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EVENTS OF THE DAY

GATHERED FROM ALL PARTS OF THE TWO HEMISPHERES.

Comprehensive Review of the Important Happenings of the Past Week, Presented in Condensed Form, Most Likely to Prove Interesting to Our Many Readers.

Germany, though its claims are clear, is willing to arbitrate the Venezuelan trouble.

The new army staff bill, if passed, will not be effective until the retirement of General Miles.

Italy has taken a hand in the Venezuelan affair and has demanded the same treatment as England and Germany.

Coal shortage in Nebraska is causing intense suffering, aggravated by the extreme cold weather prevailing throughout the state.

A joint resolution has been introduced in congress changing the term of president, making the term begin at noon April 30, instead of March 4.

The president has appointed Lloyd Griscom, jr., now minister to Persia, to be minister to Japan. He has also selected Richmond Pearson, of North Carolina, at present consul general at Teheran, Persia, to succeed Mr. Griscom.

The announcement is made that Marconi has another invention, which he expects will startle the world. He will not formally announce it until the wireless experiments are completed, which he says will be before the end of the year.

Spain is trying to buy warships from foreign powers.

The first blizzard of the winter has swept Iowa and Nebraska.

Ice forming on the "third" rail of the New York elevated roads has stopped all trains.

The Venezuelan gunboats captured by Germany and Great Britain are now manned by British sailors.

A Rock Island passenger train was wrecked by a broken rail near Terrill, Tex., and the engineer and fireman killed.

Fire destroyed a five story building at Scranton, Pa., in which was located a wholesale grocery firm. The loss will amount to $175,000.

An automatic machine has been invented that will clean more salmon than seven men. It will revolutionize the salmon canning industry.

The dock laborers strike in Marseilles, France, continues unbroken. The streets are now patrolled by troops and riots are of frequent occurrence.

Ice in Lake St. Clair clogged the intake pipes for Detroit's water supply so seriously that many factories were compelled to shut down temporarily.

General Miles will visit the German emperor.

The reciprocity treaty with Cuba has been signed.

The California end of the Pacific cable has been laid.

Negro voters of Alabama have formed a colored Republican party.

Three men lost their lives in a coal mine accident at Wilkesbarre, Pa.

Secretary Hitchcock has suspended all timber land entries in the Pacific coast states.

The cold wave continues in New York and suffering is intense on account of the lack of coal.

Finley Peter Dunne, of "Mr. Dooley" fame, was married in New York to Miss Margaret Abbott.

Fire at Worcester, Mass., caused a property loss of $250,000. About a dozen firemen were injured.

One of the coal operators called to testify before the commission stated that his company received about $2.50 per ton for coal.

It is stated that President Castro has asked United States Minister Bowen to act as arbitrator in the controversy with Great Britain and Germany.

The postoffices at Castle Rock, Wash., Nez Perce, Rathdrum, Sand Point and Shoshone, Idaho, and Moro and Mt. Angel, Oregon, have been placed in the presidential class.

The senate rejected the proposal to admit Chinese to Hawaii.

Vice Governor Wright wants a lower tariff for the Philippines.

Senator Hanna says he does not want the presidency and will not run for it.

It is thought likely that Governor Taft will succeed Judge Shiras on the supreme bench.

Charles T. Yerkes, the capitalist, is a strong advocate of the labor union as organized in the United States.

There is much piracy being practiced in the waters adjacent to the Philippines. The small craft only are preyed on.

The Indian appropriation bill before the house carries more than $1,000,000 less than the appropriation for the present fiscal year.

Thirteen anarchists were arrested in Rome after a desperate struggle. The police surprised them at a meeting while they were in the act of taking an oath with poniards to assassinate King Victor Emmanuel.

A civil war is in progress in Morocco China will increase its standing army.

MRS. GRANT DEAD.

Widow of Warrior President Succumbs to Heart Failure.

Washington, Dec. 15.—Mrs. Ulysses S. Grant died at her residence in this city at 11:17 o'clock Sunday night. Death was due to heart failure, Mrs. Grant having suffered for years from valvular disease of the heart, which was aggravated by a severe attack of bronchitis. Her age prevented her rallying from the attacks. Her daughter, Nellie Grant Sartoris, was the only one of her children with her at the time of her death, her three sons, who had been summoned here, all being out of the city. There also were present at the bedside when the end came Miss Rosemary Sartoris, a grand daughter; Dr. Bishop, one of the attending physicians, and two trained nurses. Death came peacefully, the sufferer retaining consciousness practically to the end.

Julia Dent Grant was born January 26, 1826. She was married to U. S. Grant August 22, 1848.

Four children were born to her—three sons, Frederick Dent, Ulysses, Jr., and Jesse, and one daughter, Nellie.

The remains of Mrs. Grant will be deposited in the tomb at Riverside park, New York, where those of her husband now repose. Whether they will be taken there immediately or this ceremony postponed for a time could not be ascertained tonight.

GREAT FIRE IN OHIO TOWN.

Sheet Steel Company's Mills Burned at a Loss of $1,000,000.

Canal Dover, O., Dec. 16.—The corrugating mills, the paint shop, the store room and the building containing the four mills on the west side of the American sheet steel company's mills, were burned to the ground here last night, and the company is confronted with a loss of over $1,000,000, nearly $750,000 is finished product and the remainder in buildings and machinery.

A strong wind was blowing over the burning pile toward the offices and the machine shop. Fear that these, too, might be doomed caused a call for help to be sent to New Philadelphia. The fire engines from that city rendered good service. The offices, machine shops, galvanizing department and the mills on the east side are all that remain of this great paint.

The loss is partially covered by insurance. A dozen railway cars standing at tracks were consumed.

REORGANIZE CONSULAR FORCE.

Bill to Classify and Provide for Examination of Applicants.

Washington, Dec. 16. — A bill has been introduced in the house by Representative Adams, of Pennsylvania, to provide for the reorganization of the consular service of the United States. Provision is made for the classification of consuls general and consuls, specifying the number and salary of each class, and for the examination of applicants and those now in the service. Of the latter, those who fail to pass are to be dropped, but none can be called for examination within six months of the day of the passage of the bill. Consuls general and consuls may be transferred by the president from one place to another of the same class. Special examinations are provided for those who may be sent where the United States exercises extra territorial jurisdiction.

Naval Training Station on Lakes.

Washington, Dec. 16.—Secretary Moody has transmitted to congress the report of the naval board, headed by Admiral Taylor, which was created to select a site for a naval training station on the great lakes. The report recommends that the station be located on Lake Michigan, below latitude 43:30, and asks for an appropriation of $250,000 to buy the land and develop the station, leaving the exact location to be determined later by the board. Secretary Moody approved the report and points out that an immediate appropriation will prevent the raising of land values.

Union Men May Picket.

Indianapolis, Ind., Dec. 16.— Judge Carter, in the supreme court today, issued an order restraining 20 union men by name from gathering at the plant of the Drop Forge company, where a strike has been on for several months, for the purpose of intimidating men who wanted to go to work. The court refused to interfere with the peaceful picket, which he held to be legal. The order is a modification of a former decision, which restrained the entire union from gathering at the plants.

Fatal Wreck in Missouri.

Kansas City, Mo., Dec. 16.—A special to the Star from Bucklin, Mo., says a serious wreck occurred on the Hannibal & St. Joseph railroad tonight at 9 o'clock. A local freight was wrecked four miles west of Bucklin. A steam wrecker was sent from Bloomfield. The wrecker and engine went through the bridge at Yellow creek. Five men were killed and one other fatally injured and half a dozen others seriously hurt. All are railroad employes.

Contract for Rapid-Fire Guns.

Washington, Dec. 16. — General Crozier, chief of ordinance, has awarded a contract for the manufacture of 30 15-pound rapid fire guns and mounts to the Bethlehem steel works at its bid of $3,930 for guns and mounts. The only other bid received was from the American & British ordnance company at a slightly higher figure.

NEWS OF OREGON

ITEMS OF INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS OF THE STATE.

High Water Damages Eugene Woolen Mill—Minnesota Colony to Locate in Lane County—Ingram Wants Legislature to Aid Him—Oregon Odd Fellows Celebrate 50th Anniversary.

Free delivery of mail will commence in Albany March 1, 1903.

An Odd Fellows lodge has been instituted at Durkee, Eastern Oregon. There are about 30 members.

Probably the largest shipment of wool ever made from Independence at one time occurred last week. H. A. Douty shipped direct to Boston 120,000 pounds of wool. The shipment made up almost 10 freight cars.

The Linn county jail walls will be lined with three-sixteenths inch steel plates. The ceiling will also be covered with a network of steel bars. These improvements to the jail have been made necessary by numerous jail breaks in the past two years.

For weeks there has been a systematic hunting of reservoir sites throughout Eastern Oregon. It has developed that when the government committee gets at its work in this arid region it will find every available reservoir site taken by some one who has an eye to business.

A party consisting of about 40 Swedes and Norwegians have left Pendleton to join a larger party in the East, and at New York they will all sail for Europe. After a visit to their old homes the excursionists will return, and expect to bring many of their friends and relatives with them.

The new Oregon code, compiled by Judge C. B. Bellinger and W. W. Cotton, has been issued. This code was authorized by the last legislature and will hereafter be used in the courts in place of the codes heretofore in use. One thousand copies will be delivered to the secretary of state.

There is a movement on foot to divide the Eighth judicial district, consisting of Baker, Umatilla and Wallowa counties, into two districts. Union and Wallowa will constitute one, and Baker county will be constituted a judicial district by itself, if the plan is carried out. The reason for the change is that the district is so populous that there is too much for one judge to do.

A slight earthquake shock was felt at Grants Pass last Saturday.

Local meat dealers of La Grande will establish a first-class packing house.

A colony of Minnesota farmers are negotiating for 30,000 acres of land in Lane county.

The warm and heavy rains of last week have raised the Rogue river to the highest stage it has known for years.

A two days' farmers institute was held at Lewisville, Polk county, this week. A good attendance was out and deep interest manifested.

Governor-elect Chamberlain is at work on his inaugural address. It will not be a long document, but will make a general survey of state affairs. He favors protection for public lands, flat salaries and a liberal appropriation for the Lewis and Clark exposition.

Fire destroyed the planing mill of W. D. Pine, at Rainier. Loss on building and contents, $28,000, partially covered by insurance.

Frank S. Ingram, who was shot while Tracy and Merrill were making their escape from the penitentiary, and who lost his leg as a result, and has since been pardoned by the governor, is circulating a petition asking aid from the legislature to establish him in a small business whereby he may be able to make for himself a living.

PORTLAND MARKETS.

Wheat—Walla Walla, 71@72c; bluestem 79@80c; valley, 74c.

Barley—Feed, $23.50 per ton; brewing, $24.00.

Flour—Best grade, $3.60@3.90; graham, $3.20@3.60.

Millstuffs—Bran, $19.00 per ton; middlings, $23.50; shorts, $19.50; chop, $18.

Oats—No. 1 white, $1.15@1.17½; gray, $1.12½@1.15 per cental.

Hay — Timothy, $10@11; clover, $9.00; cheat, $8@9 per ton.

Potatoes—Best Burbanks, 60@80c per sack; ordinary, 50@55c per cental, growers' prices; Merced sweets, $1.75@$2 per cental.

Poultry—Chickens, mixed, $3.00@4.25; per pound, 10c; hens, $4@4.50 per dozen; per pound, 10c; springs, $3.00@3.50 per dozen; fryers, $2.50@3.00; broilers, $2.00@2.50; ducks, $5.00@6.00 per dozen; turkeys, live, 13c, dressed, 15c; geese, $6.00@6.50.

Cheese — Full cream, twins, 15½@16½c; Young America, 16½@17½; factory prices, 1@1½c less.

Butter—Fancy creamery, 30@32½c per pound; extras, 30c; dairy, 20@22½c; store, 15@18.

Eggs—25@30c per dozen.

Hops—New crop, 23@26c per pound.

Wool—Valley, 12½@15c; Eastern Oregon, 8@14½c; mohair, 26@28c.

Beef—Gross, cows, 3@3½c per pound; steers, 4c; dressed, 6@7c.

Veal—7½@8½c.

Mutton — Gross, 3c per pound; dressed, 6c.

Lambs — Gross, 3½c per pound; dressed, 6½c.

Hogs—Gross, 6½@6¾c per pound; dressed, 7@7½c.

VENEZUELANS ARE ARMING.

Troops and Guns Sent to La Guayra and Volunteers Enrolled.

La Guayra, Venezuela, Dec. 13.—The British cruiser Indefatigable arrived here at 6 o'clock this evening from Guanta, the port of Barcelona, where she is believed to have been in search of the Venezuelan gunboat Restaurador.

The German cruiser Vineta and the British cruiser Retribution left here at 6 o'clock this evening. It is supposed they have on board Venezuela's answer to the demand of the foreign powers, which arrived from Caracas on a special at 2 o'clock.

What is termed an inopportune demonstration and the strange method resorted to is the remittance to the Venezuelan foreign minister of the demands of Great Britain and Germany, which are freely criticised here.

The government has sent 2,000 men and 18 guns from Caracas to reinforce the garrison at La Guayra. These troops are camped at Cuaracuti, distant one hour from La Guayra. All day and all night ammunition has been carried to Fort Lavigita, which crowns the harbor, and preparations are being made to resist the foreign forces.

Volunteers to the number of 926 men, all from La Guayra, have been armed today, and more are requesting arms. It is asserted here that the government can find sufficient men to resist the foreign forces, as the movement is popular. Everywhere one meets all classes and conditions carrying Mauser rifles.

The news of the capture at Port-of-Spain, Trinidad, of the Venezuelan gunboat Bolivar by the British cruiser Charybdis was communicated to President Castro by a representative of the Associated Press. The event caused great excitement.

The president has called on all Venezuelan citizens between the ages of 18 and 50 to take up arms in the defense of the country.

PAY OF COMMISSIONERS.

Senate Decides on a Lump Sum for Each of the Strike Arbitrators.

Washington, Dec. 13.—The senate late yesterday afternoon passed, with several amendments, the bill fixing the compensation of the anthracite coal strike commission, and it now goes to conference. Sentiment was strongly in favor of allowing the members of the commission who are not employes of the government a lump sum for their service, and after much debate $4,000 was settled upon as the proper amount, thus taking the matter out of the hands of the president.

Several other amendments were adopted, fixing the expenses of the commissioners and the assistant recorders at $10 per day, and leaving the question of the amount of salary of the assistant recorders and employes to the commission. The name of the commission was changed to "Anthracite Coal Strike Arbitration."

An amendment by Daniel, of Virginia, intended to prohibit officers in the civil or military branches of the government from serving on commissions or performing duties other than called for by law, provoked a lengthy discussion, and in response to appeals of Allison and Hoar was finally withdrawn. At 2 o'clock the statehood bill came up and there was a brisk exchange between Quay, who favors the omnibus bill, and senators who oppose it. Quay and Bate said they were ready to vote. Beveridge, Lodge, Hale and others protested against pressing the bill so soon after it was reported, and it went over until Monday.

Paris Exhibit at St. Louis.

Paris, Dec. 13.—The prefect of the Seine has submitted to the municipal council a memorial on the advantages to be gained by a liberal representation of Paris at the St. Louis exposition, and asking for an appropriation of $36,000, which it is expected the council will grant. The memorial points out the Franco-American character of the exposition and urges a Parisian representation which will exceed in its artistic nature that of the Chicago world's fair.

Build Up Japan's Navy.

Tokio, Japan, Dec. 13.— The question of Japan expanding her navy is still unsettled, though it is said to be obliged, as part of the secret conditions attached to the conclusion of the Anglo-Japanese alliance. Marquis Ito, the ex-Premier, is taking a deep interest in the matter, and is endeavoring to compromise the difficulties among the political parties with a view to effecting the expansion without having recourse to the continuance of the land tax.

Accept the Goldsboro.

Washington, Dec. 13. — Robert T. Platt, of Portland, representing the receivers of the Wolff & Zwicker shipbuilding company, called on Secretary Moody today in company with Senator Simon, for the purpose of inducing the department to accept the torpedo boat Goldsboro for the unpaid balance of $20,000. He urged that, as the Goldsboro now makes as great speed as other vessels of that same plan, 28.1 knots, it should be acceptable to the government.

Diamonds Stolen from Hotel.

Chicago, Dec. 13.—Mrs. Charles H. Blackman, a wealthy widow residing in the Kenwood hotel, has been robbed of $6,000 worth of diamonds. The jewels were taken from her room in the hotel in daylight, and while the parlor, a short distance away, was filled with people. There is no clew to the thief.

TREATY IS SIGNED

TERMS OF RECIPROCITY ARRANGED BY DIPLOMATS AT HAVANA.

Must Now Be Approved by United States and Cuban Senates — Uniform Reduction of 20 Per Cent, With Specials by Each Country on Many Products — No Further Changes Likely.

Havana, Dec 12.—A definite treaty of commercial reciprocity between Cuba and the United States was signed at 11 o'clock last night by General Bliss and Secretaries Zaldo and Montes. It lacks only the signatures of Secretary Hay and Senor Quesada, and the approval of the United States and Cuban senates to make it operative.

Although the treaty provides for a uniform reduction of 20 per cent from the present tariff charges on Cuban products entering the United States, a parallel list of products has been drawn up in which is set forth the reduction on each item made by Cuba and the United States respectively. It is impossible now to make any material change in this list.

HAY HURRIES COLOMBIA.

Calls for Quicker Action in Panama Canal Negotiations.

Washington, Dec. 15.—At the instance of Secretary Hay, Dr. Herran, Colombian charge d'affaires, called at the state department to discuss the canal treaty negotiations, that the secretary might be able to report the exact status of the canal situation to the cabinet. Dr. Herran was unable to give the secretary any reply from the Bogota government as to the price which Colombia will accept for the lease.

It was explained to Dr. Herran that, in view of the many other weighty diplomatic matters pressing for attention at this time, and the growing impatience at the capitol at the delay in the conclusion of the canal convention, immediate action by the Bogota government was imperative.

Dr. Herran today cabled the foreign office at Bogota the wishes of the state department, and called attention to serious complications that may arise out of the Venezuelan situation.

BANK ROBBERS' BIG HAUL.

They Capture $30,000 in New Mexico and Escape to the Mountains.

St. Louis, Dec. 15.—A special to the Globe-Democrat from Santa Fe, N. M., says:

A report reached Santa Fe late this afternoon that the private bank of Hillsboro, Sierra county, was held up by robbers, who escaped with considerable booty, as but a short time before cattlemen had deposited $30,000.

The deed was done in broad daylight. The robbers made for the northern part of the county. After midnight three men were heard galloping at a furious rate through Fairview, a mining camp, and were headed for the Black Range. A sheriff's posse is in pursuit.

The bank is owned by Pennsylvania capitalists, and is doing a large business. Hillsboro is off the railroad line, the nearest point being Lake Valley, a number of miles to the north. There is no telegraphic communication.

MEXICO IS INTERESTED.

Watching to See How Far the Monroe Doctrine Will Reach.

City of Mexico, Dec. 15.—El Imparcial, the Liberal newspaper, in discussing the Venezuelan troubles, sees in the attitude of Germany and England an attempt to try how far reaching is the shadow, for some threatening, for others protecting, of the Monroe doctrine. Therefore all eyes are now turned toward the capitol at Washington, for the situation may perhaps become very difficult for the American government.

The Mexican Herald says that blood is thicker than water for the Latins as well as for the Anglo-Celts, and that Latin America looks on at the present crisis with anxiety.

New Minister to Japan.

Washington, Dec. 15.—Secretary Hay has received a cablegram from John Barrett, dated Calcutta, stating that he regarded it his duty to continue his connection with the St. Louis exposition, and, therefore, declining the Japanese mission, which had been tendered him. It is understood that Lloyd Griscom, Jr., now minister to Persia, who was charge d'affaires at Constantinople, and in that capacity did much to effect a settlement of the American claims, will be the successor to the late Minister Buck.

Silver Issue in Mexico.

Mexico City, Dec. 15. — The silver question continues to be one of the great topics of public discussion. It is now certain that the silver miners and farming classes will make common cause against the adoption of the gold standard. Meantime all prices are being raised, and there is much anxiety among the middle classes, especially wage earners and salaried men. The cost of living is considered to be out of proportion to incomes.

French Banks Losing Deposits.

New York, Dec. 15.—The withdrawals from the savings banks, says a Paris dispatch to the Times by way of London, in the last 10 days have amounted to $2,000,000, as against $500,000 deposited in the banks. Since the beginning of the year the withdrawals have exceeded the deposits by $25,800,000.