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THE NEWS OF THE WEEK

From All Parts of the New World and the Old.

OF INTEREST TO OUR READERS

Comprehensive Review of the Important Happenings of the Past Week Culled From the Telegraph Columns.

Colonel William J. Bryan has declared himself as opposed to expansion.

Spaniards opened fire on a Cuban funeral procession in Havana, and wounded several. One will probably die.

By the explosion of a shell at Fort Constantine, at Cronstadt, Russia, nine soldiers were killed and three officers and seven soldiers wounded.

By an explosion in the grist mill at Pettysville, Nate Thomas and Clarence Emmons were killed outright and Will Markley was fatally injured.

Chicago packers will spend a large amount of money in erecting immense cold-storage plants in Santiago and Havana for the reception and storing of fresh meat.

Simon, the new senator from Oregon, has been placed upon the following committees: Mines and mining, irrigation, revolutionary claims, Potomac river front and trespasses upon Indian lands.

Five deaths occurred in Butte, Mont., which are claimed to have been caused by the dreadful sulphur and arsenic fumes from the smelters. Many people who can do so are leaving the city to get out of tne smoke.

It is probable that Secretary Bliss will, within a short time, tender his resignation to the president. He has had the step under consideration for some time, deeming it necessary that he should be free to devote more time to his large business interests.

The Brooklyn, Texas, Castine and Resolute have been ordered to Havana. While there is not the faintest desire to convey a threat in the dispatch of these warships to Havana, it may be noted that when they lie within the harbor they will hold the town in perfect subjection.

The Clearwater Short Line Railway Company, which is the official title of the branch Northern Pacific cut-off, has filed certificates in the office of the secretary of state at Olympia, designating Thomas Cooper as its agent in Washington, and showing the route of the proposed road, now under construction.

Word has been received from United States Consul Allen that John C. Flanagan, the confidential clerk of George W. Lake, a rich merchant of Chemulpo, who was murdered August 29, has been sentenced by a consular court to imprisonment for life. Flanagan had been robbing his employer systematically and committed the crime to cover up his misdeeds.

Two men were killed by the explosion of natural gas at Cannonsville, Ind.

Henry J. Nelligan, cook, George W. Beverly, both of company G, First Florida, stationed at Huntsville, Ala., were killed in a camp quarrel.

Senator Davis, of the Paris peace commission, in an interview with a London Daily Mail correspondent, declared in favor of a triple alliance between the United States, England and Japan, for the protection of all their interests north of the equator.

Charles Tracy, aged 16, shot and instantly killed Tim Connors, custodian of Greenlawn cemetery, Indianapolis, Ind. Tracy with a number of other boys was near the cemetery throwing snowballs at pedestrians. Refusing to desist he was killed by Connors.

The thirteenth annual convention of the American Federation of Labor met at Kansas City, Mo. About 150 delegates from all parts of the country were present; also William Thorne and William Inskip, of London, representing the British trades-union congress.

The British Columbian government has made a crown reserve of all townsites and land outside of the mining fields in the Lake Atlin district. This was recently announced privately by Mr. C. Settlin, premier of British Columbia, to Gold Commissioner W. J. Rant, who has just arrived in Seattle from Atlin.

Rossland's famous Le Roi mine is at last before London investors. The London Globe Corporation and the British America Corporation have invited subscriptions to 200,000 shares of £5 each in the Le Roi Company, ltd. The purchase price is £950,000, payable in cash in fully paid shares, leaving 50,000 for the working capital.

The United States government is not aware that any arrangement has been made for the transfer of the title of the Samoan islands to Germany, and being one of the parties to the tripartite agreement under which Samoa is now governed, it is not conceivable that any change in the status of the islands can be made without the knowledge of this government.

Minor News Items.

The will of the late Edward Austin, of Boston, bequeaths $1,100,000 to public uses.

The czar has recently issued an edict ordering a trial by jury in Siberia after January 1.

The British government has decided to make a generous grant for the relief of the distress and damage caused by the recent hurricane in the West Indies.

Miss Nora Bittner, a respected young lady of Allegheny, Pa., was fatally beaten by three girls, none of whom are over 15 years of age.

Irwin McDowell Garfield, a son of the former president, has successfully tried his first case in the Boston municipal courts. He is 27 years old.

The youngest chaplain in the navy is said to be Frederick C. Brown, 25 years old, now on the Iowa, which is on her way to Manila. He was appointed to the service last April, being at that time pastor of the Unitarian church of Middleboro, Mass.

LATER NEWS.

At a meeting of the various religious denominations held in London, the czar's disarmament proposal was indorsed.

Four persons were killed and others seriously injured in Paris by the collapse of a house in course of construction. It is feared that five bodies still remain buried in the debris.

Mrs. Mary Tutt Throckmorton, who in her early life was a leader in Washington society, is dead from the effects of inhaling illuminating gas which escaped by accident in her room. She was 88 years of age.

The British steamer Pawnee has arrived in New York from Mediterranean ports, and brought 10 ship-wrecked people, eight men and two women, who were taken from the disabled schooner Deer Hill, of St. John's, N. B., in midocean.

The navy department has made public a report from Admiral Schley covering that part of the operations and movements of the flying squadron from its sailing from Key West for Cienfuegos up to, but not including the first bombardment.

As a result of a coasting accident at Turtle creek, eight miles from Pittsburg, Joseph West, aged 30 years, is dead and eleven others are injured, two seriously. The sled collapsed at the bottom of a steep hill and hurled the party with great force in every direction.

Thomas Jones, living near Greer, W. Va., attempted to light a fire with crude oil. An explosion occurred, wrecking the room, and the dresses of his twin daughters, aged 4 years, ignited. He was too badly burned to assit them, and they were so badly burned that both of them died shortly afterwards.

Exports to Cuba are already beginning to show the effect of returning peace and the reopening of our ports to commerce. The October figures of the treasury department bureau of statistics show a marked increase in the exports of the United States to Cuba in nearly all articles, comparing October, 1898, with October, 1897.

The international anti-anarchistic conference which has been in session here for several weeks, has proved a success. Great secrecy is maintained regarding the proceedings and conclusions, but the delegates seem satisfied that they have laid a splendid foundation for a uniform system of dealings with anarchists. The conference declined to recognize anarchist outrages as political crimes.

The drought in California has ended and rainfall is reported from nearly every section of the state.

Puget sound oystermen have formed an association, and will make an effort to secure needed legislation.

The war department has decided to have the remains of all soldiers who died in Manila returned to this country.

Captain Knoch, custodian of the relics in the famous Luetgert case, is a victim of blood poisoning and may not recover.

Clyde Bennington, aged 22, has been sentenced to life imprisonment in San Quentin for his part in the Oro Grande train robberies.

The death sentence of Private Lindsay, Tenth cavalry, has been commuted by the president to life imprisonment, on recommendation of General Wheeler.

Since the cessation of hostilities this government has spent about $1,000,000 in feeding the starving Cubans, and the work is still going on with untiring vigor.

The United States troops in Cuba and Porto Rico have not been forgotten. They will be sent for Christmas 10,000 pounds of prime turkey and 2,000 pounds of cranberries.

The body of an unknown man was found on one of the bars of the Willamette, three miles east of Monroe. The head and feet were missing. There was no means of identification.

A dispatch from London says it is understood that the Prince of Wales has spoken approvingly of the proposed monument to George Washington to be placed in Westminster Abbey.

The halibut schooner Two Brothers, plying in Alaska waters, has been missing nearly six weeks, and it is feared that she has been lost with all on board. One of her boats was recently found in a badly battered condition.

Eight additional survivors of the crew of the lost ship Londonian were brought into Baltimore by the North German Lloyd steamship Maria Rickmers. They are: Captain F. B. Lee, Third Officer Joseph Cottier, Boatswain T. Behem, Quartermaster F. Carlsen, Able Seamen J. Webb and W. Cadness, Second Steward D. Darnell and Second Cook W. Martin.

In the German reichstag, Count von Kardorff, leader of the free conservatives, condemned the sentimental German sympathy with Spain, and welcomed the appearance of the "great and vigorous American nation" among the colonizing powers. He said he hoped that, in accordance with Bismarck's principle, commercial questions would be kept separate from political relations, for, if this were done, Germany could be on very good terms with the United States.

Leon Favier, who fought under the great Napoleon, has just celebrated his 96th birthday at Philadelphia.

The president of the municipal council of Paris has informed Mme. Sara Bernhardt that the council has accepted her recent offer to take a lease of the Theater des Nacions.

Preparations are on foot in Honolulu to test the applicability of the United States immigration laws to the Hawaiian islands by the importation to the cane fields of 1,000 Corean laborers.

The American Fireproof Wood company was incorporated at Trenton, N. J., with a capital of $1,000,000.

The New York court of appeals decided that the anti-scalping law passed at the last session of the legislature is unconstitutional.

Admiral Dewey, in reply to an offer of $5,000 for a short magazine article on the Philippines, cabled: "Thanks, but I am too busy."

The law restricting foreign immigration and expelling foreigners who will not become citizens of Prussia is being enforced.

CZAR'S PROPOSAL OF PEACE

William T. Stead on the Sincerity of It.

OPPORTUNITY FOR AMERICANS

Movement in England in Favor of an International Demonstration—Queen in Sympathy With It.

London, Dec. 20.—William T. Stead, writing to the Associated Press, says:

"I have seen the czar. I have heard from his own lips the earnest desire of his heart that something practical should be done, and that quickly, to divert to the service of humanity some of the many millions now devoted to preparations for war. He has taken the initiative in summoning the conference. He is prepared to give an earnest of his sincerity by arresting the future increase of Russian armament. But unless he is supported by the peoples who detest militarism as well as by those who groan under its burdens, his well-meant endeavor will fail.

"The American people can, if they will, prevent so fatal a catastrophe. As the greatest and latest born of the world's powers, they can, if they choose, save this supreme opportunity of the century from being sacrificed by the skeptical apathy of the governments. But to do this, it will be necessary to act, and to act at once. What is hoped of those friends of peace and enemies of militarism who turn their eager eyes to the great republic of the New World, is that between now and the end of January, the citizens of the United States will, by public demonstrations, formal resolutions and by other methods by which a democratic people gives expression to its convictions and its aspirations, have manifested to the world their determination to help the czar to put this thing through.

"In England, where the difficulties are much greater owing to the senseless prejudice against Russia, which has been the baleful legacy of the Crimean war, such a national committee is already in course of formation. By the end of next month, it is expected there will not be any considerable center of population which will not have had its public meeting demanding that energetic support should be given to the Russian proposals.

"What the friends of peace in England confidently calculate upon is that the appeal in the cause of humanity will find the American people ready and able to respond. If so, the greatest demonstration ever made of the peace-loving passion of the English-speaking race will be within our reach. A joint Anglo-American representation of, say, 15 men and 5 women, chosen from the foremost of our race, charged with the mandate to proceed through Europe on a pilgrimage of peace to present an address of thanks to the czar, would rouse the continent.

"Round the Anglo-American deputation would group themselves, in the first place, the representatives of the seven small states—Sweden, Norway, Denmark, Belgium, Holland, Switzerland and Portugal, with an aggregate population of nearly 30,000,000, and with these reinforcements the great international delegation would begin its crusade through Europe. In four weeks, it would have shaken the continent from center to circumference."

The movement in favor of an international demonstration in support of the czar's peace conference is taking practical shape in Great Britain, and is attracting much sympathy from the queen and other members of the royal family, who are said to be aware of the entire sincerity of the czar.

MORE HOBSON KISSING.

The Merrimac Hero in the Hands of Chicago Girls.

Chicago, Dec. 20.—Lieutenant Richard Pearson Hobson was heavily bombarded by a large field of kissing girls at the Auditorium tonight, but as no distress signals were hoisted after the engagement, it is not believed that he was seriously injured. Lieutenant Hobson lectured on "The Sinking of the Merrimac," under the auspices of the Chicago Press Club, and after the lecture, the members of the audience pressed forward for an impromptu reception. There was much handshaking and applause, but more interesting than either were 163 kisses given the Merrimac's hero by as many girls. The lieutenant met the attack bravely and even seemed to encourage it.

During his brief stay in Chicago, Lieutenant Hobson was the guest of General John McNulta, at the Union League Club. After the lecture he left for Kansas City, where he will speak tomorrow evening. Tuesday evening the distinguished naval officer will face an audience in Denver, whence he will proceed to San Francisco and sail for Manila December 24, on the City of Peking.

Savannah, Ga., Dec. 20.—Nearly the whole of the business part of the town of Tifton, in the center of the peach belt, was burned last night. An oil lamp in a boarding house exploded. The Masonic hall and 10 stores were destroyed, and a hotel and a large lumber mill were damaged.

Indian Bill Passed.

Washington, Dec. 20.—The house today gave its attention to the Indian appropriation bill, passing it substantially as reported. This is the third of the appropriation bills to pass, and it clears the calendar of the big supply bills, although another, the agricultural, will be ready and knocking for attention by Monday. The house passed the bill granting a right of way through the San Francisco forest reserve to the Saginaw Southern railway of Arizona.

Baron Rothschild Dead.

London, Dec. 20.—Baron Ferdinand James de Rothschild, M. P., is dead. He was the second son of the late Baron Alphonso Rotschild. He was a member of parliament in the unionist interest, for Aylesbury. The baron was an intimate friend of the Prince of Wales. It was during the prince's last visit to Weddeson, near Aylesbury, that he injured his knee. The baron was a lavish host and entertained the queen in 1890. His death was sudden. It was supposed he was only suffering from a cold.

RIOTS IN HAVANA SUBURBS.

Cubans Break Loose With the Withdrawal of Authority.

Havana, Dec. 20.—The Spanish evacuation commissioners informed the American commissioners this evening that the Havana suburbs of Cerro and Jesus del Monte had been evacuated. The Spanish troops evacuated Jesus del Monte at 5 o'clock this evening, immediately after which American and Cuban flags were raised, crackers were fired, and the usual demonstrations made by the large crowd in honor of the event. At the hour of filing this dispatch, 8 P. M., it is reported that some of the troops of the Cuban General Mario Menocal are entering Jesus del Monte. Probably the United States forces will be sent there tomorrow.

The suburb of Cerro was evacuated yesterday. American and Cuban flags were displayed from the houses on Calzada del Cerro, and crowds rushed through the streets shouting "Vive Cuba libre."

About 5:30 last evening, a crowd of Cubans of the lower class passed a barracks of engineers on the Infanta avenue, shouting "Long live Cuba!" and "Death to Spain" and firing shots into the air in celebration of the evacuation of Cerro. The engineers did not fire, but the guard was doubled.

The crowd then passed on from the Calzada del Monte to the Calzada del Cerro, stopping the street-cars and compelling passengers to shout "Viva Cuba libre." Among the demonstrators were a number of butchers, who carried pistols and knives. Jose Gancedo and his cousin, Teodoro Huertis, who were on the cars, were wounded with knives. Gancedo died today, and Huertis will probably die.

Later the crowd met some engineers at the Esquina de Tejas and fired upon them, seriously wounding one. The engineers returned the fire, wounding a street-car conductor; a civilian, Isidoro Razols, and John Leonard, a colored man. The rioting continued, many shots being fired in front of the Casa de Socorro, where the wounded were assisted.

Spanish soldiers were ordered to the scene, and arrived about 9 o'clock. While marching through Cerro, they were fired upon by men concealed behind pillars. One Spanish private fell, wounded, and the battalion fired into the air to scare the rioters. On resuming their march, they were again fired upon, and another man was hit. The Spaniards then fired and dispersed the rioters. Among the wounded was a colored woman, and it is also reported that there were several others.

The rioting caused great alarm in Cerro and along the Calzada del Monte, where all houses have kept closed doors since last night.

STUCK FAST ON A REEF.

Accident to the Cruiser Cincinnati in Santiago Harbor.

Santiago de Cuba, Dec. 20.—While the United States cruiser Cincinnati was leaving port about sunset yesterday, she ran full speed upon a rock clearly defined in the charts, but not buoyed. Last September, General Leonard Wood, considering that the absence of a buoy there might lead to some accident, anchored a small one, the first ever placed there, but the Bessie, on entering the harbor one night, carried it away, and since then there has been no buoy to mark the location of the rock.

The Cincinnati probably is not seriously damaged, as she is not making water. For the last 24 hours the government collier Southery and the Mayflower have been engaged in an effort to pull her off. Thus far they have been unsuccessful, but it is hoped they will have better luck tonight at high tide. The principal risk now is tearing a hole in the cruiser's bottom while she is pulling off.

TROOPS ON THE SCANDIA.

Transport Brings the Remaining New Yorkers From Honolulu.

San Francisco, Dec. 20.—The United States transport steamer Scandia has arrived here, 33 days from Manila and eight days from Honolulu. She remained several days at the latter port, and the news she brought from the Philippines was forwarded by the steamers Alameda and Gaelic, which arrived during the past week. The Scandia brings the remaining companies of the First New York volunteer regiment from Honolulu. All are reported in good condition, five who were ill being now convalescent. Among her passengers from Manila are W. A. Walsh, of the Astor battery, and W. J. Cohn, C. H. Herrman, W. H. Curran, of the Pennsylvania volunteers, and several members of the First California regiment. The Scandia is in quarantine, and no mail or passengers will be landed tonight, neither will any one be permitted to go on board.

Medicines for Troops in Cuba.

Savannah, Ga., Dec. 20.—Major-General Brooke, who was appointed as military governor of Cuba, arrived in the city this afternoon. He had a conference with the president and secretary Alger this evening. After the conference Secretary Alger said General Brooke was on his way to Havana province, and had come to Savannah upon telegraphic orders for a conference with the president and the secretary relative to affairs on the island.

General Brooke is suffering from a cold and fever. It was said late tonight that the fever was high, and that probably he would not be able to leave the city for a week.

New Implement Company.

The Colfax Implement Company has been incorporated to deal in agricultural implements at Colfax, Wash. The incorporators and trustees are Aaron Kuhn, J. W. Hereford and L. D. Woodworth. The capital stock is $100,000, divided into 100 shares at the value of $100 each.

Mails for Porto Rico.

Washington, Dec. 19.—The postal contract with the New York & Porto Rico Steamship Company, supplement to existing arrangements with the Red D line, has been formally signed. The arrangements are for five regular sailings a month from New York to Porto Rico and regular additional sailings in connection therewith around the island at least once a week, calling at all principal harbors and ports.

In India the average duration of life of the natives is 24 years as against 44 in Britain.

RAVAGED BY THE TROOPS

Province of Pinar del Rio Ruined by Spanish.

HALF THE PEOPLE ARE DEAD

General Davis' Report on the District as He Found It—Proclamation to the People—Country of Great Fertility.

Washington, Dec. 19.—The terrible state of affairs existing in the western province of Cuba is shown in this report to the war department from General Davis:

"Pinar del Rio, Dec. 19.—Adjutant-General, Washington: Arrived here last night. The troops are comfortably encamped, and have all the required supplies. We have been received with the greatest enthusiasm and rejoicing. The civil governor left the province when the Spanish troops retired. The alcalde called and tendered his services. A small Cuban force is in the town as police, and good order prevails everywhere. I shall raise the flag tomorrow in the presence of the troops and citizens. The treasury is empty, and the only means of replenishing it is a system of taxation almost to the verge of confiscation. There are no customhouses in this province. The country is one of great fertility and beauty, but has been ravaged almost to destruction. I am assured by responsible citizens and foreigners that one-half the former population has been killed and starved to death. Colonel Seyburn, with two battalions, is at Guanajay. He is ordered to occupy Mariel with a detachment. There is no sickness among the troops. DAVIS."

Swords Turned to Plowshares.

Havana, Dec. 19.—General Davis, the American commander at Pinar del Rio, has issued a proclamation saying that President McKinley has directed him to assure the inhabitants of security of their lives and property as long as they were orderly. General Davis further declares that fair taxes will be levied, and that no favoritism will be shown. In conclusion, General Davis says:

"Inhabitants of Pinar del Rio—I have come as a friend to help you in all which may contribute to the prosperity of this great country, or its general welfare. There is very little I am obliged to do without your co-operation, but with your help I am sure of complete success. The trochas and forts will be turned into homes, and the machetes will be used for labor only. Your sacrifices and heroic acts have been already rewarded. The past belongs to the history of the century; think of your future peace and prosperity. This must be your aspiration."

The Spanish Archives.

Havana, Dec. 19.—The removal of the Spanish archives from Cuba to Spain has been the subject of frequent correspondence between the American and Spanish military commissions. Today the matter was satisfactorily adjusted. Colonel Clous, on behalf of the American commissioners, had a long interview with General Jiminez Castellanos, who had lists of the documents in each division of the various departments of the government. All documents relating to municipal and provincial affairs, as well as those necessary to administration, are not to be disturbed, but only such papers from the governor-general's office and other offices as exclusively relate to the Spanish government. For instance, papers regarding the Cuban debt and the war expenses are to be sent to Madrid, while on the other hand the archives of the autonomist government are to remain practically intact.

Decided by a Soldier's Vote.

Topeka, Kan., Dec. 19.—The state canvassing board decided a tie between A. F. Scott, Republican, and L. M. Marks, Populist, candidates for the legislature from Jefferson county, by ordering the drawing of lots. Mr. Scott won, but did not demand his certificate, going home with the expectation that it would be sent by mail. Before the certificate was sent, however, the mid-Pacific vote cast by the Twentieth Kansas, en route to Manila, was received. Upon examination one vote was found for Mr. Marks. Accordingly the state canvassing board reversed its decision and issued a certificate to Mr. Marks.

Transports From Havana.

Savannah, Ga., Dec. 19.—The transport Chester sailed today for Mariana, Cuba, carrying Brigadier-General Hasbrouck and the headquarters staff of the Second division of the Seventh army corps and the Fourth Virginia regiment. The transports Minnewaska and Roumanian arrived from Havana today. They will take aboard the Forty-ninth Iowa and the Sixth Missouri regiments tomorrow and will probably sail the next day.

Gold Belt Is Large.

Spokane, Wash., Dec. 19.—There is great excitement here over repeated rich strikes in the Republic camp, on the Colville reservation. It is now demonstrated that the gold belt is at least seven miles long and three miles wide, and in that area rich chutes are being discovered almost daily.

Fatal Train Wreck in Florida.

Jacksonville, Fla., Dec. 19.—A passenger train on the Florida Central & Peninsula railroad was wrecked this afternoon near Madison, caused by a collison with cattle on the track. Six persons were killed, as follows: E. H. Chandler, engineer; James Evans, colored, fireman; John T. Sullivan, of St. Augustine, Fla., attache to the army; Rev. S. H. Coleman, a colored preacher of Jacksonville; John A. Rhoades, colored, Pensacola; Alfred Austin, colored, Chaires.

Praised the Man Behind the Gun.

London, Dec. 19.—The Daily News, commenting this morning upon its Washington correspondent's report of the gun trials at Sandy Hook, says:

"The Americans have only to give their minds to it to become the first artillerists in the world. In fact, an American artillerists on the warpath deserves the most serious notice of all whom it may concern."

New York, Dec. 19.—A dispatch to the Tribune from Washington says the converted cruiser Yosemite has been ordered to Manila.

LOOKS BAD FOR MRS. BOTKIN.

Damaging Evidence Introduced at the Murder Trial.

San Francisco, Dec. 19.—The defense in the Botkin murder trial today received the worst set-back it has experienced since the case opened. The evidence of two of the witnesses examined today was of such a convincing nature that the chagrin caused by its introduction was plainly written upon the faces of the accused woman and her counsel. The evidence clearly showed that Mrs. Botkin wrote the anonymous letters sent to Mrs. Dunning from this city, apprising Mrs. Dunning of the alleged misconduct of her husband, and informing her that she had grounds for commencing a suit for divorce. The handkerchief which was inclosed in the box of poisoned candy was proven to have been purchased in this city by Mrs. Botkin, another link in the chain of the prosecution.

DEFIANT ONLY IN TALK.

Admiral Dewey's Opinion of the Philippine Insurgents.

Manila, Dec. 19. — Rear-Admiral Dewey, when a press correspondent called upon him today, was courteous and pleasant, but absolutely declined to discuss the political situation in the Philippine islands, on the ground that his sphere was purely naval. He then proceeded to cross-examine the correspondent about everything ashore. He was glad to learn that the insurgents were releasing the sick Spanish soldiers they held as prisoners, notwithstanding Aguinaldo's grandiloquent refusal to do so. This proves that the insurgents are very conciliatory, in spite of their defiant talk.

Admiral Dewey always believed that the insurgents were friendly, especially since the warships of our fleet have visited the different ports of those islands, and since some of our officers have made tours inland, carefully investigating popular sentiment and judiciously preaching the gospel of peaceful settlement everywhere with highly satisfactory results.

Hawaiian Bills.

Washington, Dec. 19.—The senate committee on foreign relations made some progress today with the bill reported by the Hawaiian committee for the government of the Hawaiian islands, but adjourned over without completing the work. The house committee on merchant marine and fisheries today ordered a favorable report on a bill to extend the navigation laws of the United States to the Hawaiian islands.

Ex-Confederates in Soldiers' Homes.

Washington, Dec. 19.—Representative Rixey, of Virginia, today introduced a bill for the admission of ex-Confederate, as well as Union, soldiers, to soldiers' homes.

Four Persons Killed by a Train.

New York, Dec. 19.—A wagon containing eight persons was struck by a train on the Pennsylvania railroad tonight at the Allenwood crossing, a few miles from Manasquan, N. J., and four people were killed, two fatally injured, and two others seriously injured. The dead are: Mrs. Ellen Allen, Bessie Allen, her daughter; Miss Allie Alger, and Jennie Crammer. The fatally injured are: David S. Allen, husband of Mrs. Allen, who was killed, and Kate Allen, their daughter. Mr. Allen was of the family of which Allenwood takes its name, and was one of the most prominent men in that part of New Jersey.

Dying by Hundreds.

San Francisco, Dec. 19.—On board the steamer Gaelic, which arrived from the Orient today, was Rev. H. W. White, a missionary. He brings news of a terrible condition of affairs existing in the Chin-Chow-Fu province, a section 150 miles long and 70 miles wide, inhabited by over 4,500,000 people, mostly farmers. Owing to two successive droughts the crops have been failures, and the people of the province are dying by thousands from starvation and the outlying provinces and the government are doing little to help the suffering. The people of Shang-Tung province are also starving. In some of the villages of the latter place there are hundreds of deaths in a week's time. In Chin-Chow-Fu there have been as many as 180 deaths in one day.

Important Mexican Concession.

New York, Dec. 19.—A dispatch to the Herald from Mexico City says: The last act of the Mexican congress today was the confirmation of one of the largest concessions for many years. The concession was granted to Captain A. B. Smith, of Los Angeles, Cal., and his associates for colonizing, steamship and railway enterprises of the first magnitude.

The colony lands include many leagues on the Gulf of California, with the condition that a canal be constructed from the lands to Yuma, Cal., and a steamship service be placed from the head of the gulf to the southern boundary. The service will also be extended to the Lower California points. The line will comprise six modern steamers.

Bound for Home.

Paris, Dec. 19.—The American peace commission left for Havre and Southampton tonight, and will sail for New York tomorrow on the steamer St. Louis.

Killed by a Falling Wall.

Chicago, Dec. 19.—Two firemen, Lieutenant Matthew Myer and Truckman Patrick O'Hern, were killed by the collapse of a wall tonight during a fire in the Palace livery stables, at 3154 Cottage Grove avenue. Several other firemen were seriously hurt, including the following: Lieutenant Albert Lingenberger, leg fractured; Michael O'Hare, skull fractured; Thomas Dillon, skull fractured; Edward Creuscuo, back broken. The property loss was about $30,000.

Madrid, Dec. 19.—A semi-official note issued today says:

"As the American senate must ratify the treaty of peace before it becomes effective, our government should wait for this ratification and not hasten to cede territory which the United States senate may not accept."

Durango, Colo., Dec. 19.—News has reached this city that three men have been killed in the Columbus mine, located in the La Plata district. They are: Ray Burnett, Joseph Faragher and Walter E. Seeling. It is not known what caused their deaths.

PACIFIC COAST NEWS

Items of General Interest Gleaned From the Thriving Pacific States.

Export of Salted Fish.

Japan has become a new customer for the fish of the Northwest, and last year 1,400 tons of salted fish was shipped from the North Pacific coast. The Nippon Trading Company of Seattle has gone actively into the business of shipping salt fish, and buy in all the ports of the Sound and British Columbia. This year they are shipping over 600 tons, and have orders for more if they could get the fish. Seattle shipped out 300 tons last year and Tacoma shipped the same amount, while about 600 tons was bought and shipped from the Frazer river. There are besides the Nippon Company, which is made up of local Japanese business men, three or four other firms there engaged in exporting fish. The North Japan fishing industry is running out and her people are looking this way for a supply, the same as they are looking to this coast for flour and other natural products.

Advance in Price of Fish.

At Seattle the price of salmon has advanced from 10 cents per pound to 15 cents per pound in the last few days, the cause being assigned to the closing of the season and consequent scarcity of fish. The demand for fish in general is reported to be better than has been the case for some time, steelhead salmon are beginning to run and the Tyee variety is expected in a few weeks, but as yet the run is rather short. Good fishing is reported in the Narrows, a few miles from Tacoma, and the run is expected to continue there until January 1. The catch now is said to be about 12,000 salmon daily, of the dog salmon variety. A few herring were captured at Quartermaster harbor on Saturday and it is said that they were the forerunners of the regular season's run.

Favors San Diego.

After viewing all the ports on the Pacific Dr. Weigand, general manager of the North German Lloyd Company, which has in contemplation the operation of a steamer line from this coast to the Grient, is reported by the San Francisco papers to be on his way home by way of Hong Kong and Suez canal. As many of the stockholders of the company are interested in Northern Pacific securities, Tacoma was considered to have an excellent chance to be chosen as a terminus. It now seems that the Santa Fe Railroad Company having interested the Australian government in the adavntages of San Diego harbor for a trans-Pacific mail route, the steamship company is inclined to favor the Southern California port.

Honolulu Taking Our Flour.

R. I. Lillie, the purchasing agent on the Pacific coast for the firm of Theodore H. Davis & Co., of Honolulu, is in the Northwest. Mr. Lillie will load a vessel at Seattle with flour and other Northwestern products for shipment to the islands. The short grain crop in California last year has turned the greater portion of the trans-Pacific demand to Oregon and Washington. Portland and Washington flour cargoes have been discharigng in San Francisco for a number of weeks past, and then reshipped by the Californians to Honolulu. It is likely, therefore, that the present engagement of flour by Mr. Little for Honolulu will be but one of many siimlar engagements.

New Flour Mill Running.

William Kirkland, with Carl and Bismark Sholl, have completed their flour mill in Walla Walla, and it has been turning out flour since Saturday, November 26. Mr. Kirkland, the miller, was with Dement Brothers for eight years, and in Isaacs' mill for five years, consequently has all the experience necessary. The mill building and ground and the water power represent an outlay of $6,000, and additions to the machinery are to be made in the near future to the value of from $1,000 to $2,000. Two qualities of the fine patent process will be turned out, as well as the ordinary baker's brand. The mill is one more addition to Walla Walla's manufactories.

Big Bond Bids.

The county commissioners of Gallatin county, Mont., opened bids last week for $137,000 worth of 20-year 5 per cent bonds. The premiums offered were the largest ever bid for bonds in Montana, and ranged from $1,712 to $7,904. The bidders included a great many of the same firms who bid for Portland bonds and the acceptance of the bids is still held in abeyance.

Ready for Business.

Two new banks were opened in Rossland, B. C., December 1, and considerable rivalry exists over which shall secure the greatest number of commercial accounts. The new banks are branches of the Bank of British Columbia and the Bank of Toronto. Of the former H. F. Mytten is local manager, and of the latter A. B. Barker is in charge.

In Flourishing Condition.

The Dallas woolen mills, under new management, has put in eight new looms. The mill is a three-set one, and when fully repaired will be getting out samples for the Eastern market. It also has a large government contract for woolen goods.

Paving Bonds Sold.

Spokane Riverside avenue paving bonds to the amount of $23,000 were recently sold at a premium of $552. These bonds are subject to recall by the city officals whenever there is sufficient money on hand to redeem them.

School Bond Issue.

Sealed bids for the purchase of $500 worth of five-year, 6 per cent school bonds were received December 5, by the clerk of school district No. 26, Carbon county, Mont.

Secured Portland Capital.

The promoters of an ice factory and cold storage plant for Walla Walla have interested Portland capitalists in the enterprise, and a company will soon be incorporated with ample finances. A plant with a capacity of eight tons per day will be installed.

William Weisgarber, a man of financial standing representing a large company in Wilesbarre, Pa., is visiting the Northwest, seeking a suitable location for starting a large shoe factory and tannery to give employment to about 75 men.

PACIFIC COAST TRADE.

Portland Market.

Wheat—Walla Walla, 58c; Valley, 60c; Bluestem, 62c per bushel.

Flour—Best grades, $3.20; graham, $2.65; superfine, $2.15 per barrel.

Oats—Choice white, 42@43c; choice gray, 40@41c per bushel.

Barley—Feed barley, $22@25; brewing, $24 per ton.

Millstuffs—Bran, $16 per ton; middlings, $21; shorts, $16; chop, $15.50 per ton.

Hay—Timothy, $9@10; clover, $7@8; Oregon wild hay, $6 per ton.

Butter—Fancy creamery, 55@60c; seconds, 50@55c; dairy, 45@50c store, 30@35c.

Cheese—Oregon full cream, 11@13c; Young America, 15c; new cheese, 10c per pound.

Poultry—Chickens, mixed, $3@3.50 per dozen; hens, $3.50@4.00; springs, $1.25@3; geese, $5.00@6.00 for old, $4.50@5 for young; ducks, $4.00@5.00 per dozen; turkeys, live, 11@12c per pound.

Potatoes—60@70c per sack; sweets, 2c per pound.

Vegetables—Beets, 90c; turnips, 75c per sack; garlic, 7c per pound; cabbage, $1@1.25 per 100 pounds; cauliflower, 75c per dozen; parsnips, 75c per sack; beans, 3c per pound; celery, 70@75c per dozen; cucumbers, 50c per box; peas, 3@3½c per pound.

Onions—Oregon, 75c@$1 per sack.

Hops—15@18c; 1897 crop, 4@6c.

Wool—Valley, 10@12c per pound; Eastern Oregon, 8@12c; mohair, 26c per pound.

Mutton—Gross, best sheep, wethers and ewes, 3½c; dressed mutton, 7c; spring lambs, 7½c per lb.

Hogs—Gross, choice heavy, $4.75; light and feeders, $3.00@4.00; dressed, $5.50@6.50 per 100 pounds.

Beef—Gross, top steers, 3.50@$3.75; cows, $2.50@3.00; dressed beef, 5@6½c per pound.

Veal—Large, 5½@6c; small, 6½@7½c per pound.

Seattle Markets.

Tomatoes, 50@85c per box.
Onions, 85@90c per 100 pounds.
Potatoes, $10@12.
Beets, per sack, 75c.
Turnips, per sack, 50@60c.
Carrots, per sack, $1.
Parsnips, per sack, $1.
Cauliflower, 50@75c per doz.
Celery, 35@40c.
Beans, green, 2@3c.
Cabbage, native and California $1.00@1.50 per 100 pounds.
Apples, 85@50c per box.
Pears, 75c@$1 per box.
Prunes, 50c per box.
Peaches, 75c.
Plums, 50c.

Butter—Creamery, 27c per pound, dairy and ranch, 18@20c per pound.

Eggs, 35c.

Cheese—Native, 12@12½c.

Poultry—Old hens, 15c per pound; spring chickens, 15c; turkeys, 16c.

Fresh meats—Choice dressed beef steers, prime, 6½@7c; cows, prime, 6½c; mutton, 7½c; pork, 6@7c; veal, 6@8c.

Wheat—Feed wheat, $21.

Oats—Choice, per ton, $23.

Hay—Puget Sound mixed, $9.50@10; choice Eastern Washington timothy, $12.

Corn—Whole, $23.50; cracked, $24; feed meal, $23.50.

Barley—Rolled or ground, per ton, $24@25; whole, $22.

Flour—Patent, per barrel, $3.50; straights, $3.25; California brands, $3.25; buckwheat flour, $3.75; graham, per barrel, $3.70; whole wheat flour, $3.75; rye flour, $4.

Millstuffs—Bran, per ton, $14; shorts, per ton, $16.

Feed—Chopped feed, $17@21 per ton; middlings, per ton, $17; oil cake meal, per ton, $35.

San Francisco Market.

Wool—Spring—Nevada, 10@12c per pound; Oregon, Eastern, 10@12c; Valley, 15@17c; Northern, 9@11c.

Millstuffs—Middlings, $18@21.00; bran, $15.00@17.00 per ton.

Onions—Silverskin, 50@60c per sack.

Butter — Fancy creamery, 26c; do seconds, 22@24c; fancy dairy, 21@22c; do seconds, 17@21c per pound.

Eggs — Store, 18@22c; fancy ranch, 35@37½c.

Citrus Fruit—Oranges, Valencia, $2@2.50; Mexican limes, $6@6.50; California lemons, $2.00@.300; do choice $3.50@4.50; per box.

"Eve" Clad in Furs.

A theatrical novelty in Vienna consists in the introduction upon the stage during a four-act play of representatives of Eve, according to the ideas of different races. The Esquimaux Eve is impersonated by a pretty young woman namd Agatne Barseseu, who is clad in furs from head to foot. Whether or not Agathe owes her popularity to her winsome face is hard to tell, but she enjoys more recalls than any other performer in Vienna, and the audience appears to be happiest when she is present.

Oil Factory Burned.

The cedar oil factory of the British Columiba wood oil mills, at Fort Moody, B. C., was destroyed by fire last week. The business was a new one, being recently put in operation by Messrs. Murray & McDonald. The loss will be about $1,000, with no insurance. The plant will probably be rebuilt.

Official Wheat Estimate.

W. H. Reed, state grain inspector of Washington, makes the statement that he has completed gathering statistics of the grain production of his state, and he estimates Washington's wheat crop to be 20,000,000 bushels, about the same as last year. The quality of the grain is of the best. The wheat received at the terminal points this year has nearly all graded 59 pounds or more. He says more than one-half of this year's crop will average 60½ pounds and grade as "choice milling."

Another Republic Dividend.

The Republic Mining Company of Eastern Washington has just declared another dividend, amounting to $30,000, which is at the rate of 3 cents per share. This is the second monthly dividend paid by the company of like amount, and there is every assurance that the dividends will continue at this rate every month, although the mill is not running at its full capacity.

A watch ticks about 157,680,900 times in a year, and the wheels travel 3,558¾ miles per annum.