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THE NEWS OF THE WEEK

Comprehensive Review of the Important Happenings of the Past Week Cutted From the Telegraph Columns.

General Maximo Gomez, from his camp, 200 miles westward, near Narco, has issued a proclamation to the Cuban army advising against disbanding until the proceedings at Washington regarding the pay of the insurgent troops have been completed.

By the purchase of a large block of stock of the Calhoun railway, in Cuba, L. Ruiz & Co., bankers, representing English capitalists, have secured a controlling interest in that line. The same men have also been large purchasers of the stocks of Sagua and Cienfuegos companies.

The monthly treasury statement of the public debt shows that at the close of business, December 31, the debt, less cash in the treasury, amounted to \$1,129,176,250, an increase during the month of \$1,702,729. This increase is due to the delivery of 3 per cent bonds of the new issue, previously paid for.

At Evansville, Ind., Minor Garrett, Edgar Gardner, Elijah Scott, Frank Carl and William Morris, boys ranging in age from 10 to 12 years, were given a public whipping in the police court for stealing some old wash boilers. Their parents were given the option by Judge Winfrey of whipping the boys or having them sent to the reform school.

Governor Roosevelt, Greater New York's new executive, has established a code of rules to govern his consideration and determination of applications for pardons and commutations of sentence. He will not exercise executive clemency in behalf of a man who has been convicted of murdering or abusing his wife, nor will he pardon any habitual criminal. His mercy will be shown only to those whose sentence seems to have been severe or whose commission of a crime was the result of an impulse.

A most remarkable wedding has taken place at the village of Trail, O., four brothers being married to four sisters. The four brides were tied at the home of the brides, who are the daughters of a farmer named James Hochstetter. Their ages range from 18 to 25, and the ages of their respective husbands vary only slightly. The grooms are four sons of John Summers. The ceremony of marrying the four couples occupied almost an hour, the same clergyman performing all. The four brothers and their wives will live within a stone's throw of each other.

A dispatch from Rome says a mob of 4,000 people had assaulted an internal revenue entry box, and stoned the gendarmes around Nicomi, Sicily, as a protest against ex communication. A number of persons were wounded.

John Wellner, of Lafayette, Nicotlet county, Miss., was shot in the head and hip by two transients, to whom he had given shelter. They bound Mrs. Wellner to a lounge with a clothes line and escaped with Wellner's team.

The governor's office at the statehouse in Springfield, Ill., was entered by parties unknown and \$50 stolen from a drawer. The crime is surrounded in mystery, as all floors of the building are guarded by watchmen. The theft was discovered by Colonel J. M. Tanner and an investigation is pending.

One of the most notable celebrations in the history of American colleges was in commemoration of the 100th anniversary of Transylvania university, at Lexington, Ky. It was notable on account of its many famous alumni, including Jefferson Davis, president of the Confederate states, and Justice Harlan, of the supreme court of the United States, scores of congressmen and men prominent in public life.

King Charles has opened the cortes geraras at Lisbon. In the course of his speech from the throne, King Charles said that during the war between the United States and Spain the friendly nations, Portugal proclaimed, and, as was her duty, maintained strict and absolute neutrality. His majesty said he greatly sympathized with the czar's disarmament proposals, and made a reference to the rumors of the sale of Delagoa bay.

In China the Yellow river floods have destroyed the crops, and famine has resulted. Thousands of natives are starving. Thousands of hungry and ragged refugees are moving down the river in boats, only to find the walls of the cities lower down closed against the starving hordes. The government appropriated 300,000 taels for their relief, but less than one fifth has been distributed. It is claimed dishonest officials have pocketed the balance. A relief fund has been started at Shanghai. Rev. B. Craig Patterson, of the Chian Kian mission, appeals to American friends for aid.

Minor News Items.
Sebastian Bach Mills, the well-known composer and pianist, died in Wiesbaden, Germany, aged 60 years.

The preliminary report of the Nicaragua canal commission shows that it will require about \$150,000,000 to build the canal.

Encouraging reports of the condition of affairs in Manila and Ponce have reached the war department from the officers commanding the troops in those departments.

Ohio school children have given \$4,375 for the La Fayette monument fund.

The first American flag over a Philippine educational institution was raised over the Malate schoolhouse.

A new counterfeit one-dollar silver certificate has been discovered. It is of the series of 1896, Bruce, register, Roberts, treasurer.

Advices show that more business is being done now by the merchants and manufacturers of the United States than at any previous time in the history of the country.

LATER NEWS.

At a fire which broke out in the Hotel Richelieu, at Pittsburgh, Pa., three guests lost their lives and five people were badly hurt.

A Paris paper says it learns from an indisputable source that the court of cassation is convinced that Dreyfus was justly condemned.

Colonel Potter, special emissary of General Otis to Ilo Ilo, reports that the rebels threaten to burn the town if the Americans bombard the place.

Governor Leedy, of Kansas, has commuted the sentence of J. R. Colean, who, while cashier of the State bank, of Fort Scott, in 1895, stole \$25,000 of its funds.

Four dead, two injured, one of these perhaps fatally, and the loss of property of the Southern railway to the amount of about \$25,000, is the result of a wreck which occurred at Knoxville, Tenn.

A heavy wind storm swept over the remote section of Scott county, Ark. At Bole, a schoolhouse was blown down and three pupils were killed, another was fatally wounded, and a dozen or more sustained more or less injuries.

A tremendous landslide occurred near Spence's Bridge, on the Canadian Pacific railway. A mountain which has long been an object of curiosity to travelers crashed into the Fraser river, damming it completely, and sending the water in torrents over the fertile Nicola valley. The course of the river was changed completely.

The Sebastopol correspondent of the London Times, who has been touring in Eastern Russia for two months to discover, if possible, some evidence on the part of the Russian government to give effect to the disarmament proposals of Emperor Nicholas, says all his observations were quite to the contrary, and that Russia is increasing her military strength.

According to late advices from Dawson, the United States government will be called upon to relieve indigent miners in the Klondike. The Dawson Nugget says there is a strong movement on foot at Dawson to send a representative to Washington for the purpose of enlisting the United States government in the cause of aiding in removing the great distress which prevails among the miners of the Yukon.

At the annual convention of the Brotherhood of Steam Shovel and Dredge Engineers and Cranesmen of America, held in Chicago, resolutions were adopted, urging congress to pass the Nicaragua canal bill and also that a law should be passed making eight hours a day's work on said canal. Resolutions were also passed urging congress to pass the river and harbor bill at the present session of congress. Congress was also urged to create a labor commission of three union men to see that the laws in the interest of workmen were enforced on all government work.

Senator Hale has been re-nominated by the Maine Republicans.

Hon. Joseph H. Choate will be our next ambassador to Great Britain.

Dr. H. Seward Welch, president of the Wagner Palace Car Company, is mentioned as successor to Senator Morrill as senator from Vermont.

The first formal state dinner of the season took place at the White House Thursday, when President and Mrs. McKinley entertained the members of the cabinet.

A sensation has been created in Germany by the publication in a Cologne paper of an alleged conversation had with the late Prince Bismarck, in which he predicted the fall of the Austrian empire.

An American named Boynton, who is trying to travel around the earth without money, met with a terrible fall into a chasm while entering France by night through the Pyrenees. He was seriously injured.

Another disagreeable consequence of the late war has been presented to the government of claims from the cable companies for damages sustained through the suspension of their business by the United States military and naval forces. The aggregate amount of these claims cannot be foretold.

Representative Tongue, of Oregon, has prepared an amendment to the bill for codification of the laws of Alaska, now pending in the house, providing for the licensing of main business concerns in the territory, and especially the liquor business. Mr. Tongue says that the Treadwell mines does not pay anything in the way of taxes to the support of the territorial institutions, and that from the region surrounding Juneau about \$6,000,000 in gold is produced annually, and does not contribute a cent to the government.

The Havana afternoon papers sent a thrill through the city with a report that a torture and execution chamber had been found at the residence of the Spanish military governor, adjoining the palace. The papers declared that there the Spanish officials questioned and murdered political prisoners. According to their accounts, the floor of the chamber was covered with dried blood, and its walls were indented with machete strokes. An excited crowd soon gathered outside the house which was last occupied by General Parraido.

Mrs. John Quark, aged 100 years, died at her home near Galena, Ill.

Lieutenant Commander Sumner C. Payne, United States navy, retired, died in Asheville, N. C.

James McDonald, aged 102, a resident of Chippewa Falls, Wis., died at St. Joseph's hospital, Milwaukee.

A Pittsburg company has received a contract from the United States government to re-occupy Morro castle in Havana.

Patrick Haggerty, who would have been 109 years old January 17, died near Malone, N. Y.

Miss Margaret Dodge, a prominent literary worker, was found dead in a pew in a church in Boston. She had taken poison.

Marine losses during 1898 were materially greater than during any previous season on the lakes, the aggregate being estimated at \$2,000,000.

While Deputy Sheriff Frank E. Nye was forcing an entrance to a residence in Chicago he was shot and killed by Thomas G. Crosby, aged 13 years.

GREAT BRITAIN AND FRANCE

Tension Between the Two Nations Increases.

DARK CLOUDS OVER AFRICA

Yvonne's fiery language—Cromer's plans for Khartoum—Roosevelt's plans a Cape Town-Cairo railroad.

London, Jan. 10.—All events seem to work together in European politics to increase the tension between Great Britain and France. The past week has brought Madagascar and Egypt forward as irritants just when the mutual irritability was subsiding. Even the most conservative observers begin to take a pessimistic view of the relations between the two powers. This includes those who up to the present have considered the belligerency to be due to superintendence upon the part of France and to the unscrupulous gruffness upon the part of Great Britain in insisting on what she considers to be her rights.

The past 24 hours brought the publication of Madagascar blue book, which was followed by a leading editorial in the Times denouncing France in language so fiery that conservative newspapers that Frenchmen are reading the two together and are construing them as parts of a deliberate policy inspired by one mind. That mind, in the theory of the man in the street, is Joseph Chamberlain, the secretary of state for colonies. Other papers have taken up the cry, but not so loudly, but when the Times becomes abusive, foreigners interpret it as being the voice of the government. In the present instance, some Englishmen will place the same construction upon its utterances, recalling how the Times led the "no surrender" cry over the Fashoda incident, under evident inspiration.

One fact is certain, public opinion in Great Britain will not sanction the government to swear an inch to avoid war with France, thinking that if it must come this is the best time to have it out.

Many people give importance to the leading of the Madagascar blue book almost simultaneously with the quiet but unmistakable announcement at Khartoum by the British agent there, Vincent Cromer, in his remarks to the shikhs, that Great Britain has set her seal upon Egypt. If there was a doubt in the minds of her European allies that Great Britain intended to force the mortgage upon which she has expended so much labor and blood to secure, it must have been set at rest by the utterances of Lord Cromer, in which the word "protectorate" was written in large letters, though the government's mouthpiece carefully abstained from using that incendiary word. A more definite notice that Great Britain's tenure of Egypt is permanent could not be asked.

In the meantime an enterprise of Great Britain's domination in Africa is about to be consummated. Cecil Rhodes, the ex-minister and alleged instigator of the Jameson raid, and the so-called "Napoleon of South Africa," is going to England to arrange for pushing forward the Cape Town-Cairo railroad, so long the dearest dream of imperialists. A definite proposition will be presented to the London capitalists for an extension of the railroad from Bulawayo to Lake Tanganyika. He does not pretend it will be a paying investment from the start. Its importance for some years will be political instead of commercial, and he hopes to persuade the British government to smooth the way by guaranteeing 5 per cent interest on the bonds to cover the cost of construction. But one barrier stands in the way, in the form of the Congo convention, guaranteeing neutrality of the part of the continent about Lake Tanganyika, which even the autocrat of Rhodesia, the ex-minister and alleged instigator of the Jameson raid, and the so-called "Napoleon of South Africa," is going to England to arrange for pushing forward the Cape Town-Cairo railroad, so long the dearest dream of imperialists.

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PASSED THE SENATE.

No Debate on District of Columbia Bill—First Appropriation Measure.

Washington, Jan. 10.—At a brief session of the senate today, the first of the regular appropriation bills to be reported to the body, the District of Columbia bill, was passed. It carried a trifling vote of 51,000,000, and was passed practically without debate. The provision of a memorial from a camp of Confederate veterans in opposition to the proposition of Butler of North Carolina to pension ex-Confederate soldiers was made the text by Allen of Nebraska for some remarks, during the course of which he said that Butler, in making his proposition, and the president in suggesting that the nation care for the graves of the Confederate dead, had been carried away by their enthusiasm.

The house was engaged all day on the legislative, executive and judicial bill and completed it substantially as reported, except the items for the civil service commission, which went over.

Given Up for Lost.

Boston, Jan. 10.—The owners of the Boston brig Mary Gibbs, Captain Horace Coombs, now 129 days out on a voyage from Newport News to Para, Brazil, had abandoned all hope of the vessel, although they still believe there is a chance that the crew may have been rescued by some ship bound either to the Pacific or to some remote quarter of the globe. The Mary Gibbs carried eight men and a cargo of 650 tons of coal.

Murdered and Robbed.

Butte, Mont., Jan. 10.—George Peterson, who came here recently from Nevada, was found dead in a gully just southwest of town today. His head had been smashed or cut to pieces with an axe, and less than \$1 in change was found on his person. He had been killed and robbed, and the body dragged into the gully.

It is said that every thread of a spider's web is made up of about 5,000 separate fibers. If a pound of this thread were required it would occupy 25,000 spiders a full year to furnish it.

HONORS TO A DEAD SOLDIER.

Services Over the Remains of Colonel Mayby.

New York, Jan. 10.—A Herald dispatch from Havana says: The body of Colonel Mayby, of the First Texas, rested in state in a tent near Lee's headquarters at Havana Vista on Thursday. Short services were held at 5 o'clock by Chaplain Watson, Generals Lee, Kiefer and Hasbrouck being present. The body was brought to Havana, being escorted to the Alameda river by his entire regiment. It will go to Miami on Friday to be forwarded to Texas.

Adjutant-General Dyer, of the Fifth cavalry, is critically ill with malarial fever.

Lee's former forces are being lessened day by day. Four companies now doing provost duty in the suburbs have been detached from his command and ordered to report to General Ludlow.

When the American occupation took place the members of a lottery company that was famous a few years ago in a Southern city made an attempt to secure a concession here. Local papers have apparently been subsidized, but General Brooke declares that so long as the American occupation lasts lotteries will be barred.

Smallpox has become epidemic at Mariana, and General Lee has ordered a number of infected houses burned. Franklin Scott, a private of the One Hundred and Sixty-first Indiana, has the smallpox. Two hundred and fifty natives arrived on Thursday on the transport Cordovaga, and were turned loose in a body.

SANTIAGO'S TRADE.

General Wood's Report Shows It Is on the Increase.

Washington, Jan. 10.—The trade of Santiago is already showing a surprising growth under American administration. General Wood has submitted a report to the war department, in which he states that the policy of non-discriminatory intercourse extended to the vessels of all nations in Santiago province has greatly facilitated the re-establishment of commercial relations and has been one of the chief features in the restoration of comparative prosperity in commerce, industry and agriculture.

Outward cargoes of sugar and other products are being grandly found for shipping, but exportations from the mines of the province have contributed the bulk of the exports.

"The fact," says General Wood, "that the mines were put into operation at an early date after the capitulation of Santiago was important in that the employment of large numbers of natives during a critical period was stimulated by the facilities for shipping ores."

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PIRATES ENDED IN RIOT.

Paris, Jan. 10.—The socialist annual pilgrimage today to the tomb of Blanqui, in the cemetery of Pere la Chaise, led to riotous rival parties of the Intransigent and the Socialist Republic. Many were injured, and the police made a number of arrests. The wreath intended for the tomb was trampled upon.

Insurgents Respect Europeans.

Madrid, Jan. 10.—Advices were received here today from a leading merchant at Ilo Ilo, to the effect that agricultural operations in the vicinity of Ilo Ilo have not been interrupted, and that all the insurgents respect the Europeans, both at Ilo Ilo and on the island of Negros.

Present Release of Prisoners.

Madrid, Jan. 10.—Rios, the Spanish commander, telegraphs from Manila that strained relations between the Americans and insurgents prevent steps being taken in favor of the release of the Spanish prisoners in the Philippine island. He adds that he will act in that direction as soon as it is possible.

Immigration at San Francisco.

San Francisco, Jan. 10.—The report of the immigration commission for December shows that the total immigration into the port of San Francisco was 420 persons, of whom 93 were females. There were 149 Japanese. Twelve assisted Japanese were deported, and 27 others were not admitted who could neither read nor write.

Record Catch of Halibut.

Vancouver, B. C., Jan. 9.—With her rigging and decks covered with ice, the steamer New England arrived in port early this morning with a record catch at the halibut banks off Queen Charlotte islands. The steamer had 180,000 pounds of fish. During the three months the New England has been engaged this season she has brought to port 600,000 pounds of halibut.

Medicine was the first profession to which women were admitted in Russia.

Inviting Disposition.

Havana, Jan. 10.—Major-General Ludlow, governor of the department of Havana, has decided to issue a proclamation inviting the surrender of arms at the arsenal. Receipts will be given for the arms, which will be probably as many as 40,000 rifles in private possession, held chiefly by former Spanish volunteers.

A medical authority in Berlin, Germany, declares that not one of Germany's professional bicyclists has found her.

AN OFFICIAL RECEPTION

Agonillo Desires Diplomatic Recognition.

THE ISSUE WILL BE FORCED

General Miller Has Been Ordered to Lead His Troops at Ilo Ilo at Once—To Be Conciliatory With the Natives.

Washington, Jan. 9.—Senator Agonillo, who is in Washington as the representative of the Philippine people, has been asked to be recognized by the United States as such, and to be accorded the same rights as the other diplomats. His request is now in the hands of Secretary Hay.

Today, Don Sixto Lopez, the private secretary of Senator Agonillo, visited the state department, and presented to the officials a letter to Secretary Hay, requesting, on behalf of Senator Agonillo, an interview for the purpose of arranging to present his credentials to President McKinley, and inquiring when it would meet the convenience of the president to meet the Philippine representative.

The letter of Senator Lopez further states that he is instructed by Senator Agonillo, in view of recent developments, to urge the advisability of an understanding between the American government and the representative of the Philippine people as to the relations between the respective nations, such understanding to be reached either at Washington, through the joint representatives of the two governments, or in the Philippine islands, in like manner.

The letter concludes with an expression of the earnest hope that the friendly relations heretofore existing between the two nations may ever be maintained.

Accompanying the letter is a memorandum setting forth the establishment of the Philippine republic, and the provision for a detailed system of government. From the facts submitted, says Senator Agonillo, "it will appear that the Philippine government is now, and it has been practically ever since June 18, 1898, substantially in full possession of the territory of the people it represents."

WILL FORCE THE ISSUE.

General Miller Has Orders to Proceed Against Ilo Ilo.

Chicago, Jan. 9.—A special to the Times-Herald from Washington says: President McKinley has decided to order General Miller to lead his troops at Ilo Ilo. It may lead to a harassing war with the natives of the Philippines. It is hoped and believed that such calamities will be averted, but it remains for the insurgents to determine what the results will be.

The general has ordered General Miller to lead his troops at Ilo Ilo. The order leaves the American commander no alternative. He is directed to be conciliatory toward the natives, but at the same time he is instructed to use force, if necessary, to effect his landing and establish himself in the desired camp. In other words, General Miller is to act on the defensive. He will not fire a gun unless attacked by the Filipinos.

STEAMERS MAY BE CRUSHED.

Yukon Craft Will Be in Danger When the Ice Breaks.

Seattle, Jan. 9.—News from Dawson states that a number of Yukon river steamers will be lost when the ice breaks up in spring. Some were caught in the ice, and others are so jammed and so severely damaged that they cannot be of any use. The Robert Kerr, of the Moran fleet, is stuck fast on a bar 50 miles below Circle City. The steamer Arnold, of the Alaska Exploration Company's fleet, was caught by the ice while fast on a bar some 30 miles below Forty-Mile.

A crack boat of the Empire line, the Seattle, is stuck 12 miles below Circle City. She is on a bar and ice is jammed up all around her. The Tacoma and John C. Barr are also fast in dangerous positions.

General's Ambition.

New York, Jan. 9.—A dispatch to the Herald from Havana says: A colonel in the insurgent army says that Gomez recently sounded the army on his old ambition of uniting Cuba and Santo Domingo under one government. The wily old chief thinks that the United States can offer no objection to this plan, which, if accomplished, would create a state strong enough to absorb Hayti soon.

With this done, Gomez believes the foundation would be laid for a republic which would soon take rank in the Western world second only to the United States.

Dismissed Cadets.

Richmond, Va., Jan. 9.—News is received from Lexington tonight that today the superintendent of the Virginia military institute issued an order dismissing the entire first class of that institution, consisting of 35 cadets. The young men dismissed represent 12 states, and their offense was a breach of discipline committed on New Year's eve in the face of special warning.

England Will Welcome Choate.

London, Jan. 9.—The Daily News this morning in an editorial welcoming the expected appointment of Joseph H. Choate, of New York, as United States ambassador to the court of St. James, says: "Englishmen will thank President McKinley for his choice. Mr. Choate will have an easy and pleasant task. He comes neither to take part in a quarrel nor to heal one, but to foster a cordial friendship into still more friendly cordiality."

Teppie Record Broken.

Chicago, Jan. 9.—The highest score at tennis ever recorded on the style with the American bowling congress alleys has been made by Louis Ullrich, of the Fellowship Club, in a contest with John A. Bender, of the Oakland Club. Ullrich scored exactly 100 pins, the maximum in a ten-frame game. The night previous he made an average of 223 in three games during a contest between his club and the Oakland Club in the Chicago League tournament. The latter score is said to be the world's record for the highest average in three games.

NO APPROPRIATION.

Anti-Civil Service Reformers Victorious in the House.

Washington, Jan. 9.—The anti-civil service reformers scored a victory in the house today. The executive legislative and judicial appropriation bill was taken up for consideration, and then, when the appropriation for the civil service commission was reached, Evans made a motion to strike it out. This motion has been made annually for a dozen years or more, but invariably failed. But today the opponents of the law laid great stress on the fact that they could not get a decisive vote upon the proposition, and were therefore compelled to seek its nullification in this manner. Even those appeals failed to bring out the full strength of the opposition, though the motion to strike out carried by a narrow margin, 67 to 61. This was in committee of the whole, where no record was made of the vote. Moody gave notice that he would demand a record vote in the house, where the friends of the civil service law expect to reverse the decision.

When the senate convened today the resolution offered yesterday by Hoar, calling on the president for information as to the instructions to the commissioners who negotiated the treaty of Paris, together with all correspondence and reports relating to their work, was laid before the senate. Chairman Davis, one of the commissioners, asked that it be referred to the foreign relations committee, but Hoar insisted that the senate had as much right to such information as the members of the foreign relations committee, and that the president should determine whether the senate should have it. The resolution was adopted in secret session. In support of the resolution offered some time ago by Vest, in opposition to expansion, Caffery delivered an extended speech.

At the conclusion of Caffery's argument, Morgan announced, on behalf of the Nicaragua canal committee, the acceptance in modified form of the amendments offered by Hoar before the bill was to the pending canal bill. The amendments were not passed upon by the senate.

MISSIONARY OUTRAGE.

Catholic Priest Brutally Treated in a Chinese Village.

Berlin, Jan. 9.—Letters received here from Kiao Chou, the German fortified settlement in the province of Shang Tung, China, give details of an outrage upon Father Stenz, the German Catholic missionary, November 18. The missionary was about to leave Tse-Tse, province of Shang Tung, owing to the anti-Christian feeling. Finding himself confronted by crowds of Chinese who were clamoring for the destruction of the Christians, he took refuge in a hut, but he was dragged out, his clothing torn from his back, and he was struck with sticks and pricked with knives and lances and his beard torn out. The Chinese threatened to flay him alive. The following day, his persecutors prepared to hang him by the wrists. Finally, a mandarin interfered in his behalf, but compelled him to leave the district with a promise never to return.

Davis in San Francisco.

San Francisco, Jan. 9.—The United States torpedo-boat Davis arrived today from Astoria, via Tillamook, and after taking on coal proceeded to Mare Island. She proved to be a good sea boat, but owing to the heavy weather along the coast she did not attempt a greater speed than six or eight knots.

The Davis crossed out the Columbia about two weeks ago, but put into Tillamook to escape a storm, remaining there until Wednesday morning, when she again headed south. She was in command of Captain Thomas F. Neill, and Arthur Zwicker and J. E. Wolf, of the firm which built the vessel, were in charge of the engine and boiler-rooms.

Ambassador to Russia.

New York, Jan. 9.—A dispatch to the Herald, from Washington, says: The president has practically selected William Potter, of Philadelphia, for ambassador to Russia. Mr. Potter was formerly minister to Italy, having been stationed at Rome during the Harrison administration. His record during that period has been carefully examined by the president and Secretary Hay, and both feel confident that he will satisfactorily fill the St. Petersburg post.

Explosion in Shipyard.

London, Jan. 9.—A big boiler being tested in Hewitt's shipbuilding-yards at Barking burst today, and the superintendent, engineer and eight other men were killed. About 400 persons were injured, some fatally. The whole ship-building works were wrecked. A woman was found dead 300 yards from the scene of the disaster. A number of men and boys are missing. Windows half a mile away were shattered.

Life Imprisonment.

Madrid, Jan. 9.—Colonel Julian San Martin, who was in command of the Spanish garrison at Ponce when the United States troops under General Miles landed on the island, and who abandoned the place without resistance, has been sentenced to imprisonment for life. He will be incarcerated at Ceuta, the Spanish penal colony in Morocco, opposite Gibraltar.

Morrill's Successor.

Montpelier, Vt., Jan. 9.—Governor Smith has tendered the place in the United States senate, left vacant by the death of Senator Morrill, to B. F. Fiffeld, of this city. Mr. Fiffeld has not yet accepted.

Washington, Jan. 9.—The house committee on Indian affairs today ordered a favorable report on the bill granting to the Kettle River Valley road a right of way through the Colville Indian reservation, Washington.

Tolstoi May Be Banished.

London, Jan. 9.—The British correspondent of the Daily News mentions a rumor from St. Petersburg that Count Leo Tolstoi will be banished for championing the cause of the dissenters who are being persecuted into wholesale immigration from the Canadian districts, mostly from Canada, the winter son of Tolstoi's sons is going to inspect land that has been acquired for the immigrants.