



EVENTS OF THE DAY

FROM THE FOUR QUARTERS OF THE WORLD.

A Comprehensive Review of the Important Happenings of the Past Week Presented in a Condensed Form Which is Most Likely to Prove of Interest to Our Many Readers.

Republican landslide in Ohio. Oregon hop crop being shipped east. Argument was continued in Schley case.

Jury secured in the Considine case at Seattle. France has occupied three ports in Mitylene Island.

Law students of state university on verge of a strike. Seth Low and the fusion ticket elected in New York.

Governor Geer is in receipt of a letter threatening his life. A boxer leader was appointed to the Chinese foreign office.

Homer Bird, the Alaskan murderer, has been granted another lease of life. It will probably take the official count to decide whether Wells or Schmitz is elected mayor of San Francisco.

A plot to massacre an American garrison in Tarlac has been discovered. The treason laws were passed by the commission at Manila. The wife of Lukban will be deported from Samara.

Lord Pauncefoot is ready to begin work on the canal treaty. A cargo of wheat and flour left Portland for South Africa.

Coal or gas believed to be burning underground near Stevenson, Wash. Brigands have been employed to try and catch the abductors of Miss Stone.

Seven regiments of British cavalry in India have been sent to the seat of war in South Africa. Trial has begun at Seattle of John Considine, charged with murder of Chief of Police Meredith.

Four hundred cigarmakers are going from Havana to Tampa, Fla., to take the places of strikers. Admiral Gaillard, the French commander, has arrived at Smyrna and seized the Turkish customs.

Germany believes that mismanagement of affairs in South Africa is the cause of the war being prolonged. London and other ports of England have been enveloped with so thick a fog the last few days that all navigation is at a standstill.

A large force of Venezuelans were crossing a bridge when a Colombian force attacked them and in the fight nearly all the Venezuelan soldiers were drowned or shot. France has sent an ultimatum to Turkey.

Carnegie is not a believer in the Nicaragua canal. Oregon hops took the first prize at the Pan-American.

No fresh plague cases have been reported at Liverpool. The Subig bay naval station will cost nearly \$20,000,000.

All navigation on the Yukon has stopped on account of the ice. An attempt was made to assassinate the dowager empress of China.

President Roosevelt has issued his first Thanksgiving proclamation. Efforts are being made to prevent Samar rebels from receiving supplies.

The acting governor of Hawaii asks that Oriental laborers be admitted. The report is current in Washington that Chinese Minister Wu has been recalled.

Commissioner Hermann reports nearly 35,000,000 acres of unreserved land in Oregon. Both personally led the attack on the British a few days ago which ended so disastrously for the latter.

A captive balloon containing nine persons broke loose at San Francisco and floated away. The occupants landed safely after a ride of 50 miles.

The cross examination of Admiral Schley has been concluded. Canada opposes the abrogation of the Clayton-Bulwer treaty.

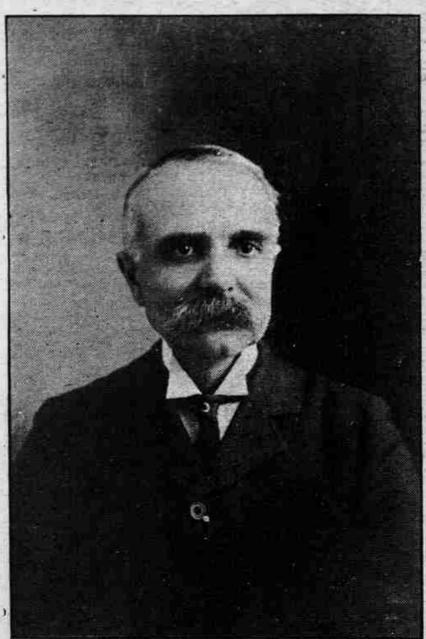
The postal estimates for the coming fiscal year call for \$15,000,000. A French squadron sailed for Turkey to press France's demands.

Six deaths from plague have occurred at Liverpool since September 2. New York city is flooded with light weight half dollars, which have been "sweated."

A force of British soldiers surprised the Boers, capturing 22 men and two commanders. Two men have been arrested at Roseburg for the Southern Pacific train hold-up.

English mail for Australia is delivered in 31 days when sent by way of the United States, the quicker route. In 1894 the United States senate passed a bill excluding anarchists, but it failed to pass the house and did not become a law.

Rev. O. N. Hartshorn, LL. D., founder and for almost 50 years president of Meant Union college, died at Alliance, O., after a long illness from Bright's disease. He was 78 years old.



COLONEL R. C. JUDSON.

Devotes Himself to Developing Agricultural Resources of Washington, Oregon and Idaho.

The latest good work started by Colonel R. C. Judson, of Portland, is the holding of exchange fairs at central business points at frequent intervals. Farmers and stockmen attend these fairs and display their farm products, also cattle, horses and sheep, in the streets for a day or two. Sales are then made to local merchants. They in turn are patronized freely. Business moves briskly. Ideas are exchanged. The women folks enjoy shopping and a brief rest. Land sales are also made. Settlers are attracted by the newspaper publicity. Colonel Judson's efforts are always original, attractive and substantial. He believes in amity rather than animosity, a principle that makes friends and business for his railroad, the O. R. & N. The practical experiments conducted by Mr. Judson on the O. R. & N. Walla Walla farm, his broad views in encouraging diversified farming, and work of organizing farmer's institute meetings, have made him a familiar figure to all the progressive industrial workers of the United States. The United States agricultural department has been attracted by his work and used his methods as object lessons in encouraging the same kind of work in other states.

PRESIDENT'S PROCLAMATION.

Sets Apart Thursday, November 28, as a Day of National Thanksgiving.

Washington, Nov. 2. — President Roosevelt today issued his proclamation fixing Thursday, November 28, as a day of national thanksgiving. It reads:

"A Proclamation. The season is right when according to the time-hallowed custom of our people, the president appoints a day as the special occasion for praise and thanksgiving to God.

"This Thanksgiving finds the people still bowed with sorrow for the death of a great and good president. We mourn for President McKinley because we loved and honored him, and the manner of his death should awaken in the breasts of our people a keen anxiety and a resolute purpose not to be driven by any calamity from the path of strong, orderly, popular liberty, which, as a nation, we have thus far so valiantly trod.

"Yet, in spite of this great disaster, it is nevertheless true that no people on earth have such abundant cause for thanksgiving as we have. The past year, in particular, has been one of peace and plenty. We have prospered in things material, and have been able to work for our own uplift, in things intellectual and spiritual.

"Let us remember that, as much as has been given us, much will be expected from us; and that true homage comes from the heart as well as from the lips and shows itself in deeds. We can best prove our thankfulness to the Almighty by the way in which, on this earth, and at this time, each of us does his duty to his fellow men.

"Now, therefore, I, Theodore Roosevelt, president of the United States, do hereby designate as a day of general thanksgiving, Thursday, the 28th of this present November, and do recommend that throughout the land the people cease from their wonted occupations and at their several homes and places of worship thank the giver of all good for the countless blessings of our national life.

"In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal to be affixed.

THEODORE ROOSEVELT.

PACIFIC REGALIA COMPANY. Business of This Home Industry Requires a Larger Factory and More Capital.

Portland, Nov. 6.—The Pacific Regalia Company, of Portland, has been re-incorporated by Paul Pfendner, J. L. Mitchell, John S. Pinney, T. B. McDevitt and May Pfendner, with \$50,000 capital stock. The company manufactures badges, buttons, regalia and lodge supplies of all kinds. The factory now operates 30 machines of various kinds and will be still further enlarged to accommodate its growing business.

ORDER OF WASHINGTON.

Charges Against Supreme Officers Not Sustained and Everything is O. K.

Seattle, Nov. 7.—Supreme President W. W. Terry, Supreme Secretary J. L. Mitchell and T. B. McDevitt, of the Order of Washington, have answered charges made by John R. Parker, president of the local union, regarding the organization. The supreme officers were indorsed in every possible manner by the members of the union, and whatever dissent there might have been, disappeared when President Parker threw down his badge and withdrew from the meeting. A unanimous vote of confidence in the head officers was expressed by the Seattle union, and peace reigns, with the exception that Parker is to be tried under impeachment proceedings.

The Order of Washington has unions in Oregon, Washington, Idaho and Montana, and has a membership of over 12,000. The supreme officers are leading citizens of Portland. It is incorporated under the laws of Oregon, and was the first society authorized to do insurance business in Washington under the new law.

Stabbed at a Dance. The Dalles, Nov. 7. — During a country dance about 20 miles southeast of The Dalles, Saturday night, Nick Marks, a well-known young farmer, was terribly stabbed by Reuben Ford, another young farmer of that district. Young Marks and Ford got into a fight over an alleged insult offered to Marks' wife, and during the encounter Ford pulled out a knife and began slashing Marks. One blow is reported to have struck near Marks' heart, and his recovery at last accounts was considered doubtful.

Passed Worthless Checks. Astoria, Nov. 7.—A man by the name of E. B. Harroun, who represented himself to be an advertising solicitor, arrived in Astoria a few days ago, and has been engaged in different occupations until yesterday, when he disappeared for parts unknown. Before leaving he had several checks cashed for small amounts. The checks were drawn on the First National bank of this city, and signed by himself.

Turkey Calls on England. Paris, Nov. 6.—"The porte asked Great Britain," says the Constantinople correspondent of the Echo de Paris, "to fulfill the terms of the convention of 1878, whereby, in exchange for the island of Cyprus, Great Britain guaranteed the integrity of the sultan's Asiatic possessions. The porte holds that under this convention Great Britain should protect Asiatic Turkey against attack by France, and suggests that Great Britain should send a squadron to the Levant for that purpose."

Venezuelan Force Surprised. Maricao, Venezuela, Nov. 6.—Advices received here from Rubica say that a night attack of the Colombians has caused a general reorganization of the Venezuelan plan of defense. The Venezuelans were caught crossing a river near Rubica. The rope bridge broke and numbers of the Venezuelans were drowned. General Uribe-Urbe's force, which was on the extreme left, has reinforced the center. The general is entreching.

BOXER LEADER HONORED.

Na Tung Supported by Japan — United States Indifferent to Manchuria.

Pekin, Nov. 7.—Na Tung, formerly a Boxer leader, has been appointed to the Chinese foreign office by an edict received today. He recently returned from Japan where he went as special envoy to apologize and express condolences for the murder of Sugiyama Akira, chancellor of the Japanese legation at Peking, shortly before the legation was besieged. This appointment is considered a test of the attitude of the Chinese minister towards the restoration of the Boxers to imperial favor. Japanese influences supported Na Tung, a fact which contributed further evidence of Japan's recent policy of co-operation with China. Not long ago Japan sounded the powers regarding the property of another protest against the Manchurian convention between Russia and China, and was disappointed by a lack of interest in the question on the part of the United States and Great Britain.

SELLS FOR MILLIONS. Colorado Mine Purchased by Eastern Capitalists for \$6,875,000.

Colorado Springs, Colo., Nov. 6.—The control of the Elkton Consolidated Gold Mining Company on the property of which a remarkably rich strike was made recently, has passed into the hands of Eastern capitalists for a consideration based on a valuation of \$6,875,000 for the entire capitalization. The names of the buyers are withheld for the present by E. M. Delavergne, their local agent, himself a prominent stockholder.

The deal is perhaps the largest involving Colorado mining property since Stratton's Independence was sold in April, 1899, for \$10,000,000. In local mini circles it is thought that the purchasers are New York capitalists.

GEER'S LIFE THREATENED. Governor of Oregon Receives a Letter Signed "Six Parties."

Salem, Nov. 7.—A letter was received at the governor's office threatening Governor Geer with the fate of President McKinley unless, within six days, he should release one Edwin V. Tweiman, who is now in Walla Walla penitentiary, serving a term of 20 years. The letter is signed "Six Parties," and is written from Dunsuir, Cal., and dated Nov. 2, 1901. The writing is that of a man and fairly good English is used. A great deal of ignorance is displayed in thinking Governor Geer has jurisdiction over a penitentiary in the state of Washington.

DUMONT WINS THE PRIZE. Awarded 100,000 Francs Offered by Deutsch for Dirigible Balloon.

Paris, Nov. 6.—The committee of the Aero Club, by a vote of 12 to 9, today proclaimed M. Santos-Dumont, the Brazilian aeronaut, the winner of the prize of 100,000 francs offered by M. Deutsch for a dirigible balloon. The vote was preceded by a warm discussion. Count Dion, who presided, while eulogizing the courage of M. Santos-Dumont, contended that he had not won the prize owing to the time limit. Prince Roland Bonaparte, on behalf of the special committee who watched the contests, declared that M. Santos-Dumont had materially and morally won the prize.

Drift on Lake Michigan. Kewaunee, Wis., Nov. 6.—Adrift on Lake Michigan in an open boat with no provision and with the temperature at the freezing point, are Charles Peterson, keeper of the government lighthouse, and his son Ralph. Last night about dusk, the two were blown away from the shore by a west-erly gale, and though search was made all night and all day today, there has been no trace found of the missing light-keeper. There is every reason to believe that the two have perished.

Business Part of Town Burned. Mayville, N. D., Nov. 6.—Fire has practically destroyed the business portion of Clifford, 12 miles southwest of this place. Loss, \$50,000; insurance, \$21,000. The fire probably was started by burglars in their attempt to blow up a safe in a butcher shop.

Rear-End Collision. Rosalia, Wash., Nov. 5.—A rear end collision of freight trains occurred in front of the depot here today. The engines were badly smashed, two freight cars and cabooses were wrecked, the depot was wrecked and the building fired, and one tramp was slightly hurt. The local freight train was standing on the main track. The engine was detached and was doing some switching. An extra freight train, with cars loaded with wheat, and pulled by two engines, came down the track.

Remains of Admiral Villamil. New York, Nov. 5.—The Spanish steamship Montserrat, on her way home from Havana, came into port today with her flag at half-mast. In the hold is the body of Admiral Villamil, who lost his life during the encounter with the American ships at Santiago. The body is on the way to Spain. Before the Montserrat leaves, the Spanish consul and Spanish residents of this city hold memorial services.

NEWS OF THE STATE

ITEMS OF INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS OF OREGON.

Commercial and Financial Happenings of Importance—A Brief Review of the Growth and Improvements of the Many Industries Throughout Our Thriving Commonwealth —Latest Market Report.

The normal school building at Weston is nearing completion. Klamath Falls has six cases of smallpox. The public schools are closed.

Grants Pass is considering the prohibition of bicycle riding on the sidewalks within the city limits. George A. Forbes has been engaged as physical director of the Monmouth normal school. Prior to his coming to Oregon he was at the Berea college, in Kentucky.

A contract has been let by the school teachers and clerks who have filed on land in the south end of Umatilla county, to build 18 cottages and 10 miles of fence on their property.

Cattle feeding has begun at Butter creek. About 4,200 are being fed, more than ever before in the history of that section. The condition of the cattle is much better than usual at this season.

The congestion of railroad ties in the mill company's yards at Nicolai has caused the mill to only run half time, and consequently many men have been thrown out of employment and have moved away.

The cougar, lynx, wildcat, panther and an occasional bear are still to be found in Malheur valley. Coyotes, jackrabbits and cottontails are numerous. Ducks, geese, sage hens and prairie chickens are plentiful. There are a few bob white quail. Back in the hills there are still a few deer and an occasional antelope. A few beaver are also found in the valley.

Many improvements are contemplated on the Golden Standard mine, on Galis creek. It is estimated that the Douglas county prune crop will approximate 5,000,000 pounds.

Hobbes broke the seal on the door of a freight car at Eugene and took herefrom a box containing a large number of rifle cartridges. The coal bunkers at Riverport, Coos county, are filled with coal. The mine is now in position to get out a large amount of coal if the proper arrangements for shipping can be made.

A 30 foot steel tower, weighing between 500 and 600 pounds, will arrive at Athena this week for the new fire bell. This bell was presented to the department by C. A. Barrett, of Athena.

Bailed timothy hay continues to be hauled to Athena by the ranchers of Weston mountain. The hay is stored in warehouses and later will be shipped to market. The price paid is \$9 per ton, or \$3 less than was paid in Athena last season.

The city of Ontario has let the contract for a 500 foot artesian well. The material taken from the well will be assayed for gold. If oil indications are good it will be sunk to a much greater depth. The machinery is on the ground and has started to work.

Portland Markets. Wheat — Walla Walla, nominal, 55@55 1/2; \*bluestem, 56; Valley, 55@55 1/2. Flour — Best grades, \$2.65@3.50 per barrel; Graham, \$2.60. Oats — Nominal 90@91.00 per cental. Barley — Feed, \$15@15.50; brewing, \$16.00 per ton. Millstuffs — Bran, \$17@18; middling, \$20@21; shorts, 19@20; chop, \$16. Hay — Timothy, \$11@13; clover, \$7@9.50; Oregon wild hay, \$5@6 per ton. Butter — Fancy creamery, 25@27 1/2; dairy, 18@20; store, 14@15 per pound. Eggs — Storage, 20c; fresh, 23@24c; Eastern 20@21. Cheese — Full cream, twins, 12 1/2@13; Young America, 13 1/2@14c. Poultry — Chickens, mixed, \$2.50@3.00; hens, \$4.00; dressed, 10@11c per pound springs, \$2.50@3.00 per dozen; ducks, \$3 for old \$3.00@4.00 for young; geese, \$6@7 per dozen; turkeys, live, 10@11c; dressed, 8@10c per pound. Mutton — Lambs, 3 1/2@3 3/4 gross; dressed 6@6 1/2; sheep, \$3.25 gross dressed, 6c per pound. Hogs — Gross, heavy, \$6@6.25; light, \$4.75@5; dressed, 7@7 1/2c per pound. Veal — Small, 8@8 1/2c; large, 7@7 1/2c per pound. Beef — Gross top steers, \$3.50@4.00; cows and heifers, \$3.00@3.50; dressed beef, 5 1/2@6 1/2c per pound. Wool — Valley, 11@12 1/2c per pound; Eastern Oregon, 8@12 1/2c; mohair, 20@21c per pound. Potatoes — 65@85 per sack.

Kansas City is troubled with a gang of female footpads. Senator Hanna's secretary says that since 1896 500 children have been named after the senator.

Bankers and brokers unite in saying that Roosevelt's attitude has inspired confidence. It is said that King Oscar will send one of his sons to represent Sweden and Norway at the St. Louis exposition.

ABUSED LATE PRESIDENT.

Naval Electrician Sentenced to One Year's Imprisonment.

Washington, Nov. 6.—"To be confined one year in such place as the secretary of war may direct, to do extra police duty during that time, to lose all pay except \$2 per month for prison expenses, and the further sum of \$20 to be paid to him at the expiration of this confinement and to be dishonorably discharged from the service of the United States," is the sentence imposed by court martial upon John S. Stoll, a third class electrician of the receiving ship Columbia, lying at the New York navy yard, for foul abuse of the late President McKinley. On the day of the late president's death, Stoll, in the company of a number of sailors, is charged with having declared, with an obscene oath, that the president should have been shot long ago and have added other foul and profane expressions of the same tenor. He was arrested promptly and tried by court martial, with the result above announced, on two charges—first, conduct to the prejudice of good order and discipline; second, scandalous conduct, tending to the destruction of good morals. Stoll made a vehement plea of innocence, declaring that his language referred to the president's assassin, but the evidence of the bystanders and the language itself was regarded by the court as completely establishing his guilt. He will be confined in the prison ship at Norfolk.

WARNING TO ENGLAND. South African War May Necessitate a Higher Rate of Taxation.

London, Nov. 6.—What is regarded as an important announcement regarding the people of Great Britain for new taxes and fresh loans was made tonight by the chancellor of the exchequer, Sir Michael Hicks-Beach, in a speech at Bristol. After alluding to the enormous increase in the ordinary expenditures of the government, he reviewed the war taxes, and said that the ever increasing demand of the national exchequer gave reasons for careful thought, and even anxiety, for the future. "The cost of the war in South Africa is enormous," said Sir Michael. "It still rages. It may be when next year comes, that I may have to ask the people of this country to bear even greater burdens, and to make even greater sacrifices."

Sir Michael Hicks-Beach announced that the government was communicating with the authorities in South Africa with a view to the change in the situation of the concentration camps and to an amelioration of their conditions. John Morley, M. P., speaking today at Forfar, Scotland, asserted that the ordinary annual expenditures of the British government had increased \$26,000,000 during the past 10 years, or including the suspension of the sinking fund, \$32,000,000. He directed attention to the fact that there was a real danger ahead of the country.

Subig Bay Naval Station. According to the Plans of the Naval Board It Will Cost Over \$19,000,000.

Washington, Nov. 5.—The majority report of the naval board, headed by Rear Admiral Taylor, which has prepared plans for the proposed new naval station at Olonago, P. I., shows that the station will cost this government \$19,359,500, exclusive of defensive works, signal station, water supply, coal station, magazines, hospital, encampment grounds and a native village under the control of the naval authorities, which it is proposed to provide for the workmen who will be employed regularly at the Olonago dockyard. The board recommends that in addition to the four prominent points selected for the defensive works by Admiral Remy's board — Silanguin Island, at the entrance of Port Silanguin; the point on the west side of the entrance to Subig bay; Grande Island, at the mid entrance, and Port Ilan, on the east side of Subig bay entrance—another fort be located to protect the landing in Calaguagan bay on the west coast of Zamboanga province, and that the mountain passes leading to the naval reservation on the north and east be fortified. The board's estimate for equipping the station for efficient work of repair and outfit of vessels, pending general development, is \$12,903,500.

Welsh Miners' Threats. Cardiff, Wales, Nov. 4.—At a mass meeting of the Merthyr-Tydevel colliers today, the action of their representatives in agreeing to stop work last Friday and Saturday and threatening to stop on other days, in order to keep up the price of coal, and therefore wages, was confirmed and resolutions in support of the future action of the leaders was adopted. The situation is critical as the employers are strongly inclined to resort to a general lockout.

Lower Cable Rates to the Philippines. New York, Nov. 4.—The Commercial Cable Company today sent out the following notice: "We are advised that the following reduced rates to the Philippine Islands go into effect on the 15th inst.: Luzon Island, \$1.66 per word from New York; all other islands, \$1.75 per word from New York."

MASSACRE PLANNED

PLOT TO WIPE OUT AN AMERICAN GARRISON.

Revealed by a Filipino Woman, Who Assists Detectives—Federal Convention a Stormy One—A Petition for Autonomy Decided On—Troops Burn One Hundred and Seventy-Five Houses.

Manila, Nov. 7.—A plot to massacre the American garrison at Moncada, province of Tarlac, Island of Luzon, has been revealed by the wife of one of the conspirators. Several town officials are implicated. The woman who revealed the plot hid a detective beneath the house in which the leaders of the conspiracy were meeting. Arrests followed and many incriminating papers were seized. The plan was to set fire to a house close to the barracks, after dark, and when the soldiers came out to assist in extinguishing the flames, 150 conspirators, armed with bolos, were to rush on the guard, capture their arms and proceed to massacre the garrison. Commissioner Wright today took the oath of office as governor. He will be acting governor during the absence of Governor Taft, who probably will be unable to resume his duties for some days to come. The newspapers approve of the appointment.

The United States Philippine commission today passed the treason laws, with slight alterations. Several Filipino spokesmen against them. The Federalists are holding a convention to arrange for a petition to congress, asking that body to grant autonomy to the Philippines, with a governor appointed by the president of the United States, with veto power over the two houses, the senate to consist of 30 members, 14 of them to be named by the governor and 16 to be elected. In case of the death of the governor, it is proposed that his duties shall devolve upon the president of the senate, temporarily. The lower house, according to the proposed plan, shall consist of a representative for each 100,000 inhabitants. Finally, the Federalists desire that every Filipino be pardoned for political offenses arising from the war. The sessions of the Federalist convention were noisy and turbulent. The chairman had difficulty in controlling the convention.

Paterno has been expelled by the Federal party, Buenacino saying that his union with Sabella Bios for the formation of another party debarrred him from connection with the Federalists. "The petition," Buenacino said, "to be sent to congress must be as pure as crystal. It would not be so if Paterno were allowed to participate in it."

Paterno was formerly president of the so-called Filipino cabinet. Buenacino is one of the directors of the Federal party and was at one time a member of the so-called Filipino congress. Advice from Tacloban, capital of the Island of Leyte, report that the presidents of the various towns in the island have waited on Brigadier General Smith and complained to him that the people are unable to procure food because of the blockade that is maintained along the Strait of San Juanico. General Smith replied that the strictest kind of a blockade would be continued until the people of Leyte brought in their guns and gave the authorities full information concerning the insurgents who infest the country. All the arguments of the officials of the towns were unavailing. General Smith has ordered the deportation of the wife of General Lukban, leader of the Samar revolutionists.

The wife of General Lukban was the main cause of the refusal of the Samar insurgents to surrender. Some of the principal men who have been captured are willing that their wives be held as hostages while they go into the field for the purpose of persuading their relatives to surrender. Four native police officers were killed and their horses captured yesterday at Baybay, Island of Leyte. Lieutenant Julien E. Cautjof, with a detachment of scouts, encountered a body of insurgents southeast of Calbagan, Samar Island, and in the fight which followed 25 rebels were killed. One hundred and seventy-five houses were burned and 5,000 pounds of rice and 2,000 pounds of palay were captured.

Boers Got Away With Two Guns. Pretoria, Nov. 6.—It is now known that the Boers got away with the two guns captured from Colonel Benson's column in the recent engagement near Brackenaagte, Transvaal.

\$300,000 Grain Elevator Fire. Port Huron, Mich., Nov. 6.—Fire tonight destroyed two large adjoining elevators, owned by the Botsford Elevator company, entailing a loss of \$300,000. The loss on the buildings is estimated at \$125,000; on the 255,000 bushels of grain, \$175,000.

To Reform Russian Factory Laws. New York, Nov. 6.—According to advices from St. Petersburg to the London Times and the New York Times, the Russian minister of finance, M. Witte, is engaged on a scheme with a view to substantial reforms in the factory regulations. The scheme will shortly be submitted to the council of state. M. Witte is convinced that the proposed reforms will strengthen the handicapped industrial position of Russia.