

# GOLD HILL NEWS.

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## EVENTS OF THE DAY

An interesting collection of items from the two hemispheres presented in a condensed form.

There are now 55 cases of yellow fever in Havana.

Russian soldiers in China will be withdrawn to the north.

The United States battleship Kentucky has sailed from Naples for Smyrna.

The official vote of the state of Florida is as follows: Bryan, 28,007; McKinley, 7,499.

Americans took a Tagal stronghold at Pinauran which the rebels boasted was impregnable.

John Lawson Johnson, of Kent, England, the noted dietic expert, died in France, aged 61.

The new United States monitor Nevada was launched at Bath, Me., with appropriate ceremonies.

The Venezuelan government has received from Germany 10,000 Mauser rifles and 3,000,000 cartridges.

The population of Kansas is 1,470,495, as against 1,427,096 in 1890, an increase of 43,399, or 3 per cent.

The population of Virginia is 1,854,184, as against 1,655,980 in 1890, an increase of 198,204, or 11.9 per cent.

The population of Maryland is 1,550,050, against 1,402,390 in 1890, an increase of 147,660, or 14.1 per cent.

Ex-President Kruger was received by President Loubet, of France, at the Ellysee, at Paris. There were no disturbances.

Five coal mines near Parkersburg, W. Va., were destroyed by a landslide, entailing a loss of \$300,000. No one was injured.

At Chicago, the foreman of a sash and door factory was shot and instantly killed by one of two men, believed to be strikers.

The Yale football team defeated Harvard's eleven by the score of 28 to 0, at New Haven, Conn., before an immense crowd.

A St. Lawrence river steamer was wrecked off Seven Islands, Quebec, and all on board perished, 19 of the crew and seven passengers.

The population of Nevada as officially announced by the census bureau, is 42,385, as against 45,761 in 1890, a decrease of 3,426, or 7.4 per cent.

Five hundred Indians in Western Colorado are slaughtering deer by the hundreds, and Governor Thomas has given orders to have them arrested.

Another snow storm is sweeping over British Columbia.

Seventy-five lives were lost in the tornado in the South.

Negotiations are under way for a reciprocity treaty with Russia.

A difference of opinion has brought the Chinese negotiations to a standstill.

Paul Kruger, ex-president of the South African republic, has arrived at Marseilles.

The ways and means committee of the house, decides to reduce the war tax \$30,000,000.

MacArthur is pushing the campaign against the Filipinos, reinforcements being sent to the several divisions.

The official count for Ohio is as follows: McKinley 643,918, Bryan 474,882; McKinley's plurality, 69,036.

Lampson P. Sherman, brother of the late Senator John Sherman, of Ohio, died at Des Moines, Iowa, aged 79.

The official count for Nebraska, shows that McKinley's plurality in the state is 7,822. The total vote of the state is 251,998. McKinley received 121,835 and Bryan 114,013.

The population of the state of New York as officially announced by the census bureau, is 7,263,012, as against 5,997,853 in 1890, an increase of 1,270,159, or 21.1 per cent.

At Republic, Wash., Charles Kramer was found hanging by his neck, in a slaughter house. He had been missed since November 9. His body was found by George Raglan, who visited the slaughter house. He was generally despondent, and having lost \$100 on the election, it is supposed that induced him to take his own life.

The Vossische Zeitung, of Berlin, points out "the dangers of permitting Boers to trek into German Southwest Africa, since they are unmanageable and incapable of accepting orderly conditions." Giving a word of warning, it says: "The Boers would seek to hold the ground, thus forming a state within a state. The German colonial authorities should remember that it would be generations before the Boers forget that they once possessed an independent political existence."

## LATER NEWS.

Congress has not signed the Peking protocol.

Secretary Root has returned from Cuba.

Kruger visited the French government officials.

Palace guards have been sent to arrest Prince Tuan.

Colonel Denby may succeed Conger as minister to China.

Nome is now completely shut off from the outer world by a barrier of ice.

A conspiracy to assassinate Lord Roberts was discovered in Johannesburg.

Governor Geer has issued certificates of election to Republican electors for Oregon.

Heavy fogs prevailed on Puget Sound, causing many minor accidents on both land and water.

The official vote for presidential electors in New Jersey was: Republican, 221,701; Democrat, 164,808.

The population of Texas is 3,048,710, against 2,235,513 in 1890, an increase of 813,197, or 36.3 per cent.

The population of Nebraska is 1,068,539, against 1,058,910 in 1890, an increase of 9,629, or .9 per cent.

Official returns show that the vote for president in Iowa was: Republican, 307,818; Democrat, 209,466.

The Portland, Or., Chamber of Commerce urges an appropriation of \$4,000,000 for canal and locks at the Dalles.

The population of Utah, as officially announced, is 276,749, as against 207,095 in 1890, an increase 68,844, or 33.1 per cent.

An irrigation bill allowing more than \$1,000,000 to Oregon, Washington and Idaho will be introduced at the coming session of congress.

One man was drowned and four others injured in a trainwreck on the Cleveland & Pittsburg road, near Pittsburg, in which the train was dived into a river.

The population of Montana, as announced by the United States census bureau, is 243,329, as against 182,159 in 1890, an increase of 111,170, or 84.1 per cent. The population in 1886 was 39,159, showing an increase of 93,000, or 237.4 per cent. from 1880 to 1890.

The population of North Carolina is 1,803,810, as against 1,617,947 in 1890, an increase of 275,863, or 17 per cent.

Signor Marconi has practically solved the question of ocean transmission by wireless telegraphy, and will soon be able to use his system across the Atlantic.

Floods and storms are causing great damage in the East.

A young man was fatally shot by robbers near The Dalles, Or.

Officers at Tien Tsin are in favor of destroying the Chinese fortifications.

Fire destroyed a cement plant near Easton, Pa., causing a loss of \$200,000.

United States geological surveyors are mapping Eastern Oregon mining districts.

The official vote of Indiana is as follows: Bryan, 309,594; McKinley, 336,063.

The official vote of the state of Virginia is as follows: Bryan, 146,179; McKinley, 117,151.

Sarah Bernhardt and M. Coquelin played their first night to a representative audience in New York City. They appeared in Rostand's "L'Aiglon."

Attorney-General Blackburn gives his official opinion that reading the Bible and repeating the Lord's Prayer are permissible in Oregon public schools.

The president has decided to appoint F. T. Bowles, naval constructor in charge of the New York navy-yard, chief of the bureau of construction and repair of the navy department, upon the retirement from active service next March of Rear-Admiral Hichborn, the present incumbent.

A dispatch received at Berlin from Field Marshal Count von Waldersee, dated November 24, says the German expedition has hoisted the German flag over the great wall, which was reached November 22 by way of Hey Ling Cheng, after a difficult mountain march. The dispatch adds that the French had a severe fight with Boxers 30 kilometers south of Pao Ting Fu.

Horses to the number of 50,000 are to be purchased in this country in the next six months by agents of the British government for the use of Lord Kitchener's forces in policing the Transvaal and Orange Free State. This news has been announced by John S. Bratton, of St. Louis, who has supplied directly and indirectly to the British army in the last two years many horses suitable for cavalry use.

Details are received of the killing of the supposed Apache Kid, near Pacheco, Mexico, recently. There are three dead Indians one of them supposed to be the notorious Apache Kid, for whom the United States government has offered a reward of \$5,000. The other dead are an Indian squaw and papoose, who fell in the fight. The shooting was done by two men whom the Indians had robbed, and who had followed the band.

## VIOLATION OF TREATY RIGHTS

### Turkey Refused American Consul Exequatur.

#### CONSIDERED AS AN INSULT

The Request Was Rejected on the Grounds That Harpoot Is Not a Commercial Point.

Constantinople, Nov. 26.—The porte has definitely rejected the request for an exequatur for a United States consul at Harpoot. This refusal is regarded by the United States legation as a direct violation of the treaty rights, and, consequently, despite the refusal, Thomas H. Norton, who was appointed by President McKinley some time ago to establish a consulate at Harpoot, has been directed to proceed to his post. The expected visit of the battleship Kentucky to Smyrna is believed to relate quite as much to this matter as to the indemnity question.

#### THE COLOMBIAN WAR.

More Rebel Victories—Colon and Panama Terror-Stricken.

Kingston, Jamaica, Nov. 26.—The British steamer Barbadian, which has just arrived here from Colon, reports that severe fighting occurred Monday and Tuesday at Culebra. The government forces attacked the rebels, who occupied a good position, with the result that the losses of the former were heavy. The fighting was proceeding when the steamer left Tuesday night. The stores and restaurants at Colon were closed and the rebels held a portion of the railroad line. Another rebel force was reported to be engaging the government troops near Panama. Business is entirely suspended at the latter place, and both Panama and Colon are in a state of terror. The rebels are attacking in a determined manner, and it is feared the slaughter will be great before decisive results are reached. The liberals, it is asserted by the passengers of the steamer, still hold Buena Ventura, though the Colombian government is making great effort to regain possession of it.

#### Floods in Southern California.

Anaheim, Cal., Nov. 26.—The flood situation here is alarming. A break in the Santa Ana river has brought the water to within a mile of the town, which is 15 feet below the bed of the river, and if the rise of the latter continues the town will be swamped. The Catholic cemetery was reached last night and is under a foot of water. In the peat lands breaks in the Santa Ana river have let in a large volume of new water, and the celery men fear the entire crop of 1,500 cars will be lost. Over 100 families have been driven from their homes and there is fear that people in isolated sections have been drowned.

#### Black Flags at Canton.

New York, Nov. 26.—One thousand Black Flags have returned to Canton, says a Herald dispatch from Hong Kong. Although the rebellion has subsided in the East River district, the disturbed villagers are repudiating the rule of the Mandarins, refusing to pay taxes. The French are extremely active, relying on the visits of the gunboats as an effective means of settling indemnities. Three gunboats remain at Shan Tak to enforce their claim of 170,000 taels. The Mandarins offer 60 per cent, which has not been accepted. There are fears of fresh outbreaks of disaffection.

#### Bryan Still a Chicago Democrat.

Mexico, Mo., Nov. 26.—In a letter received here today from W. J. Bryan, he says:

"Still believing in the principles set forth in the Chicago platform, I shall continue to defend them, believing the American people will yet see the necessity for the repudiation of Republicanism."

#### Boers' Boers Defeated.

Bloemfontein, Nov. 25.—The Boers under Brand were defeated November 18 at Baderspan, with heavy losses, the Lancers charging through the Boer line, doing deadly damage, as a number of riderless horses demonstrated. Brand himself was wounded. The British casualties were not serious.

#### Caleb Powers' Appeal.

Frankfort, Ky., Nov. 26.—In the court of appeals today the case of ex-Secretary of State Caleb Powers vs. the commonwealth was submitted without argument, with leave to file briefs December 1. Powers is under life sentence for being an accessory to the Gobel murder.

#### Expelled Germans Want Damages.

Berlin, Nov. 25.—The Pan-German Association has taken up the cause of several hundred Germans who were expelled from the Transvaal by the British. It is announced that "it will force the government to make an energetic demand upon Great Britain for adequate damages."

#### Plotters Sentenced.

Bucharest, Nov. 26.—The trial of the Macedonian Bulgarians accused of participating in a plot to assassinate King Charles of Roumania, was concluded today. All were sentenced to hard labor for life in the salt mines or to long terms of imprisonment.

## PHILIPPINE FORESTS.

Vast and Varied Timber Resources of Our Islands and Possessions.

Washington, Nov. 29.—The divisions of customs and insular affairs of the war department has made public a summary of the first report of the Philippine bureau of forestry organized in its present form under an order of the military governor, dated April 14, 1900. Its first work was confined to ascertaining the conditions of the records received from the Spanish government, under which that bureau had not only had the care of the forests, but also the survey of the public lands. The laws in force at the time of American occupation are said to be in line with the most advanced foreign legislation of Europe, but were not fully enforced and licensed the cutting of any and everything. The result was that valuable rubber, gutta-percha and ylang-ylang trees were taken, and even the most valuable used as firewood.

#### Captain Ahern's Statement.

Captain Ahern states that from different sources of information he is led to believe the public forest lands comprise from one-fourth to possibly one-half the area of the Philippines, or from 20,000,000 to 40,000,000 acres. There are fully 5,000,000 acres of virgin forest owned by the state in the islands of Mindoro and Parada. The island of Mindanao, with an area of some 20,000,000 acres is almost entirely covered with timber, and even in the province of Cagayan, in Luzon, there are more than 2,000,000 acres of forest.

In other provinces of Luzon, especially in the country close to Manila, much of the timber has been cut, and to fill large contracts the lumbermen are obliged to go quite a distance from the city in order to find a suitable tract.

#### Magnificent Timber.

Captain Ahern mentions tracts of virgin forests to be seen on the southern islands where from 10,000,000 to 20,000,000 cubic feet of magnificent timber per acre was standing, with trees more than 150 feet in height, the trunks clear of branches for 60 feet and more than four feet in diameter. He states that in these forests there are millions of cubic feet of timber, which should be cut in order to thin this dense growth, so that the maximum annual growth could be obtained.

There is a large variety of valuable gum, rubber and gutta-percha trees, 17 dye woods and the ylang-ylang, the oil from the blossoms of which latter tree is the base of so many perfumes.

There are no forest roads or river driveways in the islands considered worthy of mentioning. At present the trees are felled far from any road, and hauled out very slowly by one or more cariboes, with the result that many tracts are left untouched.

## BIG BARK ASHORE.

British Four-Masted Poltalloch Grounded on the Washington Coast.

South Bend, Wash., Nov. 29.—The British four-masted bark Poltalloch, Captain Young, in ballast from Santa Rosalia to Portland, went ashore at 2 o'clock this morning about two miles north of the entrance to Willapa harbor. She has lost all anchors, and lies stern-on in a perilous position. The tug Astoria stayed near her all day, but on account of the heavy seas was unable to pass a line. The tug arrived here at 8 o'clock this evening to telegraph for another tug, and brought 13 of the crew of the Poltalloch, who came off in a boat.

#### Gale on Lake Erie.

Cleveland, Nov. 29.—Another violent storm prevailed on Lake Erie and throughout Northern Ohio today, the wind coming from the north and blowing at the rate of 60 miles an hour. The gale was accompanied by heavy rain and sleet. The telegraph and telephone companies, who suffered great damage from the heavy storm of last week, were again badly handicapped by the prostration of lines on practically all routes as the result of today's storm.

#### Railway Clerks' Big Stealing.

New York, Nov. 28.—Word was received at police headquarters today to the effect that a clerk of the Seaboard Air Line had been arrested at Fernandina, Fla., for the theft of \$50,000 from that line. It is said that the money taken by this clerk was lost through speculation with the firm of C. B. Lawrence & Co., that recently failed here, and the principals of which are now under arrest.

#### Refugees From South Africa.

New York, Nov. 29.—Among the passengers who arrived today on the Staatendam from Rotterdam were five refugees from the South African republic. They are S. Pearson, commissary-general of the Transvaal army; Commandant W. Snyman, of the Orange Free State, and H. Snyman, Jr., A. Liebenberg and Hercules Viljoen, of Snyman's command. Pearson says his party was chased over the border into Portuguese territory. They made their way to the coast and thence by steamer to Europe. Pearson says he has never been out of South Africa before.

## FOR ARID SECTIONS

### Bill to Provide Great Irrigation System.

\$1,000,000 FOR THE SEVERAL STATES

Oregon, Washington and Idaho Included—Will Be Introduced at the Coming Session of Congress.

Washington, Nov. 29.—A bill for irrigation of arid lands is to be introduced and pushed at the approaching session of congress which will affect Oregon, Washington and Idaho, among other states. The most earnest advocates of irrigation feel that with the indorsement of the late irrigation congress they will be able to muster the solid support of delegates from all arid land states and hope in this way to secure some general legislation this session.

The bill already prepared provides that four practical reservoir sites and irrigation ditches shall be surveyed in each state by the geological survey, the secretary of the interior then to withdraw the land embraced in and surrounding the most suitable sites and ditches. He shall then let contracts for constructing reservoirs and ditches, to cost not more than \$1,000,000, in each state. Nine million dollars is appropriated by the bill. When the lands are irrigated they are to be subject to homestead entry, each entryman to pay \$2.50 per acre, and no individual to secure more than 80 acres. The reservoir and ditches are to be turned over to the settlers when most of the land irrigated is taken up.

It is possible, however, that this irrigation bill will be made a part of the river and harbor bill again, as it was two years ago.

D. H. Stearns, of Oregon, and Dr. R. J. Gobel, of Washington, delegates of the irrigation congress, called on the president today and solicited his support to some plan of governmental aid in an irrigation system for reclaiming the arid West.

## PLOT AGAINST BOBS.

The Scheme Was to Blow Him Up While Attending Church.

London, Nov. 29.—According to a special edition of the Evening Standard today, a plot to assassinate Lord Roberts, in which two foreigners are concerned, has been discovered. It appears that the conspirators loaded a mine, which was designed to be blown up Sunday while Lord Roberts was in church at Johannesburg, but the police and Lord Roberts' bodyguard frustrated the conspiracy. Ten men, mostly Italians, have been arrested.

#### Roberts Confirms It.

London, Nov. 29.—The war office has the following from Lord Roberts, dated Johannesburg, November 26: "As reports of a plot against my life probably reach you, I think you should know the facts. It is believed that there was a plot in existence, and five Italians, four Greeks and one Frenchman were arrested November 16, and are now awaiting trial. Their intentions were to explode a mine under St. Mary's church during the morning service, held at 11 o'clock, on November 18."

#### Roberts Reports Engagements.

London, Nov. 29.—Lord Roberts, cabling from Johannesburg, under date of November 26, reports a number of encounters with the Boers at widely separated points, in which the British captured some cattle and a few prisoners, and suffered slight casualties. The most serious affair was an engagement with the forces of General De Larey, numbering about 1,000 men, with three guns, who opposed General Clement's march towards Reitfontein. The Boers were completely dispersed.

#### Dewet in Portuguese Territory.

Lourenco Marques, Nov. 29.—A detachment of 80 mounted Portuguese troops, with two guns, crossed the river this morning at Catembo. It is reported General Dewet is in Portuguese territory and in that district.

#### Honduras Pays Pears Claim.

Washington, Nov. 29.—The state department received a cable today from United States Minister Hunter, at Guatemala City, announcing that he had just received from the Honduran government a draft for \$10,000 American gold as indemnity for the killing of Frank Pears. The killing occurred at San Pedro Sulu, in May, 1899, and the indemnity is the full amount of the claim set up.

#### Census of Oregon.

Washington, Nov. 29.—The population of Oregon as officially announced today, is 413,536, as against 313,767 for 1890. This is an increase of 99,769, or 31.7 per cent. The population in 1880 was 174,768, showing an increase of 138,999, or 79.5 per cent from 1880 to 1890.