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EVENTS OF THE DAY

An Interesting Collection of Items From the Two Hemispheres Presented in a Condensed Form.

The powers have agreed to the joint note.

The Japanese gave Admiral Beardslee a reception.

Chicago police will prevent the Gans-McGovern fight.

Santa Fe strikers wish their differences arbitrated.

Five persons were killed in a train wreck in Montana.

Fire in Pekin destroyed the quarters of a number of officers.

Kitchener reports a running fight between Dewet and Knox.

Gompers will be re-elected president of the Federation of Labor.

The Santa Fe repudiates its relations with the telegraphers' union.

The American fleet in North China waters is reduced to two vessels.

The Irish Nationalist convention declared for the abolition of landlordism.

Washington's centennial anniversary was celebrated with imposing ceremonies.

Full particulars have been received of the typhoon which recently swept the coast of China, causing a heavy loss to life and shipping.

There are more than 40 cases of smallpox in St. George's hospital, Kansas City. Only one death from the disease has occurred.

The city election at Astoria, resulted in a sweeping victory for the Citizens' ticket, every candidate being elected by large majorities.

Joseph Benoit, a stage carpenter at the Grand Opera house, Salem, Or., fell from a scaffold, breaking several ribs and bruising his face and body badly. The accident was caused by the breaking of a board upon which he was standing.

The Lakeview and Ager stage was robbed about two miles from Lakeview, Or. A lone highwayman accomplished the job. No passengers were aboard of the stage. Two mail sacks were rifled and a considerable amount of registered mail taken. Officers are now working on the case.

The will of the late Senator Davis, who died November 27, was filed for probate by Mrs. Anna M. Davis, the widow. The will, made during the senator's last illness, leaves all his estate to Mrs. Davis. The estate is valued at \$25,000 in personal and \$40,000 in real property.

Lord Roberts has left the Cape for England.

Holland refuses to intervene in the Boer war.

Senator Clay spoke against the ship subsidy bill.

French troops have ceased looting Chinese observatories.

Li Hung Chang claims to have absolute power to negotiate.

Chaffee protested to Von Waldersee against German looting.

The debate on the war tax reduction bill began in the house.

The house of commons voted £16,000,000 to carry on the Boer war.

The Hay-Pauncefote treaty was again considered in executive session.

A congressional committee was appointed to investigate the Booz hazing.

The Philippine commission gave merchants a hearing on the tariff bill.

A \$50,000 irrigation ditch will be constructed at once in Muxee valley, Washington.

Oregon delegation decides upon continuing contract for Columbia river improvement.

State Superintendent Ackerman recommends that Oregon schools observe John Marshall day.

The matter of developing Lower Nehalem coal is said to have been considered in New York.

A number of persons suspected of plotting to murder Lord Roberts during his visit to Cape Colony recently, abandoned their schemes on learning that they were shadowed.

In his annual report, Fish Commissioner Reid says value of fish output for Oregon is over \$3,000,000.

Outlawry in Kwang Si and Kwang Tung is increasing. The officials appear to be losing their hold of the situation and are powerless to restore order. Pirating on the West river is increasing.

Owing to a lack of proper facilities in the way of telegraph, caused by the strike, a serious collision occurred on the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe, in which several persons were probably fatally injured.

Five editors were chosen to sit in the Nebraska legislature at the recent election.

Joseph Manley has resigned as chairman of the Republican executive committee of Maine after a service of 16 years.

Electric coal-cutting machinery is rapidly displacing hand work and other varieties of mechanical mining appliances in the collieries of Great Britain and the United States.

LATER NEWS.

Loot sent to France will be embargoed.

American wheat visible shows a decrease.

The Monroe doctrine may be applied to France.

The Boers were defeated in a battle at Orange river.

A third negro was lynched by the Rockport, Ind., mob.

In the sinking of the Gneisenau, 136 persons were drowned.

There is no prospect of passing the subsidy bill this session.

The steamer Alpha was wrecked on the Vancouver island coast.

Major-General John G. Parke died at his home in Washington.

The Porto Rico case is before the United States supreme court.

Congressman Boutelle was placed on the retired list of the navy.

The military commission begins its investigation in the Booz hazing.

Fresh instructions sent to Conger will clear the way of all obstacles.

A cure for strikes was discussed by the arbitration conference at Chicago.

Preparations are being made for development of natural gas near Rosalia, Wash.

A Washington county farmer was murdered by a shot fired through his window.

The official report of the finances of the Paris exposition, shows a loss of 2,000,000 francs.

The Oregon supreme court decided that the Portland vehicle license ordinance was invalid.

Five cases of what is believed to be bubonic plague have developed in Tucuman, in the Argentine Republic.

A resolution was introduced in the United States senate for an investigation of the conduct of Judge Noyes in Alaska.

The officials of the Santa Fe and the officers of the different trainmen's organizations will hold a conference in Chicago.

Seven hundred Boers have crossed from Orange River colony into Cape Colony near Aliwal North, and have reached Knapsdal.

President McKinley expects to arrange his Western trip so as to be in San Francisco to witness the launching of the battleship Ohio.

Fire in Cleveland, Ohio, destroyed five out of seven buildings of a machine company, causing a property loss of over \$500,000, and throwing 1,100 men out of employment.

The war revenue bill has been passed by the house.

Railway telegraphers threaten to boycott the Santa Fe.

Lord Kitchener has called for all available English troops.

England has awakened to the new seriousness in South Africa.

Colonel Tullock's expedition failed to find the Chinese treasure.

At Rockport, Ind., two negroes, who had murdered a white man were lynched.

The German training ship Gneisenau foundered near Gibraltar and 100 were drowned.

A large Boxer force is said to be approaching Peking with the intention of attacking it.

The senate cannot consider the army and appropriation bills until after the holidays.

John Addison Porter, McKinley's former private secretary, died at his home in Putnam, Conn.

The British admiralty is arranging to test various inventions for steering torpedoes and submarine boats.

The Oregon Historical Society proposes to hold a great fair in 1905, in commemoration of the Lewis and Clark expedition to the Pacific coast 100 years ago.

As a result of a mysterious poisoning case at the Forsyth mines, near Marietta, Ohio, four persons are dead, four dying and two others seriously ill.

Five unknown men who asked the marshal of Brighton, Ill., for shelter, in the calaboose, locked him up and then broke into a bank and two stores.

The building occupied by the construction department at the Norfolk navy yard, was destroyed by fire. It contained all the important papers, models and plans of the construction department.

Telephoning without wires was successfully accomplished by transmitting the voice across the Mississippi river, at Minneapolis, a distance of over 1,000 feet.

Advices from Ilo Ilo report that the American troops have been northward and westward for several days, and that detachments of the Sixth, Eighth and Twenty-sixth regiments have been active near their stations.

The insurgents losses during the last 10 days there have been five killed, seven wounded and 40 taken prisoners. The Americans have lost two killed and three wounded.

Prairie chickens are said to be more abundant in western Kansas than for years.

During the past five years the state of Pennsylvania has purchased more than 100,000 acres of land to be issued as a forestry reservation.

Former Ambassador to Italy W. F. Draper has been decorated with the order of St. Maurice and Cazal by the king of Italy, for services during his embassy to Rome.

WRECKED ON A REEF

Last of The Famous Steamer Alpha.

NINE PERSONS WERE LOST WITH HER

The Vessel Struck a Rock at the Entrance to Union Bay, on the East Coast of Vancouver Island.

Vancouver B. C., Dec. 19.—News of the worst marine disaster of the season in British Columbia was brought here tonight by the steamer Czar, from Union bay, on the east side of Vancouver island. The steamer Alpha was wrecked on a reef near the entrance to Union bay and not a vestige of the 1,000-ton steamer remains. Her managing owner, captain, purser, three engineers, two able bodied seamen and a stowaway were drowned, and the rest of the crew of 34 were saved by the pluck of an unknown member of the ship's crew, who swam in a raging sea from the wreck to a lighthouse with a line around his waist.

The Alpha was valued at \$45,000. Her cargo comprised 750 tons of salt salmon and 350 tons of coal, consigned to Yokohama, and valued at \$80,000. The total insurance on the ship and cargo was \$65,000.

It is two weeks since the Alpha first started from Vancouver for Japan. After she had been four days out she returned to Victoria partly disabled, and accusations of tampering with her engines were made. Some of the crew and several of the officers left the steamer declaring that she had been improperly loaded, and one of the officers was tried and sentenced to six weeks' imprisonment for desertion.

Last Saturday the Alpha left Victoria for Union to replenish her coal supply. A terrific gale was raging and late Saturday night the steamer ran on a rock at Baynes sound, at the entrance to Union bay. She was quickly dashed to pieces, and all would have perished had not one of the crew made the desperate and successful effort to swim with a line to the lighthouse on Yellow island. In the raging sea only part of those on the ill-fated ship managed to reach safety, the officers and owner remaining on board last and failing to reach the rock. The 25 survivors remained on Yellow island, which is a rock 200 yards wide, until Sunday night, when the sea moderated somewhat and a sloop was able to call and take them to Union.

But the storm which had wrecked the ship had also prostrated the wires, and so no tidings of the shipwreck reached the outside world until the little steamer Czar brought the story to Vancouver tonight.

The Alpha gained notoriety last spring when, as a Canadian ship, she landed freight and passengers at Nome in defiance of the instructions of the treasury department, and, it is said, against the advice of the British embassy at Washington as well. She was chased on her return trip from Nome by a United States revenue cutter, but managed to show her pursuer a clean pair of heels.

TROUBLE FOR FRANCE.

The United States May Have Occasion to Enforce the Monroe Doctrine.

New York, Dec. 19.—A special to the Times from Washington says: The territory until recently in dispute between Brazil and France, and which has been decreed to belong to Brazil, may shortly become the object of a dispute between France and the United States, should the Monroe doctrine be violated. The territory lying south of French Guiana in the state of Para, and containing 100,000 square miles, was claimed by Brazil and France, and Switzerland was made arbitrator. Her decision was in favor of Brazil. It is now reported that some French financiers, anticipating that the decision would be favorable to France, had already invested their capital in this territory. They are now, it is said, trying to engineer a deal by which the French government will buy this land from Brazil.

The state department has absolutely no knowledge on the subject. Its attention, however, has been called to the matter, and the attempt of the French capitalists to secure government aid in getting their money back will be watched with interest. There is hardly any question, it is said at the department, that such action would be a violation of the Monroe doctrine, and would call forth a protest from the United States.

As long as the claim was in its original form, France might have main tained that she was simply rectifying her boundaries, and that the United States cannot object to that. Even in that case a rectification of boundaries which involved an area of 100,000 square miles would be closely scrutinized. France has, however, forfeited the right to make that claim by submitting the matter to arbitration by Switzerland. The territory has been officially decreed by the Swiss tribunal to be outside of French Guiana.

Woman Suffrage in Porto Rico.

San Juan, Porto Rico, Dec. 19.—In the house of delegates today, Descarts introduced a bill granting unrestricted suffrage to women on the same terms as men.

Storms in British Columbia.

Vancouver, B. C., Dec. 19.—Storms of unusual severity have destroyed a portion of the diking in the delta district of British Columbia. The damage to property is considerable.

DEWET EVADES KNOX.

General Kitchener Reports a Running Fight With the Boers.

London, Dec. 17.—Lord Kitchener cables the war office from Pretoria under date of December 12 that General Knox reports from Heivettia that he is engaged in a running fight with General Dewet, and that the enemy is moving towards Reddersburg, where there is a column ready to co-operate with the other British forces. Lord Kitchener in another dispatch reports that Boers attacked the post near Barberton. The British casualties were three killed, five wounded and 13 taken prisoners. The captured men have since been released. The Boers raised the Rivereton road station December 11. They are being followed up.

General Kitchener's message indicates that Dewet has again evaded Knox. After the latter had foiled the Boer general at Coomassie drift, the Boers seem to have doubled back, crossed the Caledon river elsewhere, and turned thence northwest—in the direction of Reddersburg, the memorable scene of the British disaster in April, when Dewet captured the British Rifles.

Tragedies on Shipboard.

San Francisco, Dec. 17.—The British ship Crown of Scotland, which arrived today, 130 days from Penarth, Cardiff, had three tragic entries in her log. November 24 John Warrington stabbed P. C. Haglund, his shipmate, while the latter was asleep in his bunk. Leaving his sheath-knife in his victim's breast, the murderer ran up on deck, jumped overboard and was drowned, despite efforts to reach him with a lifeboat. No one on board of the ship knows of the motive. The second tragedy occurred August 1. Salvatore Servis fell from the foreyard, struck the deck and fractured his thigh and received internal injuries which caused his death.

Correcting an Extradition Treaty.

Washington, Dec. 17.—A treaty has been concluded between the United States and Great Britain amendatory of the existing extradition treaty intended to correct certain imperfections in that instrument, developed by recent experiences. The changes do not materially affect the scope or principles of the existing treaty, the chief item in the list being provisions classifying as a crime subject to extradition the obtaining of money under false pretenses. At present the treaty makes extraditable the reception of money obtained under false pretenses and omits the principal in the crime, constituting a manifest absurdity. To correct this the amendment is made.

Grounding of the Garonne.

Seattle, Dec. 17.—Letters have been received in this city announcing the grounding of the United States transport Garonne on the northern coast of Luzon. She struck twice, being rescued both times by the Yorktown. The second time the Yorktown's cable caught in the Garonne's wheel, causing a further delay of 12 hours. The letters also tell about a hard march of the American troops under General Hall. The line of march was over steep mountains for a distance of 45 miles, taking in all six days. At the conclusion, 165 men were under medical treatment for several days.

Search for Hidden Gold.

Pekin, Dec. 17.—A few days ago the British troops were notified of the existence of a large amount of treasure 20 miles northwest of here. Colonel Tullock and 100 men left today to investigate the truth of the report. Colonel Tullock requested, however, that 50 extra men be detailed. It is believed that a large amount of gold and valuables were buried at that point by persons connected with the Chinese court during the recent flight. The information regarding the treasure was received from a former court official.

Trial Trip of the Alabama.

Philadelphia, Dec. 17.—The United States battleship Alabama sailed today from League Island navy yard for New York, where she will await further orders. She will make a trial trip on the run, which will begin as soon as she passes out to sea. After the sea trial is completed the vessel's course will be shaped further out to sea to avoid shipping, as all of her guns and turrets are to be tested. If the report is satisfactory, it is probable that the battleship will be ordered to Hampton Roads to join the North Atlantic squadron.

Anti-Foreign Plot in Hong Kong.

Hong Kong, Dec. 17.—The city was placarded today with statements inciting the people and the members of the secret societies to unite and rise during the month of January and drive out all the foreigners. Crowds gathered about the placards, but no actual outbreak is reported.

Wisconsin's Vote.

Madison, Wisconsin, Dec. 17.—The total vote of Wisconsin, as officially canvassed, was 425,151. McKinley's plurality was 106,581. LaFollette, Republican, for governor, has a plurality of 103,745.

Oxford Beats Cambridge.

London, Dec. 17.—The annual Regatta by football match between Oxford and Cambridge took place today at the Queen's club. A magnificent game was won by Oxford by two goals to a goal and a try. There was a large and fashionable attendance.

Nordenskjold's Expedition.

Christiania, Dec. 17.—The Antarctic expedition, headed by Dr. Otto Nordenskjold, will leave in August.

OREGON STATE NEWS

Items of Interest From All Parts of the State.

COMMERCIAL AND FINANCIAL HAPPENINGS

A Brief Review of the Growth and Improvements of the Many Industries Throughout Our Thriving Commonwealth.

Elmira has a football team.

John Day has three smallpox cases.

A telephone line from Huntington to Burns is projected.

The sheriff of Grant county collected \$9,418.40 in November.

An organ has been purchased for the Gold Hill school house.

The Corvallis creamery is paying 25 cents per pound for butter fat.

J. J. Fitzgerald, of Shelburne, has a contract for 20,000 fence rails.

The McDonald & Fisher sawmill at Summerville is in running order.

Repairs to the Blanchard bridge east of Aurora were finished last week.

The Clerks' union, of Pendleton, has organized with nearly 100 members.

The Enterprise council has passed acts against bawdy houses and vagrancy.

A breakwater is being built at Eugene at the east side of the bridge over the Willamette.

Malheur county has accepted the new bridge across Succor creek below Barney Malloy's place.

Lincoln county has allowed M. D. Welton \$500 on his claim for damages sustained from the collapse of Little Elk bridge.

The body of young Hays, who was drowned November 2, eight miles above Dallas, at the flood dam, has been recovered one mile below that city.

Captain R. P. Wainwright, of the United States Army, purchased 35 horses for the government at Huntington. The price paid averaged about \$50 a head.

Tillamook county commissioners have leased the county sawmill to County Judge G. W. Sappington until April 1, who will furnish road planking at \$4 per 1,000 feet.

Frank Hatch was arrested at Eugene on a charge of forgery. His offense is that of endorsing the name of a man named Davis to a check given by the Acme Commercial Company, amounting to \$9.57.

While returning from the Umatilla house to his room in the Chapman building, The Dalles, Fred Stewart, a young traveling man representing the Merchants' Supply Company, of Portland, was held up by two thugs and robbed of \$45.

The Homestake mine, located on the North Fork of John day river, seven miles from Lawton, has been bonded to Eastern capitalists by the owners, Messrs. Tom Johnson and Joseph Robinson, for the sum of \$25,000 on a year's time. Further conditions of the bond are that the persons holding it are to take immediate possession and prosecute the work of development with a large force of men divided into three eight-hour shifts, says the Lawton Standard.

Pettitions have been circulated for three different free rural deliveries out of Albany, nearly covering the entire field in all directions around the city, and there are hopes of the same being established, but it is not known whether they will reach the department in time for the agent now establishing routes in the state to act upon them before his departure. The route out of Shedd has given such general satisfaction that there is a general desire to have the system extended here.

The Wallows marshal ran in a man for peddling without a license, who defied the city authorities and would not even listen to the reading of the complaint by the recorder. He was incarcerated in the city prison for contempt of court, where he languished for two or three days or until some people around town put up \$6 for a jury trial. The jury thought upon the evidence offered that the man was entitled to a discharge, and so rendered its verdict. The man is a foreigner, presumably an Italian. He threatened to sue the city for damages.

From private letters received by M. G. Hope, of Vale, it is learned that the Ocean Wave mine is making a splendid showing. I. N. Clark, a mining expert, has the development work of the mine in charge, and in a letter that was received from him he says that several fine nuggets have been taken out lately. In a former letter he stated that the gold is not confined to the rich vein that is being followed, but that small particles of it may be seen in the dirt over the entire face and walls of the tunnel. It is his opinion that it would pay to mill the whole hole on which he is working. This mine is an extension of the Golden Eagle, which is owned by Portland capitalists.

The Lakeview Rustler says that John Green, of the West side, who has been drilling for artesian water, has succeeded in getting the water to rise within five feet of the top of the ground, at a depth of 101 feet.

A. Nelson, of Cottage Grove, sold his undivided one-half interest in the Peck-a-Boo mining claim to G. Meadow and D. G. McFarland. This claim is located in the Bohemia district about one mile south of the Musick mine. The consideration was \$600.

LYNCHED BY A MOB.

Vengeance Dealt Two Negroes in Indiana—Authorities Were Overcome.

Rockport, Ind., Dec. 19.—Two negroes, Jim Henderson and Bud Rowlands, who waylaid, murdered and robbed Hollie Simons, a white barber, early this morning, were lynched tonight in the jail yard by a mob of 1,500. The negroes were arrested soon after the murder occurred, and although Rowlands' clothing had blood stains on it they claimed they were innocent. In the meantime Sheriff Clemens, of Union county, Kentucky arrived with a trained bloodhound. When the dog was placed on the trail he followed it to the house where Rowlands lived, six blocks from the scene of the murder, and went baying to the bed the negro had occupied. This was enough for the excited citizens. Within a few minutes a mob of a thousand howling, bloodthirsty men with sledge hammers, ropes and guns were on the way to the jail.

Sheriff Anderson and his two deputies made a stand and attempted to protect the prisoners. The officers were seized by the leaders of the mob and disarmed. The sheriff, although locked in a room and placed under guard, stoutly refused to give up the keys or tell where the prisoners were hiding.

The mob made a determined but unsuccessful attempt to break in the jail door. Finally they secured a telegraph pole, and using it as a battering ram caved in the side wall of the jail. The door of Rowlands' cell was then quickly broken in with sledge hammers and he was dragged from the jail to the east side of the court yard, where a noose was placed about his neck. He was given time to make a statement, in which he implicated Jim Henderson and another negro. Rowlands then begged piteously for mercy, but the mob quickly swung the confessed murderer to a tree and riddled his body with bullets.

Leaving the dangling body of Rowlands, the mob rushed back to the jail and burst open the cell occupied by Henderson. Before the bars yielded to the blows of the sledge some one in the crowd fired upon the terrified negro as he crouched in the far corner. It took but a few moments to get at Henderson, and the negro, more dead than alive, was dragged at the rope's end to the court house yard and swung to the tree beside the body of Rowlands. Firing a parting volley at the swiveling bodies, the mob, eager for another victim, hurried away to catch the other negro implicated by Rowlands.

Hatch was found at a hotel where he was employed as a porter. The negro escaped to the roof of the building, and Manager De Bruer succeeded in convincing the mob that the porter had nothing to do with the crime. The mob then dispersed, apparently satisfied with its work of vengeance.

Simons was murdered in the most brutal manner, one square from the main street of the city, as he was going to his home from his barber shop at 2 o'clock this morning. He carried the receipts of the day's work, a fact of which the negroes were aware. They attacked him from behind, striking him over the head with a heavy club into which a large nail had been driven. Although terribly beaten, Simons made a desperate fight. His cries attracted two boys. The negroes drove them away and accomplished their original design, securing a bag containing something over \$40 from their victim, and made their escape. When others arrived Simons was dead. His skull was crushed in and his head and face beaten to a pulp. The spike on the club had punctured the skull in four places and penetrated his brain.

Walter Evans, one of the young men who attempted to rescue Simons, and who afterwards witnessed the lynching, has become a raving maniac. The dead man's wife is prostrated, and it is believed she will die from the shock.

Earthquake in Cuba.

Santiago de Cuba, Dec. 19.—A sharp earthquake shock was felt here about midnight last night. It was the most severe that has been experienced in several years, and created a panic at the San Carlos club, where a grand ball was in progress. The shock was preceded by a dull sound like a mine explosion. Two shocks followed, the former being quite severe and the latter scarcely perceptible. The club rooms became scenes of frantic commotion. Several people rushed into the streets. At Morro Castle a liberty ball was in progress. American ladies present expressed great interest in the earthquake, which was the first they had experienced, but displayed no fear.

Fighting in Colombia.

Kingston, Jamaica, Dec. 19.—Advices from Colon, Colombia, today regarding the fighting between the government troops and the insurgents at Tunaco, say that the withdrawing insurgent force was not dispersed. On the contrary, fears are entertained that this body of rebels will effect a junction with the force operating around Beuna Ventura. Both sides lost heavily in the battle of Tunaco. When the government forces destroyed the rebel steamer Gaitan they also destroyed a large lot of ammunition.

Found Dead in His Cabin.

Hillsboro, Oregon, Dec. 19.—Andrew Bahlberg, an inoffensive farmer residing near Reedville, was today found dead in his cabin. The dead man had a bad contusion on the forehead. He had recently sold some produce and was supposed to have considerable money in the house. It is generally believed that he was killed for his money. The coroner will hold an inquest in the morning.