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TOPICS OF THE DAY.

England Was Caught Napping.

For several years past the South African republic has paid out an average of \$6,000,000 for war preparations. If England failed to grasp the meaning of this outlay its diplomatists were caught napping to a singular degree.

Thirst Is Unknown to Them.

There are certain lucky creatures who never feel the pangs of thirst, for they are so constituted that drink is unnecessary to them and they never swallow a drop of water in their lives. Among these animals are certain gazelles of the far east and the llamas of Patagonia.

All Minted in England.

It is a curious fact that the official money of the Transvaal was coined in Birmingham. The so-called Kruger pennies are now selling at a large premium in Great Britain, it being taken for granted that after the conclusion of the present war no more of them will be coined.

Col. W. J. Bryan's Accumulations.

W. J. Bryan is the only man who has made running for office and getting beat. He has made more than \$60,000 out of his books, and W. B. Conkey, of Chicago, has invested that sum in four per cent. bonds of the United States, which are registered in Mrs. Bryan's name and will give her a perpetual annuity of \$2,000 a year, which she thinks is sufficient for her needs. He has within easy reach \$200,000 additional, which he has made by improving the opportunity.

More Money and Fewer Saloons

Under the present law with its higher rates the revenue collected in the state of New York from liquor licenses is four times what it was under the old law. Yet there has been a marked decrease in the number of saloons. During 1895 and 1896, under the old law, 23,437 licenses were taken out. During the present corresponding period under the new law 27,372 licenses were taken out. The net receipts for the nrst mentioned year were \$2,921,090; for the second, \$11,694,000.

The Railroads of Iowa.

The full report of the Iowa railroad commission for the year ended June 30, 1899, shows an increase in business in Iowa of a little over \$3,000,000. While the gross earnings of the previous year were about \$45,000,000, for the last year they were \$48,466,158. The operating expenses were \$31,479,771. Taxes were paid to the amount of \$1,415,465. The number of employes was 32,385 and the wages paid were \$18,406,383. The business of last year, as shown by the report, is by far the biggest ever done in the history of the state.

A Pacific Cable to Be Laid.

It has been learned that a bill will be introduced in congress providing for the laying of a cable across the Pacific. It is proposed, of course, that the cable shall go from San Francisco by way of Honolulu and Guam to Manila. A subsidy from the government of \$400,000 a year for 20 years is to be asked by the cable company, and in return for this favor the government is to be allowed to use the cable free of charge for 20 years, for its communication with our dependencies in the Pacific, and to pay half the regular rates thereafter.

Presiding Officers of Congress.

The house of representatives can elect anybody speaker and the senate can elect anybody president pro tem. Either body can invite the secretary of state or the postmaster general or the governor of Illinois to preside over its proceedings by majority votes. Neither the constitution nor the rules require the speaker to be a representative. The constitution simply says: "The house of representatives shall choose their speaker and other officers" and "the senate shall choose their other officers and also a president pro tempore."

Verdict by a Jury of Nine.

A suit for damages brought by Charles W. Rugg against the Boston & Maine railroad for personal injuries in a collision was submitted to a jury of nine members in Boston last week. One of the 12 jurors had died of heart disease after the evidence was all in, but before the arguments another was released to attend the funeral of a relative, and a third had been dismissed before any evidence was taken because it was discovered that he was a stockholder in the defendant corporation. The nine gave the plaintiff a verdict for \$30,000.

PHILIPPINE CAMPAIGN

Gen. Young Believes Aguinaldo to Be in Benguel Mountain Pass.

REBELS DRIVEN FROM ILDEFONSO.

The Residents of Tagodin Receive Americans with a Brass Band-Young's Command About Famished and Horses Worn Out.

Manila, Dec. 5,-An Associated press dispatch from Dagupan containing advices later than those from Santa Cruz says that Gen. Young hopes to find Aguinaldo in Benguel mountain pass and to capture him there. Both entrances to Benguel are fortified. Two troops of cavalry will reinforce Gen. Young in the pass.

Col. Hood, while reconnoitering near San Miguel, drove a force of insurgents from Ildefonso, killing several. Five Americans were slightly wounded.

The residents of Tagudin received the Americans outside the town with a brass band. They had been robbed of almost everything by the insurgents. and were glad to welcome friendly and protecting troops, A similar reception awaited Gen. Young at Santa Cruz. Prominent citizens, headed by a band, escorted the American officers to houses were rest and refreshments were provided.

Gen. Young's command was almost without food. The men had been living on the country, which affords but little, and the horses were completely worn out, most of them without shoes.

The inhabitants of Santa Cruz and of other towns through which the Americans passed say that Aguinaldo and his entire refugee army have gone into the mountains eastward since the Oregon, Samar and Callao attacked Vigan island and landed a force there.

In several towns Gen. Young was shown letters written by Lieut. Gilmore, showing that he had been kindly treaty by the citizens and had been entertained by them when he passed through last May.

Reports indicate that all of the American prisoners, some 25 or 30, were at one time in Benguel province, but it is supposed now that they have been removed into Lepanto province.

Gen. Young's desire is to pursue the rebels into the mountains. There is no communication between his small command and any of the other American columns, except indirectly, perhaps, by sighting and signaling United States gunboats bound to or from Manilla.

Capt. Rubold, with 35 men of company G. Thirty-second infantry, while escorting the signal corps laying the wire from Porae to Florida Blanca, charged and routed 70 insurgents, killing a captain and several privates. The Americans found on the captain the sword and revolver that were taken from the body of Naval Cadet Welborn C. Wood, who was killed by the insurgents while in command of the gunboat Urdaneta, when that veesel was If the Americans Should Withdraw from captured in the Orani river.

STRUCK BY A TRAIN.

Eleven Persons Injured by a Street Car Being Demolished by a Train at Chicago.

Chicago, Dec. 5 .- A Wabash passenger train struck a Thirty-first street electric car at seven o'clock last night, injuring 11 persons and demolishing the car. The passenger train was running at a high rate of speed and was two blocks from the crossing when the conductor of the electric car gave the signal to the motorman to cross. The car had reached the middle of the tracks when a warning shout from the flagman notified the passengers of the approaching train. There were 30 or more persons on the ear and they made a dash for the doors. Several succeeded in getting out and those who did not were thrown more than 20 feet with the ear, which was broken into pieces. Charles Shaw, the motorman of the wrecked car, died at midnight from his injuries.

Henderson Presented with a Fing. Washington, Dec. 5 .- A pretty incident preliminary to the meeting of the house of representatives occurred in the speaker's office, where Gen. Henderson was presented with a handsome silk flag on a staff cut from the campus of his old college at Fayette, Ia. Several ladies participated in the presentation and Gen. Henderson informally responded with a reference to the kindly personal and patriotic char-

Negro Wants to He Hanged.

acter of the gift.

Oklahoma, City, Ok., Dec. 5 .- This city has a negro who wants to be hanged. He is John Wilson, who pleaded guilty to the charge of killing Will Austin, another negro, in an agreement to receive a life sentence. He insisted that the killing was in cold blood, and that he ought to be hanged

Shot His Brothers.

Mobile, Ala., Dec. 5. - At State Line, Miss., Edmond, the five-year-old son of Dr. W. H. Boykin, shot and instantly killed his brother Roderick, aged 11. and severely wounded in the right arm his brother Tom, aged 1%. The older boys were playing with an air-gun which Edmund wanted and, when refused, he shot them.

UNITED STATES MAILS.

in His Annual Report Postmaster General Smith Gives Interesting Facts and Makes Several Recommendations.

Washington, Dec. 4.-The annual report of Postmaster General Charles Emory Smith was made public last night. Its chief feature is a plea for congressional action to stop the abuse of second-class mail privileges, which he says results in an annual waste of upwards of \$20,000,000. The financial exhibit for the fiscal year shows total expenditures of \$101,632,161 and total receipts of \$95,021,384, the deficiency being \$2,422,747 less than last year. The postmaster general says:

The most urgent need of the postal service is the rectification of the enormous wrongs which have grown up in the perversion and abuse of the privileges accorded by law to second-class matter. There are many improvements and advances waiting development and application opportunities for specifier transmission and delivery; fields for broadening the scope of the muil service and bringing it closer home to the people; possibilities of reduced postage; but above and beneath and beyond all of these measures of pracress, which experience and intelligence are working out, is the redemption of the special concession, which, congress granted for a distinct and justifiable public object from the fungus g owth and the flagrant evils that have fast ned upon it.

For this costly abuse, which drags on the department and weights down the service, trammeis its power and means of effective advancement in every direction, involves a sheer wanton waste of \$29,000 00 or upward a year. The postal deficit for the current year is \$1.010. 776. But for this wrongful application of the second-class rate, instead of a deficit there would be a clear surplus of many millions. It is not now proposed to restrict the privileges of legit mate publications or to modify the design of the law, but only to bring back its application to its original and just scope. It is believed that fully one-half of all the matter mailed a second-class and paid for at the pound rate is not properly second-class within the intent of the law and ought justly to be paid for at the thirdclass rate. This gives the enormous quantity of 176,351,613 pounds from which the department derives only a fraction of the revenue to which It is fairly entitled. The department actually derives a revenue of 14.75 cents a pound for the third-cla-s matter mail last year, and on this basis the department would have received for this wrongly-classed second-rate matter \$20,-011,863, instead of \$1,763,516, which it actually received, and the postal revenues would have been increased by the handsome sum of \$24,248,-

Mr. Smith concludes that over onefourth of the entire volume and weight of the mails pays as second-closs matter when it should pay third-class and that this furnishes only one-fifty-fifth part of the postal revenue and its carrying, reckoning at eight cents a pound, costs \$14,108,129 while revenue from it was \$1.763 516, thus causing a loss of over \$12,000,000. Mr. Smith

If there is to be a favored class let it embrace all the people. With this class paying propertions, could be applied to letters without entail ing a deficit for er toan that of the last few ours, and possibly with none at all.

Regarding our new possessions the postmaster general says:

The presence of United States troops in the new island possessions and Cuba in constant communication with home constrained the establishment of mail facilities for their needs and the pracical obliteration of the old local postal system with extinguishment of a punish uthority compelled a reconstruction of the whole service for the requirements of the mative population.

LETTER FROM GEN. WHEELER

the Philippines There Would Be Anarchy in the Islands.

Washington, Dec. 4 - Gen. Joe Wheeler, in a personal letter received here, dated at Angeles, Luzon, says:

"There are more than 20 different tribes in this island and very few of them would submit to Againaldo's rule. Aguinaldo and his generals would Like to govern, because it would give them great power, and many of his soldiers like the war because for the first time in their lives they have authority to earry a gun. They live by taking what they want from the people. Many of them are robbers who rob defenseless people of their money and sometimes murder them. If we should withdraw there would be warfare and anarchy in the islands and the well-to-do people would get some strong government to come and take

"Aguinaldo publishes a paper, which is filled with expressions from people of the United States who are called anti-imperialists, and I think were it not for these expressions the insurrection would be closed."

A Great Sate of Wool.

St. Louis, Dec. 4.-A syndicate of eastern mills has consummated a deal here for 1.250,000 pounds of wool. The terms of the sale were private, but it is said the wool sold for four cents a pound more than the price at which the same lot was offered a short time ago, and the deal amounted to more than \$250,000. All of this wool is what is known to the trade as "territory wool." Sixty ears will be required to transport it to its destination in the east. It is the greatest sale of wool ever made in the west.

Centennial of Washington's Death.

Washington, Dec. 4 .- Arrangements are about completed for the masonic celebration of the centennial of the death of Worshipful George Washington on December 14. The principal ceremonies will be at Mount Vernon and will include masonic rites at the new tomb and an address at the mansion by President McKinley.

He Invented the Potter Press.

New York, Dec. 4. - Charles Potter, Jr., the printing press inventor, died at his home in Plainfield, N. J., Saturday, aged 75. He had been sick some time with a complication of diseases. He had amassed a fortune.

MODDER RIVER FIGHT

A Feeling of Disappointment in London Over the Result.

PRETORIA EQUIPPED FOR A SIEGE.

Boers Reported in Full Retreat to Bloemfontein-Gen. Cronje Raises the Siege at Mafeking-The Wreck of the Ismore.

London, Dec. 5 .- There is little further news from the seat of war. Even the latest accounts of the battle at Modder river fail to give an intelligent idea of what happened. There is a feeling of disappointment and a continning anxiety respecting Gen. Lord Methuen. The Times says, editorially: 'The battle affords splendid proof of the unsurpassed qualities of the British soldier, but while victories won solely by the exercise of these qualities are indeed magnificent, they are not war. They fill us with pride, but with pride not unmingled with regret at the persistent perversity of circumstances which, apparently, prevents us obtaining equal or greater results by processes savoring a little of that military science of which we hear so much."

Mafeking is safe, or was so on November 24. The British had captured 25 burgers of Commandant Dutoit's forces. An Associated press dispatch from Durban says that persons arriving there from Pretoria assert that the Boers are full of confidence and are well prepared for a six months' siege of Pretoria.

The Times has the following from Frere camp, dated Wednesday, November 25: "The Boer camp at Colenso is visible from a point near Chieverley. It is a strong position and difficult for a direct front attack."

The Cape Town correspondent of the Standard says: "The government intends at an early date to send one of the ministers to England to urge upon the imperial authorities the acceptance of the Cape cabinet's view regarding the final settlement after the war."

The special correspondent of the Daily News with Gen. Methuen, telegraphing from Modder river on the day after the battle, says: "I hear that the Boers are in full retreat to Bioemfontein."

The Cape Times has the following dispatch from Mafeking, dated Novem ber 30: "Gen. Cronje, with 100 wagons and a large body of Boers, has left his laager, practically raising the siege, although desu tory firing can be heard."

THE WRECK OF THE ISMORE. London, Dec. 5.-It is now said that most of the guns, swords and carbines and a portion of the ammunition have been landed from the British transport Ismore, ashore in St. Helena bay. An official dispatch from Cape Town announced that the Ismore broke up yesterday evening. Her stern is out of the water, but her bow is gone. All hands and 20 horses out of 350, were aved. The loss of the Ismore's horses is quite serious at the present moment. when they were particularly needed. They consisted of selected, trained chargers and gun teams. It is not yet clear whether the six field guns on board the transport were saved. In any case much war material and hospital equipment were lost.

AUTOMATIC TELEGRAPHING.

The Pollack-Virag Machines to Be Introduced into the United States-Low Rates for Messages.

Chicago, Dec. 5 .- The Tribune today says: Uncle Sam's post office will be the first to feel the effect of competition with the Pollack-Virag automatic telegraph system, according to the plans under way for the introduc tion of the machines in the United States. It is intended to establish a service with this device which will enable merchants and other business men to send long letters at such low rates as to make the plan acceptable. The rate is to be made so low that a merchant could afford to send messages 1,000 words in length.

The sort of wires that best serve these machines are those used by telephone companies. For that reason it has been proposed that the system be adopted by the telephone companies. One such company has been negotiating for several days for the right to use the machines.

A Fireman Killed and Horses Lost.

Chicago, Dec. 5. - During a fire which last night burned one of the two buildings occupied by John A. Gaugh & Co., and Hardy Bros. & Foley, modding factories at Twenty-first place and Loomis street, John Bohannon, a fireman, was killed and James E. Honnelly, another fireman, was seriously injured by the falling of a wall. Five horses were burned to death. Gougher & Co.'s loss is \$30,000 and Hardy Bros. & Foley's \$25,000.

William F. Miller Reported Captured. Chicago, Dec. 5.-In a telegram received here last night at the local offices of the Mooney & Boland detective agency the capture of William F. Miller, accused of having been connected with the Franklin syndicate swindle in New York, was announced as having been effected at Montreal by the agencies' operatives, who have been in pursuit of the fugitive since his disappearance ten days ago.

Non-Sinkable Boats.

The latest invention for saving life comes-from London, and is a non-sinkable boat. If people would pay as much attention to the preservation of life in other ways, there would be a great improvement. Hostetter's Stomach Bitters is a life preserver, discovered 50 years ago. It cures dyspepsia, indigestion and all forms of stomach trouble. It is an excellent tonic for the whole system and may be had from any druggist.

Scows That Pass in the Night.

Jacques leaned over the gunwale of the flatboat as she floated lazily down the Detroit river. He smoked his pipe.

Pierre hung over the rail of the scow that was upward bound. He also was enveloped.

in a hazy smoke.

In the moonlight the two boatmen rec-

ognized each other.
"H'llo, Pierre. How you geet along?"
"Oh, I been geet along. How you geet

Oh. I been geet along, too."

"How your seek fatair geet along, Jacques?"
"My fatair? Oh, she geet along. She been died last week."—Detroit Free Press.

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For the Grave.

A solicitor in a Georgia court is respon-sible for the following: He overheard a conversation between his cook and a nurse, who were discussing a recent funeral of a member of their race, at which there had been a great profusion of flowers. The nurse said: "When I die, don't plant no flowers on my grave, but plant a good old water-melon vine; and when it gets ripe you come lar, and don't you eat it, but jes' bus' it on de grave and let dat good old juice dribble lown through de ground."—Youth's Com-

Every reader of this paper should give special heed to the offers which are appearing from week to week by the John M. Smyth Co., the mammoth mail order house of Chicago. In this issue will be found their advertisement of a thoroughly up-to-date, first-class sewing machine, at the astound-ingly low price of \$14.25. Coming as this of-fer and other offers do from a house with a. commercial rating of over one million dol-lars, and of the highest character, they mark an opportunity that the shrewd knyer will not be slow to take advantage of. The John. M. Smyth Co., 150 to 166 West Madison-street, will send their mammoth catalogue, in which is listed at wholesale prices everything to eat, wear and use, on receipt of only 10 cents to partly pay postage or ex-pressage, and even this 10 cents is allowed on. first purchase amounting to one dollar.

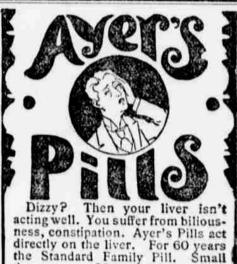
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A lot of the conversation worked off insociety ought to be dumped in the garbage can.-Chicago Daily News.



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