## CURRENT EVENTS OF THE DAY

Epitome of the Telegraphic in Washington, according to the corre-News of the World.

An Interesting Collection of Items From Condensed and Comprehensive Form

The celebration in honor of Oregon's martyred missionary, Dr. Marcus Whitman, was begun in Walla Walla, Wash., Monday. Large crowds were in attendance. The opening address was made protest against the measure. by Rev. L. H. Hallock. A monument is to be erected over the grave of Dr.

fying the treaty, or by legislation.

Ex-Senator Corbett and wife of, Orethe session. The Post, of that city, says that the committee on elections the session and report favorably on Cor- turbed over the outlook. bett's case, and that party lines will Dr. Van Hollenben, the new Gernot be be sharply drawn, which will man ambassador to the United States,

The engine backed down to get the dedead bodies, and also rescued two brakemen, in an unconscious condition. cattle and beef. Three members of the searching party were also overcome, but were rescued will direct its efforts in the direction by another party. The tunnel was of securing the repeal of the bounty arises from the hard coal used by the locomotives.

Colonel Domville, M. P., who went north in the interest of the Klonkide. have been made already by the Ger-Yukon Stewart Company, of London, man authorities. It is not likely, howsays his company will build a wagon ever, that the president will recomroad through White pass, placing steel mend any restriction of the tariff law, bridges over the canyons. Work is to commence immediately, and the road the German government can secure an is to be ready by February. They will advantage for her industries would be build steamers to run from Lake Ben- to enter into a reciprocity agreement. nett to White Horse rapids, around which they will have a tramway. From the end of this trawmay they will have steamers to run direct to Dawson. peror, who favors the agrarian party These steamers, he says, will be ready upon their proposition to be submitted. when the river opens. The wagon road So far as they have gone the outlook is White pass is to be followed not favorable. immediately by a railway.

One of the bills that will be pushed in the coming session of congress is Frightful Mortality Among the Cuban that introduced by Representative Shafroth, of Colorado, which provides for changing the time when congress shall meet. It is a very sensible bill, and ought to be passed. The first session of congress after an election would be in the January following the election sons; but every painful fact unearthed in November. This session could last tends to prove them nearly double that as long as would be necessary. The congress elected in November could all in it is now almost certain that this legislate before another election was on hand. The second session could meet in December previous to the coming congressional election, and the congress would expire before the election took of women and children who died of explace. As the matter now stands the posure, disease and massacre in the first session of congress is given over to swamps. politics by representatives who wish to be re-elected. The short session is often a discredited and defeated congress and oftentimes enacts very bad legislation because it will not be called to account before the people. Possibly, Mr. Shafroth's bill will get a hearing, though such reforms as this move very slowly.

many letters regarding the postal-sav- crated ground, and they do not give ings bank proposition strongly urged by him in his annual report.

death pronounced on 10 of the police sons. officers and policemen concerned in the The number of people for whose exbutchery of the hapless wretch whose istence Weyler is directly responsible audacious attempt on the president's is 155,132, in Santa Clara province. life caused so profound a sensation And of these he has killed 86,216, or there. The jury was out over seven over one-half of them. Santa Clara

of the Behring sea negotiations not cattle and not a very thick population. heretofore disclosed is that in the event Between it and the 53 per cent admitthat Great Britain and Canada consent ted dead in Pinar del Rio are the provto a suspension of pelagic scaling for one year, the United States for the same time will agree to a suspension ively. These percentages are estabof all taking of seals for one year on lished by the actual figures of some 30 Pribyloff islands, constituting the cities and towns. Applied to the den-American seal possessions in Behring ser populations of their respective ask congress, when that body convenes,

Ex-Governor Crittenden, of Missouri, who was consul-general to Mexico under the last Cleveland administration, announces that he will leave TO SHUT US OUT.

France Will Put High Duties on Certain American Goods.

New York, Dec. 1 .- The authorities spondent of the Herald, have been informed that France, while ostensibly engaged in negotiations with this government for a reciprocity treaty, is tak-TERSE TICKS FROM THE WIRES ing steps to place a prohibitory tariff upon some American products. The state department has been notified that a bill is pending in the legislative asthe New and the Old World In a sembly of France imposing a high duty upon certain products, which will practically make that country a closed market, so far as the United States is concerned. Ambassador Porter probably will be requested to make an earnest

This bill may cause the authorties here to go slow in negotiations for the reciprocity agreement. The department has received no reply to its propo-Senator Lodge, of the committee on sition that in exchange for a lower tariff foreign relations, was at the state de- on French wines the French governpartment early in the week. He would ment shall remove the prohibition say nothing about the Cuban situation against the importation of American except that the committee had accom- cattle. Unless this concession be grantplished a great deal. The first business ed, the measure referred to may be dewould be to confirm the annexation of feated and the reciprocity negotiaitons Hawaii, which would be done by rati- come to naught. Should this happen, the French government may retaliate by imposing the maximum tariff under gon, have arrived in Washington for its laws upon American products which now enter under the minimum tariff. As these products are few, however, will hold a meeting the first week of the authorities are not greatly dis-

mean that Corbett would get his seat. will be formally presented to the president tomorrow. He is expected to Asphyxiation caused the death of make representations in regard to the three men in the Grand Trunk railway tariff. The state department is intunnel at Port Huron, Mich. The formed that Baron you Hollenben's intrain which was being hauled through structions contain propositions desigto the Canadian side, broke in two. nated to lead to a reciprocity arrangement. It is believed the United States tached portion of the train, but for will require in return for any conceshours nothing was heard of the crew. sion the removal or abatement at least Finally a searching party found the of restrictions now imposed upon the importation into Germany of American

The German government, of course, section of the tariff law, which clearly affects Germany's sugar interests. Many representations on this subject and apparently the only way in which

Officials are speculating on the attitude of the agrarian interests of the German empire and the German em-

MASSACRE OF INNOCENTS.

New York, Dec. 1 .- A dispatch to the World from Havana says: The World's first figures of Cuba's starvation were timidly moderate. They showed the deaths of only 200,000 pernumber. When the grim returns are Cuban massacre of the innocents will reach 400,000. And this awful number does not include those killed in battle or the thousands and thousands

It now seems certain that more than half a million people, for the most part loyal subjects of Spain, have been killed by the Spanish war in Cuba. A week's trip through the provinces of Havana, Matanzas and Santa Clara has tended to make moderate this tremendous extreme figure.

The figures of Spanish official reports show but a part of the mortality. They Postmaster-General Gary is receiving only give the number buried in consethat fully. And yet these official ultra-Spanish reports of burial permits The great trial of Arroyo's murder- issued admit that in the province of ers is over, at the City of Mexico, hav- Santa Clara there have died and been ing terminated with the sentence of buried since Weyler's fiat, 71,847 per-

has so far been by far the least desti-One of the most important features tute of the provinces. It has many inces of Matanzas and Havana, with a 60 and 70 per cent mortality respectmillion ..

Flight of the Fast Mail.

Omaha, Neb., Dec. 1 .- The Union Kansas City next week for San An- Pacific has made a record for fast runtonio, Tex., where he will be joined by ning. A mail train has been shot W. J. Bryan and Mrs. Bryan, and that across the country from Cheyenne to the three will depart from San Antonio Council Bluffs, 519 miles, in 599 on a week's tour of Mexico. Aided by minutes. This is the actual elapsed the ex-consul's knowledge of the people time, and includes all stops. Engines and country, Mr. Bryan will make a were changed twice and one engineer sareful study of Mexico's financial sys- was relieved. All the regular stops

Bear Sails North to Relieve Ice Bound Whalers.

CAPTAIN TUTTLE CONFIDENT

The Cutter Will Endeavor to Reach Sledge Island-Overland Journey May Start at Point Rodney.

Port Townsend, Nov. 30. - The United States revenue outter Bear sailed tonight, carrying succor to the Northern shore of Alaska, between Point Barrow and Herschel island.

The Bear's first stopping place is uncertain, depending upon the extent to capsized, all the rest of the ship's comwhich Behring sea is closed by ice. Captain Tuttle will, however, go as far north as possible in his endeavor to reach Sledge island, which is 50 miles south of Port Clarence and five or six miles off the mainland. It will be easy to cross from there over the ice to Point Rodney. The chance of getting to Sledge island lies in the fact that it is in the lee of Point Rodney, which sweeps off the ice carried down by the north wind, making a sheltered stretch Ruth, Cornwall, where she pounded all of water. From Sledge island, the party that is to proceed overland to This morning the bodies of the captain Point Barrow, under the leadership of and seamen, all wearing lifebelts, were Lieutenant Jarvis, will cross over to washed ashore. Point Rodney. From there the party will go to Port Clarence, where there is a band of reindeer.

The length of the overland journey Having landed the overland party, the Bear will go into winter quarthe event that the Bear cannot reach which he thought he could land the dated. overland expedition. He would not tell Bear goes provisioned for one year. Captain Tuttle and his officers are very Goodwin sands. hopeful of the success of their mission.

BURNED AT THE STAKE.

Terrible Fate of a Negro Murderer in North Carolina.

boy was brutally murdered by a negro, near here last Thursday.

During the fall, a party of farmers knee deep. had been fishing on Cherry Grove Six vessels were wrecked between teach, near Little River, S. C. Mon-Yarmouth and Bacton, only a few boys, named Stevens, left for his home 25 lives were lost. on the Waccamaw river, with an ox beach.

It was learned that a negro, Nathan Willis, had borrowed a gun and left out 30 miles south of London, have the beach shortly after Stevens' son had departed for home. A posse was organized by the sheriff, and Willis was traced about 30 miles to Town Creek, N. C., where he was found last Wednesday, having in his possession Stevens' ox, cart and cloth hat full of shotholes. He was carried by the sheriff and posse on Thanksgiving day back into South Carolina.

Reports come today that Willis was aken from the sheriff on Thursday night by a mob of infuriated farmers and carried into the woods, where he was chained between two pine trees. Light wood was piled around him, and he was burned to death.

The place is so far in the country

TROUBLE IS BREWING

Captain Howe Advises Wichita Boomers to Defy the Law.

Kansas City, Nov. 80 .- A special to the Times from Wichita, Kan., says: Captain E. L. Howe has designated January 10 as the day for his boomers to move upon the Wichita reservation, if no step toward opening it has been taken by congress by that date. The instructions of Secretary Bliss that the Indian police be reinforced by regular troops if necessary has made Howe fur-

"Damn the Indian police," said Howe today, in advising his men. "All we want is our right according to law, and the law allows us to go into the Wichita mountains. We propose to go about the matter peaceably. We shall provinces, the total deaths since Wey-ler's "bando" will foot up nearly a go into the mountains and take claims. We shall wait a reasonable time, and if our petition is not granted, we shall move upon the land. We have the men to do it, and if these Indian police, or Agent Baldwin interferes, there will be graves all over the reservation, and many a regular will lie down with the rest, too, if the federal troops interfere. This is no time to agitate the matter, but the federal authorities may as well be informed as to our intenSWEPT BY THE GALE

A Fearful Storm Raging Off the English Coast.

London, Dec. 1 .- The gale which swept the English coast yesterday, doing great damage at many places, raged all night. In many places it was almost cyclonic in its violence, and the long list of disasters includes a large loss of life, many wrecks of large vessels and the loss of scores, if not hundreds of smaller craft, with serious damage to property ashore at many im portant towns.

At Norfolk, Bacton and Happisburg five vessels, as yet unidentified, went down and the crews of all perished. A number of bodies have been washed ashore near Yarmouth. The brig whaling fleet imprisoned in the icy Rugby was wrecked off Hemsby. The fastnesses of the Arctic ocean on the coast guard made desperate efforts to save the crew, and succeeded in getting a line on board. A dying woman was "rocketed" in safety, and then the brig pany perishing.

A large steam collier dashed upon Flamborough head, the famous promontory on the North sea coast, floated off, and then foundered, with all on board.

A steamer not identified was wrecked on the Birdlengton sands, with her

entire company. Last evening the steamer Rose of Devon went on the rocks near Red night long, her crew of 12 perishing.

The British ship Larnica, Captain Burgess, was driven ashore near Fleetwood, at the entrance of Moretown bay, about 18 miles northwest of Preston. will depend on the starting point. At The crew were saved, but the position the best it will be in the neighborhood of the vessel is dangerous. She left St. of 1,000 miles. The shore will be followed closely all the way to Point Barwood.

Phenomenally high tides are reported in many localities. The district near ters at the nearest place of shelter. In the mouth of the Thames has suffered severely, several townships being partly Sledge island, Captain Tuttle said that submerged. The Sherness dockyard there was a point he knew of from and the Woolwich arsenal were inun-

Scarcely a vestige remains in sight of where this spot was for the reason that Lord Nelson's old flagship, the Foudroyhe might also fai. to reach it. The ant, long fast in the sands of Blackpool. There is a lot of wreckage near the

Immense damage has been done to government property at Sherness dockyard and the Woolwich arsenal. Several thousand troops were hurriedly ordered out today to remove thousands of pounds' worth of ammunition and stores from the wharves and sheds to Southport, N. C., Nov. 30 .- A white places of safety. The tide continued to rise, and invaded some of the workand the murderer was burned to death shops, quenched the engines and by an infuriated mob of white farmers stopped the electric lights. The workmen were obliged to go home, wading

day, November 15, one of the farmer's miles apart, on the Norfolk coast, and The brig Vedra stranded at Bacton.

and cart. He carried a package of The storm tore out her masts, and when money. The father of Stevens went the rocket line was fired, the crew was home, but found that nothing had been unable to haul it in. Finally the line heard of his son since he had left the dragged them into the surf, and three out of seven were drowned.

Rochester and Strood, on the Midway, suffered severely. At Rochester the gas works are flooded and the town is in darkness; the gale is now traveling southward and traversing various parts of the Continent. Very rough weather is reported along the north coast of France.

A dispatch from Liverpool says that during the gale the Russian ship Nikolai, Captain Karlsen, stranded on a treacherous bank near Formboy, south of Southport. After fearful experiences her sails were blown away and the vessel was so damaged as to be uncontrollable. One of the crew, a man named Karlston, was swept overboard and drowned. The captain says no one on board slept for four days. that further details could not be The vessel will probably become a

DEATH AND DESTRUCTION.

Blaze on Lake Steamer Extends to Docks, With Fearful Results.

Escanaba, Mich., Dec. 1 .- Late tonight a fire broke out on the steamer Nahanta, and before it could be controlled it spread to the ore docks, the largest in the world. Two of the docks are on fire, and the others are threatened with destruction. Two of the crew of the steamer, whose names cannot be learned, are known to be lost, and several others injured. The steamer was lying at the dock loading ore. Shortly before midnight, the crew discovered that the vessel was on fire. The crew made every effort to quench the flames, but a brisk wind was blowing and spread the fire with great rapidity. From the steamer the fire spread to Dock No. 4, which was partly loaded with ore and lumber. The lumber was soon a mass of flames, and from this it spread to the next dock. The fire is still burning fiercely. The loss will be fully \$300,000.

United States Warns Germany.

Berlin, Nov. 30 .- The state department at Washington has requested Ambassador White to ascertain the intentions of Germany with respect to the cliams of Herr Luder, whose recent imprisonment in Hayti caused friction between the German and Haytian gov-

## HAVANA PALACE FIRED UPON

Insurgents Also Loot Several Houses and Stores.

SPANISH SOLDIERS STARVING

An Unsuccessful Attempt Made to Rescue Rivera-General Blanco's General Shake-Up Excites Havana.

New York, Nov. 29 .- On Sunday morning, for the first time in the history of the Cuban war, rebel bullets sought the palace in Havana, says a dispatch to the Herald from Havana. The shots came from Casa Blanca, 600 yards across the entrance to the harbor, and while no one was hurt, the palace, with its electric lights, was a shining mark, and must have been hit. The Spanish authorities attempt to make light of the affair, but at the same time reporter for La Lucha who wrote up and attetmpted to publish the facts in the case, was put in prison.

The attack on Casa Blanca was made by Brigadier-General Cardenas and 50 rebels. They entered the town shortly before midnight on horseback, and at the end of an hour each man led out of town a horse with one extra head appropriated, laden with clothing, provisions, silver plate and money. Before they left they sent two volleys across the narrow harbor entrance at the palace, then cooly went to a friend's house inside the Spanish lines and took supper. All this was under the guns of Cabanas and Moro.

It is learned from an inside source that the object of the rebels was to re- traders were blown ashore and their lease General Ruiz Rivera, and hang a citizen named Fumiro who is known as a spy. They failed in the first object only because of some misconception of the appointed time on the part of confederates within the prison with whom arrangements had been made to admit them into the fortress. Fumiro managed to escape across the harbor.

The whole affair was well planned. General Cardenas came in the early evening with two columns along the seashore, and at 10 o'clock the men followed. They first visited Cabanas. Whey they saw that the arrangement had failed, the rebels went after Fumire. He fled across the harbor and the rebels did not dare to follow. Then the rebels went to Casa de los Frailes, the priest's house, where they took blankets, silver plate and money.

This house is close to Moro castle. the store of Fumiro, securing some sioned officer of the United States gold. They also looted other stores, army. All except Thornton and Mel-Working as quietly as possible, they lin were members of the National approached a cavalry outpost, securing Guard of this district. several norses.

the Spaniards for the first time, but by that six rebels entered the town.

stricken and locked themselves in their entering the town. The lines have been strengthened all about Havana.

Correspondence received from the east states that General Gomez is mass- Burke's arm. ing men near Sagua, and is preparing to march westward to strike a potent blow before congress meets. Unusual activity of the rebels is reported from all quarters. The Spaniards are also making preparations for action, but as yet each avoids the other. Where and in what manner the blow that is coming will fall cannot be predicted, but it the commandant of the post,

is more surely coming than autonomy. General J. M. Rodriguez, commandin-chief of the western provinces, is out in a manifesto stating that he will accept nothing but independence. He contrasts the treatment of Cuban prisoners with that of Spanish prisoners, and says only the Spaniards under arms are considered as enemies. He promises equal rights to other Spaniards if independence is gained.

General Blanco's general shake-up of the police force throughout the island is causing some excitement. The heads of departments of police were nearly all changed. Wherever fraud or undue cruelty was discovered drastic measures were taken. Secretary-General Congosto's knowledge and experience gained in America are of valuable assistance in this direction. Special reports from the Herald correspondents the Spanish soldiers are as badly off as by circumstances to beg from door to door. General Blanco is making every effort to relieve their condition, and to reform the hospital service.

Vienna, Nov. 29 .- The unparalleled violence in the lower house of the reichsrath yesterday is about the only subject of conversation throughout Austria today. The German progressist party has published a note expressing any responsibility for it.

APPALLING DISASTER.

Tornado in the Philippines Swept Thousands to Death.

San Francisco, Nov. 30 .- The typhoon which swept over the Philippine islands, October 6, caused one of the worst disasters reported from the southern ocean in many years, if not in the history of that section of the world. Thousands of lives were lost, including many Europeans, and the damage to property was something appalling.

Telegraphic advices concerning the calamity have been very meager. The difficulty of getting news from the islands is great at any time, and, owing to the remoteness of some prov-inces visited by the hurricane, full details of the storm did not reach Hong Kong until November 1.

The steamer Gaelie, from the Orient, today brought letters and papers which contain accounts of the ravages of the tidal wave and wind. Whole towns were swept or blown away. Fully 500 Europeans were killed, and it is e-timated that 6,000 natives perished.

The storm first struck the islands at the Bay of Santa Paula, in the province of Samar. It devastated the entire southern portion of the island.

On the 12th, a hurricane reached Leyte, and struck the capital, Tacloban, with great fury.

In less than half an hour the town was a mass of ruins. The natives were panic-stricken. Four hundred of them were buried beneath the debris of wrecked buildings, and 120 corpses of Europeans were recovered from the ruins when the native authorities instituted a search for the dead.

Reports from the southern coast were received which claimed that a score of small trading vessels and two Sydney crews drowned.

The sea swept inland nearly a mile, destroying property valued at several million dollars, and causing wholesale deaths among the natives.

VICTIM OF CANNIBALS.

Fate of Two Washingtonians in Congo Free State.

Washington, Nov. 30 .- A startling and horrible story of the killing of two Washingtonians and the mutilation of the bodies by natives of the Congo Free State has just been received here in a letter to Leo Harman, of this city. The men were members of a party which, during November and December, 1894, went from this city to enlist in the Belgian army, for service in the Congo. The party included Lindsay Burke, Frank Batchelor, Barry R. An-The priest made a great outcry, but no drews, Harry Sparlin and a Mr. Melsoldiers came. Then the rebels sacked lin, who was at one time a noncommis-

For two hours they enjoyed them- Burke and a party of 50 natives, who selves, then rode to the barbor and fired were sent out in December, 1896, to two volleys at the palace. This aroused dislodge a band of natives who revolted, were ambushed and killed. An the time troops turned out the rebels Arab, who was with the command, but had gone. The authorities made every was some distance off at the time of effort to suppress the details of this the ambush, states that Burke was raid, though an official report admitted dead before the natives reached him, and that the most hideous looking lit-The rebels approached and fired upon the men he ever saw walked up and cut Mariana last night. There was great Burke's head off with one blow of a excitement. The volunteers were called knife. The chief then began to slice out, and with the troops returned the pieces of his legs and arms and to disrebel fire. The residents were panic- tribute them among his followers. There were so many of the natives that houses. The rebels did not succeed in the pieces were very small, and before they had concluded, there was a fight to see who would get the remainder, The natives then left, one carrying off

Windeye, a New Yorker, who had command of another detachment of soldiers sent out on the same errand, arrived a few hours after the natives left. Windeye gathered up the remains of Burke and buried them. When he learned the strength of the rebels, he hurried back to Michau and notified'

The other Washingtonian who lost his life was killed March 1, when the troops, under the command of Baron Dhanis, revolted near Kabanbarre, and assassinated a number of officers of their regiment, among them being Mellin. The body of Mellin was butchered beyond recognition. His heart was cut out and burned.

The situation is said to be precarious, and a relief expedition has been sent to the rescue. Mr. Gage, another American, is very sick at Vangine.

Will Accept Aid From America.

Washington, Nov. 30.-In conse quence of the widespread destitution among the people who have been concentrated at certain points in Cuba, the governor-general of the island has informed Consul-General Lee that United States citizens who desire to send supin various parts of the island state that plies to the poor and needy in Cuba should send them to the Catholic bishthe pacificos and concentrados. In ops at the nearest point of collection, many places the troops have been forced and these prelates would in turn consign whatever might be sent to the bishops of the island at Havana and Santiago de Cuba for distribution.

Fatal Boiler Explosion.

Halifax, N. S., Nov. 30 .- The explosion of a boiler at the Gold Lakemines, East Halifax, caused the death of the manager of the mine, Daniel Phail, and James Hennessey and John Mc-Isaac, their bodies being terribly torn by flying wreckage of the boiler. regret at the outbreak, and disclaiming Hennessey and McIsaac were testing