

EPITOME OF THE DISPATCHES

Interesting Collection of Items From Many Places Cited From the Press Reports of the Current Week.

David A. Wells, the famous economist, died at Norwich, Conn.

Half the population of Gibara, Cuba, is said to be suffering from smallpox.

Major General Otis at Manila reports 12 deaths among the troops since his last report.

General Wade will have entire charge of the government of Cuba, both civil and military.

The Omaha exposition proved a financial success, and subscribers will be paid back in full.

Troops at Manila expect to see further fighting, as they think the insurgents will make trouble.

A fire in the Southern Pacific railroad shops at Sacramento caused damage to the extent of \$200,000.

One entire block of buildings in Pitkin, Colo., was destroyed by fire, believed to be incendiary. The loss is \$100,000.

Philip Brogan, sr., a wealthy sheep man of Antelope, Or., was stabbed and killed by an employe in a dispute over wages.

Antonio Sincki, a 15-year-old Italian bootblack, was brutally murdered, after a nameless crime had been committed, in Portland, Or.

The army investigation commission has finished its sessions in this country and will soon go to Santiago and probably, though not certainly, to Porto Rico.

The news that the United States now demands the whole of the Philippine islands has created much interest in Berlin. The German newspapers comment unfavorably upon it.

The transport City of Puebla has sailed from San Francisco for Manila, with the last of the California heavy artillery, the Nevada troop of cavalry, and a small detachment of recruits for the Twenty-third infantry.

A cry for relief again comes from Cuba. Conditions in Havana, it is said, have become intolerable, and severe criticism of America is heard on every hand. While the commissioners are waiting, crime, poverty, misery and death increase.

The feature of President McKinley's forthcoming message to congress will be an appeal for immediate legislative action looking to the construction of the Nicaragua waterway. Delay beyond next session will jeopardize chances for American control in the future.

The latest telegrams respecting the risings in the neighborhood of Chungking, China, state it is a movement against the missionaries on the part of a marauding band led by one Yu May Tze. The French church, hospital and school, and also the American Methodist church at Hong Chiu, about 80 miles from Chungking, have been destroyed.

General Fitzhugh Lee's mother died at Richmond, Va.

A proclamation has been issued bringing Santa Cruz and other islands under the British Solomon islands protectorate.

At Friday's session of the Paris peace commission the Spaniards rejected the Americans' proposals, and refused to give up the Philippines.

Later reports from the conflagration at Hankow, China, say that 10,000 houses were destroyed and 1,000 people killed and burned to death.

Ellis H. Roberts, treasurer of the United States, in his annual report, shows that the treasury was stronger at the close than at the opening of the fiscal year.

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LATER NEWS.

The United States collier Nero has arrived at Nagasaki, Japan.

British naval preparations for possible war continue unabated.

Governor Lord of Oregon has issued his annual Thanksgiving proclamation. The strike of pressmen and stereotypers at San Francisco proved a failure.

Western railroads have been enjoined from excluding Pueblo steel from Pacific coast points.

Orders have been issued for a general movement of troops from Camp Meade, Pa., to the South.

The London Daily Mail urges the American people to pronounce boldly for retaining the Philippines.

In Portland, Or., Andrew C. Groom, a traveling medicine vender, shot and killed his wife in a lodging house and then blew out his brains.

Drought and hot winds have played havoc with Australian wheat fields. The commissioner of agriculture says there will not be enough wheat for the local demand.

The principal garrison of the United States troops in Cuba will be located near Havana, according to completed plans of the commission appointed to select camp sites.

A lodge of the Order of Elks composed of colored men has been organized at Cincinnati, O., but Grand Exalted Ruler Galvin says the action is wholly without warrant and clearly void.

A plot has been discovered at Paris which has for its object the fomentation of a general revolt against the government in case the revision of the Dreyfus case results favorably to the prisoner.

The monthly statement of the director of the mint shows the total coinage at the United States mint during October to have been \$8,600,841, as follows: Gold, \$5,180,000; silver, \$3,354,191; minor coins, \$66,850.

Rich gold mines have been discovered on Terra del Fuego, according to a report made by Franklin Ransom, who has just returned to Cleveland, O., from that country with \$18,000 in dust, as a result of two years' work.

The mayor of Spokane has declared an emergency, and issued a proclamation enrolling all persons over 21 years of age as special constables, to assist in arresting robbers who have been rampant lately. A reward of \$500 is offered for the conviction of any one of the robbers.

The labor problem at Santiago is becoming serious. Native Cubans will not work, and the situation is most trying. Capital seeking investment holds aloof because of the fact that there is no stable government and no assurance that labor could be secured to develop properties in which money might be invested.

Archbishop W. H. Gross, of Oregon, is seriously ill at Baltimore.

The Cuban assembly has effected permanent organization at Santa Cruz. The United States, it is said, will offer to buy the Philippines from Spain.

Slam is about to re-establish its legation in the United States after the lapse of many years.

Henry Failing, president of the First National bank, of Portland, Or., and a well-known citizen, is dead.

Mrs. Leslie Carter, the actress, has filed a petition in bankruptcy at New York, showing liabilities of \$63,773 and no assets.

Two sticks of dynamite addressed to the Turkish consul at San Francisco, were discovered in the mails before any harm was done.

Wooden rims for bicycles are not patentable, according to a ruling made by Judge Seaman in the United States court at Milwaukee.

Judge Grosscup, of the United States circuit court at Chicago, rendered a decision upholding the constitutionality of the war revenue law.

A revolution is imminent in Samoa, and the cruiser Philadelphia has been ordered there to protect American interests. The Yorktown may follow.

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THE ELECTIONS.

Republicans Successful in Washington and Will Have a Majority in Congress.

Washington, Nov. 10.—Returns establish to a certainty that the United States senate will have a Republican majority after March next. Of the present Republican total of 45, the terms of seven senators expire March 4 next, leaving 38 hold-over Republicans. To this number the elections of Tuesday add 10 Republicans surely elected and three probably elected, making a total of 48, or two more than a majority of the Democrats, Populists and Silver Republicans.

There are 21 Democratic hold-over senators, and to this number the elections added four with certainty and one probably, giving a total of 25 votes. The Populists and Silver Republican hold-overs number eight, and this was increased by one practically sure. Five state legislatures appear much in doubt, viz.: Nebraska, West Virginia, Montana, Indiana and Washington; and are not included in figuring the totals.

Today's returns show that these Democratic senators will be succeeded by Republicans: White, California; Mitchell, Wisconsin; Allen, Nebraska; Turpie, Indiana; Smith, New Jersey; Faulker, West Virginia; Murphy, New York, and Gray, Delaware.

Interest in the election Tuesday centered in the political complexion of the next house. Although Chairman Babcock, of the Republican congressional committee, made this morning what he terms an ultra conservative estimate, in which he eliminated a number of doubtful lists, this estimate gives the Republicans 185 members in the next house, a majority of 13 over all. At 2 o'clock, Kerr, of the Democratic congressional committee, claimed the certain election of 190 Democrats and Fusionists.

Washington.

Seattle, Nov. 10.—Incomplete returns from 24 counties out of 34 in the state give a majority in favor of both Republican congressmen, and Republican candidates for superior judges. Congressman-at-Large W. L. Jones and F. W. Cushman, Republicans, are elected.

Goldendale, Wash., Nov. 10.—Returns have been received from 110 voting places, with 14 to hear from. A Republican majority of 300 is assured. Herbert Baker and W. L. Jones lead in the race. Congressman Lewis leads his ticket. An official count will be required to settle the county attorney contest between Darch, Republican, and Dustin, Democrat. Woman's suffrage is ahead. The single tax was defeated.

California.

San Francisco, Nov. 10.—California has elected a Republican governor and probably the entire state ticket by pluralities estimated at from 5,000 to 20,000. Complete returns will not be in for 24 hours at best, but the election of Henry T. Gage, Republican, over James G. Maguire, Democrat, is conceded.

The Republicans will have a large majority in the legislature, which will next winter, elect a United States senator to succeed Stephen M. White, Democrat.

The fight for the mayoralty of San Francisco has been eagerly contested, and the result is yet uncertain. The indications are, however, that James D. Phelan, the present mayor, will be re-elected by a small majority.

Colorado.

Denver, Nov. 10.—The entire fusion state ticket is elected by about 50,000. The fusionists have an overwhelming majority in the legislature.

New York.

New York, Nov. 10.—Revised returns make practically no change in those of last night, which showed the election of Roosevelt by a plurality of 18,000 to 20,000. As compared with the election of 1896, this shows a Republican loss of from 190,000 to 195,000. The state's congressional delegation will probably stand 15 Republicans to 19 Democrats, a Democratic gain of 12.

The legislature will be Republican on joint ballot by 32 votes, insuring the election of a Republican to succeed Senator Murphy.

Nebraska.

Lincoln, Neb. Nov. 10.—Belated precinct returns today continue to indicate that Nebraska has turned a political somersault and landed in the Republican column. Three hundred and seventeen precincts outside of Lincoln and Omaha give Hayward, Republican, governor, 28,494; Poynter, Fusionist, 26,362, a net Republican gain of 4,787. The first and second congressional districts are Republican, the third and sixth fusion, and the fourth and fifth in doubt.

Illinois.

Chicago, Nov. 10.—Late returns reduce the Republican plurality on the state ticket to between 20,000 and 25,000. In the county the Republican lead is likely to be less than 5,000.

Utah.

Salt Lake, Nov. 10.—The Democrats elected Roberts to congress and carried the legislature, which will elect a United States senator.

For Forming Unlawful Pool, Cincinnati, Nov. 10.—The grand jury of Keaton county, Kentucky, sitting in Covington, today returned indictments against 53 of the leading fire insurance companies of the United States, Canada and England. The indictments charge that the companies have formed an unlawful pool to prevent free competition among all insurance companies and their agents doing business in Covington, and thus extort a greater premium than otherwise would have to be paid.

TESLA'S NEW INVENTION.

Will Control Moving Vessels Without Wire Communication.

New York, Nov. 10.—Nikola Tesla, the electrician, in a newspaper interview, describes an application of electricity whereby, without the interposition of any artificial medium of communication, one man can control and direct, with absolute exactitude, the movements of any type of vessel, balloon or land vehicle, at any distance that may be desired. From a station on shore, or from the deck of a vessel under way, a torpedo-boat equipped with Mr. Tesla's controlling device may be propelled either on or below the surface, maneuvered at will in any direction, and finally brought into contact and explode against the side of a hostile vessel at any point within range of vision of the operator. More than this, assuming that it were possible to accurately locate the position of the vessel which it is desired to destroy, the torpedo-boat could be directed to it, even if the ship lay in the harbor of Southampton and the operator was stationed at Sandy Hook.

Mr. Tesla said that some months had elapsed since he had fully developed his device, for which he has applied for a patent. When it was learned that Admiral Cervera was bottled up at Santiago, it was his intention to apply his mechanism to several launches and similar craft loaded with high explosives and annihilate the fleet at anchor. Admiral Cervera, however, came out and met his fate under the guns of the American fleet before the necessary arrangements could be made. Then Mr. Tesla planned a raid on the Spanish vessels in Havana harbor, only to be thwarted by the proclamation of the suspension of hostilities.

LOOK FOR EARLY CONCLUSION.

The Administration Encouraged by the Advice From Paris.

Washington, Nov. 10.—The advice that have come to hand so far from the commission at Paris are said to be rather encouraging than the reverse, and there is a disposition here to agree to the statement rather cursorily made by the Spanish cabinet yesterday that there will be three or four more meetings of the joint commission. This is taken to indicate that the Spaniards themselves are not looking for a break in the negotiations, but they rather expect a peaceful conclusion in a short time.

The foreign bondholders have at last moved formally to protect their interests in Cuba and Porto Rico. The initial steps have been taken through the agency of the French embassy, which, in this case acts no longer as the representative of the Spanish government, but for French subjects. Through the embassy a formidable statement has been presented to the state department, being an account of the various Spanish bonds owned by French citizens, chargeable against the territories either seized or set free by the act of the United States government. The sum of these bonds runs far into the millions. Just what it is expected shall be done with them is not clear. The United States government, of course, will not pay them, but it may help the French government to cause the independent government of Cuba to assume liability for the redemption of the bonds charged against that island when that government shall have been duly installed by the act of the United States.

New Gold Fields.

Cleveland, Nov. 9.—Mr. Franklin Ransom, of this city, who went to Terra del Fuego a year and a half ago in quest of gold, has returned with nearly \$18,000 in gold. Ransom will return to South America in the spring. He said today that he had endured many hardships during his absence. Ransom says all gold is obtained from placer mines or is washed out of a magnetic black sand that is blown upon the sea shore. This sand sometimes runs \$1.80 to the pan. The belt of black sand lies under the low tide level, so it is necessary to wait for a storm to wash it up in reach of the miners.

Peace of the World Endangered.

London, Nov. 9.—The Daily Mail this morning urges the American people to pronounce boldly in favor of retaining the Philippines, "for otherwise there will be a scramble for coaling stations that will endanger the peace of the world."

War Revenue Act Upheld.

Chicago, Nov. 9.—Judge Grosscup, of the United States circuit court, today rendered a decision upholding the constitutionality of the war revenue act, deciding that transactions on the stockyards exchange were subject to tax.

Wooden Rims Not Patentable.

Milwaukee, Wis., Nov. 9.—Judge Seaman in the United States court today rendered a decision of importance to manufacturers of bicycles. The court holds in effect that any one who wishes may engage in the manufacture of wooden rims used for bicycle wheels, as they are not now a patentable article.

To Take Part in Celebration.

Washington, Nov. 10.—The battleships Oregon and Iowa, with the supply ship Celtic, sailed today from Bahia for Rio Janeiro, where they will take part in the celebration of the anniversary of Brazilian independence.

Negro Murderer Lynched.

Jacksonville, Fla., Nov. 9.—Arthur Williams, a negro under arrest for the murder of Miss Elina Ogden, confessed last night, implicating two other negroes, Buck James and Monroe Leggett. Near midnight the constable and his guards were overpowered by a mob, and Williams was riddled with bullets and a fire built upon his body. James and Leggett will likely go the way of Williams tonight.

An envelope trust has been formed.

THIEVES MAKE A GOOD HAUL

Postoffice at Arago Robbed by Two Masked Men.

ABOUT \$1500 WAS SECURED

Postmaster Was Compelled to Open the Safe—Sheriff and Posse Found the Tracks of the Robbers.

Marshfield, Or., Nov. 9.—Last night at about 8 o'clock two masked robbers entered the postoffice at Arago. The office is in the residence of W. H. Schroeder, the postmaster. Mr. Schroeder was in the upper part of the house when the men entered, but a man, Peter Crow, was in the office. The robbers ordered him outside. They tied his feet and hands, and fastened him securely to a milk cart, in such a manner that his face was down, and he was unable to turn. They then returned to the house and forced Mr. Schroeder to come down stairs into the office, and at the points of revolvers compelled him to open the safe. They helped themselves to its contents. There was about \$1,500 taken, \$1,300 belonging to the Arago creamery and \$200 being postal funds. Postmaster Schroeder is a cripple, and was unable to offer resistance. Sheriff Gage and a posse found the tracks of the robbers early this morning and followed them until dark. The country is well guarded tonight, and the sheriff thinks they cannot possibly escape.

WINTER IN ALASKA.

The Snow Lies Deep on White and Chilkoot Passes.

Port Townsend, Wash., Nov. 9.—The City of Topeka arrived tonight from Alaska, bringing 124 passengers. She reports that heavy snowstorms have visited various sections of Alaska and nearly all mining operations have been suspended except quartz mills located near tide water. On November 2 four feet of snow fell on Chilkoot and White passes, which completely put a stop to travel.

Telephone messages from Lake Lindemann to Skagway announce that about 400 persons are snowbound there.

Another rich strike is reported from the head of Salmon river, below Quiet Lake.

According to John Olds, a pioneer mining and business man of Alaska, 800 claims have been filed and recorded in the Atlin mining district, and about 1,000 men will winter there. He predicts that Atlin will have a population of at least 15,000, and that the output of gold will nearly if not quite equal that of Dawson.

It is stated that an English syndicate has bought up about 4,200 acres of placer ground in the Atlin district.

ILLINOIS LYNOCHING.

Miners Quickly Avenge an Assault on One of Their Daughters.

Macon, Ill., Nov. 9.—The first lynching in Central Illinois in many years took place here early this morning, when 100 miners from Toluca, a mining town a short distance east of here, broke into the county jail, took out E. W. Stewart, a Toluca negro, and hanged him to a tree.

The work was done quickly and quietly. Only a few late stragglers noticed the number of strangers who kept arriving in town from the east. They were well organized, however, and shortly after midnight marched in a body to the jail, broke in the doors after a short parley with the sheriff, dragged the negro from his cell, carried him to a tree a mile from town, where the remainder of the party awaited them, and there swung him to a limb.

Stewart's crime was assault on Friday evening upon Mary O'Brien, the daughter of one of the Toluca miners. Although many in Macon deplore the lynching, there is a general impression that the negro was punished as he deserved, and the sheriff seems to think that public sentiment would not justify him in making strenuous efforts to capture the lynchers.

PEREZ BROUGHT TO TIME.

Cuban Court-Martial's Judgment Was Not Carried Out.

Santiago de Cuba, Nov. 8.—The Cuban general Perez, who has a half-dozen times announced his intention to disband the troops under his command, has not yet done so, recently ordered the trial by court-martial of one of his men on a charge of deserting from the army in time of war. The prisoner was condemned to death, but before the sentence was executed notification was sent to Colonel Ray, who laid the matter before General Wood. General Perez was at once informed that if the man was executed he and the firing party would be hanged as soon as the courts could legally sentence them.

Woman Killed by a Soldier.

Lexington, Ky., Nov. 8.—Private William Kane, company E, Third Kentucky, whose home is at Carlisle, Ky., shot and killed a woman named Maud McClure at a house of ill-fame here tonight. Kane snapped the gun in the woman's face several times. He claimed not to know it was loaded, but other women in the house said he had threatened to kill the McClure woman.

Preparing for War.

St. John's, N. F., Nov. 9.—The British government telegraphed the colonial minister today announcing the number and tonnage and capacity of steamers available at this port to convey coal from Sydney for the use of British warships. The cruisers Cordelia and Pelican will be held at Sydney to capture St. Pierre and protect St. John's in the event of war being declared. The cruisers are also instructed to break the French cable between St. Pierre and Brest, France.

BITTER FIGHT TO BE MADE.

President's Message Will Urge Action on Nicaragua Canal.

New York, Nov. 8.—A dispatch to the Herald from Washington says: In President McKinley's message to congress will be a very strong and urgent appeal for immediate legislative action for the construction of the Nicaragua canal under government direction. The president will point out that our new connections in the Pacific and in the West Indies make it imperative for the United States to build and control the great international waterway, and that delay in authorizing its construction will jeopardize the chances for American control in the future.

President McKinley fully appreciates the difficulties in the way of securing prompt action, but he and other canal advocates also appreciate that failure this year may mean permanent failure. Hence preparations are going forward for one of the most bitter fights ever waged in the interest of the canal.

The action of the Nicaragua government in granting a new concession for the construction of the canal conditional upon the forfeiture of the contract with the Maritime Canal Company in October next has added new complications to the difficulties in the way of legislation. The authorities consider that it adds another element of opposition to prompt action on the pending Morgan bill, which contemplates the construction of the canal under government direction on the basis of the concession granted to the Maritime Canal Company. The Morgan bill in all its essential features is understood to have the indorsement of the administration.

It is supposed that the new company will be inimical to the Maritime Canal Company. It is assumed if it does not succeed in selling out to the concessionaires, it will exert its influence to prevent action by congress this winter in order that its contract may go into effect next October. Besides opposition from this new company, friends of the Morgan bill will have the powerful Huntington and Panama canal interests arrayed against them. Friends of the latter party are already in Washington, preparing for a campaign against the Nicaragua canal.

J. L. Morgan is to be a factor in the coming legislative war. It is stated that while in Nicaragua last winter he made an arrangement with President Zelaya to look after the interest of Nicaragua in this country.

GARRISON NEAR HAVANA.

Location Selected Has Been Approved by Secretary Alger.

Washington, Nov. 9.—Colonel Hecker, with Colonel Lee, of the board which was sent to Cuba to select camps for the American army of occupation, has reached Washington, and has had several conferences with the president and Secretary Alger.

The secretary has approved the locations selected by the Hecker board for the principal garrison, which will be in the neighborhood of Havana. The place selected lies about eight miles south of Havana in the neighborhood of the town of Mariana.

Two camps will be pitched at this point, one on either side of the splendid aqueduct which supplies Havana with water. This aqueduct will be tapped and the water drawn by steam pumps from it to supply the camps, which will be pitched in a plateau about 160 feet above sealevel.

At the nearest point to the camp on the sea beach, a dock is being constructed. The troops will be landed at this point and marched directly to the camp, the purpose being to avoid exposure to possible infection in Havana.

FATE OF THE TERESA.

The Spanish Warship May Still Be Afloat.

New York, Nov. 9.—James E. Ward & Co., steamship agents, this afternoon received a cablegram from Mr. Moyer, agent of the firm at Nassau, N. P., that a two-funnelled steamer, the name of which had not been learned, is ashore on Cat Island, about 30 miles from the point where the former Spanish warship Maria Teresa was supposed to have foundered during a storm. The stranded steamer may be the warship or one of the army transports.

Department Is Uncertain.

Chicago, Nov. 9.—A special to the News from Washington says: Navy department officials feel a long way from certain that the Maria Teresa is really at the ocean's bottom. As a matter of fact, the fear that she would sink caused her to be abandoned. It is probable that searchers will be sent to learn the ship's fate, for it is felt that she may now be a derelict.

An Infamous Plot.

London, Nov. 9.—The Daily Chronicle this morning says: "We have received information from a reliable source of a well-organized plot in Paris, in the event of an inquiry before the court of cassation proving favorable to Dreyfus, to foment a riotous outbreak in the French capital, to attempt to overthrow the civil power, and to assassinate the leading champions of Dreyfus." "These reports are confirmed by interviews had with M. Trarieux, former minister of justice, and M. de Pressensac, foreign editor of the Temps, as well as others."

Michigan Judge Killed.

Traverse City, Mich., Nov. 9.—Word was received here today of the accidental death of Judge Roscoe L. Corbett, of the 18th judicial district. His death was caused by an accidental discharge of a gun held by his son.

Killed on the Track.

Muncie, Ind., Nov. 9.—Thomas Port, president of the Port Glass Manufacturing Company, was killed by a Big Four passenger train this morning while walking on the track.