7,000 inhabitants, situated at the entrance of a deep ravine, surrounded by imposing mountains, and rocks of the most picturesque forms. The Capuchian monastery was founded in 1212 by Cardinal Pietro Capuano, for the Capuchians, but came into possession of the Capuchians in 1585. The building, which stood in the hollow of a rock that rose abruptly from the sea to a height of 230 feet, contained fine cloisters.

TRAGEDY AT A REHEARSAL.

Eleven School Children Burned to Death at Quincy, Ill.

Quincy, Ill., Dec. 25.—While the school children of St. Francis' parochial school, Seventeenth and Vine streets, were rehearsing this afternoon for an entertainment to be given Tuesday evening, the dresses of one caught on fire from a gas jet and 10 minutes after four of them were burned to death, two died an hour later, and five others died before midnight. Half a dozen others were burned more or less severely.

The dead are: Irene Frieberg, May Waverly, Mary Althoff, Bernardino Freund, Coletta Middendorf, Mary Hickey, Wilhelmina Gottendorf, Olivia Timpe, Addie Futterer, Josephine Bohne, Margaret Warner.

All of these were between 9 and 11 years old. Helen Zebbing and several other teachers, Father Nicholas and Professor Musbold, were painfully burned trying to rescue the children.

The school hall was filled with children, and many would have been killed in the panic which followed had it not been for the prompt efforts of the teachers and Sisters who were in charge of the entertainment and were present. The children rushed for the doors, but prompt efforts quieted them and no one was hurt in the rush.

BROOKE'S FAREWELL.

Banquet Tendered the Retiring Governor of Cuba.

Havana, Dec. 25.—Sixty-five persons were present at the farewell banquet tendered to General Brooke today at the Paris restaurant. General Mario Menocal presided, and Ernest Lee Conant acted as toastmaster. Major General Wood, in response to words of welcome, said:

"The United States is in Cuba in the person of representatives, who intend to carry out a great work and to fulfill strictly the promises of the United States congress. As for myself, I can only do what the president has sent me to do, but I hope to enjoy the esteem and confidence of the Cuban people as General Brooke has enjoyed them."

General Brooke said: "I shall always remember the long hours of toil in Cuba, but I shall also recall the kindness shown me by all Cubans, especially by those who realize that the Americans are their best friends."

Mining Under Butte.

Minneapolis, Minn., Dec. 25.—A special to the Times from Butte, Mont., says: Alexander Tarbet, a Salt Lake mining man, today closed a deal with the owners of the mineral rights to the Destroying Angel and Copper Bottom Lodge claims, by which he secured control of the interest for \$300,000. The veins run through the business portion of the city, and the Destroying Angel was uncovered recently by persons who were excavating for the foundation of a hotel. It has developed into the richest copper vein in this district, and the new owners intend to tunnel under the city. As soon as the deal was closed this afternoon, they started to sink a shaft, which will be put down 1,000 feet at the corner of Broadway and Arizona streets, within a half block of the two principal hotels and the city hall.

Forty Children Drowned.

Brussels, Dec. 25.—Upwards of 40 school children were drowned today in an ice accident at Frelinghem, near the French frontier. The children of the district had been given a holiday, with permission to play on the frozen river Lyens. When the meriment was at full height, the ice broke suddenly and the children disappeared. A few were rescued half dead but the majority were drowned. Thirty-six bodies have been recovered, but others are still missing.

PROTECTED HER HOME.

Young Woman Shot and Killed an Intruder.

Marconi Wants the Earth for His Invention.

Natick, Mass., Dec. 25.—Lewis Perry, aged 33, Spanish war veteran, was shot and killed today by Miss Lizzie Morse, at her home in West Natick. Four shots were fired, two of them taking effect, one in the heart. Miss Morse, who was placed under arrest, says that the circumstances justified her in shooting Perry. The Morse family is one of the wealthiest and best known in town. Miss Morse and the members of her family claim that Perry and Arnold Slappen, on bicycles, rode up to the Morse house, demanded admittance without stating their business, and, upon being refused, smashed several windows. Miss Morse went to the bureau drawer and loaded a 22-caliber revolver. She claims that the men went around to the front of the house, where Perry finished smashing the glass in one of the windows, and climbed in, in spite of her remonstrances. After gaining an entrance, he grabbed Miss Eireta Morse and wrenched from her a crochet mallet, with which she tried to protect herself. Lizzie rushed to her sister's assistance and informed Perry that she would shoot him if he did not leave the house. He gave her a terrific blow with the mallet and felled her to the floor. She managed to get up again, and told Perry to get out of the house, when he dared her to shoot. She then fired four shots at Perry, who managed to climb through the window and then fell dead.

WANTED HIS PICTURE IN PRINT.

New York Man Shot His Wife and Killed Himself.

Binghamton, N. Y., Dec. 25.—John Edgar Gardner, in order to get his picture into print, shot his young wife and then killed himself today. Gardner was 60 years of age, his wife 29. They had been married but a short time, and were living apart on account of his bad habits. On several occasions he had asked how she would like to see their pictures in a local paper. His wife took fright at this, and forbade him to speak to her on the subject. He called at the house today and asked her to come out, as he was going West. She declined, and he forced his way into her apartments, saying, "See what I have brought you," drew a revolver and shot her twice, one bullet passing through her arm, the other entering her side. The woman was able to rush from the house to a neighbor's. When the police officers arrived Gardner walked to the center of a room in full view of the officers, and placing the weapon to his head, killed himself.

Crater Lake Park.

Washington, Dec. 25.—Among the familiar bills of the last congress to reappear this year are two that were introduced by Representative Tongue, of Oregon. One is his bill for creating a public park, including Crater Lake, and much of the surrounding country, and the other is his bill providing for the examination and classification of the lands in the Roseburg and Oregon City land districts within the grant made to the Oregon & California Railroad Company. Both bills are practically the same as were presented in the last congress.

The Crater lake bill proposes to set aside a tract of 240 square miles, without drawing it from settlement or sale and making it a public park or pleasure ground, to be known as the Crater Lake National Park. This park, if established, is to be under the control of the secretary of the interior, who will preserve the lands in their natural condition and prevent all residence, mining, lumbering or other business operations within its limits. The old provision for restaurants and waiting-rooms is again inserted, as are the provisions for governing and protecting the park. It is proposed that the costs and expenses of creating the park shall be borne by the general government. It was this last provision that aroused Speaker Reed against the bill last congress, for he contended that any expense attached should be borne by the state. Now that Reed is out of congress, the bill may have a better chance of becoming a law.

Wages Advanced.

Pittsburg, Dec. 25.—The Carnegie Steel Company posted today, at its various works in this city, notices reading substantially as follows:

"Taking effect January 1, 1900, common labor at these works will be increased to \$1.50 per day, and all other day turn and tonnage labor (with certain exceptions) will be increased in proportion."

The exceptions are the tonnage men working under sliding scales, where the rates of wages increase and decrease in proportion to the proceeds of the products. This adjustment is 7.41 per cent advance on the wages now being paid, making a total of 25 per cent of increase made by the company voluntarily since the last general scale.

Five Thousand Bills Introduced.

Washington, Dec. 25.—The officials of the house of representatives have struck a balance on the recent deluge of bills, showing that up to the record stood: Total bills introduced, 5,015; joint resolutions, 95; simple resolutions, 85; grand total, 5,175 measures of all kinds.

Street Car Dynamited.

Springfield, Ill., Dec. 25.—For the third time since the strike was declared against the Springfield consolidated railway, November 10, a street car was dynamited at 11:30 o'clock last night. The car was blown off the track and completely wrecked. No passengers were aboard, and the motor man and conductor were not injured. The explosion happened in the heart of the city, at Eighth street and Capitol avenue, and caused great excitement.

IDEAS COME TOO HIGH

Marconi Wants the Earth for His Invention.

WE WILL MAKE A BETTER ONE

Yankee Genius Will Not Set to Work at Once to Build an Apparatus for Wireless Telegraphy.

New York, Dec.