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IMPROVING OF HAVANA.

Dady's Contract for Paving and Sewering Suspended.

HAVANA, Dec. 24.—Mayor Rodriguez has suspended the Ayuntamiento action in connection with the contract of Michael J. Dady for paving and sewerage. He gives five reasons for his course:

First.—That the Ayuntamiento allowed Mr. Dady to bid without a guarantee.

Second.—That Mr. Dady is not the author of the present plans.

Third.—That the price was estimated on the original project, whereas the proposal of the engineering department was different and cheaper.

Fourth.—That public competition has been virtually forbidden, to the disadvantage of the city.

Fifth.—That the project was voted down by the Ayuntamiento a year ago by a resolution, not rescinded, to consider Mr. Dady simply the owner of the project without a concession.

The Mayor also points out that the discussion of the Spanish Ayuntamiento of December 18, 1898, did not even give Mr. Dady a right, that nothing is now due him from the city, that the present plan of the engineering department are not modifications of Mr. Dady's in any way, and that Mr. Dady is entitled to no right whatever in the premises. Mr. Dady's plans call for \$10,000,000 and Colonel Back's for \$10,135,000, the latter covering the contractor's profit. The difference in favor of the city is \$135,000. The matter will now go to Civil Governor Nunez for 30 days. In Government circles it is considered that Mr. Dady is completely beaten.

Some suffering is reported in districts back of Trinidad, owing to lack of meat and of cattle to work the fields and get produce to market, and General Wood has ordered that cattle be sent there, together with agricultural implements.

For the Province of Havana, the public school allowance is \$70,000, or an increase of \$2000. The university allowance is \$200. The schools are overflowing and the teachers' salaries and other expenses are now being paid promptly under the system instituted by Lieutenant Hanna, representing the Military Governor.

MARQUETTE'S REMAINS.

Said to Have Been Found Near Frankfort, Mich.

TOLEDO, O., Dec. 24.—Announcement is made by Ann Arbor railway officials that what are supposed to be the remains of Father Marquette, the intrepid missionary and explorer, have been exhumed by workmen near Frankfort, Mich. Only the skull and some imperfect bones remained, and experts declare them to be those of a white man. A streak of rust was found near the head and is supposed to have been the father's beads. The Michigan Historical Society claims to possess the proof that Father Marquette was buried at this point in the year 1675 in the bed of a small stream. It was in changing the course of a stream that the remains were found. Great interest is being taken in the find. A thorough investigation is being made.

The French Shore Question.

ST. JOHNS, N. F., Dec. 24.—The Colonial Cabinet has decided to wait action by the Imperial Government before determining upon a policy with respect to the removal of the French shore modus vivendi, which expires next Monday. The relative will be with Joseph Chamberlain, who must either make another treaty with France or call upon the colony to renew the modus vivendi.

NEW STEEL COMPANY.

Plans for the Reorganization of the Pennsylvania Steel Company Concluded.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 24.—The Press here today says: "It is understood that the long-pending negotiations for the reorganization of the Pennsylvania Steel Company have been concluded. According to good authority, there will be a new company formed with a capital of \$50,000,000 to take over the old property and conduct its business in the future. The charter, which was issued by the State of New Jersey, is said to be liberal, and will afford an opportunity to take up all the lines of business in which it is necessary for a modern iron and steel plant to engage. The capital stock will consist of \$5,000,000 common and \$45,000,000 preferred stock, for which the present holders of Pennsylvania Steel shares will have an opportunity to subscribe on a basis which it is expected will yield a profit. There will be a large amount of this stock retained in the treasury of the capital for the various purposes. The stock will be fully paid up, and will not be assessable."

EARTHQUAKE IN CUBA.

Severe Shock Frightened the People of Santiago.

SANTIAGO DE CUBA, Dec. 24.—The second earthquake experienced by this district within a month occurred at noon today. The shocks were at first scarcely perceptible, but they increased steadily, and the last was the most severe known for many years in this region. It would be almost impossible to injure the massive masonry of the buildings constituting the principal portion of the city, but some damage was done in the poor quarters, and one child was badly injured by a falling tile. The people of the city have a deadly fear of seismic disturbances, owing to the destruction of a cathedral long ago. Many of them now predict an early disaster because of the two earthquakes that have visited Santiago within 30 days.

THE DEATH ROLL.

William Francis Sage.

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—William Francis Sage, a playwright and a dramatic critic, died today of cancer of the tongue, aged 70 years. He was a friend of John Mitchell, O'Donovan Rossa, Charles S. Parnell, Michael Davitt and all the prominent Irish patriots. During the Civil War he served in the Ninth Massachusetts Volunteers.

"Dynamite" Driscoll.

BOSTON, Dec. 24.—John D. Driscoll, better known as "Dynamite" Driscoll, died today of cancer of the tongue, aged 70 years. He was a friend of John Mitchell, O'Donovan Rossa, Charles S. Parnell, Michael Davitt and all the prominent Irish patriots. During the Civil War he served in the Ninth Massachusetts Volunteers.

Frank B. Kennard.

MILES CITY, Mont., Dec. 24.—Frank B. Kennard, a pioneer of the Yellowstone Valley, was found dead in his room at a hotel this morning. He had come from his ranch for medical treatment. He was formerly a contractor, and built large sections of the Northern Pacific.

THE TIME FOR PEACE

Leading Filipinos Are Weary of the War.

FORMATION OF A NEW PARTY

Federalists Aspire to Bring the Islands into the Union of States.

Campaigning Done in Leyte and Samar.

MANILA, Dec. 24.—Advice to the Associated Press from the island of Leyte shows that there is still considerable turmoil on the west coast, but that the east coast is quiet, the leaders having retired to the mountains. Lieutenant Frank E. Lynch and three men of the Forty-fourth Infantry were wounded near Ilongos, on the west coast. Two men of Company L, Forty-third Infantry, were killed, and three of Companies L and F, together with Lieutenant Lewis H. Leaf, were wounded December 13, near San Miguel, Northwestern Leyte.

No decided results have yet been secured by the 2000 United States troops distributed among the coast towns of Samar.

The Federal party has decided upon a new organization, and today published in the Spanish and Filipino evening papers an address to the Filipinos.

"The number of Filipinos who are convinced that the time for peace has come increases daily," says the address. "The object of the Federal party is the reunion of all Filipinos who truly wish for peace and who are disposed to work for it."

It appeals to those who will attempt to attain for the Philippines the greatest number of liberties under the application of the American Constitution.

"We call ourselves the Federal party because, under American sovereignty, the righteous aspirations of the Philippines will be to form a part of the American federation as states of the Union."

The executive committee has elected President McKinley, announcing that the organization has been perfected, and tendering an expression of good-will. Copies of the address have been sent to the provinces. A paragraph declaring for American recognition of the legality of some of the acts of the authorities of the insurgent government is in conformity with precedents established during the reconstruction period following the Civil War in the United States.

Officers of the United States cruiser Newark, which has returned from the investigation into the circumstances of the disaster that befell the cruiser Yosemite off Guam, says there were supplies enough available when the Newark left to last three weeks, and that the inhabitants would not have depended on the supplies sent from Cavite. They also report that the soil will produce rice and corn by April, although at present everything presents a forlorn aspect.

The cruiser Albany, Captain J. E. Craig, has sailed for Hong Kong, to repair the damage she sustained through grounding on a reef in Subic Bay.

VOLUNTEERS' HOMECOMING.

Will Be Postponed Until Congress Provides Substitutes.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—As a result of a conference between the Secretary of War and Quartermaster-General Laddington, it has been decided that no further action can be taken with regard to the return of the volunteers from the Philippines until Congress shall make provision for their replacement. The War Department is considerably embarrassed by the failure of Congress to make provision before the recess for the relief of the military situation in the Philippines. Acting upon representations made by General MacArthur, the department has concluded that it is absolutely necessary to maintain an army of 90,000 men in the Philippine Islands until the current policy of establishing a permanent garrison throughout the archipelago has been executed. It is stated at the department that, with any reduction of the military strength below that figure, existing conditions would be tantamount to a disaster to the interests of the United States.

There are now about 60,000 troops, regulars and volunteers, in the Philippines, and arrangements have been made for ready bringing home 8000 of that number. No further reduction will be made until the War Department is advised fully of the purposes of Congress with regard to Army legislation. When the necessary authority has been given, it is the purpose of the department to bring home as rapidly as possible all the volunteers and regulars whose terms of enlistment expire June 30 next, but not before it is possible to replace them, man for man, with new recruits enlisted under the terms of the new Army bill.

It is expected that Congress will act promptly on the Army bill soon after the reassembling of Congress in January. However, it will not be possible to get the bill passed before the end of the year. The volunteers from the Philippines inside of two months' time. The general homecoming movement of the mass of Volunteers, therefore, will have to be postponed until about February 15. That will give the Quartermaster's Department but five months' time to bring home the remainder of the volunteers and the regular troops whose terms will expire at the same time, aggregating about 40,000 men, before July 1. This undertaking, it is believed to be beyond the capacity of the transport system as at present organized, and may necessitate the chartering of additional steamships.

Recent cable advices from General MacArthur indicate a strong desire on the part of the volunteers generally to return to the United States, and that comparatively few of them are likely to re-enlist. It is understood that General MacArthur has recommended that a bounty of \$250 be allowed to each soldier of the Philippines who re-enlists for another term, and the plan is said to meet with the favor of the officials of the War Department.

ACCUSATION AGAINST WILLIAMS.

Irregularity in the Filing of Philippine Mining Claims.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—Inquiry at the State Department discloses the fact that no official notice was ever taken by the department of a statement affecting in some measure Oscar F. Williams, who had been Consul to Manila before the Spanish-American War. Captain Burritt was the author of this statement, and, being in charge of the mining bureau in the Philippines, in the course of his annual report to General MacArthur, commenting upon the filing in an irregular fashion of an enormous number of mining claims, said: "The record discloses

CLEW TO KIDNAPERS

Finding of Lantern Used to Flag Cudahy.

CONFIRMS STORY OF THE DRIVE

Old Clothes Used by the Abductors for Money Bags Were Discovered.

—Pat Crowe, One of Suspects, Identified.

OMAHA, Dec. 24.—The only development in the Cudahy kidnapping case was the finding of the lantern with which Mr. Cudahy was flagged on his drive into the country last Wednesday night, carrying the \$25,000 with which to secure the return of his son, and other paraphernalia left by the robbers in their hurried departure. This confirms again the story of the drive, and assists the police in

An Atrocious Murder.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—Word has been received from Manila that a murder in the Philippines at the town of Capal. It appears from the testimony that two natives were responsible for the death of the wife of a neighbor. They went to the house of a native named Victor Pere, and forcibly took him and his wife to the Panay River, where they bound their hands behind them and told them that they had some business to do. The woman was struck by a bolo, and her dead body thrown into the river. Her husband witnessed her murder, and, anticipating similar treatment, sprang into the river, and, notwithstanding his arms were pinioned, managed to reach the opposite side. According to witnesses, the motive for the crime was a superstitious belief that the murdered woman was possessed of occult powers, whereby she in some mysterious way had brought about the death of a neighbor's child. The two men were sentenced to be hanged, but General MacArthur mitigated the sentence in each case to confinement at hard labor for 20 years, out of consideration for the exceedingly low intelligence and belief in superstition.

Philippine Currency System.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—President Taft, of the Philippine Commission, has come forward with another suggestion for the settlement of the Philippine currency question, which is now pressing urgently for adjustment. He discards the two former plans of coinage something like the trade dollar and of maintaining by the credit of the United States, a fixed ratio between the Mexican dollar and American gold, and proposes to adopt United States money, pure and simple, as the money of the Philippines. He points out that radical as is this move, it must be made sooner or later if the islands are to remain in the control of the United States, and delay seems to aggravate the ills of the present confusion of the systems.

DECORATION OF VON BULOW

Signifies Emperor's Appreciation of His Recent Speeches—The Treaty.

BERLIN, Dec. 24.—Emperor William's bestowal upon Count von Bulow, Imperial Chancellor, of the decoration, the Order of the Black Eagle, is interpreted as a sign of imperial approval of his recent utterances in the Reichstag, particularly of his successful management of the China debate, as well as the Kruger incident, as against the pan-German agitators. It is understood that His Majesty regards the Chancellor's present tour in South Germany as a great success in cementing the adherents of other German Cabinets to the Emperor's foreign policy.

The National Zeitung, a journal usually friendly to the United States, discussing the rejection of the Hay-Pauncefote treaty in its original form by the Senate, says:

"The incident means such a slap at the Executive as can scarcely be found, not only in the history of the United States, but in the parliamentary history of the world. Presumably, the treaty is not now acceptable to Great Britain."

The Chamber of Commerce of Berlin has presented a petition to Count von Bulow asking for the maintenance of the present tariff policy of the empire, protesting particularly against maximalist and minimal duties, abandonment of the tariff system, and extension of the ad valorem system.

The Christmas weather in Berlin is mild, cloudy and dry. Today there were the usual street scenes, and Count von Bulow, at 10 o'clock, was seen in the park of presents to the troops of the Garde du Corps. He dined at the palace an hour later, and then joined in the usual Christmas celebration.

An appeal has been taken in the case of the Berlin Sternbergs recently convicted of an offense against morality, to the Reichs-Gerecht, or Supreme Court of the Empire. The Berliner Tageblatt says that the Reichs-Gerecht has lodged a protest with Dr. Schoensted, Prussian Minister of Justice, against the treatment to which Sternbergs' lawyers have been subjected.

NEW YEAR WELCOME.

Trouble in Arranging the New York Celebration.

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—The joint committee of the municipal authorities appointed to arrange the celebration of the opening of the new century on New Year's eve met today and refused to grant the request of the Red Cross, through Frank D. Higbee, that the committee take up the proposed celebration to be held under the auspices of the society in Madison-Square Garden on New Year's eve after this refusal that there would be no Red Cross celebration on New Year's eve. The society would postpone the affair until March 1, the anniversary of the adoption of the Red Cross treaty by the United States.

Colorado Girl Abducted.

PUEBLO, Colo., Dec. 24.—All-day work of the police fails to throw any light upon the mysterious disappearance of Maggie Hoel, who yesterday left or was taken from the home of her uncle, Charles Besty, a short distance west of this city. It has, however, been learned that some time yesterday morning a carriage drawn by white horses was in the vicinity, and a richly dressed lady got out of it and seemed to be searching for something. It has been impossible thus far to find such a carriage. The girl, who is 15 years of age, had a guardian in Missouri, and a young man here was her lover. The latter is grief-stricken and does all he can to aid in solving the mystery. The simple and innocent character of the girl seems to preclude theories of elopement, and all the circumstances seem to indicate kidnapping, but for what motive cannot yet be learned.

A Michigan Kidnaping.

KALAMAZOO, Mich., Dec. 24.—Herbert Clayman, a 17-year-old boy, whose father, J. B. Clayberg, is a prominent citizen of Helena, Mont., was kidnapped in this

CAPE DUTCH ASSIST

Invading Boers Aided by Residents of the Colony.

THE SITUATION IS NO BETTER

Railway Communication Is Almost Entirely Severed—Kitchener Arrives at De Aar—Takes Measures to Crush Invasion.

LONDON, Dec. 25, 4:30 A. M.—There is no sign of the despondency which characterized "Black December" last year. At the same time, the Christmas editorials find little cause for extreme satisfaction. All express regret that the nation is still at war. Some take the trouble to remind their readers that there are four times as many troops in South Africa as there were 12 months ago, and all engaged in the monotonous and wearisome duties against an ever elusive foe and needing the friends at home at this festive season.

The Standard, which says that Christmas finds the British people in a chastened mood, moralizes upon the strange lack of political foresight regarding the character and the wisdom of the operations against the Boers. It confesses that "everything has long since been done that would have been possible to end the war if we had been contending against a European power. It is confident, however, that the settlement is only a question of time."

Lord Kitchener's departure for De Aar would be sufficient to explain the absence of official news. It is confident, however, that the settlement is only a question of time.

Elaborate preparations are being made to give Lord Roberts a popular welcome January 1. Ten thousand troops will be gathered in London to line the route to Buckingham Palace.

"We learn," says the Daily Mail, "that the reports of the serious situation in Cape Colony are fully confirmed. The invading Boers are receiving much assistance from the Cape Dutch. Railway communication between Cape Town and the north is almost entirely severed, partly by Boer operations and partly by the action of the weather."

"Since the Nottingham affair," says the correspondent of the Daily Mail at The Hague, "Mr. Kruger has become stiff-necked. He now scornfully rejects all private suggestions in the nature of peace overtures."

General Reginald Pole-Carew, who has returned from South Africa, will marry Mrs. Beaumont in London, a daughter of the Marquis of Ormonde. He is 61 years of age and she is under 25.

Kitchener at De Aar.

CAPE TOWN, Dec. 24.—Lord Kitchener has arrived at De Aar, Cape Colony, and is taking measures to crush the Boer invasion.

MEIKLEJOHN'S CANVASS.

The Assistant Secretary Opened Headquarters at Lincoln.

LINCOLN, Neb., Dec. 24.—Assistant Secretary Meiklejohn arrived here today and opened headquarters for an indefinite stay. This evening he was in conference with Republican leaders, an initial step in his canvass for one of Nebraska's seats in the United States Senate. Mr. Meiklejohn has been granted a 30 days leave of absence, but says he will remain here until after the Senatorial contest is over. He said he had received proffers of support, but was not ready to announce the number of votes he claimed.

Montana Mining Suit.

HELENA, Mont., Dec. 24.—A suit for \$1,075,000 has been brought in the United States Court in Butte by the Anaconda Mining Company against W. A. Clark and the Colusa-Parrot Mining & Smelting Company. The suit is based on damages alleged to have been sustained by the Anaconda Company by reason of trespassing by the defendant company on one which was involved in the noted case tried in the United States Court a year ago, and which was decided in favor of the Anaconda company by Judge Knowles.

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