

THE NEWS OF THE WEEK

Comprehensive Review of the Important Happenings of the Past Week Cullied From the Telegraph Columns

The steamer Caranda, from Rotterdam, is reported lost off Cape Abjona. 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 neck of the head. He will probably die.

Eddie Chandler, about 11 years old, was drowned in Portneuf river, in Postle, Idaho. He threw his hat on the ice and tried to get the dog to get it, and, falling in, 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 last official acts of Mayor Eider of Los Angeles, Cal., will be to attach his signature to ordinance making expectations upon the sidewalks of public streets, entrances to public buildings or the doors of street cars 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 on the National Bank of Commerce of New York. One distinguishable feature is that the back of the note is upside down.

Miss Gelia Strahm was killed by her brother-in-law, Eldon Buraker, at Dixie, eighteen miles west of Walla Walla. Miss Strahm was visiting the family, and after the family had retired she went out to the dog, and upon returning the noise awakened Buraker, 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 new and rapidly developing contest for commercial supremacy find little matter for pride in present tendencies. This is the statement of United States Consul Bell, of Hyogo, 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 clerks and employes in the federal penitentiary at Fort Leavenworth, Kan., though it is to apply to all such government institutions and to all penitentiaries hereafter created immediately upon their establishment. Attorney-General Harmon is submitting 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 necessity for 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 the Cuzco canal 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 commerce and develop a large commerce through the ports below Mazatlan.

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 out in wages was the cause of the strike.

The constructors of the Siberian railroad have undertaken to build a line through Manchuria, starting from a point on the river where a considerable road joins the trans-Baikalia line and terminating at Mikolskaya, 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 200 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 compelling 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 wounded half to death by a crowd today, and two of their assailants were shot. The trouble was the result of a crusade, the police have been waging against saloonkeepers, who have been violating the law.

Today Patrolmen Viergiever and Harrington found the saloon of Sommers & Treadwell doing a thriving backdoor business. As the officers entered the air 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 sent 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 seriously 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 aid to the project comes at a time when it is needed. The supporters of the measure on both sides at the capital have hopes that the great petition sent to Speaker Keed, asking that time be given for discussion of the bill after the funding measure is disposed of, will be heeded, and at least two days allowed.

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 lying in wait for the passenger train. A brakeman, Fred Johnson, was killed, and Engineer Smith seriously injured. A switch was left open and rocks piled on the track.

Releigh, N. C., Jan. 4.—Fireman Alexander O'Leary an Engineer John Robertson were seriously injured in a wreck early this morning on 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 mailwagon 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 23 in the water off Brighton beach. The keys to the mail pouches are said to have been found on Post, and small articles, probably Christmas presents, in his room. Post denies robbing the mails. It is believed he threw the rifled letters into the North river from the ferryboat. He has been held in \$5,000 bail.

Got Half of the Interest. Washington, Jan. 4.—The Crow-Creek-Sioux delegation of South Dakota Indians have not gained their announced object of securing a per capita cash payment of \$187,000 less about \$1,500,000 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 here 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, in lieu of bills to pay interest on 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 & Farum, 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 10,000 inhabitants. To Build a Beet Sugar Factory. Omaha, Jan. 4.—The Commercial Club today determined that tomorrow they will organize a company to build and operate a big beet-sugar factory in or near this city. The proposed factory is to have a capacity of 300 tons of beets per day. It is estimated the plant will cost in the neighborhood of \$200,000, which is to be raised by stock subscriptions. The factory is to be in operation by September 1 next.

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

CLOSING UP THE OLD YEAR

Triple Murder in an Atlanta Boarding House.

THE ACT OF AN INSANE MAN

Beats Were at Dinner When One of the Boarders Concluded That All Must Go—Two Badly Hurt.

Atlanta, Ga., Jan. 4.—A triple murder was committed New Year's eve in a boarding-house kept by Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Allen, at Poplar Springs, a suburb of this city.

Just as the inmates of the house were sitting down at the supper table, Theodore Flanagan, a boarder, entered the dining-room, smiling and greeting the guests with "Good evening, my friends." He added: "The old year is going, and I think all of us would be better if we were done with it."

Without further warning, he fired into the affrighted people. The first bullet went crashing through the brain of Mrs. Allen, an old lady of 65. She fell to the floor dead, with a wound in her head. The next bullet killed Miss Ruth Slack, the 18-year-old daughter of Colonel Slack, of Greensboro, Ga., who had arrived at the house on a visit. Other boarders ran out into the street to seek safety, two of them badly wounded by the flying bullets. Flanagan is now in jail, having narrowly escaped lynching. He feigned drunkenness, but the testimony of all who were present was that the man was perfectly sober when the shooting occurred.

THE BLIND SAW. An "X" Ray Penetrated Sightless Eye.

New York, Jan. 4.—The Herald says: "The 'X' ray has given a glimmer of light to eyes that had been sightless for ten years. The subject of the test was John F. Martin, who is submitting to experiments as a substitute for Charles Broadway Ross. Martin has submitted to a series of tests, perhaps half a hundred.

Dr. Martin took him to the office of Dr. David A. Edson. The blind man, though he has grown accustomed to experiments, was visibly nervous. He was placed in front of the electric apparatus, the fluoroscope was placed at his eyes and the "X" ray turned on. There was an instant of the snapping of the current, then absolute stillness, as all in the room watched the face of the man in front of the electric glare.

At length Dr. Edson said: "Do you see anything?" "No," answered Martin. His lips had scarcely framed the reply when there rang from him, "I can see—I can see light, and the joy in the tone moved all who heard it. Dr. Edson said that turned off the ray.

Martin was deeply moved by the gleam which had penetrated his long darkness and he was led to a seat to compose himself before the experiment was continued.

Dr. Edson questioned him about the effect of the ray, but the blind man only repeated that he had seen light. Agitation had taken hold of him before him. This time he received the impression of light more quickly, and when he had revealed in it for a moment a piece of metal was passed in front of the fluoroscope. Martin detected the movement instantly.

"It is a shadow," he said, "but it is like the sun going behind a cloud." Enough had been done for a day, and the man rejoicing in even this little relief that had come to his years of blackness, was led from the office.

OUTRAGE AND MURDER. A Man and Woman Charged With Killing a Little Girl.

Topeka, Kan., Jan. 4.—Al B. Williams, aged 32, and Mrs. Jane Mayes, aged 21, living north of this place, were arrested today, charged with the outrage and murder of Anna Belle Williams, the 12-year-old girl whose body was found Wednesday near Fellers. The body bore evidence of a dreadful assault on its person. The finger marks on the neck and body show that the murderer used his foul work in sealing her lips with death by strangulation. Williams is the father of the girl and accuses the Mayes woman of the deed. The pair agreed to take the girl of Darien in order to have her placed on a city farm, the woman to accompany the girl. She says that when they reached Eldora she became sick, and a strange man offered to take care of the girl. That is the last she saw of Belle. The pair are in jail, and the officers expect to prove a deliberate scheme to make away with the girl.

Stoneman, Mass., Jan. 4.—The strike at the shoe factory of B. Jenkins & Co. was settled today, over 400 operatives returning to work. The strike was ordered because of a 10 per cent reduction in wages, and a compromise has been effected.

Darien Island Inhabited. New York, Jan. 4.—A Herald special from Panama says: The island of Darien, in the Gulf of Darien is partially inhabited. Forty-five houses have been washed away and three persons, it is known, were drowned. The full extent of the damage is not known as yet, but the indications are that it will be heavy.

Mexico pays \$12,000,000 interest a year on that portion of her debt held in foreign countries.

An Insane Father's Deed. Norwich, Conn., Jan. 4.—While suffering from religious mania, Elias Douglas, a farmer, attempted to kill his son, who is 30 years old, by striking him on the head with an ax, making four severe wounds. He then built a fire, and was making preparations to burn his own body and that of his son when neighbors broke into the house and rescued both. The son is not expected to live. The elder Douglas claims he was influenced by a spirit to kill his son and himself. He will be committed to an insane asylum.

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 apartments at the residence of his sister-in-law, Mrs. Kate Manion, of 537 West Pine boulevard.

There seems to be a difference of opinion as to whether Mr. McCullagh's death was due to an accident or was the result of his own act. The latter story is accepted by the dead man's friends. The body, which was cold in death and clad only in a nightgown, was discovered by Mrs. Manion's colored man-servant about 7 o'clock this morning.

Without touching the body, the colored man, frightened into the house, where he told the story of the discovery, immediately called Mrs. Manion, who had not yet arisen, and told her that Mr. McCullagh had "fallen out of the window and killed himself." Immediately upon being notified by the servant, Mrs. Manion dispatched her cousin, Dr. C. H. Hughes, who resides in the neighborhood, and who had just returned from the hospital, to the house.

PERPETUAL MOTION. The Clever Device is a Minnesota Invention.

St. Paul, Jan. 4.—J. G. Kaller, of Mankato, Minn., has applied for a patent for an invention which he says will take the place of steam engines and electric motors.

The device is called a hydraulic motor, and the principle upon which it works is the natural one which causes lighter substances to rise to the surface. An endless chain of small air-tight tanks is placed over two sprocket wheels in such a manner that on one side it will pass upward through a large tank of water.

As each air tank enters the water-tank from below through a water-tight valve, it will be forced to the surface by the upward weight of the water and in this motion will be in perpetual motion, revolving the sprocket wheels to which shafts are attached.

Thus, if the claims of the inventor are true, the motor will run on indefinitely without fuel. He claims that the first cost will be less than of a steam engine, while the operating expenses will be so small that all other motive power will be driven out of use.

Hydraulic motors to furnish any horsepower required can be constructed.

A MINISTER DEPOSED. His Faith Cure Doctrines Opposed by His Congregation.

Monmouth, Ill., Jan. 4.—At a meeting of the Monmouth presbytery of the United Presbyterian church, Rev. J. G. Stewart, of this city, was deposed from the ministry and also from church membership.

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THEY WANT TO KNOW MORE

Venezuelans Not Ready to Ratify the Treaty.

A DELAY IN THE PROCEEDINGS

They Insist That Incidental Negotiations Shall Be Closed First—General Arbitration Treaty Completed.

Washington, Dec. 30.—Secretary Olney left the state department at 12 o'clock today and went direct to the British embassy, where he held a long conference by appointment with Sir Julian Pauncefote, the British ambassador, relative to the status of the Venezuela treaty. Mr. Olney's call followed the arrival of Minister Andrade, of Venezuela, and James J. Storrow, counsel in the Venezuelan case, who reached Washington late last evening.

The result of the conference was guarded with the usual secrecy which prevails at meetings between the secretary and an ambassador, but there is good reason to believe it was the occasion for going over several new phases of the Venezuelan question.

The officials' retention, and will only in general terms that the prospect of acceptance of the settlement by Venezuela is good. It is understood, however, that there are important limitations to the acceptance which appear to make the case less hopeful of an immediate and satisfactory conclusion than has been expected.

The plan of an extra session of the Venezuela congress to ratify the treaty has been practically abandoned. There appears also to be a question as to the nature of Venezuela's acceptance. President Crespo and the government authorities have expressed satisfaction with the general settlement, so far as they secure arbitration, yet they have not yet expressed official approval of all the details of the settlement.

On the contrary, there seems a very earnest desire at Caracas for more exact information of the terms of the treaty between Venezuela and Great Britain.

At present there is no disposition to await the gradual maturing of this complete treaty, and it is little short of settled that the treaty will have to be forthcoming, and all the incidental negotiations closed before the desired Venezuela ratification is secured.

In official and diplomatic circles, there continues to be a satisfactory and hopeful view of the situation. It is felt all obstacles will be cleared away in time, and there is a disposition to minimize obstacles as being under the head of minor details.

At the same time, the practical abandonment of the extra session of the Venezuela congress and the disposition to close all negotiations on the final treaty before acceptance is given do not increase the prospect of a speedy conclusion of the case.

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No doubt exists of its approval, and it is expected to come daily.

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ARMS FOR CUBA.

Steamers Dauntless and Commodore Apply for Clearance Papers.

Washington, Jan. 1.—For the first time since the present struggle in Cuba began this government has given permission to customs officials to clear for Cuba a vessel loaded, according to manifest, with munitions of war, presumably for the insurgent army.

Yesterday the secretary of the treasury received a telegram from the owners of the Dauntless at Jacksonville, stating that they would apply to the collector of customs at Jacksonville for a clearance to a Cuban port with a cargo of arms, but the cargo required by the statutes would not be taken.

The question was asked whether under these circumstances papers would be received as the telegram was received from the collector at Jacksonville stating an application to clear the Dauntless for Neuvas, Cuba, with a cargo of arms, had been made, and asking instructions.

This morning the secretary replied substantially as follows: "If the master of the vessel and the owners, shippers and consignees of the cargo comply fully with the laws and regulations concerning the manifest and take the oaths required, you may grant a clearance to Neuvas, Cuba. Oaths must be taken and subscribed in writing, as required by section 4197, 4198 and 4200 of the revised statutes."

The port named as the destination is on the northern coast of Cuba and is occupied by Spanish forces. Treasury officials therefore are of the opinion that the oaths required will not be taken.

Late this afternoon the collector of customs at Jacksonville wired the secretary of the treasury that the steamer Commodore had applied for clearance papers upon practically the same statement of facts as in the case of the Dauntless. In response the secretary wired permission to issue papers to the Commodore in substantially the same terms as were named in the former case. Up to the hour of closing the department no information had been received as to the movement of either vessel, or whether the conditions imposed had been accepted.

FIFTY YEARS IN OFFICE. The Long Service of a Pennsylvania Postmaster.

Philadelphia, Jan. 1.—Joseph Strode, of Millin county, is the oldest postmaster in the United States; that is to say, the oldest in continuous service, for he has held the position of postmaster at Strode's Mills since 1848, despite changes of administrations, political upheavals, the war and the silver agitation.

Strode's Mills is a pretty little village in the central portion of the state, surrounded by rich farming lands and valuable ore and sand mines. Joseph Strode is in his 83d year, and it is believed he will hold the job until he is too old to fill it. He is the pride and joy of the postoffice department in Washington, which placed his picture in the government display at the world's fair.

The Strodes are an old noble family. They came from England in 1620 and settled in the valley of Virginia. In 1778 Joseph Strode, the present postmaster's grandfather, came to Pennsylvania and settled in the vicinity of what is now Strode's Mills.

The oldest postmaster is a Republican and has never missed voting since he was allowed to do so. He has never been ill, and is possessed of all his faculties. He was appointed during the administration of President Polk.

A Village Bank Looted. St. Louis, Jan. 1.—A special to the Post Dispatch from Des Moines, Ia., says: Word comes from Sully, a small town near Newton, that robbers looted the bank at that place last night. The bank was incorporated in 1891 with a capital of \$2,000. The deposits were about \$17,000. A. S. Smith is president and L. A. Sherman cashier. Details of the robbery are hard to obtain, because the town has no telegraphic connection. It is reported the robbers entered the bank, blew open the safe with dynamite and carried away an amount of cash estimated at from \$5,000 to \$10,000.

Killed an Innocent Man. Salem, Ind., Jan. 1.—Detective Sexton and Deputy Jailer Brown, of Louisville, Ky., received information that Richard Brock, an escaped prisoner from Louisville, was at the home of Richard Land, four miles from here, and went to the house. Land, seeing the party was armed, ordered his hired man, John Rippey, to get a gun and repel the attack. At this the officers opened fire and killed Rippey. The officers gave themselves up and are in jail. Brooks was not at the Land home.

Caused Insanity. San Francisco, Jan. 1.—Fred L. Wood, a convict in San Quentin prison, who recently inherited a fortune of \$30,000 from the estate of his father, a Chicago millionaire, is insane. He became violent in his cell Monday night, and had to be forcibly removed to the receiving hospital. It is thought his recent good fortune, together with the constant attendant upon his confinement in the penitentiary, is the cause of his insanity.

Taking Strikers' Places. Leadville, Colo., Jan. 1.—Two carloads of Missouri miners arrived today to take the places of strikers in the mines. The newcomers were escorted to the mines by a strong military guard. The strikers were armed, but beyond hostile remarks, there was no demonstration.

An occult temple will be built in San Francisco by theosophists, and funds have already been subscribed.

Battle With Italian Rioters. Williamsport, Pa., Jan. 1.—A desperate riot occurred at Johnsbury early this afternoon, which resulted in the fatal shooting of William Berg and the serious injury of James McMinn, Charles Glover, Charles Wraithall and several others, members of the police force. The trouble was begun by a gang of Italians, who became involved in a fight, using knives, revolvers and clubs. The police were sent for, but the rioters, headed by Tom Marone, met them, and a fierce battle followed.

Superintendent Barnett, of the St. Louis mine, was in Everett the other day from Silverton. He brought down five pack horses, and had to make them swim the Stillaguamish river three times. It was a perilous undertaking, for the stream was high and swift. The company has a drilling outfit ready to put in the mine as soon as the machinery can be transported by rail, and then work will be continued all winter.

Ex-Sheriff James H. Woolery, of King county, has been circulating a petition in Spokane to secure a pardon for Adolph Krag, Seattle's defaulting treasurer, who was sentenced to seven years in the penitentiary. He has been successful in securing a number of signatures.

The work of raising the Strum shingle and sawmill, at the mouth of the Arkansaw creek, which went into the Cowlitz river last week, is progressing slowly, owing to the water falling slowly and loose sand.

David McLeod and a companion, while traveling along the coast road in Skagit county, saw a bound chosing a half grown deer. The frightened animal dashed along into their arms, and then sought shelter from the dog behind Mr. McLeod, who threw stones at the dog and drove him away. For this timely and humane act the gentle creature permitted himself to be captured, and for ten minutes enjoyed being petted. When Mr. McLeod and his companion started again on their journey, the young deer followed for a considerable distance, then turned aside and laid down in the deep undergrowth.

BRIEF PACIFIC COAST NEWS

A Resume of Events in the Northwest.

EVIDENCE OF STEADY GROWTH

News Gathered in All the Towns of Our Neighboring States—Improvement Noted in All Industries—Oregon.

A project is on foot in Brownsville to have a free reading-room. Stockbuyers are paying \$13 to \$17 for 2-year-old steers, and \$13 for cows, in Grant county.

Cattle on the range in Grant county are looking thinner than ever at this time of the year. Empire City's town treasurer holds \$1,200 town funds, and the city boasts of no indebtedness.

The colored miners at Beaver Hill, in Coos county, are organizing a lodge, supposedly of Masonry. There are about thirty taxpayers in Willows county, who pay taxes on property valued at over \$5,000 each.

Grain has shipped 187 carloads of grain, stock, wool, lumber and ties in the last ten months valued at \$105,000. Strange as it may seem in midwinter the horse business is growing on Grant county's hills, says the Canyon City News.

Mr. Herriek expects to have work begun on his cannery at The Dalles in a few weeks, to put it in shape for the spring run of salmon.