

CURRENT EVENTS OF THE DAY

Comprehensive Review of the Important Happenings of the Past Week Culled From the Telegraphic Columns.

A dispatch from Hawarden says that Mr. Gladstone, concerning whose health an alarming rumor was widely circulated, is in his usual health, and Sunday morning walked to the village church, where he attended services.

Passengers on the steamer Mascotte, which has arrived in Tampa, report that Engel Pasee, who betrayed General Castillo to the Spaniards for \$5,000, was captured by insurgents on his way to Cienfuegos, court-martialed on a drum-head and hanged.

A great fire broke out at Melbourne, Australia, and in a very short space of time did enormous damage. It is estimated that the loss will reach £1,000,000, while the trade in soft goods has received a serious setback.

Changing its name and principles the American Railway League has become a full-fledged political organization. Hereafter it will be known as the Railway Employes and Telegraphers' Political League of America.

A big masonry wharf, having a frontage of 300 meters on the river Tagus, opposite the custom-house in Lisbon, suddenly subsided and completely disappeared in the riverbed.

The hostility between the Christian socialists and the social democrats, which exists in all parts of Austria and frequently leads to sharp collisions between the rival partisans, has resulted in serious rioting at Gratz, the capital city of Stiria.

The official programme for the reception of 1898 at the White House by President and Mrs. McKinley has been issued. All of the events, excepting New Year's reception and the public reception, will be by card invitation.

The theosophists of San Francisco are taking very active interest in the fate of Durrant. It is a tenet of their faith that capital punishment is wrong, and they are getting up a petition praying Governor Budd to stay the execution and to commute his sentence to life imprisonment.

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GOLD TO BE FREELY USED.

Blanco Trying to Buy Over the Insurgent Leaders.

Havana, Nov. 24.—General Pando started for this city by train last Saturday, according to official announcement, to take charge of the campaign against the insurgents. He was accompanied by all his staff, and was escorted by a company of artillery.

It is stated on good authority, however, that Pando has been commissioned by Captain-General Blanco to enter into communication with the insurgent leaders, with a view to arranging for peace. This statement is based upon accurate knowledge of all the facts.

FIRE ON THE OREGON.

Caused by Spontaneous Combustion—A Narrow Escape.

San Francisco, Nov. 24.—The Call says: The coal bunkers in the United States battleship Oregon caught fire Sunday evening from spontaneous combustion, and for over eight hours the crew worked with a vengeance to smother what looked like a costly blaze.

An alarm was immediately given, and orders were issued to remove the coal from the vessel to the wharf. Steampipes were attached and connection made with the lower part of the vessel in an attempt to smother what fire might have been in other parts of the ship.

During the whole night after the fire had been discovered, the entire crew labored in removing the smoking and blazing coal, and it was not until daylight that the men were allowed to leave their work.

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THE COMING STRUGGLE

Goluchowski Gravely Warns Europe of Danger.

PROBLEM FOR NEXT CENTURY

Competition of American Nations Frightens the Powers of the Old World

—A Battle for Existence.

Vienna, Nov. 23.—Count Goluchowski, the Austro-Hungarian minister of foreign affairs, in his annual address yesterday before the Austrian and Hungarian delegations, when making an appeal to all Europe to take advantage of the present era of peace and to join closely for the vigorous defense of conditions common to European countries.

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TO RESTRICT SILVER OUTPUT.

Alleged Object of the Proposed Smelter Combine.

New York, Nov. 24.—Representatives of several silver mining and refining works of the United States and Mexico will meet in New York this week to form, if possible, a combination agency to control the price of silver futures.

The price of silver for future delivery is always less than the price of cash silver, and the smelters want to equalize prices. It is said that the smelters hope by their combination to stiffen the price of silver and eventually reduce the output, although they deny the report that they intend to form a silver trust.

Among the works to be represented at the conference are the International Metal Company, of New York; the Omaha & Grant Smelting Company, of Omaha; the Mexican Smelting Company of Monterey; the Philadelphia Smelting & Refining Company, of Pueblo, and the Guggenheim Smelting Company, of Port Amboy, N. J.

A POPULAR TICKET.

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EXCITEMENT AT FEVER HEAT.

Chetco Stirred Up Over the Coolidge Tragedy.

Crescent City, Cal., Nov. 23.—There is much excitement in and about Chetco as the result of the killing of young Coolidge by the Van Pelt, over the townsite question. Coolidge, senior, a capitalist of Silverton, Or., has offered a reward of \$500 for the arrest and conviction of the various members of the Van Pelt party.

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AGAIN ON FREE SOIL.

The Competitor's Crew Out of the Jaws of Death.

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The five men were in fairly good health and excellent spirits on reaching quarantine. Captain Laborde suffers somewhat from paralysis, which he contracted during his long confinement in the Cabanas fortress. Joseph A. Springer, the United States vice-consul at Havana, was also a passenger on the Saratoga. Mr. Springer declined to talk for publication.

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THE COMING SESSION

Senator Chandler Talks of Work Before Congress.

SOME OF THE IMPORTANT BILLS

Prospects for Hawaiian Treaty Good—Cuban Question Depends Upon President's Attitude.

Washington, Nov. 22.—Senator W. E. Chandler, of New Hampshire, in an interview regarding legislation at the coming session of congress said: "Senator Lodge proposes pushing the measure looking to the restriction of immigration and demanding its passage without delay. Bills proposing to bar the undesirable foreign element from entering this country are now pending in both the house and senate, and there is no doubt that the two houses will be able to agree upon a bill. The house measure lays restrictions on what are called 'birds of passage,' but the senate bill does not. The class referred to is that which lives along the northern and southern border lines of the country, and embraces Mexicans and Canadians who work daily in the United States, but who live in their native countries.

The prospects for the ratification of the Hawaiian treaty are excellent. The Republicans will stand by it to a unit, and many Democrats will do likewise. I think the necessary two-thirds vote will be secured. "As to financial legislation, especially as to the revision of the banking laws, I cannot see how any such legislation can be passed."

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TROLLEY-CAR COLLISION.

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