

# The Santiam News

OREGON

## THE NEWS OF THE WEEK

Comprehensive Review of the Important Happenings of the Past Week Called 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 at Santiago and Havana for the reception and storing of fresh meat.

Simon, the new senator from Oregon, has been placed upon the following committee: 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 smelter. Many people who can do so are leaving the city to get out of the 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, Castles 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. Lusk, a rich merchant of Champlain, 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 Cannonville, 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 stones at the postman. 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 trade-union congress.

The British Columbian government has made a crown reserve of all townships and land outside of the mining fields in the Lake Atlin district. This was recently announced privately by Mr. C. Settle, premier of British Columbia, to Gold Commissioner W. J. Kant, 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 American 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 13 years of age.

Irwin McDowell Gaffield, 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 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 endorsed.

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 Tuit 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 85 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 steamer collapsed at the bottom of a steep hill and lurched 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, they, 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-anarchist conference which has been in session here for several weeks, has passed a resolution. Great secrecy was 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.

Four sound systems 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 Knosh, custodian of the relics in the famous Luttwig 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 robbery.

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 assisting 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 Williams, 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, Boatwain T. Behren, Quartermaster F. Carlsen, Able Seaman 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 the Spanish, and welcomed the agreement of the "great Germanic nations" among themselves, and the dominating 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.

## 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 armaments. But unless he is supported by the people 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 precious 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 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 name 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 Merrimack 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 Merrimack" 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 123 kisses given the Merrimack 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 bill, is still before the house, and 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 Alphonse Rothschild. 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 Woodson, near Aylesbury, that he injured his knee. The baron was a large 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 pikes and knives. Jose Gancedo and his cousin, Teodoro Huerta, who were on the cars, were wounded with knives. Gancedo died today, and Huerta 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 Razo, 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 returning to their barracks, 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 since the war.

The Cincinnati probably is not seriously damaged, as she is not making water. For the last 24 hours the government tug Southern 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 Scandia has arrived here, 33 days from Manila and eight days from Honolulu, bringing a regiment of 1,000 men, the remainder of the troops that were 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. Hornum, 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 Savannah this evening. He had a conference with the president and secretary Alger this evening. After the conference 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 Implements 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. Herford and L. D. Woodworth. The capital stock is \$100,000, divided into 100 shares at the value of \$1,000 each.

Mails for Porto Rico.

## 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—Famine in 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, commander of the district.

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 moved. 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 custom-houses 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 Seymour, 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 that the different parts 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.

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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 is the victim of a terrible condition of affairs existing in the Chin-Chow-Pu 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-Pu there have been as many as 150 deaths in one day.

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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 point. The line will comprise six modern steamers.

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### 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 most setback it has experienced since the case opened. The evidence of two of the witnesses examined today was of such a convincing nature that the charge 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, appraising 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 included 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 held as prisoners, notwithstanding Aguinaldo's prohibition refusal to do so. This proved 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 parts 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.

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## PASSED WITHOUT DEBATE

House Broke All Records in Regard to Pension Bill.

WENT THROUGH IN 20 MINUTES

Deficiency Bill Passed the Senate After Displacing the Nicaragua Canal Bill—Pension Bill Carries \$145,233,830.

Washington, Dec. 17.—The house today adopted the conference report on the bill extending the marine inspection laws to sailing vessels of 700 tons and over, and providing for licensing their second and third mates.

Harney (Rep. Wis.), in charge of the pension appropriation bill, then called up this measure and made a general explanation of its provisions.

Allen (Dem. Miss.), of the appropriations committee, in reply to Harney, called attention to the fact that when he first came to congress, 14 years ago, the pension appropriation bill invariably precipitated a bloody-shirt discussion, and he congratulated the country that congress had progressed since then and that there would be no acrimonious discussion of this bill. The country at least had the gratifying information that the pension roll had reached the maximum.

"And I congratulate the country for this," said Allen, in conclusion, "that while one of the most gallant and desperate soldiers of the Confederacy (Harney) is in the United States in down in Dixie doing honor to the Confederate dead. We all have cause to rejoice." (Laughter and applause.) There was no further debate upon the bill. It was read through without a word of criticism and passed, the whole time occupied in its consideration being less than 20 minutes. This is the shortest time on record for a general pension bill. The bill carries \$145,233,830. The total number of pensioners on the roll is 993,714.

In the Senate.

The senate decided upon convening today to take a recess from 1:30 until 2:30 o'clock in order to permit senators to attend the funeral of Mrs. Bright, wife of the senator-at-large.

Morgan (Dem. Ala.) presented a memorial from the national board of trade favorable to the construction of the Nicaragua canal, asking that the document be printed in the Congressional Record. Allen (Pop. Neb.) objected, and the objection provoked an animated discussion, involving the rules of the senate as well as the wisdom of the construction of the canal.