

# Lincoln County Leader

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TOLEDO OREGON

## CURRENT EVENTS OF THE DAY

Comprehensive Review of the Important Happenings of the Past Week Called From the Telegraphic Columns.

A terrible railroad accident has occurred in Warsaw. While a passenger train was stationary at the terminus, a heavy freight train ran into it, owing to the error of a pointsman. Eleven persons were killed and 22 others were seriously injured.

The receipts of the customs so far this fiscal year undoubtedly will fall considerably short of estimates made by the managers of the new tariff bill during its pendency in congress. At that time it was estimated that the customs would yield about \$180,000,000 during the first year. The indications are now said to be that the receipts from this source will not aggregate more than \$165,000,000.

A plate of armor, representing a lot of 500 tons for the turrets of the battleships Kearsarge and Kentucky, was tested at the Indian Head proving grounds Tuesday. For testing purposes, two eight-inch shells, one a Carpenter projectile and the other a Wheeler sterling, were fired at the plate, one at a high and the other at a low velocity. Neither penetrated nor cracked the plate, but both partially welded themselves into it.

Word comes of a wreck on the Santa Fee near Williams, Ariz., in which three men lost their lives and much valuable property was destroyed. After the first section of freight train No. 33 had pulled out of Williams the air that controls the brakes gave out and the train dashed down the steep grade with rapidly increasing velocity. The hand brakes were unavailing to check the speed, and when a point about 10 miles west was reached the train left the track. Two engines were coupled to the train, which was a very heavy one. Engineers Newton and Watsons and Fireman Berry were pinned under their respective engines and lost their lives, it is said, by being burned to death.

The celebration in honor of Oregon's martyred missionary, D. Marcus Whitman, was begun in Walla Walla, Wash., Monday. Large crowds were in attendance. The opening address was made by Rev. L. H. Hallock. A monument is to be erected over the grave of Dr. Whitman.

Senator Lodge, of the committee on foreign relations, was at the state department early in the week. He would say nothing about the Cuban situation except that the committee had accomplished a great deal. The first business would be to confirm the annexation of Hawaii, which would be done by ratifying the treaty, or by legislation.

Asphyxiation caused the death of three men in the Grand Trunk railway tunnel at Port Huron, Mich. The train which was being hauled through to the Canadian side, broke in two. The engine backed down to get the detached portion of the train, but for hours nothing was heard of the crew. Finally a searching party found the dead bodies, and also rescued two brakemen, in an unconscious condition. Three members of the searching party were also overcome, but were rescued by another party. The tunnel gas arises from the hard coal used by the locomotives.

Colonel Dumville, M. P., who went north in the interest of the Klondike-Yukon Stewart Company, of London, says his company will build a wagon road through White Pass, placing steel bridges over the canyons. Work is to commence immediately, and the road is to be ready by February. They will build steamers to run from Lake Bennett to White Horse rapids, around which they will have a tramway. From the end of this tramway they will have steamers to run direct to Dawson. These steamers, he says, will be ready when the river opens. The wagon road through White Pass is to be followed immediately by a railway.

One of the bills that will be pushed in the coming session of congress is that introduced by Representative Shafroth, of Colorado, which provides for changing the time when congress shall meet. It is a very sensible bill, and ought to be passed. The first session of congress after an election would be in the January following the election in November. This session could last as long as would be necessary. The congress elected in November could legislate before another election was on hand. The second session could meet in December previous to the coming congressional election, and the congress would expire before the election took place. As the matter now stands the first session of congress is given over to politics by representatives who wish to be re-elected. The short session is often a discredited and defeated congress and oftentimes enacts very bad legislation because it will not be called to account before the people. Possibly Mr. Shafroth's bill will get a hearing, though such reforms as this move very slowly.

### DECISION BY GAGE.

Dutch Sugars Subject to a Discriminating Duty.

Washington, Dec. 6.—The secretary of the treasury today decided that the Netherlands government pays bounty on raw and refined sugars exported from that country, and hence, under the new tariff act, all sugars from the Netherlands entering the United States are subject to a discriminating duty equal to the export bounty paid. The exact rate of this countervailing duty has not yet been definitely ascertained, but it is said that it will approximate 48 cents per 100 pounds on raw sugar and a slight advance on those figures on refined.

It is known that the secretary has also come to the conclusion that the Belgian government pays an export bounty on sugar, and a decree to this effect may be expected in a short time.

The additional duties will apply from September 22 last. The amount of raw sugar imported from the Netherlands during the last year was over 88,000,000 pounds, of which about 25,000,000 was not above No. 16 Dutch standard. The sugar imports from Belgium during the last year aggregated over 123,000,000 pounds, of which nearly 121,000,000 was below No. 16.

### THE CASE CLOSED.

Consular Agent Clark, at Piura, Peru, Forced to Resign.

Washington, Dec. 6.—Secretary Sherman has closed the case of Emil Clark, consular agent at Piura, Peru, which attracted much attention some months ago, by calling for the resignation of Clark. April 22 last, Clark was ousted from the quarters used below as the United States consular office, and above as a residence. It was stated that the consulate had been sacked, the house plundered, and indignity put upon this government through its representative. The state department promptly called on Mr. Clark for particulars, which he said he would furnish.

The Peruvian minister, Senor Eguerra, put a different phase on the matter, by submitting a statement that Clark was in arrears to a considerable amount on rent for the building; that only the lower portion was used for consular purposes, although he had placed the United States coat-of-arms on all the doors of the house, thus using the American emblem for ignoble purposes. The courts had given a regular decree against Clark, it was stated, directing him to vacate the premises for non-payment of rent, and in pursuance of this decree he was ejected.

Secretary Sherman waited until recently for Mr. Clark's statement, and as this was not furnished, after five months, the secretary directed our minister at Lima, Mr. Dudley, to call on Clark for his resignation, unless the proofs of the alleged sacking were in hand. Mr. Dudley has evidently not received the proofs, for he has notified the state department that he has called on Clark for his resignation.

### GHOST MADE HIM CONFESS.

William Kern Implicates His Sweetheart in the Killing of His Sister.

Waterloo, Ia., Dec. 6.—William Kern, under arrest for the murder of his father, Jerome Kern, has made a confession in which he implicates his sweetheart, Delilah Falzo. Kern's father opposed his marriage to the woman, and Kern states that she plotted killing both his parents, and prevailed upon him to attempt the carrying out of her plot, that they might acquire possession of the family farm and live there together.

Jerome was lured by the son into the woods, and there the girl shot him. The dead man's clothing was then saturated with oil and set on fire.

Kern was scared into his confession by detectives, who haunted him in the guise of a ghost of his father. He also confessed that the murder of his mother was to have been accomplished at a later date.

### Charcoal-Burner's Crime.

Milford, Del., Dec. 6.—Salvage Biderback, a charcoal-burner, attempted to kill his family last night. He said to his wife:

"I have just learned how to use the kind of a sword the Cubans use. Now, I want all of you to stand up."

The mother and four children arose and Biderback tied their hands with a rope, which he fastened to the rafters. Obtaining a corn-knife from an adjoining room, he commenced cutting his family, inflicting some dreadful wounds. Before he could complete his work, his son came in. Biderback seized a musket and disappeared. The villagers threaten to lynch him. The condition of Mrs. Biderback and the children is serious.

### An Eccentric Clergyman.

Toronto, Dec. 6.—Rev. William Bates, rector of the Anglican church at Thornhill, was arraigned in the police court on a charge of having "shoplifted" two dozen lead pencils, four books, a hairbrush and a quantity of stationery from stores. The clergyman wore a long cloak and the police allege that he was caught secreting articles which he had not bought under this garment. Mr. Bates is a graduate from Cambridge and one of the most scholarly men in the church.

# PANDO DEAD AT HIS POST

## Spanish General Said to Have Perished in Battle.

### THE REPORT IS UNVERIFIED

Therefore the Spaniards Deny It—Santa Clara the Scene of Pando's Last Fight—Spanish Defeat in Matanzas.

New York, Dec. 6.—A Herald dispatch from Havana says: A report that General Pando, who was placed in charge of military operations in Cuba by General Blanco, has been killed in an engagement with insurgents in Santa Clara province, has just reached Havana. This has caused the utmost excitement in palace and social circles, and every effort is being made to get news from General Pando's force to verify the startling news.

No details of the killing of the commander have been received, but the statement is that he was shot in a battle with insurgents while on the march from Sagua la Grande to the southern coast of Santa Clara, where he was to take a ship for Manzanillo.

Officers at the palace declare that the story must be thoroughly confirmed before they will believe it.

General Pando's plan was to march right through the heart of the territory where General Gomez' forces are said to have control. Simultaneously with the report of Pando's death comes news of a battle near Matanzas in which the Spanish forces were driven from the field. This engagement was bitterly fought, and it is asserted that the losses of the Spaniards was very heavy.

The same report says the Cubans will not allow any cane grinding, and also that the Spanish towns do not favor grinding, because they hold the zones of cultivation and grow tobacco with cheap labor, which they would lose if the reconcentrados return to work on the estates.

A letter received by a local paper from a correspondent in the East gives news of big fighting last week near Bayamo between the rebel Chief Rabi and General Linares. General Rabi had only 500 men when General Linares had two columns. No details of the fight are at hand, but the Spanish loss is said to have been heavy, one column being nearly destroyed.

A force of 1,000 Spaniards, with artillery, have forced the rebels into the hills of Pinar del Rio. They must remain there or come out and fight, a thing the Spanish commanders think they are not likely to do. Small bands are still moving about with great caution.

Reports of the condition and movements of rebels in the east are most conflicting. It is said that Gomez is coming west with 40,000 men, but it is also said that Gomez is still at the camp where he has been for the last 10 months, and is being attended by Dr. Candea, staff surgeon.

### Smallpox in San Domingo.

Havana, Dec. 6.—The deplorable condition of the country grows more and more apparent. Refugees and reconcentrados are growing more and more miserable. According to reports from San Domingo smallpox is making terrible ravages among the reconcentrados. Since April last more than 4,000 have died in the city alone, to say nothing of the suburban towns, which are likewise affected.

The local authorities take no steps whatever to check the mortality. The streets of the city are thronged with famine stricken wretches, who succumb to disease under perhaps some lonely porch, and sometimes fall dead in the gutter, where they remain.

### DUE TO THE KLONDIKE RUSH.

Big War in Passenger Rates to Arrive Soon.

Milwaukee, Dec. 2.—The war in passenger rates between Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul is likely to continue, and railroad men look for the liveliest kind of cutting in rates further west, owing to the big rush to the Klondike. A well-known railroad man said today that since the rate dropped to \$7, reductions in fares will likely result as far west as Portland. The nominal rate is \$49.70 second-class on the St. Paul road, and \$59.70 first-class. With \$7 from Chicago to St. Paul as a basis, the fare will probably be changed to \$47 second-class and \$57 first-class. He added that this was merely a preliminary for the establishment of an entirely new schedule of rates to the West January 1, which will be much lower. All the roads are preparing to make special rates to the points nearest the Klondike region, and each road is after all there is in it.

### Outlaws Were Frustrated.

St. Louis, Mo., Dec. 6.—A special to the Post-Dispatch from San Antonio, Tex., says: "Advices were received here this morning of an attempt to hold up and rob a passenger train on the Mexican National railroad near Monterey, Mexico, by nine masked and well-armed Mexicans. The passengers made resistance, and the outlaws were unsuccessful. They are being pursued by soldiers, and if captured will be shot."

### TO BE A SEAT OF WAR.

The Struggle for Supremacy in Asia Is Waxing Warm.

San Francisco, Dec. 6.—The Call says: The report that the Russian government is buying large quantities of army supplies in the United States has been verified. Cable messages from Vladivostok asking merchants to bid on large lots are frequently received. Yesterday Dodge, Sweeney & Co., of this city, received a Vladivostok cable to figure on 1,200 tons of supplies.

Travelers arriving from Asia report that the garrison at Vladivostok has been largely reinforced by the arrival of troops on steamers and sailing vessels from the Black sea.

The concentration of Russian troops at that point and the haste that Japan is making to increase her power on the sea leads some of our merchants to predict that the impending conflict between Russia and Japan may open early as next summer. The recent heavy orders for army supplies to be forwarded to Vladivostok are regarded as significant of important movements in the Orient.

It is believed the completion of the trans-Siberian railroad with its terminus at Vladivostok will largely increase the trade of San Francisco, and there is talk of establishing a line of steamers to that place, touching at the Alaskan ports. A local subsidy of \$35,000 a month has already been subscribed for an Alaskan line.

### WORK ON PANAMA CANAL.

The Ditch Is Said to Be One-Third Finished.

Washington, Dec. 6.—Consul-General Gidger, at Panama, has made a report to the state department on the condition of the Panama canal. He says it is whispered that England is doing all in her power to obtain control of the canal. France may not push the work forward, but some other nation or some other company will surely do so if those in charge forfeit their rights.

The canal, when completed, will extend from Colon, on the Atlantic, to Panama, on the Pacific, 54 miles. All along the route are sheds full of new and costly machinery. It is estimated the latter has cost \$100,000,000, and there has been expended on the canal total of \$275,000,000. A conservative estimate is that the canal is about one-third finished, but with the new machinery on hand, it is said the remainder of the work can be completed for \$170,000,000.

### Wreck in Minnesota.

Fergus Falls, Minn., Dec. 6.—A coast train on the Great Northern, west bound, was wrecked near Barnesville last night. A switch engine at Barnesville was pushing a couple of carloads of coal up a chute. In some way the engine refused to stop and the cars began to go over the trestle, dropping 25 feet. The engine was reversed and the engineer and fireman jumped, and just as the engine reached the dropping-off place the coupling broke and it backed down onto the track. It then went west at a furious speed for two miles, where it struck the coast train, whose engine Fred Griswold, and Fireman Carter jumped, and were badly injured. The engines came together with terrific force, demolishing both and throwing five cars off the track. The damage will reach \$15,000.

### Luetgert Juror Under Suspicion.

Chicago, Dec. 6.—One of the four men selected as jurors in the Luetgert trial is under suspicion. Reports have come to Mr. Deneen which imply that the man is interested in the defense, as he has for 20 years been a friend of the sausage-maker, and has declared his belief that Luetgert is innocent. Tonight Mr. Deneen had two of Inspector Schaack's trusted men assigned to him and placed the investigation in their hands. A report is expected tomorrow, and it may result in the discharge of the juror and proceedings against him. No additional jurors were secured today.

### The Alaska Boundary.

Ottawa, Dec. 6.—Hon. Clifton Sifton, minister of the interior, has returned from an extended trip to the Klondike. Speaking of the Alaska boundary question, he said: "There are certain phases which have to be looked carefully over, and Mr. King, our chief astronomer, went out with me for that purpose. As to whether there will be a commission to settle the question appointed by the United States and ourselves, I do not know. The subject is a very grave one." Sifton will cause the mounted police force in the district to be increased.

### China Declines to Yield.

London, Dec. 6.—A special dispatch from Shanghai announces that the emperor of China has declared he would rather forfeit his crown than agree to the conditions demanded by Germany as redress for the murder of the German missionaries, Nees and Henleiner Hubbard, and the destruction of German property in the province of Shan Tung. Admiral Deidrach, the German commander of Kiao Chou Bay, the further states, has proclaimed martial law in the district around Kiao Chou. The dispatch concludes, asking that her dispute with Germany be submitted to arbitrators appointed by Holland and Belgium.

# GERMAN SCHOOLS ATTACKED

## Great Excitement Prevails in Prague.

### CITY UNDER MARTIAL LAW

Four Volleys Were Fired and Twenty Five Persons Killed—Ten Thousand Soldiers Now at the Scene.

Prague, Bohemia, Dec. 6.—A proclamation establishing martial law was made in all parts of the city and suburbs today. Detachments of soldiers headed by an officer and a police commissioner, marched from point to point. After tattoo on the drums between Russia and Japan may open early as next summer. The recent heavy orders for army supplies to be forwarded to Vladivostok are regarded as significant of important movements in the Orient. Incendiary fires were started in many directions, and the fire brigade kept galloping from one end of the city to the other for hours. When the firemen arrived at the scene of a fire, the mob would drive them back. In some cases the rioters wrecked railroad engines. During the day special trains were employed carrying reinforcements to the scene. There are now 10,000 soldiers here, fully equipped for a long campaign. Official returns for the 24 hours preceding show that four persons were killed and 150 dangerously wounded. Three hundred and fifty received lesser injuries. Twenty shops were burned out. The authorities are not confident of the continuance of order, the spite of the mob having been whetted by successful plundering which has been directed in a systematic way by the leaders of secret societies. Some Jews saved their premises by placing crucifixes between lighted candles in their shop windows.

### An Exciting Day.

Prague, Bohemia, Dec. 6.—This afternoon a mob attacked the German schools. The infantry fired four volleys. One report says 25 persons were killed and scores were wounded. The city is in a panic and many are fleeing. Nearly 3,000 reinforcements left Vienna for this city tonight.

### CHARLES YERKES' SCHEME.

Chicago, Dec. 6.—Twenty miles of the lake front and the transformation of the Chicago river into a boulevard by covering it with a culvert from end to end is what Charles T. Yerkes proposes for Chicago. The street-car magnate appeared before the city council today and vigorously opposed the proposed deepening of the river and the lowering of the tunnels. He urged that the city should grant the land front it owns between Randolph street and Park row to a corporation with \$50,000,000 cash to build 20 docks, each a mile long, which at the end of 50 years will revert to the city at the bare cost of construction. "Build them of stone," said he, "and Chicago will have the finest docks in the world, not excepting those at Liverpool."

Mr. Yerkes frankly declared it to be his opinion that money spent to beautify the lake front is merely thrown away. If his lake front harbor plan was carried out, he suggested that the river be covered with culverts and made into a boulevard, extending from the mouth to the ends of the North and South branches, making, the speaker said, the most magnificent boulevard in the world.

### BURNED TO DEATH

The Sad Fate of a Child Near North Yakima.

North Yakima, Wash., Dec. 6.—The body of a little boy, five years old, who was totally destroyed by fire last night, was found in the ruins of a house. The child's nurse had a very narrow escape. The fire originated in an air-tight stove in the nursery. Mr. Lesh's wife died 15 months ago in giving birth to twin girls, one of whom died three months ago, the other being the victim of last night's fire. The remains of the little one were recovered today, and the funeral will be held Saturday. Senator Lesh started home today from Washington, where he has been for several weeks in consultation with German missionaries, Nees and Henleiner Hubbard, president of the Moxee Company, for which Lesh is local manager.

The dwelling burned was the property of the Moxee Company, and cost \$11,000. The contents were insured for \$1,500 in two companies, but one policy expired a few days ago. Horseless carriages have been introduced in the fire department of Paris.