

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.

Boxers are active around Tien Tsin. The Guam typhoon was the worst in 40 years.

House Democrats will offer a new army bill.

Secretary Hay signed a canal treaty with Nicaragua.

The United States gunboat Monocacy will winter at Taka.

The Chinese court has lost confidence in Earl Li and Prince Ching.

Twelve hundred bolomen surrendered to the Americans at Vigan.

An Austrian field marshal criticizes the British army organization.

An American warship will make a demonstration against Morocco.

Six men were drowned in a ferry boat disaster on Spokane river.

Texas' vote for presidential electors was: Bryan, 267,432; McKinley, 121,573.

University of Oregon defeated University of Washington in football by 43 to 0.

Fulton, Kentucky, was visited by a fire which destroyed 20 establishments and caused a loss of \$250,000.

A Sumpter, Or., miner was badly injured by the explosion of giant powder which he placed on a stove to thaw out.

Fred W. Buhsnell, for several years city editor of the Minneapolis Tribune, died at that city of cancer of the stomach.

The population of Indian Territory is 391,960, as against 190,162 in 1890, an increase of 211,775, or 117.5 per cent.

The population of Wisconsin, as announced by the census bureau, is 2,069,049, as against 1,686,880 in 1890, an increase of 382,142, or 22.6 per cent.

Two steamers collided on the river about 20 miles above Huntington, W. Va., sinking 30 coalboats containing 500,000 bushels of coal, entailing a loss of \$100,000.

Advices from Australia state that the volcano on Beach Island, in the New Britain group, has again become active, causing a great upheaval on land and sea. Many natives have been killed.

The award of the Swiss government in the Franco-Brazilian boundary dispute gives Brazil 147,000 square miles of the contested territory. France gets about 3,000 square miles north of the Tumac Huemac range.

A typhoon swept the Island of Guam, killing hundreds of natives.

The dowager empress is trying to induce the emperor to return to Peking.

The powers are debating on the wisdom of sending an ultimatum to China.

The official vote of Wisconsin follows: Republican, 265,866; Democratic, 159,285.

General Bates reports the capture of 33 Filipinos, six of whom murdered several persons last spring.

The Dutch of Cape Colony are becoming restless and loyalists fear there may soon be an uprising.

The population of Oklahoma is 398,246, as against 61,834 in 1890, an increase of 336,411, or 44 per cent.

The population of South Dakota is 401,570, as against 328,80 in 1890, an increase of 72,762, or 22.1 per cent.

The population of North Dakota is 319,416, as against 182,719 in 1890, an increase of 136,627, or 74.6 per cent.

The population of Tennessee is 2,020,093, as against 1,767,18 in 1890, an increase of 23,098, or 14.3 per cent.

The population of New Mexico is 195,210, as against 13,93 in 1890, an increase of 41,717, or 27.1 per cent.

The United States auxiliary cruiser Yosemite sank in a typhoon at Guam, November 5, drowning five of the crew.

The population of Idaho, as officially announced, is 161,772, as against 84,385 in 1890, an increase of 77,387, or 91.7 per cent.

Two American privates were killed and three wounded in an ambush of ladrones near Malolos, Luzon. The insurgents escaped.

Bank robbers at Emden, Ill., completely wrecked the Farmers' bank with dynamite and got away with \$3,000 to \$4,000.

By an explosion of nitro-glycerine at Leesville, W. Va., 20 miles above Wheeling, four boys were killed and 14 wounded, of whom two will die.

The population of the state of Washington as officially announced, is 518,103, as against 349,390 in 1890, an increase of 168,913, or 48.2 per cent.

LATER NEWS.

Consul-General Stowe says the Boer war is nearly ended.

Kruger's mission to Europe was frustrated by the Kaiser.

Nine men were killed in a train wreck near Suisun, Cal.

The Isthmian canal commission recommends the Nicaragua route.

Senator Fairbanks, of Indiana, introduced a bill to admit Oklahoma as a state, with two representatives.

A report comes from Queen Charlotte island that the Indians there are short of food. Their wants will be attended to.

It is reasserted in Tien Tsin that the Germans lost 20 killed and many wounded west of Pao Ting Fu, where they were attacked by 2,500 Boxers.

Congressman Driggs introduced a resolution in the house requiring the secretary of war to investigate the practice of "hazing" at West Point.

Senator Pettigrew introduced a resolution in the senate calling upon the postmaster-general to send to the senate any information he may have in his possession concerning postal frauds in Cuba.

Tang Wang Huang, author of the outrages upon the Pao Ting Fu missionaries, was paraded through the streets of Tien Tsin in a cart under a strong German guard, previous to being handed over to the provisional government for decapitation.

The state of Louisiana established a quarantine station at El Paso, Texas, to guard against the possible introduction of bubonic plague into that state from the far East by way of the Pacific coast. The Louisiana health office will work in conjunction with the Texas inspectors.

Frank Hawley, an American electric promoter, is now in London in the interest of an American syndicate. Mr. Hawley says the capitalists he represents are ready to spend no less than \$4,000,000 in the construction of electric surface roads in London and to the suburbs to a radius of 30 miles. Not a penny of British capital will be asked. He expresses himself as confident that the undertaking will be a financial success.

Major Wood, commanding the Canadian mounted police in the Yukon territory, who collects the royalties on gold, reports the collections this year on the Klondike output as amounting to nearly \$900,000, about \$100,000 more than was received last year. Ten per cent of the gold mined is supposed to be paid to the government, which would indicate the Klondike output for the season to have been only \$9,000,000, but the general estimate has placed it at nearly \$20,000,000.

Salem, Or., re-elected its reform municipal officers.

The ship subsidy bill will displace the Philippine bill.

Kruger wept at Emperor William's refusal to meet him.

Five men were killed by the blowing up of a power house in Chicago.

The short session of the Fifty-sixth congress was successfully opened.

Colorado game wardens arrested 16 Mormons who had killed 30 deer.

Robbers blew up a Silverton, Or., bank, but failed to get at the cash.

A strange woman is exciting the Papago Indians to be guided by their dreams.

Congressman Lacey and Senator Teller are in favor of offering homes to the Boers.

Oscar L. Booze, a West Point cadet, is dying from the effects of a burning drink given him by hazers.

A drunken man was killed and his body derailed a heavy locomotive on the O. R. & N., near Hood River, Oregon.

Colonel John S. Williams, third auditor of the treasury under President Cleveland, died at La Fayette, Ind., aged 77.

Rev. William Howard Day, D. D., general secretary of the A. M. E. Second church, died at Harrisburg, Pa., aged 73 years.

Rev. Patrick Feehan, archbishop of the Catholic archdiocese of Chicago, will retire from the active management of his office with the close of the present year.

General W. L. White, ex-quartermaster-general of the Michigan National guard, pleaded guilty to complicity in state military clothing frauds, and was sentenced to 10 years in prison.

John Baines, a constable, was murdered at Dallas, Tex., by burning. His clothing had been saturated with turpentine and ignited. Both eyes were burned out. John Chapman and Ed Faulkner, saloon keepers, were arrested, charged with the murder.

The Pacific cable committee has accepted, on behalf of the government of Great Britain, New South Wales, Queensland and New Zealand, the bid of the Telegraph Construction & Maintenance Company, to make and lay a cable from Vancouver to Queensland and New Zealand, via Fanning, Fiji and Norfolk islands, for \$1,795,000, the work to be finished by the end of 1902.

CONGRESS IN SESSION

Day Given Up to Reading of the President's Message.

THE ATTENDANCE WAS A LARGE ONE

Early Adjournment Taken Out of Respect to Late Senators Davis and Geer and Representatives Daly and Hoeffcker.

Washington, Dec. 4.—In the senate yesterday, the work of the short session of the 56th congress was successfully launched. It had been the purpose of the senate to announce the death of Senator Geer, of Iowa, and Davis, of Minnesota, after assembling, and then to adjourn and to receive the message of the president Tuesday, but as this had been announced by the leaders of both branches of congress to be a "business session," it was determined to receive the message and to gain one day in a session in which that much time may be of immense importance.

Aside from the reading of the message and the administering of the oath of office to William B. Dillingham, the new senator from Vermont, who succeeds the late Justin S. Morrill, no business was transacted. The other new member of the body, ex-Representative John C. Dolliver, who succeeds the late Senator Geer, of Iowa, was present throughout the session, but his credentials were not presented and he was not sworn in. These formalities will be complied with, now that the senate has been officially informed of the death of Senator Geer.

Opening in the House.

Washington, Dec. 4.—The opening session in the house was brilliant, but not exciting. There were the usual throngs in the galleries and the usual display of floral pieces on the floor, but the proceedings were purely formal, consisting of the rapping to order by the speaker, prayer by the chaplain, the roll call of members, the appointment of the formal committee to wait on the president, and the reception and the reading of the president's message. Despite the fact that a great presidential campaign had concluded within a month, the best of feeling seemed to prevail between victors and vanquished. The reading of the message, which naturally was the feature of the day, occupied over two hours. It was listened to with respectful interest by both sides. The deaths of the late Representatives Daly, of New Jersey, and Hoeffcker, of Delaware, and Senators Davis, of Minnesota, and Geer, of Iowa, were announced, and as a further mark of respect to their memory, the house adjourned until tomorrow.

Supplies for Guam.

Washington, Dec. 5.—The navy department has made arrangements to send a supply of lumber, nails, etc., to Guam on the brig Spreckels, which will leave San Francisco the 6th inst. with naval stores for Manila. The material is for the purpose of repairing the damage done at Guam by the typhoon. The supplies are sent in response to a requisition from Admiral Remey. Further supplies will be forwarded by the transport scheduled to leave the 15th inst.

Alava Escaped the Typhoon.

Washington, Dec. 5.—Admiral Remey has informed the navy department of the movements of the General Alava, over which vessel some uneasiness had been felt, as it was thought she would encounter the Guam typhoon on her way over from that island to Cavite. The General Alava left Guam November 26 and arrived safely at Cavite yesterday with a detachment of marines and some of the Yosemite's officers.

San Diego Coaling Station.

San Diego, Cal., Dec. 5.—Admiral R. B. Bradford arrived here today, accompanied by Captain J. J. Meiler, United States army, to decide upon a site for the government coaling station in the harbor. Admiral Bradford says the station will have a capacity of 2,500 tons, but it will be designed to increase that capacity as occasion demands.

Ingle side Track Sold.

San Francisco, Dec. 5.—As a result of a meeting of prominent turfmen held today, Edward Corrigan, Joseph Ullman and their associates in the Western Turf Association, have sold out their interests in the Ingle side track to the San Francisco Jockey Club.

The Abbott Sold.

New York, Dec. 3.—At the Fasig-Tipton auction sales of fine horses today, The Abbott, holder of the world's trotting record, 2:03 1/2, was sold for \$28,500. The purchaser was Fire Commissioner John J. Scannell, of New York.

Fatal Train Wreck.

Winnemucca, Nev. Dec. 3.—West-bound freight train No. 20 was wrecked here this evening and a fireman instantly killed. The two engines pulling the train jumped the track at a switch.

RICH STRIKE IN ALASKA.

Large Vein of Fine Ore Discovered in the Atlin District—Other Rich Finds.

Tacoma, Dec. 5.—Excellent mining reports have come from Alaska. The richest quartz ledge ever found in the Atlin district has been uncovered on the Gleaner group, on Taku Arm. David von Cramer has reached Skagway with samples of the ore, in which free gold is plentiful. He says the ledge is 18 feet wide, and that it contains a streak of wonderfully rich ore. Two and one-half ounces from this streak, pounded in a mortar, yielded nearly \$1.50 in gold. The owners declare that half a ton of picked ore will yield over \$12,000.

White Horse Region.

Charles A. Griston, of White Horse, brings news that the number of men at work on the copper mines there has been doubled since the completion of the White Pass Railroad to White Horse. The ore of the district is very rich, and there seems to be no end to it. The belt so far discovered is about 14 miles long by two miles wide, and equally rich ore is found in all parts of the belt. The assays run as high as 72 per cent copper, \$20 in gold and 14 to 15 ounces in silver. Several mines, including the Copper King and War Eagle, will ship ore this winter, sending it by sleighs to the railroad.

The Treadwell Mine.

The official report of the Treadwell mine, at Juneau, for year ending May, shows that during the year 557,950 tons of ore were mined, and bullion was sold to the amount of \$1,153,368, or an average on the ore crushed of \$2.06 a ton. The year's working profit was \$673,901, and four dividends were paid, amounting to \$300,000, or 6 per cent upon the capital stock. The average expense was a trifle over 86 cents a ton, leaving a net working profit of \$1.20 a ton. The ore now in sight is estimated at over 4,000,000 tons.

Mines at Cook Inlet.

A letter from Cook Inlet says that the richest placer known in the district was found last month Jack Sutton took from his Canyon Creek claim gravel giving \$40 per pan. Two men working on Lyons creek, cut through a bar averaging \$20 per man. In two weeks, they took out about \$1500 worth of gold. Two weeks ago mining operations in the district were suspended for the winter.

A rich strike has been made on the Monte Carlo, Inlet district, Washington. At a depth of 320 feet, the tunnel encountered a vein of gray copper yielding values of nearly \$100 per ton in gold and silver.

KRUGER IS SNUBBED.

Emperor William Will Not Receive Him—Alleges Prior Engagements.

Berlin, Dec. 5.—Mr. Kruger has abandoned his proposed visit to Berlin, owing to the receipt of an official intimation that Emperor William regrets that, in consequence of previous arrangements, he will be unable to receive him. The Boer statesman, will therefore, proceed direct from Cologne to Holland. He telegraphed to this effect this afternoon.

The Cologne Gazette in an inspired communication, says:

"Mr. Kruger's visit is not disagreeable to Germany, his aim being to obtain intervention in South Africa. It would be a grave political mistake—it would be even a great crime—to allow him to entertain even a spark of hope that Germany will render him any practical support." This declaration is accompanied with reproaches, Mr. Kruger being charged with "having encouraged a useless guerrilla warfare and having disregarded Germany's advice when he might have still followed it."

The press generally strikes the same note.

TRAIN WRECK IN MEXICO.

Twelve Persons Were Killed and Sixty Others Injured.

San Antonio, Texas, Dec. 5.—Edward Risch, of this city, has just arrived with details of a terrible wreck of two trains on the Mexican Central railway last Thursday, by which more than a score of persons were killed and 60 injured, many of them fatally. Both trains were running at 30 miles an hour when they met in a valley between two great hills 50 miles south of Jimulco, midway between the towns of Tamaulaca and Symon. One train carried a construction crew of 150 men, and the other was a freight, made up of 55 empty cars. Three engines and 40 cars were piled up in a mass of debris 30 feet high, in which the dead and wounded were buried. Two of the train employes are Americans, and they saved their lives by immediate flight, as in Mexico employes of a train must suffer death if fatalities attach to a trainwreck. The survivors attempted to lynch the Americans, but they escaped and are supposed to have reached United States territory.

\$60,000 Brick Plant Destroyed.

Atlanta, Ga., Dec. 5.—The plant of the Chattanooga Brick Company was destroyed by fire today. Loss \$60,000.

THE CANAL REPORT

Commission Recommends the Nicaragua Route.

THE PANAMA LINE IS NOT ACCEPTABLE

Estimated Cost of the Canal Is Over Two Hundred Millions—Ten Years Required to Complete It.

Washington, Dec. 6.—The report of the Isthmian canal commission, submitted by the president to congress today, gives as the unanimous conclusion of that body that "the most practicable and feasible route for an Isthmian canal under the control, management and ownership of the United States is that known as the Nicaragua route."

The commission estimates the cost of this canal at \$200,540,000. This estimate is much in excess of any heretofore made and is due to increased dimensions and other features not heretofore considered. The commission also estimates the cost of a canal by the Panama route at \$142,342,579, according to one route, or \$156,378,258 according to another route.

As between the Nicaragua and Panama routes, the commission sums up a number of advantages favorable to the former. It states also that under the concessions given by the government of Colombia to the Panama Canal Company that government is not free to grant the necessary rights to the United States except upon conditions made by the company.

POPULATION OF RUSSIA.

Now Calculated to Be More Than 136,000,000 by the Minister of Finance.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 6.—The population of Russia was estimated at about 75,000,000 in 1861, the year of the emancipation of the serfs. It is now calculated to be more than 136,000,000, according to a statement just published by the minister of finance. This estimate is obtained by adding the calculated annual excess of births over deaths, which is 2,000,000, to the total of 129,000,000 given by the census of January 28, 1897, which was 126,000,000, without the grand duchy of Finland, or 129,000,000 including Finland. The Slavic population is 73 per cent of the whole, Russians alone numbering 86,000,000, or 7 per cent. The total Finnish population is over 6,000,000, and the Lithuanians almost reach the same figures, numbering 5,000,000. Various Turkish people of the Volgal, the Crimea, the Caucasus and Siberia number 11,000,000, or about 9 per cent of the whole. There are 4,000,000 Hebrews, and about 1,000,000 persons of German descent or birth.

RAN INTO A WORK TRAIN.

Collision on the Southern Pacific Near Suisun, Cal., Kills Nine Men.

Suisun, Cal., Dec. 6.—During a very heavy fog this morning, freight train N. 201, west bound, collided with a work train of five cars and an engine, going east, in a deep cut about 600 yards beyond Vander station, causing the death of nine workmen and injuries of a more or less severe character to about 20 others. The victims of the disaster were asleep in their bunks in one of the cars of the work train when the trains came together.

Anglophobia at Cologne.

Cologne, Dec. 6.—An Anglophobe demonstration took place today in front of the British consulate here. Mounted police dispersed the rioters and arrested the leaders. Serenades and ovals of Mr. Kruger planned by various societies have been forbidden in the interests of public safety.

Los Angeles Election.

Los Angeles, Cal., Dec. 6.—Complete returns of yesterday's election in this city show that M. P. Snyder, the Democratic nominee for mayor, was elected by a plurality over Herman Silver, the Republican candidate, of 2,000. The Republicans elected seven of the nine councilmen and five of the eight other municipal officers.

Castle Rock Assassin.

Kalama, Wash., Dec. 6.—Martin Stickle was arraigned in Justice Smith's court tonight at 11 o'clock for the murder of William B. Shanklin at Kelo a year ago, and with the murder of Cornelius Knapp and wife at Castle Rock last Wednesday night. The prisoner waived examination and was held for trial in the superior court.

Trains Crash Together.

Seattle, Dec. 6.—A special to the Post-Intelligencer from Spokane says: A light engine on the Great Northern crashed into the rear end of a special freight at Chivankum, near Leavenworth, this morning. Conductor Sickafous, who was riding in the caboose, was instantly killed, and Brakemen Forgy and Dirah were severely injured.