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#### TOPICS OF THE DAY.

With These Exceptions.

With the exception of 40 wars in which England has been engaged within the last 60 years, the reign of Victoria has been quite peaceful.

# Only Russia Would Outrank Us.

If nine per cent. of the population of all civilized nations were called out to do military service, only Russia would outrank the United States in point of numbers.

# The First House Insured.

A Hartford, Conn., fire insurance company has purchased the house of William Imlay, in that city, which, in 1794, was the first in this country to be insured against fire.

#### Puglilistic Popularity Uncertain.

John L. Sullivan says he is sorry now that he didn't put his money into United States bonds instead of lending it to flattering friends and paying \$5 for a shine. He places his "loss" at \$1,000,000, which shows pugilistic popularity to be as uncertain as Wall street.

#### Lawton's Soldier Boy.

Gen. Lawton left a fine son, who is now 12 years old. The youth possesses many of the qualities of his lamented father, notably his insensibility to fear. He has a leaning toward the army, and, young as he is, bears a commission on the staff of Gen. Fred Grant.

Accomplished What He Undertook. Gen. Otis says Gen. Lawton always accomplished what he undertook and met an obstacle by devising a way to overcome it. President Lincoln remarked that Grant made the bst of what he had, unlike some predecessors who spent their time in telegraphing for more.

# England's National Debt.

England's national debt will probably be increased \$100,000,000 by war with the Boers. The debt at present is nearly \$3,000,000,000. In the year 1816 it was \$4,500,000,000. Since 1883 the reductiotion has been \$640,000,000. If the British win the gold mies will furnish an indemnity.

# It Came from Kruger.

Pope Leo has amassed enough valuable presents to fill a museum and his jewels are famous for their worth and beauty. He is the owner of the largest diamond in the world, and this, oddly enough, was given to him by that stanch Protestant, President Kruger. It is valued at \$4,000,000.

# Steam Railroad Building.

Steam railroad building, like all other branches of activity, has in 1899 beat all recent figures. According to the Railroad Gazette, 4,557 miles of new track have been laid this year, as compared with 3,265 last year, and of approximately 2,000 in each of the four preceding years.

# Sample of "Senatorial Courtesy."

When Mr. Clark, senator-elect from Montana, appeared to take the oath, he walked down the aisle on the arm of Mr. Carter, his colleague from the same state. A few minutes later the latter filed a protest against Clark's title to a seat on the ground that the newcomer's election had been procured by corrupt methods. Then the two went out to lunch together.

# Only a Temporary Concession.

The official spelling of the United States' new possession in the Gulf of Mexico is declared to be Puerto Rico. This is how the name will be spelled on government documents. It is a concession to the feelings of the islanders which is well enough to gratify. Nevertheless, the ultimate spelling will be Porto Rico. When the inhabitants of the island become Americanized they will simplify the orthography of their locality.

# A Remarkable Coincidence.

Gen. Lawton, who was shot to death in the Philippines, made his great reputation as an Indian fighter by leading the troops which captured the Apache chief, Geronimo. It is one of the most remarkable coincidences on record that the Filipino forces at San Mateo were under command of Geronomo, a Filipino chief. It was just as the America soldiers under Lawton were charging into to the Luneta to Pasig and thence to this town that the brave commander the transport Thomas, which sailed met his death.

## SHE WEDDED ANOTHER.

W. F. Beck Says a Delayed Telegram Caused Him to Lose Miss Dora Ward as a Wife.

Birmingham, Ala., Dec. 31.-In the United States court here, W. F. Beck, of Repton, Ala., has filed a suit for \$10,000 damages against the Western Union Telegraph company for the alleged delay of a telegram, which, he charges, caused him to lose Miss Dora Ward, of Centreville, Ala., as his wife. The plaintiff alleges that he had wired Miss Ward that he would be with her the following day, and forwarded her a letter. Miss Ward did not receive the telegram in time, and married a rival named Ragland, all of which, it is charged, caused the plaintiff much mental pain and lacerated his feelings terribly. It is stated that Miss Ward informed three suitors that if they were with her on the day named she would consider their propositions for her hand Beck's telegram was delayed, which, he charges, caused him to lose Miss Ward as his wife.

## M'COY DEFEATS MAHER.

The "Kid" Knocks Out Peter in the Fifth Round Before the Coney Island Athletic Club.

New York, Jan. 2 .- "Kid" McCoy again placed himself in the championship class by defeating Peter Maher in a brisk, well fought battle of five rounds before the Coney Island Athletic club yesterday afternoon. The battle was hard fought from start to finish, but McCoy was far the cleverer man in ring tactics, dodging, side stepping and hitting powers. He showed himself to be a good ring general, even watching for an opening and never failing to take advantage of one. Maher, although credited with being a heavy hitter, did not get in many effective blows.

## OLD EMPLOYES PENSIONED.

The Pennsylvania Railroad Company Retires 950 Men Who Have Become Incapacitated for Work.

Philadelphia, Jan. 2-The system of pensioning old employes of the Pennsylvania Railroad company on the lines east of Pittsburgh was in augurated yesterday. About 950 men. who by reason of long service in the company's employ have become 'ncapacitated for further active duty. were retired on pensions that average nearly half the wages they received when at work. Hereafter no person over 35 years of age will be taken into the employ of the com-

Great Gift for Chicago University. Chicago, Jan. 2 .- The University of Chicago has received a new year's gift of \$3,370,000. President Harper will make the announcement to-day at the quarterly convocation of the university in Studebaker hall. The president hoped to announce that the university would be \$4,000,000 richer, but he has not yet been able to raise the \$315,000 which, duplicated by John D. Rockefeller, would make up that amount.

# Hibernians of Toledo Have Arms.

Chicago, Jan. 2.- A special to the Times-Herald from Toledo, O., says: It developed yesterday that the Hibernians of Toledo have 7,000 stands of arms ready for use in case trouble breaks out in Canada, and at a demonstration to be held next week the members of the society will pledge their moral support to the Boers and the Canadians in case they decide to throw off the British yoke.

# Cannot Live in Salt Latie.

Washington, Dec. 31.-The United States fish commission has decided it will be useless to try to introduce fish and oysters into the Great Salt Lake of Utah. The commission, which made a detailed inquiry into conditions, found that while there was plenty of food for fish and oysters the condition of the water was such that animals could not live there.

Mrs. Eddy Bestows Wealth on Her Son. Lead, S. D., Dec. 31.-Mrs. Mary Baker Eddy, of Boston, the noted Christian scientist, has presented her son, George Grover, of this city, with a check for \$10,000 and a clear title to a dwelling house which has just been built of stone and pressed brick, valued at \$15,000. The dwelling house is the most palatial residence in the Black hills.

# Chicago Has a Million Dollar Fire.

Chicago, Dec. 31 .- A fire which broke out in the seven-story building, 220 and 222 Monroe street, early Saturday, completely destroyed that building and badly damaged the two adjoining structures, five and seven stories high, respectively. The total loss, which falls mostly on wholesale firms, will be in the neighborhood of \$1,000,000.

Lawton's Body Started Home. Manila, Dec. 31.—The funeral of Gen. Henry W. Lawton, who was killed at San Mateo, December 18, was held Saturday with impressive ceremonies. The remains were conveyed from the Paco cemetery down in the afternoon.

### CABUYAO OCCUPIED.

American Troops Land and Capture a Town on Laguna de Bay-Aguinaldo's Wife Surrendered to Maj. March.

Manila, Jan. 2,- The first movement of a general southern advance occurred yesterday morning when two battalions of the Thirty-ninth infantry landed and occupied Cabuyao, on the south side of Laguna de Bay. Two Americans were killed and four were wounded. Twenty-four of the enemy's dead were found in one house. One hundred and fifty prisoners and four six-pounder rapid fire guns were captured.

The gunboat Laguna de Bay bombarded the town before the disembarkation of the troops from the cascoes, which was made under the enemy's shrapnel fire. The enemy evacuated the place before the charging Americans, retreating to Santa Rosa, to which town they were pursued.

Henvy fighting occurred along the road to Santa Rosa, which was occupied by the insurgents retreating south toward Silang. The Americans burned the country between and around Cabuyao.

The gunboat returned to Calamba forre'nforcements and thence came to Manila to fetch ammunition. She recently captured two of the enemy's steam launches, one under the fire of artillery at Calamba, and also four cargoes loaded with rice.

Sunday's capture of bombs involved the seizure of documents inculpating 1,000 Filipinos who intended to rise against the Americans. Papers were also found showing a distribution of the city into districts and a careful assignment of leaders and followers. The precautions taken by the Americans on Saturday, it is now evident, alone prevented an uprising. The provost marshal has requested that two more regiments be detailed for the protection of Manila. Three thousand troops are now actually in the city.

Aguinaldo's wife, sisters and eign'een Filipinos have surrendered to Maj, March's battalion of the Third infantry at Bontoc, province of that name. Three Filpino officers also surrendered to Maj. March; and the Filipinos gave up two Spanish and two American prisoners.

## CUBAN COMMANDS.

A Heavy Reduction to Be Made-Two Departments to Be Created Out of the Four at Present.

Washington, Jan. 2.—It is probable that the present month will be marked by a complete reorganization of the military commands in Cuba. The impression prevails that there is to be a heavy reduction in these comdepartments, instead of the six which originally comprised Cuba, and divided. Gen. Wilson, who commands the combined departments of Matanzas and Santa Clara, has been ordered to Washington and it is not the present intention that he shall return to Cuba. It is said that while here he, with Gen. Davis, who is coming from Porto Rico and is due on the 5th at New York, will confer with the committees of congress having to do with the creation of a new form of government for Porto Rico and with legislation for Cuba during the time it shall remain under American con-

# ON A UNIQUE PLATFORM.

Indiana Man Would Go to Congress on the Issue of Moving the National Capital to St. Louis.

Evansville, Ind., Dec. 31.-Judge Thomas H. Dillon, of Petersburg, announced he would be a candidate for the nomination for congress from his district before the next democratic convention. In his appeal, which he issued to the voters, he advocates the removal of the national capital to St. Louis, saying the people of the west and south are denied their rights in Washington because of the influence of wealth.

# GIGANTIC COPPER TRUST.

Its Officers Announce That the Entire Cap-Ital Stock of \$75,000,000 Has Been Pald in Cash.

Trenton, N. J., Dec. 31.-The amalgamated Copper company filed a certificate with the secretary of state, setting out that its entire capital stock of \$75,000 had been paid in cash. The certificate was signed by Henry H. Rogers, vice president and William G. Rockefeller, secretary.

# Fatal Fire at Tulsa, I. T.

Tulsa, I. T., Jan. 2.-Fire at this place Sunday night destroyed the Grand Central hotel block, Chadwell's grocery store, the Kilcoyne meat market, Davis & Bowlin's hardware. store and B. J. Linsky's building. Charles Cummings, son of the manager of the Grand Central hotel, while trying to secure some articles of value in his room above the hardware store, was killed by the explosion of powder below, and his body was consumed in the flames.

## THE ZINC OUTPUT.

Proposed Combination to Control the Mines and the Smelting Plants. To Secure Options on Mines.

Chicago, Jan. 2.—The Record today says: Information reached Chicago yesterday of the proposed formation of a combination to control the zine output of the United States. Work on the scheme has begun and initial steps are being taken in Kansas City. According to one of the best kown zinc operators who was in Chicago yesterday, the plan includes not only the control of the mines but of the smelting plants as well.

Within a short time representatives of the combination will get a price on all producing zine mines in the Jeplin, Mo., district, and secure options on them. It has been estimated by the promoters that it will take in the neighborhood of \$100,000,000 to swing the undertaking successfully and this amount of money with as much more as may be necessary is said to be ready to go into the statement. The combination will be built along similar lines to the Federal Steel company which controls 80 per cent of the iron output of the country.

#### THREE GREAT BATTLESHIPS.

Designs Have Been Completed for the New Vessels, the Georgia, New Jersey and Penn-ylvania.

Washington, Dec. 31.—Designs for the greatest battle ships ever projected for the American navy were agreed upon by the naval board of construction yesterday, after several months of discussion over the important questions of battery, armor, speed, coal capacity and displacement. The three new vessels, to be called the Georgia, the New Jersey and the Pennsylvania-will equal in formidability the finest line of battle ships yet laid down by any foreign power, and, with the addition of typical American improvements, will surpass in fighting force any ships now affoat. The salient features of the design contemplate a displacement of approximately 14,000 tons, as compared with the Oregon's 11,000 or the new Maine's 12,300. The speed is to be "at least 18 knots," with a coal bunker capacity of 2,000 tons.

## CAPTURED BY THE BRITISH.

Steamer Bundesrath With Three German Officers and Twenty Men on Board, Taken as a Prize at Delagon

Lorenzo Marques, Dec. 31.-The German steamer Bundesrath, belonging to the German East African lines, has been captured as a prize and taken to Durban. The Pundesrath arrived here from Mozambique. The mands and it is intimated that the German steamer Bundesrath of 1.319 outcome will be the creation of two tons, sailed from Hamburg November 8 for Tanga, East Africa. A representative of the Associated press the four into which the island is now has learned that there were three German officers and 20 men, attired in khaki and intending to serve the Boers on board the Bundersrath. which explains her capture.

# GOLD AND SILVER OUTPUT.

An Increase of \$8,961,170 of the Former in the United States and \$3,739,-511 of the Latter.

Washington, Dec. 31.-The preliminary estimates of the production of gold and silver in the United States during the calendar year 1899, made by Mr. Roberts, the director of the mint, shows a total gold production of \$73,424,170, an increase over the production of last year of \$8,961,170. The production of silver during the year is estimated at \$74,125,996, an increase during the year of \$3,739,-

# HER PARENTS OBJECTED.

Miss Barnes, Daughter of Oklahoma's Chief Executive, Eloped with the Man of Her Choice.

Oklahoma City, Ok., Dec. 31.-Miss Bessie Barnes, daughter of Gov. and Mrs. C. M. Barnes, was married to C. R. Havighorst, of Guthrie, in the parlors of the Grand Avenue hotel here by Rev. W. E. Graham. Miss Barnes' parents objected to young Havighorst, it is supposed, on account of his poverty, and for this reason the young couple came here to be married.

# Cannibals in the New Hebrides.

Vancouver, B. C., Dec 31,-James Fielding, an American missionary in the New Hebrides, was recently killed by the natives there. He went to a remote village with one of the natives and opened a prayer-meeting, He was surrounded by a number of Kanakas, bearing guns, and soon one ferocious fellow, while one of the native teachers was preaching, lifted his gun and shot Fielding.

# Less Than Two Per Cent. Removed.

Washington, Dec. 31,-The civil service commission, in its annual report to be issued next week, will say that the civil service law is being more generally conformed to than ever before. It shows that the removals of employes, based upon its statistics for this year, now average slightly less than two per cent. of the whole number of classified places.

#### Mormonism.

This is a question that should interest every one. It is a blot upon our fair land—a symptom of governmental ill-health. The right laws would act as speedily upon it as Hostetter's Stomach Bitters does upon constipation or dyspepsia. They would quickly clear it out and restore healthy purity; and this is just what the bitters does for the human constitution. It makes the stomach strong by curing indigestion, biliousness and liver trouble.

#### Before and After.

Singleton-Do you believe it is possible for two people to live as cheaply as one?

Wederly—Before I married I read all the statistics I could find on the subject, and I was convinced that they could, but—

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"After marrying I made a few statistics of my own, then changed my mind."—Chicago Evening News.

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It would be as easy for one to be sick and well at the same time as it would to be selfish and happy.—Elliott's Magazine.

After six years' suffering I was cured by Piso's Cure.—Mary Thomson, 29½ Ohio Ave., Allegheny, Pa., March 10, '94.

Money talks, but unless you have plenty of it, it stutters.—N. Y. Press.

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