

## GENERAL NEWS.

The cruiser Brooklyn has started for Manila via the Suez canal.

Russard Kipling has put himself on record as in favor of the war against the Boers.

During next year 32 new vessels will be added to the navy at a cost of about \$75,000,000.

The executive council of the Federation of Labor is considering the Wardner mining troubles.

Ex-President Harrison who is at present in London declares he sees no prospect ahead for the British ship of state.

The new cases of yellow fever at Key West, Florida, number nine. No deaths have been reported in the past 24 hours.

One of the severest shocks of earthquake was felt at Santa Rosa, Calif., Wednesday, which created much excitement.

Three American prisoners were captured and shot by the Filipinos. This fact has just been reported to the department.

The University of Pennsylvania football eleven was defeated Saturday by the Carlisle Indians by a score of 16 to 3 at Philadelphia.

The Chicago University football eleven defeated the Cornell team in a game on Marshall field, Saturday, in a score of 17 to 6.

A statement of the condition of the treasury shows that the gold reserve now amounts to \$25,216,228, with an available cash balance of \$28,000,145.

Lord Rosebury says the trouble England is having with the Boers is very bad business but England cannot withdraw and the Boers must be shipped.

General Funtun says there is no reason why the American forces in the Philippines should not be masters of the situation by the first of March, 1900.

Jeffries, the prize fighter, having injured his arm, the championship fight between him and Sharkey, scheduled for the 27th of October, will be postponed.

A national anti-trust conference will be held in Chicago some time in January under the auspices of the institution formed during the recent trust conference.

The people of Pittsburgh have just voted in favor of the expenditure of \$8,000,000 for the improvement of parks, water works, fire department and sewers.

There is a money panic prevailing in Italy. Several banks and large firms have already failed for stupendous amounts. The losses so far reach over \$100,000,000.

The woman's industrial league of Washington city have taken action for work of securing funds with which to purchase a home for Admiral Schley in Washington.

Rockett has practically cornered the lake ice cream market and the Carnegie company must now pay double this year's carrying charges on iron ore next season.

The most serious fire in the history of the city broke out at Knightstown, Ind., Tuesday morning. Three lives were lost, and property worth \$100,000 or more was destroyed.

One man was killed and several wounded at a riot between Hungarians and Poles in the city of Budapest, during a riot between the two races.

Admiral Dewey, accompanied by Lieutenant Brumby, will leave for Atlanta, Ga., Monday. Lieutenant Brumby will be presented with a sword by the citizens of Atlanta.

The Carnegie Steel Company will soon begin the erection of two of the greatest blast furnaces in the world. The cost of the improvements contemplated will be from \$5,000,000 to \$8,000,000.

Senator Aldrich is authority for the statement that a plan is now under consideration under which the national debt will be reduced by the sale of bonds at such a low rate of interest as will save \$14,000,000.

As a result of city police proceedings and threatened further proceedings, professional gamblers who lately infested Vancouver, B. C., have hurriedly departed en masse almost at a moment's notice.

Thomas Taggart, democrat, was re-elected mayor of Indianapolis Wednesday by a plurality of 300 to 300. Charles A. Bookwalter, the republican candidate, announced he will contest on the ground of fraud.

For more than a week a snow storm of unprecedented severity for this time of the year has been raging in the mountains surrounding Leadville, Colo. One band of 1400 sheep and the herder with them are lost.

Lawrence Ground, the socialist writer, died suddenly in New York Saturday aged 53 years. He had been editorial writer on the New York Evening Journal for some months, coming to that city from Seattle.

"Kid" Parker, of Denver, defeated Jack Daly of Chicago in three rounds at Chicago Monday night. The bout was to have been for six rounds, but at the end of the third round Daly's seconds threw up the sponge.

The Union Steel Company, with a capital of \$1,000,000, will probably be incorporated in Chicago this spring, has been formed by Pittsburgh capitalists for the purpose of competing with the wire combine.

At Spring Valley, Ill., Tuesday, State President J. M. Hanter called a strike of 2000 miners employed by the Spring Valley Coal Company. The men all struck, and the supply of coal from this point will drop 5000 tons.

A six-story structure on West Washington street, Chicago, occupied by the Chicago Folding Box company, was destroyed by fire Tuesday evening, causing a loss of \$105,000. Alexander McManis, the superintendent, lost his life in the fire.

Major Marchand, who commanded the French expedition to the Philippines, is stated, wished to go and fight for the Boers in revenge for being obliged to withdraw from the Sudan, but the French government refused permission to join the Boers.

In New York an effort is being made to reorganize the Astor battery, which was tendered to the government by John Jacob Astor in the late war with Spain, with a view of offering its services to President Kruger of South Africa against the British.

The supreme council of the Ancient and Accepted Order of Scottish Rite Masons, Southern jurisdiction, convened in Washington in biennial session Monday. All of the active members save Senator Teller, of Colorado, the grand herald, were present.

The treasury has decided to pay now all the interest due on the list of November on the regular army and navy without any discount in return for the anticipation of payments. This is for the purpose of relieving a stringent money market in the East.

Theodore Thomas, conductor of the Chicago orchestra, narrowly escaped death by a fall falling from the flies in the auditorium at Chicago Saturday night. The piece of iron that held the within a foot of Mr. Thomas, and, bounding back, struck him in the face.

General Shafter has been formally notified by the secretary of war of his retirement from the regular army as brigadier general. He will still retain his rank of major-general of volunteers and will continue to command the departments of California and Colombia.

Willie Maguire, formerly an attorney at Marquette, Mo., writes that his two mining partners—Kane and Miller—who undertook to work and prospect in territory overrun by Yaqui

## INDIANS.

Indians, were captured and burned at the stake.

Senator Cushman K. Davis of Minnesota, chairman of the senate committee on foreign affairs, in an interview denies that the German republicans will be alienated from the party by reason of the friendly position of the administration toward England in the Transvaal trouble.

Judge Basil La Place, a prominent planter and a member of the state senate, was killed on his plantation, 30 miles from New Orleans, by a masked mob. Judge La Place's relatives aver that the killing was political. Another story is that a young woman was involved.

The Berlin press points out that at the recent reception to General Benjamin Harrison, he was especially honored by Emperor William, his majesty even disregarding the rules of court etiquette by seating General Harrison at the table of honor reserved for members of the royal families.

The Windsor hotel, in Hudson, New York, was destroyed by fire Sunday morning. Wallace C. Hall, a drummer, lost his life. The other guests barely escaped in their night clothes. The loss is \$50,000. The Windsor hotel in New York was destroyed by fire about six months ago, many lives being lost.

Sixty-eight thousand dollars was raised in Carnegie hall, New York, Sunday, for the bathhouse. It was obtained by Rev. A. B. Simon and associates in the Christian Missionary Alliance, amid the tumult of religious enthusiasm which prevails when the alliance takes up its annual collection.

Most of the mills in the east are now organized under the name of the American Association of Knit Underwear Manufacturers, which has decided to make a 15 per cent advance in the price of goods to be made, which is the most generally known, in which line the competition heretofore has been the fiercest.

A great mass meeting was held in New York Wednesday night to express sympathy with the Boers in their controversy with England. The flag of the Transvaal republic hung side by side with the flag of the United States and stripes. The colors of the Orange Free State were also displayed. Judge Van Wyck presided and Hon. Charles F. Johnson acted as secretary.

It is practically settled that the United States will look after the interests of Great Britain in the Transvaal in the event of war. The great British has made formal request for such action on the part of the United States, it is believed there is an understanding to that effect between the two governments.

George Lewis was shot and killed by John Reeves, of Mount Pleasant, Tex., at the depot at Dallas, in the presence of 300 people. Reeves, accompanied by his wife and niece, was awaiting a train. Mrs. Reeves was approached by Lewis, who demanded her seat. She refused, and he shot her. Reeves then shot Lewis.

Plans have been quietly maturing for some weeks past looking to the consolidation of the paper manufacturing of the country grouped in those now independent mills which represent the old pulp board, paper pulp board and stone mills are interested in the projected consolidation scheme, and the total capital invested is about \$50,000,000.

PACIFIC NORTHWEST NEWS.

There are 350 practicing lawyers in Portland.

Three couples were married at the Portland exposition Monday night.

At Monroe, in the Willamette valley, there is a typhoid fever epidemic.

Judge M. C. George, of Portland, at one time an Oregon congressman, is ill at his home in Portland.

Jennie Madland, the 11-year-old daughter of a Portland family, died at her home Saturday evening of pneumonia.

There is a new case of smallpox in Spokane. The afflicted man is Albert Bell. He came to Spokane from Lewiston.

A summary of the assessment roll of Morrow county for the year 1899 shows taxable property amounting to \$1,691,490.

Miss Nettie Kleinsmith, committed from Multnomah county to the asylum for the insane at Salem, died Monday, aged 29 years.

"California Dick," a pioneering printer who loved the Rocky Mountains, died a few days since at Graueville, Idaho.

The First National bank of Juneau, Alaska, has been designated a depository of public money, the security being \$50,000 in United States bonds.

Bicycles may be ridden on Portland sidewalks until after November 1 and until May 1, 1900, unless otherwise ordered. The matter is repealed or amended.

Walter Genderson and William Dempsy, two boys in Portland, have been charged with the destruction of property while charrivaring a newly married couple.

The state supreme court at Salem adjourned Monday out of respect to the late President McKinley.

Chief Justice Wolverton represented the supreme court at the funeral.

The quartermaster's department hopes that the Thirty-ninth infantry and two companies of the Forty-fifth will be ready to embark from Portland by the end of the month, and if so transports will be ready.

Albany, Lin county, is now without street lights. The contract with the lighting company having expired the board of supervisors ordered the street lights to be removed, and the company refuses to do the lighting for less.

The dispatch boat Hugh McCulloch will leave Portland next week, October 25, for the coast. The vessel will remain a week at Astoria in order to give the residents of that city an opportunity to visit her.

The Pacific Coast Company, at Seattle, has announced an advance in wages of 12 to 15 per cent for the men employed in the coal mines at Newcastle, Coal creek, Lawson, and Franklin, in all about 200 people.

Considerable excitement exists at Woodburn over the report of several cases of smallpox at Shaw, on the Woodburn-Naselle branch of the Southern Pacific. E. L. Campbell, postal clerk, reports four cases and many exposures.

The American bark Wilna, caught fire in her hold at 3 o'clock Tuesday night, and will be a total loss. She was loading at the St. Paul & Tacoma Lumber Company's mill at Tacoma, for Australia, and had 400,000 feet of lumber below her decks at the time of the fire. This, with the vessel, which was uninsured, will make the total loss \$54,000.

General Beebe, war secretary Root and other war department officials Tuesday, and urged that the existing laws placed under American food products, imported into the Philippines, be either abandoned or reduced.

The officials expressed a disposition to meet any reasonable request in the connection if it can be shown that the present duties are too high.

The station building at Mayer, near Astoria, caught fire about 10 o'clock Tuesday night, and for a short time seriously threatened several residences and lumber yards adjoining. Through the efforts of passengers in waiting for the train and the help of citizens, the blaze was extinguished, although at a sacrifice of the morning milk supply. The place was conveniently at hand in a number of large milk cans on the platform.

## NATIONAL CAPITAL COMMENT.

Protection of Americans in South Africa. Our Exports and Imports.

The warlike aspect of the relations between Great Britain and the Boers in South Africa has not failed to receive the serious attention of the United States government, whose interests in that part of the world are of a somewhat peculiar nature.

According to information obtained from our department of state American interests are such as to require for special intervention to protect "the several thousand Americans in Transvaal," and to prevent a war between the Transvaal republic and the Kaffir tribes on its northeastern boundaries was threatened the former had actually begun to mobilize its forces for the scene of hostilities, and the "commander law" by which every male inhabitant of the state between the ages of 16 and 60 was liable for military service for the suppression of the war was to be rigorously enforced.

Naturally this harsh and arbitrary measure was regarded with much concern by the American community in the Transvaal, and the United States citizens threatened.

The United States government, in behalf of the several thousand Americans in Transvaal, has communicated with our ambassador at London and instructed him to bring this matter to the immediate attention of the British government. Our ambassador called on Lord Kimberley and learned that the question had already been seriously engaged his attention and that the question of the rights of British subjects resident in other countries from compulsory military service had been submitted to the law officers of the crown, whose reply was to the effect that, by the general rule of law, such exemption was not held to exist, and that it was not claimed as a legal right by Great Britain, but that, by conventional agreement based upon mutual benefits between governments, such an exemption could be established.

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