

AMERICA'S NEWEST COLONY

The Stars and Stripes Float Over Porto Rico.

FROM HONOLULU TO SAN JUAN

General Brooke Notifies the War Department That the Occupation of the Island is Now Complete—What the Spaniards Have Lost.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 19.—The United States is now formally in possession of the island of Porto Rico as sovereign.

"SAN JUAN, Porto Rico, Oct. 18.—Secretary of War, Washington: Flags have been raised on public buildings and forts in this city, and saluted with national salutes.

From Honolulu to San Juan; this is the leap made by the Stars and Stripes in two months.

For over 200 years Spain has guarded Porto Rico. In 1529 French pirates attacked the coast.

Porto Rico has been held by the Spanish crown since early in the sixteenth century in the days of Ponce de Leon, who was so delighted with its loveliness that he sought there the fountain of youth.

As early as 1820 the Porto Ricans attempted to gain their independence.

It was in 1868, the year of the great uprising in Cuba, that the most formidable outbreak in Porto Rico occurred.

Porto Rico is the easternmost of the Greater Antilles. On the east the Lesser Antilles sweep in a great bow toward Trinidad, inclosing on the westward the Caribbean sea.

Our new colony is a parallelogram, about 105 miles long and forty miles wide.

The chief town of the island is San Juan, the capital, with a population of 73,414 inhabitants.

The largest city is Ponce, with 37,545 inhabitants. San German, the second city in size, has 35,146 inhabitants.

Our agricultural transactions with the island during the last year amounted to \$4,170,000, the least since the civil war, except in 1895.

The total exports of the island in 1895 amounted to about \$8,000,000, with about \$9,000,000 in imports.

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NEWS IN BRIEF.

Columbus, Kan.—Frell's elevator was totally destroyed by fire Monday night. Loss, \$10,000.

Reading, Pa.—Four men were killed by the explosion of a Wilmington and Northern freight engine at Joanna station.

Lebanon, Kan.—Chauncey M. McNail, an old soldier, aged 85 years, father of Insurance Superintendent Webb McNail, postmaster at this place, died here Sunday.

London.—A collision has occurred on the Great Central railroad near Barthney, nine persons being killed and twenty-two injured.

Springfield, Ohio.—Editor Marco Morrow, of the Republic Times, and Editor S. M. Millen, of the Daily Democrat, fought over personal editorials.

Chicago.—The formation of a furniture trust by the largest manufacturers throughout this country was considered at a meeting in this city Monday.

Paris.—The dowager duchess of Sutherland, wife of the president of the council of British ministers, while on board a train bound for Calais, lost a satchel containing jewelry worth \$150,000.

Springfield, Ill.—On account of a shooting affray at Pana, in which a negro shot another with a state rifle, Governor Tanner issued an order recalling all state rifles in possession of Sheriff Coburn of Christian county.

St. Joseph, Mo.—Owing to the alarming increase of diphtheria in this city, Health Officer Graham has instituted rigorous quarantine measures and has ordered a general fumigation among other methods adopted to stamp out the disease.

New York.—Graham A. Young of Louisville, Ky., who died at the post hospital at Willit's point, was heir to almost a million dollars.

Marshalltown, Iowa.—Rev. George R. Parrish, pastor of the Congregational church of this city, was arrested by officers from Sandwich, Ill., charged with forging a check for \$300 three years ago under the name of Rev. Mark Thompson.

Santiago de Cuba.—The wood used by the military establishment for government purposes since the capitulation of Santiago has been sent here from the United States at a probable cost of over \$12 a cord.

Cleveland, Ohio.—Countess Louisa von Lindau, an actress known in Germany and many American cities as Countess Koenigsow, was locked up at the central police station here upon the charge of intoxication.

Washington.—The grave of the late Secretary of State James G. Blaine, which has heretofore been unmarked save for a dead oak tree, will have a monument of the finest marble from Vermont within the next ten days.

Flint, Mich.—W. P. Murray of Clinton, Iowa, shot and killed his wife, Harriet, an incurable inmate of Oak Grove asylum, located here, and then himself. Their bodies were found in a grove, where they had gone for a walk, each shot through the head.

Fall River, Mass.—The agreement among the manufacturers of print cloth to curtail production and put all the standard plain goods on hand and being made into the control of a committee to sell or to hold, as it considers best, has been perfected.

Florence, Col.—News has reached here of the death by freezing last Saturday night of the 10-year-old son of William Leolia, living 5 miles from here, and the possible fatal freezing of the father. They were driving home from Florence and lost their way in the blinding snow storm.

SOME MORE FIGURES BY COUNTIES

The Republican Claim That "McKinley Prosperity" Caused the Increase in School Funds Exploded.

STATE TAXES PAID SHOW THE CONTRARY

A Comparison of Two Years 1894-5 with Two Years 1896-7 Shows More Counties Decreased Than Increased Their Payments.

A Net Decrease of Over \$50,000.

If the republican campaign managers had possessed the fairness and honesty to come frankly up to the mark at the opening of the campaign and admitted that Bartley, Russell & Co. had mismanaged the school funds and that the great increase in school fund apportionments the past 18 months, was simply the result of honest business management, they would have bettered their standing with intelligent people all over the state.

Instead of doing this—instead of saying that there was nothing wonderful in the better apportionment because it was simply business, common sense applied to the collection and disbursement of the school funds they in one breath damn Uncle Jake Wolfe for cancelling leases on school lands on which, not a cent had been paid for six or eight years and re-letting the land to those who would pay and in the same breath declare that the increase in school apportionment is all due to McKinley prosperity that caused the people to pay in thousands of dollars more taxes than previously.

Table with 5 columns: COUNTIES, Total State taxes collected in 1894-5, Total State taxes collected in 1896-7, Decrease in 1896-7, Increase in 1896-7. Lists counties from Adams to York with corresponding tax figures.

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TWO MURDERED BY ROBBERS. Burglars Kill a Farmer and His Wife in Their Search for Treasure. St. Ann, Ill., Oct. 19.—Emil Chiniquy, a wealthy farmer, and his wife were found murdered to-day. Their heads were crushed in by some heavy instrument. Burglars had entered by a window. A 20-year-old son of the murdered couple slept upstairs but heard no noise. Chiniquy, it is believed, had a large sum of money in the house.