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OF INTEREST TO OUR READERS

General Review of Important Happenpenigs Presented in a Brief and Condensed Corm.

The need of officers for the navy is

very pressing. Anarchy prevatils in Macedonia and

Christians ar slain daily.

Robbers blew up the safe of a La Plata, Md., bank and secured \$3,000 cash.

Five submarine torepdo boats built for Japan in America have arrived at Yokohama.

Cuban health officers challenge American marine corps to prove that yellow fever has appeared in that country.

By the explosion of a boiler in the suburbs of Vicksburg, Miss., two men were killed and a number injured, two seriously.

The vessels of the Baltic fleet have arrived at Port Said. Every precau-tion has been taken to insure a safe passage through the canal.

The permanent location of the Wyoming state capital was not settled at the last election. Cheyenne led in the contst, but did not receive the necesmany two-thirds. It will, however, re-main at Cheyenne until the matter is settled, which will not probably be for many years.

John G. Brady has been reappointed governor of Aliaska.

Minister Barrett reports that all is again quiet in Panama.

Snow is reported throughout the United Kingdom and there is great misery in London.

Land Commissioner Richards urges that no more forest reserves be created until experts have reported.

The case of Senator Burton, of Kan-sas, accused of accepting a bribe, will come to trial in a few days.

The secretary of the interior has tem-porarily withdrawn from all entry about 9,000 acres of land in Idaho for the Tekos reservoir site, in connection with the Palouse irrigation project in Washington.

Both armies in Manchuria occupy such strongly fortified positious that neither appear inclined to attack unless possessing a preponderance of numbers. The Japanese probably have more available troops.

From a report just issued by the department of commerce and labor, showing amounts deposited in savings banks throughout the world, it is found that the United States, with less than 9% per cent of the total population considered, contributes over 29 per cent of the total savings deposits recorded. The deposits in the United States total \$3,060,179,000.

Attorney General Moody will remain in Roosevelt's new cabinet. Two tramps were killed in a freight

### ST. JOHNS REVIEW

### FIRST POINT WON. Prosecution Makes a Score in Land

Fraud Case. Portland, Nov. 23 .- The second day of the McKinley-Ware conspiracy case accomplished little, but was rich in

oratory, in words, and in objections. The plans of the attorneys were outlined and one witness was examined, but the whole day was taken for the task. At the adjournment 16 documents from the Oregon City land office had been bound and swathed in remonstrances from the defense and submitted as evidence, while Charles B. Moores, former register at the office, had recognized his own signature and that of Judge William Galloway, the former receiver.

Hardly had the staggering second hand of the court clock crossed the point of 2 when Judge Bellinger en-tered the room with his habitual armful of books, and the second day of struggle

It will be one of the contentions of the defense that there can be no legal indictment or conviction of the defendants at this time, and under the pres-ent proceedings, as the conspiracy is beyond the pale of the statute of limi-tation. This point was made clear in an objection raised by Judge M. L. Pipes to the introduction of the filing affidavits and records of proof brought by the prosecution from the land office at Oregon City and desired to be used as evidence in the case. These papers were dated in December, 1900, while the indictments were filed on March 14, 1904, more than three years after the time of the alleged compiracy. This contention is answered by the prosecution with the claim that the papers are entered not to prove the conspiracy directly, but to show the intent, to lay bare the me of fictitious names and to show that there was a play in semiconder. ants at this time, and under the pres-

names and to show that there was a plan in embryo, though its consummation did not work out for some time afterwards. This view was taken by the court, who overruled the objection of the defense and admitted the papers as testiomny.

#### TO CURB RAILROADS.

President Urged to Recommend More Power for Commission.

Washington, Nov. 24 .- Interstate transportation matters, with specific reference to the fixing of railroad freight rates, formed the subject of an important conference at the White House vesterday. By previous ap-pointment Governor Van Sant, of Minnesota : Governor Cummins, of Iows ; E. P. Bacon, of Milwankee, chairman of the interstate commerce law convention; Frank Barry, of Milwaukee, sec-retary of the convention, and R. A. Highie, of New York, an official of the ot a law which would confer on the interstate commerce commission power to fix railroad freight rates in the commerce between states.



**Buildings** Stoned.

Canea, Island of Crete, Nov. 25. -Additional details have become known relative to the outrages committed by the officers and men of the Baltic squadron while the ships were in this port. The athorities are evidently anxious to assuage public teeling by concealing much of what has been reported to them, but some of the worst phases of the brawls have nevertheless become public property. It appears that a number of officers, sodden with drink, undressed themselves in the began. From the first it began. From the first it to pass by which advantage could be gained over the opponent. Almost before Mr. Hall had made his opening statement the trouble began, and it ended only with the close of the day. John Hall, for the prosecution, out-lohn Hall, for the prosecution, out-to the torning into a side street, but was to prove, while, on the other hand, Judge Thomas O'Day in his reply showed, to a certain extent, the hand of the defense. seized by several of them and beaten almost into insensibility.

Stories of disgraceful acts of the Russians reached the authorities during the night of the outrages. Efforts were being made to prevent a recurrence of the brawls, but the police were entirely disregarded. The broken windows in several of the streets bear wit-

dows in several of the streets bear wit-ness to the work of the Russian sailors who hurled stones at everything in sight, causing considerable damage. It is positively known that many of the sailors, and, according to current rumors, some officers also, were left behind by the Baltic vessels. Some had deserted, some evidently lost their way others were too duth to be able way, others were too daunk to be able to report, and quite a number, it is believed, took particular pains to miss the time for sailing.

UPHOLDS TRANSPORT SYSTEM.

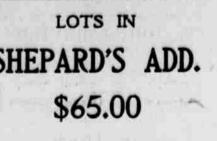
#### Quartermaster General Says It is Necessary and Economical.

Washington, Nov. 25. - General C. F. Humphrey, quartermaster general, in his annual report to the secretary of

best ability and energies of a force of numerically strong enough to permit of giving it proper official attention at all points, has been made doubly onerous because of the inadequate number of quartermasters now provided by law, and the greatly depleted civilian force in the quartermaster's office."

General Humphrey strongly recom mends some increase in his clerical force.

General Humphrey says there has National Lumber Dealers' association, been expended during the flecal year on account of the army transport system. use his influence toward the enactment \$3,074,024. The value of the work performed by the army transports on the basis of the lowest obtainable rates offered for the same service, he says, was \$3,472,260, or a difference in favor of the army transport service of \$98,-236. Continuing, he says: "Another year's experience has only tended to confirm and emphasize the views expressed in my last annual re-port as to the utility, economy and necessity of the army transport system and the wisdom of continuing our present policy in its operation. The cost of inter-island transportation in the Philippines has been \$876,-763, or \$193,367 less than the same service would cost at commercial rates. General Humphrey says a general service corps is desirable on the grounds of efficiency. economy and discipline, In time of war or emergency, such a body would furnish a corps of trained men to instruct and direct appointees from civil life and civilian employes.



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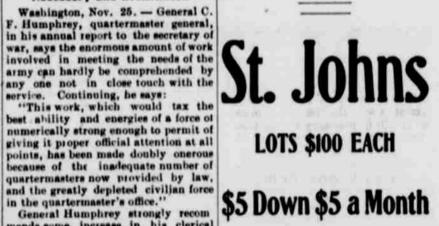
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train wreck near Walla Walla. The new cruiser Pennsylvania will

soon be ready for her speed trial. The United States and Switzerland have agreed on an arbitration treaty.

The Red Star line steamer Kroonland, reported lost, has arrived in New York.

The internal pevenue for October was \$155,105 less than for the same month in 1903.

Francis E. Leupp has been appointed Indian commissioner, vice William A. Jones, resigned.

Roosevelt's address at the dedication of the Frederick the Great statue great ly pleased Germany.

The Spanish bark Taffala foundered November 15 east of the Bermudas. Her crew of 15 were drowned.

A prominent Georgian suggests that the South cast its vote for Roosevelt and make his election unanimous.

Great Britain has joined with the United States in a protest to Turkey against interference with missionaries.

Forepaugh & Sells' pay wagon has been broken into and \$30,000 stolen.

General Stoeseel estimates recent Japanese losese at Port Arthur at 10,-

Italy has expressed her willingness .) inke part in a second peace confer-ence at The Hague.

Japanese diplomats fear Chile and Argentina will sell warships to Russia. despite official denials.

The statue of Frederick the Great, a gitt of the kaiser to America, has been unveiled and acepted with great ceremony at Washington.

dimater.

#### GETS BOODLE FUND BACK.

#### St. Louis Man Will Recover \$75,000 As Result of Court Decision.

St. Louis, Nov. 24 .- Judge Wood, of the circuit court, in the case of Henry Nicholas sgainst Thomas H. Barnes, formerly president of the Suburhan railway company, the German institu-tion, Ellis Wainwright and others. decided yesterday that the plaintiff was entitled to recover \$75,000, the boodle fund placed on deposit with the Linfund placed on deposit with the Lin-coln trust company by the Suburban company to bribe members of the house of delegates, for the reason that Mr. Nicholas was informed the purpose for which the money was to be applied.

#### Chile Will Not Sell Ships.

New York, Nov. 24 .- In discussing reports circulated in Europe relative to the alleged sale of Chilean warships to Russis through Colombia, a high gov-Russia through Colombia, a high gov-ernment official says, according to a Herald dispatch from Valparaiso: "This news is absurd. It is unworthy of the slightest attention. In respect for international law, Chile occupies the same, if not a higher level than some of the greatest powers. Because Chile is placed on the South American continent is no reason to imply that continent is no reason to imply that she is an uncivilized country."

#### Smallpox Hits Hard.

Billings, Mont. Nov. 24.—Smallpox is spreading despite the efforts of the health authorities. Nine new cases were reported yesterday. Seven mem-bers of the Phelan family, living ten London has received a report that the Red Star line steamer Kroonland foundered in midocean. The officers of the company deny all knowledge of the daily. Four deaths from the disease have occurred.

#### Butchers Decide to Strike.

Chicago, Nov. 25.— Cattle butchers employed in the large plants at the stockyards held a mass meeting tonight and decided unanimously to go on strike when called on to do so by the officials of their union. The cattle butchers employed by the Hammond Packing company struck yesterday be-cause of alleged discrimination against unoin men. According to the officials of the union, the same conditions prevail at other plants, and the meeting tonight was called for the purpose of ascertaining the sentiment of the men.

#### Fine Exhibit for '05 Fair.

St. Louis, Mo., Nov. 25. - The Chronicle this evening says a magnifi-cent exhibit from the displays in the Philippine reservation has been purchased by the Lewis and Clark exposition company for \$10,000, to be moved to Portland immediately after the close of the World's fair. The exhibits were chosen from the forestry, fish, mining, agricultural and industrial displays.

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