

# GOLD HILL NEWS.

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## THE NEWS OF THE WEEK

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

The plight of Kimberley is urgent. The kaiser's birthday was celebrated in the usual way throughout Germany. Buller's army has retreated to the south of the Tugela, with heavy losses. Revolution in Venezuela, under the leadership of Hernandez, is spreading. Fire in Minneapolis destroyed a four-story brick building, causing a loss of \$120,000. It was reported on good Transvaal authority that Mafeking was relieved on January 23. Edgar Oswald, a 6-year-old boy of Astoria, was run over by a street car and fatally injured. The Bank of Deerfield, Deerfield, Wis., was robbed of about \$17,000. The vault was blown open by dynamite. Fire destroyed the works of the Electric Improvement Company at San Jose, Cal., entailing a loss of \$100,000. Samuel Gompers, in a conference with President McKinley, advocated an eight-hour law for all government work. It is said that Lord Roberts favored leaving Ladysmith to its fate and marching on Bloemfontein, capital of Orange Free State. The surgeon-general of the marine hospital service has shipped to Honolulu 1,900 doses of halfkine prophylactic, a plague serum. Phil Armour Jr., son of the Chicago millionaire, died suddenly near Santa Barbara, Cal. Death was due to congestion of the lungs. Dr. Leyds, diplomatic agent of the Transvaal, says the Boers do not need to apply for mediation, as everything was going splendidly. Three masked men entered the factory of Dr. Peter Fahrney & Son, at Chicago, blew open the safe and escaped with \$1,700 in currency. The senate committee on Puerto Rico, has decided that the island shall be known as Porto Rico, and not Puerto Rico, as fixed by a recent executive order. The weather in the vicinity of Melbourne, Australia, has broken all records for heat recently. On New Year's day five deaths occurred from prostration. The thermometer stood at 114 in the shade, and 156 in the sun. Recent Dawson fire destroyed property worth \$400,000. Babonic plague has broken out at Rosario, South America. A race riot occurred at Coalberg, Ala. One negro was killed. In a long article in a Paris paper Emile Zola defends his father's honor. The Alaska mail service will be extended to Cape York the coming spring. The National prohibition convention has been called to meet at Chicago, June 27. The census of Puerto Rico just completed shows a total of 957,000 inhabitants on the island. Nelson and Rossland have established smallpox quarantine against Northern Washington and Idaho. It is said the pro-Boer meeting at Washington was conducted almost wholly by anti-expansion and anti-administration men. Nearly all the business buildings and many frame dwellings at the mining towns of Ward and Lafayette, Colorado, were destroyed by fire. William Kirk, first mate of the American ship Clarence S. Bement, was murderously assaulted in his cabin while his vessel was at anchor in Portland, Or., harbor. Chairman Lacey, of the house committee on public lands, said that it will be impossible to pass general land laws for Alaska at this session, owing to opposition in the senate. The North China Daily News publishes an edict, signed by Emperor Kwang Su, appointing as emperor in his place Put Sing, the nine-year-old son of Prince Tuano. The new emperor will ascend the throne January 31. The senate committee will report favorably on Senator Foster's Alaska lighthouse bill, making an appropriation of \$300,000, to include a lighthouse at Unamak pass, Foster agreeing to a reduction in the appropriation from \$500,000. Commander Richard Wainwright, who was in command of the Gloucester at the battle of Santiago, was presented a sword of honor and a silver service by a committee representing the citizens of the District of Columbia in the Columbia theater, Washington.

### LATER NEWS.

Plague at Honolulu is under control. Dawson evil-doers are forced to wail. General Buller's position is becoming precarious. Surveyors are now at work on the Oregon Midland railway route. A big steel mill was wrecked in Pittsburg by a boiler explosion. A bill was introduced in congress to provide mining laws for Cape Nome. Money is now ready for the purchase of the Salem, Or., federal building site. Census Supervisor Kelly has left for Alaska to enter upon his duties there. Owing to a split in the National League, Baltimore may lose her baseball club. An attempt to rob the Missouri, Kansas & Texas railway train at Holden, Mo., was frustrated. The United States transports City of Pueblo and Senator have arrived at San Francisco from Manila. Near Corunna, Spain, a torpedo boat, name and nationality unknown, has been totally lost, with all on board. Quarantine officers in San Francisco are adopting stringent measures to protect that port from the bubonic plague. The Union hotel, at Revelstoke, B. C., was totally destroyed by fire, the blaze originating in the furnace room. The German steamer Remus has been wrecked near Aarhus, Denmark, where she was bound. The captain and 13 men perished. Colonel Charles F. Williams, commander of the United States marine corps at Mare Island, died suddenly of hemorrhage of the stomach. "Nick" Haworth, suspected murderer of Night Watchman Sandall, at Kaysville, Utah, attempted to commit suicide at Salt Lake by bleeding. Robert Fitzsimmons now claims he was drugged when he was whipped by James Jeffries for the championship of the world at Coney Island, last June. A runaway electric car on the Dayton & Xenia traction road, at Dayton, O., left the track at a sharp curve and was demolished, killing three persons. An American scouting party of the Twenty-fifth was caught in ambush by Filipinos and an officer and three men killed. Insurgents lost 40 in killed and wounded. Senator William Goebel, of Kentucky, was shot and seriously wounded by a crazed Kentuckian, two shots passing entirely through the Democratic leader's body. Dr. Leyds is being lionized in Berlin. People of China are said to take imperial changes with great equanimity. William Jennings Bryan will accept the Populist nomination for the presidency. The fall of Ladysmith garrison is now expected as a result of Buller's second defeat. Lord Pauncefote will retire as ambassador of Great Britain to the United States, April 1. The interstate commerce commission has sued the Northern Pacific to enforce disregarded laws. Senators are said to want no change in the manner of their election. The house favors popular vote. Dundonald's forces, for whom fears were entertained, are safe on the south bank of the Tugela river. Five business men of Walla Walla were victimized by a smooth forger, who cashed bogus checks. The Prince Regent of Bavaria has conferred the Order of St. Michaels, first-class, on Dr. Nansen, the explorer. In Cincinnati, Charles Barluff, a tanner, killed his wife, his son and his daughter and then tried to set the house on fire. A funeral train, arranged by the Southern Pacific, will convey the remains of General Lawton and Major Logan to the East. James H. Britton, ex-mayor of St. Louis, and for many years one of the leading bankers of the West, died at Ardley, N. Y., aged 83. London papers scathingly criticize the language of Buller's report, and accounts of battle from Boer sources are accepted as correct. Judge Hanford has discharged 15 of the 23 jurors who had been serving on the regular panel in the federal court at Tacoma. The remaining members will report again on March 20. Captain C. H. Stockton, president of the naval war college, says: "Command of the sea on our North Pacific coast and the waters of the western basin of the North Pacific should be in our hands in peace and war time. This can only be effected by readiness of a proper and sufficient naval force either on the spot, or to be furnished from the Atlantic through an untrammelled canal. In addition to this, and ready for combining, should be the available forces normally attached to the Philippines and the waters about China, Japan and Corea. In other words, the Pacific ocean, from Samoa northward, should be within our control."

## ENGLAND'S WAR POLICY

### Attacked in the Senate by Mason.

### THE VICE-CONSUL'S CRITICISM

### Tillman Spoke on the Philippine Question, Answering the Arguments of Beveridge in the House.

Washington, Jan. 31.—Mason rose today soon after the senate convened to a question of privilege and sharply attacked the British government and the British vice-consul at New Orleans because of an interview in which the vice-consul had assailed Mason for the position he had taken in behalf of the Transvaal republic in its war with Great Britain. Mason attacked not only the consul, but the policy of Great Britain in levying war upon an inferior nation. Hoar thought the consul's purported remarks so serious that it ought to be investigated by the government, but at the same time he deprecated any attack upon Great Britain, with the people of which the American people ought not only live in peace, but as loving and devoted friends. Lodge sharply arraigned the British consul for his utterances against a United States senator, and believed it ought not to be lightly passed. Tillman delivered a forceful and quite characteristic speech on the Philippine question, in which he maintained that this government ought to extend to the Filipinos the right to govern themselves, the United States guarding them against the aggression of other nations. Received a Black Eye. The bill for the reorganization and improvement of the weather bureau, which includes provision for pensioning disabled and aged employees of the service, received a black eye in the house. The bill was bitterly fought by the opponents of civil pension rolls on account of the life tenure provisions it contained, and it was sidetracked on a test vote of 57 to 53. Although the speaker ruled that it remained unfinished business when the house was again in committee of the whole, the opponents of the measure believe the action of the day killed it. The early portion of the day was devoted to a lively scrimmage over the Sulzer resolution to investigate Secretary Gage, which the committee on rules recommended should be sent to the ways and means committee, as the latter committee has the response of the secretary in its possession. There was no opposition to the proposed action, but Richardson, of Tennessee, and Sulzer, of New York, used it for renewing their attacks upon the secretary. Gage was defended by Hopkins, of Illinois, Hill, of Connecticut, and Dalzell, of Pennsylvania. A bill to require pilots and officers of steam vessels to make oath to their applications for license was passed.

### STEEL MILL WRECKED.

Explosion of a Battery of Four Large Boilers. Pittsburg, Jan. 31.—The steel department of Phillips, Nimick & Co.'s mill on West Carson street was completely wrecked and a dozen men were injured by the explosion of a battery of four large boilers today. The shock of the bursting boilers was heard through out the lower end of the city and several thousand people were attracted to the scene of the accident. The loss to the plant will be enormous. Five of the injured men were mutilated almost beyond recognition, and one or more deaths may result. A rescuing party is searching the wreckage, which it is supposed contain other of the workmen. Following is the list of the most serious casualties: Simon Hölland, fireman, died at the Homeopathic hospital; Daniel Noonan, badly cut and scalded; Constantine Gallagher, badly cut; Jeremiah Collins, W. T. Cook, Peter Bynos. The explosion was one of the most terrific that ever occurred in a Pittsburg mill. The roof of the boiler room was completely lifted from the building, and the flying iron and steel fell in all directions. The men were crushed to the ground on the spot where they were attending to the rolls, and those beside the boilers were scalded by the escaping steam.

### Wily Governor's Trick

San Diego, Cal., Jan. 30.—From dispatches brought by the Hamburg steamer Volumnia, it appears that the arrival of the vessel at Tumaco, Colombia, where she touched on the way up, had the effect of saving the place from capture by Colombian rebels. The latter had demanded the surrender of the town, and the governor was at his wits' end. Just then the Volumnia was sighted. The wily governor saw his chance to make a bluff. So he sent a defiant message to the revolutionists, and told them that the steamer off port was bringing 500 government troops. The trick succeeded, and the rebels abandoned their purpose to capture Tumaco.

### FIGHT WITH BANDITS.

### Attempt to Rob an Express Train Was Frustrated.

Holden, Mo., Feb. 1.—John Jackson, a detective for the Missouri, Kansas & Texas railway, from Sedalia, was shot through the head by an unknown man here early this morning. Yesterday Superintendent Hardy, of the Missouri Pacific railroad, learned that an attempt would be made to rob the express car on the east bound Missouri Pacific train, No. 8, due here at 3:08 A. M., for St. Louis. A posse was organized at Sedalia under command of W. A. Cunningham, a secret service officer of the Missouri Pacific, and left there on a special train at 8:30 o'clock last night for Warrensburg, where the sheriff and special officers were taken aboard. When the train reached Holden, the officers were informed that the suspected men were at a resort, and it was decided to arrest them then, as it was believed enough evidence had been secured to bring about their conviction. The marshal of the town, another officer and Jackson started to make the arrest, saying they did not need assistance. Jackson entered the house. One of the men fired, and the ball passed through Jackson's head just over the right eye. The officers returned the bandit's shot, but he and his companions, of whom there were about six, escaped. Later one of them, badly wounded, was captured. Jackson, who was taken to the hospital at Sedalia, cannot recover. The arrested robber said his name was Shores, and confessed numerous robberies. He admitted having held up the Missouri Pacific agent at Independence a few nights ago, and of having robbed the Pittsburg postoffice last Friday night. It is believed Shores and the man who shot Jackson and escaped held up a Missouri Pacific passenger train west of Kansas City, January 9, robbing the sleeping car passengers. Bloodhounds have been sent for to track the robbers. The proprietors of the resort where the men were corralled have been arrested for harboring the robbers.

### LUCKY AT POKER AND FARO

### Where Senator Geiger's Money Came From—The Clark Scandal.

Washington, Feb. 1.—Hon. J. H. Geiger was the first witness before the committee investigating the election to the senate of Clark, of Montana. He was asked whether he had not said in a speech accepting the nomination as a Republican candidate for state senator that his vote could not be purchased for a Democrat for United States senator. He replied it was his intention to convey the idea that he could not be "handled." He had said that if he sold he hoped his constituents would take him out and hang him, "and I still feel that way," he said. His financial condition at the time of his nomination, he stated, was "just moderate." Geiger hesitated somewhat when questioned regarding money deposited in the First National bank at Kalispell during or since the sitting of the legislature. He admitted a transaction amounting to \$2,500, and when questioned as to the source of his revenue, frankly stated having won in the neighborhood of \$2,000 at poker and faro. "You were state senator at the time; did you know it was a misdemeanor to play faro?" "Well, I was about as conscientious in that matter as some other Montana officials."

### Chair Factory Burned.

New York, Jan. 31.—The seven-story building in Cherry street occupied by Heywood Brothers & Wakefield Company as a chair factory was destroyed by fire today during the prevalence of a fierce gale, which made the work of the firemen extremely difficult. When the fire broke out there were about 150 men at work in the building, but all escaped without injury. The bursting of a tank on the roof of the building, which precipitated 10,000 gallons of water upon the fire raging below it generated so much steam that the walls burst open. Part of the east wall fell on the Gerrish warehouse and carried three firemen with it. For a time it was feared the men were lost, but they were extricated without having sustained serious injury. The loss on the building and contents, which were completely destroyed, is estimated at \$500,000.

### Professor Wood Goes to Europe.

Chicago, Jan. 31.—A special to the Chronicle from Madison, Wis., says: Professor R. W. Wood, of the state university, who has distinguished himself in the works of science by several important discoveries, left Madison on a journey to England, whither he goes upon the invitation of prominent scientific men. He will be gone about two months, during which time he will address two of the world's most prominent scientific societies, the first being the Society of Arts and Sciences and the other the Psychical Society, both of London.

### Largest Cargo.

San Francisco, Feb. 1.—The big American ship Shenandoah has been chartered to take to Sydney the largest cargo ever sent to Australia from the Pacific coast. She will carry 1,500,000 feet of lumber and about 3,000 tons of general cargo. There is a great demand for vessels in the Australian trade and charters are high.

## AMBUSHED BY FILIPINOS

### Attack Upon Scouting Party of the Twenty-fifth.

### FOUR AMERICANS WERE KILLED

### Insurgents Lost Forty in Killed and Wounded—Company in the Rear Recovered the Bodies of Americans.

Manila, Feb. 1.—A scouting party of the Twenty-fifth infantry, while operating near Subig, was ambushed by insurgents and a lieutenant and three privates were killed and two or three privates wounded. A company some distance in the rear, on hearing the firing, hurried to the scene and recovered the bodies. The local papers assert, although the statement is not confirmed, that the insurgents lost 40 in killed and wounded.

### FOR THE FILIPINOS.

### Senator Bacon of Georgia Spoke on His Resolution.

Washington, Feb. 1.—For more than three hours today Bacon of Georgia occupied the attention of the senate with a discussion of the Philippine question. His argument, which had for its basis his own resolutions declaratory of the government's policy toward the Philippines, was listened to carefully by his fellow-senators and by a large gallery audience. He maintained that the United States owes as much to the Filipinos as it does to the Cubans, to whom, by resolution of congress, self-government has been promised, and he strongly urged that his resolutions, declaring it to be the intention of this government to confer the right of government upon the Filipinos, be adopted as a means not only of terminating the war, but of extending to the struggling people justice and freedom.

### In the House.

The house was in session a little over one hour today, and only business of minor importance was transacted.

Eddy (Rep. Minn.) rose to a question of privilege, calling the attention of the house to fraudulent representations made by alleged agents of the set of books known as "Messages and Papers of the Presidents of the United States." Richardson (Dem. Tenn.), who compiled the volumes upon the order of congress, explained that congress had voted him a copy of the plates for the volumes for his labor, and he had made a contract with the publisher, from whom he received a small royalty. He was as much opposed to fraudulent representations as any one. Eddy disclaimed any intention of reflecting upon Richardson.

Resolutions were adopted calling upon the secretary of the navy and the secretary of war for information as to the amount of money expended and the amount for which the government is liable remaining unpaid, for equipments, transportation, supplies and naval operations in the Philippine islands from May 1, 1898, to November 1, 1899.

Under the call for committees, a bill to authorize the secretary of war to accept a site for a military post near Des Moines, Ia., was passed; also a bill to extend the time for the completion of the incline railway on West Mountain, Hot Springs reservation, Arkansas.

At 1:10 P. M. the house adjourned.

### Senator Goebel Shot Down.

Frankfort, Ky., Feb. 1.—While walking through the capitol grounds, on his way to the capitol building, at 11:10 o'clock this morning, William Goebel, the Democratic contestant for governor of Kentucky, was shot down and very dangerously wounded.

Harland Whittaker, a farmer from Butler county, the home of Governor Taylor, is now in jail in Louisville, charged with the crime. There is no direct evidence against Whittaker, and he was placed under arrest more because he was caught around the capitol building when the shots were fired than for any other apparent reason. He denied in the most positive manner that he had any connection with the shooting or knew anything about it. He was running toward the scene of the shooting, and not away from it, when he was caught and arrested.

### Hawaiian Bill Completed.

Washington, Feb. 1.—The Hawaiian bill has been practically completed by the house committee on territories, and Chairman Knox, with a subcommittee, is preparing a draft of the revised bill with the intention of presenting it to the house this week. Several important changes have been made in the measure. The chief of these is the striking out of any and all property qualifications for electors to the senate.

Another change eliminates the supervision given to the supreme court of Hawaii over the election in the senate and house and makes each the judge of its own elections. The omission of the property qualifications for electors is in the interest of the natives.

The Bandon Recorder says that Coquille cattle buyers have been on the river the past week, offering \$14 per head for choice last-spring calves, and 6 cents per pound for dressed beef.