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## CURRENT EVENTS OF THE DAY

News of the World.

TERSE TICKS FROM THE WIRES

owned by the government for \$1,500,-000 silver. The government demands present limits of the United States. \$2,500,000.

Word has been received in Spokane from Washington that the committee on agriculture has reported favorably establishment of a division of irrigation in the agricultural department.

of business January 31, the debt, less 011,701,338, an increase for the month along with other details in the bill to of \$12,589,771. This increase is ac- be reported to congress. counted for by the decrease in the amount of cash on hand.

The most violent storm known since 1851 swept the shores of Cape Ann Terrible Deed of a Farmer Who Sud-Tuesday night and early Wednesday morning, causing heavy loss of life and about \$200,000 damage. More than a Autrey, a farmer, accompanied by his dozen vessels are ashore near Glonces- family, went early yesterday morning ter, at least four more are lost and to visit his aged father and mother, many others are damaged. The water living near Mulberry. Shortly after front of Gloucester harbor and along his arrival Autrey became engaged in the cape is dotted with wrecks and a religious argument with the old wreckage, schooners, sloops and other folks. Suddenly he grasped an iron vessels having been driven ashore by bar, killed his aged father, mother and the flerce gale.

A Washington special says: Representative Ellis, of Oregon, is very anxi- children, two of whom are not expectous to have the land south of Hood ed to live. His wife and eldest daugh-River and Mount Hood excluded from ter, although badly hurt, managed to the Cascade forest reserve, and opened notify the neighbors. up to settlement. He holds that this reached the house they found Autrey a land, being very fertile and well locat- raving maniae, with his clothing on ed, should be given up to farm and fire. He was overpowered after a hard school purposes, and opened to those struggle. The three victims of the wishing to avail themselves of its crazy man lay on the floor, beaten and many advantages. Just now the in- mangled almost beyond recognition terior department has the matter un- He has been chained all day, talking der consideration, but from what Mr. incoherently and swearing that Ellis has heard from officials there, witches were the cause of the trouble. and from his colleagues in congress, he feels tolerably certain of succeeding in having this land thrown open to settle-

Chief of Police Jansen, of Milwaukee, has decided to put a stop to all boxing contests in that city in the future.

Mrs. Julia Dorr, the well-known authoress and poet, is reported to be

Mrs. Hearst, widow of Hearst, is visiting the City of Mexico, stamping. Recently, many pads got partment officials, the impression preand has been received with public into the hands of scalpers and have vails that Consul Brice in advising the

the Brazilian minister of war last No. October. One railway tracked over ship should be immediately sent there vember, has committed suicide in \$1,000 worth of them today on its line for the protection of American inter-

There is much excitement in Bolivia and the press is urging the government to prepare for an impending war with Peru.

Over half a million pounds of naptha were burned and several persons lost their lives during a conflagration at Baku, Russia.

Rear Admiral McNair, who has been succeeded in command of the Asiatic squadron by Commodore Dewey, has arrived in San Francisco,

Three men were killed and four injured in a head-end collision between the east, St. Paul on the north, and by General Garcia and stripped of his two freight trains on the Louisville & New Orleans on the souh, will tomor- rank because it was feared he would Nashville, near Upton, Ky.

A ledge of free milling quartz ten feet wide and assaying as high as \$500 a ton was struck in the Roanoke mine near, Mokelumne hill, Cal., at a depth of 400 feet.

The Central Labor Union, of New the bill pending in the New York legislature for the opening of the theaters The company has purchased all the but for some reason his plans miscarried in that city on Sunday.

George S. Yantic and A. M. Hyde, of Sheboygan, have started on a jourto carry assistance to a colony of Dunkards, who went to Palestine in November, 1895.

George C. Howard, superintendent of schools of West Bridgewater, Mass., moderator at the last town meeting and ex-state representative, is a selfconfessed forger to the exent of \$600, and is under arrest.

Ross W. Latshaw, of Kansas City, ex-justice of the peace, was acquitted by a jury in the criminal court of the charge of attempting to bribe a jurer in the recent trial of Dr. Goddard for the murder of Fred J. Jackson.

Mrs. Lucille Blackburn Lane, daughter of ex-Senator Blackburn, of Ken- ed and eight wounded. tucky, who accidentally shot herself with a revolver two weeks ago, is again in a serious condition, after a period of improvement, and her relatives and the 16 men who went adrift yesterday General Luque sent to Cauto, where physicians are apprehensive lest the on an ice floe in Trinity bay reached wound, with new complications which land tonight, badly frostbitten. It is have set in, may result fatally.

#### JAPANESE MAY VOTE.

Thus Their Opposition to Annexation of

Washington, Feb. 7.-Japan has Epitome of the Telegraphic been removed as an element in the opposition to the consummation of the annexation of the Hawaiian islands by the United States by conclusion of an agreement with Japan. This document, which has not been generally taken into account in the consideration of means for adjusting three questions In Interesting Collection of Items From that have arisen over the status of Japthe New and the Old World In a anese in Hawaii, goes into effect in Condensed and Comprehensive Form July, next year, and among other Thomas Thompson, ex-minister to things, it confers upon Japanese within Brazil, ex-representative, ex-secretary the territory of the United States all of state, and one of the most prominent the rights accorded to the citizens of Democrats in California, cut his throat the most favored nation, which, of while temporarily insane at San Jose course, carries with it rights of natur-The British Atlas Company, of Pana- alization and the rights of franchises. ma, has offered to purchase railroads Presuming that annexation is effected, from ocean to ocean and steamers the Japanese in Hawaii will, in 1899, have the same rights as those in the

All that remains to be fixed is the status of the Japanese during the time that must elapse between the adoption of the annexation treaty and the beginon agriculture has reported favorably senator Warren's amendments for the autablishment of a division of trates nexation treaty provides for the appointment of a commission to visit the The monthly statement of the public islands and prepare such legislation as debt just issued shows that at the close may be necessary to consummate the share of the Spanish bonds issued amalgamation of the territories, this against the Cuban revenues. eash in the treasury, amounted to \$1,- last question can easily be adjusted,

#### A MURDEROUS FIT.

denly Became Insons.

Little Rock, Ark., Feb. 7 .- Saul E. wounded his wife and three remaining When they

Stole Charity Passes.

been swindled out of thousands of dollars by bogus orders of the mayor for ports. pauper passes. These orders were printed and bound in pads with the Hess were arrested on the charge of be sent there strengthens this belief. purloining charity passes from has been employed in that office, Samuel Phillips was arrested charged with selling them, on which tickets were issued at the ticket office. Other arrests will follow.

Great Cracker Combine. Chicago, Feb. 5 .- All the biscuit and cracker companies between Salt curing General Rabi's surrender was Lake on the west, Portland, Mo., on that General Rabi had been arrested row morning be under one manage- surrender, says the Havana corresment. The name of the new corporation, which was incorporated in New Jersey, with a capital of \$25,000,000 of rested by order of General Garcia for preferred and \$30,000,000 common the same reason. stock, is the National Biscuit Com-The actual transfer of the present company took place today. plants of all the bakeries which were having struck a decisive blow. controlled by the American Biscuit ney to the Holy Land, where they go Company, United States Baking Com- General Garcia inflicted a severe blow pany, and the New York Biscuit Company. It also assumes all the indebt- and General Luque, killing several edness of these companies.

Tribesmen Routed.

Pareni says that General Mayne sight- prepared, have deemed it necessary to ed the enemy, numbering 1,500, at 8 take precautions against a demonstrao'clock Monday morning, holding the tion. Guards have been placed about entrance of the western pass leading to public buildings and the American con-Turbat. He attacked them, and tried sulate. to turn their left, sending a body of One of the most important engage-

Perished on an Ice Ploe. St. John's, N. F., Feb. 5.-Eight of believed that the others perished.

## **NEGOTIATIONS IN PROGRESS**

Cubans to Buy Their Independence of Spain.

MORE TROUBLE IN HAVANA

The United States Cruiser Montgomery Leaves for Cuban Ports-Several Othe ers Max Follow-

Chfengo, Feb. 7 .- A special to the Tribune from Washington says: cret neogtiations are now actually in progress between the state department and the insurgents in Cuba looking to a stoppage of the war on some financial basis to be agreed upon hereafter. President McKinley has not recognized the insurgents as belligerents, and he cannot therefore treat with them openly, as he would do with a diplomatic representative of an independent nation. Direct communication has, however, been had within the last few weeks between the insurgent government and the administration here.

The insurgents have expressed perfect willingness to assume a reasonable proposition has been considered with some favor, and the president and his cabinet have discussed several plans for guarateeing the Cuban debt on the sole basis of independence.

These negotiations have gone side by side with the gradual massing of the ships of the North Atlantic squadron within striking distance of Caba. Orders to the cruiser Montgomery to sail at once for the harbor of Matanzas have been issued, and the ship is expected to be received there quite as cordially as the Maine was in Havana, The orders to her commander contemplate a call on Consul Brice at Matanzas. Should everything be found peacehis 10-year-old son, and seriously able the ship will proceed to Santiago de Cuba, but should affairs look threatening in Matanzas, another ship will quietly be slipped to the latter port, and before Captain-General Blanco knows what is happening to him American ships will be in the harbor of every important port in Cuba.

The gradual occupation of the island by a naval force is understood to be part and parcel of the negotiations with the insurgents. When they are concluded, if everything goes well, the United States will be in a position to offer Spain a heavy fiancial bonus for giving up the island, while at the same time the insurgents will find Cincinnati, Feb. 7 .- The railways themselves in a position to make a here have discovered that they have junction with the United States naval forces at any one of the half dozen

A cablegram has been sent by the state department to Consul Brice at name of the mayor and his secretary Matanzas notifying him that the Montprinted on them. Instead of signing gomery is en route to that port, and critically ill at her home in Rutland, them, the city scaler stamp had been directing him to make the necessary used, but through carelessness, the or arrangements for its reception. Al-Senator ders were finally given out without though it is not admitted by state debeen sold for months by ticket brokers. department of the recent riots occurr-Bishop, the man who assassinated The discoveries date back as far as last ing in Matauzas, suggested that a warand other lines are proceeding with ests. The fact that the state departinvestigations. Joseph and Lyman ment requested that the Montgomery

The sending of the Montgomery to mayor's office. Their brother, Harry, Matanzas is regarded here as of equal importance to the dispatching of the Maine to Havana.

Stripped of Ris Rank.

New York, Feb. 7 .- Official statements which will soon be published are to the effect that the reason that General Blanco was not successful in sepondent of the Herald, General Rabi's brother, it is reported, had been ar-

Failing in securing the presentation, Spaniard here expected General Blanco deeds of the various plants controlled to take the field and conduct a vigorous York, has passed a resolution opposing by three companies merged into the and aggressive campaign. He publicly announced that such was his intention, assets, bills receivable and operating and now he is coming home without

Reports say the rebel forces under on the Spanish under General Linares officers. Reports say that 85 were killed or wounded.

Volunteers are making threats again, Calcutta, Feb. 7 .- A telegram from and the authorities, in order to be fully

infantry and dismounted cavalry to ments of the present campaign in the turn the flank. The action lasted two Orient was fought on January 21 near hours, and the enemy were completely Caiman, between the forces under Genrouted, losing about 100 killed. The eral Luque and the rebels under Gen-British losses were three Baluchs kill- eral Garcia. The Spanish, it is reported, had 150 killed and a large number wounded. From accounts received the fight was a veritable slaughter, the Spaniards being boxed up in a ravine. the main body of troops was stationed, for assistance, and commenced to retreat toward Holgnin.

DESIRE FOR HAWAII.

Senator White Says Is Eased on Sentimentality and Sugar.

Washington, Feb. 4.-Senator White continued his speech in opposition to So Says Caffery of Oregon's the Hawaiian annexation treaty in the executive session of the senate, amid many interruptions, and much crossfire. In the main his speech was a continuation of the argument on constitutional FINAL VOTE TO BE HAD SOON lines, which was begun yesterday, but he also took up questions of practical purposes in today's speech, and undertook to show that, for reasons of commerce and defense, the acquisition of the islands would be unwise.

Previous to White's speech the sen majority was found to be against the proposition for open sessions.

Senator White continued his citation of authorities to show that the policy of this country in the past had been against annexation of the Hawaiian islands.

The whole scheme for the annexation of Hawaii, he said, is based upon sentimentality and sugar, and, continuing this line of presentation, he said that the sugar people, who were netting \$8,000,000 to \$9,000,000 a year under the reciprocity treaty, were back of the annexation project, with hope of making the benefits now derived from reciprocity perpetual. If it were not, he said, for the condition of affairs, the treaty would never have been heard of, and hence he charged that "the patriotism of senators was being imposed upon to consummate a most disgraceful proposition."

In the House. mittee on military affairs, objected. voted down today. Several other requests for unanimous consent met a similar fate. The army appropriation bill was sent to conference, Hull, Marsh and Cox being appointed conferees. The house then went into committee of the whole and of Columbia appropriation bill. The bill was passed shortly after 3 o'clock.

### MET FATE OF RUIZ.

Another Spanish Emissary Executed by Insurgents.

Havans, Feb. 4 .- Spanish military operations continue almost paralyzed. the season most favorable for movement against the insurgents thus being Bowman act), \$1,841,963; French spolost. Friday the insurgents entered liation claims, \$1,043,117; under nathe town of Artemisa, province of Pinar del Rio, and plundered several churches and schools, \$365,974; claims stores. The governor of Pinar del Rio of states, \$4,693,128; miscellaneous sent Jose Mendonez Diaz as an emis- claims, \$897,104; claims for adjustsary to the insurgent leader Perico ment and settlement (in part), \$130,-Diaz, with proposals of peace and sur- 359; total, \$9,765,253. render. The insurgents hanged him All but about \$2,000 of the claims near a railway opening, with the gov- of states allowed are for the refunding ernor's letter on his body. Monday of moneys advanced for raising troops night they renewed the attack on Ar- during the war of the rebellion by Caltemisa, but were repulsed, leaving two ifornia, Oregon and Nevada. Provision

the report that General Luque's losses at Megia were more serious than was States, and the claims of the general officially given out. He lost, not 20, government against these states. Both but 140 killed and wounded.

La Discussion prints the following: ing. "The scenes witnessed at the resiprevious to the distribution of food to amounting in the aggregate to \$129, be described. As soon as the doors tures made by the various states in was to be distributed with outstretched priation is made. hands, almost fleshless, and imploring and almost frightful spectral faces, at tracts date back to the civil war, and the sight of food. Many were not are on account of insufficient allowstrong enough to endure the food, and ance for vessels built under the presfell in the streets as they passed away; a few others, more fortunate, seemed to gain some vitality.

THE DRYDOCK QUESTION.

House Committee Is Getting Expert Information.

Washington, Feb. 4 .- As a preliminary to determining upon the reconstruction of the large dock at the Brooklyn navy-yard, which is practically out of service, as a result of defects discovered, members of the house committee on naval affairs have asked the senate, Cultom yielded to White, Secretary Long to secure testimony for the introduction of this joint resofrom civil experts as to the character of lution: the ground underlying the structure, with a view of learning whether the existence of quicksand or an ustable foundation makes it advisable to carry out the plan of rebuilding.

There appears to be little disposition tee to carry out the preposed enlargement of the dock at League island navy yard, Philadelphia, although the friendly to the United States." indications are that the provision will a suitable fresh-water anchorage for battle-ships when out of service

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Governor in Corbett Case.

Fortifications Bill in the House-Large Number of Old War Claims Reported to the Senate

Washington, Feb. 5 .- One of the ate spent about three-quarters of an features of today's sesson of the senate hour in executive session, trying to de- was the speech by Caffery in support cide whether Pettigrew's resolution, of the resolution reported by the comconcerning the acquisition of territory mittee on privileges and elections, dewhere it would require a navy to de- claring that Henry W. Corbett is not fend it, should be debated in open ses- entitled to a seat in the senate from sion. When the vote was taken the Oregon. Mr. Corbett was appointed by the governor of Oregon, after the failure of the legislature to elect, to succeed Senator Mitchell. Caffery maintained that no governor of a state had the authority to appoint a man to fill a vacancy-a vacancy beginning with a new term-after the legislature had had an opportunity to elect and had failed to do so.

The agricultural bill was under consideration during the greater part of the afternoon, and finally passed. After a brief executive session the senate adjourned.

The house spent the day ostensibly considering the fortifications appropriation bill. In reality, the major portion of the time was consumed in the discussion of political topics. The existence of prosperity in the South was again the main question of dispute. The featue of the day was the discovery by Simpson, the Kansas Populist, and the exploitation of the alleged fact Washington, Feb. 4.-At the open- that Dingley, chairman of the ways ing of the house today Crow asked and means committee, wore a Londonunanimous consent for consideration of made pot hat. Dingley explained that a resolution directing the a cretary of the hat was made in New York; that war to issue medals to 530 Penneylva- the London trademark was simply nia soldiers who belonged to the com- placed there to please the Anglo-manmand which passed through the mobat icacs who always preferred things be-Baltimore, April 13, 1861, and who cause they were English. All attempts received the thanks of congress July to increase the appropriations in the 22. 1861. Hull, chairman of the com- bill or to amend it in any respect were

Bundle of Old Claims.

Washington, Feb. 5.-Senator Teller chairman of the committee on claims, today introduced two bills in the senate, embodying the results of the comresumed consideration of the District mittee's investigation under the provision of the general deficiency act of the last session, urging that committee to investigate and report on meri-torious claims against the government which are before the committee. One of the bills involves numerous claims before the court of claims, and there is an omnibus measure providing appropriations under general heads, as fol-

lows: Court of claims cases (mostly under tional contracts, \$795,500;

is made for the investigation by com-Private advices from Gibara confirm petent tribunals of the claims of Florida and Tennessee against the United of these contentions are of long stand-

Provision is also made for adjustdence of Dr. Castro Jesus del Monte, ment of the claims of 15 other states, the reconcentrados, are too pathetic to 260, which are the results of expend were opened a mass of beggars, living equipping troops during the war of the skeletons of all races, all ages and both rebellion. In these cases, an official sexes, invaded the places where food investigation is ordered, and no appro-

Many of the claims on navy consure of the times.

Settlement is made under the heading "miscellaneous," of quite a number of claims which admit of on specific grouping. These claims are varied in character, and cover an extended portion of the nation's history. A large number of them grew out of the civil war. Teller presented a comprehensive review covering all the features of the bill in detail.

Resolution for Non-Intervention.

Washington, Feb. 5 .- During the discussion of the appropriation bill in

"Resolved, That of right it belongs wholly to the people of the Hawaiian islands to establish and maintain their own form of government and domestic policy; that the United States ought in nowise interfere with them, and that on the part of members of the commit- any intervention in the political affairs of these islands by any other government will be regarded as an act un-

The resolution was passed by the be made for carrying on the work of senate May 81, 1894, having been reimproving the back bay so as to afford ported by Turpie, of the committee on foreign relations. White asked that the resolution lie on the table.