

EVENTS OF THE DAY

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

The powers have agreed to the joint note.

The Japanese gave Admiral Boardlee a reception.

Chicago police will prevent the Gans-McGovern fight.

Santa Fe strikers wish their differences arbitrated.

Five persons were killed in a train wreck in Montana.

Fire in Pekin destroyed the quarters of a number of officers.

Kitchener reports a running fight between Dewet and Knox.

Gompers will be re-elected president of the Federation of Labor.

The Santa Fe repudiates its relations with the telegraphers' union.

The American fleet in North China waters is reduced to two vessels.

The Irish Nationalist convention declared for the abolition of landlordism.

Washington's centennial anniversary was celebrated with imposing ceremonies.

Full particulars have been received of the typhoon which recently swept the coast of China, causing a heavy loss to life and shipping.

There are more than 40 cases of smallpox in St. George's hospital, Kansas City. Only one death from the disease has occurred.

The city election at Astoria, resulted in a sweeping victory for the Citizens' ticket, every candidate being elected by large majorities.

Joseph Benoit, a stage carpenter at the Grand Opera house, Salem, Or., fell from a scaffold, breaking several ribs and bruising his face and body badly. The accident was caused by the breaking of a board upon which he was standing.

The Lakewood and Ager stage was robbed about two miles from Lakewood, Or. A lone highwayman accomplished the job. No passengers were aboard the stage. Two mail sacks were rifled and a considerable amount of registered mail taken. Officers are now working on the case.

The will of the late Senator Davis, who died November 27, was filed for probate by Mrs. Anna M. Davis, the widow. The will, made during the senator's last illness, leaves all his estate to Mrs. Davis. The estate is valued at \$25,000 in personal and \$40,000 in real property.

Holland refuses to intervene in the Boer war.

Senator Clay spoke against the ship subsidy bill.

French troops have ceased looting Chinese observatories.

Li Hung Chang claims to have absolute power to negotiate.

Chaffee protested to Von Waldersee against German looting.

The debate on the war tax reduction bill began in the house.

The house of commons voted \$16,000,000 to carry on the Boer war.

The Hay-Pannicote treaty was again considered in executive session.

A congressional committee was appointed to investigate the Boer hazing.

The Philippine commission gave merchants a hearing on the tariff bill.

A \$50,000 irrigation ditch will be constructed at once in Moore valley, Washington.

Oregon delegation decides upon contracting for Columbia river improvement.

State Superintendent Ackerman recommends that Oregon schools observe John Marshall day.

The matter of developing Lower Nahalem coal is said to have been considered in New York.

A number of persons suspected of plotting to murder Lord Roberts during his visit to Cape Colony recently, abandoned their schemes on learning that they were shadowed.

In his annual report, Fish Commissioner Reid says the value of fish output for Oregon is over \$5,000,000.

Outlawry in Kwang Si and Kwang Tung is increasing. The officials appear to be losing their hold of the situation and are powerless to restore order. Pirating on the West river is increasing.

Owing to a lack of proper facilities in the way of telegraph, caused by the strike, a serious collision occurred on the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe, in which several persons were probably fatally injured.

Five editors were chosen to sit in the Nebraska legislature at the recent election.

Joseph Manley has resigned as chairman of the Republican executive committee of Maine after a service of 16 years.

Electric coal-cutting machinery is rapidly displacing hand work and other varieties of mechanical mining appliances in the colonies of Great Britain and the United States.

Missouri will have the largest Democratic delegation in the next congress of the United States.

The city of Downs, Kansas, has more than 1,000 inhabitants, among whom there is not a single lawyer.

The fourth census of the Dominion of Canada is to be taken next year, beginning the first week in April.

When the newly elected governors of the states have all inaugurated there will be 26 Republican, 18 Democratic and one Silverite, the last being Benhold Sedler, of Nevada.

LATER NEWS.

Loot sent to France will be embargoed.

American wheat visible shows a decrease.

The Monroe doctrine may be applied to France.

The Boers were defeated in a battle at Orange river.

A third negro was lynched by the Rockport, Ind., mob.

In the sinking of the Gneisenau, 136 persons were drowned.

There is no prospect of passing the subsidy bill this session.

The steamer Alpha was wrecked on the Vancouver island coast.

Major-General John G. Parke died at his home in Washington.

The Porto Rico case is before the United States supreme court.

Congressman Boutelle was placed on the retired list of the navy.

The military commission begins its investigation in the Boer hazing.

Fresh instructions sent to Conger will clear the way of all obstacles.

A cure for strikes was discussed by the arbitration conference at Chicago.

Preparations are being made for development of natural gas near Rosalia, Wash.

A Washington county farmer was murdered by a shot fired through his window.

The official report of the finances of the Paris exposition, shows a loss of 2,000,000 francs.

The Oregon supreme court decided that the Portland vehicle license ordinance was invalid.

Five cases of what is believed to be bubonic plague have developed in Tucuman, in the Argentine Republic.

A resolution was introduced in the United States senate for an investigation of the conduct of Judge Noyes in Alaska.

The officials of the Santa Fe and the officers of the different trainmen's organizations will hold a conference in Chicago.

Seven hundred Boers have crossed from Orange River colony into Cape Colony near Aliwal North, and have reached Kaapstad.

President McKinley expects to arrange his Western trip so as to be in San Francisco to witness the launching of the battleship Ohio.

Fire in Cleveland, Ohio, destroyed five out of seven buildings of a machine company, causing a property loss of over \$500,000, and throwing 1,100 men out of employment.

The war revenue bill has been passed by the house.

Railway telegraphers threaten to boycott the Santa Fe.

Lord Kitchener has called for all available English troops.

England has awakened to the new seriousness in South Africa.

Colonel Tullock's expedition failed at Rockport, Ind., two negroes, who had murdered a white man were lynched.

The German training ship Gneisenau foundered near Gibraltar and 100 were drowned.

A large Boer force is said to be approaching Peking with the intention of attacking it.

The senate cannot consider the army and appropriation bills until after the holidays.

John Addison Porter, McKinley's former private secretary, died at his home in Putnam, Conn.

The British admiralty is arranging to test various inventions for steering torpedoes and submarine boats.

The Oregon Historical Society proposes to hold a great fair in 1905, in commemoration of the Lewis and Clark expedition to the Pacific coast 100 years ago.

As a result of a mysterious poisoning case at the Forsyth mines, near Marietta, Ohio, four persons are dead, four dying and two others seriously ill.

Five unknown men who asked the marshal of Brighton, Ill., for shelter, in the calaboose, locked him up and then broke into a bank and two stores.

The building occupied by the construction department at the Norfolk navy yard, was destroyed by fire. It contained all the important papers, models and plans of the construction department.

Telephoning without wires was successfully accomplished by transmitting the voice across the Mississippi river, at Minneapolis, a distance of over 1,000 feet.

Advices from Illo Ilo report that the American troops have been northward and westward for several days and that detachments of the Sixth, Eighteenth and Twenty-sixth regiments have been active near their stations.

The insurgents losses during the last 10 days there have been five killed, seven wounded and 40 taken prisoners. The Americans have lost two killed and three wounded.

Prairie chickens are said to be more abundant in western Kansas than for years.

During the past five years the state of Pennsylvania has purchased more than 100,000 acres of land to be issued as a forestry reservation.

Former Ambassador to Italy W. F. Draper has been decorated with the order of St. Maurice and Canal by the king of Italy, for services during his embassy to Rome.

A wide awake American has erected steam pumps on the Jordan and is supplying churches all over Europe with genuine Jordan water.

The boundary line between the United States and Mexico has recently been re-surveyed and marked by stone monuments in the form of obelisks about five miles apart.

There are 22 counties in Montana, three of which, Chota and Dawson, on the Canadian border, and Carter county, on the North Dakota border, make up one-half of the area of the state.

WILL VISIT EUROPE

Steyn Is Going North to Help Oom Paul.

GENERAL BOTHA MAKES ANNOUNCEMENT

Schalkenberg Sworn In as Acting State President—Rumor in London of a Serious Defeat to British Arms.

New York, Dec. 15.—A dispatch to the Journal and Advertiser from Amsterdam says:

The following proclamation by General Louis Botha has been received:

"Whereas, I have been informed that the enemy circulates all sorts of wrong and lying reports among the burghers about the government and myself, our officers and officials are charged to communicate the following information to the general public:

The executive council, after consulting the president of the Orange Free State, has decided in the interests of our cause to give leave of absence to our state president, with orders to go immediately to Europe in order to assist our deputation there in the work they have before them.

Vice-President Schalkenberg has been sworn in, according to the constitution of the Orange Free State. He is now assisted by the state secretary, two members of the executive council, Lucas Meyer and myself, and other officials, in short, our government exists in the same way as before and is now in my immediate neighborhood and in direct communication with me.

"Let the blood of our brave dead always be a strong voice and every burgher to fight for liberty. We have nothing left to lose, but everything to win. The government is most firmly decided to continue the struggle. I am convinced the burghers will applaud this decision and act accordingly until the end. Burghers are warned against the fine words used by the enemy to deceive them and to make them put down their arms, because, according to the constitution of the Orange Free State, they will all be transported to St. Helena or Ceylon as prisoners of war. Our cause, however, precarious, is not hopeless if every burgher only does his duty. The Lord is sure to give a blessed end in his own time and in his own way."

Correcting an Extradition Treaty.

Washington, Dec. 17.—A treaty has been concluded between the United States and Great Britain in relation to the extradition treaty and intended to correct certain imperfections in that instrument, developed by recent experiences. The changes do not materially affect the scope or principles of the existing treaty, the chief item in the list being provisions classifying as a crime subject to extradition the obtaining of money under false pretenses. At present the treaty makes extradition possible in cases where the money obtained under false pretenses and omits the principal in the crime, constituting a manifest absurdity. To correct this the amendment is made.

Grounding of the Garonne.

Seattle, Dec. 17.—Letters have been received in this city announcing the grounding of the United States transport Garonne on the northern coast of Luzon. She struck twice, being rescued both times by the Yorktown.

The second time the Yorktown's cable caught in the Garonne's wheel, causing a further delay of 12 hours. The latter also fell about a hard march of Hall. The line of march was over steep mountains for a distance of 45 miles, taking in all six days. At the conclusion, 165 men were under medical treatment for several days.

Search for Hidden Gold.

Pekin, Dec. 17.—A few days ago the British troops were notified of the existence of a large amount of treasure buried in the vicinity of the city.

Colonel Tullock and 100 men left today to investigate the truth of the report. Colonel Tullock requested, however, 50 extra men be detailed. It is believed that a large amount of gold and valuables were buried at this point by persons connected with the Chinese court during the recent flight. The information regarding the treasure was received from a former court official.

Trial Trip of the Alabama.

Philadelphia, Dec. 17.—The United States battleship Alabama sailed today from League Island navy yard for New York, where she will await further orders. She will make a trial trip on the run, which will begin as soon as she passes out to sea. After the run is completed the vessel's course will be shaped further out to sea to avoid shipping, as all of her guns and turrets are to be tested. If the report is satisfactory, it is probable that the battleship will be ordered to Hampton Roads to join the North Atlantic squadron.

Anti-Foreign Plot in Hong Kong.

Hong Kong, Dec. 17.—The city was placarded today with statements inciting the people and the members of the secret societies to unite and rise during the month of January and drive out all the foreigners. Crowds gathered about the placards, but no actual outbreak is reported.

Wisconsin's Vote.

Madison, Wisconsin, Dec. 17.—The total vote of Wisconsin, as officially canvassed, was 425,161. McKinley's plurality was 106,581. LaFollette, Republican, for governor, has a plurality of 103,745.

Oxford Beats Cambridge.

London, Dec. 17.—The annual Rugby football match between Oxford and Cambridge took place today at the Queen's club. A magnificent game was won by Oxford by two goals to a goal and a try. There was a large and fashionable attendance.

Nordenfjeld's Expedition.

Christiania, Dec. 17.—The Antarctic expedition, headed by Dr. Otto Nordenfjeld, will leave in August.

Pacific County Timber Deal.

South Bend, Wash., Dec. 17.—The Weyerhaeuser Timber Company has added 2,560 acres more to their extensive timber holdings in Pacific county, by the purchase of the Harkey tract on Mill creek, from John M. Cross, of Portland. The consideration was \$14,000.

A Bill From Clatsop County Fishermen.

Clatsop county, Or., fishing interests have agreed upon a bill for their coming Oregon legislature.

DEWET EVADES KNOX.

General Kitchener Reports a Running Fight With the Boers.

London, Dec. 17.—Lord Kitchener cables the war office from Pretoria under date of December 13 that General Knox reports from Heilbrunn that he is engaged in a running fight with General Dewet, and that the enemy is moving towards Reddersburg, where there is a column ready to co-operate with the other British forces. Lord Kitchener in another dispatch reports that Boers attacked the post near Barberton. The British casualties were three killed, five wounded and 13 taken prisoners. The captured men have since been released. The Boers raided the Riverton road station December 11. They are being followed up.

General Kitchener's message indicates that Dewet has again evaded Knox. After the latter had foiled the Boer general at Coomassie drift, the Boers seem to have doubled back, crossed the Caledon river elsewhere, and turned thence north-west in the direction of Heilbrunn, where he is engaged in a running fight with the British.

Lord Kitchener also reports that the Boers made an attack and were repulsed at Lychtenburg, and that General Lemmer was killed. Attacks upon Bethlehem and Vrède were also repulsed, the Boers losing 10 killed and 14 wounded. Vrède was attacked December 11. Sniping continued when the message was dispatched.

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Dunkirk, N. Y., Dec. 17.—From the smoldering ruins of the Fredonia state normal and training school, which was destroyed by fire at 6 o'clock this morning, one charred body has been recovered. It is certain that seven persons perished in the fire, which also entailed a property loss of \$200,000. There were 75 young women students in the building, of whom six perished. The other victim was the aged janitor. The origin of the fire is unknown.

A BRITISH DISASTER

Clements' Force Defeated by Boers Under Delearey.

WERE HEAVY LOSSES ON BOTH SIDES

English Forced to Abandon Their Position—General French With Reinforcements Has Gone to the Rescue.

London, Dec. 17.—Lord Kitchener reports that, after severe fighting at Nootgedacht, General Clements' force was compelled to retire by Commandant Delearey, with a force of 2,500 men. Five British officers were killed. The other casualties were not reported. Lord Kitchener's official dispatch to the war office is as follows:

"Pretoria, Dec. 15.—Clements' force at Nootgedacht, on the Magalies Berg, was attacked at dawn today by Delearey, reinforced by Boyer's commando from Wessels, making a force estimated at 2,500. Though the first attack was repulsed, the Boers managed to get to the top of the Magalies Berg, which was held by four companies of the Northumberland fusiliers, and were thus able to command Clements' camp. He retired on Heilbrunn, and took up a position on a hill in the center of the valley.

"The casualties have not been completely reported, but the fighting was very severe, and I deeply regret that the Colonel Legge, of the Twentieth Hussars, Captain McBean, Murdoch and Atkinson were killed."

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Vengeance Dual Two Negroes in Indiana—Authorities Were Overcome.

Rockport, Ind., Dec. 19.—Two negroes, Jim Henderson and Bud Rowlands, who waylaid, murdered and robbed Hollie Simons, a white barber, early this morning, were lynched tonight in the jail yard by a mob of 1,500. The negroes were arrested soon after the murder occurred, and although Rowlands' clothing had blood stains on it they claimed they were innocent. In the meantime Sheriff Clements, of Union county, Kentucky, arrived with a trained bloodhound. When the dog was placed on the trail he followed it to the house where Rowlands lived, six blocks from the scene of the murder, and went baying to the bed the negro had occupied. This was enough for the excited citizens. Within a few minutes a mob of a thousand and howling, bloodthirsty men with sledge hammers, ropes and guns were on the way to the jail.

Sheriff Anderson and his two deputies made a stand and attempted to protect the prisoners. The officers were seized by the leaders of the mob and disarmed. The sheriff, although locked in a room and given up the keys or tell where the prisoners were hiding.

The mob made a determined but unsuccessful attempt to break in the jail door. Finally they secured a telegraph pole, and using it as a battering ram caved in the side wall of the jail. The door of Rowlands' cell was then quickly broken in with sledge hammers and he was dragged from the jail to the east side of the court yard, where a noose was placed about his neck. He was given time to make a statement, in which he implicated Jim Henderson and another negro. Rowlands then begged piteously for mercy, but the mob quickly swung the confessed murderer to a tree and riddled his body with bullets.

Leaving the dangling body of Rowlands, the mob rushed back to the jail and burst open the cell occupied by Henderson. Before the bars yielded to the blows of the sledge some one in the crowd fired upon the terrified negro as he crouched in the far corner. It took but a few moments to get at Henderson, and the negro, more dead than alive, was dragged at the rope and to the court house yard and swung to the tree beside the body of Rowlands. Firing a parting volley at the swinging bodies, the mob, eager for another victim, hurried away to catch the other negro implicated by Rowlands.

It was found at a hotel where he was employed as a porter. The negro escaped to the roof of the building, and Manager De Bruler succeeded in convincing the mob that the porter had nothing to do with the crime. The mob then dispersed, apparently satisfied with its work of vengeance.

Simons was murdered in the most brutal manner, one square from the