## EUGENE CITY.....OREGON EVENTS OF THE DAY

An Interesting Collection of Items From the Two Hemispheres Presented in a Condensed Form.

Three lives were lost and several injured by a fire and explosion at Fort

Ambassador Jules Cambon will sail

from Havre for New York on January 7, to resume his duties at Washington. Senator Hanna has introduced in the senate, and Representative Payne in the house, a bill to grant subsidies for

American shipping. When the president in his southern tour reached Macon, Ga., great enthusiasm was shown and the Confederate veterans tendered bim a reception.

The National Casket Company, of Pittsburg, Pa., has received from the United States government an order for 4,000 caskets, the largest single order of the kind ever given. The coffins will be used for the purpose of bringing to this country the bodies of all the soldiers killed in battle in Cuba, or who died from disease there.

Rat Portage, Ontario, is in wild excitement, over a marvelous strike, made in the Mikado gold mine. The core fills a stope 40 feet high and two and a third feet wide, and the richest ore is worth, on a conservative estimate from \$25,000 to \$35,000 a ton in free-milling gold. The ore is being put in barrels and sacks, and men are guarding it. The mine is owned in England. At a low estimate there is now \$250,000 in sight.

A special from Washington, D. C., says: There are seers who predict that Uncle Sam will become the banker for the world. Two Old World governments, Russia and Japan, have turned their faces to the United States in search of loans. Russia, at least, has had agents sound American financiers. This is the first time foreign nations have sought to float great national loans in America, and the wise men think it is the beginning of the new

At the Mozoro insane asylum, in Havana, a horrible state of affairs was discovered. One hundred and twenty inmates, emaciated and showing every sign of starvation, are confined there. Six months ago there were over 800 in this asylum, but death and starvation have reduced their numbers to about one-seventh of that figure. The Spanish government withdrew its grant, and although money was raised for the institution, corrupt officials embezzled most of it, leaving the patients desti-

At a meeting of the various religious denominations held in London, the czar's disarmament proposal was in-

Four persons were killed and others seriously injured in Paris by the collapse of a house in course of construction. It is feared that five bodies still remain buried in the debris.

The British steamer Pawnee has arrived in New York from Mediterranean ports, and brought 10 ship-wrecked people, eight men and two women, who were taken from the disabled schooner Deer Hill, of St. John's, N. B., in midocean.

The navy department has made publie a report from Admiral Schley covering that part of the operations and movements of the flying squadron from its sailing from Key West for Cienfuegos up to, but not including the

As a result of a coasting accident at Turtle creek, eight miles from Pittsburg, Joseph West, aged 30 years, is dead and eleven others are injured, two seriously. The sled collapsed at the bottom of a steep hill and hurled the party with great force in every direc-

Thomas Jones, living near Greer, W. Va., attempted to light a fire with erude oil. An explosion occurred. wrecking the room, and the dresses of his twin daughters, aged 4 years, ignited. He was too badly burned to assit them, and they were so badly burned that both of them died shortly

Exports to Cuba are already beginning to show the effect of returning peace and the reopening of our ports to commerce. The October figures of the treasury department bureau of statistics show a marked increase in the exports of the United States to Cuba in nearly all articles, comparing October, 1898, with October, 1897.

The international anti-anarchistic conference which has been in session here for several weeks, has proved ; success. Great secrecy is maintained regarding the proceedings and conclu sions, but the delegates seem satisfied that they have laid a splendid foundation for a uniform system of dealings with anarchists. The conference declined to recognize anarchist outrages as political crimes.

It is reported in court circles that Prince George 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 runway at San Leandro, Cal.

Gen. John J. Dupuy, 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 Wel-

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

ed secretary of the board. Commodore Philip, at present com manding the North Atlantic station in the absence of Admiral Sampson at Havana, has applied for assignment as commandant of the Boston navy-

#### LATER NEWS.

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

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

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, Roderick Chisholm, 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

A rear-end collision occurred on the Phennsylvania 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.

Two fast-moving electric cars collided on the Worcester & Suburban railroad, near Leicester, Mass., in a dense fog. John Kerigan, aged 45, of Cherry Valley, a weaver, and Walter H. Holbrook, of Leicester, aged 19, a newspaper man, were killed, and a dozen or more other passengers were more or less seri-

While examining state documents of recently, Abbe Cozzaluzzi, assistant though in the past some guano gatherlibrarian, found the original manuscript of a treatise by Galileo on the island. tides. The manuscript is all in Galileo's handwriting, and ends with the and the orders to her will go out by words written at Rome in the Medici Gardens on January 8, 1616.

The president has nominated Ethan 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 Prince of Wales is promoting a war against tuberculosis in England.

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 nia, in recognition of his services in year.

Corliss, of Michigan, has introduced struction and maintenance of telegraph cables in the Pacific ocean be-

The agricultural appropriation bill passed by congress contains a retailatory clause authorizing the secretary of | Co.'s weekly review says: agriculture to inspect imported articles

canization, which achieved wonderfully excess of exports this month 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 were re-used, the internal tevenue buthe Philippines. A filibustering expedition organized to go to the support requires all such stamps to be canceled of Aguinaldo has been suppressed at with the initials of the user, together Hong Kong by order of the British au- with the month, day and year written

The first order for an English railroad to be received at the Schenectady, N Y., locomotive works calls for ter mogul freight engines, which will be built for the Midland railroad. The machines will be of American pattern. with cylinders 18 inches in diameter, with 24-inch stroke, and fitted with all modern appliances. The shipment of 27 locomotives has just been completed for the Nippon railroad, of Japan, and the works are running night and day with a force of 2,000 men.

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

Forest Salee, a tellboy formerly employed at the Planters' hotel in St. Maryland Steel Company for 35,000 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 coun-

The committee having the matter in charge 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 whisky men and distillers in Kentucky, died suddenly at his home in Louisville of paralysis of that it was impossible to save them.

The Association of American Directory Publishers was formed in tories from 120 cities. The object is mutual protection.

## ANOTHER ISLE

Speck in Mid-Pacific Will Be Used for Cable Station.

OLD GLORY OVER WAKE ISLAND

Commander of the Bennington Will Receive Orders to Hoist the Flag There.

Washington, Dec. 26 .- This government has determined to hoist the flag over an island far out in the Pacific ocean, and orders were sent out late this afternoon to the commander of the Bennington, Captain Taussig, to proceed at once to take possession, in the name of the United States government, of Wake island, lying in latitutde 19 north, longitude 166 east. It is distant about 2,000 miles from Nihau, the westernmost of the Hawaiian islands, and 1,300 miles east of Guam. It is almost in a direct line between those possessions of the United States, and is admirably adapted for use as a station for a Pacific cable to connect the Philippines with Hawati and the United States. It is about three miles in length, and incloses a lagoon of salt The average height of the island is eight feet above high tide. It is scarcely capable, in itself, of sustaining life, but it is expected that a cable can be maintained without difficulty by the erection of a condenser to suply fresh water. Some station in that locality is deemed to be absolutely necessary to the maintenance of a cable, and for that reason the American peace commissioners at Paris endeavored to secure one of the Caroline islands, but without success.

Wake island is said to be by right already American territory, for in 1851 Admiral Wilkes surveyed the place and asserted title. -It is not inhabited, so the 16th century in the Vatican library far as known, at the present time, ers have temporarily lived on the

The Bennington is now at Honolulu. steamer. After hoisting the flag on Wake island, she will proceed to Guam and make a survey of the island, which was ordered some time ago. She has already completed a survey of Pearl harbor, seven miles from Honolulu, which will form the foundation of the government's plans for the enlargement of the harbor there and the straightening of the channel connecting the inner harbor with the ocean.

DISORDERLY INSURGENTS.

Filipines in Suburbs of Manila Cause

Manila, Dec. 26,-The United States ruiser Boston and the gunboat Petrel have arrived from Chinese ports. The steamer Uinon, which has returned here from Iloilo with native and Spanish soldiers, has been refused a landing. The steamer St. Paul has arrived here with Christmas mail.

The first American flag was raised over Malate school yesterday. It was rate. sent by the university of Pennsylvania. The honor of raising the flag was accorded to Father McKinnon, of Califorreopening the schools.

Native troops encamped in the urbs are again causing anxiety. The a bill in the house to facilitate the con- attitude of the insurgent detachment at Panduchan bridge on Wednesday was such that the California, Idaho and tween the United States and Hawaii, Washington regiments were concentratthe Philippine islands, Japan and other ed in light marching order at Paco, but trouble was averted.

Largest Volume of Business on Record. New York, Dec. 26,-R. G. Dun &

It is a year beyond parallel, and goes dangerous to health, and also author- to its close with the biggest volume of izing the secretary of the treasury to ex- business ever seen. Enormous transclude such articles. The restriction is actions at the stock exchange, makes designed to apply to a large number of some difference, but when all the transarticles imported from foreign coun- porting and speculative interests are eliminated, there is still much larger London advices just received bring business than in any other month of promise that the West Indian colonies any year. Last year the exports were will enter upon the new year with in volume greater than in any previous brighter industrial prospects, owing to month in the history of the country, the successful launching of the West but this year the three weeks reported Indian Co-Operative Union, organized show an increase of 25 per cent, against on the lines of the California Fruit | 9 per cent in imports, which would in-Union, and the Irish Agricultural or- dicate much more than \$70,000,000

Cancellation of Revenue Stamps. Washington, Dec. 26 .- In view of the fact that fraud has been discovered in connection with the cancellation of documentary and adhesive internal revenne stamps, by which old stamps reau today issued a regulation which or stamped thereon. Hitherto the

been required. Notorious Turk Killed.

month and day of cancellation has not

Constantinople, Dec. 26,-Ghani Bey, the sultan's side-de camp, was murdered yesterday by Hafuz Pacha in a quarrel. Ghani Bey became notorious owing to his lawless proceedings in Eniritus. He also inspired terror here by extorting money under threats of death. Officials of the foreign embassies have frequently demanded the punishment of Ghani Bey, but always unsuccessfully.

Will Buy American Rails. London, Dec. 26 .- The government of Victoria, according to a special dispatch from Melbourne, has accepted the tender of the Pennsylvania & tons of steet rails at \$75,000 below the English tender.

France to Tax Foreign Securities. Paris, Dec. 26.-The chamber of deputies today adopted a bill imposing a stamp duty of one cent on foreign securities.

Soldiers Frozen to Death. London, Dec. 26.-The Vienna correspondent of the Daily Telegraph says: Several hundred Montenegrian soldiers. who were recently overtaken by a snow storm in the Lara Pass, were frozen to death. The expedition sent to their rescue found the snow drifts so heavy

Washington, Dec. 26, - Ambassador Draper informs the department of state that the Italian chamber of deputies Cleveland by publishers of city direc ratified the postal treaty yesterday; that it is possible that the senate will ratify it today or tomorrow.

NEGOTIATIONS AS TO TERMS.

England Agrees to Abrogation of the

Clayton-Bulwer Treaty. New York, Dec. 26 .- A special to the Herald from Washington says: All danger of further friction between the United States and Great Britain over the construction of the Nicaragua canal will shortly be removed by the abrogation of the Clayton-Bulwer treaty. Sir Julian Pauncefote, the British ambassador, has received or will receive within the next few days positive instructions to enter upon negotiations with Secretary Hay for the abrogation of the convention referred to, and the preparation of a new treaty guaranteeng the neutrality of the canal.

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-Bulwer, on the part of the British government. Just what concessions will be asked are not known, nor will they be until fuller and final instructions have been received by Sir Julian and communicated to Secretary Hay.

#### HAVANA'S DEATH RATE.

Between Fifty-five and Seventy-five Die Daily From Starvation and Disease.

New York, Dec. 26 .- A dispatch to the World from Havana says: Havana's death rate is astounding. There are between 55 and 75 deaths here each day, the majority from malarial fever, typhoid claiming the next largest number of victims and pernicious fever about the same.

The civil register today shows a total of 49 deaths in this city in the last 24 hours, and two parishes where the death rate was usually high made no report. The mortality last week was at the rate of 106 in every 1 000 of the population. This week it will be higher. In New York the death rate is only 22 deaths per annum for every thousand population.

All the hospitals are overcrowded and no more patients can be received. The municipal hospital, organized as an emergency hospital to care for sick reconcentrados, is taking care of 305 patients with space for only 160. A surgeon in one hospital said today that he had to leave sufferers lying in the streets because there is no place to care for them.

Vile stenches from the indescribable dirtiness of some sections offer a herculean task to the engineer officer preparing to clean the city, making the American here despair of any immediate lowering of the frightful death

### A PERFECT SUCCESS.

More About the Balloon Trip Across the Channel.

New York, Dec. 24 .- A dispatch to Chronicle publishes an account from its correspondent sent from a balloon trip across the channel, showing that the Andree steering-gear was tested with perfect success. The sail used was 18 feet square instead of 12 feet, the one used in the land experiment.

The aeronauts took their course when the 200-foot trail rope was in water and found they had deflected three points, or about double that obtained on land in Essex several weeks ago This is not surprising, for the fractional resistance of the trail rope in water was immense. Another test gave the same results, but this time the balloon descended within two feet of the

To keep the balloon at an even altitude was a task of the greatest difficulty, and owing to cold air on the water the sun-heated gas cooled with lightning rapidity, demanding constant expetling of ballast to prevent falling into the sea.

The balloon again rose 2,300 feet. but dropped behind a thick cloud. The sudden eclipse caused a rapid descent, and in a few minutes the baltoon touched the ocean. A wave struck the car. It was an exciting moment for the aeronauts, their gum boots being filled with water. Percival Spencer, the famous aeronaut, in charge, promptly threw out ballast and saved himself from sinking.

The balloon then rose 700 feet after clearing the French cliffs, and landed safely amid Norman peasants four miles east of Havre, having in five hours covered 150 miles, of which 75 miles were

Wrecks in the North.

Victoria, B. C., Dec. 24. - The Resalie, which has arrived here from Skagway, reports the wreck of a sloop which left Wrangel two weeks ago for Skagway with a party of 12, bound for Atlin. The sloop was found bottom side up by Indians, and it is feared that all hands were lost.

News is also brought of the wreck of the schooner Ohio, of Victoria. No lives were lost.

#### Texans Go to Cuba.

Savannah, Ga., Dec. 26. - The headquarters and first battalion of the Texas regiment, together with Colonel Wheaton's headquarters, sailed for Cuba this afternoon, in the transport Michigan. The other two battalions of the First Teaxs and the Second Louisiana regiment will leave tomorrow on the Mobile,

Utilize Power of Niagara.

Pitteburg, Dec. 26 .- The Miller Electile Construction Company, of Pittsburg, has invented a new plan to utilise the power of Niagara falls, and it is expected work will begin the first of he year, necessitating the expenditure of about \$500,000. It is proposed to rect a large building close to the falls, being kept in place by anchors and heavy fron cables. With a series of contrivances, it is expected to utilize all the force of falling water. Electrical fluid is to be transported by conduits and heavy wire to distant points.

# FOR THE MUSTER OUT

Plans Will Be Completed by First of the Year.

MANILA TROOPS WILL BE FIRST

Following Their Discharge, the Volunteers in the West Indies Will Be Sent Home.

Washington, Dec. 24.-The war partment has not yet made definite plans for the muster-out of 50,000 volunteers, which was decided on at the cabinet meeting yesterday, but it is understood that work will be pretty well mapped out by the first of the year. The completion of the muster-out will depend on whether the department adopts the plan of three months' furlough or immediate discharge, with two months' extra pay, as suggested by Congressman Hull. It has been practically decided to muster out all the volunteers in the Philippines as fast as they can be replaced with regulars, so as not to hamper the military administration of the island. Following the discharges of the regiments of the Philippine stations, it is understood the volunteer troops in the West Indies will be mustered out. Twentieth Goes on the Scandla

San Francisco, Dec. 24.-Major-General Merriam has ordered that the work of preparing the transport Scandia for another voyage to Manila be rushed to completion. By the first of next week he expects to telegraph the war department that he will be ready within 10 days to have the Twentieth United States infantry come here from Fort Leavenworth, Kan., to board the Scandia for the Philippines.

It is the belief at army headquarters here that the First California volunteers will be brought home on the return trip of the Scandia.

Two Regiments Go Via Suez. Chicago, Dec. 24.-Telegraphic instructions were received today from the secretary of war, ordering the Fourth infantry at Fort Sheridan, and the Seventeenth, at Columbus, to sail for the Philippines on or before January 15. The regiments will go via New York and the Suez canal.

MECCA FOR ALL RAILROADS. Pacific Coast Becoming a Universal Ob-

Jective Point. Chicago, Dec. 24 .- The Chronicle There are strong indications that the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy and the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific roads are figuring on extending their lines to the Pacific coast. The absorption of the Hawaiian and Philippine islands by this country, it is expected by the owners of these roads, will open up an immense transcontinental rail business, both east and west-bound. The recent deal by which the Santa Fe will have its own line into San Francisco in the spring has awakened the officers of the competing semi-transcontinental roads. An officer of one of the Western roads who has just come from the coast, and who takes a keen interest in railroad affairs out there,

"I would not be surprised to wake up some morning and find the transcontinental situation further complicated by the announcement that the just as the United States turned her Burlington was to be extended to the Pacific ocean. The Burlington is a good deal nearer the coast than most No human power can stay the onward people imagine, and I understand that march of the Slav through Russia, this road has been surveying through Idaho all summer-one line through Nez Perces pass and another through Lolo pass. I understand also that two or three independent lines that are now being built in Western Idaho and Northeastern Oregon are intended eventually to form part of the proposed Western extension of the Burlington.

"Another point of interest in his connection is the fact that the Burlington is a large holder of valuable terminal and dock property at Gray's harbor, which would be of great value to the company were it to enter the Oriental trade. Such an extension would form a short route from Tacoma to New Orleans.

Denver, Colo., is now the Western terminus of the Rock Island, and Billings, Mont., is the end of the Burlington's tracks. It has been reported that the former company would soon purchase the Colorado Midland, which would place its terminus 400 miles further west. Billings, Mont., the end of the Burlington, is 1,020 miles from Tacoma, or a little further than Ogden is from San Francisco, While President Purdy, of the Rock Island, denies the report that his company is figuring on absorbing the Midland, nothing definite can be learned regarding the Burlington's intentions.

Trainrobbers Failed. Grenada, Miss., Dec. 22.-An Illinois Central express train, southbound. was held up one-half mile south of Pope's station, by two men, at 10:30 tonight. They suddenly appeared on the engine and compelled the engineer to stop, after which they attempted to break in the express car door. fired several shots, but failed to gain admission. The robbers then fled,

No one was hurt. Two New Discoveries Reported. Victoria, B. C., Dec. 24. - Fred Smith, of Victoria, just out from Atlin, brings news of the discovery of two more rich gold-bearing creeks. new finds have been christened Moose and Goose creeks. He had both hands frozen and nearly lost his life on the

A. J. Demules, better known as the Turquoise King of Jarillas," ws murdered at his celebrated turquoise mine, 50 miles north of El Paso, New Mexico.

The Melrose department building, the largest structure of its kind on the south side of Chicago, was almost completely destroyed by fire, entailing a loss that will exceed \$100,000. Scores of occupants of the building were saved from injury by the heroism of Paul L. Fischer, the elevator boy, employed in the structure. Through choking clouds of smoke and almost unenduring heat, the boy made 10 trips with his car and carried those on the upper floors to places of safety. Then, exhausted from his efforts, he staggered out of the OPEN DOOR TO ASIA.

John W. Bookwalter Says It Is Through

London, Dec. 24,-John W. Bookwalter, of Ohio, who has just returned from a three months' journey through Russia, told the correspondent of the Associated Press, in an interview to day, that he enjoyed unusual facilities for observing what is going on in that country. He traveled 17,000 miles to the terminus of the trans-Siberian railway, to the end of the line, reaching the frontier of Afghanistan, and to the end of the one penetrating China through Manchuria. All these are now practically completed.

Mr. Bookwalter was allowed to go everywhere, to see everything and to take hundreds of photographs, thanks to special permits issued to him by the minister of the interior on the application of the United States ambassador at St. Petersburg. During his journey he conversed with the governors of provinces and with military and civil officials of all ranks.

"Everywhere I found," Mr. Bookwalter said, "the kindest and most friendly feeling toward America and Americans, and heard many expressions of satisfaction over America's success in our war with Spain. To this there was not a single exception.

'America's best open door to Central Asia and China is through Russia. Already all the locomotives and rolling stock on the railways are of American manufacture. Central Asia will, in ti e near future, be the greatest market in the world for manufactures of all kinds, and our obtaining the virtual monopoly of this market only depends on our retaining the friendship Russia now has for us.

"America has very little to gain by an open door in China. That country is an industrial one, and whatever we may now be able to sell to them, the Chinese will soon be able to make for themselves. One day, and that day is near at hand, whatever China buys from the rest of the world will reach her through Russia and Central Asia. Russia in the last three years has done more to open the doors of China than England and all the rest of the world has done in 50 years.

"I traveled over 1,200 miles of railway which she has built from the Caspian sea to Tashkend, in Turkestan. over a branch of this line which runs to the northern frontier of India, over another branch which goes from Merv to the border of Afghanistan. Then there are also Russian lines all along the Persian frontier, and projecting into that country, either completed or rapidly approaching completion. the work on these lines has been done by soldiers, who, in this way, are not

in Russia, as elsewhere, non-producers. "All this tremendous Asiatic railway system is owned and operated by the government. All the lines are admirably built, and splendidly equipped. Why, I saw a bridge across the Amudaria, in Central Asia, at a point where the river is three miles wide, that cost 20,000,000 roubles, and is the greatest piece of engineering work ever accomplished. There is nothing like it anywhere else in the world.

"Wherever I went I saw cities and towns springing up, such as Askobad. in Turkomania, for example, which already has 25,000 inhabitants. New Bokhare, 12 miles from Old Bokhara, has 12,000 inhabitants. Where do the of this government would be to give people come from to inhabit these towns? Why, from European Russia. government of their own. Mr. Bee The government is turning her surplus European population into Central Asia surplus population of her Atlantic states into her great Western territories. which will be the feature of the 20th century, just as the march of the Auglo-Saxon through America has been

the feature of the 19th. "The United States will be committing a woeful mistake if she fails to retain the friendship of this great worldpower of the tuture."

#### MASSACHUSETTS MISHAP.

Not Enough Water for a Battle-Ship of Her Size. Washington, Dec. 24,-The paval

authorities have learned, to their dismay, that it is not possible for one of our big battle-ships, like the Oregon or Massachusetts, to get out of New York harbor during extra low water, such as prevailed when the latter battle-ship struck on Diamond reef a short time ago. To aid the court of inquiry now in session at New York, trying to ascertain the responsibility for the grounding, the navy department called upon the coast survey for special measurements of the water in the harbor near Diamond reef, and upon the rock itself.

The report of the superintendent of the survey has just been received. It shows, in the opinion of naval officers, that it is not possible for a ship of the size of the Massachusetts and with her maneuvering qualities to get out of the harbor without touching the bottom when the tide is ebb and the wind strong.

Horses and Mules for Manila. San Francisco, Dec. 24.-The bark Tacoma, with 111 horses and mules, besides a lot of material, sailed for Honolulu and the Philippines today. She will stop at Honolulu and take on the animals she left there on her last trip, and leave some of her present cargo there instead.

Predicts Peace in Cuba. London, Dec. 24.—The Havana correspondent of the Times, in the course of a letter published this morning, says: President McKinley will have an unfettered hand here. A majority of the Cubans are prepared to accept unreservedly any regime treating them justly, and insuring the tranquigity of

the island. A blind bat avoids wires and obstructions as easily as if it could see perfeetly.

#### Mexican State Pays a Claim.

Washington, Dec. 24. - The state department has just received, through United States Ambassador Clayton, from the Mexican government a draft for \$5,000 to be paid to the heirs of Henry Hoppe, a native of New Orleans. Hoppe, while traveling in the mountains of Oaxaca, was brutally murdered by one of the Mexican rurals or native constables, who are retained for the express purpose of protecting travelers. At the same time an building and was taken care of by those Englishman named McSweeney was killed in precisely the same fashion.

# WILL BE RATIFIE

No Doubt of the Decision o Peace Treaty.

ACCORDING TO CLARK RORE

The Real Contest on the Question Expansion Will Come Later-4 Proposed Resolution.

New York, Dec. 23.-Clark Ho. New York, Dec. 23.—Clark Heat member of the Democratic axis committee from Georgia, and eith the Atlanta Constitution, after one ing with the leaders of both pos-parties at Washington, telegraps follows to his paper tonight: follows to his paper tonight:

"With the adjournment of seasof for the holidays the final decisal the peace treaty is as clear as it all after a vote has been taken in the ate. Two weeks ago the matter a doubt-today it is as certain that treaty will be ratified as it will be it has been after the vote has taken.

or several days, and has conferred quently with the Democratic in in both the senate and the boxe. has advised ratification of the tease and he is outspoken in the opinion a aside from the question of saland aside from the question of asterior ligation, it is a matter of party set for the Democrats to throw necession in the way of ratification. These leading Democrats of both the way and the house who less than a write were in doubt as to whether a matter of the party Democrats should assist in railfying treaty; more than that, some of the were outspoken in the opinion the was perhaps better to reject it. To many of these Democratic leader in the open position that the be should be ratified, and that it willy no one who has studied the simifrom the inside can have any reserve ble doubt.

"It must not be understood that a atification of the treaty will carry u it the assumption that all these to vote affirmatively are in favord a tional expansion across the Pacific | the senators who will vote in farer the treaty there will be Republicate well as Democrats who are opposit principle, as well as in theory, was trans-oceanic expansion of our min domain. They take, however, anime properly, the view that the question expansion per se is not involved in consideration of the peace treat, at that after the treaty has been miswith Spain and has been eliminade factor in the Philippine problem; will be time enough to consider policy to be pursued in dealing an the Philippines, and just here all come the real contest on the quein

of expansion." Mr. Howell then says that she's treaty has been finally disposed di resolution will be introduced, man-declaration of the proposed policy this government in dealing with the Philippines, and that this resolut will be framed very much on the be of the Cuban resolution adopted sois dent with the declaration of we. which it was declared that the pol people of Cuba a free and indepe further says:

"The vote on this proposed real tion will not be confined by any men to party lines, and the outcome win doubt. A large majority of the leocrats will vote in favor of it, set i large majority of the Republicant vote against it, but the size of eine minority is sufficiently involved a doubt as to render exceedingly que tionable the final action that will a

taken on the resolution." INSTRUCTIONS TO OTIS

The President's Proclamation is is Filipinos. Washington, Dec. 23.-The called today discussed the instructions to b sent to General Otis, at Manila, still will be promulgated there as a pace mation by the president. The issue tions are similar in import to these to our officers at Santiago upon them cupation of that city by the United States troops. They assure the Fo pinos that the United States assent military control of the Philippineshi spirit of peace and friendship, and the hitherto have enjoyed will be combued, and that it is the purpose of the government to relieve, in all possible ways, the unjust burdens they last borne, and ask for the co-operation if all good citizens in maintaining order to the end that peace and prespend may be restored. So far as is practice ble, all efficient civil officers will ber

tained in the official positions they are occupy, and fair and impartial justin will be administered to all, It has been decided not to give on the text of the instructions to Geres Otis until about the time of their rival in Manila, which will be a month

The cabinet also decided that east ing conditions justified a reductice d the military forces of the United Suss and the secretary of war instructed a arrange for the immediate muster of of 50,000 volunteers.

Miners Burned to Death. Deadwood, S. D., Dec. 23.-Mil Hennessy, a mine-owner who lives will his family at Lead, and John O'Co nell, employed by Hennessy, set nell, employed by Hennessy, at burned to death in their cabin, at Crown Hill, early this morning.

cause of the fire is unknown. Dallas, Tex., Dec. 23.-A telephone message received from Fort Worth tells of the collapse of one of the fire department stations there. Several men and horses were killed and injured.

Laws for Alaska. Washington, Dec. 23.—The atternet general has transmitted to congress the report of the commission appointed to prepare a code of civil laws for the territory of Alaska. The work has been completed, and it is urged that the code prepared by the commission should be adopted as soon as possible The commission took the laws of Ore gon, which were extended over Alasks in 1884, as a basis for the new code, Some provisions in relation to railroad and other corporations are emitted, as it is thought congress should be left to

legislate on this subject.