

NEWS OF THE WEEK

AGAIN IN SESSION.

From all Parts of the New and Old World.

BRIEF AND INTERESTING ITEMS

Comprehensive Review of the Important Happenings of the Current Week.

The Italian cabinet has resigned. General Pelloux's action is regarded as a political move, to make possible for the Marquis di Rudini to secure a unanimous ministry.

E. L. Hewes, the Wichita mountain boomer, who has been at Wichita for three weeks trying to organize a party, has left for Oklahoma City without a single follower.

Toru Hoshi, envoy extraordinary and minister plenipotentiary from Japan to the United States, was a passenger from the Orient on the City of Peking, which has just arrived in San Francisco. He will leave for Washington at once carrying with him instructions in reference to the Hawaiian treaty of annexation which will be considered by the United States senate.

When the German reinforcements, consisting of four companies of marines, numbering 23 officers and 1,200 men, and a company of naval artillery, arrive at Kiao Chau bay, for which port, as already cabled, they will soon set out, they will bring the German force there up to 4,566 men, the largest body Germany has ever sent beyond European waters.

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The annual report of James H. Eckles, controller of the currency, for the year ended October 31, 1897, opens with a brief resume of the history of the legislation which constitutes the present National-bank act.

Further information from Washington respecting the proposed canal and locks for the channel at the deltas is to the effect that it is proposed to push the work with a deal of rapidity.

A terrible railroad accident has occurred in Warsaw. While a passenger train was stationary at the terminus, a heavy freight train ran into it, owing to the error of a pointsman.

The receipts of the customs so far this fiscal year undoubtedly will fall considerably short of estimates made by the managers of the new tariff bill during its pendency in congress.

A plate of armor, representing a lot of 500 tons for the turrets of the battle-ships Kearsarge and Kentucky, was tested at the Indian Head proving grounds Tuesday.

Word comes of a wreck on the Santa Fee near Williams, Ariz., in which three men lost their lives and much valuable property was destroyed.

The steamer San Blas has arrived in San Francisco from Panama and way ports. She brings the news that the Salvador coffee crop for this season will be one-third larger than ever before.

First Regular Meeting of the Fifty-Fifth Congress.

At noon Monday the first regular session of the 55th congress was launched upon the unknown seas of legislation.

At the capitol, crowds swarmed into the corridors at an early hour and choked the marine steps as they ascended to the galleries from which they were to view the show.

The senate chamber at the opening session was a veritable conservatory. The floral display was beautiful. Precisely at 12 o'clock the gavel of Vice-President Hobart fell, and the senate was called to order.

The venerable Mr. Morrill, of Vermont, was first recognized by the vice-president. He offered a resolution, which was passed, in the usual form, that the secretary inform the house that the senate was in session and ready to proceed to business.

Allison of Iowa presented a resolution that a committee of two senators be appointed to join a like committee from the house to inform the president that congress was in session, and prepared to receive any communication he might desire to make.

By resolution of Callom of Illinois, the time of the daily meetings of the senate was fixed at noon. On motion of Hale of Maine, a recess was then taken until 1 o'clock.

At 1:30 the senate reassembled and the committee, headed by Gorman, reported. The president's message was presented by Mr. Pruden at 1:30 o'clock, and was laid before the senate and read.

The house of representatives presented an animated appearance long before noon. The surrounding corridors were filled with jostling, moving crowds before 11 o'clock.

As the hands of the clock pointed to 12 Speaker Reed, attired in a black cutaway coat, and wearing a red tie, ascended the rostrum. The crack of the gavel subdued the din on the floor and conversation in the galleries.

The speaker then directed the clerk to call the roll. The roll called showed the presence of 301 members. There were 55 vacancies from death or resignation during the recess, and the credentials of the members-elect were read by direction of the speaker, who then administered the oath of office to them.

On motion of Dingley a resolution was adopted for the appointment of a committee of three to join the senate committee to wait upon the president and inform him that congress was ready to receive any communication he desired to make.

The speaker named Dingley, Grosvenor and Bailey for this honor. On motion of Henderson of Iowa daily sessions to begin at noon each day were ordered. The house then took a short recess.

When the house reassembled the committee appointed to wait upon the president reported, having perfected its mission. Mr. Pruden, who had followed the committee into the hall, immediately presented the message, which, by direction of the speaker, was read at the clerk's desk.

Secretary Gage Monday transmitted to congress estimates of the appropriations required for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1899, as furnished by several executive departments.

A dispatch to the Frankfurter Zeitung of Berlin from Washington says Hayti is ready to pay Germany the indemnity demanded for the alleged illegal arrest and imprisonment of Herr Emil Lueders, a German subject.

Fire broke out in the Lako house in Milwaukee, Wis. Sixty people were asleep in the hostelry at the time. Charles Patterson, a dock laborer, lost his life, being overcome by smoke, and five others were injured.

An anti-Hebrew riot which started in Budapest has finally been quelled by the police who made 100 arrests.

BRINK OF A CIVIL WAR

Austria and Hungary Apparently Drifting Apart.

CZECHS PROPOSE TRIPLE EMPIRE

Factions Drawing Up for a Great Struggle—Can the Emperor Bring Order Out of Chaos?

London, Dec. 7.—International questions have been temporarily overshadowed by the gravity of the situation in Austria, where things are as gloomy as imaginable. In addition to the imminence of a civil war, the next few hours may possibly witness a revolution in the relations between Austria and Hungary, which might mean the reconstruction of the map of Europe.

The question of the provisional Ausgleich bill (or agreement to prolong for a year, instead of 10 years, the compact between Austria and Hungary, pending arrangements for a longer compact), is, if possible, more grave than the threatened civil war.

It is easy to see that victory will only whet the Hungarian appetite, and that it will be a short step to the dissolution of Austria, which, in turn, will hurl Europe into a furnace of terrible possibilities.

Apparently the only hope of escape is that the personal ascendancy of the old emperor will once again enable him to solve an apparently impossible situation. Failing in this, the reichsrath will be dissolved and a reign of absolutism will begin in Austria, and, technically, Hungary will have resumed her independence, the first step toward a federation, as distinguished from a dual Austro-Hungarian monarchy.

Prague, Dec. 7.—At Taber last night Czechs attacked the houses of Hebrews and broke the windows of a synagogue. Several rioters were arrested.

Further Particulars of the Disaster in the Philippines.

Seattle, Dec. 7.—The steamer Kagoshima Maru arrived here today, 16 days from Yokohama, bringing Oriental advices up to November 19.

Washington, Dec. 7.—It was officially announced at the White House today, on the return of the president to Washington, that Governor John Griggs, of New Jersey, has been tendered and has accepted the office of attorney-general of the United States.

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DR. WYMAN'S REPORT.

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The necessity of legislation to secure proper shelter for deck crews on Western waters, to which my attention was called in the last report, was met by the act of congress requiring every steamboat upon the Mississippi river and its tributaries to furnish a place for the crew with protection from the weather.

The surgeon-general invites attention to the excellent work by officers of the corps during the recent visitation of yellow fever in the South. Officers were assigned to infected districts, and, although a number of them were not immune to yellow fever, nevertheless they responded with alacrity and performed their duties with judgment and efficiency.

Three Persons Killed and a Score Injured Near Detroit.

Detroit, Dec. 7.—Two suburban cars, carrying some 20 passengers, and both running at a speed of 25 miles an hour, collided on the Detroit & Oakland electric railroad, at 1 o'clock this afternoon.

The exact cause of the accident is not yet known. According to the schedule, a car leaves Detroit and Pontiac every hour, and there are three sidings along the road.

Waterloo, Ia., Dec. 6.—William Kern, under arrest for the murder of his father, Jerome Kern, has made a confession in which he implicates his sweetheart, Delilah Falzo. Kern's father opposed his marriage to the woman, and Kern states that she plotted killing both his parents, and prevailed upon him to attempt the carrying out of her plot.

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GENERAL PANDO SHOT

Spaniards Discredit It in the Absence of Proofs.

SPANISH DEFEAT AT MATANZAS

Santa Clara the Reported Scene of Pando's Last Fight—Smallpox in San Domingo.

New York, Dec. 6.—A Herald dispatch from Havana says: A report that General Pando, who was placed in charge of military operations in Cuba by General Blanco, has been killed in an engagement with insurgents in Santa Clara province, has just reached Havana.

Officers at the palace declare that the story must be thoroughly confirmed before they will believe it. General Pando's plan was to march right through the heart of the territory where General Gomez' forces are said to have control.

The same report says the Cubans will not allow any cane grinding, and also that the Spanish towns do not favor grinding, because they hold the zones of cultivation and grow tobacco with cheap labor, which they would lose if the reconcentrados return to work on the estates.

A letter received by a local paper from a correspondent in the East gives news of big fighting last week near Bayamo between the rebel Chief Rabi and General Linares. Chief Rabi had only 500 men when General Linares had two columns.

Smallpox in San Domingo. Havana, Dec. 6.—The deplorable condition of the country grows more and more apparent. Refugees and reconcentrados are growing more and more miserable.

The local authorities take no steps whatever to check the mortality. The streets of the city are thronged with famine-stricken wretches, who succumb to disease under perhaps some lonely porch, and sometimes fall dead in the gutter, where they remain.

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DECISION BY GAGE.

Dutch Sugars Subject to a Discriminating Duty.

Washington, Dec. 6.—The secretary of the treasury today decided that the Netherlands government pays bounty on raw and refined sugars exported from that country, and hence, under the new tariff act, all sugars from the Netherlands entering the United States are subject to a discriminating duty equal to the export bounty paid.

THE CASE CLOSED. Consular Agent Clark, at Piura, Peru, Forced to Resign.

Washington, Dec. 6.—Secretary Sherman has closed the case of Emil Clark, consular agent at Piura, Peru, which attracted much attention some months ago, by calling for the resignation of Clark. April 22 last, Clark was ousted from the quarters used below as the United States consular office, and above as a residence.

Secretary Sherman waited until recently for Mr. Clark's statement, and as this was not furnished, after five months, the secretary directed our minister at Lima, Mr. Dudley, to call on Clark for his resignation, unless the proofs of the alleged sacking were in hand.

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