

HEMP PORTS

In the Philippine Islands Will Be Open Soon

BUBONIC PLAGUE AT HONOLULU

Said to Be Controlled by the Local Authorities - Germs Were Brought from Japan.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—Assistant Secretary Melickjohn, of the war department, has written a letter to Representative Long, of Kansas, defining the policy of the department regarding the commerce of the Philippines, with special reference to the opening of the ports for the exportation of hemp. Mr. Melickjohn says: "The war department is doing everything compatible with the requirements of the military situation to develop the trade of the islands, and is confident the so-called 'hemp ports' will be opened to trade in ample time for the hemp to reach this country, and be manufactured before the next wheat harvest."

PLAGUE AT HONOLULU.
San Francisco, Dec. 28.—Mail advices to the Associated Press, received late tonight from Honolulu, give additional details of the bubonic plague which has appeared there, and indicate that the conditions are not very alarming. Five deaths have occurred, one native and four Chinese. No deaths have occurred since December 12th, when the disease first appeared. Chinatown, the seat of trouble, is now undergoing a thorough cleaning, and it is believed that the scourge has been stamped out. It is thought that the germs of the plague were brought from Kobe, Japan, on the Norwegian steamer Thyra, which arrived at Honolulu November 28th with 700 Japanese immigrants.

WILL BE GARROTTED.
San Juan, Puerto Rico, Dec. 28.—The Supreme court of Puerto Rico, at Ponce, has sentenced five men to be garrotted. In October, 1898, twenty men, heavily armed with guns and machetes, robbed a house and murdered a man named Pedronico Mendez. They also danced around the body with his daughters, who were under compulsion. The remainder of the gang escaped.

A RECIPROCIITY TREATY.
Washington, Dec. 28.—The official statement of the facts respecting the Argentine convention is given out. The Argentine tariff system involves not only a fixed and high rate of duties on imports, but also provides for an ad valorem valuation which is to be fixed from time to time by executive authority. The convention, for example, not only secures to the United States exporters a reduction on Oregon pine lumber and southern lumber, in fact all kinds of undressed lumber, but fixed an ad valorem, and on Oregon and yellow pine reduces it over 40 per cent. The Argentine government demanded a reciprocal concession on wool and other articles. The American wool growers have expressed fears that this would prove injurious to the domestic interest. The total import of wool from all countries, was 76,673,000 pounds. Of this amount only 7,957,000 pounds came from Argentina. The proposed reduction for Argentine wools alone can have no effect on our market prices. The majority of wool is of the coarsest class (for carpets etc.).

CUBANS ARE PLEASED

THE ISLAND ENTIRELY PEACEFUL AND SATISFIED.
The President's Message and General Wood's Appointment Have Settled All Difficulties.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—Horatio Ruedens, prominently identified with the Cuban cause, who was counsel for the Cuban junta during the revolution, and is now associated with Senor Quesada in the Cuban representation here, returned today from a visit to Havana, Matanzas and other points in Cuba, where he was accorded an enthusiastic reception by the Cubans. Speaking of his observations he said: "No country on earth is more at peace than Cuba is. The president's message, the declarations of the secretary of war, followed by the proclamation of General Wood, who goes to carry out the policy of the president, have been received with universal favor."

FOR THE PLAINTIFFS.

Millions Involved in a Suit Decided in Montana Yesterday.

Butte, Mont., Dec. 28.—Judge Clancy, in the district court today, handed down his decision in the suit of the Montana Ore Purchasing Company against the Boston & Montana Mining Company, to settle the ownership to certain veins of copper under the Rarus and Johnson claims, owned by the plaintiff, and the Pennsylvania, owned by the defendant. The decision is in favor of the plaintiff. It is said the trial and preparation for trial in development work represented an expenditure of over \$500,000. The case will be carried to the supreme court of the state and probably to the supreme court of the United States. The attorneys for the plaintiff say the decision will be followed at once by suits for about \$1,500,000 damages for losses sustained by reason of work being stopped.

CASTORIA.
The Kind You Have Always Bought
Bears the Signature of *Chas. H. Fletcher*

MILLIONS OF DOLLARS.

To Be Deposited in National Banks by the Federal Government.

Washington, Dec. 28.—The secretary of the treasury today designated several additional national banks, as government depositories, to receive internal revenue receipts, and, it is said he will continue to do so until the total sum so deposited amounts to \$30,000,000 or \$40,000,000. Any national bank owning or controlling United States bonds, willing to deposit the same in the treasury as security, including those now receiving deposits, is entitled to participate in this distribution of the internal revenue receipts.

THE BANK LOOTED.

Philadelphia, Dec. 28.—The committee, appointed by the creditors to investigate the accounts of Stahl & Straub, brokers, who failed on November 29th, report that not a dollar's worth of available resources was found. The total liabilities amount to \$1,221,308, and the total assets to \$27,478, leaving a deficiency of \$293,829. There is \$387,364 due depositors and customers.

Charles H. Vollum, the expert accountant in charge of the brokers' books, said today: "This is the cleanest case of looting I have met with in thirty years."

BOUTELLE IS INSANE

MIND OF MAINE'S DISTINGUISHED SON HAS FAILED.

The Leader in Congress Is Confined in an Asylum—Said to Be Suffering from Paresis.

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—A special to the World from Boston says: Congressman Boutelle is now in the McLean hospital for insane at Waverley, seven miles out of Boston. When he was brought to Boston last Monday night it was the intention of the attending doctors to place him in the Channing sanitarium at Brookline, a private institution. He was refused admittance there, the inference being that his case was a more desperate one than the management cared to be responsible for. From a thoroughly reliable source it was reported that the congressman is suffering from paresis.



CABOUTELLE

A PERJURED WITNESS
TESTIMONY IN THE WELLCOME CASE WAS PURCHASED.

A Montana Lawyer Driven by Hunger to Sell Manufactured Evidence in the Clark Investigation.

HELENA, Dec. 28.—Zachary T. Cason, a lawyer of Butte, who testified in the Wellcome disbarment case that United States Senator W. A. Clark told him that he would pay for votes for himself as senator, has recanted. A signed statement is in the hands of Clark's friends, in which Cason says his evidence was untruthful, and that he gave it for \$400, that his family was starving and he had to have money.

TELEGRAPHIC SPARKS.

The body of M. Dinger, of Smithfield, Nebraska, was discovered in the Columbia river, opposite Vancouver, about 3:30 o'clock yesterday morning. He was a member of the Modern Woodmen of America.

The Doyen, of the diplomatic corps at Peking, China, has telegraphed to the senior consul here that the decision reached in the matter of extension of the foreign settlement has been ratified.

News has been received at Victoria, B. C., by the steamer Aorangi of a bloody civil war which has been raging among the natives of Kirirwa, New Guinea. In the fighting the head chief was defeated, and 11 villages in all were destroyed, with heavy slaughter.

RETURNS TO BOSTON.
President Cole of the Globe National Bank Is a Prisoner.

Los Angeles, Dec. 28.—A warrant for arrest for Charles H. Cole, formerly president of the Globe National Bank of Boston, on the charge of embezzling \$900,000, arrived today. The United States marshal also received a telegram from the attorney general of the United States, directing him to conduct Cole to Boston under guard. Cole waived a preliminary examination here, and the start for Boston will be made tomorrow.

FACTORIES REOPEN.
Cincinnati, Dec. 28.—A special from Hartford City, Ind., says: Tonight at midnight forty-four window glass factories, representing 1700 pots capacity, of the American Window Glass Company, go into operation. The plants have been idle since last June, and will furnish employment to 15,000 glass workers in the state.

SURRENDERED HIMSELF.
New York, Dec. 28.—Lewis E. Goldsmith, assistant cashier of the Port Jarvis National Bank of Port Jarvis, N. Y., who is alleged to have robbed that institution of \$54,000 on November 24th, today surrendered himself.

ILL AT EASE

A State of Unrest Throughout Great Britain

THE GOVERNMENT IS CRITICIZED

Boers in Constant Dread of an English Advance—American Consul's Feudular Action.

LONDON, Dec. 28.—(Friday, 4:45 a. m.)—During the continued lull in military operations in South Africa the papers are filled with letters and articles criticizing the government and the campaign, and suggesting remedies and improvements of alterations in the plans, and the like. The Times complains of the "needless censorship and concealment."

The dispatches from the front all represent the Boers as in a nervous condition and in constant dread of a British advance, but this is probably an exaggeration. The Modder river correspondent of the Daily Chronicle gives an explanation of the sudden rifle fire which inexplicably opened from the Boer trenches. He says: "The Boers have wires stretched along the entire front of their trenches and connected with lamps. If a wire be touched a lamp is extinguished, thus giving warning. One night a high wind extinguished a lamp, which resulted in a false warning. The firing ceased when the Boers discovered that the alarm was false."

It is now estimated that the war will cost at least £80,000,000 (\$300,000,000). The British government now evinces a marked change from its attitude in the early stages of the war, and shows a disposition to accept assistance from any quarter. The imperial yeomanry committee has issued a statement to the effect that the government considers the formation and dispatch of yeomanry as one of the most pressing needs of the situation, and has intimated that it is now prepared to accept from 8000 to 10,000 yeomen, instead of the 3000 originally asked for.

HE MUST EXPLAIN.

Washington, Dec. 28.—The case of Consul Charles E. Macrum, the United States representative at Pretoria, who insisted on being relieved at the time the South African crisis became most acute, is assuming additional importance. The understanding at the state department is that he is not coming by way of English ports, but is on a German ship which comes through the Mediterranean and thence direct to this country. In the present aspect of the case there is little doubt that, unless the consul presents an ample explanation for his course, he will continue in the consular service.

WILL INVESTIGATE.

New York, Dec. 28.—The ascertainment of the facts connected with the seizure of American flour by British warships off the coast of Portuguese East Africa, has been confided to the United States consular agent at Lorenzo Marquez. The department of state is determined to do everything proper to maintain American rights in the matter of neutral trade in this case.

LONDON, Dec. 30.—(Saturday, 5 a. m.)—The latest special dispatches from Chieveley camp hint darkly at some important movement as imminent. This in interpreted, with some misgivings, to mean that General Buller contemplates a renewal of his attempt to relieve Ladysmith. It is reported by the same dispatches that the Boers have now retired to the north bank of the Tugela, being afraid that the swollen river may bar their retreat. They are also moving their laagers nearer Ladysmith, probably with the intention of putting a further pressure on the garrison which now seems to be suffering pretty heavily from the bombardment.

The number of members of the house of commons, who have volunteered for the front, threaten seriously to reduce the government's majority when parliament reassembles.

The Rothschilds, have donated £2000 to the Buckinghamshire volunteers fund. It is estimated that £200,000 will be contributed privately to the volunteer funds throughout the country. Already the fund for the relief of the families of soldiers exceeds £500,000.

A KAFFIR OUTBREAK.

Pretoria, Dec. 28th, via Lorenzo Marquez, Dec. 28.—Commandant Swart reports from the laager at Alowynskop, near Zeerust, that he had an engagement on Friday, December 22d, with Kaffirs in the neighborhood of Dordorpport. The Kaffirs occupied a strongly fortified ridge and were well prepared for emergencies. After heavy fighting the burghers captured the Kaffir position, losing three killed and five wounded.

FIGHTING AT MAFERING.

Pretoria, Dec. 28, via Lorenzo Marquez, Dec. 28.—Commandant Snymann reports as follows from Molopo: "Monday morning the enemy from Mafering attacked one of our forts in force, with cannon and an armored train, and so persistently that there was fighting right on the walls of the forts, but we have retained our forts. The British loss is reported as fifty-five."

LADYSMITH HARD PRESSED.

Ladysmith, Dec. 24, via Pietermaritzburg.—The Boer shell fire has been very damaging recently. On Friday one shell killed six men and wounded nine. The same missile killed fourteen horses. Another just missed the Fifth lancers' lines, slightly wounding six officers. Several shells have fallen close to General White's house, compelling the removal of the headquarters to another point.

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AT CONTRACTORS' TRIAL

THE GOLDSBOROUGH MADE AN EXCELLENT RECORD.

New Torpedo-boat Destroyer, Built in Portland, Takes a Sixty-mile Preliminary Spin.

PORTLAND, Or., Dec. 28.—At her first contractors' trial, which was made today, the torpedo-boat destroyer Goldsborough made a performance which was little short of wonderful, steaming sixty miles at half speed, without heating a bearing or making a single stop on account of any part of her machinery getting out of order. The highest number of revolutions made was 172, which is practically half speed, 360 being the number she will be required to make on her official trial. The Goldsborough will be required to make thirty knots per hour on her official trial.

HEAVY MAIL TO SANTA CLAUS.

More Than 1,000 Missives Received at the Dead Letter Office.

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TO PARIS EXPOSITION.

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have to change our milkman and grocer immediately. He said it was next door to a miracle that any of us were alive, and when he gave me the Latin names of the microbes he had discovered I was inclined to agree with him. The idea of absorbing that many syllables at every mouthful was enough to scare anybody; so to be on the safe side we followed his suggestion.

"A few days afterward he saw some fish being delivered at the gate, and immediately hacked off a sample. In less than an hour he rushed down and threw two fine pompano into the slop barrel. 'You've had a narrow escape, father,' he said, when I made a gentle protest, for I am very fond of pompano, broiled. 'If you'd eaten that fish,' he said 'you'd have been a dead man in a week.'"

"After that we had no peace. He insisted on making what he called a 'superficial investigation' of all the pantry supplies. He said he was looking for only three or four of the most deadly forms of bacteria, and would reserve the moderately dangerous ones for a future campaign. The result was that he condemned nearly everything we had on hand. Then he wanted to sterilize the kitchen utensils, and posted up a set of sanitary rules and regulations for the guidance of the cook.

"Fortunately the cook can't read, but the rest of us were being rapidly reduced to starvation, and day before yesterday I headed a revolt and organized a Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Microbes. Everybody in the house joined except my son, and I gave him solemn warning that if I ever caught him molesting any of the premises I would cut him off with a microscope. Since then we have gorged ourselves with impunity and microbes, and gained twenty-six pounds—grand total. My son looks so sadly and says he washes his hands of the consequences. I told him he could wash his hands as much as he blamed pleased, but he mustn't wash any more skillets—especially with germicide fluids. I have hopes we will survive until Mardi Gras."—New Orleans Times-Democrat.

THE WILL PUBLISHED.

Late Editor of Youth's Companion Leaves a Large Estate.

Cambridge, Mass., Dec. 28.—The will of the late Daniel Sharp Ford, publisher of the Youth's Companion, filed for probate today, disposes of an estate of about \$2,500,000. The will bequeaths over \$1,000,000 to charitable and religious institutions.

SOUSA'S BAND.

New York, Dec. 28.—Commissioner General Ferdinand W. Peck, of the United States commission to the Paris exposition of next year, has appointed Sousa's band as the official American band to play at the exposition.

MYRTLE CREEK MINES.

E. F. Ward, of Salem, and two other gentlemen from the Willamette are prospecting in the Myrtle Creek mines this week. It is understood that some kind of a deal on the company's mines is in progress of consummation.

CASTORIA.

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Farms for Sale

287 acres about one mile from above. All in cultivation. House and new barn, orchard. Watered. PRICE \$6,500.

210 acres adjoining Sidney elevator and mills on Willamette river, about ten miles south of Salem. All in cultivation and has house and barn. PRICE \$17.50 PER ACRE.

150 acres of unimproved land about two miles down the river from above. All good land and light clearing. PRICE \$6 PER ACRE.

160 acres of upland adjoining last mentioned. All good red loam. About one hundred acres in cultivation, balance under timber. Fenced and good spring water, but no buildings. PRICE \$20 PER ACRE.

60 acres about one mile from the above. Level prairie land, all cultivated, except fringe of brush along creek. Good house and barn and young orchard. PRICE \$20 PER ACRE.

52 1/2 acres about three miles southeast from Woodburn. Good soil, one-half in cultivation. Buildings, orchard and running water. PRICE \$1,250.

178 acres in Willamette river, about nine miles below Salem, near Simon's Landing. About sixty acres in cultivation. All fenced. Fair buildings. PRICE \$12 PER ACRE.

87 acres about two miles from Gevals. Good prairie land all in cultivation, and well fenced, but no buildings. PRICE \$15 PER ACRE.

All the above lands can be sold on easy terms of payment. For further particulars apply to Macnaman & Birrell, Portland, Oregon, or

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