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### CHARGES AGAINST METCALF

He Says are Laid by Political Enemies.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 21.—Colonel Wilder Met 'a'fe, who is to be Pension Agent for Kansas, and is being held up on charges that he killed a Filipino while the latter was on his knees begging for mercy, was heard in his own behalf this morning by the Pension Commissioner. He gave the story a positive denial, and accused his political enemies and former members of the Twentieth Kansas who were jealous of him, of responsibility for the charges.

One witness testified that three members of the Kansas Regiment who were in charge of two Filipino prisoners were compelled to put them to death because they refused to accompany them. Metcalfe, on the witness stand said he was not present and knew nothing about the affair.

## PEACE IS IN SIGHT

### Boers Drop Demand for Independence

### British Concessions of Political Rights.

### Make Peace Probable Very Soon.

AMSTERDAM, Jan. 21.—Boers here have practically decided to waive the question of independence in their endeavor to secure peace in South Africa. Great gloom pervades the headquarters here and at Halverston. The promise of Chamberlain that there would be no confiscation of Boer property, that amnesty will be extended and political rights restored seems to reduce the question to a point where agreement is possible. One stumbling block is De Wet and the other Boers who remain in the field.

### Monster Petition

WASHINGTON, Jan. 21.—Ex-assistant secretary of the Interior Webster Davis is here with a petition containing two hundred thousand signatures expressing sympathy for the Boers. The petition will be presented to congress.

### Joe Defends Himself.

LONDON, Jan. 20.—The first important debate of the season began in the House of Commons tonight, on an amendment moved by Frederick Cowley, Liberal, to the address in reply to the speech from the throne. The debate called out Mr. Chamberlain, who spoke vigorously in defense of the Boer War. He made the significant statement that Lord Rosebery's speech intimated the Boers because they could win a repetition of Lord Kitchener's terms, he wished to inform them that they were mistaken. Mr. Chamberlain asserted, however, that the government's programme was not one of extermination. The Boers, he had already been offered terms the liberality of which surprised even England's most severe critics. Since they had been rejected, the government did not purpose to embarrass itself with a further specific offer.

Mr. Labouchere, Liberal, declined to support the amendment of Mr. Cowley, because it pledged the Liberals to vote supplies for the war.

John Dillon, Irish Nationalist, proposed to omit that clause of the amendment providing funds to carry on the war, and to add a clause denouncing the policy of the concentration camps. This was rejected by a vote of 283 to 64.

## PICTOU MINE AFIRE

### Six Men Dead and Ten Injured

PICTOU, Colo., Jan. 21.—Gas explosion yesterday in the mines of the Colorado Fuel and Iron company resulted in at least six deaths and serious injury to ten people. The mine is now burning and it is feared that others are cut off by the flames.

## WEEKLY REPORT OF BOERS

### Kitchener Gives Details of His Work

LONDON, Jan. 21.—Kitchener reports that continual rains have delayed operations during the last week. The Boer casualties during the past week were thirty-one, killed, thirteen wounded, and one hundred and seventy captured, forty-one, surrendered. The recent operations have greatly scattered the Transvaal Boers.

## WANDERS MANY YEARS

### Strange Tale of Escaped Murderer.

LOUISVILLE, Jan. 21.—After being a fugitive from justice for thirty-two years with a conviction of murder hanging over his head, John P. Monech, alias John P. Smith, is seeking a pardon of Kentucky's Governor, that he may return to his home in Louisville and die surrounded by his children. Monech, or Smith, and George Off on a Monday in the summer of 1867 were drinking in a saloon in this city.

Suddenly the lights were extinguished. It was between 7 and 8 p. m., and two or three minutes passed before the lamps were relighted. Lying upon the floor, the blood gushing from a knife wound, was Off. When his friends reached his side he was dead.

The crowd was bewildered. Not an angry word had been heard. There had been no struggle. Off had been stabbed

in the dark. Had he been given a chance he could have mastered any man in the house. Monech was among the first to leave. The next morning he was arrested and charged with the murder.

Off was a member of what was then known as the "Louisville Dragoon Company," which in the early days of reconstruction did scouting work in the county. The company, one hundred strong, attended the funeral fully armed.

As soon as the services at the grave were concluded the company took up its march, but not to the army. They wanted Monech. They rode downtown with all their war equipments, but they did not reach the jail. The jailer had been warned, and he had promptly summoned enough help to make a hard fight. The officers of the military company in the mean time, on their downtown march, had been informed that the jailer was ready for them. They halted and rode back to their armory.

For two and a half years there was a great legal battle, and then Monech was convicted. On Saturday, Aug. 20, 1870, the day before he was to have been sentenced to die, the condemned murderer and five other prisoners were missing.

All save Monech were captured. The authorities until recently never again heard of him. Mrs. Monech never doubted her husband's innocence. For years she lived only on the hope of seeing him. Two weeks ago, worn out, hopeless, heartsick, the woman died. The next day after her death came a letter to her son, now 36 years old, from the father he had never seen.

## COLONEL KNIGHT TALKS

### Upon His Return From London.

### Where He Assisted in Prosecuting a Duke.

NEW YORK, Jan. 21.—"The Duke of Manchester married Miss Zimmerman because he was a bankrupt and needed money." So declared Colonel N. R. Knight, father of Miss Portia Knight, when he alighted from the Atlantic Line steership Maasla. "He paid ardent attention to my daughter," the Colonel continued, "when she was on the stage in London. She finally came to the conclusion that he was trifling with her and being heartbroken, she went to France, where she entered a convent. He wrote her many letters and nearly every one said if she did not return to him he would commit suicide. Thinking he was sincere she quit the convent and returned to London. Then the Duke went to Paris where he met Miss Zimmerman and her aunt arranged their marriage. It was a case of urgent need of a few dollars on the part of a woman of nobility and they were married. Prior to this time he wrote my daughter heartbreaking letters."

## SCHLEY AT THE CAPITAL

WASHINGTON, Jan. 21.—Admiral Schley and wife arrived here this morning from the South. They will go to Chicago this week, where the Admiral is expected to make a statement of national interest regarding the Sampson-Schley controversy.

The Admiral's arrival was unostentatious, only a few friends being in waiting. Admiral Schley said he had an enjoyable visit and that his health was splendid.

Later in the day the Admiral had a conference with his counsel, Raynor. During this conference Schley approved of the appeal as drawn up by Raynor and decided to put it into President Roosevelt's hands this afternoon. Speculation on Roosevelt's action on Schley's appeal will have a free hand today. The general opinion here, however, is that the President will do nothing without consulting the Cabinet.

## I BLEW UP THE MAINE

### A Spanish Cowboy Confessed to the Deed.

STONK CITY, Ia., Jan. 21.—Much that Manuel de Silvia Braga, a Spanish cowboy on Bob Yago's ranch, near the Pine Ridge Reservation in South Dakota, told concerning his experiences in the Spanish war was put down as romance until he made the assertion, while with convivial companions, that he had blown up the battleship Maine in Havana Harbor.

Yago investigated and found papers which indicated that Braga, who is better known hereabouts as "Cyclone Pete," was formerly a Spanish army officer. According to Braga's story, he became angry at Gen. Weyler during the latter's rule in Cuba, and for spite concluded to precipitate war between Spain and the United States.

He got through the lines in disguise, he says, and touched the bottom which sent the Maine to the bottom of the bay. His account of the adventure tells how he escaped to the United States, landing at New Orleans. An organization of business men has been formed to confer with the authorities in regard to Braga's story.

## PANAMA PROJECT DIFFICULT

### Colombia Makes Unreasonable Proposals

### Wants to Give Only a 200 Years Lease.

### Isthmian Commission Refuse to Accept.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 21.—The difficulties in the way of the acceptance by the United States of the Panama canal offer are increasing. Colombia wants to make a lease of the route for two hundred years with the privilege of renewal but the Isthmian Commission insists on a lease in perpetuity.

## MAYOR STOPS GAMES

### Pendleton Must be a Good Town.

PENDLETON, Or., Jan. 20.—T. G. Halley, Mayor of Pendleton and District Attorney of the Sixth Judicial District, made a definite announcement today. He purposes to close all gambling games in this city at once. As to bawdy houses he will close them only on complaint. This is the outcome of the recent agitation over the police department and its alleged corruption in receiving money from lawbreakers. Arguments in the injunction case brought by Chief Heathman attacking the city charter have been postponed until tomorrow.

Sixty minutes after the Mayor's announcement appeared every game in the city voluntarily closed. Owners and their employees stood around discussing the situation. From pioneer days open gambling had continued uninterrupted. Mayor Halley said: "I am going to stop gambling in Pendleton. If the city cannot run its municipal affairs without revenues from gambling houses, it will have to stop. But it is a mistaken idea that a town cannot be run without gambling. Some say it will injure the town if gambling is stopped, but that is not true. Men who now spend money at gambling could pay their debts and make a better business town. Now that the movement is started, I am not going to stop until all gambling has ceased."

## SEVEN BURNED TO DEATH

### Terrible Fatality in a Lumber Camp.

HAMILTON, Va., Jan. 21.—Seven men were burned to death in a camp operated by the Otter Creek Lumber Company early this morning. The details of the disaster are unobtainable but it is known that several have perished and that the men were injured in jumping from the building where all were asleep at the time. A rescue party has gone to the scene.

## CITY LAID IN RUINS

### Chilpancingo Mexico is Quite Destroyed.

CITY OF MEXICO, Jan. 21.—The latest dispatches from Chilpancingo report over 600 houses destroyed and that the city is a complete ruin. The Mexican government is making strenuous efforts to relieve the distress. In the mountains three miles from Chilpancingo another volcano has become active. The country people are greatly terrified.

## Salmon Men to Combine

TACOMA, Jan. 21.—Preliminary negotiations have begun for syndicating all the Fraser river salmon canneries valued at several millions. Government restrictions together with the American Salmon Trust compel owners to get together for mutual protection.

The Portland School district tax levy is 29 10 mills.

General Alban was killed in the naval battle with Panama, Monday.

China is again in the throes of a revolution. It is not, however, expected to prove serious to the peace of the world.

General Bell will push the war in Batangas with great severity.

The annual convention of the United Mineworkers of America is in session at Indianapolis.

## WAS BUT A FIASCO

### Great Battle of Panama a Fake

### Made Mountains Out of Mole Hills.

### List of Casualties is not Numerous.

PANAMA, Jan. 21.—The losses in yesterday's battle are much lighter than the first reports indicated. The government forces had five killed, and four wounded. Seventeen revolutionists were wounded. The number their dead is unlearned but can not be beyond ten. All is quiet.

## They Caused Two Deaths

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 21.—Eugene J. Robinson, a policeman who was shot last night for interrupting the work of three burglars died this morning. Adolph Albermeyer, a patient in the city hospital hearing the shooting, in his delirium jumped from a window to instant death, to escape fancied pursuers.

## MARCONI TURNED DOWN

### Yankee Girl Gives Him the Mitten.

### Inventor Sails for Europe Wednesday.

NEW YORK, Jan. 21.—Signor Marconi's engagement to Miss Josephine Holdegan, of Indianapolis has been broken at the latter's request. No reason is assigned. Marconi sails for Europe tomorrow.

## THREE PAY THE PENALTY

### Eye for Eye and Tooth for Tooth.

KANSAS CITY, Jan. 21.—Albert Garth, a young negro, was hanged here today for the murder of his sweetheart during a fit of jealousy.

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo., Jan. 21.—J. L. Craft, was hanged in the penitentiary here today for the murder of a guard whom he killed while attempting to escape.

WILKESBARRER, Pa., Jan. 21.—John Lota, wife murderer, was hanged here this morning. Lota as the rope was being adjusted Lota cried "O, don't," and collapsed.

## DEATH CAME SUDDENLY

### A Eugene Character Crosses the Bar.

ALBANY, Jan. 20.—George Rubarts, commonly known as "Whispering George," a well known and eccentric character about town, died suddenly from heart trouble in McGuire's Ninth street restaurant this afternoon shortly before one o'clock.

Rubarts was eating dinner in the restaurant. The waitress noticed him gasping for breath and acting strangely and thought he was drunk. They notified W. C. McGuire, proprietor of the restaurant, who at once knew that the man was sick. He was placed on the floor and physicians sent for. Drs. King, Brown and Atwood soon arrived and found him sinking fast with heart trouble. Restoratives were applied but with no avail, and the man breathed his last at 1:10 o'clock.

Those who saw Rubarts around town this morning say that he appeared in his usual good health and he was working early in the morning, sweeping out a saloon. Death came suddenly and without warning.

Rubarts came to Eugene from Albany about 10 years ago, and since coming here has earned a living by doing odd jobs around town, such as sweeping out saloons, sawing wood, etc. He was a single man and was aged 55 years. He has two brothers down in Lincoln county, and his father was formerly owner of a saw-mill at Albany. While he was rather eccentric, he was harmless and was known to all who have occasion to be down town a great deal.

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## WESTERN MEN UNITED

### In Approving Hansbrough's Arid Land Bill.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 21.—In the Senate this morning in presenting his bill for irrigation of arid lands Hansbrough announced that the measure had met the unanimous approval of a special committee of Western Senators and Representatives which had the framing of the bill in charge.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 21.—The President today announced his determination to nominate Robert Crossin to be United States attorney for Idaho. The President today sent to the Senate the nomination of Presley M. Rixey to be chief surgeon of the navy. Rixey personally attended McKinley for the last six years of the martyred president's life.

The Senate Commission on Immigration gave a hearing today to representatives of the various interests upon the question of Chinese immigration. Samuel Gompers demanded its re-annulment. John Ford, of the Asiatic Association, spoke in opposition to exclusion bills, saying that the United States was interested in being on good terms with China.

## Hair Falls

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