

Bits of Store News

Store life is active these days. The regular advertising cannot begin to touch all points of interest so we compile the news.

SOME PRACTICAL GIFTS

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WORLD'S INDOOR RECORD BROKEN

New York, Dec. 18.—According to the timespiece of a number of spectators, Jimmy Mitchell broke the world's indoor record for a mile in Madison Square Garden white prattling for his 15 mile race with Harry Elkes which will take place next Saturday night.

FIRE ON EAST TWENTY-FOURTH ST

At about six this morning a fire was found in the bedroom of W. W. Walker's house, about an hour after they got up. The fire was put out. Tracks were found that indicate an attempt at incendiarism, and the matter will be looked into. Mr. Walker's hands were badly burned.

WAVERING ARGUMENT

Of Attorney-General in Porto Rica Case

NOT PART OF UNITED STATES

But Paris Treaty Made the Islanders Citizens of Some Sort

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—In his argument before the supreme court of the United States the attorney-general contended that the United States has the power to acquire territory that having acquired it has the right to govern it; that administrative construction, congressional action and judicial precedent affirm that every part in a ceded country is properly regarded as a foreign until laws are extended by congress to the new possession; that the clause of the constitution of the United States declaring duties uniform throughout the United States is not applicable to new possessions and that the constitution does not extend its force over acquired territory.

Referring to the legal aspect of the case he asserted that the Dingley act applied to merchandise imported from Porto Rico and the Philippines after the cession of the United States the same as it did before, and that in view of the fact that the tariff laws are "in rem" there is no principle of justice much less of constitutional restriction which forbids congress from taxing in this way the merchandise of outlying possessions of the United States when brought into the ports of the Union.

Taking up the constitutional question the attorney-general declares that there was no doubt that it was the intention of the Paris treaty not to make the ceded islands a part of the United States and also that it was intended to make the inhabitants of those islands citizens.

The State Department has rendered an opinion to the effect that the United States Government cannot intervene in favor of Porto Rico in the matter of her claim against Cuba for \$2,500,000. The Spanish Government raised a loan to this amount for the Porto Ricans to help prosecute military operations in Cuba, taxing the loan upon the revenues of the latter island.

CLOSING CENTURY

Celebration Ordered By Papal Degree

NON-SECTARIAN PRAYER MEETINGS

Administration Abandons Collection of Missionary Claims Against Turkey

NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—Official instructions have been received here from Rome detailing how Roman Catholics are to observe the ceremonial closing of the year and the century on the night of December 31. It is issued by Cardinal Cretoni, Prefect of the Sacred Congregation of Indulgences and Rites and signed also by Archbishop Sogaro, Secretary of the Congregation. The decree is from the Pope and is addressed to all the world. "Now that the present age is drawing to a close," it begins, "and a new one is about to begin it is highly proper that all who have been redeemed by Him in every part of the world should be solemnly consecrated to the King of ages, Jesus Christ, in order that this gratitude may be shown for the special favors from Him in the past.

"What our Holy Father granted a year ago by anticipation he also permits by the same decree of the Sacred Congregation of rites, viz: 'That at midnight which others in the January of the year 1901 the most august sacrament of the Eucharist may be exposed for adoration in churches and chapels and that in its presence one mass of the feast of Circumcision of our lord and the octav of the nativity may be read or sung; and that, moreover the faithful by special privilege receive Holy Communion either during or outside of the mass.

"While thinking of some new means of increasing the piety of the faithful in connection with an event so solemn, the Holy Father learned that many prelates and pious sodalities anxiously desire that the faithful of Christ, moved by an eagerness to participate in the rich treasury of spiritual indulgences, should everywhere be invited to come and adore the most blessed Eucharist. "As this was in most perfect accord with his own wishes the Holy Father has benignly granted that a plenary indulgence may be gained by all the faithful of Christ who, having properly approached the sacraments of penance and received the Holy Communion in a church or chapel where the most holy Eucharist is reserved, shall spend any full hour they please between midnight December 31 and the noon of January 1 before the most august sacrament exposed to public adoration, and shall, moreover offer prayers to God for the intentions of the faithful."

A number of the leading clergymen and laymen of this city have proposed the idea of holding non-sectarian series of prayer meetings during the last week of the Nineteenth Century. It is intended that these meetings be held in various churches but under the direction of a body of men connected with a number of denominations and not sectarian. A circular to this effect has been sent out signed by Francis E. Clark, of Boston, and other most prominent divines.

As planned the prayer meetings will end by a union meeting of all Ministers and church officials of the metropolitan district in the Y. M. C. A. Hall on Monday afternoon, December 31 at 2:30. This will be addressed by three or four of the leading pulpits orators of New York and Philadelphia.

Following the first of the New year the first week will be devoted to daily prayer services in all parts of the nation. The movement is known as the Twentieth Century Gospel Campaign.

CHRISTMAS PRESENTS A Piano An Organ A Sewing machine A Violin A Cigar A Mandolin A Columbia Zither An Autoharp A Music Roll A Harry A suitable named piece of sheet music or book easily sent by mail. All found at Geo. C. Will's the latest, nice and new.

OMNIBUS SETTLEMENT

Proposed By Great Britain Over Canal

ALASKA BOUNDARY QUESTION INVOLVED

Columbia Favors Opening a Canal By the Panama Route

NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—A dispatch to the Tribune from London says: If the English people were bent upon taking a serious view of the Nicaragua Canal question as apparently they are they would not be confused by the contradictory views of the New York correspondents who are as far apart as the north and south poles and are utterly irreconcilable.

The Westminster Gazette takes the Standard correspondent as a guide and sought to interpret the action of the Senate for the benefit of the English readers. It has reached the conclusion with the most benevolent motives to ward America that the treaty cannot be abolished by being described as being convenient or out of date and that the only practicable method of settling the vexatious canal question is that of arranging some kind of compensation for the abrogation of the convention of 1850. The Alaskan boundary question is named as a Quid Pro Quo and the Foreign Office was urged to take up this method of adjusting all outstanding issues with the United States. This suggestion is made by the friendliest English journals. This was considered a great gain for the American government before Premier Laurier stepped aside and allowed the question to be adjusted between Washington and London without interference from Ottawa.

The best thing that the friendliest critics now have to offer is an omnibus settlement in which the abrogation of the treaty of 1850 is the single entry with ample offsets to balance the account. The Standard in referring to the Nicaragua Canal question thinks it would be a pity if the good understanding between England and America should be weakened. Much has happened of late it says to warn Americans as well as Englishmen that they may have to rely upon each other in future for mutual assistance and to strengthen the bonds of race, language and common culture which link them to one another.

A dispatch to the Herald from Panama says: Senator Martinez Silvea, the Columbia minister of foreign affairs cables from Bogota this statement of Columbia's attitude on the construction of an isthmian canal: "The Colombian Government will do everything within its power to facilitate and hasten the opening of a canal by the Panama route, whether it is effected by the actual company holding the concessions which expires in 1906 or by whomsoever may represent their rights. "The Government will make reservations only to preserve national society and to give assurance that free transit by way of the canal shall be fully guaranteed."

The Colombian Minister to Washington will leave soon to attend to this matter.

Flower Mission. New York, Dec. 18.—The New York Flower Mission will open its rooms tomorrow for the reception of Christmas contributions, which will be distributed among the sick poor in the tenement houses. Delicacies are provided for these, and the children are made light with toys and dolls.

BOTANICAL WONDERS

The marvel of the hour is the wonderful cure of chronic diseases without the use of knife or poisonous medicines. This is what afflicted humanity needs more than all else. Not a week passes but Dr. J. F. Cook, the great botanical specialist and original discoverer of the botanical cure, heals some patients who have suffered for years from awful disease and the more awful effects of rank medical humbugs. Dr. Cook is willing to give patients the benefit of his life study but declines to publish further testimonials out of regard for his patients, yet will gladly refer any callers to their neighbors and friends who have been healed. Consultation free. If you have any physical ailments it will do you good to call and have a little chat with the doctor. Office 301 Liberty Street Salem Oregon.

NARROW ESCAPE

Of the Entire British Army Under Clements

BOER FORCES ENCOUNTERED

Cape Rifles and Brabant's Burghers Retired Without Serious Losses.

JOHANNESBURG, Dec. 18.—Details of the defeat of the British at Nooitgedacht indicate that Clements' entire force had a narrow escape from capture. The Boers plans were splendidly laid. If the main British column had tarried a little longer there would have been complete success for the Boers.

Cape Town, Dec. 18.—The Boers who crossed the Orange River into Cape Colony west of Alwal North on Saturday encountered the Cape Rifles and Brabant's burghers who retired with loss. New York, Dec. 18.—A dispatch to the Tribune from London says: Rumors were current in London last night that General Knox had inflicted a crushing defeat on the Boer commandos and that the Boer force has been routed on the Orange River.

At the same office no confirmation could be obtained of these reports. News of a decisive British success at this time would add considerably to the average Englishman's enjoyment of Christmas festivities.

Dougherty-Baurh. Chicago, Dec. 18.—Danny Dougherty, the bantam-weight champion, and Morris Baurh will have a six round bout tonight in this city.

CHINESE DICTATOR

Raising an Army and Terrorizing the Empress.

WIDER SCOPE OF MILITARY OPERATIONS

Cunning Hand of Great Britain Playing Behind the Scenes.

ROME, Dec. 18.—A Peking dispatch says the Ministers at Peking will meet tomorrow, when probably a final agreement will be reached as to the text of the joint Chinese note.

LONDON, Dec. 18.—A Peking dispatch says: The situation has not been improved by the representatives of the Powers having reached an agreement. The Allies have neglected to check supplies of ammunition going to the Chinese Tung Fah Siang thus has every opportunity for rallying and equipping army. He has secured the position of dictator and terrorized the Empress. It will be necessary to give military operations of allies a wider area.

INDIANA BANK WAS ROBBED

SHELBYVILLE, Ind., Dec. 18.—Kennedy's bank at Hope was entered at 2 o'clock this morning, the safe blown open, and \$15,000 carried off by two men. The robbers had a confederate outside with a carriage in which all escaped. A posse has started after the robbers. At Eldorado, Kans., Jessie Morrison has been admitted to \$5000 bail.

RECEIVER REFUSED

Judge Boise Sustained by the Supreme Court

AN ABLE OPINION BY JUSTICE MOORE

In the Suit of Bingham-Patterson-Davis vs. the Capital Journal

The full text of the decision of the Oregon Supreme Court in the suit for an injunction and Receiver against Hofer Bros., owners, publishers and editors of THE CAPITAL JOURNAL, is given below. The opinion was written by Associate Justice F. A. Moore and handed down Monday in the regular course of the docket. In presenting the case before the Supreme Court able arguments were made for Hofer Bros. by Messrs Holmes and Condit, while the plaintiffs were represented in an exceedingly fair and able legal argument by Wm. M. Ramsey. The opinion is a creditable piece of legal work and reads as follows:

The purpose of this suit is to have a judgment and a sale thereunder set aside, and to require the defendants to account for money received in conducting the business of a corporation in which the parties to such suit are stockholders. It appears that the Capital Journal Publishing Company, a corporation organized for the purpose of publishing a newspaper at Salem, entered into a contract with the defendants Ernest Hofer, A. F. Hofer Jr., and F. X. Hofer, partners as Hofer Brothers, whereby supplemental articles of incorporation were filed increasing the capital stock to the sum of \$10,000, divided into one hundred shares of \$100 each, and one-half thereof was transferred to the defendants in consideration of their agreement to publish said newspaper at a reasonable compensation for their services for the term of two years from December 4, 1899. The by-laws of the corporation provide for the election of a president, a secretary, and three directors, who, together, constitute the board of directors. At a call meeting of the board held July 3, 1900, wherein were present M. J. Chamberlain, president, A. F. Hofer Jr.,

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