

EVENTS OF THE DAY

An Interesting Collection of Items From the Two Hemispheres Presented in a Condensed Form.

The assassin of Baron von Ketteler was beheaded in Pekin.

Costa Rica is pleased by recognition in the canal negotiations.

The British are unable to check the Boer invasion of Cape Colony.

The foreign troops in China are well prepared for the winter season.

The Republican caucus in Pennsylvania selected Quay for senator.

The United States training ship Topoka has arrived at Tangier, Morocco.

The Earl of Hopetoun was sworn in as first governor of Federated Australia.

Oregon, Washington and Alaska have been formed into a life-saving district.

Fire in Seattle destroyed the city library, containing 25,000 volumes and valued at \$30,000.

The revenue cutter Perry will sail from Astoria in search of overdue Columbia river ships.

Pat Crows, charged with the abduction of young Cudaby, of Omaha, has been captured in South Dakota.

Edward Rice, an Idaho man, sentenced to death for murder, made a desperate, but unsuccessful attempt to commit suicide by cutting his throat.

An insane man, being conveyed from Multnomah county to the Oregon state asylum at Salem, jumped from a moving train, bruising himself about the head. It is thought he will recover.

Famine in some of the provinces of China is becoming worse. The rice crops, owing to the war, were almost total failures, and cannibalism has broken out. The authorities are unable to do anything.

The final payment has been made on the Bald mountain group of mines in Eastern Oregon, near Baker City. The purchase price was \$50,000. The new owners are men of means, and work on a large scale will commence at once.

Ignatius Donnelly, politician and author, died very suddenly at his home in Minneapolis, aged 70 years. Mr. Donnelly was a candidate for vice-president on the Middle-of-the-Road Populist ticket at the recent general election.

An armistice has been proclaimed at Pekin.

Boers captured a train near Rosmead with 60 soldiers.

Another six-day bicycle race has been started in Boston.

Conger reports China's acceptance of the powers' demands.

The Washington Post advocates the Lewis and Clark centennial in 1905.

A severe cold wave is reported throughout the middle Western states. More than 46 tons of gold were received at the Seattle assay office in 1900.

The navy department has ordered the gunboat Scorpion to La Guayra, Venezuela.

The Oregon supreme court decides that the wife alone can convey estate in entirety.

Robbers got \$450 from passengers and mail and express in a British Columbia stage.

The Taft commission has completed the municipal government bill for the Philippines.

Fire in Williamson, W. Va., destroyed almost the entire town. The loss is estimated at \$75,000.

One person was burned to death and another fatally injured by the explosion of a kerosene lamp at Alleghany, Pa.

The new battleship Wisconsin has been formally turned over to the government at the Union Iron Works, San Francisco.

Amando Morales, a Mexican, ran amuck at Morenci, Ariz. A constable attempted to arrest him and in the fight killed Morales.

Henry S. Eastham, the only surviving member of Commodore Perry's squadron, which opened the Japanese ports many years ago, died at his home in Berkeley, Cal.

A heavy explosion of gas occurred in the Hollenbeck mine, at Wilkesbarre, Pa. Five hundred men were at work and all got out safely, except two, who were badly burned.

The British foreign office expects a renewal of the modus vivendi in Newfoundland, but believes it will be immediately followed by negotiations with the view of finally settling the dispute.

The way of the transgressor is hard in modern times. The persons who commit crimes are daily coming to grief. Escape is less frequent than in former years.

In New Zealand there exists a brass band whose members are wholly mounted on bicycles. This band, which is located at Christchurch, consists of 10 players, and these not merely ride their bicycles to practice but fulfill engagements on the wheel.

LATER NEWS.

Philip D. Armour, the great pork packer, is dead.

Portugal is sending reinforcements to Lourenco Marques.

Eight men met death by suffocation in a Minneapolis hotel fire.

David J. Schnebly, the oldest newspaper man in the Northwest, is dead.

An effort is being made to revise the Russo-Chinese agreement about Manchuria.

An agreement restricting operations of allied troops has been made by Von Waldersee.

Eight hundred colliery employes of Pennsylvania coal and iron mines are on a strike.

China desired envoys to delay signing joint note, but was informed by them that this was impossible.

Samuel S. White, a pioneer of 1845, and Oregon's first probate judge, died at his home in Portland. He was 89 years old.

Five bags of registered letters have been stolen on the road between Turin and Rome. Three bags came from New York.

In an affray at Altgeberg, Hungary, between striking miners and gendarmes, there were seven of the former killed and 40 wounded.

The following Washington post-offices have been discontinued: Dishman, Spokane county; Green River, King county; and Laurel, Whatcom county.

Charles W. Norton, a switchman, was instantly killed at Tacoma, by being crushed between two cars. He leaves a widow and three children at Mount Pleasant, Ia.

Severe cold weather has suddenly set in throughout Europe. The cold wave is accompanied by a gale which has wrecked several vessels and caused heavy loss of life and property.

The coal miners' strike at Picton, Nova Scotia, has been settled. Every demand of the men was conceded. The managers sought to bind the men not to ask for a further increase for 12 months, but failed.

Governor Allen, of Porto Rico, has just returned to the capital after an extensive visit to the towns in the western part of the island. He visited places where no governor of Porto Rico has visited before. Everywhere he was enthusiastically received.

Henry M. Hoek, agent for the Knights Templar's and Mason's Life Indemnity Association, of Chicago, is under arrest at the central police station, Chicago, on a telegram from Washington, D. C., which stated that he was wanted in that city on a charge of forgery.

The British second-class cruiser Amphion has arrived at Panama.

The envoys were surprised by the prompt acceptance of the note.

A movement is on foot looking toward Canadian independence.

Great changes are said to be planned for the C., M. & St. P. railway.

Russia, it is said, inspired the charges of barbarity against German troops.

Governor Geer announces the appointment of Oregon's text book commission.

A Russo-Chinese agreement gives Russia protection of one Manchurian province.

The semi-annual statement of Oregon's state treasurer shows nearly \$1,700,000 cash on hand.

The transport Meade, which carried a large amount of specie from San Francisco, has arrived at Manila.

Variety of European prunes which ripens two weeks earlier than present crop is to be introduced in Oregon.

A bill will be introduced at the coming Oregon legislature making life imprisonment the penalty for kidnapping.

It is understood that at the conclusion of operations in South Africa, Lord Kitchener will become commander-in-chief in India.

United States Consul Wildman, at Hong Kong, has been granted a leave of absence and will return to the United States immediately for the benefit of his health.

The Boer invasion of Cape Colony has not yet been stopped. On the other hand the burghers seem to be gaining ground daily and are at present half way to the Cape.

The new Argentine-Chilean agreement, in regard to the frontier settlement, has been signed and the presidents of Argentine and Chile have exchanged friendly telegrams of congratulation.

The war department has authorized enlistments at Vancouver barracks, Washington, for service in new regiments to be sent to the Philippine islands. Recruits will be sent to the Presidio at San Francisco for assignment to regiments.

The steamship Thomas Brooks, with the Cuban officials on board, has arrived at Port Antonio, Jamaica. The officials will inquire into the British methods of colonial government and adopt the desirable features into the Cuban government.

Health authorities estimate that 10 per cent of the men who go to Cape Nome never come back alive.

Over 800 of the leading German goldsmiths met in Berlin recently to take part in the celebration of the fourth centenary of Benvenuto Cellini's birthday.

Electric fountains have become very popular, especially as attractions for amusement parks. In England, especially, they have lately been installed in large numbers.

CHINESE INDEMNITY

Envoys at Pekin Not Expected to Settle Question.

AMOUNTS DEMANDED VARY GREATLY

It is Believed That the Bill of Germany Will Be Largest—State Department in Correspondence With Other Powers.

Washington, Jan. 7.—The state department is making a strong effort to secure an understanding among the powers to serve as a basis for the adjustment of the question of indemnity to be paid by the Chinese government. It appears from Mr. Conger's reports that it is hopeless to expect the foreign ministers at Pekin to reach an agreement on this important point, and if the problem is to be solved at all it must be removed from the Pekin council and dealt with by direct diplomatic exchange, as was successfully attempted in the case of the preceding serious differences between the ministers. Therefore the state department is in correspondence with other foreign offices respecting this subject, though the negotiations have not proceeded to a point where it can be said that a successful termination is in sight. The principal difference in the way is believed to be the enormous indemnities demanded by some of the powers. The efforts of the Chinese government to secure better terms, so far as they tend to protract the negotiations, are also expected to have the result of adding considerably to the sum total which must be paid in the end. This is because the expenses of maintaining the foreign military establishments in China probably will be assessed against the Chinese government, and the cost of keeping foreign troops in Pekin at this season of the year, and in a country where every necessity of life has to be transported from a distance, will make the bill very heavy. It is believed that the bill of Germany will be by far the largest, and it is a significant fact that the German government has allowed its officers on service in China five fold their regular salaries, a rate of pay probably higher than hitherto known in military history. The Chinese, however, are expected to pay for this.

FAILED TO BLOW UP.

Mechanism of an Infernal Machine Would Not Work.

Paris, Ill., Jan. 7.—Thomas J. Coffman, an attorney residing at Hume, narrowly escaped being blown to atoms with an infernal machine received through the mail today. The box was of wood with a sliding lid. It contained a pound stick of dynamite and several match heads, which, however, failed to ignite and explode the charge when the box was opened. Two thicknesses of heavy brown paper covered the box, which was addressed to Dr. Sylvester Coffman, Hume, Ill., a brother of the lawyer, who opened his mail. The inner surface of the box lid was studded with tacks, so arranged that they would scratch the match heads and there was also a slip of sand paper fixed so that it would be drawn over them if the tacks failed to do their work. It is thought the jolting of the box in the mail disarranged its mechanism. An indistinct postmark seems to indicate the box was mailed at Logansport, Ind. The only other clew about the box is a printed label pasted on the lid, inscribed: "Dr. J. W. Blasser & Son." The United States marshal and the local police are investigating.

DYNAMITE EXPLOSION.

Three Men Were Blown to Atoms in a Cartridge Factory.

Philadelphia, Jan. 7.—A frightful explosion of dynamite occurred in the powder machine house of the Repauno Chemical Company, whose works are located at Thompson's Point, N. J., a thinly settled spot on the Delaware river, 12 miles below this city. The building was demolished and three workmen in it at the time were blown to atoms. Several workmen in other buildings were hurt by the force of the explosion, but none seriously. The men killed were in a frame building, and were engaged in loading eight-inch paper shells with dynamite for use in blasting. It is thought the loss will not be over \$50,000.

Will Pay Tax Under Protest.

Rochester, N. Y., Jan. 7.—The latest development in the woman suffrage fight, begun over a quarter of a century ago, when Susan B. Anthony and her sister, Mary S. Anthony, were arrested and fined, is the stand taken by Mary S. Anthony in the matter of taxation of her property. She sends notice to County Treasurer Hamilton that she will not in the future pay taxes except under protest, until she is allowed the right of suffrage. The action will likely result in a test case being brought in the court.

Wrecked by Boiler Explosion.

Waukegan, Ill., Jan. 7.—Bishop's mills, controlled by the Pure Food Milling Company, were wrecked by a boiler explosion today. John Spohr, a member of the firm, and Lute Maljott the engineer, were instantly killed, and Era Jones, a miller, was slightly injured. The boiler was thrown 200 feet, demolishing Gard's hardware store. The cause of the explosion is not known.

UPRISING OF DUTCH.

Situation in Cape Colony Takes a Serious Turn—Boers Half Way to the Cape.

Cape Town, Jan. 4.—The British battleship Monarch will land guns tomorrow as a precautionary measure. The situation is serious. It is true that the Dutch have not joined the invaders in any considerable numbers, but a lack of arms is believed to be the true reason for abstinence. In many places horses are freely offered and information readily supplied to the Boers.

The early proclamation of martial law in the Cape Town division is expected. The division does not include Cape Town itself.

The latest reports show the situation to be generally as follows: Kurman, if still uninvested, probably soon will be.

Grigalund West is filled with small parties of Boers, who are working south toward Priesak for the purpose of co-operating with or supporting Commandant Hertzog, whose advance parties are in the neighborhood of Frazerburg.

The Boers are close to Graaf Reinet, where of late the Dutch have given many demonstrations of extreme sympathy.

In the eastern part of the colony the advance guard of the Boers is close to Mariesburg, about 25 miles northwest of Cradock.

The general opinion here is that the position is not properly appreciated in England. The Worcester conference excited the Dutch throughout the colony. Many old residents, who are by no means alarmists, regard a general uprising of the Dutch as quite likely.

UNFORTUNATE VENEZUELA.

One Revolution Terminates and Two More Break Out.

Caracas, Venezuela, Jan. 4.—The revolution has ended, but ex-Secretary-General Peraza is said to be, with about 50 followers, in the mountain districts.

San Juan de Port Rico, Jan. 4.—Passengers who have arrived here on the Red D line steamer Philadelphia, from La Guayra, December 30, say a serious outbreak has broken out in the Maracaibo district of Venezuela. They add that the government troops have defeated the rebels and arrested 20 of the leaders. Another rising is reported to have occurred in the vicinity of the Orinoco. The United States auxiliary cruiser Scorpion left here yesterday to join the Hartford at La Guayra.

NEARLY FROZEN TO DEATH.

Man in a Drunken Condition Slept Out in the Cold for Quite a Time.

Express, Or., Jan. 4.—A man by the name of Tudor started from this place yesterday evening for the Big Kidd mines, about 12 miles east of this place. A party leaving for the same place this morning found him about half way between here and the mines in a frozen condition. He was brought to this place and later removed to Huntington, where he could receive medical aid. As far as could be ascertained, the man had been drinking quite heavily before leaving here. On reaching a cabin near the True Blue mines he stopped for the night and built up a fire on the floor of the building. He then dropped off to sleep. He awoke in time to escape before the burning structure collapsed, although he suffered several burns. He crawled a short distance away and fell to sleep again. As the weather was bitter cold, it is a miracle that he was not frozen to death.

A Zambesi College.

Chicago, Jan. 4.—A special to the Record from Richmond, Ind., says: Bishop Hartzwell, of the Methodist Episcopal church in Africa, has arranged with the Rev. George H. Reibold, of Indiana, to go to Zambesi, Africa, to conduct a college at New Antolia, in the country. This being a British country, the British government donated to the Methodist Episcopal church \$15,000 and 13,000 acres of land for the purpose of building a school to educate the English residents. Rev. Mr. Reibold's mission is to go to Africa to superintend this school. He will sail from New York the last of this month.

Cable Around the Globe.

Ottawa, Ont., Jan. 7.—Sanford Fleming, one of the principal promoters of the Pacific cable, has written an open letter to Hon. William Mullock, postmaster-general, in favor of a state-owned telegraph line encircling the globe. This is said to be the beginning of a movement to nationalize the cable and telegraph services of the British empire. If this were done, St. Sanford says, it would reduce the price of messages to one-eighth or one-tenth of what it now costs to distant British possessions.

A Disastrous Salute.

Tien Tsin, Jan. 4.—Ten Germans were killed and nine wounded at Loie Hu, January 1, through the firing of a salute with a defective cartridge.

Pittsburg Ironworkers Strike.

Pittsburg, Pa., Jan. 4.—One thousand structural ironworkers struck today for an advance of 6 cents per hour in wages and a nine-hour day. Not a single man is working, and a number of important contracts are tied up.

Travel Resumed.

Travel has resumed over the Lewis and Clark road, Clatsop county, and the break in the dike has been repaired.

OREGON STATE NEWS

Items of Interest From All Parts of the State.

COMMERCIAL AND FINANCIAL HAPPENINGS

A Brief Review of the Growth and Improvements of the Many Industries Throughout Our Thriving Commonwealth.

Grants Pass is considering plans for better fire protection.

The Burns postoffice has received a number of combination boxes.

The new depot at La Grande is ready to be painted and furnished.

Ninety Danes have made their homes west of Eugene since last fall.

Leonard Lingren lost three fingers at Mineral last week in a shot gun accident.

Construction of the new hospital at Baker City will begin in the early spring.

Colonel J. T. Grayson has bought the Last Chance mine, in Cable Cove, for \$3,500.

Two carloads of mining machinery for the Cornucopia mines has arrived at Baker City.

Quince Davis, who was seriously injured recently at the Coos Bay jetty, is recovering.

J. P. Abbott a farmer of Wasco county has finished the most up-to-date residence in the county.

Plans are being drawn for a number of modern residences at Baker City to be erected in the spring.

The discovery of two new veins of copper at the Greenback mine, Grave creek district, is announced.

The Bison group of mines near Quartzburg, Grant county, has been sold to a California syndicate.

The Medford bank presented to its customers and friends in Jackson county, 700 buckskin money pouches.

The men who carried out the dead Chinaman that succumbed near Cannon beach received \$50 for the work.

A portion of Pete Peterson's dike, on Hayne slough, Coos county, washed out. The damage is estimated at \$1,000.

Constance Duffy is held in \$100 bonds to await the next term of court for having assaulted John Tolen at Athena.

The road from Miami bridge to Garibaldi is obstructed with drift logs, and it is possible to get by them only at low tide.

Two Marshfield youngsters had a duel with air guns last week. One was shot in the finger and the other in the forehead.

Paul Ronco killed a cougar near Bald Mountain, Polk county, for which he received \$20 bounty from the Livestock Association.

Joe Peters, about 90 years old, who lived about three miles south of Lostine, Wallowa county, was found dead near his cabin several days ago.

Tom McEwen states that a three-foot body of ore averaging \$24 has been encountered in the shaft of the Snow creek property at a depth of 55 feet.

Dan Yager, who has a group of promising claims at old Center, about six miles from Sumpter, on the Granite road, has gone to Montana to buy mining equipment.

The Granite Hill mine located in Louse Creek district, and owned by Messrs. Huil, Mongum and Bostin, is being operated on full time, with prospects of a good run.

Mrs. Captain Geary of Corvallis made a compromise with the insurance company in which her husband was insured, accepting \$3,000 in lieu of the claim of \$5,000.

In a drunken brawl an old man named Aldrich stabbed Henry Zumbwait severely several times in the back and shoulders. The wounds are not considered dangerous.

A barn belonging to John Reith, of the Lewis and Clark river, Clatsop county, was blown over recently. Four head of stock were buried in the ruins but none were injured.

Sidewalks nearly two miles long leading to the church are contemplated at St. Louis. For this and other improvements on the church property the parish expects to use about 100,000 feet of lumber.

A new coal mining town, three miles southeast of Wilkeson, by the name of Hillsboro, has been platted by Andre J. Hill and Joseph Finkelberg. The plat contains 12 acres. A logging road from Wilkeson runs near the new townsite.

The Crowell ranch of 300 acres, near Jacksonville, has been sold to O. J. Knips, of Grants Pass, for \$8,000. It consists of 20 acres in apples, 30 acres in prunes, 10 acres in alfalfa, and 30 acres in new sown wheat. The purchasers are recently from Iowa.

John Colter, alias "Scouty," has been held in \$1,000 bonds to answer at the next term of court on the charge of robbing Thomas L. Edwards, of Milton, of \$100. Colter snatched a purse from Edwards at Pendleton.

The Sparta and Sparta-Carson stage lines in Eastern Oregon have gone into the hands of the bondsmen for the mail contracts. The reason given was that the contract was taken at too low a rate, and running expenses could not be made.

BOMB IN A TUNNEL

Discovery Was Made by a Chicago Detective Sergeant.

Chicago, Jan. 7.—The Record says: "On information from a source which he declines to make public, Detective Sergeant McLaughlin located a pipe bomb in one of the niches of the La Salle street tunnel shortly before midnight. The bomb was taken by the policeman to the central station and thence carried to the jail. It was exploded. Detective McLaughlin said that an effort would be made to blow up the tunnel used for the passage of the North Side cable cars. He had tended to the scene and found a piece of three-inch gas pipe about 15 inches long in one of the small arched openings in the dividing wall of the tunnel. A half-burned fuse protruded from one end. When touched off the bomb is said by the policeman to have exploded with a loud report.

"Earlier in the night one of the sweepers employed in the tunnel was man about 25 years old and shirtless, dressed loitering in the tunnel. He was asked what he was doing there and replied, 'Nothing.' The sergeant suspect the bomb was placed there by a discharged employe of the company.

FROM A BOER STANDPOINT

Over 16,000 Hardy, Determined, Invincible Patriots Under Arms.

New York, Jan. 7.—Charles F. Pierce, consul-general of the Orange Free State in New York, and treasurer of the Boer relief fund in America, has given out the following statement:

"The news coming to us every day both by public and private cables shows the reported conquest of the Boers to be a delusion. There are under arms on the Boer side over 16,000 Hardy, determined, invincible patriots, of which 5,000 are now invading Cape Colony—against the 21,000 troops landed from Great Britain and her dependencies. The Boers' losses in killed and dying from wounds have not exceeded 1,500, but their loss in property has been very great. Part of the Boers are armed with Mausers, using a plain bullet, but many have Lee-Remond rifles, which use the dum-dum bullets, and all of the latter were captured from the English; they bear the arrow mark of Woolwich.

PRESENTED TO LANSDOWNE

The British Foreign Office Has the Case Treaty Amendments.

London, Jan. 7.—United States Ambassador Choate presented the Hay-Pauncefote treaty amendments to the secretary of state for foreign affairs, the Marquis of Lansdowne, today.

No discussion occurred and the nature of Lord Lansdowne's answer is not indicated. Mr. Choate simply notified the secretary of state for foreign affairs that he had sent him a document forwarded by the state department. An answer probably will not be sent until the cabinet discusses the matter fully. The interview between Mr. Choate and Lord Lansdowne was chiefly devoted to an expression of the latter's view on China's answer to the demands of the powers. It is understood that Secretary Hay desired to know what Great Britain thought of those points, which China in her answer said she was unable to fulfill at present. No difference of opinion appears to exist between Secretary Hay and Lord Lansdowne.

Tried to Drown His Landlord.

Chicago, Jan. 7.—In view of several persons, Joseph Schweir committed the final act in a confessed plot to kill John Korda, Schweir's landlord. He pushed Korda into the lake from a pier at the foot of Michigan street, at a point where the water is 12 feet deep, and then ran from the scene, leaving Korda to drown. The plot failed, for the intended victim was rescued from the water by workmen in a nearby factory. Schweir was arrested late last night. He was surprised to learn that Korda was alive, and confessed to an attempt on the man's life.

General Batchelder Dead.

Washington, Jan. 7.—General Richard N. Batchelder, quartermaster-general of the army, died here this afternoon at 2:25. General Batchelder had been in delicate health for several years past, but his illness did not assume a critical phase until just before the holidays, when he suffered from an attack of angina pectoris. Interment will be made at Arlington cemetery, Monday. General Batchelder served in the quartermaster's department of the Pacific coast, doing duty as chief quartermaster at Portland, Or., and depot quartermaster at San Francisco.

Extensive Repairs to the Baltimore.

Washington, Jan. 7.—The navy board of construction today decided to rehabilitate almost completely the cruiser Baltimore, now lying at the New York navy yard. Her improvements will involve an expenditure of about \$600,000, and take at least a year and a half.

End of the Venezuelan War.

New York, Jan. 7.—A dispatch to the Herald from Caracas says: It is announced here that General Cordero, ex-secretary-general of Venezuela, who proclaimed a revolution recently at Leona, in the Nueva Guayana district, has been decisively defeated. He is said to be fleeing to the mountains toward Colombia, where he has gathered a few followers. He had gathered 30 followers at La Pasena.