NEWS OF THE WEEK

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 Pellieux's action is regarded as a political move, to make possible for the Marquis di Rudini to secure a unanimous ministry. The ministers of finance, justice and public works, in the retiring cabinet, will not appear in its successor.

E. L. Hewes, the Wichita mountain boomer, who has been at Wichita for three weeks trying to organize a party, has left for Olkahoma City without single follower. At different times he claimed to have from 500 to 1,000 boomers ready to follow his lead into the country.

Toru Hoshi, envoy extrador linary and minister plenipotentiary from Japan to the United States, was a passenger from the Orient on the City of Peking, which I as 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 Chan bay, for which point, 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 Eropean waters. It is understood that the reserves had to be drawn upon.

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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, and invites the attention of congress to amendments to the law recommended in former reports, without specifically repealing them. The controller renews his recommendation of last year, urging that national bank examiners be paid an annual salary instead of fees, as now.

Further information from Washington respecting the proposed canal and locks for the channel at the dalles is to the work with a deal of rapidity. The contract system and modern methods of divine, Rev. Chalres A. Boney, of excavation and building have made it clear that years need not be spent upon a work of this character. If the contract for improving the Columbia by a small channel at the dalles is adopted it will no doubt be stipulated that the work must be done with 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. Eleven seriously injured.

The receipts of the customs so far this fiscal year undonbtedly will fall considerably short of estimates made by the managers of the new tariff bill during its pendency in congress. At that time it was estimated that the customs would vield about \$180,000,-000 during the first year. The indications are now said to be that the receipts from this source will not aggregate more than \$165,000,000.

A plate of armor, representing a lot of 500 tons for the turrets of the battleships Kearsarge and Kentucky, was tested at the Indian Head proving grounds Tuesday. For testing purposes, two eight-inch shells, one a Carpenter projectile and the other a Wheeler sterling, were fired at the plate, one at a high and the other at a low velocity. Neither penetrated nor cracked the plate, but both partially welded themselves into it.

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. After the first section of freight train No. 33 had pulled out of Williams the air that controls the brakes gave out and the train dashed down the steep grade with rapidly increasing velocity. The hand brakes were unavailing to cheek the speed, and when a point about 10 miles west was reached the train left the track. Two engines were coupled to the train, which was a very heavy one. Engineers Newton and Watsons and Fireman Berry were pinned under their respective engines and lost their lives, it is said, by being burned to death.

Emperor William opened the session of the German reschstag in person for the first time since 1894. The ceremony took place in White hall, in the royal castle. His majesty read the speech from the throne,

The steamer San Blas has arrived in San Francisco from Panama and way and five others were injured. The peports. She brings the news that the cuniary loss is small. Salvador coffee crop for this season will be one-third larger than ever before, and will do much toward making up the loss occasioned by the revolution.

AGAIN IN SESSION.

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. Simultaneously at both ends of the canitol. Speaker Reed in the house and Vice-President Hobart in the senate, dropped their gavels and called to order the bodies over which they preside. The sun shone brightly from a cloudless sky, making a glorious bright December day, with a tine of frost in the air, and a breeze just strong enough to keep the stars and stripes snapping from the flagstaffs.

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. As is usual on such occasions, the reserved galleries were carefully guarded, admission being only by card, and the public had great difficulty wedging itself into the timited space set aside for it.

In the Upper House.

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. An invocation was delivered by Rev. Milburn, the blind chaplain. Seventy-seven senators

responded on roll-call. The venerable Mr. Morrill, of Vermont, was first recognized by the vicepresident. 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. The resolution was passed, and the vice-president named Allison and Gorman as a senate committee.

By resolution of Cullom of Illinois, the time of the daily meetings of the enate 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.

In the Lower House.

The house of representatives presented an animated appearance long before noon. The surrounding corridors were filled with jostling, moving crowds before 11 o'clock. The galleries which overlook the floor were black with people. Floral tributes for members were numerous, and in some instances im-

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. In the deep slience which followed the the effect that it is proposed to push calling of the assemblage to order, dual Austro-Hungarian monarchy. prayer was offered by the eminent England, who delivered an invocation solemn and impressive.

The speaker then directed the clerk to call the roll. The roll call 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 compersons were killed and 22 others were mittee 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

When the house reassembled the 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 death of several hundred persons. the clerk's desk.

Appropriations Recommended.

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. The total amount called for in the estimates is \$462,647,885, which is about \$32,000,-000 in excess of the appropriations for 1898, including deficiencies and miscellaneous expenses, and about \$41,000,-000 more than was estimated for 1898. Under the head of public works the treasury department, among other items, asks for \$100,000 for the erection of a courthouse, penitentiary, etc., at Sitka, Alaska, and \$50,000 for continuation of the work on the public building at Portland, Or.

Hayti Ready to Pay.

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.

Fatal Hotel Fire.

Fire broke out in the Lake house in Mitwaukee, Wis. Sixty people were asleep in the hostlery at the time. Charles Patterson, a dock laborer, lost his life, being overcome by smoke, feet 8 inches, dresesed in a blue checked

Anti-Hebrew Riot Quelled.

An anti-Hebrew riot which started in Budapesth 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 Emporer 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 general says: 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. It is hardly an exaggeration to say that the factions are drawing up like contending armies. The Germans have appealed to their compatriots on both sides of the frontier, and have apparently prepared to run all risks to keep the hated Czechs in subjection. Czechs make no secret of the fact that their final aim is to abolish the dual empire, and to make it a triple empire by placing Bohemia on an equal footing with Austria and Hungary. To grant these demands would set Hungary on fire and destroy the foundation of the present imperial system. It looks as though the employment of force is the only solution of the question, but against which faction will it be used?

The question of the provisional ausglich 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. The Hungarian diet has given Baron von Gautsche von Frankenthurn, the Austrian premier, till Monday next in which to state whether he can reasonably expect the ausglich bill to pass, and, failing a decisive answer, Baron Banffy, the Hungarian premier, will introduce Monday a bill whereby Hungary will act independently as regards the duties to be levied, continuance of commercial relathe Austro-Hungarian bank. This compact between the two portions of seriously. The dead are: the dual state may be maintained temporarily. Hungary will establish her claim to the right of independently

disposing of these questions. 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 burl Europe into a furnace of terrible possibilities.

Apparently the only hope of escape 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

Rioting in Bohemia.

Prague, Dec. 7 .- At Taber last night Czechs attacked the houses of Hebrews and broke the windows of a synagogue. Several rioters were arrested. local force of gendarmes were called upon to assist in restoring order. A mob of over 1,000 persons at Brannau last evening attacked the houses of Czechs, and in spite of the efforts of the gendarmes smashed the windows and did other damage. Quiet was not restored until midnight. In Prague the military patrol was fired upon, but none of the patrol was wounded.

THE GREAT TYPHOON.

Further Particulars of the Disaster in the Philippines.

Seattle, Dec. 7 .- The steamer Kagoshima Maru arrived here today, 16 General McKenna to be associate jusdays from Yokohama, bringing Oriental advices up to November 19. The committee appointed to wait upon the following additional particulars have ernor Griggs shall assume his new president reported, having perfected its been received of the terrible typhoon office, but it is probable that the date which swept over the Philippine islands October 6, devastating the prov year. ince co Leyte, Manilla, and causing

About 250 Europeans are reported to have perished, and the number of native victims is put at from 400 to 500. The typhoon seems to have done its worst damage at Tacloban, the capital of Leyte, where the whole town was converted into a mass of ruins. The bodies of 120 Europeans were recovered. The government house, treasury, barracks, etc., were destroyed. The coast is strewn with the wreckage of vessels torn to pieces by the hurricane. It was reported that the town of Hemoni, 6,000 inhabitants, had disappeared.

Assaulted With a Ball Bat.

Junction City, Kan., Dec. 7 .- Corporal Fennell, battery B, Fourth artillery, at Fort Riley, died last night Fennell was one of the two victims whom Private Leach, of the same battery, some days ago, endeavored to kill with a ball bat, attacking them while they slept. Fennell's skull was broken Private Riley had his jaw fractured, but will recover. The tragedy is the outcome of a drunken quarrel.

Dark Palouse Crime.

Palouse, Wash., Dec. 7 .- An unknown man was found dead yesterday on the track of the Northern Pacific. one mile south. The body was mangled beyond recognition. The man was 5 suit, sack coat and brown overcoat. The coroner's jury returned a verdict that the man came to his death by having his throat cut, but whether by his own hand or the hand of another they could not say. A bloody knife.

DR. WYMAN'S REPORT.

Danger of the Importation of Asiatle

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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. This subject is one that has long engaged the attention of the marine hospital surgeons, who have made frequent reports thereon, and this action of congress will be productive of much relief, although the act does not take effect until June 30, 1898. To meet the growing demands for the service, new regulations have been prepared, and will shortly be issued."

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 officers contracted yellow fever and one lost his life by accident in the line of duty.

TROLLEY CARS COLLIDED.

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. tions with Austria and the charter of Three men were instantly killed and a score of persons injured, several of them

> John Savage, superintendent of the road; Charles M. Whitehead, motorman; John Kelly, of Detroit, book agent. A dozen others were more or less seriously injured.

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. Today the cars were behind time. The one bound southward for is that the personal ascendancy of the Detroit had passed an outbound car at a switch two miles from Pontiac, the crew apparently being ignorant of the fact that another outbound car was approaching them less than two miles away. The weather was foggy and the rails slippery from sleet. The collision occurred near a gravel pit half way between Pontiac and Birminghay, at the foot of two steep grades, down which the cars ran at full speed. The cars were driven half through each other and were crushed to pieces.

> Had it not been for the stout construction of the cars, both of which were new, it is doubtful whether any of the occupants would have escaped alive. As it was, nearly all of the 14 passengers in the southbound car suffered some injury. Some of the injured were taken to farmers' houses, others were brought to city hospitals.

The Matter Arranged.

Washington, Dec. 7 .- It was officially announced at the White House today, on the return of the president to Wash ington, that Governor John Griggs, of New Jersey, has been tendered and has accepted the office of attorney-general of the United States, which will be vacated by the nomination of Attorneytice of the United States supreme court, It has not yet been settled when Govwill be about the beginning of the new

Will Give Spain a Trial.

New York, Dec. 7 .- A special to the Herald from Washington says that coness will concur with the wishes of President McKinley and give a trial to Spain's new scheme of autonomy. The Herald poll of the senate and house shows the following results:

Senators against action, 42; senators who favor, but do not expect action, 24; senators for immediate action, 9; senators noncommittal or not seen, 14; representatives against action, 178; representatives for action, 159; representatives noncommittal or not seen, 18.

Burned to the Water Line.

Chicago, Dec. 7.-The steamer George W. Morley, of Cleveland, was burned to the water's edge on the beach at Evanston tonight. Her crew of 18 men got ashore without trouble. The Morley was bound from Milwankee to Evanston a lamp exploded in the engineroom. Before the pumps could be started the fire was beyond control, and steamer, and was valued at \$35,000.

Ardmore, I. T., Dec. 7 .- At the close of the performance of "Sam'l of Posen" by the Curtis company tonight, Nellie H. Fillmore, the cashier, disappeared with the evening's receipts Later she was arrested and released on bond. Miss Fillmore claims that Curtis owed her, and that she took this means of paying herself.

The convicts with a good record in suits.

GENERAL PANDO SHOT

Spaniards Discredit It in the Absense of Proofs.

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. This has caused the utmost excitement in palace and social circles, and every effort is being made to get news from General Pando's force to verify the startling news.

No details of the killing of the commander have been received, but the which about 25,500,000 was not above statement is that he was shot in a battle with insurgents while on the march from Sagua la Grande to the southern coast of Santa Clara, where he was to take a ship for Manzanillo.

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. Simultaneously with the report of Pando's death comes news of a battle near Matanzas in which the Spanish forces were driven from the field. This engagement was bitterly fought, and it is asserted that the losses of the Spaniards was very heavy.

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 Eayamo between the rebel Chief Rabi and General Linares. General Rabi had only 500 men when General Linares had two columns. No details of the fight are at hand, but the Spanish loss is said to have been heavy, one column being nearly destroyed.

A force of 1,000 Spaniards, with artillery, have forced the rebels into the hills of Pinar del Rio. They must remain there or come out and fight, a thing the Spanish commanders think they are not likely to do. Small bands are still moving about with great cau-

Reports of the condition and movements of rebels in the east are most conflicting. It is said that Gomez is coming west with 40,000 men, but it is also said that Gomez is still at the camp where he has been for the last 10 months, and is being attended by Dr. Candea, staff surgeon.

Smallpox in San Domingo Havana, Dec. 6 .- The deplorable

condition of the country grows more William Kern Implicates His Sweetand more apparent. Refugees and reconcentrados are growing more and more miserable. According to reports from San Domingo smallpox is making terrible ravages among the concentrados. Since April last more than 4,000 have died in the city alone, to say nothing of the suburban towns, which are likewise affected.

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.

DUE TO THE KLONDIKE RUSH.

Big War in Passenger Rates to Ar

Milwaukee, Dec. 2.-The war in passenger rates between Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul is likely to continue, and railroad men look for the liveliest kind of cutting in rates further west, owing to the big rush to the Klondike. A well-known railroad man said today that since the rate dropped to \$7, reductions in fares will likely result as far west as Portland. The nominal rate is \$49.70 second-class on the St. Paul road, and \$59.70 first-class. With \$7 from Chicago to St. Paul as a basis, the fare will probably be changed to \$47 secondclass and \$57 first-class. He added that this was merely a preliminary for the establishment of an entirely new schedule of rates to the West January 1, which will be much lower. All the roads are preparing to make special rates to the points nearest the Klondike region, and each road is after all there

Outlaws Were Frustrated.

St. Louis, Mo., Dec. 6 .- A special to the Post-Dispatch from San Antonio. Tex., says: "Advices were received here this morning of an attempt to hold up and rob a passenger train on the Chicago without cargo, and when off Mexican National railroad near Monterey, Mexico, by nine masked and well-armed Mexicans. The passengers made resistance, and the outlaws were the boat was beached, the crew wading unsuccessful. They are being pursued ashore. The Morley was a wooden by soldiers, and if captured will be shiot.

Killed Her Bables. Philadelphia, Dec. 6.-Anna Nig-

gle, the young wife of S. Niggle, a picture frame dealer, living at 738 Jackson street, tonight killed her two babies, one aged 3 years, and one aged 6 months, by smothering them with illuminating gas. The woman attempted to committ suicide in the same manner, and the returning husband found the Kansas state penitentiary now wear his children dead and his wife in an suits of cadet gray instead of striped unconscious condition. She may re- perintendent of the division of postoffice cover.

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 SPANISH DEFEAT AT MATANZAS 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 exact rate of this countervailing duty has not yet been definitely ascertained, but it is said that it will approximate 48 cents per 100 pounds on raw sugar and a slight advance on those figures on refined.

It is known that the secretary has also come to the conclusion that the Belgian government pays an export bounty on sugar, and a decree to this effect may be expected in a short time. The additional duties will apply

from September 22 last. The amount of raw sugar imported from the Netherlands during the last year was over 88,000,000 pounds, of

No. 16 Datch standard. The sugar imports from Belgium during the last year aggregated over 123,000,000 pounds, of which nearly 121,000,000 was below No. 16.

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 Ciark. April 22 last, Clark was ousted from the quarters used below as the United States consular office, and above as a residence. It was stated that the consulate had been sacked, the house plundered, and indignity put upon this government through its representative. The state department promptly called on Mr. Clark for particulars, which he said he

would furnish. The Peruvian minister, Senor Eginuern, put a different phase on the matter, by submitting a statement that Clark was in arrears to a considerable amount on rent for the building; that only the lower portion was used for consular purposes, although he had placed the United States coat-of-arms on all the doors of the house, thus using the American emblem for ignoble purposes. The courts had given a regular decree against Clark, it was stated, directing him to vacate the premises for non-payment of rent, and in pursuance of this decree he was

ejected. 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. . Mr. Dudley has evidently not received the proofs, for he has notified the state department that he has called on Clark for his resignation.

GHOST MADE HIM CONFESS.

heart in the Killing of His Sira. 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, that they might acquire possession of the family's farm and live there together.

Jerome was lured by the son into the woods, and there the girl shot him. The dead man's clothing was then saturated with oil and set on fire.

Kern was scared into his confession by detectives, who haunted him in the guise of a ghost of his father. He also confessed that the murder of his mother was to have been accomplished at a later date.

Charcoal-Burner's Crime.

Milford, Del., Dec. 6.-Salvage Bide-back, a charcoal-burner, attempted to kill his family last night. He said to his wife:

"I have just learned how to use the kind of a sword the Cubans use. Now, I want all of you to stand up.

The mother and four children arose and Biderback tied their hands with a rope, which he fastened to the rafters, Obtaining a corn-knife from an adjoining room, he commenced cutting his family, inflicting some dreadful wounds. Before he could complete his work, his son came in. Biderback seized a musket and disappeared. The villagers threaten to lynch him. The condition of Mrs. Biderback and the children is serious.

An Eccentric Clergyman.

Toronto, Dec. 6, - Rev. William Bates, rector of the Anglican church at Thornhill, was arraigned in the police court on a charge of having "shoplifted" two dozen lead pencils, four books, a hairbrush and a quantity of stationery from stores. The clergyman wore a long cloak and the police allege that he was caught secreting articles which he had not bought under this garment. Mr. Bates is a graduate from Cambridge and one of the most scholarly men in the church. His friends state that he has been somewhat eccentric for some years, and if guilty he committed the act in a fit of mental aberration.

Patronizing Home Industry.

Washington, Dec. 6 .- A policy of using, wherever possible, Americanmade goods in the supplies of the postal service is announced in a letter addresesed today by First Assistant Postmaster-General Heath to M. Lewis, susupplies.