

Condensed News of the Week

A general assault is now being made on Fort Arthur. It was begun November 26 and is said to be still in progress. The Japanese fatality is something enormous. The little men climb the mountain sides in their efforts to push the assault and are mowed down by thousands by the Russian guns.

Arrangements are being made to place a wireless telegraph station on one of the Farallone islands, by which the United States and Honolulu may be connected.

A famine exists in the central part of Russia and the government is advancing money to the peasants with which to purchase food.

The child labor law of Illinois was enforced December 9, when 2,500 boys were taken from their places of employment in the mines. No boys under 16 years of age will be permitted to engage in this underground work.

The Pontiac Shoe Manufacturing company's factory at Pontiac, Ill., was burned down causing a loss of \$75,000. The 300 employees escaped in safety.

While Mr. Arthur Raines and his wife of Tacoma, Wash., were away from home their three little children were burned to death, and their house destroyed by fire.

A furious class fight occurred at Yankton college December 9, in which a fire was made to burn down a pole from which one of the class colors floated. The flames communicated with the college building and the students all joined in extinguishing the flames. After that they continued their fight until the faculty lowered the pole.

Four men were entombed in the Eldorado Coal and Coke company's mine at Eldorado, Ill., Dec. 9, by an explosion which wrecked the shaft and destroyed the upper part of the mine. Patrick Reed, the mine boss, went down into the mine after the explosion and by groping his way down through the poisonous and blinding fumes, rescued four other men who would have been smothered.

The foreign office of England says there is no foundation for the story that Great Britain has offered Turkey money to buy Argentine and Chilean warships in return for concessions which would permit Great Britain to erect a second Gibraltar on the coast of Yemen.

Austria-Hungary and the United States will soon conclude an arbitration treaty if the negotiations initiated by Secretary Hay and Mr. Hengelmüller continue to proceed as satisfactorily as they have begun.

A final settlement of the Alaskan boundary has been reached. There was a small section of this boundary which was not determined by the Alaskan boundary commission at its meeting in London for the reason that it never had been surveyed.

An Associated Press dispatch, dated London, Dec. 8, says: "A large crowd of curious people was admitted to the sale of the murdered Queen Draga's jewels and costumes at Christies this afternoon. The diamond tiara worn at her marriage to King Alexander of Serbia realized \$6,100, and a bracelet presented to her by the Russian emperor on the same occasion brought \$2,600. Queen Draga's bridal gown was knocked down for \$150, while her state costume was bought for \$1,350. There were no American competitors."

A bad accident occurred at Joliet, Ill., Dec. 9, in which a man lost his life and others were badly injured. The men were in a cage or elevator in a mine when the engineer lost control of the machine and it shot to the top of the tower crushing one of the ten occupants to death. After the accident the men were preparing to lynch the engineer, believing him careless, when officers interfered.

An Associated Press dispatch dated Paris, Dec. 8, says: "In the chamber of deputies this afternoon the government escaped defeat by the narrow majority of two votes, 276 to 274, on a resolution inviting the government to refer to the superior council of judges the cases of those magistrates who have been guilty of making secret investigations."

Mrs. Cassie L. Chadwick is imprisoned in the Tombs at New York, not having been able to furnish the bond of \$15,000 fixed for her by Commissioner Shields.

United States Senator Mitchell of Oregon has continually refused to appear as a witness in the land fraud cases in answer to the requests of the prosecutors for the government.

The report that Austria-Hungary has offered to reopen the commercial treaty negotiations with Germany is confirmed.

John E. Redmond has called a meeting of the Irish parliamentary party for January 15 in Dublin to discuss the distress in the west of Ireland.

Sixteen miners lost their lives in an explosion which destroyed a coal mine at Burnett, Wash. Twelve of the bodies have been recovered.

An Associated Press dispatch dated Panama, Dec. 6, says: "A supplemental agreement signed this afternoon between Secretary Taft and President Amador and Foreign Minister Guadis provides that after December 12 no cargoes can be landed at the canal ports except on presenting a Panama consular invoice from the port of shipment."

William Blakie, the well-known lawyer and advocate of physical culture was stricken with apoplexy at his home in New York. He is 61 years of age. Mr. Blakie was the author of several books on physical culture and had lectured on that subject. He was stroke of the Harvard crew which defeated Yale in 1866. He held the long distance outdoor walking record for ten years, and was founder of the inter-collegiate games of America in 1873.

The children's home of the Sisters of Mercy at Loretto, Pa., was destroyed by fire. Sixty orphans were in the building when the fire broke out. All have been accounted for.

An appropriation of \$17,000 for defraying the expenses of the inauguration of President Roosevelt is provided for in a joint resolution introduced in the senate and house yesterday.

An Associated Press dispatch from Kingston, Jamaica, dated December 5, says: "The German steamer Adirondack, which arrived here yesterday, brought several Haytian exiles, one of whom had sought refuge in the house of a French Methodist missionary. Soldiers entered the house in pursuit of the Haytian and struck the clergyman. The French consul has formally protested to the Haytian government. The exiles were escorted to the steamer by the American and German consuls."

Emperor William is preparing to send a plenipotentiary to negotiate a commercial treaty between the German government and King Menelik. The plenipotentiary will also bear presents to the Abyssinian monarch.

Twenty-four Bulgarians were murdered by Greeks near Sorovitch, December 2.

The first trackless trolley street cars have been put in operation in Berlin and they are apparently a success.

A report from Lahore, Punjab, district of British India, says that the wife and children of an Episcopal missionary, Dr. Benjamin, were poisoned by a native Christian schoolmaster whom Dr. Benjamin had recently reprimanded.

The official figures for the attendance at the World's fair have been made public and the total attendance until closing day is placed at 18,741,973.

James N. Tyner of Indiana, who was formerly the postmaster general of the United States, died at his home of paralysis December 5. Mr. Tyner was stricken with this disease in July, 1902.

When asked as to the state of the Cripple Creek strike and the prospects for its settlement, President Charles H. Moyer said: "The issues involved in the Cripple Creek strike remain unsettled and the situation is unchanged. Personally I see no reason why the strike should be called off unless a satisfactory agreement with the mine owners has been reached."

Four election officials of Colorado were sentenced to imprisonment and fines for fraud in the recent election. The men are charged with having permitted "repeating" in a city precinct.

The doxology has been voted down at the University of Chicago and in its place has been substituted "Alma Mater." The change was suggested by the students who told the professors that a college spirit was the aim of the chapel services and that this spirit would be better infused by singing a college song.

The circuit court of Nashville, Tenn., has returned a judgment for \$1,200 and cost in favor of E. B. Stahlman, editor of the Nashville Daily Banner, against the News Publishing company and T. Burford Goodwin, editor of the News. The suit was brought by Mr. Stahlman to vindicate his honor which had been besmirched in a publication of the News. The court's decision contained the following paragraph: "After diligent efforts the defense is unable to find proof to sustain the said article, its allegations or inferences and implications from the same, and is constrained to admit that the plaintiff is a person of honesty, honor and integrity and the article is libelous, perverse and that the plaintiff has sustained damage therefrom and is entitled to recover in this action."

George Fahey of New York met a very strange death a few days ago. The man became wedged between two piles of a pier at the foot of a bridge and the pile was rising higher every moment. His screams attracted scores of rescuers who rescued him only after he had become a raving maniac. The water had risen to his chin when the piers gave way and he was so frightened that he lost his reason. He was taken to a hospital where he died two hours later.

Six more election officials were placed in jail at Denver, Dec. 6. The judge of the district court delivered his instructions to the jury, saying: "It is common talk of the streets and currently circulated in the newspapers that a conspiracy exists to deprive of the governorship of this state one of our citizens whom all good citizens, irrespective of party, believe to have been honestly elected. It is further openly charged to carry out this conspiracy it will involve the unseating, unjustly and illegally, of certain members of the coming legislature. It is also charged that immense sums of money have been collected from the various corporations of this city and state to aid in this work. It is charged that even after the official count was completed in many counties of the state and certified to the proper officials, agents were sent out for the purpose of procuring some one member of these local canvassing boards to bring in alleged minority reports with the hope that the state canvassing board could be induced to violate the law and disregard its oath of office. This is a matter that will tax your patience and ability, but I earnestly urge it upon you for your most careful consideration."

The Kentucky court of appeals has granted a new trial to Caleb Powers who has been charged with conspiracy in the killing of Governor Goebel. Powers has been given two life sentences and one death sentence by three juries.

An Associated Press dispatch dated The Hague, Dec. 6, says: "The state's general today discussed the bill providing a site for the Carnegie palace of peace. Differences of opinion were displayed, some members, while applauding the donor's generosity, maintained that the sum Mr. Carnegie has given would suffice to purchase a site, as well as to build the palace. No agreement was reached as to whether the site the government had selected was the best."

The reservoir of the Esperanza mine at Eloro, Mex., burst open Dec. 6, and the water rushed down the mountain, drowning five natives whose huts stood in the path of the torrent.

It is reported that David R. Francis of the St. Louis exposition will make a tour of the world to repay the visits of foreign dignitaries and to express the gratitude of the government and the city of St. Louis for the liberality of other nations and exhibitors.

The town of East Tavas, Mich., was almost totally destroyed by fire December 6.