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NEWS OF THE WEEK

From All Parts of the New World and the Old.

OF INTEREST TO OUR MANY READERS

Comprehensive Review of the Important Events of the Past Week in a Condensed Form.

The Scranton street car strike has been called off.

The Kaiser is contemplating a visit to the United States.

Seattle has started a movement to suppress vice in that city.

Soldiers may have to be called out to quell a riot in Kentucky.

Coming Oregon Legislature will be asked to found normal school at Burns.

Edwin Bedolter, a noted Kentucky cattle breeder, is dead, aged 68 years.

According to advices from Dawson another rich strike has been made near there.

Many Luzon insurgents have been captured as a result of scouting by Americans.

Kitchener reports that no progress is being made against Boer invaders in Cape Colony.

The Boers captured the British outposts at Helvetia, taking 200 prisoners and killing 50.

In an altercation over a game of cards a South Carolina sheriff and two other men met death.

The report that Germany is negotiating to purchase the Danish Antilles is denied in official Danish circles.

The empress dowager will not be allowed to have anything to do with the naming of the new emperor of China.

Fire in Kansas City, Mo., for a time threatened several business blocks but was got under control with small loss.

The United States government has made an offer of \$3,000,000 for the Danish Antilles. This price is as high as the officials will go.

A bill will be introduced at the coming session of the Oregon legislature to reduce the railroad fare from 4 to 3 cents per mile.

The Philippine commission has added to the pending school bill a provision for the employment of 600 American teachers, at salaries ranging from \$75 to \$100 a month.

A train on the Henderson road was wrecked two miles east of Henderson, Ky., and five persons seriously injured. A coupling pin placed in the switch was apparently by workers caused the wreck.

Three children were drowned in a boat accident.

There are said to be 30,000 lepers in the archipelago.

Massacre of native Christians in China continues.

Clements cannot force the Boers from Magalies Berg.

The lumber industry in Eastern Oregon is rapidly growing.

A squadron of Yeomanry is said to have been captured by Boers.

Whitmarsh, the new governor of Benguet, is a British subject.

Stocks of wool in the United States exceed 350,000,000 pounds.

A receiver was appointed for the Old Town bank, at Baltimore.

The trial of Alvord, the defaulting note teller, has been postponed.

The grandson of ex-Army-General Miller was abducted by his mother.

Kitchener is making little progress in driving the Boers from Cape Colony.

Robert Taylor, a well known resident of Ashland, committed suicide.

The holiday rush at the New York postoffice was the greatest ever known.

Three hundred students have been arrested in St. Petersburg for propagating Socialist doctrines.

Fontela, a Filipino refugee, says the United States will never succeed in subduing the Philippine islands.

Congress will be asked to recognize Hobson's gallantry in sinking the Mermaid in the harbor of Santiago.

Fire partially destroyed the Methodist Episcopal church (colored) of Providence, Mo. The pastor was fatally burned.

In the event of England rejecting the Hay-Panamao treaty a new one may be negotiated at the next session of congress.

Inquiries into quarters most likely to be correctly informed show that nothing is known in Paris to justify the report circulated in the United States that Paderewski, the pianist, was killed in a duel in France.

A band of probably 80 men forced an entrance to the Green county, Ill., jail, with the intention of lynching a prisoner, but were foiled. The prisoner had been secretly removed to another jail.

The way of the transgressor is hard in modern times. The persons who commit crimes are daily coming to grief. Escape is less frequent than in former years.

In New Zealand there exists a brass band whose members are wholly mounted on bicycles. This band, which is located at Christchurch, consists of 10 players, and these not merely ride their bicycles to practice but fulfill engagements on the wheel.

Manila has about 165,000 inhabitants. There is a smaller number of saloons there in proportion to the population than in any city of similar size in the United States.

Twenty persons died in Massachusetts last year aged 100 years or more. Sixteen of the 21 were women, three of the 16 never having been married. Eight of the 21 were born in Ireland, three in Canada and three in other foreign countries, leaving seven native born, six of whom were of Massachusetts nativity. The oldest was two months over 100 years.

LATER NEWS.

The assassin of Baron von Ketteler was beheaded in Pekin.

Costa Rica is pleased by recognition in the canal negotiations.

The British are unable to check the Boer invasion of Cape Colony.

The foreign troops in China are well prepared for the winter season.

The Republican caucus in Pennsylvania selected Quay for senator.

The United States training ship Topoka has arrived at Tangier, Morocco.

The Earl of Hopetoun was sworn in as first governor of Federated Australia.

Oregon, Washington and Alaska have been formed into a life-insuring district.

Fire in Seattle destroyed the city library, containing 35,000 volumes and valued at \$30,000.

The revenue cutter Perry will sail from Astoria in search of overdue Columbia river ships.

Pat Croce, charged with the abduction of young Oudahr, of Omaha, has been captured in South Dakota.

Edward Rice, an Idaho man, sentenced to death for murder, made a desperate, but unsuccessful attempt to commit suicide by cutting his throat.

An insane man, being conveyed from Multnomah county to the Oregon state asylum at Salem, jumped from a moving train, bruising himself about the head. It is thought he will recover.

Famine in some of the provinces of China is becoming worse. The rice crop, owing to the war, was almost totally failed, and cannibalism has broken out. The authorities are unable to do anything.

The final payment has been made on the Bald mountain group of mines in Eastern Oregon, near Baker City. The purchase price was \$50,000. The new owners are men of means, and work on a large scale will commence at once.

Ignatius Donnelly, politician and author, died very suddenly at his home in Minneapolis, aged 70 years. Mr. Donnelly was a candidate for vice-president on the Middle-of-the-Road Populist ticket at the recent general election.

Notices of a reduction in wages that will affect about 4,000 men have been posted at all of the blast furnaces in the Mahoning and Shenango valleys, Ohio. The base price is \$1.90 per day to bottom filers and helpers, and the notices state that after February 1 the base price will be \$1.65. The reduction will place the wages of the furnace men on the same basis as in March, 1890. The employees refuse to say now whether they will accept the reduction.

An armistice has been proclaimed at Pekin.

Boers captured a train near Rosmead with 60 soldiers.

Another bicycle race has been started in Boston.

Congress reports China's acceptance of the powers' demands.

The Washington Post advocates the Lewis and Clark centennial in 1905.

A severe cold wave is reported throughout the middle Western states.

More than 46 tons of gold were received at the Seattle assay office in 1900.

The navy department has ordered the gunboat Scorpion to La Guayra, Venezuela.

The Oregon supreme court decides that the wife alone can convey estate in entirety.

Robbers got \$450 from passengers and mail and express in a British Columbia stage.

The Taft commission has completed the municipal government bill for the Philippines.

Fire in Williamson, W. Va., destroyed almost the entire town. The loss is estimated at \$75,000.

One person was burned to death and another fatally injured by the explosion of a kerosene lamp at Albany, Pa.

The new battleship Wisconsin has been formally turned over to the government at the Union Iron Works, San Francisco.

Amando Morales, a Mexican, ran amuck at Morenci, Ariz. A constable attempted to arrest him and in the fight killed Morales.

A man and woman who went to Courtney's hotel, Brooklyn, were found dead in bed. Two unlighted gas burners were turned on full.

Henry S. Eastham, the only surviving member of Commodore Perry's squadron, which opened the Japanese ports many years ago, died at his home in Berkeley, Cal.

The British foreign office expects a renewal of the motus vivendi in Newfoundland, but believes it will be immediately followed by negotiations with the view of finally settling the dispute.

Health authorities estimate that 10 per cent of the men who go to Cape Nome never come back alive.

Over 300 of the leading German goldsmiths met in Berlin recently to take part in the celebration of the fourth centenary of Benvenuto Cellini's birthday.

Electric fountains have become very popular, especially as attractions for amusement parks. In England, especially, they have lately been installed in large numbers.

The revenue of New South Wales for October amounted to \$210,103, an increase of \$117,916 over that of October 1899.

The proposition of a floating machine shop for the use of the squadron in various parts of the world is receiving almost attention.

What is said to be the largest cargo of coffee that has ever been received at the port of New York was landed there recently. One hundred and one thousand two hundred and sixty-seven sacks arrived on the Holt line steamer Cavour from Santos.

STOLEN MAIL POUCH

Michigan Robbers Secured Over \$100,000.

REMARKABLE CASE OF CARELESSNESS

Station Agent Left the Sacks Unguarded Over Night in the Public Waiting Room.

Letters Strown Along the Track.

Detroit, Dec. 31.—A mail pouch containing \$100,000 in negotiable paper and an unknown amount of money was stolen from the Michigan Central passenger station at Wyandotte, Mich., some time last night. The last mail for Wyandotte arrives at 10:28 on the Michigan Central, and owing to the lateness of the hour it is left at the station until morning. When the two mail sacks were thrown from the train last night, Night Operator Richert threw the pouches under a seat in the corner of the waiting room. He then went to his home in Detroit. Two men, Mail Carrier John McCreary and a stationer, were on duty at the station when the mail sacks were discovered. About the same time George Boney, a driver of an oil wagon, reported at the station that a pouch, ripped open and empty, was behind an oil tank a short distance from the station. At about the same time two employees of the J. B. Ford Alkali works found a number of checks and opened envelopes strewn along the railroad track. Postmaster Johnson of Wyandotte, was notified and went at once to the scene. The trail of the thief was marked along the railroad track by strewn letters, checks and drafts. Most of the mail was intended for the J. G. Ford Company, and the force of clerks was sent out to collect the letters strewn along the track. J. B. Ford, Jr., said he expected a draft today from New York for \$40,000. The draft did not come, and it is believed that the robber or robbers took it, with other valuable papers, from the pouch.

Blizzard in the East.

Heavy Snowfall at Several Places Interferes With Railroad Traffic.

Denver, Jan. 2.—A blizzard visited Colorado last night, and has continued with varied strength throughout the day. The temperature is falling tonight in most sections, and at several places the fall of snow has been quite heavy. Railroad traffic, though not seriously affected, has been interrupted, and trains are all arriving late. No great damage to livestock is reported.

Severe Snow Storm in Missouri.

Kansas City, Mo., Jan. 2.—A severe snow storm set in tonight, and the temperature is falling. Reports from Northern Missouri, Kansas and Iowa show the fall to be heavy. Winter wheat in many sections of these states, as well as throughout the West generally, has been greatly in need of a heavy blanket of snow, which will afford ample moisture as well as protection to the grain from severe froeing.

Furious Blizzard in Nebraska.

Omaha, Jan. 2.—A furious blizzard began in the eastern part of Nebraska at 8 o'clock this morning, lasting throughout the day, and tonight extends over the state. In this city the street car traffic is badly hampered. The wind is piling the snow badly.

THE MARQUETTE STATUE.

It is Now Discussed Not to Be a Likeness of the Famous Pioneer Explorer.

New York, Jan. 2.—According to the Washington correspondent of the Herald, the state of Wisconsin is in the statutory hall in the capitol, about which there was almost a religious war a few years ago, turns out not to be the statue of Pere Marquette at all. The statue was presented to the nation by the state of Wisconsin. Objections were raised to its installation in the capitol because of its Catholic denomination, and for many months the authorities hesitated as to what they should do. They finally gave Pere Marquette a place with other prominent men.

A discovery has now been made of a portrait of Pere Marquette in Montreal, which indicates that the statue is as far from being an accurate representation of the famous priest as day is from night. The painting in Montreal, it is said, is undoubtedly authentic, and was so covered with dust that no outline of the portrait could be seen. The artist who painted the portrait is believed to be a French Canadian. It is believed that this painting is the only likeness of Marquette in existence, and the face in oil is not the face of the Marquette in marble at the capitol.

GALE SWEEP COAST.

Have Wrought by Storm in English Channel—Many Vessels Reported.

London, Dec. 31.—There has been a recurrence of storms and violent gales in the channel, and considerable damage has been wrought ashore. Telegraph lines are down in many places. Vessels are seeking shelter in the harbor, and a number of wrecks have been reported. The gale is so furious in the channel that the Continental services were suspended this evening.

Wales is said to have suffered the worst effect of the gale, both on land and sea, but everywhere the telegraph wires are much disorganized, and reports are therefore incomplete. Considerable damage to property inland is certain to be reported. Some 300 barges and sailing craft broke up during their moorings in the Thames alone. At Oswestry a theater was destroyed.

The hurricane is increasing at Queenstown, where the observers say it is the worst storm in years. The Maria, laden with coal, sank near her anchorage. The mails are delayed.

In response to rockets from Eddy-stone light, Plymouth sent a deckyard tug with a lifeboat to assist what was reported to be a large steamer in distress in the channel.

Incessant reports of innumerable shipping casualties show that this was one of the worst known in many years. Probably several days will elapse before the full damage becomes known.

In addition to some vessels not yet identified, several have been wrecked or placed in great danger. The fate of one of the cross-channel steamers being in doubt. For instance, the Great Western Railway Company's steamer, plying between Milford and Waterford, is 12 hours overdue, and no tidings of her have been received. It would be impossible to enumerate all the minor casualties.

Wichita, Kan. Jan. 2.—Golling Stecker and his entire family, moving from Stawater, O. T., to Rogers, Minn. county, were caught while asleep in their wagon in a prairie fire last night. A 17-month-old baby was roasted to death and a boy will die. A young lady will lose both limbs and no hopes are entertained of saving the mother's life. In their roasted condition, with their eyes and hair of their horses burned out, they reached a dugout owned by Dennis Carr, a few miles south. The prairie fire is fanned by a wind traveling 60 miles an hour.

Shoshone National Park.

Washington, Jan. 2.—The entire Idaho delegation and Governor Steuneger have united in protesting against the establishment of Shoshone National park on Snake river, which they uniformly recommended during the summer. They contend that the land proposed to embrace in the park is susceptible to irrigation, and would be worth many millions if irrigated according to a plan proposed by a company recently organized for that purpose. The matter is held in abeyance pending a report of a special agent of the department.

For an Immense Storage Reservoir.

Phoenix, Ariz., Jan. 2.—Arthur P. Davis, one of the most noted members of the government hydrographic bureau, has arrived from Washington to conduct soundings during the winter with a view to the construction of a dam that stream by the government of one of the biggest storage reservoirs in the world. The main purpose in view is the relief of 8,000 Indians whose water for irrigation has been diverted by white settlers.

Two Years in the Penitentiary.

Vancouver, Wash., Jan. 2.—Judge Miller today sentenced Fritz Wolf, who was convicted two weeks ago of burglary, to two years in the penitentiary.

Maggie Hoel Elopod.

Pueblo, Colo., Jan. 2.—Discovery has been made that Maggie Hoel, who mysteriously disappeared 10 days ago, and was supposed to have been murdered or kidnapped, had eloped with a man named John Watson and gone East.

Coal Dock Burned.

Sheboygan, Wis., Jan. 2.—Fire this afternoon destroyed the Reiss Coal Company's dock. Loss, \$75,000.

PROMISES OF CHINA

She is Willing Now to Keep the Peace.

ASSERTION OF EARL LI HUNG CHANG

Emperor is Willing to Banish All That the Powers May Name—Earl Li's Health is Seriously Affected.

Pekin, Jan. 2.—A meeting of the foreign ministers will be held as soon as Sir Ernest Mason Satow, the British minister, who is suffering from cholera and fever, shall have recovered sufficiently to be present, and a date and place for meeting the Chinese commissioners shall have been agreed upon.

A representative of the press today had a personal interview with Li Hung Chang, who shows plainly physical weakness. He is, however, one whose mind has not been affected by his sickness, and is as vigorous as ever. In the course of his conversation with the correspondent, Earl Li said he should prefer to meet the ministers and commissioners at his house, if such an arrangement were possible, on account of the condition of his health, but would not, in the circumstances, make suggestions. He says also that the emperor is desirous of complying in all particulars with the demands of the powers.

On the other hand he thinks the powers should order a cessation of the frequent irritating expeditions, which he looks upon as unnecessary, and as doing a deal of harm. It will be quite possible, he said, to maintain complete or in the province, with the assistance of a small number of Chinese troops; and he hopes the powers will agree to keep as at present the troops now stationed at Peking and Tientsin, and along the railway.

The emperor, Li Hung Chang asserted, is willing to punish all those named by the powers by banishment to the farthest part of his dominions, on the northwest frontier, and will prohibit under penalty of death, his subjects from going to the various establishments which he is willing to give up to the powers. He is anxious also to have the number of legation guards limited, and that other boundaries be specified, and he hopes the foreign armies will be recalled as early as possible in the spring.

China will endeavor, said Earl Li, by every means in her power, to prove that she intends compliance with the demand contained in the note, and to show her desire to make the country safe and habitable for foreigners. He believes the powers will not insist upon the total destruction of the forts.

ABSCONDING TAX RECEIVER.

His Bondman Has Agreed to Turn Over \$25,000—Was Short More Than That.

Albany, Pa., Jan. 3.—On a confessed delinquent of about \$30,000 and \$40,000, the county commissioners have agreed to accept \$25,000 from Tax Receiver James H. McCullough's bondman and call his accounts square. He owes \$25,000 on his 1898 delinquencies, and \$5,000 on his 1899 delinquencies. The compromise was effected yesterday after several conferences had been held by the bondmen, commissioners and attorneys. The bondman has paid \$12,500 for 1898 and the same amount for 1899, the commissioners claiming McCullough's delinquencies are square up to and including 1897. Although McCullough is still missing, he is not likely to escape punishment, as one of his bondmen proposes to offer a reward for his apprehension.

Stage was Robbed.

Vancouver, B. C., Jan. 3.—A special from Agassiz, B. C., tonight says that the mail stage running between Agassiz and Harrison Hot Springs, was held up by three masked men armed with rifles. The driver was forced to relinquish the mail bag, which was rifled. A number of papers were taken from the express box, but their value is at present unknown. There were nine passengers on the stage, and these were forced to hand over their purses, watches and jewelry. About \$450 in money was secured by the bandits. The robbers then disappeared in the woods behind the road. The authorities have no clue.

Big Fire at Burlington.

Burlington, Ia., Jan. 3.—A fire broke out after midnight burned out the Connor Mercantile Company's establishment, entailing a loss of \$60,000, and then spread to Stram & Schmies' wholesale dry goods store, where \$75,000 damage was done. The Connor Company was fully insured. Stram & Schmies carried \$45,000 insurance.

Eleven Men Killed.

Vicksburg, Miss., Jan. 3.—A telephone message to the Herald from Fayette says that two heavy freight trains on the Yazoo & Mississippi Valley railroad, both double-headed, collided near Hays Station, 70 miles south of here, at 7 o'clock tonight, and 11 men were killed.

Shut Off the Gas.

Toledo, O., Jan. 3.—The Kerlin Bros. Company, which supplies heating gas to about 700 families in this city, recently entered a bill to the city council for several thousand dollars in connection with a gas plant deal. The bill was turned down. Tonight, the coldest of the year, they went beyond the city limits, took up a joint of pipe, plugged the ends and cut off the entire supply, leaving many families absolutely without fuel.

Uprising in West Africa.

London, Jan. 3.—The colonial office is in receipt of news of a native rising in the Gambia river region in West Africa. The news conveying this information adds that a punitive expedition is being organized.

Oldest Railway Man Dead.

Kansas City, Jan. 3.—A. W. Millspaugh, the oldest railway man in the United States in point of active service, died at his home here today. Millspaugh was born in Middlebury, N. Y., in 1814.

A PROPOSED TRADE.

England May Give Us Jamaica for a Share in the Philippines.

New York, Jan. 3.—A special to the Journal and Advertiser, from Washington, says:

The British colony of Jamaica will be given in exchange for a fair share of the United States colony of the Philippines. This is an international trade which will be, probably, the result of acquisition by the United States of the Danish Antilles. In official circles it is thought that Great Britain will not want the island of Jamaica if the United States should acquire the Danish possessions, and the prestige of Great Britain as commanding the highway to the Nicaragua canal will have disappeared. The United States will not only be able to command the approach from the east, but it will, from its point of vantage, control the ocean east of the Danish Antilles, from the magnificent base which will undoubtedly be established there.

It will be interesting to recall that when the United States amended the Tietz-Thomas treaty, Great Britain proposed a trade that if Great Britain was forced to yield there should be some compensation to Great Britain. What Great Britain's demands will be are not clearly known. It is understood, however, that she will endeavor to have the modus vivendi Alaska boundary made permanent.

NEW YORK'S REFORM WAVE.

Mayor Van Wyck Taking Active Steps to Suppress Gambling—"No Fooling."

New York, Jan. 3.—The Evening Telegram today says: "With the end of the century, Mayor Van Wyck took steps toward putting an end to gambling, and practically every gaming resort in this city is closed today. The mayor ordered that this be done, and Chief of Police Devery promptly obeyed the mandate. He issued instructions to his captains last night and the keepers of the various establishments were given the tip that this time there was to be 'no fooling.'"

The term of office of Police Commissioner Hoes expired at noon today. Mayor Van Wyck, however, has given assurance to the friends of Mr. Hoes that he will continue a member of the board of police until the time being. This retention of Commissioner Hoes is understood to be equivalent to an announcement from Mayor Van Wyck that he will not interfere to bring about the retirement of Chief of Police Devery.

NEW LIFE-SAVING DISTRICT.

Oregon, Washington and Alaska Embosced—A Station at Nome.

Seattle, Jan. 3.—News of the creation of a new life-saving district, to include the sea waters of Alaska, Washington and Oregon, is contained in a letter received by Captain Francis Tattle, commander of the revenue cutter Albatross, at Tacoma.

The formation of a new district will greatly enlarge the scope of the service, and will result in the establishment of a station at Cape Flattery. There is at present no station north of Gray's Harbor. It is said that there will also probably be a station established at Nome before many months.

HAZED THEIR TEACHER.

Pupils Drove Him into a Pond, From Which a Farmer Rescued Him.

Indianapolis, Ind., Jan. 3.—(Special dispatch to the Chicago Inter-Ocean.)—Wesley Dugan, a public school teacher near Petersburg, was the victim of a hazing at the hands of his pupils today, which came near costing him his life. He was set upon by the larger pupils in his school and carried to the edge of a pond in which it was proposed to duck him.

Breaking away, he ran into the water and waded to a stump some distance from the bank. Here he was pelted with stones and clubs until he was forced to take to the water again and tried to reach the opposite bank. He was already numbed with cold, and before reaching the opposite bank lost consciousness and would have drowned had not a passing farmer rescued him.

PAT CROWE CAUGHT.

Notorious Kidnaper Was Taken in South Dakota After a Lively Chase by Detectives.

Chadron, Neb., Jan. 3.—Pat Crowe, charged with complicity in the abduction of Eddie Conroy, of Omaha, has been captured.

Three detectives following Crowe's trail came upon him today on the Pine Ridge reservation, near Oelrichs, S. D., and captured him after a wild chase. Crowe was driving a team and buckboard. He whipped the horse and tried to outrun the horsemen, who soon brought him to a halt with their shooters.

John Deleider, a cattleman, has just reached town with the news, and says the posse stopped at a ranch about 30 miles out for lunch, and to feed their horses.

Lost on Mount Washington.

Berlin, N. H., Jan. 3.—A searching party has left here for Mount Washington, in an endeavor to find William H. Bodwell, correspondent of the New York Herald, who was lost on the mountain while attempting to make the ascent with two other men, Bodwell, with Chester Stiles, of Cambridge, and Ray Evans, of Gorham, went up the mountain on foot for the purpose of taking views.

Strike in Colorado.

Louisville, Colo., Jan. 3.—At a meeting of representatives from every coal camp in Northern Colorado here today, it was decided to demand an increase of 10 cents per ton for loaders. The miners were idle today, and the men