



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.

Governor Taft says the situation in the Philippines is encouraging.

Hon. Franklin Murphy was inaugurated governor of New Jersey.

Prince Ching will represent China at the coronation of King Edward.

Charges have been brought against officials of the Mineworkers' Union.

A Filipino force in Batangas province, Philippine islands, surrendered.

Contract for repairs to the transport Dix to the amount of \$12,000 has been let.

John D. Rockefeller contemplates giving the Chicago University \$26,000,000.

United States Senators Dooliver and Allison were re-elected by the Iowa legislature.

All of the convicts who escaped from the federal penitentiary on McNeill's island have been recaptured.

The senate has begun debate on Philippine tariff bill.

More revolutionary movements are reported in China.

The annual convention of the United Mineworkers of America is in session.

Three of the 11 convicts who escaped from McNeill island prison have been captured.

The isthmian canal commission reports in favor of the purchase of the Panama canal.

A bank cashier of Great Falls, Mont., is short in his accounts, due to gambling in stocks.

Portland exported one-fifth of the entire wheat shipped from the United States in December.

The combine of all the leading steamship companies is still under discussion by those interested.

General Bell has determined on war in the strictest sense in Batangas province, Philippine islands.

A great naval battle took place in the harbor of Panama, in which the government lost heavily. Governor Alban was killed.

A great diamond field is said to have been discovered in Idaho.

Sixty lives were lost by a boiler explosion in a Spanish village.

Eleven men of the Second Infantry, in the Philippines, are missing.

Peace negotiations between Boers and British are under way at Brussels.

Secretary Root favors disposing of government transports on the Pacific.

The military will play a large part in the entertainment of Prince Henry.

The isthmian commission recommends the purchase of the Panama canal.

Governor Geor does not consider the confession of Wade anything in Dalton's favor.

A woman insurgent leader has been captured in Laguna province, Philippine islands.

Fresh troops will be sent to the Philippines to take the place of those now in the islands.

The loss of life in the Mexican earthquake, while heavy, was not so great as at first reported.

Good progress is being made in the construction of the United States military telegraph system in Alaska.

Children are trying to undermine and break up the Pan-American congress.

Trouble between the United States and Russia is brewing at Niu Chwang, China.

The condition of the pope's health is such that his death may be expected at any time.

A private company has laid a proposition before congress to build the isthmian canal.

Seventy-five hundred Cuban campaign medals will be issued by the navy department.

The Colombian government has purchased a small steamer and will convert it into a gunboat.

King Edward says the South African war is nearly over and an early declaration of peace may be anticipated.

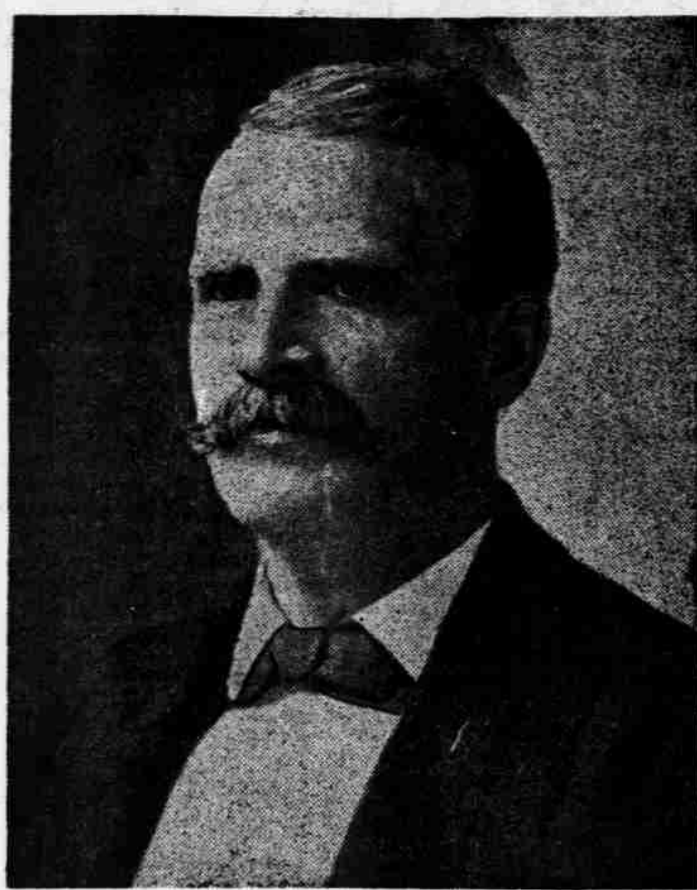
A Pittsburg man, wife and three children were most brutally murdered. Robbery is supposed to have been the motive.

The Pacific coast senators and representatives on Chinese exclusion have concluded their work and will report the bill in a few days.

The per capita consumption of spirits in the United States is smaller than any other of the great nations.

Reginald C. Vanderbilt, of New York, has come into possession of \$7,500,000 left him by his father.

J. E. Green, a St. Louis mechanic, claims that he invented the airship made famous by M. Santos Dumont, in Paris, and that the drawings were stolen from him and taken to France 10 years ago.



HENRY C. PAYNE. New Postmaster General who took oath of office January 15.

ANOTHER LAND GRANT.

Asked in Aid of Railroad Across Alaska—Bills Now in Congress.

Washington, Jan. 23.—Now that the Trans-Alaskan Railway Company has a bill before both the senate and the house granting it a right of way for a railroad from Cook inlet across the peninsula, by way of Unalaklik and Eaton to Port Clarence, on the end of the Seward peninsula, it is working very vigorously to secure the passage of this measure. It is asking for a land grant similar to that extended to the several transcontinental roads in the United States.

The exact route proposed to be covered by this road has been surveyed by the company, and has been inspected by representatives of the geological survey. It starts on the western shore of Cook inlet, just north of Kanishak bay, leading westward from Iliamna lake past Kakook, and northwestward across Tikchik lake to Kalmakof on the Kuskokwim, and northwestward to Holy Cross Mission and Anvik, on the Yukon, thence up Anvik river, and over Anvik portage to the head of Norton sound; thence by Nome to Port Clarence. The distance to Cook Inlet from St. Michael is approximately 400 miles.

Kanishak bay is said to be open throughout the winter, and therefore affords a valuable terminal for the road and its steamship connections. The company asserts that the main artery of commerce is closed by ice during the winter months, and that a railway from Cook Inlet to Behring sea is the only practicable method of opening up to settlement the western plains and river valleys of Alaska, and of furnishing means of transportation at all seasons of the year.

The snowfall along the proposed route is light, and a railroad, it is said, can be operated without interruption. The company claims to be asking for this grant solely to aid in the construction of the road, in the hope of developing the agricultural resources of the interior and affording adequate transportation to the remote sections that are now practically cut off through the winter months. The company does not ask for any mineral rights, nor does it expect immediate returns from the lands. It appreciates that it will take years to bring to the people of the United States the knowledge that in Alaska can be had homesteads from which can be gathered the necessities of life.

OBSERVE M'KINLEY'S BIRTHDAY

Move to Mark the Day by Services and Contributions to Memorial Fund.

Cleveland, O., Jan. 22.—The request by Governor Nash, of Ohio, has received hearty response from the governors of all the states and territories invited to join in asking the people to properly observe the 59th anniversary of the birth of William McKinley. Nearly every governor has either issued a proclamation or semi-officially requested that there should be memorial services on the Sunday preceding January 26th in all the churches, that contributions be there received, and that all people testify by their voluntary offerings their love and devotion to the dead president. In many states, notably Kansas, public schools will hold special exercises and give to the fund.

In any community where there is no local auxiliary of the McKinley Memorial Association, contributions by business, fraternal or labor organizations, schools or churches, may be sent to the treasurer, Myron T. Herrick, Cleveland, Ohio. The funds will be applied to the erection of a fitting memorial tomb to William McKinley, over his last resting place at Canton, Ohio. Judge William R. Day, ex-secretary of state, is president of the association.

Bill for Joint Statehood

Washington, Jan. 23.—Representative Stevens, of Texas, today introduced a bill for the union of Oklahoma and Indian Territory as a state, to be known as the state of Oklahoma.

Kitchener's Weekly Report

London, Jan. 23.—Lord Kitchener reports that since January 13 31 Boers were killed, 13 were wounded, 170 were made prisoners and 41 surrendered.

Colima Volcano Again Active

Mexico City, Jan. 22.—A telegram to the government observatory announces that the volcano of Colima is again active, and scientific men connect this fact with the prevalence of seismic phenomena. Renewed earthquake shocks were reported from various parts of the country this afternoon. Governor Mora, of Guerrero, has personally taken charge of the ruined city of Chilpancingo. The populace is camping out, guarded by troops, and prefect order reigns.

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.

A very successful local teachers' institute was held at Roseburg last week.

A new Degree of Honor Lodge has been instituted at Milton, in Eastern Oregon.

A new lumber company has been formed at Wasco. It has a capital of \$10,000.

A company has been formed at Huntington, with \$1,000,000, to enter the oil industry in that section.

The Baker City council is considering the proposition of paving the streets with chemically prepared wood blocks.

A small fire in La Grande a few days ago destroyed some property. The loss was small, but not covered by insurance.

The scaffold and other arrangements are completed for the hanging of Dalton and Wade in Portland on January 31.

Mrs. Henrietta Harrington, an early pioneer, died at her home at Ely Clackamas county, a few days ago, aged 86 years.

The Oregon Pine Company, with headquarters at Astoria, has filed articles of incorporation. Capitalization, \$50,000.

Woodmen of the World are preparing to have a big time at Pendleton April 21-22, when 1,114 candidates will be initiated.

The Salem creamery is advancing money to farmers with which to buy cows, provided they will sell the milk to the creamery.

Contributions for the McKinley monument are beginning to come in to the various places appointed as receivers from all parts of the state.

The total indebtedness of Albany is \$11,731.17.

A syndicate has commenced boring for oil near Vale.

Interest in Josephine county mines continues unabated.

The Concord mine, one of the richest in Eastern Oregon, has been sold for \$300,000.

Articles of incorporation have been filed for the erection and operation of a new sawmill at Astoria.

Baker City chamber of commerce has adopted resolutions favoring the opening of the Upper Columbia.

At the end of the last quarter there were 10 more convicts in the state penitentiary than at the beginning.

Buyers are offering to contract the 1902 hog crop at 11 cents. This is slightly higher than the first offers for the 1901 crop.

The farmers of Eastern Oregon are fearful that the present fair weather will make a wheat shortage next year. Miners also would like to see snow.

The voters of Albany school district have ordered the erection of another school building in that city to accommodate the increased number of children.

Portland Markets. Wheat—Walla Walla, 59@60c; blue stem, 61c; valley, 59@60c. Barley—Feed, 17@17.50; brewing, 17.50@18 per ton. Oats—No. 1 white, 11@11.10; gray, 9@9.10. Flour—Best grades, \$27@3.30 per barrel; Graham, \$2.50. Miscellaneous—Wheat, 17 per ton; mid dings, 20; shorts, 18; chops, 17. Hay—Timothy, \$11@12; clover, \$7@7.50; Oregon wild hay, \$5@6 per ton. Mutton—Lamb, 3 3/4@3 1/2 c, gross; dressed, 6 1/4 c per pound; sheep, weth ers, 3 1/4@3 1/2 c, gross; dressed, 6@6 1/2 c per pound; ewes, 3 1/4@3 1/2 c, gross; dressed, 6@6 1/2 c per pound. Hogs—Gross, 5 1/2 c; dressed, 6@6 1/2 c per pound. Veal—8@9c per pound. Beef—Gross, cows, 3 1/2 c; steers 3 1/4 c; dressed, 3@7c per pound. Butter—Creamery, 25@27c per pound; dairy, 18@20c; store, 12 1/2@15c. Eggs—20@22 1/2 c for cold storage; 22@25c for Eastern; 28@30c for fresh Oregon.

Poultry—Chickens, mixed, \$2.50@3; hens, \$3.50@4; 3/4@3c per pound; springs, 9@10c per pound, \$2.50@3 per dozen; ducks, 35@6 for young; geese, 35.00@7.50 per dozen; turkeys, live, 11@12 1/2 c; dressed, 12@14c per pound. Cheese—Full cream, twins, 13@14c; Young America, 14@15c. Potatoes—Best Burbanks, 85c@1.10 per cental; ordinary, 70@80c. Hops—3@10c per pound. Wool—Valley, 11@14c; Eastern Oregon, 8@12 1/2 c; mohair, 21@21 1/2 c per pound.

A New York syndicate is negotiating for 180,000 acres of Nova Scotia timber land.

Sir Ernest Cassel placed at the disposal of King Edward a fund of \$1,000,000 to be used in the crusade against consumption in England.

Gov. Van Sant, of Minnesota, says the entire northwest is back of him in his fight against the Northern Pacific merger, and that he will begin action in the courts at once.

BY PRIVATE VESSEL.

Pacific Transport Service May Be Discontinued—Root Feels the Plan.

Washington, Jan. 21.—Although the Pacific transport service is not to be discontinued immediately, it is quite certain that within a reasonable time the government ships will be disposed of to private persons, and thereafter the carrying of men and supplies to and from the Philippines will be done under contract. The quartermaster's department is strenuously urging the continuance of the present service, on the ground that it is efficient, satisfactory and economical, and makes the claim that there is a saving to the government of at least \$100,000 on each transport that sails for the Philippines. It is further asserted that since the transport service was first inaugurated, the government has saved, by reason of owning its own ships, the full amount expended in purchasing and repairing the transport fleet, basing their computation on the difference between actual cost of transportation and the price asked by the private shipper.

TAFT ENCOURAGED

SAYS WAR IN ISLANDS IS ALMOST STAMPED OUT.

Prospects for Peace Never Better—The Land Question Is the One Great Difficulty That Presents Itself to the Government—Rebels Surrender 700 Rifles—Conditions in Samar.

San Francisco, Jan. 23.—Governor General Taft, who arrived from Manila last night, landed this afternoon. Governor Taft expects to start for Washington tomorrow. He will stop at Cincinnati, his home en route.

Discussing conditions in the Philippines, Governor Taft said: "I wish the press would correct the impression that there is war in all the islands. The insurrection is confined to two localities—the province of Batangas and the island of Samar. This morning I received a most encouraging cablegram from General Wright, who is acting governor in my absence. It is said that owing to General Bell's strong repressive measures the trouble in Batangas is being quieted. He further said that 700 rifles had been surrendered, and as there are only 1,100 or 1,200 rifles in the province, there is no doubt that Batangas will be as peaceful as any of the other provinces.

"I don't think General Bell will have need to adopt the reconcentro principle in Batangas. I don't see that there will be any necessity for this, as this dispatch plainly indicates that the province is in a fair way to pacification. The dispatch then says that there are 843 teachers in the islands in 450 places, and 200 of these places are unoccupied by United States troops. I may say that the Filipino is not hostile to the teacher. One was captured some time ago, but he was sent back in a hammock. The inference is plain that they entertain no hostility toward pedagogues or pedagogy.

"Now, I wish to impress upon everybody that civil government is a success. There is a strong peace party in the islands, and it is composed of the most influential men among the Filipinos. They are working earnestly and zealously toward bringing about happy relations between their countrymen and the government. They are using all that is in their power to bring in the recalcitrant leaders. I have never been so encouraged as to the prospects of the Philippines as I have within the past three months. There has certainly been a great change in the sentiment of the people. They are beginning to appreciate the fact that civil government means better times for them."

CAN SOON WIRE VALDES.

United States Making Good Headway on Its Telegraph Line.

Seattle, Jan. 21.—The United States military telegraph system in Alaska will be completed from the international boundary on the Yukon, a distance north of Dawson, to Eagle City, and thence overland 400 miles to Valdez early in March. Lieutenant William Mitchell, of the United States signal corps, arrived in Dawson early this month to receive a shipment of light wire on its way up the river from White Horse. This wire, weighing about 16 pounds to the mile, will be used for the immediate connection between Valdes and Eagle, and at that time Lieutenant Mitchell said he would have it in place within 60 days. During the coming summer it will be replaced with the heavier wire, weighing about 320 pounds to the mile. Only 600 miles remains to be covered to complete the connection of Nome with Seattle. The line has been completed from Nome via St. Michael to Rampart on the lower Yukon. The gap from Rampart to Eagle will be finished during the coming summer. By transfer at Dawson to the recently completed Canadian line, Nome and all lower river points will have communication with the outside world when Behring sea navigation is closed in the fall of 1902. The permanent heavy wire on the Valdes-Eagle division is completed 107 miles from Valdes to Copper Center. Valdes is also connected by 14 miles of wire with Fort Lisicum, the army headquarters on the coast.

Citizens Fought Burglars.

Springfield, Ala., Jan. 21.—A pitched battle has taken place between a posse of citizens and burglars at Brompton. The posse now has the burglars surrounded, and as more trouble is feared, the sheriff at Birmingham has been asked for assistance.

Population of Canada.

Ottawa, Ont., Jan. 17.—The population of Canada was officially announced by the census department today. It is shown by the census of 1901 to be 3,380,686, an increase of 536,425 for the decade. The representation in the house of commons will be reduced from 213 to 210 members. The Yukon will be granted one member, British Columbia one additional member, the Northwest Territory two, and Manitoba three, making an increase of seven. Ontario will lose six members and the maritime provinces four, making a total loss of 10 members, which, with a gain of seven in the Dominion, will make a net loss of three.

Bad Fire in Los Angeles.

Los Angeles, Cal., Jan. 17.—The Rees & Wirsching block was almost totally destroyed by fire today, together with the saddlery establishment of Hayden & Lewis and a coffee and spice house. The loss is estimated at \$150,000; well insured.

A Legislative Indorsement.

Jackson, Miss., Jan. 17.—Both houses of the legislature today unanimously adopted a resolution declaring Rear Admiral Schley to be the rightful hero of the battle of Santiago, and "entitled to the unfailing gratitude of his country." The resolution indorses the report of Admiral Dewey in the Schley court of inquiry and condemns the majority report of the members constituting the court. Schley is also cordially invited to visit Jackson.

Emigration to South Africa.

London, Jan. 23.—A representative of the Associated Press here learns that at the close of the war the British government contemplates offering special encouragement and facilities for emigration to South Africa on a large scale. Mr. Chamberlain has cabled the governments of Australia and New Zealand inviting each to send further contingents of 1,000 men to South Africa.

SCHLEY CASE IN CONGRESS.

Demand for Copies of Testimony—Probability of Action.

Washington, Jan. 18.—Secretary Long has written to the naval committee of the House stating that he had received many requests from libraries and other quarters for copies of the testimony in the Schley case. Mr. Long says this demand cannot be met unless Congress decides to print the testimony, and he suggested an edition of 500 copies for the Navy Department and a further edition for Senators and Representatives. The letter has been referred to Representative Heatwole, of Minnesota, chairman of the printing committee.

Representative Watson, of Indiana, chairman of the committee having charge of the Schley bills and resolutions, said today there is no purpose on his part to avoid consideration of the measures. He expressed the Presidential view that it is inadvisable for Congress to go into the question, but since these measures were referred to his committee, they would be acted upon on their merits. Mr. Watson said the committee feels that the members of the Maryland delegation and other friends of Admiral Schley first should reach an agreement as to what particular measure they want the committee to consider, as it would be impossible to go into all of the different plans proposed. Moreover, said Mr. Watson, it would be difficult for the committee to take intelligent action until it has access to the testimony taken by the court of inquiry, as it hardly would feel warranted in forming conclusions on the individual opinions of members unsupported by any knowledge of the testimony, except what is gathered from fragmentary publications on the subject.

JACK WADE CONFESSES.

Says He Fired Fatal Shot—Declared Shooting Was Accidental.

Portland, Jan. 18.—Jack Wade confessed yesterday that he fired the shot that killed James B. Morrow.

The confession was voluntary and complete and exonerates Dalton so far as firing the shot is concerned. While Wade admits his guilt in this regard, he says the killing was accidental, and that he had no intention of shooting Morrow or any one else. Otherwise the stories of the two men might fairly well. Wade has signed a written statement in which he admits he was the man who fired the shot, and says in this confession that he thinks it would be wrong to keep it back any longer. He asked for nothing and was promised nothing when he made his confession, doing it simply as a matter of justice to Dalton.

TEN WERE KILLED.

Explosion in a Coal Mine Leaves None to Tell the Tale.

South McAllister, I. T., Jan. 16.—Ten miners lost their lives in the explosion yesterday evening in mine No. 9 of the Milby & Dow Mining Company at Dow, I. T.

The ten men who lost their lives were the only persons in the pit, and none were left to tell the story. All the bodies were recovered, and as none was burned, the conclusion is that death was due to afterdamp. The explosion did not injure the shaft, which is a new one, and the fire that followed was put out before it did much damage. The sound of the explosion was heard plainly above ground, and rescuers were at work promptly. The explosion occurred at a depth of 240 feet. The condition of the mine indicated that the men might have made their escape. The bodies were found within a comparatively small radius. Most of the victims were men of families.

Will Develop Western Mines.

Dover, Del., Jan. 20.—The Western Mining Development Company, of Philadelphia, with a capital of \$1,500,000 to acquire mines and mining rights in Wyoming and Utah, and to develop the same, was incorporated here today.

More Men Needed in the Navy.

St. Louis, Jan. 16.—Rear-Admiral Crowninshield, Chief of the Bureau of Navigation, who was before the House naval committee today, pointed out the urgent necessity for an increase of men and officers in order properly to man the new ships. He advocated an increase of the enlisted force of at least 3000, and discussed with the committee plans to increase the number of cadets at the academy.