

CURRENT EVENTS OF THE DAY

Epitome of the Telegraphic News of the World.

TERSE TICKS FROM THE WIRES

An Interesting Collection of Items From the New and the Old World In a Condensed and Comprehensive Form

Governor Ellerbe has announced that he will appoint Congressman John L. McLaurin to be United States senator, in succession to the late Senator Earle.

The decree of the Turkish government calling for the expulsion of all Greeks from the Ottoman empire, has been suspended, in view of the peace negotiations.

J. B. Hunter, cook on the steamer Joseph B. Kellogg, died suddenly on that steamer as she lay tied up a Kelo, Wash. A physician was called, who pronounced it death from rheumatism of the heart.

The Cuban chiefs have sent a document to the Greek government declaring that they are almost unanimously in favor of political union with Greece, but asking the advice of the government as to the best course to pursue consistently and with due regard to national interests.

President McKinley sent a cablegram to Queen Victoria congratulating her on the celebration of her 79th birthday. The message was as follows: "To the Ambassador of the United States, London: The president desires you to convey to the queen his sincere congratulations and those of the American people upon the celebration of her 79th birthday."

Governor Lord has appointed J. V. B. Butler, of Monmouth, to succeed himself; Judge John J. Daly, of Dallas, vice J. C. White, and E. C. Pentland, of Independence, vice P. Haley, members of the board of regents of the state normal school at Monmouth, Or. sent to hold for six years. Judge G. C. Blakely, of The Dalles, has been appointed a member of the Oregon state board of pharmacy, vice M. M. Davis.

The 70-year-old widow of Colonel Samuel Colt, the millionaire firearms manufacturer, his wife, Mrs. E. A. Hancock, of Seattle, and James B. Colt, of Washington, D. C., for a big slice of the estate which has been in control of herself or her son since the colonel's death in 1862. Mrs. Colt is accused of alienating her husband's fortune to her nephews by fraud and deceitful statements, while he was in a weak mental and physical state. Plaintiffs also aver that the millionaire's death was hastened by an over dose of medicine.

Seven years ago James Brazell made a proposition to the English government to send out 15,000 prospectors covering an area of 10 miles through British Columbia, in a northwesterly direction from Rosland. The cost of such an expedition was such that the English and Canadian governments would have nothing to do with it, the hazard being one that the home secretary would not countenance. The proposition, however, has met with the approval of a syndicate of English capitalists, who sends forth 150 men from San Francisco, with James Brazell at the head.

William J. Bryan has accepted an invitation to speak at Gladstone Park, near Oregon City, on the 12th of July, the day before the annual Chautauquan assembly will open. His subject will be "Bimetallism."

Following the recommendation of Commissioner Hermann, of the general land office, the attorney-general has instructed the United States district attorney for Oregon to suspend for the present the legal proceedings pending in that district growing out of sheep pasturing within the limits of the Cascade range forest reserve.

Captain Miller has information that the war department has appropriated \$24,000 for a transportation fund for the army post at Spokane, which makes a total of \$106,000 this year. The expense of civil duty costs \$50,000 more, all to be spent this year. The intention is to transfer two companies to Spokane, probably from Fort Sherman. As fast as the barracks buildings are built, other companies will come from Fort Walla Walla and Sherman.

A special to the New York Journal from Havana says: "The postoffice private letters by Weyler's postoffice employees has been made the subject of energetic protests by more than one local consul. The representative of a leading South American republic went personally to the place to complain that his mail, both official and private, had been tampered with, while Dr. Brunner, of the United States marine hospital service, detailed here as assistant sanitary inspector, attached to the American consulate, received several letters from his wife, the envelope of which had been clipped off at the postoffice before delivery. They were delivered open, no attempt whatever having been made to conceal the fact of violation. Upon the doctor's complaint General Lee sent a sharp note of protest to the consul-general's office. An expedition has just left Philadelphia that has for its object the exploration of the country around Mount St. Elias, Alaska, and possibly the ascent of that mountain, which for a long time was considered the highest in America. A number of people have been poisoned in Oakland, Cal., by eating strawberries. The physicians declare that the strawberries have been in contact with some poisonous matter used by growers to destroy plant insects. There have been traces of Paris green in some of the fruit offered for sale.

It is reported in London that the anonymous philanthropist who contributed \$25,000 to the fund proposed by the Princess of Wales to feed the starving on the occasion of the queen's jubilee is William Waldorf Astor.

From Clark's lens works, Cambridge, has been shipped a special parlor car two discs which the lens for the great Yorkes telescope, the largest lens ever made. Every precaution was taken to insure the safe transportation of the costly lens. They were insured for their full value, \$60,000. The lens represent nearly six years of careful labor.

SUNDRY CIVIL BILL.

Agreed on by the Conference and Will Carry \$26,000,000.

Washington, May 26.—The conference on the sundry civil appropriation bill has agreed. The most important amendment to the bill was that revoking the order of President Cleveland, of February 22, 1897, setting apart 21,000,000 acres of land as forest reservations. This is changed to provide that lands on which forest reservations are returned as provided in the senate amendments. A provision is inserted allowing settlers to take other lands in the public domain.

The appropriation for Pearl harbor is reduced to \$10,000. An amendment for improving Salmon bay, Wash., is stricken out. The appropriation for a government exhibit at the Omaha exposition is left at \$200,000, the \$75,000 increase made by the senate being stricken out. An amendment for the investigation of the sugar production in Cuba must be rejected, otherwise China may concede belligerent rights to Spain's enemies in the Philippines.

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Spain Will Most Likely Refuse to Believe It.

FACT WILL BE HARD TO PROVE

Calhoun Says Spanish Officials in Cuba Have Hindered Him in His Investigations—General Lee's Report.

Chicago, May 25.—A special to the Times-Herald from Washington says: The state department has received, according to a minor official, a semi-official report from Mr. Calhoun, who was sent to make special inquiry into the circumstances in the death of Dr. Ruiz. The report is that Dr. Ruiz was murdered, though it will be impossible to establish this fact to the satisfaction of the Spanish government.

Calhoun has read the report of the autopsy, made by Dr. Burgess, who says he was in the head of the boat that was being indicted by Ruiz himself. Dr. Ruiz was evidently struck from behind, probably with a bar of iron, which fractured his skull and caused hemorrhages.

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DEMANDS ON SPAIN.

Venezuela, Mexico and China to Protest Subjects in Cuba.

New York, May 26.—A dispatch to the Journal from Havana says: In a demand recently made upon Spain through the Venezuelan consul, President Crespo's government insists that citizens of that republic residing in Cuba shall, in case of arrest upon political charges, be accorded equal privileges with citizens of the United States here, including exemption from trial by military tribunals and assurances of a speedy judgment by civil courts.

Venezuela claims this right under the favored-nation clause in her own treaty with Spain, and the point has been allowed to pass.

Now Mexico is understood to be pressing Madrid and Havana authorities to have her citizens here accorded the same privileges. One Trujillo, a Venezuelan, recently arrested as a political prisoner in Cuba must be released, otherwise China may concede belligerent rights to Spain's enemies in the Philippines.

Private advices from Caracas indicate that President Crespo stands ready to follow suit in case the Washington government should demand the release of the belligerent rights of the Cubans. Indeed, it was whispered here tonight that a vessel was formally cleared from Maracaibo some days ago for the rebel port of Banos in Eastern Cuba, loaded with arms and ammunition for Calixto Garcia's army.

General Weyler Interviewed.

New York, May 26.—A dispatch to the Journal from Ceinfeung, Cuba, says: In an interview with Captain General Weyler upon his arrival here from Placencia, in reference to Senator Morgan's resolution, the general said: "I am not surprised with the action thus far taken, nor shall I be if the house concurs in the senate resolution and sends it to the president. Your mission in the saddle, and evidently bent upon forcing the country into some foreign complications in the fast-approaching winter crisis."

The few scattering bands of Cuban

dynamiters, railroad wreckers, horse and cattle thieves, plantation burners, and highwaymen now in the field here, who hold no port and possess no seat of civil government, have no right to expect recognition. Such distinction at President McKinley's hands, issued in the case of the Cuban revolution, is out of the question. Greece cannot accept a modification of the strategic frontier which would render easy raiding of Greek territory by armed bands, and maintain a numerous army in order to prevent incursions.

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Armistice Declared Between Greece and Turkey.

AMOUNT GREECE WILL PAY

A Mixed Commission Will Establish a Neutral Zone—The Powers Considering Terms of Peace—Lamia Deserted.

London, May 24.—The armistice agreement between Turkey and Greece stipulates that a mixed commission of officers of superior rank shall establish a neutral zone between the two armies, and that no advance on either flank shall be permitted. It is understood Turkey wants the commission to be constituted of foreign military attaches, with the two armies.

Crown Prince Constantine, it is said, sent a personal appeal to the emperor not to allow the Greek army to be crushed by a force four times greater than itself, and that, as a consequence, the emperor insisted on the armistice.

The Papers Signed.

Athens, May 24.—An armistice between the Turkish and Greek troops in Thessaly, to extend 17 days, was formally concluded today.

Constantinople, May 24.—An armistice was formally concluded today for seven days between the Turkish and Greek troops on the frontier of Epirus.

The Armistice Is General.

Constantinople, May 24.—The armistice concluded today is general, and includes the land and sea forces of both combatants. The ambassadors of the powers met this afternoon to consider terms of peace.

What Greece Will Pay.

Athens, May 24.—M. Ralli, the premier, in the course of an interview today, said: "The indemnity which Greece will pay to Turkey will be in proportion to the resources of Greece and her financial position. The cession of territory is out of the question. Greece cannot accept a modification of the strategic frontier which would render easy raiding of Greek territory by armed bands, and maintain a numerous army in order to prevent incursions."

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VICTIMS OF A FIRE.

Two Persons Perished and Three Injured in New York.

New York, May 25.—Two persons were killed and three seriously injured in a fire which was started shortly after 4 o'clock this morning in the fourth-story and basement brownstone building, at 149 West Twenty-third street. Several persons narrowly escaped death. The dead are: Mrs. Catherine Mosway, 33 years old; died at hospital from suffocation and burns.

Beatrice Mosway, 4 years old, daughter of the former, suffocated in her room.

The injured are: Mrs. Mary C. or Carrie Bowles, boarding-house keeper at 28 Hollis street, Boston, dangerously hurt; Miss MacDonald, slightly burned on the face; F. S. Shaps, slightly burned on the face.

A white tenant named Lamont was crawling the narrow stair to the second adjoining house, the body of a woman struck a large sign which hung on the outside and to which he clung for support. The sign was torn from its fastenings and fell with a crash to the street. The woman was Mrs. Bowles, who had precipitated her fall from the third floor to the street below when she found that egress from the house by way of the stairs was choked by the flames. She was picked up and taken to the hospital.

The origin of the fire is not known, but it is believed that a belated tenant lit a match in the hallway to see his way and carelessly tossed the still burning match away. The fire started at the foot of the stairs, and the light wall acted as a flue to carry the flames to the roof instantly.

AT MARK HANNA'S FURNACE.

A Number of Workmen Seriously Hurt in Newcastle.

Newcastle, Pa., May 25.—This morning, the big Rosena furnace, in this city, owned by Senator Mark Hanna and ex-Senator Cameron, let go, and the next instant a heavy volume of coke, iron ore and coal came crashing through the roof of the casting house, burying in the neighborhood of 30 men under the debris. Manager