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CURRENT EVENTS OF THE DAY

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TERSE TICKS FROM THE WIRES

An interesting collection of items from the New and the Old World in a condensed and comprehensive form. Wheat fell over 7 cents per bushel in Chicago Monday.

Senator White of California has introduced a bill in congress to strengthen the eight-hour law as applicable to government work.

The controller of the currency has declared a dividend of 10 per cent in favor of depositors of the Moscow National bank, Moscow, Idaho.

Judge Sanborn in the court of appeals at St. Louis has granted a postponement of the proposed sale of the Kansas Pacific for 60 days.

One of the interesting items in the agricultural appropriation bill is provision for \$10,000 for an agricultural experiment station in Alaska.

Brigadier-General Otis, stationed at Denver, has received a telegram from Fort Duchesne stating that all the Ute Indians have returned to their reservation.

A dispatch from Havana states that Gomez is being hard pushed by a Spanish column under command of General Príncipe, in the province of Puerto Principe.

George C. Green, a carpenter of Modesto, Cal., fatally shot his wife and wounded his daughter, Mrs. W. E. Liedman with a revolver. He then turned the revolver upon himself, but only inflicted a scalp wound.

The agricultural department issues the following: A special wheat investigation instituted by the department of agriculture indicates a crop of 530,000,000 bushels. These figures are subject to slight modification in the final report.

The legislative, executive and judicial appropriation bill, as reported to the house by the committee on appropriations, carries a total of \$21,662,425, being \$780,861 less than the former bill. The number of salaries provided for is 10,000, being 198 less than the number provided for in the current law.

Hans Frohman "curled" a pair of eight-pound dumb-bells 14,000 times in an hour and 45 minutes in a New York gymnasium. When he had finished his 12,000 curl in one hour and 20 minutes, it was proposed that Frohman stop, but he insisted on continuing, and executed the 14,000th curl in the time stated.

It is announced St. Louis will soon have a new \$2,000,000 hotel. Several Chicagoans will furnish the necessary capital. The hotel is to be the most modern structure of the kind west of the Mississippi. The company hopes to close all contracts and commence construction next season.

The United States supreme court has rendered a decision in the case of Thomas Bram, under sentence of death in Massachusetts for murder committed at sea. He was accused of murdering the captain, mate and captain's wife of a vessel bound for South America. The opinion reversed the decision of the court below on the ground that Bram's testimony should not have been admitted.

A vessel has sailed from Portsmouth, N. H., for the Klondike.

The National Guard asks for an appropriation of \$2,000,000.

There is a possibility of a rate war between Western railroads.

A party has left San Francisco to survey a new route to the Klondike.

At Salinas, Cal., two burglars cleverly jailed the jailer and a deputy sheriff.

A tremendous rich gold strike is reported on Dog creek, a tributary of the Yukon.

The son of a New York millionaire died in the county hospital in San Francisco.

The Georgia senate wants to send state convicts to Cuba to fight for the insurgents.

Senator Perkins has introduced a joint resolution authorizing the president to appoint a committee to draft a code of laws for the territory of Alaska.

The man who helped hang Frank Butler, the "murderer of the mountains," in Australia, was arrested in San Francisco, accused of larceny of a coat.

One of the most horrible lynchings ever known in Nevada has occurred at Genoa, 14 miles from Carson. Aram Uber, who last week shot and killed Hans Anderson in a Millerville saloon, was taken by a mob of masked men and hanged to a cottonwood tree half a mile from the jail. When taken from his cell, the victim had nothing on but a shirt. This was torn off by the lynchers, and the nude body was left dangling in the air for six hours. As the body was being pulled up the mob riddled it with bullets. When satisfied that the man was dead the vigilantes dispersed and returned to their homes.

AFTER THE HOLIDAYS.

Meeting to Consider the Corbett Case Postponed.

Washington, Dec. 16.—The meeting of the senate committee on privileges and elections, which was called for today to consider the application of Hon. H. W. Corbett, to be seated as senator from Oregon, was postponed to a future date upon the call of the chairman.

Senator Chandler, who is chairman of the committee, announced the substitution of Senator Turley for Senator Faulkner, as a member of the committee, as the reason for the postponement. He said it was probable that no meeting would be held until after the holidays, as Mr. Turley is unfamiliar with the facts in the case.

The house today, after a session of about two hours, adjourned out of sympathy for the president, whose mother was buried at Canton this afternoon. The time of the session was devoted to consideration of the legislative, executive and judicial appropriation bill. It was decided to postpone consideration of the item providing for the maintenance of the civil service commission until after the other features of the bill had been considered. It was apparent from the remarks made today that the subject would be exhaustively debated. There is seemingly no disposition to curtail the discussion, and it probably will not be concluded before the holiday recess. So absorbing is the topic that almost the entire time today, despite the fact that the consideration of the question had been technically postponed, was consumed in the debate upon it.

The senate, after a brief session, on motion of Hoar, adjourned out of respect to the president. No business was transacted beyond the introduction of bills and resolutions.

LIKELY TO BE LIBERAL.

Canadian Customs Regulations May Be Modified.

Ottawa, Dec. 16.—A meeting of the Yukon committee of the cabinet was held last night. Although no report has been adopted by the committee, it is understood that customs regulations to foreigners entering the Klondike will be made as liberal as possible. The members of the committee and of the cabinet recognize and appreciate the handsome way in which the United States government met the wishes of the Canadian government in establishing customs ports as Dyea and Skagway, to the great convenience of all parties going to the interior. In many other ways the kindness of the United States government is being mentioned in this connection as the work of the committee is progressing.

The committee will recommend a change in the size of claims, and also the grouping of alternate claims.

TO KLONDIKE VIA CAPE HORN

Seventy-Five Gold-Seekers to Sail From New York.

New York, Dec. 16.—When the steamship City of Columbia sails down the bay this morning for St. Michaels she will have on board 75 goldseekers bound for the Klondike. Coal, provisions and clothing are being hurried on board, farewells exchanged and the last touches added for the cruise of 19,500 miles.

The voyage to Seattle will be made in about 70 days, the officers say. Four hundred more Klondikers will board the Columbia at that point. Otto E. Stoelcker, a nephew of ex-secretary of the Navy Herbert, is in the party. Captain Baker, who took the gunboat El Cid to Rio de Janeiro during the Brazilian uprising, is in command.

At St. Michaels the passengers will be transferred to river steamers, and the Columbia will return to Seattle. This party expects to be the first into Dawson City in the spring.

OBJECTIONS WERE OVERCOME

End of a Rather Romantic Courtship in Walla Walla.

Walla Walla, Dec. 16.—The finale of a somewhat romantic courtship was witnessed yesterday in Justice Huffman's court, when the magistrate united in marriage Mr. Thomas C. Stearns and Miss Minnie M. Herman, both of Eureka Flat.

A few weeks ago Sheriff Ellingsworth was called out to Eureka Junction late at night by the alarming news that a man was trying to commit murder. The sheriff brought Thomas C. Stearns to the city, and Mr. Herman entered complaint against him, but upon investigation of the facts, prosecuting Attorney Sharpstein ordered Stearns released, as he thought it unnecessary to prosecute him.

It appears that Stearns was a suitor for the hand of Miss Herman, but her father objected to him, and announced his determination of breaking up the match. It was then that Stearns, intoxicated with love, swore vengeance upon the old man, and was arrested.

Whether or not this incident caused the father to relent, is not known, but Stearns ingratiated himself into his good graces, and yesterday Mr. Herman accompanied Stearns to the city and gave his written consent to Auditor McGuire for the issuance of a license for the marriage of his daughter, who is but 17 years of age, to Mr. Stearns.

BATTLE ON THE FRONTIER

Part of the British Force Cut Off by Tribesmen.

WERE CONVEYING WOUNDED

Compelled to Cut Their Way Out—Their Losses Were Heavy—The Enemy Lost But Few.

Simla, Dec. 16.—General Kempster's rear guard, according to official dispatches from the front, while transporting a number of wounded, was cut off by the tribesmen near Sher Khel and was obliged to trench for the night. In the morning there was severe fighting, but the British finally rushed the village and dislodged the enemy.

The Highlanders lost four killed and 14 wounded, and there were several casualties among the Sepoys before the rear guard of the British was finally relieved.

General Westmacott's brigade, in the march from the camp at Sber-Khel into the Sturi-Khel country, was in continuous action. The enemy closed up on the rear guard and kept firing at short range with great spirit. The British losses were heavy, and included Lieutenant West, of the Ghoorkas, who was killed, and Lieutenant Chaplar, who was wounded. Two other officers received injuries, and 40 men were killed or wounded.

The whole march down the Dara valley since the 8th inst. has been marked by incessant fighting, but the force has behaved admirably. The route was difficult in the extreme, through rain, mud and snow. Along the river the course was impeded by ravines and boulders, and the icy-cold stream had to be forded knee-deep 20 times. Twelve thousand transport animals, with numerous sick and wounded, encumbered the progress.

The casualties yesterday were about 50, and today about 10. The enemy has been severely punished in the recent encounter.

The disaster to General Kempster's rear guard was due to the animals becoming entangled in the rice fields at dusk. To increase the difficulty, the drivers and carriers opened kegs of rum and became hopelessly drunk. Many of the followers were numbed by the icy stream, and their feet were bruised by the boulders. Several men are still missing.

DEED OF A GERMAN FARMER

Fires a Load of Shot Into the Body of His Wife.

St. Louis, Dec. 15.—A special to the Globe-Democrat from San Antonio says: News was received today of a terrible tragedy which occurred in the settlement known as Friedtown, 40 miles north of here. Fred Barth, sr., a prosperous German farmer, without warning took his shotgun and, placing it at the back of his wife, fired a full load of shot into her.

Her daughter, upon hearing the shot, ran into the hall, and seeing her mother lying on the floor with her clothes burning, bent over her to extinguish the flames, when her father, who in the meantime had secured a razor, stepped up behind her, and remarking: "Now I will finish you also," took hold of her and attempted to cut her throat. His aim was too high, and he cut her from the ear down to the chin.

The girl ran out and called for help. When neighbors arrived they found that the man had cut the throat of his wife and had also cut both of his arms at the wrists. He was bleeding to death.

Barth was arrested and placed in jail. He assigns no cause for the deed. He is apparently sane.

ROBBER GANG CAUGHT.

Stein's Pass Bandits Are Surprised by Officers.

Silver City, N. M., Dec. 16.—Word has just been received here that Special Wells-Fargo Officer Thacker, assisted by a posse of deputy United States marshals under him, last night captured the entire gang of trainrobbers who last Thursday held up the Southern Pacific at Stein's pass, in the fight incident to which one robber was killed. At the time of the Stein's pass hold-up, the posse, which had been anticipating the attack, was congregated at Bowie, about 80 miles away. The trail of the robbers was immediately taken, and late last night the five remaining members of the gang were surrounded 25 miles this side of the Mexican line. The robbers were taken completely by surprise, and surrendered without a single shot being fired. The penalty for trainrobbery in New Mexico is death.

The Sealing Bills.

Washington, Dec. 16.—The administration bill to prohibit pelagic sealing will not be further urged in the house at present. There were signs of a hot conflict when Representative Hitt called up the bill the other day. It has been deemed best to wait the action of the senate, where a similar bill is pending, and to push the senate measure when it comes over rather than proceed with the house bill while the present antagonism exists.

STAMPEDE FAIRLY ON.

Fear-Mad Men Rush From Dawson and Famine.

Victoria, Dec. 15.—By the steamer Topeka, from Dyea, news is received that more than 1,000 ill-provisioned men stampeded from Dawson during the latter part of October, and impelled by the haunting fear of famine are now madly forcing their way over the mountains.

Auk, the Indian mailcarrier who brings this report, left the Yukon capital fully 10 days after the Dalton party. He says the vanguard of the terror-stricken army is following less than a week behind him. Auk declares that fully 25 per cent of the stampeding army will never live to reach the terrors of their flight from the North.

Dyea parties headed by George F. Ulmer hope to go to the relief of the hungry men at Dawson. They will make the United States government an offer to deliver 50,000 pounds of provisions within 50 days after starting for Dawson for the sum of \$75,000. They already have 50,000 pounds of provisions cached at Lake Bennett, which they will take into Dawson this winter. Ulmer will go south by the next steamer to lay his proposition before the secretary of war by wire.

It is stated that material for the proposed railroad over Taku pass has been shipped from the East.

The steamers Bella and Wear, it now appears, did not land more than 100 tons of provisions on their arrival in Dawson in the early part of October, owing to their having been held up at Circle City.

The only bright view of the present situation is that the trails crossing the passes above Dyea and Skagway have lately been greatly improved and within a month will be in excellent condition.

A Steamer for Alaska.

Tacoma, Wash., Dec. 15.—Already the rush to Alaska has set in. The City of Seattle having left Tacoma this morning for Skagway. Her passengers from the Sound will reach the hundred mark. Several women were on board. She carried a full cargo of freight.

A LIGHT DAY'S WORK.

Nothing of Importance Accomplished in the House or Senate.

Washington, Dec. 15.—Mr. Lodge, of Massachusetts, made an effort in the senate today to secure an immediate vote upon his immigration bill, which is substantially the same measure that was passed by the 54th congress and vetoed by President Cleveland. Mr. Allen, of Nebraska, objected to an immediate vote, and suggested that the final vote on the amendments and the bill be taken on that day, January 17, at 3 P. M. This suggestion was accepted by Mr. Lodge, and the order for a vote at that time was made.

Davis, chairman of the committee on foreign relations, called up the bill prohibiting the killing of fur seals in the North Pacific ocean, but on suggestion of Pettigrew, who desired to offer amendments, it went over until tomorrow.

The bill granting settlers the right to make second homestead entries of 160 acres was passed.

Butler spoke at some length on his postal savings bank bill. Such a system would, in his opinion, insure greater comfort in the homes of the plain people of the land, as a great majority of them would certainly become depositors in such banks. This would elevate among them thrift and economy, and enable them to provide for themselves in illness and old age.

In the House.

The blind chaplain of the house in his invocation today referred eloquently and feelingly to the death of the president's mother. Cannon, chairman of the committee on appropriations, secured unanimous consent for the passage of the urgent deficiency bill, which he explained carried but three items—\$5,000 for the construction of a building at the naval academy, \$30,000 for payment of temporary employees of the house and senate, and \$150,000 for the payment of mileage of senators and representatives.

The rest of the session was taken up by a personal debate between Hepburn and Norton, which ended by a vote sustaining Hepburn, and the house then adjourned.

Her Aim Was Good.

Sacramento, Dec. 15.—At an early hour Sunday morning a burglar entered the residence of Sergeant of Police McManus and proceeded to ransack the parlor. Mrs. McManus heard the burglar at his work, but decided not to wake her husband. She picked up a revolver from a table by the bed and awaited developments. In a few moments the burglar reached the swinging doors leading from the parlor into the room adjoining the bedroom, and when he opened the doors, she opened fire. He made his escape, but the trail of blood left showed that her aim was good.

Oklahoma Bank Failure.

El Reno, O. T., Dec. 15.—The Stock Exchange bank closed its doors this morning, and J. M. Cannon has been appointed receiver. The liabilities are stated to be \$50,000, and the assets are claimed to be worth \$70,000.

A LIGHTSHIP GOES ADRIPT

Was Discovered North of Her Station.

RESCUED BY THE MANZANITA

The Captain Did Not Know He Had Lost His Anchorage—Came Near Going Onto Clatsop Spit.

Astoria, Or., Dec. 14.—The Columbia river lightship, for the second time in three weeks, was towed into the harbor this evening, this time by the light-house tender Manzanita, Captain Gregory. She had a very narrow escape from wrecking on North beach last night, and both vessels nearly went on Clatsop spit this afternoon.

After the Manzanita made her second trip to the mouth of the river this morning, the following dispatch was received:

"Fort Canby, Dec. 14.—At midnight one of the Canby lifesaving crew went to the North head and burned signal lights. The lightship was then 12 miles north of her proper position and drifting inshore. At 1 o'clock this morning, the ships' lights went out, showing that the crew realized their danger and had probably got up steam and started their propeller. They are probably safe."

The tug relief also went down early this morning and, with the Manzanita, beat about until daylight. It was 11 o'clock before they could pass out; the Relief got out first. The lightship was then 10 miles north of her station and four miles off the cape. She was under steam and slowly making her way to the harbor. The Manzanita passed her a hawser and took her in tow.

At 1 o'clock, while coming in, the hawser snapped, throwing the Manzanita into the trough of a nasty sea. All hands feared the worst. The parted hawser got tangled up in the wheel of the lightship, rendering her helpless. For a few minutes, it seemed that both vessels must be thrown onto Clatsop spit, near the jetty. By tremendous exertion and heroic work on the part of the crew of both vessels the hawser of the lightship was passed to the Manzanita and the dangerous voyage again commenced. Slowly they made their way into the lower harbor, when again the hawser broke, near Fort Stevens. Once more a tow line was patched up, and at 5:45, the lightship dropped one of her small anchors abreast Smith's point, where she now lies in safety.

The captain of the lightship stated that he did not get adrift until midnight, Saturday. The Cape lookout reported him adrift at 4 o'clock in the afternoon and at midnight, 10 to 12 miles north of his station. The lightship lost 135 fathoms of chain and mushroom anchor. She will be refitted tomorrow.

The six vessels which were in the offing last night put to sea when the lightship's lamps were put out, and none of them could be seen this morning.

Sometime last night, the second mate, two sailors and an apprentice boy on the British bark Ochertvre deserted. They stole one of the ship's small boats and made their escape. Early this morning the sheriff was notified and started up Young's bay in search of the deserters. The boat was discovered by another party, on the Dwyer, and put into Hungry harbor, on the Washington shore, when the men saw they were pursued. When the pursuing steamer reached the shore, the boat was found with a hole in her bottom and brought back. The sheriff will go for the men at 5 o'clock tomorrow morning. The men took to the woods.

Collision in San Francisco Bay.

San Francisco, Dec. 14.—A ferry boat came in collision with the barkentine Bay City at 8:25 this morning. There was a heavy fog and strong tide at the time. The ferry-boat missed her slip and went in toward Mission-street dock. Her bow merely scraped the stern of the barkentine, but her guard struck it heavily on the starboard quarter, tearing the timbers and opening all the seams above the waterline. The barkentine was to have sailed tomorrow for Honolulu with a general cargo, but it will take considerable time to repair the damage.

May Lynch a White Man.

Albuquerque, Dec. 14.—A serious affray occurred at Seligman, Ariz., wherein Charles Carter was killed by Bill Fott. The latter claims that he was authorized by a constable to arrest Carter, and when the latter resisted, he shot him dead. Carter was very popular, and had a number of friends, who are threatening to lynch Fott. Trouble is almost hourly expected, and the sheriff of Yavapai county has collected a large posse to protect the body of Fott from violence at all hazards.

Murdered His Aged Father.

Cleveland, Dec. 14.—Patrick McKenna, an aged man, and his son, John, aged 36, while at the supper table this evening, quarreled. The father threw a knife at the son, and the latter struck the old man with a chair, inflicting injuries which caused death in a few minutes. The man was arrested.

MRS. M'KINLEY DEAD.

The President and Other Members of the Family at the Deathbed.

Canton, O., Dec. 14.—Mrs. Nancy Allison McKinley passed from this life at a few minutes past 2 this morning, with all her children and other immediate relatives at her bedside. She did not suffer any in her last hours, but gradually passed from the deep, palsied sleep, in which she had rested almost constantly for the past 10 days, into the state of death.

No word could be secured from the house for some hours before dissolution. At 2:35 an undertaker was summoned and the first publicity was given of the death.

The death was almost beautiful in its peacefulness. She seemed to sleep so soundly that it was difficult to tell whether she had yet breathed her last. This condition continued for half an hour. The president and all of the family were by her side.

There was no recognition, however. Her last consciousness was hours before her final taking away.

The tenth day of Mrs. McKinley's illness was marked by a number of material changes such as improved condition of the patient, and as darkness approached it was felt by those around her that she had finished the last day of her life's journey. She was resting comparatively easy at that time, but was a great deal weaker. At the dawn of day it was felt that the end was at hand, for about that time she experienced one of the sinking spells common to the illness, and for a long time seemed so nearly inanimate that it was thought no rally was possible; but the rally came, and with it a small amount of liquid nourishment, the first she had taken since Monday. This was followed by such peaceful repose as to revive the hope, which was realized, that she would live through the day.

In the afternoon another period of anxiety was experienced by the watchers. Another sinking spell came, and for a time it seemed as though it would be the last. After that, she continued weak and low.

The doctor called at 5:30 o'clock and reported that he found a material change for the worse, such as he regarded as certain to bring about final dissolution during the night. He had not even a faint hope that she could live until morning.

AN IMPROMPTU COURT.

Trying to Fix the Responsibility for the Smith Murders.

Hazellhurst, Miss., Dec. 14.—In an open field, without a house in sight, on a high hillside, with a crowd of eager men waiting to avenge the terrible murder that has taken place in Lawrence county, in case a conviction was reached by the impromptu court, the scene lighted by flaring pine-knot torches held aloft in the hands of the waiting mob, the three negroes, Giles Berry, Will Powell and Tom Wallen, were standing trial for their life last night at Bankstone Ferry.

The negroes were arrested with Lewis, who was lynched Friday, at the place of the original crime, but were released on their promise to appear next morning as witnesses. They did not put in an appearance when the trial was ready to begin. Search was made for them by the mob, and the negroes were caught and brought back. Then the suspicion that they were implicated in the original crime arose. According to their own story, they were with Lewis the night before. The three men testified that they slept in a cottonhouse a mile and a half from the Smith house, where the terrible butchery took place, and that Lewis was with them all night; at least he was there when they went to sleep and was there when they awoke the next morning.

There are about 200 men in the mob constituting a committee of the whole for the trial. Reliable reports today from a messenger who was at the scene say that the mob is very moderate in its acts, and has cooled down considerably. Berry and Wallen, though badly scared, maintain their denial of any complicity in the crime.

A telephone message from Hon. Walter Catchings, of Georgetown, states that two other negroes have been arrested on suspicion.

Wesson, Miss., Dec. 14.—The three negroes arrested in the Monticello neighborhood in connection with Charley Lewis, the negro lynched for the quintuple butchery of the Smith family, after a long trial were declared not guilty, but were given until Monday to leave the county.

Convicted of Wife Murder.

Bakersfield, Cal., Dec. 14.—David Davidson, the Randsburg wife-murderer, was today convicted of murder in the first degree, with the penalty of life imprisonment. He is said to be the son of a prominent St. Louis physician. The defense was insanity, and during the trial Davidson appeared oblivious to his surroundings, but experts declared that he was shamming.

Education of Deaf Children.

Washington, Dec. 14.—The house committee on education has reported favorably the bill to aid the educators in the states and territories in teaching articulate speech and vocal language to deaf children before the age of school age.