

EVENTS OF THE DAY

An Interesting Collection of Items From the Two Hemispheres Presented in a Condensed Form.

Rev. Dr. William Maxwell Blackburn, president of Huron college at Pierre, S. D., died at the age of 65 years.

Margaret Livingston Chanler and Anna Boulton, heroine women who served without pay as nurses in Porto Rico during the war, have been recommended for that rare honor, the thanks of congress.

It is reported from Peking that Russia has demanded a lease of the Miao Tao islands as a torpedo station. These islands lie across the entrance of the Gulf of Pe-Chi-Li, south of Port Arthur. The acquisition of these islands would still further strengthen Russia's hold on the approaches to Peking.

The quartermaster's department is preparing to disinter and bring to this country the remains of the 1,300 heroes of the Spanish war who were either killed by bullets or died of fever in Cuba and Porto Rico. Colonel Moore, assistant quartermaster-general, says the expedition of disinterment is well under way.

Senator Teller, of Colorado, has introduced a bill for the amendment of the war-revenue act, so as to provide for a tax upon the actual value or selling prices instead of the nominal value of certain stocks. The bill is intended to relieve the cheaper mining stocks from what is claimed to be an enormous burden upon them.

A petition from ex-Queen Lilioukani of Hawaii has been presented to the house, protesting against the United States' assertion of ownership to the crown lands of Hawaii as taking of property without due process of law, and appealing to the president, congress and the people for a restoration of these lands. A like petition was presented to the senate.

A Havana cable to the New York World says: "The graves of the Maine victims in the Havana cemetery are neglected. Two small, sickly shrubs, one weather-beaten post with a dead plant and two blasted stalks of three slips are all there is to show that anything has been done in this beautiful burial place for our nation's dead. A month ago, upon the internment of some sailors of the Resolute, their comrades put an 18x24 inch calico American flag on the mound. This little faded flag is the only thing given by either the army or the navy."

The monthly statement of the collections of internal revenue shows that during November, 1898, the receipts amounted to \$23,404,306, against \$13,959,396 for November, 1897.

The president has sent these nominations to Austria-Hungary, to be ambassador to Russia: Addison C. Harris, of Indiana, minister to Austria-Hungary.

At Hong Kong, the Filipino committee has broken off all relations with United States Consul Wildman. The committee has issued a writ in the supreme court to recover the sum of \$47,000, which the Filipinos claim to have been deposited with Wildman as treasurer of the Filipino independence fund in June last.

The gunboat Yorktown has sailed from San Francisco for Manila, via Honolulu. She will go all the way under a full head of steam, and should make the run in three weeks if she is not delayed at Honolulu. She is the bearer of full instructions to Admiral Dewey and General Otis in regard to the situation in the Philippines.

The New Year's honors include Lord Dunraven being appointed privy counselor for Ireland, and Sir Edward Chichester, R. N., being appointed companion of the Order of St. Michael and St. George in recognition of his services as captain of the British first-class cruiser Immortal, which was stationed at Manila during the war.

Senator Mason, of Illinois, occupied the attention of the senate for nearly an hour and a half Tuesday, with a speech in support of his resolution declaring that the United States will never attempt to govern the people of any country without their consent. In many respects the speech was one of the most notable utterances from the senate thus far this session.

At Kokomo, Ind., there are 18 tramps in the Howard county jail slowly starving to death. Two weeks ago the hobos refused to work on the stone pile, and Sheriff Barnes put them in jail on a diet of bread and water, mostly water, until they signified a willingness to work. At the close of the second week of the strike, the jailer reduced the bread supply to two loaves a day for the entire gang. They declare they will starve to death in their cells rather than hammer stone.

Minor News Items.

A lieutenant and 13 men of the French warship Sure were killed in the New Hebrides by natives.

The Merritt & Chapman Wrecking company's outfit arrived at Santiago de Cuba to raise the former Spanish cruiser Reina Mercedes.

Areneis placed in coffee by some one unknown caused the deaths of Frank Lomack, his wife and five children at Shelby, Tex.

The steamer Glenovan was wrecked near Hong Kong and 20 of the crew were lost.

The controlling interest of the Chicago & Alton railroad has passed to eastern men.

Benjamin R. Willett, aged 23, was hanged at Wethersfield, Conn., for the murder of David S. Lambert on December 17, 1897.

Harry Hoffman and Grace Doran were drowned at New Rochelle, N. Y., while skating. The boy lost his life in trying to save the girl.

LATER NEWS.

A cable censorship has been established by the United States government at Manila.

Commissary-General Egan has sent to the war investigating commission a revised statement in place of that originally made in response to Miles' charges. He has omitted the objectionable portions.

Austria's hesitancy in raising the rank of her diplomatic mission to the United States is due entirely to her desire not to give offense to Spain. Information to this effect is in the possession of the state department.

West Point appointments are to be made by the present congress. One will be from the first Oregon. The list will include eight cadets, all of whom must enter West Point next June. No further vacancies will be filled until 1900, when 56 cadets will be named. The present class will graduate February 15.

Commodore Watson, now in command of the Mare island navy-yard, has applied for the command of the Asiatic station to succeed Admiral Dewey, when that officer shall have ceased duty. Dewey will retire from active service next December, providing the law be not amended in his interest.

French sentiment is once more being worked against the United States on account of the Spanish war. Hostile newspaper criticism, which temporarily was shut down by the victories of Manila and Santiago, is now re-asserting itself in consequence of the difficulties which President McKinley's vacillating policy has caused in the Philippines.

The steamship City of Macon, from Boston, brought into Savannah, Ga., Captain Kennedy and the crew, nine men all told, of the schooner Aloha, of Bath, Me., abandoned Saturday night, 250 miles southeast of Georgetown light, in a sinking condition. The Aloha left Portland a week ago with a cargo of phosphate rock, bound for New York.

At Pana, Ill., the scene of the recent labor trouble, Ike Ingles shot and killed Dave Evans, a fellow-negro miner, at the Springfield mine. The trouble arose over dividing their wages. Frank Jones and James Palmer, non-union white miners, were assaulted today and seriously injured. Their assailants are unknown. Three companies of militia, which have been doing guard duty for several months, have been ordered home.

The first detachment of the Seventeenth has left Columbus for New York, en route to the Philippines.

The entire military department of Santa Clara, Major-General J. C. Bates commanding, is quiet. Twenty-seven thousand Spaniards still remain in the vicinity of Cienfuegos, but one transport has loaded and 12 others are expected to arrive at an early date. It is impossible, however, that the evacuation will be completed much before the middle of February.

Great fear is felt for the safety of the naphtha launch Paul Jones, hailing from Louisville, which left the mouth of the Mississippi river January 3 for Pensacola, Fla., with a party of ladies on board. Nothing has been heard from the launch, and one of the latest tugs has left to make a thorough search on the Gulf.

A train of empty cars on the Oregon Short Line, while leaving Butte, ran into an open switch near the city, and crashed into a switch engine. Both engines and some of the cars were wrecked. The crew of the train and that of the switch engine all jumped. Conductor Joseph Grant, of the freight, was thrown under the wreck and killed. Fireman Dowling was injured. The rest escaped unhurt.

A Madrid dispatch says the government, on the reassembling of the cortes, will immediately ask La Reforma for authority to sell the Marianne (Ladrones), Caroline and the Pelea islands, since Spain is powerless to maintain a sufficient force to defend them. The government arrived at this decision in consequence of advice from General Rios that an army of 4,000 men, a man-of-war and two gunboats would be necessary for the purpose.

Official dispatches from Ilo Ilo, island of Panay, indicate that the natives are disposed to be friendly, although absolutely opposed to the landing of the United States forces without order from Malolos, the seat of the so-called Filipino native government. Some of the officials at Ilo Ilo are not in accord with the revolutionary government, but are willing to accept an American protectorate, and will go to state the case to Aguinaldo if furnished transportation by the Americans.

The Berlin correspondent of the London Times quotes from the Cologne Gazette that "rumors as to the annexation of Vauva, one of the Prussian islands, by Germany, are an invention of those who desire to stir up ill-feeling between Germany and the United States. He says, however, as the Cologne Gazette was among the most active originally spreading reports of German's intention to annex the Philippines, its excessive indignation in the present instance is somewhat overdone."

A violent gale swept over the English channel and the east coast of Great Britain, doing immense damage.

An elevator belonging to the George C. Bagley Company was burned at Minneapolis with 200,000 bushels of wheat, the loss being over \$200,000.

Prompt steps are being taken by the United States to assert the supremacy of the United States in the Philippines and Maj-General Otis has been designated as governor-general of the islands.

The Keystone Mutual Benefit Association, incorporated in 1878, made its assignment at Allentown, Pa.

Samples of the new 1899 issue of one dollar silver certificates were shown at the treasury department in Washington. They are printed from entirely new designs.

A delegation presented to President McKinley two petitions, one from the great majority of the organized Protestant Christian churches of the world and the other from the Pan-Protestantian alliance, asking for international arbitration as a substitute for war.

THREE YEARS' PAY

Amount the Cuban Army Will Receive.

GOVERNMENT TO ADVANCE MONEY

Forty Millions Required—Customs Receipts of Cuba Will Be Pledged for Its Redemption.

New York, Jan. 18.—According to Brigadier-General Jose Miguel Gomez, a member of the Cuban commission in Washington, the Cuban army is sure to receive the three years' pay to which it is entitled, \$40,000,000 being advanced by the United States, with the customs-revenues of Cuba as security for its payment.

Brigadier-General Gomez, who has just arrived in this city from Washington, is grateful for the way the commission has been received. The negotiations, it is expected, will be completed by the end of this month, when the commission will return to Cuba. General Gomez said last night:

"Our hopes have all been realized. At first, I felt, things looked dark for us. Poor General Garcia was the most pessimistic member of the commission. He had little hope for the success of our plans when he left for Washington. The rest of the commission argued, however, that as the Americans had taken charge of Cuba and thus prevented us from raising money, we had a right to request a loan with which to pay off our men. General Garcia asked for only \$100 for each man."

"The other commissioners protested because of the small amount. Then came the general's death, and for the time being negotiations were suspended. At our next meeting it was agreed that an official list of the men in the Cuban army would be required before any agreement could be reached. Accordingly, I left for Cuba, whence I returned on January 9 with the required document."

"There are 42,000 men to be paid in the Cuban army. The amount we have requested is \$40,000,000, to be turned over to us either in one or three payments. We will give as security the customs-revenues in Cuba. Should the government not care to lend us that sum, we are willing to take one-third of it and later pay the men the rest."

"As affairs now stand, I think we will receive the amount in three payments. This, however, is not decided yet. The late Mr. Dingley was in favor of giving us the amount in one payment."

Speaking of the present condition of affairs in Havana, General Gomez said it was bad.

"There appears to be much disagreement among the American soldiers," he continued, "and no one seems to know what his power is. Some one gives an order, and the next man countermands it. As a result the government of Havana is not as smooth as it might be."

"General Brooke, however, is well liked, and the Cuban soldiers are now taking any part in the 'evacuation parade,' caused a great deal of ill-feeling. This is now done away with, and there need be no fear of a clash between the Cubans and the Americans."

"The American soldiers are a fine set of men, and do not give any trouble. We are done with war, and want peace, but nevertheless we would never tolerate the condition of affairs which is reported to exist in Porto Rico."

"General Brooke, I am told, is about to name a committee of Cubans, who will act as his advisers. Mendes Capote, president of the assembly at Santa Cruz del Sur, will be placed at the head of the commission."

"General Maximo Gomez will remain in the field until the army is disbanded. He will then make his home in Havana. After the men in the army are paid off, we will try to prove to this country that we are fully able to govern Cuba."

"The paying off of the army is the most important move toward establishing tranquility on the island. If we should not be able to raise the money trouble with the men would follow."

Ships on the Way.

Washington, Jan. 18.—The navy department was informed today that the Bennington sailed from Honolulu on the 7th inst., for Guam, in accordance with the orders of the navy department. On the way over she will stop at Wake Island and take possession of it for use as a cable station. The Castine sailed yesterday from San Juan de Porto Rico for Gibraltar. She is going to the Philippines to reinforce Dewey's fleet.

Baldwin Will Rebuild.

San Francisco, Jan. 18.—The Bulletin says that Lucky Baldwin has decided to erect an eight-story fireproof building on the lot occupied by the old Baldwin hotel, which was burned several months ago. The building will cost \$3,000,000, and as soon as the ruins of the old building can be cleared away, the work of construction will commence.

Many Mysterious Deaths.

Little Rock, Ark., Jan. 18.—There is intense excitement in Baxter county over a series of sudden and mysterious deaths which have occurred in the vicinity of Mountain Home, the county seat, within the last few days. No less than six men, all of whom were apparently in robust health, have been suddenly stricken and died within a very short time after the attack. In every case there were unmistakable symptoms of poisoning.

Mons. Ark., Jan. 18.—Joe Bates, a farmer living near the Washita river, started to church with his family in a wagon. In attempting to ford the river the wagon was swept away and his wife, child and a young woman were drowned. The river had risen from the late rains.

The government of the Transvaal, says the Pretoria correspondent of the London Times, has expended nearly \$800,000 since 1894 in trying to influence the European press and European officials to prevent the leasing of Delagoa bay to Great Britain.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS.

Oregon Legislature Is Far Ahead of the State Appropriation Bill.

Salem, Or., Jan. 17.—The legislature is as yet devoted chiefly to the preliminary work of receiving new bills and is still so far ahead of the printer that committees have nothing to do. But one measure has reached the acute stage, and that is the bill to add two justices to the supreme court. Having passed the house last week it is now in the senate, where it rests awaiting its second reading. The bill is warmly supported, and it looked last week as if it were bound to pass; but it loses steadily under discussion, and its chances are now very dubious. Objection to it so far as it is expressed appears to rest chiefly or wholly on the question of its constitutionality.

The general proceedings today were of a perfunctory and monotonous kind. Introduction was first made of bills occupied the whole time in both houses. This is likely to be the order for the balance of the week. The usual flood of propositions, wise and otherwise, is pouring in, the greatest number of course, being destined to die in committee. Twenty-two bills were introduced in the senate this afternoon. Half a dozen were read the second time, and one authorizing the town of Astoria to borrow \$5,000 to "fill water-works" was passed. A house joint memorial to congress for pensions for Indian war veterans, the same as Mexican war veterans, was concurred in.

A house resolution for the investigation of the affairs of the school land board was concurred in.

The house convened at 2:30 this afternoon, pursuant to adjournment. The proceedings opened with the second reading and reference of bills, but owing to the fact that the state printer had not caught up with printing, the house returned to the first reading and introduction of bills. Eight bills were read the second time and referred to the proper committees. One was passed and two were withdrawn. The bill that passed was Whitely's, to amend the city charter of Albany.

WASHINGTON'S SENATE.

Protest Against the Exclusion of Aliens From Lake Attles.

Olympia, Wash., Jan. 17.—In the senate on motion of Land, Judge McGilvra, of Seattle, was granted permission to address the senate. Inasmuch as it had been announced that Judge McGilvra had up a senatorial lightning rod, there were some quizzical expressions on the faces of several senators who are prominent in state politics. Judge McGilvra, stepping inside the circle, referred, in a forensic style of oratory, to the death of Congressman Dingley, and, at the conclusion of his statement, asked for the consideration of a resolution petitioning the president to appoint in his stead on the joint American-Canadian high commission a resident of the Pacific Northwest.

Senator Preston suggested that it might be well to wait until Dingley was buried before proceeding to fill his place. A discreet smile passed about the circle, whereupon Senator Schofield proposed that the resolution be made a motion for the adjournment.

Senator Hamilton then asked, inasmuch as the resolution had been presented by a gentleman not a member, in what position it came before the senate. There was a moment's hesitation, during which the chair thought it possible to receive the communication, and finally Senator Preston said he would stand back of it. That was acceptable to Hamilton, and, on motion of Crow, the document was referred to the committee on memorials.

The house resolution protesting against the exclusion of aliens from the Attles mining district by the Canadian government was adopted—27 to 4.—Hall, Preston, Reinhart and Wilshire voting no.

Senatorial Choice on Ticket.

In the house the veto messages of the governor were taken up. The veto of the bill providing for the survey and location of a roadway from Montezuma, Chelalis county, to Brookfield, Wahkiakum county, was sustained.

The bill creating a state road along the Columbia river from Lyle to Washington was vetoed, because the proposed road parallels a navigable river, the governor holding this to be against good public policy in the straitened condition of state finances.

Representative Moore, as the author of the bill, stated it to be his wish that the veto be sustained, because there is no time now to enter into the merits of the bill, and his wish was simultaneously respected.

Colonel Patterson, of Kitsap, presented a petition for a fish hatchery in Kitsap county.

Cowell presented a petition from Cowitt county for a law restraining live stock from at large.

Judge McGilvra was accorded 10 minutes in which to present his Lake Attles and Dingley resolutions, which were adopted.

A concurrent resolution by Brown, requesting the respective political parties of the state to place upon their tickets the choice of the party for United States senator at elections prior to senatorial elections, that the people may express their choice, was adopted.

The New York to Go to Havana.

Washington, Jan. 18.—The navy department has designated the following warships to form the squadron of evolution which is to go south under direct command of Admiral Sampson: Flagship New York, Brooklyn, Indiana, Texas, Chicago, Newark, Massachusetts.

The following named officers and supply ships: Marcellus, Lebanon and supply ships. The ships are ordered to be at Havana prior to the first of February next.

WAS A SWIFT DEATH

Ship Andelana Goes Down at Tacoma.

FIFTEEN MEN WERE ABOARD

Captain and Mate Among Those Lost—Vessel Caught During a Heavy Gale.

Tacoma, Wash., Jan. 17.—The most appalling marine disaster that has ever occurred in the history of Tacoma happened early this morning. During a terrific gale which swept over Puget sound, the British ship Andelana, anchored in this port, awaiting cargo, capsized, and Captain G. W. Staling and his crew of 16 men, who were asleep below decks, were dragged down to a sailor's death without an instant's warning. The full list of those lost is as follows:

Captain G. W. Staling, of Annapolis, Nova Scotia; E. H. Crowe, aged 39 years, Londonderry, N. S., first mate; E. G. Doe, aged 23 years, 145 Essex Talbot Road, Blackpool, England; Nemy Josam, Victoria, B. C., steward; Joseph M. A. D'Holger, of Ostend, Belgium, apprentice; Reginald Hanne, of Ostend, Belgium, apprentice; Charles Smith, of United States, boatman; James Daly, of New York, boatman; J. R. Brown, of Barbadoes, cook; H. Hanson, Sweden, able seaman; Antone Jensen, Denmark, seaman; John Nielson, Norway, seaman; Fred Hindstrom, Norway, seaman; Edward Lett, Rega, Russia, seaman; August Simonsen, Holland, seaman; Pat Wilson, St. John's, N. E., Seaman.

Just what time the disaster which resulted in such appalling loss of life occurred is not known; as every person on board the vessel went to the bottom of the Sound with it.

The ship, which was of English build, and worth probably \$150,000, entered this port several days ago. She was to have loaded under charter to Eppinger & Co., of San Francisco, for Europe. Yesterday she was taken to the Eureka dock and all ballast removed and the hold cleaned, preparatory to receiving cargo. She was then towed to an anchorage several hundred yards northeast of the St. Paul & Tacoma Lumber Company's deep-water wharf, at which point disaster overtook her. She had out, so far as the best information obtainable, the starboard anchor, weighing at least three tons, while to either side of the vessel were attached the ballast logs used to keep a ship upright during the absence of cargo or ballast.

The ship was riding the wave serenely when the skippers of other vessels anchored close by retired the night before. When daylight dawned no signs of the Andelana were visible. Over the spot where she rode serenely at anchor the night before a danger-signal buoy lamp was visible. When the absence of the ship was discovered, Captain Doty and Captain Burley took the tug Fairfield and made an investigation, with a view to finding out the cause of the disaster.

One of the ballast logs was found. To it dangled part of the chain by which it was originally fastened to the ill-fated ship. In addition, one of the lifeboats, a matters with the name of the ship on it, and several oars, were found. Beyond these no other wreckage has been discovered.

As all on board perished, only surmise as to the cause of the disaster are prevalent. Judging from indications, slipping men say, the ballast log found from the port side of the vessel. She ship, according to all accounts, was headed in a southerly direction, or toward the head of the bay, at the time the gale swept down the Sound. The heavy winds caused the ship to strain on the chains, making the log on the weather side taut and giving a tendency to lift the log and water, but the strain was too great for one of the chains, and it snapped.

This released the towering craft from the greater restraint on the weather side, and she lifted with the wind, and there being little restraint from the other end of the log, raised it enough to allow the right or mooring chain to slip off. Thus freed from ballast and floating like a chip, the ship careered under the pressure of the heavy gale, and shipped great quantities of water, filling completely the hold and fore-castle, causing her to capsize and sink to the bottom, all in a very few minutes.

The situation was further aggravated by the fact that the tides were just setting in at the time the ship went down. This in all probability forced the stern of the vessel around and exposed the broadside to the gale's fury. Late this afternoon the ill-fated vessel was located. She lay on her broadside, under 23 fathoms of water, close by the spot where she had been anchored.

Lived Over 100 Years.

Utica, N. Y., Jan. 17.—Mrs. Emily J. Moseley, who would have been 103 years old had she lived until April, died at the Home for the Homeless tonight.

Storm in Switzerland.

Berne, Switzerland, Jan. 17.—A heavy gale is blowing today, accompanied in different parts of Switzerland by torrential rains and snow. Great damage has been done. Many of the mountain passes are blocked, and it is feared there will be serious avalanche disasters.

The United States gunboat Helens reported at Port Said today, and, having coaled, proceeded on her way to the Philippines.

Small Railroad Accident.

Cincinnati, Jan. 17.—Passenger train No. 4, on the Baltimore & Ohio Southwestern, leaving St. Louis, at 3:35 this morning, was derailed just east of Clay City, Ill., by a defective rail. The combination car, coach and sleeper were slightly injured.

Bank of Spain Report.

Madrid, Jan. 17.—The Bank of Spain report for the week ending yesterday shows the following: Gold in hand, no change; silver in hand, increase, 5,758,000; notes in circulation, increase, 11,328,000 pesetas.

GO ON THEIR MERITS.

Oregon Legislature Will Closely Consider Appropriation Bill.

Salem, Or., Jan. 14.—The first week of the legislative session closed with 91 bills introduced and read in the senate, and 184 in the house. The house passed the bill to add two judges to the supreme court, and there is little doubt that the measure will pass the senate in due time. Two notable reforms have been provided for—to limit the number of committee clerks and to keep appropriations of doubtful merit out of the general appropriation bill. A bill to correct the committee clerkship abuse further for future legislation is before the senate, and is likely to pass both houses. The ways and means committee will report not only a general appropriation bill and a special appropriation bill, but will refuse to yoke with appropriations of undoubted merit those that are questionable, making the latter bills stand individually on their merits before the legislature and the governor.

WASHINGTON LAWMAKERS.

Mante, Whose Seat Is Contested, Asked to Be Taken Off Committee.

Olympia, Jan. 14.—Senator Mante today asked to be excused from serving on the committee of elections and election contests, inasmuch as his seat was to be contested, and in all probability, the matter would be referred to that committee.

The chair stated that it was expected that the contest in Mante's district would be referred to a special committee. He did not know but that a special committee would yet be named. Mante was made chairman of the committee on senate employees other than regular, and Paul, of that committee, was made chairman of the election contest committee. Keith was transferred from the committee on fish to the committee on printing, exchanging places with Senator Biggs.

Eight hundred and forty-two citizens of Walla Walla petitioned for an assembly hall in the Walla Walla state penitentiary. The request was made on the ground of public morals, as it was claimed an assembly hall for the inmates of the penitentiary would tend to improve their morals.

For a State Road.

I. the house a bill was introduced by Moore, establishing a state road down the Columbia river from Lyle, Klickitat county, to Washougal, Clark county, and appropriating \$25,000 therefor. A concurrent resolution relating to the wealth of Washington coal mines, and requesting the secretary of the navy to assist in the best information obtainable to British Columbia coal, and calling upon said secretary of the navy to notify the legislature if any reason exists why this cannot be done, was offered by Calvert, and adopted.

House bill No. 78, offered by Bedford, who moved its advancement to third reading after the title had been read. It is an appropriation bill, carrying \$1,500 for the transportation of prisoners, \$500 for transporting juvenile offenders, and \$200 to pay traveling expenses of superior court judges. On final passage it received by one negative vote and 64 affirmative.

Senate concurrent resolution No. 2, flag for the capitol, was taken up and passed under suspension of the rules. The senate concurred in resolution for the printing and publication of 2,500 copies of Governor Rogers' message was passed.

RAILROADS TO POOL ISSUES.

Report That Great Northern and Northern Pacific Have Combined.

New York, Jan. 16.—The Times says: The announcement of the settlement of recent disagreements between the Great Northern and the Northern Pacific railroads proved to be one of the most interesting statements Wall street has lately had to consider and endorse over. In Northern Pacific common stock there is reason to believe that a pool has been formed, including in its membership the strongest financiers of Wall street, among others, friends of J. P. Morgan, Governor Flower and John D. Rockefeller.

This pool, credited with a capacity beyond any such recent combinations, is believed to have as the basis for its organization knowledge of plans which will practically make the Northern Pacific and the Baltimore & Ohio one property. Some reports, probably distorted, have it even that Northern Pacific property would actually absorb the B. & O. Under any circumstances, it is declared there will be direct management and personal supervision of policy by James J. Hill.

Klondike at Home.

Hillsboro, Jan. 16.—While ditching on his beaverdam at Farmington, five miles southeast of this city, George Robinson struck a gold-bearing quartz ledge which assayed to the ton. The ledge is between two and three feet in width. The lead runs north and south, pitching east. Near it are two other ledges, the rock from which has not yet been assayed.

The ledge was discovered several days ago, but the matter was kept very quiet until today, and the only trouble to be encountered is in getting water. No gold had ever before been found at Farmington, but old miners considered the indications there very good.

General Egan Censured.

Washington, Jan. 16.—The war investigating commission today passed a resolution censuring Egan for the language he used when he appeared to answer charges made against the commissary branch of the army by Miles, and returned to him the carefully prepared typewritten statement which he left to that body. It is reported that General Egan has concluded to exclude the matter complained of.

Disappointed and Obstinate Old.

Marionette, Wis., Jan. 16.—Jennie Howard, a modist, died today, practically of slow suicide. Four weeks ago she went to the Menominee hospital, determined to die, made her will and absolutely refused to take any medicines or allow the physicians to do anything for her. A love affair is said to have caused the suicide.

The French have sent China an ultimatum threatening to send an armed force from Tongking into Szechuen, to rescue the unfortunate Father Flanagan.

SITUATION IS CRITICAL

But General Otis Has It Well in Hand.

A REBEL ATTACK IS RIDICULOUS