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CHAPTER VI.

The last stroke of eight died out from the old clock in the hall as Seaton Dyars entered the drawing room. The extreme dimness and gloom of that melancholy apartment...

CHAPTER VII.

"Well, I'm off," says Griselda, poking her pretty head into the summer house, where Vera sits reading. It is next day, and a very lovely day, too.

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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.

An indecisive naval engagement was fought in Colombian waters. Chicago drainage canal contractors offer to build an isthmian canal.

The first meeting of the trustees of the Carnegie institution has been held. A parliamentary commission is considering the question of depopulation of France.

The ways and means committee will frame a bill for reduction of the war revenue taxes. A new gold district has been discovered near Dawson which is claimed to be the richest yet found.

Admiral Schley's appeal to the president, asking for a review of the court of inquiry, has been made public. Eight lives were lost in a Boston fire.

The Boers have made peace proposals through Holland. There were 10,000 people present at a hanging in Pennsylvania.

The house committee voted in favor of a government owned Pacific cable. A substitute for the Nicaragua canal bill has been introduced in the senate.

The general outlook in Batangas province, Philippine islands, is favorable. A train wreck on a New York railroad resulted in the death of the engineer.

Four vessels are now on the Pacific searching for the missing English warship Concor. A discharged soldier in San Francisco planned to go to New York in a box, but was discovered and turned over to the police.

Two prospectors in Montana have found a mine of almost pure silver. The average assay is 18,000 ounces, which gives it a value of nearly \$5,000 to the ton.

Emperor William has celebrated his 43d birthday. River navigation has been suspended above the Cascade Locks.

OUTLOOK IN PHILIPPINES.

Prospects Are Favorable Everywhere Except in Samar.

Manila, Feb. 3.—The general outlook for pacification in the archipelago, everywhere outside the island of Samar, has never been more favorable since the original outbreak of the Filipino insurrection than at the present time.

The policy of reconcentration and the stern measure of closing the ports of commerce has accomplished everything expected of them. General Chaffee still hopes that by the end of February the island of Samar alone will remain pacified.

Those provinces bordering on the provinces of Batangas and Laguna, in Southern Luzon, have been patrolled by the native constabulary, who have done excellent work and who have received the commendation of General J. Franklin Bell, commanding in those provinces.

The members of the United States Philippine commission are proud of this constabulary, which was organized following their suggestion and the greatest care is exercised in the selection of the officers for this force. During the past month 82 military posts have been handed over to the native constabulary.

General Chaffee has taken steps to make sure that there will be no friction between the military and civil authorities. The most positive orders have been issued to all military commanders to co-operate in every way with the civil authorities without relaxing the severity when they have occasion to deal with active insurgents.

Boer Independence. Initiative on Part of Holland Instigated by Queen Wilhelmina. London, Feb. 1.—The Daily News, giving the alleged genesis of the proposal from the government of the Netherlands on the subject of the South African war, says that from the first Dr. Kuyper, the Dutch premier, stipulated that he would take no part in either arbitration or mediation, and expressed the view that he would have to bring pressure on the Boer delegates to persuade them to abandon their demand for independence.

The Brussels correspondent of the Standard declares that the peace initiative on the part of Holland was decided upon at the personal instigation of Queen Wilhelmina, in a cabinet council at which she presided. The correspondent says that Mr. Kruger was informally and confidentially acquainted with this proposed step, but declared he could not charge the Dutch government with any mission of peace, as long as Great Britain rejected the idea of Boer independence.

DEAD AT ROPE'S END. Wade and Dalton Exploit Their Crime—No Delay on Gallows. Portland, Feb. 1.—Jack Wade and William H. Dalton, murderers of James B. Morrow, were hanged in the court house square at 7:58 o'clock yesterday morning. Wade walked to the gallows in a state of indifference. Dalton walked to the scaffold with Wade. During the passage of the prisoners up the long and covered corridors of the county jail they did not say a word, except that they were thankful for the treatment received from the sheriff, the deputies and the jailer. At no time did either of them show any signs of weakening.

About 400 were present to witness the execution. Everything passed off without a hitch. Both men made short speeches, after which prayer was offered. At a signal from Sheriff Frazier, the traps were sprung and 15 minutes later the bodies were cut down, life having been pronounced extinct.

A Bad Chicago Fire. Chicago, Feb. 1.—Fire that broke out this morning destroyed the five story brick building at 190-192 Illinois street, with its contents, causing a loss of about \$150,000. Heavy machinery in the upper part of the building caused the floors to collapse, and the entire contents of the structure crashed through into the cellar.

Rushing in Manila Cigars. San Francisco, Feb. 3.—Private advices from Manila received in this city state that there are over 2,000,000 cigars on the way from the Philippines to this country. It is thought that before the end of February or the middle of March at the latest there will be 10 times that many consigned to American tobacconists from the same quarter of the world. There seems to be a fear in the islands that the present laws will be revoked.

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.

Business men of Grants Pass have organized a board of trade. Some trouble is being experienced with the Indians on Umatilla reservation.

The postoffice at Spikenard, Jackson county, has been moved one mile north-east. A number of sales of hops have been reported from Dayton at 12 1/2 cents per pound.

The site of the postoffice at Anlauf, Douglas county has been moved a short distance to the southwest. Mrs. Martha Proctor Spencer, who came to Oregon in 1852, died at her home in Hillsboro, a few days ago.

Two lumber schooners left Tillamook a few days ago for California ports, carrying 1,750,000 feet of Oregon fir. Oregon insane asylum trustees have renewed the contract with Alaska, whereby this state will for another year care for the demented of the far north.

A number of prominent mining men are taking active steps toward putting in a smelter in Southern Oregon. At a meeting held by them, Merlin was decided to be the best location. Eugene school district voted a 6 mill tax at the annual meeting last week.

Many hogs are dying around Pendleton from what may prove to be cholera. The company owning the hot air balloon at Vale, has decided to erect a fine hotel for the accommodation of guests.

Work is progressing smoothly at the oil well being sunk at Vale, Malheur county. Fire damaged the Ashland Iron Works to the extent of \$1,000 a few days ago.

The merchants of Baker City have agreed to close their stores at 6:30 every evening except Saturday. A preliminary survey of the route of the proposed electric road from La Grande to Cove has been completed.

Oil has been struck in one of the wells being bored near Nampa, in Eastern Oregon. Samples analyze 78 per cent paraffine. The Woodburn school tax will be 10 mills this year. This, with the county and state tax, will make a total of 43, the highest ever known.

Portland Markets. Wheat—Quiet. Walla Walla, 63c; 63 1/2c; bluestem, 64c; 64 1/2c; Valley, 63 1/2c. Barley—Feed, \$19@20; brewing, \$20@21 per ton. Oats—No. 1 white, \$1.10@1.25; gray, \$1.05@1.15. Flour—Best grades, \$2.50@3.40 per barrel; graham, \$2.50@2.80. Millstuffs—Bran, \$18 per ton; middlings, \$21; shorts, \$20.50; chop, \$17. Hay—Timothy, \$11@12; clover, \$7@7.50; Oregon wild hay, \$5@6 per ton. Potatoes—Best Burbanks, 90c@91.25 per cental; ordinary, 70c@85c per cental; growers' prices; sweets, \$1.75@2 per cental. Butter—Creamery, 25@27 1/2c; dairy, 18@20c; store, 11@13c. Eggs—20@21 1/2c for fresh Oregon. Cheese—Full cream, twins, 13@13 1/2c; Young America, 14@15c; factory prices, 1@1 1/2c less. Poultry—Chickens, mixed, \$3@3.50; hens, \$4@4.25 per dozen, 9@10c per pound; springs, 10c per pound, \$3@3.50 per dozen; ducks, \$6.50@7.50 per dozen; turkeys, live, 11@12 1/2c; dressed, 14@15c per pound. Mutton—Gross, 4c per pound; dressed, 7@7 1/2c per pound. Hogs—Gross, 5 1/2c; dressed, 6 1/2@7c per pound. Veal—3/4@9c per pound, dressed. Beef—Gross, cows, 3 1/2@4c; steers, 4@4 1/2c; dressed, 6 1/2@7 1/2c per pound. Hops—11@12 1/2c per pound. Wool—Nominal. Valley, 13@15c; eastern Oregon, 8@12 1/2c; mohair, 21@21 1/2c per pound.

HAS THREE TIMES THE CIRCULATION OF ANY PAPER IN THE COUNTY.

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ADMIRAL SCHLEY'S APPEAL.

Ask for Review of Findings of Court Based on Verdict of Admiralty.

Washington, Jan. 31.—The navy department has made public Admiral Schley's appeal, delivered to the president about a week ago. The department's "comment" will be published in a day or two. Admiral Schley appeals to the president as the chief executive and commander-in-chief of the army and navy, "vested with power to regulate and direct the acts of the several executive officers thereof," and he asks that the president review the findings of Admiral Dewey, as opposed to the majority report. These three grounds are set out comprehensively in the "petition," which fills about eight printed pages of a pamphlet, and is signed by Admiral Schley, and by Messrs. Raynor, Parker and Teague, of his counsel.

Attached to the petition are three exhibits, "A," "B" and "C," each made up from copious extracts from the testimony taken by the court of inquiry and intended to confirm the statements of fact made in the petition itself. This latter document, the first ground of appeal, is the holding of Secretary Long in his endorsement of the court's findings, "that the conduct of the court in making no finding and rendering no opinion on those questions (that of command and of credit for the victory) is approved—indeed it could, with propriety take no other course, evidence on these questions during the inquiry having been excluded by the court."

On this point the petition says that the secretary of the navy was in error in stating that the court extended testimony to show that, as Dewey said, Schley was the senior officer in the battle of Santiago; was in absolute command and entitled to the credit due for the glorious victory which resulted in the total destruction of the Spanish ships.

TWO RUNAWAY CARS. Cause Death of Three Persons and Injury Score of Others. Pittsburg, Jan. 31.—Three persons were killed, two fatally hurt, and a score of others more or less hurt by two runaway cars on the Monongahela branch of the Pittsburg Railway Company tonight.

The accident happened at the foot of Long Hill, running into Wilmerding, from McKeesport. A car without passengers got beyond control of the motor-man, and dashed down the hill, one and a quarter miles long, at a terrific speed. At the bottom it jumped into the Pennsylvania Railway station, carrying away the side of the station and tearing up the platform. A large crowd gathered about the wreck and 12 minutes later a second runaway car came tearing down the hill and plowed into the crowd with death dealing force. On the way down the hill the car struck a carriage containing a young couple on their way to McKeesport to be married. The carriage was completely wrecked, and the driver fatally hurt. The young people escaped with comparatively slight injuries, and were later married.

A binding elect storm prevailed at the time, and it is said the two cars "skated" down the hill with brakes tightly set.

"Slip" at a Furnace. Chicago, Jan. 31.—In an accident known as a "slip" at the plant of the Illinois Steel Company, at South Chicago, early today, one man was killed and four others were so severely injured that they will probably die. Cold weather is thought to have been the immediate cause of the accident. It is supposed that the molten iron at the top of a blast furnace became chilled and clogged at the top. When the men opened the vent at the bottom to draw off this metal, the whole mass slid down, covering the workmen from head to foot, with the white-hot metal.

Chinese Naval College. London, Jan. 31.—The Tien Tsin correspondent of the Standard says that the emperor has ordered Admiral Yeh to organize a naval college at Che Foo, and to engage Rear Admiral Lord Charles Beresford to act as naval instructor at the college.

London's Smallpox Epidemic. London, Jan. 31.—The smallpox epidemic in London, after falling to 20 cases daily last week, increased suddenly this week and reached the record of 71 cases yesterday.

Two Cracksmen Killed. Gallipoli, O., Jan. 31.—Two cracksmen are dead, a deputy sheriff is severely wounded, and a marshal mortally wounded as a result of an attempt to rob an aged and wealthy widow of this city tonight. The plans of the robbers had been revealed to the Athens officers, who came here today and, with the local officers, secreted themselves in the house. Upon the appearance of the robbers a battle ensued, in which both were killed.