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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.

The Bullerites indulged in a remarkable demonstration in London.

The annual report of the controller of the currency is ready for congress.

The financial situation in the Philippines is exciting much alarm.

A mother and five children were burned to death in a Pennsylvania town.

Prince Ching, who succeeded Li Hung Chang, proposes a head tax on all Chinese.

Senator Mitchell will introduce many important bills early in the present session.

The transport Wright, which struck an uncharted rock in Philippine waters and sank, may be saved.

The fifty-seventh session of congress is open. No business of importance will transacted before the holidays.

During a heavy fog on San Francisco bay, two ferry boats collided, one of them sinking almost immediately. All passengers on the ill-fated boat were saved with the exception of three. About 20 were more or less injured.

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One of the convicts who escaped from Leavenworth, Kan., has been captured at Tuscumbia, Ala.

At St. Paul, Walter Bourne, ex-deputy county auditor, was convicted on a charge of false auditing and fraud.

While quelling a row in the gallery of a Chicago theater, George Harden, a special officer, was shot and fatally wounded.

A New York man has been arrested on a charge of having set fire to a tenement house in which 62 persons were asleep.

The coroner's jury found the officers of the Smuggler Union mine at Telluride, Colo., were not responsible for the recent disaster.

Gilbert Parker, the novelist, is coming to America.

There is danger of a serious water famine at Hong Kong.

The Illinois fund for the McKinley memorial amounts to $6,342.

King Edward ignores the anti-British agitation in Germany.

Twenty-six men were killed by a boiler explosion at Detroit, Mich.

Santos-Dnmont proposes to make ascents in his airship from London.

Frank Munsey has purchased a controlling interest in the New York Daily News.

The warship Missouri will be launched at Newport News, Saturday, December 28.

The switchmen's strike at Pittsburg was a failure. Only one railroad was seriously affected.

Queen Wilhelmina has recovered from her recent illness, and will be able to go out in a few days.

The General Carriage Company, of New Jersey, will be reorganized with a capital of $2,500,000.

Kitchener has again applied for a number of staff officers from India to be sent forthwith to South Africa.

Strike of railroad switchmen is ordered at Pittsburg.

Shakir Pasha has been appointed governor of Scurati, Asia Minor.

William Gwin, for 30 years chief messenger to the secretary of state, is dead.

Home Rule Republican party of Hawaii wants Chinese exclusion law re enacted.

Three masked men entered a gambling resort at Chickasaw, I. T., and carried off $700.

Half a million people in the Yangtse valley, China, will starve unless they receive aid.

According to a dispatch to the London Standard from Odessa, 130 persons perished in recent earthquakes at Erzaroum.

The hobby of Gov. Geer is a love of good horses. He is said to be the best judge of horses in his state.

Sixty-five thousand dollars have been offered for a seat on the New York stock exchange, establishing a new figure.

John Jay Jackson, judge of the United States court for the northern district of West Virginia, has completed the fortieth year of his service on the federal bench.

There are 30,000 Portuguese in Massachusetts, Boston having over 3,000.

Dr. Edward Everett Hale is at the head of a movement in Boston for the sending of modern agricultural implements to the Filipinos.

The English Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children secured the conviction and punishment of nearly 3,000 culprits last year.

The state of Washington has 444 lumber mills, sawing over 9,000,000 feet per day, turning out 2,000,000 shingles and employing 24,000 men

ELLEN STONE, THE STOLEN MISSIONARY.

Early in September last Miss Ellen M. Stone, an American missionary in Turkey, while riding with a party of 10 or 12, between Bansko and Damala, was captured by a party of brigands, some 40 in number. Mme. Tsilka, who was of the party, was taken along as a companion for Miss Stone. They were carried to the mountains where they still remain in captivity. A ransom of 25,000 pounds Turkish (equivalent to practically $100,000) was demanded, payable at Samokov within 18 days, Miss Stone's death being the penalty named for failure to receive that amount. A subscription was started in this country, but the full sum demanded was not raised. The time limit has been twice extended. Mr. Dickinson, U. S. consul at Constantinople, at once took the matter in charge and has since worked assiduously for Miss Stone's release, but thus far without success. His efforts have, to outward appearance at least, been seconded by the Turkish and Bulgarian governments. According to late accounts he has offered the brigands $12,000 for Miss Stone's release, giving them six days in which to accept the offer, at the end of which time it would be withdrawn. Letters from Miss Stone indicate that she and her companion are closely guarded, but that they have been well treated and are in good health. It is not believed she is in serious danger.

PRO-BULLER, PRO-BOER.

An Alliance Between the Two Elements is Feared in England.

London, Dec. 2.—The correspondent of the Times in Pretoria, where recent dispatches giving the number of Boer commandoes are supposed to have been all killed or captured, says the commandoes [illegible] more troops are needed [illegible] Africa [illegible] sends a sketch of the [illegible] British Columbia [illegible] that men are needed [illegible] attention of the Boers [illegible] partitioning of the country by lines of blockhouses is necessary to enable the British columns to achieve greater results.

Seemingly fearing that an alliance between the pro-Bullerites and the pro-Boers, during the demonstration to be held tomorrow in Hyde park in sympathy with General Buller, may be the beginning of a serious anti-government agitation, the Standard this morning semi-officially warns General Buller that unless he checks the extravagance of his partisans, the government may be compelled to make further disclosures which will cause a revulsion of feeling against the general. The Standard hints that Geeral White at first refused to regard General Buller's heliogram as authentic, and when it was deliberately repeated General White decided to disobey it.

Reducing Guard at McKinley's Tomb.

Washington, Dec. 3.—The detachment of troops assigned to the duty of guarding the vault containing the remains of the late President McKinley in the West Lawn cemetery, Canton, O., has been reduced to five noncommissioned officers and 40 privates, under command of Lieutenant William Ashbridge, Thirteenth infantry. The remainder of the guard has been sent to the post at Fort Wayne, Mich.

Big Omaha Blaze.

Omaha, Dec. 3.—Fire tonight at the supply house of the Creamery Package Manufacturing Company, resulted in the serious injury of three firemen and a loss of $85,000. The accident was caused by a falling wall. The building was five stories high and it was feared for a while that the flames would spread to a large gas tank and adjoining buildings.

Boers Escape from Camps.

London, Dec. 3.—A dispatch to the Daily Mail from Pretoria gives indication why, with continuous captures, the Boer forces do not seem to diminish. The dispatch says that Boers are continually escaping from the concentration camps and towns to rejoin the fighting forces, and that measures will have to be taken to stop this leakage. The Boers in the towns are still irreconcilable, says the dispatch, and believe their cause will eventually triumph.

French Beet Sugar Production.

Paris, Dec. 3.—The internal revenue report shows that the beet sugar production for the month of October this year is practically the same as for 1900, but the deliveries for consumption have fallen off from 60,000,000 kilograms to 43,000,000 kilograms. The customs returns indicate that Colonial sugars are largely replacing home grown sugar. The outlook for home growers and manufacturers is not as good as last year.

Increase in Austro-Hungarian Army.

Vienna, Dec. 3.—A council of Austro-Hungarian ministers, at which Emperor Francis Joseph presided, discussed a proposal to increase the standing army of Austro-Hungary by 100 battalions. The measure was declared to be imperative in order to enable the nation to maintain its position in the triple alliance. The minister of finance raised objections to the proposed increase, and no decision was reached, although the proposal was generally favored.

NEW WARSHIPS.

Extensive Recommendations by Naval Board of Construction.

Washington, Dec. 2.—The naval board of construction has completed the recommendations called for by congress relative to the two new battle [illegible] and two armored cruisers and [illegible] company, technical questions [illegible] have [illegible] to naval architecture, armor, batteries, turrets, etc. The recommendations as to battle ships call for two ships of [illegible] armored cruisers of 14,500 tons each. The battle ships are to be heavily armored, and carry the following batteries: Four 12 inch guns in two turrets forward and aft, 8 8 inch guns in four separate turrets, 12 7 inch guns, 20 10 pounders and a large number of auxiliary machine guns.

The armored cruisers are to have an armament making them in effect battle ships as follows: Four 10 inch guns, with two turrets forward and aft; 16 7 inch guns, 20 14 pounders and the usual complement of small guns in the secondary battery. Neither the battle ships nor cruisers have superposed turrets. Torpedo tubes also are entirely eliminated from these plans, and the recommendations of the board favor an abandonment of torpedoes on heavy armored ships, leaving the torpedo warfare to be carried on by torpedo boats and the smaller cruisers. Recommendations are made against the sheathing of ships and upon other technical questions.

Transport Overdue.

Washington, Dec. 2.—The transport Buford, en route from the Philippines to New York, with two battalions of the Twenty-third infantry, is several days overdue. No apprehension is felt at the war department, however, as the severe northwest gales which have prevailed for some days past over the North Atlantic naturally would retard her progress.

What It Cost China.

Berlin, Dec. 2.—The estimates for Germany's expenditure in China for the year 1902 are 39,500,000 marks, as against 12,500,000 marks expended in China in 1901. The pensions for widows and orphans resulting from the the China expedition amount to 491,000 marks annually.

Russia Honors Ito.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 2.—The czar granted an audience to the Marquis Ito, the Japanese statesman, this afternoon, and later Count Lamsdorff, the Russian minister of foreign affairs, gave a gala dinner in honor of the visitor. An effective entente between Russia and Japan is regarded as the probable outcome of the audience, although it is not anticipated that permanent or binding obligations will be undertaken by either government.

The New York Fire.

New York, Dec. 2.—The fire which started yesterday afternoon in the lumber yards of William E. Uptegrave & Bros., at the foot of East Tenth and Eleventh street, burned last night, and this morning the firemen were still fighting the flames in different parts of the large yards. The fire on the Standard Oil property, however, was extinguished late in the night. The loss was estimated today at $750,000.

Chinese Monument for McKinley.

Washington, Dec. 2.—The state department has received a report from the consul general at Shanghai, stating that the guilds of silk, tea and cotton piece goods dealers have contributed of their own initiative to a fund to erect a monument in Shanghai to the late President McKinley, and announce that they are doing this to show their appreciation of the man and of his attitude toward China. It is said that never before has such action been taken by the Chinese people.

RURAL DELIVERY A SUCCESS.

Report of Assistant Postmaster General on the Subject.

Washington, Nov. 29.—First Assistant Postmaster General Johnson, in his annual report, says the yearly increase in the postal revenues has resulted in the free delivery service becoming self sustaining. Of the gross postal revenues of the United States for the past fiscal year, $74,295,394 came from 866 free delivery cities. The remaining 3,600 presidential offices yielded $16,063,252, while the 72,479 fourth class postoffices produced $18,913,519. Mr. Johnson says that the fact that the postal service in the largest cities is practically perfect is the explanation of why the annual per centage of increases in the revenue of the free delivery postoffices should be three times as large as that of the fourth class offices. As rural free delivery reaches out into the country, giving equal facilities without regard to locality, he says, it increases the revenues at a rate at least equal to that maintained in the free delivery cities, where, during the past five years, it has averaged 8 per cent.

At the end of the present fiscal year 8,600 rural routes will be in successful operation, 6,000 being in effect by December 2. The latter figure represents just 50 per cent of the applications for such service filed since its inauguration five years ago. The inflexible policy is announced of hereafter avoiding the maintenance of unnecessary postoffices and superfluous star routes contemporaneously with rural free delivery routes. On July 1 last the force of 4,301 rural carriers was serving 2,840,644 people at a fraction of over 75 cents per capita, and on December 2 next 4,000,000 of the rural population will be enjoying free delivery. Every establishment of a route, the report says, is followed promptly by a steady increase in the volume of mail both delivered and collected.

The city free delivery service now embraces 866 cities and towns, including four in the new insular possessions, all these employing an army of 16,389 uniformed carriers, who collect and carry the mails two or more times each working day to 32,000,000 patrons. The total cost to the department per annum for this service is 50 cents per capita.

SENATOR MITCHELL READY.

Oregon Man Has a Large Number of Bills for Coming Session of Congress.

Washington, Dec. 3.—Senator Mitchell has prepared and will introduce early in the present session many important bills, as follows: To establish an assay office at Portland, to create a separate judicial district in Eastern Oregon, with headquarters at Baker City, to repay sent of fees, purchase money and commissions paid by settlers on void entries of public lands; for the relief of citizens of Oregon, Washington and Idaho, who served with the United States troops against the Nez Perce, Bannock and Shoshone Indians; to regulate the taking of fees and filings in certain land cases; to appropriate funds for investigation and test of American timber; granting pensions to certain officers and men of the lifesaving service; appropriating $10,000 for a launch for the customs service at Astoria; to reimburse California, Oregon and Nevada for money expended in suppression of the rebellion; to extend the provisions of the Black Hawk Indian war veteran bill to the benefit of surviving veterans of the Cayuse and other Indian wars of Oregon and Washington; for the relief of settlers in Sherman county, Oregon, who settled on land subsequently declared to belong to a wagon road company; a joint resolution proposing an amendment to the constitution, providing for the election of United States senators by the votes of qualified electors of the states.

The Switchmen's Strike.

Pittsburg, Dec. 3. — Reports from the managers and officials of the different roads affected by the switchmen's strike assert this evening that they have the situation well in hand, and that new men who have taken strikers' places are now working to good advantage. In spite of good reports made by railroad officials, the strikers' officials are claiming decided advantage gained today. Their statement is that at midnight last night the 200 men employed by the Jones & Laughlin connecting road struck on orders from the strike committee.

Pan-American Congress.

City of Mexico, Nov. 29.—The committees of the Pan-American conference are rapidly completing their work, with the exception of the arbitration committee and the committee on commerce and reciprocity. The latter is withholding action until it learns the stand which President Roosevelt will take on the subject of reciprocity in his forthcoming message to congress. The committee on future Pan-American conferences will recommend the holding of a conference every five years.

Opening of Charleston Exposition.

Washington, Nov. 29.—Arrangements have been made for the opening of the South Carolina Interstate and West Indian exposition by the president next Wednesday. At the close of the address by Senator Depew at Charleston, messages of greeting will pass between the president and managers of the exposition, and at 2:30 o'clock the president will press the button which will set the machinery of the exposition in motion.

Brigands Take Their Time.

Sofia, Nov. 29.—The brigands are determined to wait until the disappearance of the snow permits them freedom of movement before resuming negotiations for the release of Miss Stone and Mme. Tsilka. The impression which prevails among the best informed people here is that Mr. Dickinson's departure for Constantinople increases the difficulty of gaining the confidence of the brigands and expediting a settlement of the ransom question.

NEWS OF THE STATE

TEMS 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.

The Granite Hill group of mines in Josephine county have been sold for $75,000.

A pool of 3,500 bales of hops has been formed in Salem for shipment to London.

The annual convention of the Eastern Oregon school teachers has proven a very profitable one.

The Lewis and Clark exposition fund, being raised in Portland, is nearly to the $300,000 mark.

The O. R. & N. is building a spur a half mile long at Pendleton in order to connect with the flouring mill.

The primary law governing elections in Portland, enacted by the last legislature has been declared valid.

A. G. Marshall, an Oregon pioneer of 1852, died at his home at Knox's Butte, Linn county, aged 69 years.

Thanksgiving football games were played in various parts of the state by the eleyens of nearly every school and college.

A man in Baker City who was commanded to hold up his hands, grabbed the gun. He saved his money and life, but lost two fingers.

The circuit court has decided that the bond of G. W. Davis, former school land clerk, who was short $30,000 in his accounts, is invalid, having been outlawed.

A company has been formed in Salem for the purpose of operating a system of automobiles in that city. It is expected to have the machines in operation early in the spring.

A good quality of gas was struck in the oil well being drilled near Ontario.

The next session of the legislature will be asked to divide Umatilla county.

A movement is on foot to have some of the star mail routes in Baker county changed

Malheur and Harney county wool growers have organized and will hereafter pool their clips.

Salem shoe merchants will follow the grocers in closing their stores at 6 P. M. except Saturdays.

Three carloads of dressed turkeys were shipped from Douglas county to San Francisco for Thanksgiving.

A rich body of gold ore has been uncovered in the Water Gulch district, 25 miles east of Grants Pass.

Southern Oregon placer miners are jubilant over the recent heavy rains, which will raise the creeks enough to allow operations to be resumed

The Olive Creek Placer Mines Co, with headquarters at Sumpter, has filed articles of incorporation with the secretary of state. Capital, $1,000,000.

Crater lake, in which it has long been conceded that fish could not live, has been found to contain fish of the cold water trout species. Some of them have attained the length of 20 inches.

Portland Markets.

Wheat—Walla Walla, 57½@58; bluestem, 59c; Valley, 57½@58c.

Flour—Best grades, $2.65@3.50 per barrel; graham, $2.50.

Oats—Nominal 95@$1.00 pr cental.

Barley—Feed, $15.50@16; brewing, $16@16.50 per ton.

Millstuffs—Bran, $15.50@17; middling, $19@20.50; shorts, 16@17.50; chop, $15@16.50.

Hay—Timothy, $11@12; clover, $7@7.50; Oregon wild hay, $5@6 per ton.

Butter—Fancy creamery, 22½@25c; dairy, 18@20c; store, 12½@14c per pound.

Eggs—Storage, 20@22½; fresh, 28@30c, Eastern 22@25c.

Cheese—Full cream, twins, 13@13½c; Young America, 14@15c.

Poultry—Chickens, mixed, $2.50@3.50; hens, $4.00; dressed, 9@10c per pound; springs, $2.50@3.00, per dozen; ducks, $3. for old; $4.00@5.00 for young; geese, $6@6.50 pr doezen; turkeys, live, 10@12c; dressed, 12½@14½c per pound.

Mutton—Lambs, 3½c gross; dressed 6@6½c per pound; sheep, $3.25 gross; dressed, 6@6½c per pound.

Hogs—Gross, heavy, $5@5.25; light, $4.75@5; dressed, 6@7c per pound.

Veal—Small, 8@8½c; large, 7@7½c per pound.

Beef—Gross top steers, $3.50@4.00; cows and heifers, $3.00@3.50; dressed beef, 3@7c per pound.

Hops—8@10c per pound.

Wool—Valley, 11@14c per pound; Eastern Oregon, 8@12½c; mohair, 21@21½c per pound.

Potatoes—75@90 per sack.

The supply of silver bullion in the treasury has dwindled until only about $42,000,000 worth is left.

The census of 1900 shows that there are 13,197 Negroes to every 100,000 whites, as compared with 13,575 in 1890.

Mrs. May Preston Slasson, wife of the vice president of the faculty of the University of Wyoming, is the only woman chaplain of a prison in the United States.

It costs four dollars for ten words by the new telegraph line to Yukon.

The money in circulation November 1 in the United States is put at $2,246,300,542 by the treasury department, which is $28.72 per capita.

Grover Cleveland was the guest of honor at Carnegie Institute Founders' day exercises in Pittsburg and talked on duties of citizenship.

A delay of one year in the St. Louis fair is urged by the chairman of the foreign relations committee. He predicts failure unless this is done.