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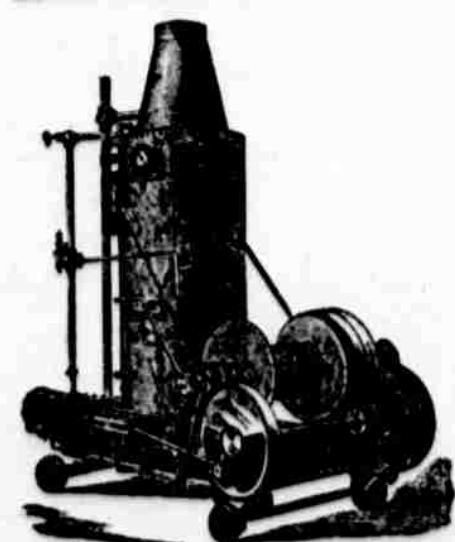
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## THE NEWS OF THE WEEK

From All Parts of the New World and the Old.

OF INTEREST TO OUR READERS

Comprehensive Review of the Important Happenings of the Past Week Cullied From the Telegraph Columns

The British transport Ismore was driven ashore near Cape Town.

Private Merritt, of Battery B, committed suicide at San Francisco.

Archbishop Chapelle will sail for Manila on the transport Sherman.

Thirty-eight wheelmen started in a six-days' bicycle race in New York.

General Methuen is believed to have resumed the advance to Kimberley.

Four vessels from Brazil are quarantined in New York for fear of plague.

The schooner Eureka, on the beach near Coquille river, will be a total loss.

After 32 days the Glory of the Seas has arrived at Frisco from Puget Sound.

The postmaster at Cape Nome reports to Washington that the district is as rich as is represented.

Mr. Taylor, of Ohio, objected to the swearing in of Roberts, of Utah, as soon as congress opened.

A big log boom gave away at Chehalis and 2,000,000 feet of logs are afloat in Gray's harbor.

Appropriations for the three state schools in Oregon are running short and the schools may have to quit.

The United States supreme court has declared that a combination of pipe manufacturers is unconstitutional.

Section men on the Southern Pacific near Milwaukee, Or., struck because they could not go home to meals and lodging.

Eastern woolen mills have bought 1,250,000 pounds of wool in St. Louis at one sale. It is the biggest sale ever made in the West.

The latest report from the Modder river camp says the Boers were not driven to retreat, but marched away in the night after the battle.

The Lake Whatcom Shingle Company has purchased a block of 3,600 acres of fine timber, thought to contain 120,000,000 feet, all in Skagit county. The purchase price was \$50,000, and a railway will be built to the timber.

Among the river and harbor improvements estimated for under continuous contracts on which the sum asked for is \$100,000 or more are the following: Oakland, Cal., harbor, \$180,000; San Francisco harbor, \$170,000; San Pedro harbor, \$200,000; Everett, Wash., harbor, \$150,000; Gray's harbor, Wash., \$345,000. Also the following river and harbor improvements: Mouth of Brazos river, Tex., \$220,000; lower Willamette river below Portland, Or., \$200,000; Columbia river at the cascades, Oregon, \$125,000; waterway connecting Lakes Union and Washington, \$100,000.

The Samoan treaty was signed at Washington.

This year's hop product of Washington amounts to 33,983 bales.

The new Austrian budget provides for a consul-general in Chicago.

The tone of the Japanese press on the war in the Transvaal is decidedly pro-British.

General Joe Wheeler writes that the Filipino war is being prolonged by the anti in this country.

The British railway companies have agreed to convey free to the port of embarkation, all books, papers and periodicals intended for use of the troops engaged in South Africa.

The Hernandez revolution is gaining ground in Venezuela from day to day, and is supported by leading members of the financial and commercial worlds, who supply the revolutionists with all the arms and money they need.

General Leonard Wood will be the master of all Cuba until the direction of the president until the time comes when congress takes action by providing a new civil government for the island.

The British dead and wounded at the hard-fought battle of Modder river numbered hundreds. The war department has given out the information that the total number of casualties was 452, and the number killed, 73. The Boer loss was slight.

Bubonic plague has made its entry into Japan, five undoubted cases having been reported at Kobe, three already proving fatal. The pest is traced to cotton imported from China. Much dismay prevails in the infected city and the most drastic measures are being taken by the authorities.

According to late advices the great drought in Australia was broken in October. Terrible storms followed, doing great damage, especially to buildings. The Adamstown Roman Catholic school, in which 40 children were assembled, collapsed. One scholar was killed and two others seriously injured.

## LATER NEWS.

New York wants both the big conventions.

The investment of Mafeking is closer than ever.

John S. Chase, the socialist mayor of Haverhill, Mass., has been re-elected.

Ten shipwrights from Seattle took the places of the strikers at Vallejo navy yard.

Ex-Governor Lord, of Oregon, has departed for Argentina, to take his post as United States minister.

Legality of the war revenue act is involved in the inheritance tax case before the United States supreme court.

The Six Chinese Companies, of San Francisco, have subscribed \$4,000 to promote commercial relations between China and the United States.

The New York coffee exchange has petitioned the authorities to release the coffee cargo of the plague ship Taylor. They claim there is no danger.

Chaplain Shields, being tried at San Francisco by court-martial for drunkenness, will try to prove that his brother clergymen are persecuting him.

Beet-sugar men are much disturbed over recent discussion. Their industry is flourishing, but free sugar from the islands they say would be disastrous to them.

The German ship Wansbek, which has arrived at Astoria, lost two men on the voyage from Philadelphia, and the boatwain says it was the captain's fault.

Crawford, the soldier who permitted Wagner bull-pen prisoners to escape, was dishonorably discharged and sentenced to 13 years six months imprisonment.

Dispatches indicate that the Boers are making all preparations for a hasty retreat to the Transvaal borders in the event of defeat at Tugela and Ladysmith.

A Kentucky mob had no mercy for a negro who murdered and outraged a woman. He was dragged through the streets at the end of a rope and finally bound to a stake and burned alive.

Sick soldiers were compelled to fight at Manila. The Americans had but one company and 150 sick men. They had to fight 800 Filipinos. The attack was made in the early morning, and it became a hand to hand conflict.

Fighting has ceased between the Mexicans and Yaquis, the Indians having retreated. It is said they may be joined by others. A courier says the Yaqui's losses in killed and wounded during 10 days' fighting were estimated at 200. The Mexican losses were 15 killed and 30 wounded.

The postmaster of Boston has resigned.

An illicit oleomargarine factory has been unearthed at Chicago.

The Payne-Hanna subsidy bill has been introduced in the house.

Jeffries and Corbett are planning to fight at the Paris exposition and France is horrified.

Ninety Boer prisoners are said to have been massacred at Eland's laagto by British soldiers.

General Hughes is now occupying 20 Panay towns. His lines extend 35 miles north of Ilo Ilo.

The United States supreme court has decided that the conductor of a freight train is not a vice-principal.

England is buying mules, horses, canned goods, hay and rails in this country for shipment to South Africa.

An Astoria contractor wants to haul the stranded lightship overland from Ocean beach to Baker's bay. He claims it can be done.

A cablegram from Hong Kong says that Aguinaldo is now ready to surrender if Consul Wildman will receive him. The junta at Hong Kong advised him to take such action.

The industries of Cuba are in a deplorable condition. In two provinces the destruction of sugar interests alone is estimated at \$60,000,000, and there are no efforts at rebuilding.

Huntington has bought another big block of Southern Pacific stock and there are said to be others in on the deal. Railroad men believe the Vanderbilts are in some way concerned.

The shelling of the British camp at Ladysmith has been far more effective than previous reports have led people to believe. Hundreds were killed and wounded from the Boer bombardment.

Rapid telegraph system will revolutionize all correspondence. Such low rates will be made that merchants can afford to use the system instead of the mails. It is to be placed in operation at once.

General Andrade, the exiled president, prophesies a gloomy future for Venezuela. He says there is a revolution within a revolution and the country is on the verge of anarchy. He will remain in Puerto Rico.

To avoid an injunction a telephone company laid its wires in the streets of New York at midnight. The new company will have a long distance line across the country and will fight the Bell Company. Tolls will be only one-half those at present.

## MANY BILLS INTRODUCED

The United States Senate Down to Business.

FINANCE BILL BROUGHT IN

Resolutions Offered Providing for an Investigation of the Polygamy Question—In the House.

Washington, Dec. 8.—Nearly 800 bills and joint resolutions, several important concurrent resolutions and petitions numbering hundreds were presented to the senate today. A majority of the bills were old stagers. A few were of national interest and importance. Aldrich had the honor of introducing the first measure in the senate. It was the financial bill drawn by the senate committee on finance—of which Aldrich is chairman—and probably was the most important measure introduced during the day.

Resolutions were offered providing for an investigation by the judiciary committee of all phases of polygamy recently presented in connection with what is known as the Roberts case; expressing the sympathy of the senate for the Boers in their war with Great Britain, and declaring that Senator N. B. Scott, of West Virginia, is not entitled to a seat in the senate. Harris, Populist, of Kansas, was appointed to a temporary member of the committee on privileges and elections. The appointment is important and significant, because the committee has under consideration the Quay, Clark and Scott contests.

The senate spent half an hour in executive session, but beyond the very prompt confirmation of Secretary Root's nomination, sent in today, and the reference to committees of the numerous nominations today, it transacted no business.

Financial Bill Approved.

Washington, Dec. 8.—The Republican members of the house of representatives gave their unanimous approval today to the house financial bill recently introduced, and recommended its immediate consideration by the house and passage after reasonable debate.

Overstreet, of Indiana, who introduced and who is in general charge of the bill, will submit a resolution asking that a special rule be reported for the immediate consideration of this measure. The terms of this special rule are practically agreed upon, and provide that the debate will begin Monday, with a final vote at the close of the week.

ROBERTS FOR THE SENATE.

If the House Rejects Him He May Be Appointed to the Upper Body.

New York, Dec. 8.—A special to the Herald from Washington says: If Roberts is finally rejected by the house, as seems inevitable, there is a possibility that he may come forward as a claimant for a seat in the senate. His rejection by the house, it is expected, will add to his popularity in Utah, and it is suggested that if Quay is seated by the senate, the Democratic governor of Utah may appoint Roberts to fill the vacancy that exists in Utah's representation in that body.

As the result of a canvass made by Quay's friend, it is asserted that 46 of the 85 senators will vote to seat him; as senator from Pennsylvania. These figures are obtained by counting the 30 senators now in the senate who voted either for Corbett or Mantle and 16 others from whom, it is asserted, promises have been obtained favorable to Quay. Senator Chandler has called a special meeting of the committee on elections to consider the case of Quay.

Appliances of Safety.

Washington, Dec. 8.—The interstate commerce commission gave a hearing to the representatives of the several companies asking for a further extension of the time allowed the railroads to equip their lines with safety appliances. Two years ago the commission granted an extension until January 1, 1900. The further extension asked for at the present time is one year. The representatives of various labor organizations were also present to offer their side of the case. Representatives of about 100 roads were in attendance.

Recent Shelling at Ladysmith.

Ladysmith, Dec. 8.—The hottest bombardment of the siege took place a week ago Thursday. The Boers got a new big gun in position on Lombardskop, completely commanding the town, and shelled our camp that day and yesterday, planting shells with great accuracy in the camp of the Gordon Highlanders and the Manchester regiment, where there were many narrow escapes. Today the enemy resumed the bombardment, doing some very effective shooting. Several of our guns have been shattered by the Boer big guns.

Germans Are Pleased.

Berlin, Dec. 8.—The German government and press almost unanimously welcome President McKinley's message to congress. Even the agrarian papers, always opposing things American, grudgingly admit that the message is fair and honest. The drift of private comment is virtually the same.

## ROBERTS EXCLUDED.

The House Ordered an Investigation of His Case.

Washington, Dec. 7.—After an interesting debate of three hours, the house today, by a vote of 302 to 30, adopted the resolution offered by Taylor, of Ohio, Monday, for the appointment of a special committee to investigate the charges against Brigham H. Roberts, the Mormon representative-elect from Utah. Previously the house had rejected a substitute resolution offered by Richardson, the leader of the minority, to allow Roberts to be sworn in and to send the whole case to the judiciary committee. The substitute resolution, however, by no means commanded the full Democratic strength. Only 57 members voted for it. Of the 30 who then voted against the Taylor resolution, all were Democrats except two—Lund and Newlands.

By the terms of the resolution Roberts is not only excluded from all participation in the proceedings of the house until the committee reports and the house passes upon his case, but he is denied a seat in the hall. Whether this will be interpreted to deny him admission within the chamber pending the disposition of his case is yet to be decided.

The reading of the president's message was completely overshadowed by the dramatic proceedings which resulted in the action of the house today. The galleries were thronged with spectators, mostly women, who sat patiently through the three weary hours that preceded the debate, and then waited on three hours more until it was concluded.

The most remarkable feature of the debate was the fact that Roberts' presentation of his own side of the case, which lasted almost an hour, became so absorbing that he won the sympathy of many of those in the galleries, and was several times showered with applause. It was evident that he realized that the house was overwhelmingly against him, and at times he spoke defiantly and fiercely.

During the debate Grosvenor of Ohio rose to repel indignantly an insinuation of Roberts that the president had knowingly appointed men guilty of polygamy to federal offices in Utah.

The Day in the Senate.

Washington, Dec. 7.—Today's session of the senate lasted two hours and 40 minutes, practically the entire time being consumed in the reading of the president's message. The reading was largely perfunctory, few senators according it any attention.

The announcement of the death of Senator-elect M. L. Hayward, of Nebraska, was received by the senate with sincere regret. Although he was not officially a member of the body, he was well-known to many of the senators and by them was held in high regard. At the conclusion of the reading of the message, the senate adopted resolutions of regret presented by Senator Thurston, of Nebraska, and as a mark of respect adjourned immediately.

ATTACK UPON VIGAN.

Filipinos Assaulted the Garrison, Killing Eight Americans.

Manila, Dec. 7.—Last night a force of insurgents, estimated at 800, attacked the American garrison of 200 at Vigan, province of South Ilocos. The American loss was eight killed and many wounded.

After very hard fighting the Filipinos were driven off and through the mountains, leaving three dead. Colonel Bisbee is now reinforcing the garrison. Fears are entertained regarding various small bodies of General Young's troops in the province of Abra.

Manila, Dec. 7.—General Hughes now occupies Santa Barbara and Cabutan, island of Panay, his lines extending 35 miles north of Ilo Ilo. He has occupied 20 towns. The inhabitants are returning with white flags. Their fear of the Americans is diminishing as they learn they will be well treated. It is impossible to get the insurgents to fight. They are retreating to the mountains, and no more organized resistance is expected. Hughes continues advancing north and spreading his lines.

LINED UP ON THE TUGELA.

Fifteen to Twenty Thousand Boers Waiting for Buller.

New York, Dec. 7.—A dispatch to the Herald from London says:

It is now certain that the Boers are in great force on the further side of the Tugela river. The Boer army, which invaded Natal, was put by good judges at 25,000 to 30,000 men. If we accept the latter figure, and deduct 2,000 from losses which may have been made good by disloyal Dutch recruits from Natal, and another 10,000 for the remaining force at Ladysmith, the total of the army confronting General Buller may be from 15,000 to 20,000 men.

In the meantime, some news has come through from Ladysmith showing that while on the one hand the Boer's bombardment was becoming severe, on the other one of the naval guns had once more silenced the big Boer 40 or 100-pounder.

General Gatacre has occupied and secured a large quantity of corn which would doubtless have been commandeered had the Boers been allowed to make a longer stay.