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EVENTS OF THE DAY

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TERSE TICKETS FROM THE WIRE

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

The steamer Caranza, from Rotterdam, is reported lost off Cape Abajo. Six members of the crew were saved and fifteen are missing.

Police Officer Bratton was badly shot while trying to capture two burglars in a store in Tacoma. He fired at one burglar, when another, who was watching, opened fire and shot Bratton twice in the back of the head. He will probably die.

Eddie Chandler, about 11 years old, was drowned in Portneuf river in Idaho. He threw his hat on the ice and tried to get the dog to get it, and, failing in this, he went on the ice and broke through into deep water. The river was dragged and the body found in about an hour.

One of the latest official acts of Mayor Rader of Los Angeles, Cal., will be to attach his signature to an ordinance making expectations upon the sidewalks of public streets, entrances to public buildings or the floors of streets a misdemeanor, punishable by either fine or imprisonment, or both.

Chief Hazen of the secret service at Washington, has issued a circular warning against a new counterfeit \$10 national banknote on the Union National bank of Detroit. The note is the product of the same hand which produced the recent counterfeit of the National Bank of Commerce of New York. One distinguishing feature is that the back of the note is upside down.

Miss Celia Strahm was killed by her brother-in-law, Elden Brucker, at Dalles, west of Walla Walla, Wash. Miss Strahm was visiting the family, and after the family had retired she went out of the door, and upon returning the noise awakened Brucker, who drew a pistol from under his pillow and shot Miss Strahm. He mistook her for an enemy, whom he had heard was intent on doing him harm.

Japan has a larger carrying trade on the Pacific than the United States, and Americans who are near enough to watch the shifting scenes in this war, are rapidly developing interest for commercial supremacy and little matter for pride in present tendencies. This is the statement of United States Consul Bell, of Sydney, contained in his report to the state department upon the opening of the new Japanese steamship line between Yokohama and Australia.

The president has extended the civil service rules so as to include all officers and employees in the federal penitentiary at Fort Leavenworth, Kan., though it is to apply to all direct and indirect institutions and to all penitentiaries hereafter created immediately upon their establishment. Attorney General Harmon is subjecting the recent civil service schedule as affecting the department of justice to a rigid scrutiny. The present amendment is to overcome a defect in the rules promulgated and further amendments on similar lines may be expected.

Radical changes in the procedure of the pension office have been made. All claims for increase, save in extraordinary cases, hereafter will be sent direct to the medical division of the bureau without having to be passed upon by the board of review. This action is taken on the ground that the bulk of increase cases involve only medical action. Hereafter there will be no review by cases before the board of review being passed upon by three or four examiners. Commissioner Murphy has fixed the number of examiners, who must review each claim at once.

The Mexican government, recognizing the increasing importance of its west coast commerce, is determined to improve the harbors. Arrangements have been made to raise a considerable sum for this work, in addition to the \$5,000,000 for the improvement of Coahuila and Salina Cruz, the eastern and western termini of the Tehuantepec road. The move to improve the harbors is also caused, it is said, by the rapidity of railroad building toward the Mexican Pacific coast, which will open fertile country and develop a large commerce through the ports before long.

A strike instituted at Georgetown, Mass., has thrown out of work 200 men, and promises to embrace the entire shoe factories of the town. A threatened cut in wages was the cause of the strike.

The construction of the Siberian railroad have undertaken to build a line through Manchuria, starting from the point on the river where the Siberian road joins the trans-Baikal line and terminating at Mikolokaya, Russia. The ministerial press of St. Petersburg points out that this line will make Russia the intermediary of peaceful civilization between Europe and Asia.

Notice has been posted at all the Philadelphia & Reading coal and iron collieries, numbering forty, and also at a number of individual collieries, that work would be suspended for a week. Twenty thousand men and boys will be idle.

The executive committee of the monetary conference with headquarters in Indianapolis, Ind., are sending out a call to all commercial organizations who intend to send delegates to the conference. It is now believed that about 500 delegates will be in attendance.

A serious riot occurred at Aqueduct, four miles from Schenectady, N. Y., on the Erie canal, where 300 Italians are employed on the canal improvements. A body of about 150 men from Schenectady, who are unemployed, marched down with guns, knives, clubs, pickaxes, etc., carrying a red flag, and compelled the men to stop working. The sheriff and a large force of deputies quelled the riot and arrested the ringleaders. The mob returned later and attempted to burn a shanty where fifty workmen slept. Small pay and excessive prices for food are the causes of the trouble.

A SALOON RIOT.

Two Policemen Nearly Killed While Doing Their Duty.

Grand Rapids, Jan. 4.—Two policemen were pelted with stones by a crowd today, and two of their assailants were shot. The trouble was the result of a brawl, which the police have been waging against saloonkeepers, who have been violating the law.

Today Patrolmen Viergiever and Harrington found the saloon of Summers & Treadwell doing a thriving business. As the officers entered the place was filled with clubs, bottles and glasses. Officer Viergiever was struck on the head and felled with a club. He was drawing his revolver as he fell, and as he fell he pulled the trigger. Several shots were fired from the crowd and Harrington managed to get his revolver out and pulled it upon Treadwell, who was pounding him on the head with a bottle. The next moment Harrington went to the floor. A great crowd had gathered in front of the saloon, and the excitement was intense. One officer outside guarded the door and for the patrol wagon. A squad of eighteen policemen responded, with orders to arrest every one in the place but most of the crowd had managed to slip away.

Officer Viergiever had an arm broken in two places, a finger broken, his nose dislocated and an awful gash across the scalp. His injuries are not necessarily fatal. Officer Harrington was shot in the right lung. An examination late tonight showed that he is suffering severe hemorrhages. He is not likely to recover.

The Nicaragua Canal.

Washington, Jan. 4.—One of the main objects of the formation of a new Greater Republic of Central America is said to be the completion of the Nicaragua canal. Senator Rodriguez, recently recognized as the diplomatic representative of the new country in the United States, is said to be charged with the duty of interesting this government in the enterprise.

This said to the project comes at a time when it is needed. The supporters of the canal are now in a position to capital have hopes that the great pet in time to Speaker Reed, asking that time be given for discussion of the bill after the funding measure is disposed of, will be headed, and at least two days will be required.

There are enough friends of the plan on the senate side to bring it up if there is any hope of getting in a few hours while the funding debate is on in the upper house.

Trains Wrecked by Robbers.

Austin, Tex., Jan. 4.—An international & Great Northern freight train was wrecked four miles south of here this morning, presumably by train robbers. The wrecking party consisted of about a dozen men, armed with revolvers and shotguns.

A brakeman, Fred Johnson, was killed, and Engineer Smith seriously injured. A switch was left open and rocks piled on the track.

Raleigh, N. C., Jan. 4.—Fireman Alexander Overby and Engineer John Robertson were seriously injured in a wreck early this morning on the Raleigh & Augusta division of the Seaboard Air Line, just east of here. A rail had been displaced by train wreckers. Bloodhounds have been put upon the trail.

New York Mail Robbery.

New York, Jan. 4.—The postoffice inspectors have arrested William H. Post, aged 22, a mailman driver, on a charge of mail robbery. A quantity of incoming mail from the West was stolen on December 20. Many rifled packages were found on December 22 in the water off Brighton beach. The keys to the mail packages are said to have been found in the possession of Post, probably Christmas presents, in his room. Post denies robbing the mails. It is believed he threw the rifled letters into North river from the ferryboat. He has been held in \$5,000 bail.

Got Half of the Interest.

Washington, Jan. 4.—The Crow-Creek-Siberian delegation of South Dakota Indians have not gained their announced object of securing a per capita cash payment of \$157,000 less about \$1,800 for expenses, now to their credit in the treasury, but they have secured a payment of about \$4 or \$5 per capita, representing half of the accrued interest on the money.

Paid Interest With Coffee.

Hamburg, Jan. 4.—There was an important sale yesterday of 24,000 bags of Brazilian coffee on board steamers now in this harbor. The coffee is believed to be a consignment of the Brazilian government, and the sale was made by the Brazilian debt. The coffee was consigned to the Rothschilds, of London, who sold it here.

Russia's Gold Standard Scheme.

St. Petersburg, Jan. 4.—Most authoritative quarters deny that M. De Witt's gold-standard project has been abandoned, as was reported from here. It will be discussed at the council of the emperor in March, after the statutes of the bank have undergone the necessary revision to bring them into harmony with the statement.

A Cut in Wages.

Waltham, Mass., Jan. 4.—A general cut in wages in the iron foundry of Davis & Farnum, of this city, went into effect today. The cut ranges from 2 to 25 cents and affects over 500 men. The fact that the large foundries in Pennsylvania and the West have commenced to do their own small work, making it impossible for this firm to compete, is given as the cause.

Japan has forty-one cities of over 100,000 inhabitants.

To Build a Best Sugar Factory.

Omaha, Jan. 4.—The Commercial bureau of the war department is making preparations for the further carrying out of the coast defense of the Pacific coast. An order has been issued for the coast defense of the Pacific coast, weighing upward of thirty tons, to Fort Winfield Scott (Fort Point), Cal. There will also be shipped, within a short time, to Fort Stevens, Or., at the mouth of the Columbia, three ten-inch caliber guns of a total weight of 100 tons, with three disappearing carriages for the same, weighing about 600,000 pounds.

Spain and Turkey were once great nations. Both are today on the verge of utter collapse.

A STRATEGIC POINT

Colombia Striving to Get Corn Island.

Nicaragua RESISTS THE MOVE

Sends a Detachment of Troops to Reinforce the Garrison There—Serious Trouble May Follow.

Managua, Nicaragua, Jan. 4.—With little gloating and much blowing of trumpets, a warlike move upon the part of the republic of Colombia is now believed to have been checked by the republic of Nicaragua, although further news from the objective point, Corn Island, is anxiously expected here.

About a month ago the government of Nicaragua was informed unofficially that Colombia had planned to make a landing on Corn Island, a valuable strategic point situated about thirty-six miles off the Mosquito coast, belonging to Nicaragua, whose flag was to be hoisted on the island, and the ensign of Colombia substituted for it. It was alleged that Nicaragua was overtaxing Corn Island, and that the inhabitants, numbering a few hundred, had appealed to Colombia for redress, on the ground that territory some five miles long, which formerly belonged to Colombia, was unlawfully held by Nicaragua. It was further stated that the pre-act of San Andres, Colombia, had assembled a military force and was waiting for the arrival of a Colombian gunboat in order to embark troops and to proceed to Corn Island and secure and fortify it against the possibility of capture. That such a plan was discussed is no reason to doubt, but President Zelaya, of Nicaragua, took prompt steps to meet this move upon the part of the neighboring republic. Very quiet detachments of Nicaraguan troops were assembled here and at other points on the coast, and they were sent in small parties through Lake Nicaragua and down the San Juan river to Greytown and Bluefields. By this time the soldiers of Nicaragua are believed to be in possession of Big Corn Island, and the small island of Little Corn Island, which is a strategic point in Central America, for Colombia was warned, diplomatically and through the press, last month that her seizure of Corn Island might lead to a warlike combination of the republics of Salvador and Honduras in support of Nicaragua against her. Colombia was also advised, if she still maintained that she had rights over Corn Island, to submit them to the arbitration of a disinterested republic.

To this threat and suggestions apparently no attention was paid, for it was announced that the Colombia gunboats were being fitted out for the transporting of Colombian troops to Corn Island. It is hoped here that the Nicaraguan forces in the country, and the Colombian detachments, some years ago, when work was being done on the maritime canal, it was reported that Great Britain was contemplating laying hands on Corn Island, and situated in a convenient waterway from the Atlantic entrance to the canal, would have been converted into another chain of British forts off the American coast, and would have enabled her to be practically in command of the entrance of the canal, which is in time to join the Atlantic and the Pacific. Therefore, Nicaragua, acting upon the suggestion of the president of the United States, took possession of both Big and Little Corn Islands, hoisting the Nicaraguan flag over them with much ceremony and giving diplomatic notice of the same.

The British claim to Corn Island is understood to be based on her former pretensions, since given up, to a pre-terrestrial over the Mosquito territory, and because Colombia, which originally owned Corn Island, ceded the island to King George, then the governing chieftain, under British auspices, of the Mosquito reservation. Colombia, however, insists that Corn Island was only ceded to King George on the condition that it was to be returned whenever requested.

Boys Played With His Head.

Oakland, Cal., Jan. 4.—Yesterday the remains of John Conlon were found strewn along the railroad tracks in Oakland. Bullet holes in the face led to the belief that the man had been murdered and his body placed on the track to conceal the crime. Today detectives learned that no crime had been committed. Some small boys who were practicing with an air gun found what they thought was a piece of meat. It was a portion of Conlon's face, and they hung it on a post and used it as a target. After shooting it full of holes they threw it on the track again. It is now supposed that Conlon was run down by one of the local trains.

A Family Apprehended.

New York, Jan. 4.—John Lynch, a cabinet maker, his wife, Lizzie, and their two children, Willis, 22 months old, and Jacob, 12 weeks old, were apprehended in their home today.

Famine in a Russian Province.

St. Petersburg, Jan. 4.—A famine is prevailing in the province of Kherson. It is estimated that 750,000 roubles will be required for the relief of the sufferers.

Ordinance for Fort Stevens.

Washington, Jan. 4.—The ordinance bureau of the war department is making preparations for the further carrying out of the coast defense of the Pacific coast. An order has been issued for the coast defense of the Pacific coast, weighing upward of thirty tons, to Fort Winfield Scott (Fort Point), Cal. There will also be shipped, within a short time, to Fort Stevens, Or., at the mouth of the Columbia, three ten-inch caliber guns of a total weight of 100 tons, with three disappearing carriages for the same, weighing about 600,000 pounds.

J. B. McCULLAGH DEAD.

The St. Louis Editor Fell From a Second Story Window.

St. Louis, Jan. 4.—Joseph B. McCullagh, editor of the St. Louis Globe-Democrat, and one of the best-known newspaper men in the country, is dead, as the result of a fall of twenty-five feet from a second-story window of his apartment at the residence of his sister-in-law, Mrs. Kate Manion, of 3337 West Pine boulevard.