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BRIEF TELEGRAMS.

The controller of the currency has issued a call on national banks for a statement of their condition at the close of business Saturday, December 2.

The rush of bills in the house of representatives on the 5th was the greatest in the history of the house, the total being \$61 bills, public and private, and thirty resolutions.

The Methodist college presidents at their final session at Indianapolis discussed the Great American university. Bishop Hurst, in charge of the matter, says all but a small amount of the necessary \$5,000,000 has been raised.

Admiral Dewey has rented a pew in the fashionable St. John's Episcopal church, Washington, of which Rev. Macky Smith is pastor. He has also been chosen a trustee of the Episcopal temple on the Tennyson road.

News has been received that the American schooner Robert Ruff, from Mobile, struck a reef near Vera Cruz last week and was wrecked. Captain Kaecker of New Orleans was drowned. The fate of the crew is unknown.

In honor of his completion of fifty years' continuous service in the Chicago fire department, the Chicago Underwriters' Association gave a silver loving cup to Fire Marshal Denis J. Swenie, who is now the head of the Chicago fire department.

The American Book company of New York and Chicago completed negotiations by which the entire publication of the Harper Bros. college and high school text books is transferred. The list of these publications comprises 450 works and includes the complete classical series of Greek and Roman literature, grammars and dictionaries.

Assistant Secretary Allen has received a letter from Captain J. G. Greene, commandant of the naval station at Havana, saying that contracts have been executed for exhuming the remains of the dead of the battleship Maine, buried in the Colon cemetery, and saying that they can be removed to the United States at any time after the 15th instant.

Rev. John B. Hespelin of the Redemptorist order in the United States, is dead at the rectory of St. Peter's Roman Catholic church in Philadelphia in his 87th year. Father Hespelin was born in Bavaria June 24, 1821. At the age of 23 he came to the United States. He served churches in the states of New York, Pennsylvania, Maryland, Ohio and New Jersey.

A Buffalo paper says: Evidence accumulates to support the theory that John Webster, husband of Nellie McHenry, the actress, ended his life in the rapids just above the cataract at Niagara Falls. There is presumptive evidence that he had business troubles. He was seen at the falls on the afternoon of Monday, November 20. Friends of the missing man are convinced he is dead.

The German Tageblatt draws attention, as a characteristic feature of the president's message, to the fact that Germany is referred to first among the foreign states, and that the relations with the German empire occupy the most space. In Germany the message is generally welcomed, and it is felt that with good will on each side and thorough understanding between the two countries recent disputes will be easily disposed of.

The record of a first mortgage, involving \$5,000,000 and covering property in several states, was filed in Chicago. The mortgage was given by the American Maitling company of New Jersey to Walter G. Oakman and George R. Trumbull of New York city as trustees. The property covered by it lies in New York, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Michigan, Illinois, Minnesota and Wisconsin. The instrument required \$2,500 in revenue stamps.

Mr. Pierce, the United States chargé at St. Petersburg, has supplied to the state department a mass of additional details respecting the new policy of the Russian government of leasing by auction the gold mining territory in Siberia. His report, which is just published, includes not only the formal condition of contracts, but also the results of an expeditionary survey of the Siberian rivers, indicating the location and character of the various gold fields.

General Brooke reports the deaths on the 3d instant of Albert Chase, company E, Seventh cavalry, at Pinar del Rio, of peritonitis, and Robert Arnett, company I, First cavalry, at Guanajay, of pulmonary congestion.

Private advices report that the Kurds have avenged the recent incursion of Prussian Armenians into the Alashkerd district, in Turkish Armenia, by pillaging the Armenian village of Kostur and massacring 300 of its inhabitants.

Assistant Secretary Meiklejohn, in speaking of the late Senator Hayward, said: Our state and nation have sustained a great loss in the untimely death of Senator Hayward. As a pioneer in the formative period of our commonwealth, his life and his true Americanism have been impressed upon us and our institutions. His sterling worth, dispassionate character, loving disposition and kindness of heart have made him beloved by all who know him, attributes which will cause his memory to be revered with love and profound affection.

The state of Missouri is to take steps against the lead combine, which is in the nature of a "lead-pipe cinch."

Arrangements are about completed for the Masonic celebration of Washington, D. C., of the centennial of the death of Worshipful George Washington on December 1.

Owing to the attitude of the Peruvian chamber of deputies the members of the cabinet have tendered their resignations to the president. Arthur Gardiner, Earl Kiser and Tom Cooper, the bicyclists, will go to Paris next year. Prizes offered by the exposition company will amount to \$5,000.

A GREAT BOER VICTORY

Defeat of Gatacre the Most Severe Reverse British Have Suffered.

A GREAT MANY PRISONERS TAKEN.

General's Force of 2,000 Greatly Reduced by Dutch Strategy — Many Officers Among the Wounded—British Commander Says He Will Wire the Full Casualties Later.

LONDON, Dec. 11.—The war office publishes the following dispatch from General Forester-Walker at Capetown. Gatacre reports:

"Deeply regret to inform you that I met with a serious reverse in the attack on Stormburg. I was misled as to the enemy's position by the guides and found impracticable ground.

"Casualties, so far as known at the present, are:

"Second battalion, Irish Royal Rifles—Wounded: Lieutenant Colonel Eager, Major Eaton, Captain Bell, Captain Kelly, Lieutenant Stevens, Lieutenant Barnardson.

"Suffolk Regiment—Wounded: Second Lieutenant Maynard and twelve men. Missing: Captain Weir, Lieutenant Christie, Second Lieutenant Rodney, two hundred and ninety men.

"Fourth Field Battery—Severely wounded: Lieutenant Lewis and three men. Slightly wounded: Two men.

"Seventy-seventh Field Battery—Killed: One gunner, wounded: Major Perceval.

"Northumberland Fusiliers—Missing: Major Stevens, Captain Fletcher, Captain Morely, Second Lieutenant Wake, Second Lieutenant Coulson, Lieutenant Radcliffe, three hundred and sixty-five officers and men.

"Royal Berkshire Regiment—Killed: One private.

"The remainder of my casualties will be wired as soon as ascertained."

LONDON, Dec. 11.—(New York World Cablegram.)—The Post says:

The good news which comes today from Ladysmith is more than counterbalanced by the very serious reverse encountered at Stormburg by Gatacre. The Boers in the latter movement offered no opposition till our men reached the impregnable position which they were defending, when they opened a hot and unexpected fire.

The engagement began at 4:15 a. m. Sunday and lasted till 7 when, after an artillery duel, our men withdrew and marched back to Molteno.

So ran the first dispatch, giving merely an impression of a fruitless adventure and leaving us utterly unprepared for the bare figures of our loss which came in the second report. All the advices that have so far reached us make the fight at Stormburg take rank after Nicholson Nek as the most serious reverse of the war. We don't yet know its full proportions, but judging from what we have the worst must remain behind. Already the list of missing is close to 600. In the Second Northumberland Fusiliers six officers are reported missing. There are no details to the First Dorsetshire regiment of whose presence, with Gatacre we learn for the first time that 306 men are reported missing and there are no details as to officers. It is impossible, therefore, to avoid the conclusion that we don't know the full extent of the reverse. The moral of this unfortunate affair is that we have been trying to press home on the government the fact that men are wanted. Men must be sent, cavalry and horse artillery most especially, unless in sheer parsimony we are to throw away a corner of the empire.

ALEJANDRINO TIRES OF WAR.

Reports of the Filipino General Surrender to MacArthur.

MANILA, Dec. 11.—An expedition headed by the battleship Oregon left Manila for Subig last night. It is reported that the Filipino commander General Alejandrino, with his staff, has surrendered to General MacArthur.

There is also a rumor that Alejandrino is at Aguilar suffering from a wound received in a fight between insurgents and bandits and that he will be given an opportunity to surrender and will be properly cared for.

Surgeon Rafter's Pay Stopped.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 11.—One of the results of the investigations made in the case of the trooper Tartar is the stoppage of the pay of Major John A. Rafter, surgeon Twentieth Kansas volunteers. This action was taken at the request of General Shafter and was seconded by Secretary Root. General Shafter, who has direction of the inquiry, suggested that the pay in Surgeon Rafter's case be suspended until certain accounts for the provisioning of sick soldiers on board the transport are settled. In a protest, which Major Rafter has filed with the war department, he represents that he is not responsible for the conditions which prevailed on the transport.

To Rebuild Tehuantepec Road.

LONDON, Dec. 11.—The Westminster Gazette says Sir Weetman Dickinson Pearson, M. P. for Chelchester and head of the firm of S. Pearson & Son, limited, contractors for public works, has completed negotiations with the Mexican government to take over the Isthmus of Tehuantepec railroad on a fifty-years' lease. It is said that he will reconstruct the railroad and construct a harbor at each end. The harbors are to cost \$10,000,000.

Fix Date for Convention.

LINCOLN, Neb., Dec. 11.—Surgeon General Wyman of the marine hospital service, in view of the officially reported prevalence of the plague in Santos, Brazil, and Oporto, Portugal, and the local conditions at those ports, has issued regulations to prevent its introduction into the United States, which regulations are to remain in force until thirty days after the official announcement of the cessation of the plague in those cities. The regulations prescribe in detail the treatment of vessels from the infected ports, methods of disinfection of ships, cargo, personal effects of passengers and crew, the final disposition of vessels, etc.

Spanish Prisoners Safe.

MADRID, Dec. 11.—An official dispatch from Manila says that 229 Spaniards, who were formerly prisoners in the hands of the Filipinos, have arrived there.

Fears the British Navy.

PARIS, Dec. 11.—The Figaro publishes an interview today with M. Lockroy, former French minister of marine, in the course of which he says:

"The British navy is twice as strong as ours. It is able to [sic] simultaneously the navies of France and the triple alliance. Everywhere French fleets are stationed they are confronted by twice or thrice their strength.

France must have cables. Great Britain's bases of support are all connected and the British are ready for war tomorrow, if necessary, with every nation.

Fireman Killed in a Wreck.

CHEYENNE, Dec. 11.—About 3 o'clock this morning a collision between two freight trains occurred at Borie, twelve miles west of Cheyenne on the Union Pacific Locomotive Fireman Benjamin Stocking was instantly killed. Engineer Ernest Day was caught between the cab and tank of his engine, being seriously and perhaps fatally injured. Fireman John Costello was pinned under the wreckage and was removed with two mangled feet and a crushed hand. He was sent to the Denver hospital on a special train. Engineers Hollings and Voig were slightly hurt by jumping.

EXPRESS ROBBERY AT CHEYENNE.

The Pacific Company Loses Several Thousand Dollars.

CHEYENNE, Dec. 11.—The details of a most daring robbery are just coming to light here. Last night between the hours of 9 and 10 o'clock, the office of the Pacific Express company was robbed of several thousand dollars in money, and, although officers set to work on the case immediately and the strictest secrecy has been maintained not a single clue has been discovered.

There is a small force of men in the express office at night to handle express on incoming and outgoing trains and when these trains arrive the men have been in the habit of locking the office. This was done last night as usual and when the express men returned twenty minutes later the north door, or city entrance, was open, as was also the safe door. The discovery was made that all of the money contained in the safe was missing.

Officials of the express company refuse to state the amount of money taken, which is reported to be between \$5,000 and \$25,000. It is reported that the safe contained a large shipment of gold which was to have gone to one of the banks in central Wyoming over the Cheyenne & Northern this morning, but the officials will say nothing about the matter. Indications point to the fact, however, that the loss is considerable.

The entire express office force is under surveillance and the robbery is being thoroughly investigated.

EIGHTEEN REBELS ARE KILLED.

One Hundred Filipinos Attack a Wagon Train.

MANILA, Dec. 11.—A force of 100 insurgents yesterday attacked near Balsug a wagon train escorted by thirty men of the Sixteenth infantry. A sharp engagement followed. The Filipinos lost eighteen in killed and nine captured.

It seems that for several months Dinsmore has been infatuated with Mrs. Laue, and on different occasions has tried to get her to elope with him, which, however, she refused to do. It also appears from statements made by her and Mrs. Dinsmore's brothers that Dinsmore possessed hypnotic power, which power Mrs. Laue claims to have been under for the last six months. Mrs. Dinsmore's brothers say that he has had their sister under his power for several years. Dinsmore is charged with laying the plans for the killing of both persons and Mrs. Laue says he told her what to say at the inquest.

Dinsmore wanted to commit the crime Thanksgiving night, she says, but was persuaded to put it off by Mrs. Laue.

Monday night Mr. and Mrs. Dinsmore had retired at their usual time, as also had Mr. Laue. Shortly afterward Dinsmore came into the kitchen where Mrs. Laue was sitting and told her that part of the deed was done, and that he would have to finish the job, at once going to Laue's room and shooting him while he was still in bed. Dinsmore then brought his wife downstairs and placed her on the floor in front of the kitchen stove, where she lay until she had been examined by a doctor.

Mrs. Dinsmore's death was caused by poison, probably prussic acid, as a receipt for its taking is reported to have been found in a desk by the man sent to Odessa by the Omaha Elevator company to take Dinsmore's place.

The brothers of Mrs. Dinsmore say they spent thousands of dollars in procuring evidence against Dinsmore to show their sister that he was unfit for her to marry, but he possessed the power to make her love him.

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WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.—Since the notice received about two weeks ago of the objection interposed by the Boer government to the attempt of United States Consul Macrum at Pretoria to disburse certain sums of money provided by the British government to afford the British prisoners there with small necessities and luxuries during their confinement the State department has heard nothing on this subject. Upon being informed of the objection the department instructed Mr. Macrum to protest against it, but it is not known how he has fared since then. In fact, the department has been unable to obtain an answer from him to any of its communications of recent date and it does not know even if he has received notice of the granting of his leave of absence.

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WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.—General Leonard Wood had a conference with the secretary of war respecting his future. While neither of the principals had anything to say for publication as to the conclusions reached, it is gathered that General Wood is to be the next governor of Cuba, succeeding General Brooke, who will return to the United States. It is expected that the military force in Cuba can be greatly reduced in the near future.

METHUEN AGAIN IN COMMAND.

He is Nightly in Communication With the Kimberly Garrison.

LONDON, Dec. 8.—The war office here has received the following message from General Forester-Walker, the British commander at Capetown: "WEDNESDAY, Dec. 8.—General Methuen wires today that he has resumed command and is nightly in communication with Kimberly. The health of the troops is excellent."

Wisconsin Receives Pay.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 8.—A warrant was issued today in favor of the governor of Wisconsin for \$73,692 for the second installment of the amount due that state for aid to the farmers in that section were planning an uprising in Boer interests and asking them to come. They left immediately on the sale of their property.

For Aiding Job's Escape.

COLL MBUR, O., Dec. 9.—Indictments were returned in the United States court here today against William M. Shockley and his son Harry E. Shockley, jailer and deputy, respectively, at the Franklin county jail, for conspiracy in the escape of Captain Jobe, late of the Sixth United States volunteer infantry, who was being held for appearance before this term of court. The indictment charges the jailers with voluntarily suffering the prisoner to escape.

Canal and Scalper's Bill.

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