

# Lincoln County Leader

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## THE NEWS OF THE WEEK

Comprehensive Review of the Important Happenings of the Past Week Culled From the Telegraph Columns.

Colonel William J. Bryan has declared himself as opposed to expansion.

Spaniards opened fire on a Cuban funeral procession in Havana, and wounded several. One will probably die.

By the explosion of a shell at Fort Constantine, at Cronstadt, Russia, nine soldiers were killed and three officers and seven soldiers wounded.

By an explosion in the grist mill at Pettysville, Nate Thomas and Clarence Emmons were killed outright and Will Markley was fatally injured.

Chicago packers will spend a large amount of money in erecting immense cold-storage plants in Santiago and Havana for the reception and storing of fresh meat.

Simon, the new senator from Oregon, has been placed upon the following committees: Mines and mining, irrigation, revolutionary claims, Potomac river front and trespasses upon Indian lands.

Five deaths occurred in Butte, Mont., which are claimed to have been caused by the dreadful sulphur and arsenic fumes from the smelters. Many people who can do so are leaving the city to get out of the smoke.

It is probable that Secretary Bliss will, within a short time, tender his resignation to the president. He has had the step under consideration for some time, deeming it necessary that he should be free to devote more time to his large business interests.

The Brooklyn, Texas, Castine and Resolute have been ordered to Havana. While there is not the faintest desire to convey a threat in the dispatch of these warships to Havana, it may be noted that when they lie within the harbor they will hold the town in perfect subjection.

The Clearwater Short Line Railway Company, which is the official title of the branch Northern Pacific cut-off, has filed certificates in the office of the secretary of state at Olympia, designating Thomas Cooper as its agent in Washington, and showing the route of the proposed road, now under construction.

Word has been received from United States Consul Allen that John C. Flanagan, the confidential clerk of George W. Lake, a rich merchant of Chemulpo, who was murdered August 29, has been sentenced by a consular court to imprisonment for life. Flanagan had been robbing his employer systematically and committed the crime to cover up his misdeeds.

Two men were killed by the explosion of natural gas at Cannonsville, Ind.

Henry J. Neilligan, cook, George W. Beverly, both of company G, First Florida, stationed at Huntsville, Ala., were killed in a camp quarrel.

Senator Davis, of the Paris peace commission, in an interview with a London Daily Mail correspondent, declared in favor of a triple alliance between the United States, England and Japan, for the protection of all their interests north of the equator.

Charles Tracy, aged 16, shot and instantly killed Tim Connors, custodian of Greenlawn cemetery, Indianapolis, Ind. Tracy with a number of other boys was near the cemetery throwing snowballs at pedestrians. Refusing to desist he was killed by Connors.

The thirteenth annual convention of the American Federation of Labor met at Kansas City, Mo. About 150 delegates from all parts of the country were present; also William Thorne and William Inskip, of London, representing the British trades-union congress.

The British Columbian government has made a crown reserve of all townships and land outside of the mining fields in the Lake Atlin district. This was recently announced privately by Mr. C. Settlin, premier of British Columbia, to Gold Commissioner W. J. Rant, who has just arrived in Seattle from Atlin.

Roseland's famous Le Roi mine is at last before London investors. The London Globe Corporation and the British America Corporation have invited subscriptions to 200,000 shares of £5 each in the Le Roi Company, Ltd. The purchase price is £950,000, payable in cash in fully paid shares, leaving £50,000 for the working capital.

The United States government is not aware that any arrangement has been made for the transfer of the title of the Samoan islands to Germany, and being one of the parties to the tripartite agreement under which Samoa is now governed, it is not conceivable that any change in the status of the islands can be made without the knowledge of this government.

### LATER NEWS.

At a meeting of the various religions denominations held in London, the czar's disarmament proposal was indorsed.

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.

Mrs. Mary Tutt Throckmorton, who in her early life was a leader in Washington society, is dead from the effect of inhaling illuminating gas which escaped by accident in her room. She was 88 years of age.

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 public a report from Admiral Schley covering that part of the operations and movements of the flying squadron from its sailing from Key West to Cienfuegos up to, but not including the first bombardment.

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 direction.

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

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 a success. Great secrecy is maintained regarding the proceedings and conclusions, 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.

The drought in California has ended and rainfall is reported from nearly every section of the state.

Puget sound oystermen have formed an association, and will make an effort to secure needed legislation.

The war department has decided to have the remains of all soldiers who died in Manila returned to this country.

Captain Knoch, custodian of the relics in the famous Luettger case, is a victim of blood poisoning and may not recover.

Clyde Bennington, aged 22, has been sentenced to life imprisonment in San Quentin for his part in the Oro Grande train robberies.

The death sentence of Private Lindsay, Tenth cavalry, has been commuted by the president to life imprisonment, on recommendation of General Wheeler.

Since the cessation of hostilities this government has spent about \$1,000,000 in feeding the starving Cubans, and the work is still going on with untiring vigor.

The United States troops in Cuba and Porto Rico have not been forgotten. They will be sent for Christmas 10,000 pounds of prime turkey and 2,000 pounds of cranberries.

The body of an unknown man was found on one of the bars of the Willamette, three miles east of Monroe. The head and feet were missing. There was no means of identification.

A dispatch from London says it is understood that the Prince of Wales has spoken approvingly of the proposed monument to George Washington to be placed in Westminster Abbey.

The halibut schooner Two Brothers, plying in Alaska waters, has been missing nearly six weeks, and it is feared that she has been lost with all on board. One of her boats was recently found in a badly battered condition.

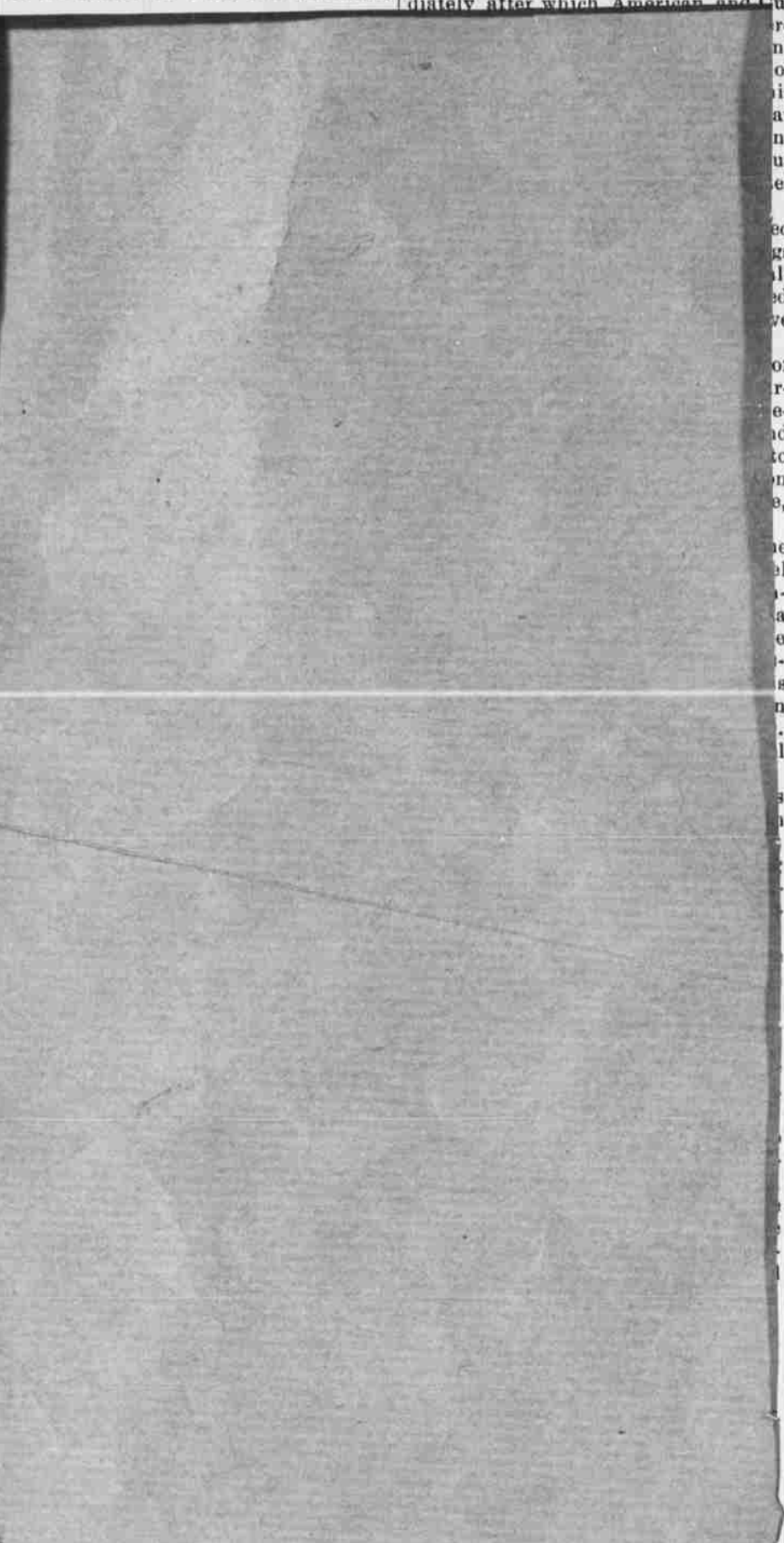
Eight additional survivors of the crew of the lost ship Londonian were brought into Baltimore by the North German Lloyd steamship Maria Rickmers. They are: Captain F. B. Lee, Third Officer Joseph Cottier, Boatswain T. Behem, Quartermaster F. Carlsen, Able Seaman J. Webb and W. Cadness, Second Steward D. Darnell and Second Cook W. Martin.

In the German reichstag, Count von Kardorff, leader of the free conservatives, condemned the sentimental German sympathy with Spain, and welcomed the appearance of the "great and vigorous American nation" among the colonizing powers. He said he hoped that, in accordance with Bismarck's principle, commercial questions would be kept separate from political relations, for, if this were done, Germany could be on very good terms with the United States.

## CZAR'S PROPOSAL OF PEACE

William T. Stead on the Sincerity of It.

OPPORTUNITY FOR AMERICANS



### RIOTS IN HAVANA SUBURBS.

Cubans Break Loose With the Withdrawal of Authority.

Havana, Dec. 20.—The Spanish evacuation commissioners informed the American commissioners this evening that the Havana suburbs of Cerro and Jesus del Monte had been evacuated. The Spanish troops evacuated Jesus del Monte at 5 o'clock this evening, immediately after which American and Cuban troops entered the city.

## RAVAGED BY THE TROOPS

Province of Pinar del Rio Ruined by Spanish.

HALF THE PEOPLE ARE DEAD

General Davis' Report on the District as He Found It—Proclamation to the People—Country of Great Fertility.

Washington, Dec. 19.—The terrible state of affairs existing in the western province of Cuba is shown in this report to the war department from General Davis:

"Pinar del Rio, Dec. 19.—Adjutant General, Washington: Arrived here last night. The troops are comfortably encamped, and have all the required supplies. We have been received with the greatest enthusiasm and rejoicing. The civil governor left the province when the Spanish troops retired. The alcalde called and tendered his services. A small Cuban force is in the town as police, and good order prevails everywhere. I shall raise the flag tomorrow in the presence of the troops and citizens. The treasury is empty, and the only means of replenishing it is a system of taxation almost to the verge of confiscation. There are no custom-houses in this province. The country is one of great fertility and beauty, but has been ravaged almost to destruction. I am assured by responsible citizens and foreigners that one-half the former population has been killed and starved to death. Colonel Seyburn, with two battalions, is at Guanajay. He is ordered to occupy Mariel with a detachment. There is no sickness among the troops. DAVIS."

Swords Turned to Plowshares.

Havana, Dec. 19.—General Davis, the American commander at Pinar del Rio, has issued a proclamation saying that President McKinley has directed him to assure the inhabitants of security of their lives and property as long as they were orderly. General Davis further declares that fair taxes will be levied, and that no favoritism will be shown. In conclusion, General Davis says:

"Inhabitants of Pinar del Rio—I have come as a friend to help you in all which may contribute to the prosperity of this great country, or its general welfare. There is very little I am obliged to do without your co-operation, but with your help I am sure of complete success. The trochias and forts will be turned into homes, and the machetes will be used for labor only. Your sacrifices and heroic acts have been already rewarded. The past belongs to the history of the century; think of your future peace and prosperity. This must be your aspiration."

The Spanish Archives.

Havana, Dec. 19.—The removal of the Spanish archives from Cuba to Spain has been the subject of frequent correspondence between the American and Spanish military commissions. Today the matter was satisfactorily adjusted. Colonel Clous, on behalf of the American commissioners, had a long interview with General Jimenez Castellanos, who had lists of the documents in each division of the various departments of the government. All documents relating to municipal and provincial affairs, as well as those necessary to administration, are not to be disturbed, but only such papers from the governor-general's office and other offices as exclusively relate to the Spanish government. For instance, papers regarding the Cuban debt and the war expenses are to be sent to Madrid, while on the other hand the archives of the autonomist government are to remain practically intact.

Decided by a Soldier's Vote.

Topeka, Kan., Dec. 19.—The state canvassing board decided a tie between A. F. Scott, Republican, and L. M. Marks, Populist, candidates for the legislature from Jefferson county, by ordering the drawing of lots. Mr. Scott won, but did not demand his certificate, going home with the expectation that it would be sent by mail. Before the certificate was sent, however, the mid-Pacific vote cast by the Twentieth Kansas, en route to Manila, was received. Upon examination one vote was found for Mr. Marks. Accordingly the state canvassing board reversed its decision and issued a certificate to Mr. Marks.

Transports From Havana.

Savannah, Ga., Dec. 19.—The transport Chester sailed today for Mariann, Cuba, carrying Brigadier-General Harbrouck and the headquarters staff of the Second division of the Seventh army corps and the Fourth Virginia regiment. The transports Minnewaska and Roumanian arrived from Havana today. They will take aboard the Forty-ninth Iowa and the Sixth Missouri regiments tomorrow and will probably sail the next day.

Gold Belt Is Large.

Spokane, Wash., Dec. 19.—There is great excitement here over repeated rich strikes in the Republic camp, on the Colville reservation. It is now demonstrated that the gold belt is at least seven miles long and three miles wide, and in that area rich chutes are being discovered almost daily.

was leaving port about sunset yesterday, she ran full speed upon a rock clearly defined in the charts, but not buoyed. Last September, General Leonard Wood, considering that the absence of a buoy there might lead to some accident, anchored a small one, the first ever placed there, but the Bessie, on entering the harbor one night, carried it away, and since then there has been no buoy to mark the location of the rock.

The Cincinnati probably is not seriously damaged, as she is not making water. For the last 24 hours the government collier Southern and the Mayflower have been engaged in an effort to pull her off. Thus far they have been unsuccessful, but it is hoped they will have better luck tonight at high tide. The principal risk now is tearing a hole in the cruiser's bottom while she is pulling off.

Europe. The czar proposed to present an address of thanks to the czar, would rouse the continent.

"Round the Anglo-American deputation would group themselves, in the first place, the representatives of the seven small states—Sweden, Norway, Denmark, Belgium, Holland, Switzerland and Portugal, with an aggregate population of nearly 30,000,000, and with these reinforcements the great international delegation would begin its crusade through Europe. In four weeks, it would have shaken the continent from center to circumference."

The movement in favor of an international demonstration in support of the czar's peace conference is taking practical shape in Great Britain, and is attracting much sympathy from the queen and other members of the royal family, who are said to be aware of the entire sincerity of the czar.

MORE HOBSON KISSING.

The Merrimac Hero in the Hands of Chicago Girls.

Chicago, Dec. 20.—Lieutenant Richard Pearson Hobson was heavily bombarded by a large field of kissing girls at the Auditorium tonight, but as no distress signals were hoisted after the engagement, it is not believed that he was seriously injured. Lieutenant Hobson lectured on "The Sinking of the Merrimac," under the auspices of the Chicago Press Club, and after the lecture, the members of the audience pressed forward for an impromptu reception. There was much handshaking and applause, but more interesting than either were 163 kisses given the Merrimac's hero by as many girls. The lieutenant met the attack bravely and even seemed to encourage it.

During his brief stay in Chicago, Lieutenant Hobson was the guest of General John McNulta, at the Union League Club. After the lecture he left for Kansas City, where he will speak tomorrow evening. Tuesday evening the distinguished naval officer will face an audience in Denver, whence he will proceed to San Francisco and sail for Manila December 24, on the City of Peking.

Savannah, Ga., Dec. 20.—Nearly the whole of the business part of the town of Tifton, in the center of the peach belt, was burned last night. An oil lamp in a boarding house exploded. The Masonic hall and 10 stores were destroyed, and a hotel and a large lumber mill were damaged.

TROOPS ON THE SCANDIA.

Transport Brings the Remaining New Yorkers From Honolulu.

San Francisco, Dec. 20.—The United States transport steamer Scandia has arrived here, 33 days from Manila and eight days from Honolulu. She remained several days at the latter port, and the news she brought from the Philippines was forwarded by the steamers Alameda and Gaelic, which arrived during the past week. The Scandia brings the remaining companies of the First New York volunteer regiment from Honolulu. All are reported in good condition, five who were ill being now convalescent. Among her passengers from Manila are W. A. Walsh, of the Astor battery, and W. J. Cohn, C. H. Herrman, W. H. Curran, of the Pennsylvania volunteers, and several members of the First California regiment. The Scandia is in quarantine, and no mail or passengers will be landed tonight, neither will any one be permitted to go on board.

Medicines for Troops in Cuba.

Savannah, Ga., Dec. 20.—Major-General Brooke, who was appointed as military governor of Cuba, arrived in the city this afternoon. He had a conference with the president and secretary Alger this evening. After the conference Secretary Alger said General Brooke was on his way to Havana province, and had come to Savannah upon telegraphic orders for a conference with the president and the secretary relative to affairs on the island.