

MORE WARSHIPS FOR SAMOA

Complications at the Islands Are Serious.

INSULT TO THE UNITED STATES

The Action of the German Consul Is So Looked Upon by the American Representative at Apia.

Auckland, New Zealand, Jan. 21.—Further particulars regarding the disturbances at Samoa show that Mataafa's followers numbered about 5,000 men and the adherents of Malietoa Tanu only about 1,000. There was two hours' fighting between the rival forces, during which several of the warriors were decapitated.

The American consul issued a proclamation claiming the Berlin treaty had the same force as a law of congress, and that an insult to the supreme court of Samoa is therefore equivalent to an insult to the government at Washington.

Washington, Jan. 21.—The navy department has issued orders to the cruiser Philadelphia to proceed to Samoa at once. The Philadelphia, with Admiral Kautz on board, arrived at San Diego, Cal., this morning from Acapulco.

Wellington, New Zealand, Jan. 21.—It is reported that owing to the trouble in Samoa three British warships will proceed there, and one American warship will start for the islands from Honolulu.

German Consul Ejected.

London, Jan. 21.—A special from Auckland, N. Z., says the British and American consuls were compelled to force the doors of the supreme court at Apia, in which the German consul had established himself, and to push him into the street. All parties at Apia, the dispatch continues, unite in condemning the German consul for the fighting which has taken place, but not the rival kings. It is pointed out that in violation of all agreements the consul accompanied Mataafa's force when the claimant invaded the town and encouraged opposition to Malietoa Tanu.

When the British and American consuls were informed as to the situation they adjourned the court and locked the building. The German consul then demanded the keys, and they were refused him. He then broke open the doors, removed the locks and replaced them with others. He afterwards brought the German municipal president into the chamber, and the latter went upon the balcony and shouted to the British and American marines assembled on the square: "I am the supreme court, I am the chief justice." The crowd replied with jeers and the British consul demanded the keys of the building, which were refused. A Scotchman named Mackie thereupon climbed on top of the building and hoisted the Samoan flag, while the British and American consuls and a number of marines forced the doors and hurried the German consul into the street.

Then the two consuls formally and legally, according to the dispatch, opened court and issued a warning against any further interference with its jurisdiction, threatening to arrest and imprison any one attempting to do so.

For a Monster Gun.

Washington, Jan. 21.—Serious consideration is being given by the ordnance department of the army to a request for an allotment of \$65,000, to be expended in the construction of an 18-inch gun, submitted by the promoters of the Gathmann system of firing high explosives. If the request is granted the 18-inch gun will be the largest modern weapon ever manufactured in this country. It will accommodate the huge Gathmann shell, which will contain about 400 pounds of high explosives. The gun is to be 400 calibers in length, a single-tube weapon and jacketed.

Evacuation of Cuba.

Washington, Jan. 21.—The Cuban evacuation commission at noon today made its formal call on Secretary of State Hay and submitted to him the original report of its procedure. Secretary Hay, responding in a brief address, stated that he was surprised at the rapidity with which the work of the commission was accomplished, that the work was phenomenally perfect, and reflected great credit on the members of the commission for the business-like way and smoothness with which it was effected.

Death of a Friend of Lincoln.

Chicago, Jan. 21.—Paul Selby, one of the last surviving personal friends of Abraham Lincoln, is in danger of losing his life through a fire that destroyed the apartment building in which he resided. Mr. Selby was sick in bed from a severe attack of grip when the fire drove him out doors. During the later years of Lincoln's life just before he became president the great Illinoisan had few friends to whom he gave his confidence and trust in a fuller degree than to Mr. Selby.

OREGON LEGISLATURE

Considerable Business Disposed of During the Past Week.

Salem, Or., Jan. 21.—The house disposed of much business during the past week, and many new bills were introduced. Among the proposed measures are bills to change the name of the Ashland college to the Southern Oregon State Normal school, and place it under state control, and appropriate \$15,000 for its maintenance; to create a state library commission and a system of traveling libraries, and appropriate \$5,000 for maintenance the first year, and \$3,000 annually thereafter; to exempt honorably discharged soldiers and sailors from the operation of the peddler's license law, and to exempt state products from the provisions of the law; to prohibit altogether the sale of cigarettes or cigarette materials on pain of a fine of \$50. A bill incorporating the town of Dallas was passed.

In the senate Chairman Fulton, of the judiciary committee, submitted an adverse report on the bill to add two judges to the supreme court. Mitchell, of the committee, dissented, but did not submit a minority report.

Daly of Lake's bill to extend the time for counties to pay the state tax from April 1 to June 1, was passed under suspension of the rules, as was his bill to require county clerks to certify pension vouchers without charge, there being no objection to either.

WASHINGTON LEGISLATURE

Foster Ahead for Senator—Other Legislative News.

Olympia, Wash., Jan. 21.—Five more fruitless ballots for senator were taken in joint session of the legislature today, each resulting as follows: Foster 27, Wilson 27, Humes 21, Ankeny 7, Lewis 24.

Including the one vote detained at home by sickness, Foster practically had 28 votes today, the highest number yet attained in the senatorial contest.

In the house the committee on printing and supplies was, on motion of Kingsbury, instructed to thoroughly investigate the subject of state printing with a view to cheapening the cost of public printing, it being desirable to reduce greatly the cost, which is believed to be out of all proportions in its expensiveness.

House bill 23, making it lawful to call to the witness-stand and cause to testify the adverse party to a suit at law without making him the witness of his adversary, was passed by unanimous vote.

Bills introduced were: To license the keeping for sale of opium, morphine, cocaine, etc.; prohibiting the taking of food fishes except with a hook and line, on any of the rivers of Puget sound, whereon hatcheries are located, or in Skagit bay; to enable receivers, trustees, guardians, executors, etc., to give regular surety companies as surety on bond; appropriating \$5,000 for conducting the agricultural experiment station at Puyallup; providing for local option on the question of hogs as free commoners; imposing a fine of from \$50 to \$250 for spearing and disposing of bass, pickrel, carp, trout or other fish from any stocked lakes.

Killed Thirty Bills.

Olympia, Wash., Jan. 21.—The judiciary committee of the house today completed a remarkable record. Out of 31 bills referred to it for consideration, it has killed 30.

Anti-Contract Labor Law.

Washington, Jan. 23.—The extension of the anti-contract labor law to Hawaii is strongly urged in a report made today by the house committee on labor. It says thousands of contract laborers, mainly Japanese, have been taken into the islands since the raising of the United States flag over them. On the day following the receipt of the news of annexation, 2,857 Japanese laborers were admitted.

Opposed to Seating Roberts.

St. Louis, Mo., Jan. 23.—Members of the reorganized Church of Latter Day Saints in St. Louis oppose the seating of Congressman-elect B. H. L. Roberts, of Utah, on the ground that he is a pronounced polygamist. A vote was taken, resulting in the adoption of a resolution requesting congressmen from this district to use their utmost efforts to prevent seating the Utah man.

Shafter In Merriam Out.

San Francisco, Jan. 23.—Today, Major-General Merriam issued an order relinquishing the command of the department of California. Immediately thereafter, Major-General Shafter issued an order announcing his accession to the command. General Merriam will go to Denver to assume command of the department of the Colorado.

Two Thousand Quakers.

Halifax, Jan. 23.—The steamship Lake Huron, with 2,000 of the 5,000 Quakers who are emigrating to the Canadian northwest, arrived in quarantine tonight. Tomorrow afternoon the steamer will proceed to St. Johns, N. B., where the passengers will land to take rail to their future home.

Assay Office at Seattle.

Washington, Jan. 23.—Senator Wilson's amendment to the sundry civil bill, appropriating \$50,000 for the erection of an assay office at Seattle, has been favorably reported.

BATTLING FOR A THRONE

Samoa a Scene of Bloodshed and Ruin.

MANY KILLED AND WOUNDED

A Supreme Court Decision Lets Loose the Dogs of War—Consuls Interfere—Much Property Destroyed.

San Francisco, Jan. 20.—A cablegram from Auckland, New Zealand, under date of January 17, says:

When the steamship Alameda left Apia, January 12 a revolution had broken out on the Samoan islands and was being waged with much bloodshed and great destruction of property. The warships Falke and Porpoise, the latter in command of Captain Sturdee, were then at the islands and were taking part in suppressing the rising.

On December 31 Chief Justice Chambers decided in favor of Malietoa Tanu, claiming Mataafa was barred by the treaty of Berlin, January 1. Five thousand of Mataafa's followers rose in rebellion and defeated 2,000 of Malietoa's forces, ambushing them, killing 13 natives and wounding many.

The rebels have burned 400 houses and razed towns on Upolu. Breadfruit trees have been cut down in many places. Foreigners are uninjured.

The crew of the Porpoise is guarding the mission, which is a refuge for Malietoa.

The three consuls have signed proclamations recognizing Mataafa's party as the provisional government pending instructions from the powers, with President Raffell as executive head.

On the 6th Raffell proclaimed the supreme court closed and took possession, declaring himself chief justice. He asked Mataafa for 500 men and was refused.

The British and American consuls united in a strong protest against the action of the president of the municipal council. On the 7th Captain Sturdee, of the Porpoise, and two consuls declared the action illegal. The Porpoise cleared for action and landed a force of marines. This force was unopposed. It took possession of the court, and Chambers was reinstated and the British and American flags hoisted over Chambers' house and the courthouse. The provisional government wrote Sturdee on the 12th that it would seize Malietoa and take Tamasee off the Porpoise by force if necessary to deprive them of their title and desert them. Chambers is residing on the Porpoise. The Falke is inactive. The British and American consuls have protested against any infringement of the Berlin treaty. British residents have taken refuge in the consulate and American citizens have taken refuge in the mission. There is no American warship at Samoa.

SMALLPOX IN CUBA.

It Creates a Panic in an American Regiment.

New York, Jan. 20.—A dispatch from Havana says: An out and out panic exists in the One Hundred and Sixty-first Indiana regiment, owing to the spread of smallpox. Men and officers are using every influence to bring about the regiment's recall. In the meantime all who can secure sick leave are going home. Jacob Dexter, of Monticello, Ind., has died of smallpox. Alonzo Graham, of Madison, Ind., is dying of black smallpox. There are five other cases and several suspects, all in the same regiment.

Big Deal at Havana.

Havana, Jan. 20.—Another \$3,000,000 deal is all but completed, by which an American syndicate will acquire the San Jose docks and warehouses. This is the finest property of its kind in the western hemisphere, and in some ways in the world.

The Eagan Court-Martial.

Washington, Jan. 20.—The detail for the court-martial which is to try Commissary-General Eagan on charges growing out of his statements before the war investigation commission last week, in which he attacked General Miles, was made public at the war department tonight. The court is made up of 13 army officers, of which Major-General Wesley Merritt is at the head, and a judge-advocate, and it is to meet in this city on the 25th inst., or as soon thereafter as practicable.

Information to Come From Paris.

London, Jan. 20.—The Madrid correspondent of the Standard says: As soon as the cortes has approved the bill for the cession of the Philippines, the queen regent will ratify the peace treaty, and Duke Almodovar del Rio, the foreign minister, will present to both houses a red book, containing all the diplomatic correspondence of the past year, and all the data concerning the treaty negotiations. To enable the cortes to discuss the government's conduct.

McCleary Bill Abandoned.

Washington, Jan. 20.—The house committee on banking and currency definitely decided today to make no further effort at this session to urge the measure for currency and banking revision known as the McCleary bill.

PACIFIC COAST TRADE.

Portland Market.

Wheat—Walla Walla, 60c; Valley, 62c; Bluestem, 63c per bushel. Flour—Best grades, \$3.20; graham, \$2.65; superfine, \$2.15 per barrel. Oats—Choice white, 40@41c; choice gray, 39@40c per bushel. Barley—Feed barley, \$22@24; brewing, \$23.50 per ton. Millstuffs—Bran, \$17 per ton; middlings, \$22; shorts, \$18; chop, \$16.00 per ton. Hay—Timothy, \$9@10; clover, \$7@8; Oregon wild hay, \$6 per ton. Butter—Fancy creamery, 50@55c; seconds, 45@50c; dairy, 40@45c store, 25@30c. Cheese—Oregon full cream, 12½c; Young America, 15c; new cheese, 10c per pound. Poultry—Chickens, mixed, \$2.25@3 per dozen; hens, \$3.50@4.00; springs, \$1.25@3; geese, \$6.00@7.00 for old, \$4.50@5 for young; ducks, \$5.00@5.50 per dozen; turkeys, live, 15@16c per pound. Potatoes—70@85c per sack; sweets, 2c per pound. Vegetables—Beets, 90c; turnips, 75c per sack; garlic, 7c per pound; cabbage, \$1@1.25 per 100 pounds; cauliflower, 75c per dozen; parsnips, 75c per sack; beans, 3c per pound; celery, 70@75c per dozen; cucumbers, 50c per box; peas, 3@3½c per pound. Onions—Oregon, 75c@81c per sack. Hops—15@17c; 1897 crop, 4@6c. Wool—Valley, 10@12c per pound; Eastern Oregon, 8@12c; mohair, 26c per pound. Mutton—Gross, best sheep, wethers and ewes, 4c; dressed mutton, 7½c; spring lambs, 7½c per lb. Hogs—Gross, choice heavy, \$4.25; light and feeders, \$3.00@4.00; dressed, \$5.00@5.50 per 100 pounds. Beef—Gross, top steers, 3.50@3.75; cows, \$2.50@3.00; dressed beef, 5@6½c per pound. Veal—Large, 6@6½c; small, 7@8c per pound.

Seattle Markets.

Onions, 85@90c per 100 pounds. Potatoes, 20@25c. Beets, per sack, 75c. Turnips, per sack, 50@75c. Carrots, per sack, 45@60c. Parsnips, per sack, \$1. Cauliflower, 50@90c per doz. Celery, 35@40c. Cabbage, native and California \$1.00@1.50 per 100 pounds. Apples, 35@50c per box. Pears, 50c@1.50 per box. Prunes, 50c per box. Butter—Creamery, 27c per pound; dairy and ranch, 18@22c per pound. Eggs, 27c. Cheese—Native, 12@12½c. Poultry—Old hens, 14c per pound; spring chickens, 14c; turkeys, 16c. Fresh meats—Choice dressed beef steers, prime, 6½@7c; cows, prime, 6½c; mutton, 7½c; pork, 6@7c; veal, 6@8c. Wheat—Feed wheat, \$22. Oats—Choice, per ton, \$24. Hay—Puget Sound mixed, \$9.00@11; choice Eastern Washington timothy, \$15. Corn—Whole, \$23.50; cracked, \$24; feed meal, \$23.50. Barley—Rolled or ground, per ton, \$25@26; whole, \$23. Flour—Patent, per barrel, \$3.50; straights, \$3.25; California brands, \$3.25; buckwheat flour, \$3.75; graham, per barrel, \$3.60; whole wheat flour, \$3.75; rye flour, \$4. Millstuffs—Bran, per ton, \$14; shorts, per ton, \$16. Feed—Chopped feed, \$20@22 per ton; middlings, per ton, \$17; oil cake meal, per ton, \$35.

San Francisco Market.

Wool—Spring—Nevada, 10@12c per pound; Oregon, Eastern, 10@12c; Valley, 15@17c; Northern, 9@11c. Millstuffs—Middlings, \$18@21.00; bran, \$15.50@16.50 per ton. Onions—Silverskin, 50@75c per sack. Butter—Fancy creamery, 28c; do seconds, 25@26c; fancy dairy, 20c; do seconds, 20@23c per pound. Eggs—Store, 25@30c; fancy ranch, 34@37c. Citrus Fruit—Oranges, Valencia, \$3@2.50; Mexican limes, \$6@6.50; California lemons, \$2.00@3.00; do choice, \$3.50@4.50; per box.

The Seven Devils.

It is currently believed that the Northern Pacific is making strenuous efforts to establish a line to connect with the Seven Devils railroad, and thus tap a rich copper region. The Northwestern Railway Company has also three crews of surveyors in the field, and is preparing the way for graders from Huntington to the Ox-bend of Snake river, and from there to the Peacock mine. There are now 28 O. R. & N. surveyors working from Keating, on Lower Powder river, to Eagle valley, arranging for the construction work from Baker City to Seven Devils.

A Good Showing.

The Whatcom creamery has turned out 32,340 pounds of butter, or over 16 tons since May 1, 1898. Patrons deliver their cream and receive 24 cents per pound for the butter yielded. The sum of \$6,802 has thus been paid out to Whatcom county residents since May. The creamery will continue in operation all winter.

It is said that the electric cabs in New York city did a record business during the blizzard and proved their entire efficiency.

ALONG THE COAST!

Items of General Interest Gleaned From the Thriving Pacific States.

Cruelty on the High Seas.

At Portland, Or., on the 18th, sailors on the German ship Margaretha told startling stories of alleged cruel treatment on the part of Captain Rasch. The sailors, to a man, relate a series of outrages perpetrated since the vessel left her home port some eight months ago, that if true, whether committed with or without cause, are exceedingly startling, cruel and inhuman. They allege that ever since they started out they have been in danger of getting killed one way or another, and they assert that not for anything could they be induced to again go to sea under command of Captain Rasch. The crew, 25 men all told, have laid their complaint before the German vice-consul.

Portland a Reserve City.

Portland is now a reserve city, and thousands of dollars heretofore kept in San Francisco and New York by the bankers of Oregon, Washington and Idaho will come to Portland. The condition imposed upon national banks in reserve cities is that they shall carry 25 per cent of their deposits in available funds, instead of 15 per cent. Portland banks have been carrying from 30 to 60 per cent ever since the panic of 1893 and '94, and the new condition will not be a hardship to them.

Steelhead Salmon Scarce.

Steelhead salmon are becoming scarcer as the season draws to a close. So few are being taken that the cold storage plants at Astoria have refused to receive any more, and the quantities delivered of late were so small that they did not pay for the trouble of handling them. Private buyers are paying 5½ and 6 cents a pound, but the supply is only sufficient for local demand. The season ends February 15.

Puget Sound University.

The new management of the Puget Sound university, of Tacoma, propose to pay the debts of the university and endow it under a subscription scheme, to be known as the 20th century fund. All endowment notes given will be made payable within 10 years, and will draw interest at the rate of 5 per cent per annum. It will require but \$50,000 to settle all debts and put the college in good financial condition.

Waterworks for Elgin.

H. V. Gates, of Hillsboro, has contracted to put in a gravity water system and an electric light plant in Elgin, Or., construction soon to commence. The water will be carried through a flume for a distance of over two miles. A part of this power will be used in running a large flouring mill. Mr. Gates has contracted to employ local labor in the construction of the plant.

Geo. W. Dent Dead.

George W. Dent, brother-in-law of General U. S. Grant, and uncle of U. S. Grant, jr., candidate for United States senator, died at Oakland, Cal. He was 79 years of age. For 16 years Mr. Dent was appraiser of customs at San Francisco. He was appointed by President Grant, and held office until retired by President Cleveland. Mr. Dent came to California in 1852.

Herring Fishing at Port Townsend.

On the 18th the docks of Port Townsend were lined with people watching anglers catching herring, which were so plentiful in the bay that in a single haul of the jigger one to four herring were landed. The fishermen enjoyed the sport, while the onlookers secured a mess of herring by simply picking them up off the dock.

A Thief Caught.

About a week ago \$500 in coin and some valuable articles were stolen from an old man named John Weaver, near Canyonville, Or. Curtis Hartline, 22 years of age, was arrested there by Constable T. J. Butcher on a charge of having stolen the money. After his arrest Hartline admitted his guilt and was held to answer.

Boggs Makes Revelations.

Ex-Treasurer Boggs testified in court recently that about \$70,000 of the warrants involved in the warrant suit against the city were not signed by him while he was treasurer of the city, but were signed three days after his term expired.

Soldier From Walla Walla Dead.

F. J. Carlyle, of Walla Walla, received a telegram from Manila, informing him of the death of Allen Carlyle, his brother. The deceased was a member of company I, Washington volunteers, now at Manila. His death was ascribed to typhoid fever.

The Astoria Push Club.

Secretary Lyman, of the Astoria Push Club, has been authorized to visit the creameries at Albany, Rainier and Skamokawa for the purpose of making observations and reporting to the creamery committee of the association.

First Columbia River Smelt.

The first Columbia river smelt of the season were offered for sale in an Astoria market on the 18th. They were taken at Cathlamet, and the consignment did not exceed over 60 pounds.