

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 Cited From the Telegraph Columns.

Senator McBride of Oregon, has introduced a bill making Astoria the terminus of the trans-Pacific cable.

Congress has adjourned until January 4. After the holiday recess the rights of General Wheeler and others to hold their seats will be inquired into.

Among a network of wires 20 feet above the ground, Rochester, N.Y., a Chicago electrician, was slowly burned to death in sight of several hundred spectators.

Colonel E. S. Barrett, national president of the Sons of the American Revolution, was killed by falling from a window of his home at Concord, Mass. He was 60 years of age.

In Louisville, Ky., it is estimated by the health department that there are 10,000 cases of grip. The ravages of the disease have been so widespread that in some cases business has been seriously impeded.

Hereafter brooms will cost 2 cents more apiece. Members of the Broom Manufacturers' Association of the United States met in Chicago and decided to advance the price of brooms 25 cents a dozen.

A rear-end collision occurred on the Pennsylvania railroad three miles from Rahway, N. J., which resulted in the loss of two lives and injury to many persons. The killed are William C. Dewolf, a railway clerk; and F. Knight, a colored porter of the sleeping-car.

While examining state documents of the 16th century in the Vatican library recently, Abbe Cozzaluzzi, assistant librarian, found a curious manuscript of a treatise by Galileo Galilei. The manuscript is all in Galileo's handwriting, and ends with the words written at Rome in the Medici Gardens on January 8, 1616.

The president has nominated Eilman A. Hitchcock, of Missouri, to be secretary of the interior. Mr. Hitchcock is at present ambassador to Russia. He was appointed minister more than a year ago, and when the rank was raised to an embassy, he was re-appointed. He is a wealthy lawyer and business man of St. Louis, and was for some time an extensive plate-glass manufacturer. He is a great grandson of Ethan Allen, of Revolutionary fame.

The table of proposed stations of United States troops, submitted by General Wood, shows a total of 60,000 men to be stationed in the Philippines. Of Pinar del Rio, 8,000; province of Havana, 24,000; province of Matanzas, 10,000; province of Santa Clara, 10,000; province of Puerto Principe, 2,000; province of Santiago, 1,000. The recommendations of the commission, if carried out, would require 46 regiments of infantry and five of cavalry, with six batteries of light artillery, four for Havana and two for Matanzas.

Secretary Long will soon issue advertisements calling for proposals for raising the Maine and the Cristobal Colon, in accordance with the decision of the board of construction to which the matter had been referred.

A financial statement just issued by the Southern Pacific Company shows that for the month of October the gross earnings of the company reached \$5,556,725. This is an increase of \$1,125,791 over the same month of last year.

Corlies, of Michigan, has introduced a bill in the house to facilitate the construction and maintenance of telegraph cables in the Pacific ocean between the United States and Hawaii, the Philippine Islands, Japan and other countries.

The agricultural appropriation bill passed by congress contains a retaliatory clause authorizing the secretary of agriculture to inspect imported articles dangerous to health, and also authorizing the secretary to be empowered to exclude such articles. The restriction is designed to apply to a large number of articles imported from foreign countries.

London advices just received bring promise that the West Indian colonies will enter upon the new year with brighter industrial prospects, owing to the successful launching of the West Indian Co-operative Union, organized on the lines of the California Fruit Union, and the Irish Agricultural organization, which achieved wonderfully rapid success.

Great Britain has given another striking example of friendship for the United States, and at the same time has taken action which is looked upon in the light of a recognition of the sovereignty of the United States over the Philippines. A filibustering expedition organized to go to the support of Aguinaldo has been suppressed at Hong Kong by order of the British authorities.

Minor News Items.

It is reported in court circles that Princess Victoria of Greece is engaged to Princess Victoria of Wales.

Mrs. Abbie L. Marble, sister-in-law of the late James G. Blaine, was killed in a runaway at San Leandro, Cal.

Gen. John J. Dunne, a prominent ex-Confederate soldier, died in Memphis. He was in all the battles of the army of the Tennessee, and was wounded four times.

The trustees of Wellesley (Mass.) college announce a gift of \$50,000 from the late Charles T. Wilder, of Wellesley.

At a meeting of the board of managers of the American Bible Society in New York, Rev. William Ingraham, of Brookline, Mass., was elected secretary of the board.

Commodore Philip, at present commanding the North Atlantic station in the absence of Admiral Sampson at Havana, has applied for assignment as commandant of the Boston navy-yard.

LATER NEWS.

Admiral Sampson's daughter is to wed a Californian.

"Bab," the well-known syndicate writer is critically ill at her home in New York.

The O. R. & N. C.'s steamship Columbia on her last trip made the run from San Francisco to Portland in 47 hours and 55 minutes.

An express train and freight train met on the track near Vincennes, Ind., and three trainmen were seriously hurt and a score or more passengers bruised and scattered.

The American National bank, of Lian, O., was robbed of \$18,162. The money was taken from the big vault. The robbery was perpetrated in a skillful manner, no damage being done to the vault.

Mrs. Isabel, her daughter, Mrs. Ossie Malone, and Mrs. Malone's infant were burned to death in their home near Hillsboro, Tex. The women could be seen in the house, but it was impossible to rescue them, though every effort was made. The fire started by the use of kerosene to kindle a fire.

Captain R. D. Evans' name is prominently mentioned as Rear-Admiral Bacon's successor in the Brooklyn navy-yard, now that it seems to be decided that Rear-Admiral Sampson will remain commander-in-chief of the North Atlantic station, and Rear-Admiral Schley will be assigned to sea duty in compliance with his request.

The conference based upon the disarmament proposal of Emperor Nicholas has been fixed for St. Petersburg about the beginning of May next, prior to which the Russian government will submit officially to the powers a definite plan of disarmament in order to enable them to formulate modifications or counter-suggestions.

A special from Dawson dated November 19 says: Reports from all creeks in the vicinity of Dawson indicate that the winter's product of gold will be about 100 tons. Several persons are reported to have been frozen to death. One of these was found in a kneeling posture beside his sled and dogs, and being unharmed and Dominion, at the summit.

The navy department is going to be prepared for any emergency that may be required in the Atlantic and Pacific oceans by carrying on hand the enormous stock of nearly half a million tons of the best steaming coal for warships that can be procured. This supply of the most important of all sinews of modern war is to be systematically replenished as the fleet grows.

Justice Day, president of the Paris peace commission, has arrived home.

A loaded lumber schooner is ashore at Cannon beach, near Elk creek, Ore.

The recently discovered gold mine in the Niutao land office in Alaska is missing.

In a trainwreck near Lexington, Ky., nine trainmen were injured, two probably fatally.

Importations of manufactures from Great Britain into the United States seem likely to show an unusually small total in the year 1898.

The United States troops have begun a regular patrol of the city of Havana, in order to guard against possible disorders. General Lee is arranging for the evacuation day parade.

Public men in office, especially those in congress, newspaper correspondents and everybody who is supposed to have influence in shaping legislation or with the administration are being flooded with literature from foreign countries in relation to our changed condition of affairs as a result of the American-Spanish war.

Fire destroyed the house occupied by Senator Don Carlos Morla Vicuna, the Chilean minister, at the corner of Connecticut avenue and N street, Washington. The roof and top story were destroyed and the furniture of the whole house was ruined by smoke and water, entailing a loss of \$10,000. The minister and his family barely escaped.

At Brookline, Mass., by the sudden breaking of the ice on Lovett pond, in the park system, 30 young girls and boys were thrown into eight feet of water, and the police worked hard to rescue the children, three were drowned before help could reach them. They were J. W. Clattenburg, 12, 10 years old; Arthur Collins, 12 years old, and Emma Miller, 14 years old.

The cotton receipts at Houston, Tex., since the beginning of the present season have been 2,000,000 bales, a record never equaled by any interior town or port of the United States, and which will be celebrated by a banquet to which all the prominent civic officials and cotton men will be invited. It is estimated by Secretary Warner, of the cotton exchange, that 500,000 bales will yet be received during the remainder of the season.

According to a new time card of the Great Northern to go into effect January 1, the transcontinental schedule will be reduced 12 hours.

The British government has decided to complete the Sudan railroad to Khartoum, the distance yet to be covered being 180 miles.

Forest sales, a bellboy formerly employed at the Planters' hotel in St. Louis, is heir to \$25,000, left him by James T. Spaulding, of Chicago.

The movements of rebels from Brazil have been defeated by troops sent to the frontier, and there seems to be no further danger to the peace of the country.

The committee having the matter in hand has decided upon a celebration in 1903 of the 100th anniversary of the purchase of Louisiana from the French government.

Col. Thomas H. Sherley, one of the most representative whiskey men and distillers in Kentucky, died suddenly at his home in Louisville of paralysis of the heart.

The Association of American Directory Publishers was formed in Cleveland by publishers of city directories from 120 cities. The object is mutual protection.

DISORDER AND BLOODSHED

The Closing of Spanish Rule in Havana.

STREET RIOTS IN MONTSERRAT

Cubans Heap Indignities on the Vanquished Fox, and Insist on Kissing the "Brave Americans."

Chicago, Dec. 28.—A censored special cable to the Tribune from Havana says:

Rioting began at Montserrat tonight. A battalion of Spanish troops hurried from the barracks on the Prado to Galiano street, the dividing line between Cuban and Spanish territory.

Order was restored, but in the firing which occurred before the troops arrived, an 8-year-old Cuban child was killed by a stray bullet.

The execution of the four Dawson murderers—Ed Henderson and the Indians White, Dawson Jim and Joe Nantz—has been postponed until March 1. The body of the Cuban child was buried on the day of execution.

It is said that Indians of Alaska have petitioned Governor Brady to go to Washington to represent them in congress.

The body of J. H. Cadenhead, a Dominion land surveyor, was found frozen in the ice in the Klondike river, near Dawson, October 27. He had left Sulphur creek the day previous, and in the night had broken through the ice. Unable to pull himself out, he slowly sank to death, with his hands spread out on the ice. Before long consciousness he took his field notes and papers from his pockets and threw them from him, so that they might be picked up and saved.

FILIPINO CONGRESS.

Difficulty of Forming a Constitution

Manila, Dec. 28.—The so-called congress of the revolutionary government of the Philippines, which has been in session for some time, at Malo Los, has been unexpectedly adjourned, owing to the difficulty of forming a constitution.

A cabinet by President Aguinaldo, appointed at Caceres on July 15 last, and named in the Bazar proclamation issued on that date, has resigned.

General Aguinaldo, who had been at Malo Los, came from there to Santa Anita, a suburb of Manila. He then visited Paterno, and now it is reported he has returned to Manila. He is the old town of Cavite. Reliable advice says that while he was at Paterno he was indelicate in his efforts to overcome the policy of the militant factions, which is hostile to the Americans. It is probable that his influence will avail to avert the crisis.

The Filipino cabinet, proclaimed at Bacor on July 15, in conformity with a decree issued by the revolutionary government on June 14, was made up of the following personnel: President of the council of ministers, with the interim portfolios of foreign affairs, justice, interior, agriculture, commerce, education, and public works, Senator Don Baldo Aguinado, nephew of General Aguinaldo; secretary of the interior, Senator Don Leandro Barra; secretary of agriculture, Senator Don Mariano Trias.

There was a fight between Cubans and Spaniards in front of the National States Club at midnight. Several of the participants were badly cut with machetes. Many American soldiers who were in town behaved so boisterously that General Ludlow says he is sorry that they were permitted to come into Havana, and in future none will be permitted except on strictly military business.

Havana in a State of Unrest.

Havana, Dec. 28.—Francisco Quintero, a Spanish guerrilla, while walking along Genois street today, was fired at from a roof of a house and seriously wounded. During the last 24 hours one man has been killed and 13 have been wounded in affairs in different parts of the city, and 11 burglaries have been committed. The city is in a state of unrest. Three more wards of Havana were evicted today. One of these is the residence of a disloyal on the part of Spanish residents in Cuba if they choose to hoist American and Cuban flags, because Spain renounced the island without consulting the Spaniards.

Captain General Castellanos, after formally turning over the island to the Americans on January 1, will leave for Matanzas, where he will remain a fortnight, going thence to Cienfuegos.

A party of colored Cubans this morning entered the wholesale grocery establishment of Jose street, owned by the Spanish firm of Messrs. Mata, and ordered Senor Mastro to kiss the Cuban flag and to cry "Viva Cuba libre." He refused to obey, whereupon one of the Cubans cut his head badly with a machete.

Captain General Mastro threatened to attack the residence of Marquis de Montero, secretary of the treasury in the autonomist cabinet, and a member of the Spanish evacuation commission. The house is 193 Neptuna street, in a part of the city already evacuated. On the matter being brought to the attention of the United States evacuating commissioners, a guard was sent to guard the residence until further orders.

Removing the Dead.

New York, Dec. 28.—Arrangements were completed today for disintering the bodies of the soldiers who were buried in the improvised cemetery at Camp Wikoff, Long Island. Lieutenant William F. Chase, of the Sixth artillery, will supervise the work. Forty coffins were shipped today to Montauk.

Held for Duty.

St. Paul, Minn., Dec. 28.—Someone having 100 packages of mail from Manila, supposed to contain convicts, was arrested from the Thirteenth Minnesota volunteers sent probably as Christmas presents for friends and relatives in this city are being held at the local postoffice for a ruling by the treasury department, whether duty should be collected. The packages just seized, and are held at the request of Collector of Customs Peterson.

Apple Shipments.

J. A. Whipple, the Medford fruit-buyer, has shipped this fall 42 carloads of apples, which have been bought outright from the growers and sold in Eastern cities at fairly good prices. Several carloads of apples are now being packed for shipment at Myrtle Point. They will be sent by water to San Francisco, and from there by rail to Eastern points.

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Dominion Surveyor Frozen to Death On the Klondike River.

Seattle, Wash., Dec. 28.—The steamer Farallon arrived today from Alaska with a number of passengers from Dawson. An 8-year-old Cuban child was killed. The trail is good, and a large number of people are on the way out.

Among the passengers is Jack Carr, the Yukon mail carrier, who left Dawson November 21. He says the population of Dawson City has materially decreased. It now being estimated at 10,000. Cost of living has also decreased, good meals costing but \$1. There will be no food shortage this winter. There is little hope of the mail service being kept up between Dawson and the outside world this winter.

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AGUINALDO'S REPRESENTATIVE.

New York, Dec. 28.—Felipe Agoncillo, leader of the Philippine patriots, left this city tonight for Washington. In Washington, Agoncillo will await the arrival of three eminent Filipinos who are en route with additional instructions from Aguinaldo.

Since his arrival from Paris, on Saturday evening, Agoncillo has been almost constantly in conference with visitors. Agoncillo said today that there was no change in the situation, and probably would be none until after the arrival of his three fellow-countrymen.

Ordered to Manila.

St. Louis, Mo., Dec. 28.—Major H. R. Brinkerhoff, U. S. A., chief mustering officer for Missouri, who has been stationed at the Jefferson barracks since last spring, received today a telegram from the secretary of war relieving him from duty to join the Third Infantry at Manila.

He expects to leave the reservation as soon as he can pack and ship his property. His wife and daughter will accompany him.

Will Guard Hotel.

Washington, Dec. 28.—The administration has taken steps to safeguard American interests in the city of Manila. The Philippine revolutionists' leader, Agoncillo, is now on his way there from Manila. Cable advices were received here today from General Otis, commanding the military forces in the Philippines, and Admiral Dewey, commanding the navy forces there, showing they are acting in concert in the matter.

Race Trouble at Dallas.

Dallas, Tex., Dec. 27.—In an encounter between three white men and two negroes, one of the latter, Oscar White, was killed, and another, Frank Holland, seriously wounded. Hundreds of whites and negroes assembled, and for a time a race war was imminent. The air was filled with knives and pistols. A squad of police dispersed the mob.

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AFTER WORLD'S MARKETS

New World Energy Astonishing Europe.

A NATION OF SHOPKEEPERS

England Awakes to the Aggressive Commercial Prosperity of the United States—Decrease of British Exports.

London, Dec. 27.—It is no exaggeration to assert that the foremost topic compelling attention in Europe is general and in Great Britain in particular, the overshadowing dreary broil of domestic politics, the remarkable aggressive commercial prosperity which the United States is manifesting.

Hardly a newspaper review or a public speaker during the past month has failed to refer to the change in the attitude of the British government that Lord Salisbury will suggest through Sir Julian the advisability of the United States granting some concessions to his government in return for the relinquishment of the important rights possessed by Great Britain in the matter of a canal across the isthmus, which for nearly 50 years have been recognized by this government in the treaty negotiated by John M. Clayton, on the part of the United States, and Lord Henry Lytton, on the part of the British government.

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England Agrees to Abrogation of the Clayton-Bulwer Treaty.

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The change in the attitude of the British government from its old position of insisting upon having a voice in the construction of the proposed canal is the result of representations made to Lord Salisbury by Mr. Henry White, charge d'affaires of this government in London. It is the understanding of those who are aware of the change in the attitude of the British government that Lord Salisbury will suggest through Sir Julian the advisability of the United States granting some concessions to his government in return for the relinquishment of the important rights possessed by Great Britain in the matter of a canal across the isthmus, which for nearly 50 years have been recognized by this government in the treaty negotiated by John M. Clayton, on the part of the United States, and Lord Henry Lytton, on the part of the British government.

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