

THE NEWS IN BRIEF.

Work has just been started on the battleship Missouri at Newport News.

Comptroller Dawes has announced that the Broadway National Bank of Boston will not resume business.

Lady Alice Montague, sister of the Duke of Manchester, died at Daves-Platz, a health resort in Switzerland.

Representative Shafroth of Colorado has introduced a resolution proposing a woman suffrage amendment to the constitution.

The eighty-ninth annual report of the American board of foreign missions shows total receipts for the past year of \$633,016.

The Review of the River Platte estimates the wheat crop of the four principal provinces of Argentina at 84,600,000 bushels, against 72,800,000 bushels last year.

The Velo, of Paris, says that in France last month there were 708 accidents caused by horses which resulted in fifty-two deaths and the injury of 656 persons.

The Sugar trust voted to reserve undivided profits as working capital and to reduce dividends to meet the reduction in profits, due to the sugar war with the Antilles.

At New York after the fight Tuesday night George Dixon said he would never enter the ring again.

McGovern issued a statement inviting challenges from ambitious lightweight.

Gideon Hawley, the oldest engineer on the Lake Shore road, will soon be retired on a pension of \$97 a month.

President Edwin Locke and the executive committee of the Epworth League have selected Topeka as the place to have the first annual convention of that organization, on June 19-21, next.

The executive committee of the Kansas state live stock commission has raised a preliminary fund of \$2,000 to make the fight in the courts against the new cattle rates established by the railroads.

The committee selected at Indianapolis last year to fix a time and place for the next meeting of the Mexican Veterans' National Association, has named Cincinnati as the point and September 14 as the date.

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At Kalamazoo, Mich., Rev. C. G. Thomas was stricken with apoplexy Sunday night in his pulpit.

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Mrs. Joseph Christie of McPherson, Kan., cut the throats of her two children, both under six years old, then cut her own throat and set fire to the house.

"Coin" Harvey's new book, announced by the democratic literary bureau as the text of the book of the party in 1900, has been made public in advance sheets.

Governor Brady of Alaska and a delegation from Cape Nome were before the house committee on public lands.

Thirty-three grain laden vessels cleared from the port of Galveston during the month of December, carrying 755,309 bushels of wheat and 2,108,566 bushels of corn.

The Kansas Retail Hardware Dealers' Association in session at Topeka, adopted resolutions against trusts and combinations, declaring that its members were desirous of buying, as far as possible, with houses who deal outside of trusts.

Representatives of the eastern and southern railroads decided to unite for the purpose of stopping the payment of commissions on the sale of tickets, and a mass meeting of the general passenger agents of the various railroads of the east, southeast and south was called for this purpose and it was decided to abolish all commission February 1.

The manager and artist of La Caricature, Paris, who published an alleged indecent cartoon representing President Kruger having Queen Victoria over his knees, in the act of spanking her, was tried on the charge of outraging public morals.

Statistics show a reduction, by current ordinances, of 80 per cent of the crimes committed by children under 15 years of age.

George Sheldon McCook, a son of Prof. McCook, of Trinity College, Hartford, and a nephew of General McCook, died at Paris, France.

It is the purpose of Senator Hanna and the officials of the national republican committee having the matter in charge to ask Mr. Joseph Brucker, the editor of the Chicago Staats Zeitung, to assume direction of the German literary bureau of the committee during the coming presidential campaign.

APPROPRIATION WORK

House to Dispose of Urgent Deficiency and Pension Bill This Week.

MAY OPEN PHILIPPINE QUESTION

Many Millions for Army and Navy—Spirited Debate Likely Over Pension Bills—Pettigrew Resolution in the Senate—Miscellaneous Washington Notes.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 15.—The house will plunge into the routine work of the session this week.

The former, containing as it does many millions for the army and navy, may raise the whole question to the insurrection in the Philippines with its allied issues and lead to a very protracted debate.

The pension appropriation bill is likely to cause some spirited debate, owing to the disposition in certain quarters to criticize the conduct of the pension office.

The senate probably will resume consideration of the Pettigrew resolution making request for certain information concerning the beginning of the war in the Philippines Monday morning.

This will be succeeded at 2 o'clock by a speech on the financial bill by Senator Rawlins of Utah.

When the Pettigrew resolution is disposed of the Hoar resolutions will supply food for talk each day in this morning hour and after that the Hale resolution concerning the seizure of American goods by Great Britain will be taken up.

It is Senator Aldrich's announced purpose to press consideration of the financial bill each day after the conclusion of the morning hour, but it is not probable that he will succeed in securing a daily speech on the subject.

The consideration of the Samont treaty in executive session will be resumed if the legislative work permits and Senators Mason and Money will make speeches in opposition to it.

BOTH SIDES FIGHT LIKE DEMONS.

Assault at Ladysmith Becomes a Hand to Hand Conflict.

LONDON, Jan. 16.—A special dispatch from the Hoofd laager at Ladysmith, dated January 9, via Lourenzo Marquez, describing the assault on January 6, upon Ladysmith, says:

"The British made no attempt to hold the first line of breastworks, but made an exceedingly stubborn resistance, but made an exceedingly stubborn resistance at the next row.

"After 10 o'clock the British artillery fire slackened and a terrible individual contest ensued among the riflemen for the possession of Plat Rand ridge.

"Although the burghers ultimately succeeded in gaining possession of most of the British positions on the western side of the plat Rand, they were finally obliged to retire from most of the ground they occupied.

"The operations were confined the next day (Sunday) on a smaller scale but it is reported that as a result of one of the forlorn hopes one gun and two ammunition wagons were captured."

British Buy Krupp Guns.

LONDON, Jan. 15.—The Berlin correspondent of the Daily Mail says: Great Britain has bought 240 Krupp guns that were supplied about two years ago to one of the southern European states.

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Two Iowa Boys Asphyxiated. NEW YORK, Jan. 15.—Two young men, John Woessner and George Lehman, German farmers from Ackley, Ia., on their way back to their former homes in Germany for a visit, put up at the True Blue, a Second avenue hotel, on Saturday night.

They were found dead in their room today, with Lehman in an unconscious condition lying beside it. Lehman was taken to a hospital, where it was said he has a very small chance of recovering.

In Woessner's pockets was found several hundred dollars.

KRUGER STILL FIRM IN FAITH.

Affirms Providence is on Side of Boers—Their Just Cause.

PRETORIA, Jan. 11.—(Via Lourenzo Marquez.)—President Kruger, in the course of a stirring address just issued to the burghers, affirms that Providence is on their side, that their cause is just and that they must succeed.

Reports from Colesberg represent the position there as favorable to the Boers, but that the British are concentrating for operations on a large scale.

The official list of the Boer casualties in what is called the "Plat Rand fight" on Saturday, January 6 (the attack upon Ladysmith), shows twenty-six killed and seventy-seven wounded.

The embargo at Delagoa bay upon Transvaal imports is the question of the hour with the burghers. If this is not removed it is asserted that steps will be taken prejudicial to prisoners and aliens.

SAYS IT WAS HOAR'S SPEECH.

Barrett Charges Him With Being Cause of the War.

CHICAGO, Jan. 15.—John Barrett, ex-United States minister to Siam, for the first time publicly named Senator Hoar last night at Lake Forest university as the United States senator whose anti-expansion speech was cabled to Hong Kong and subsequently put in the hands of the Filipino soldiers, causing, as Mr. Barrett believed, the open insurrection.

It appears further from the ex-minister's speech that the government has discovered privately the stages by which the anti-expansion address reached Luzon.

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Senator Hoar tonight declined to take any notice of the statements attributed to Mr. Barrett, ex-minister to Siam, in an address on the Philippine question.

The senator said that General Otis' reports give the fullest account of the events that led to hostilities and that he expects, as he has already given notice, to deal with the whole matter in the senate.

FIRED FROM WEST POINT.

Board Discharges Cadets Failing Short in Examination.

WEST POINT, N. Y., Jan. 15.—The academy board finished its review of the January examination of the corps of cadets at the military academy today. The following were found deficient and discharged:

Second Class—W. M. Cooley, Michigan; James Prentiss, New York; A. R. Burnan, Kentucky; W. C. Russell, Illinois; J. B. Barry, Tennessee.

Fourth Class—C. F. Coury, Ohio; A. W. Fridge, Mississippi; W. C. Haacal, New Hampshire; D. J. Burnett, Alabama; H. F. Ruissing, Massachusetts; A. S. Lehill, A. C. Crow, Michigan; J. C. French, Kansas; C. L. Lacey, Indiana; Leo J. Falor, Pennsylvania; W. C. Brant.

HARRISON FORMALLY DECLINES.

Will Not Run for the Governorship of Illinois, He Says.

CHICAGO, Ill., Jan. 15.—Mayor Carter Harrison today refused formally the offer of the democratic nomination for governor. He was waited on by Chairman Watson of the democratic state committee, in company with ex-Congressman Hinrichsen and M. F. Dunlap of Jacksonville, nominee of the party for state treasurer in 1898, and asked if his informal declination of the nomination was final.

They urged that it was his duty to the state democracy to accept the nomination and make the race.

The mayor replied that he did not look at it in that light; that there were plenty of good men who would make acceptable candidates and he must decline.

As a result of Mayor Harrison's action friends of former Vice President Stevenson are urging him to accept the nomination.

TO CHECK INDIAN UPRISING.

Precautions to Head off Raids of Manitoba Red Men.

CHICAGO, Jan. 15.—A special to the Chronicle from Winnipeg says: Every effort will be made to head off a possible rising of the Indians, who are talking in a threatening manner.

It is known that many chiefs are eager to strike a blow at the British, but the officials are confident that peace will be maintained.

Assistant Commissioner Lash, in an interview today, said there was little danger of an outbreak. He believes that strangers have been preaching sedition to the red man, but he says the government is prepared for any trouble and will make a thorough investigation of the Indians' sentiments.

Shut Down for Want of Coal.

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 15.—Inability to secure bituminous coal in sufficient quantities is necessitating the shutting down of some of the manufacturing concerns in the Schuylkill valley.

At Birdsboro the plant of the I. E. & G. Brooke Iron company has been shut down for several days, but it is expected that by tomorrow sufficient coal will be on hand to enable some of the departments, if not the entire plant, to resume.

The Reading Iron company is practically without coal, and unless it can be secured a temporary shut down must follow. From other points throughout the valley come reports of coal shortages for manufacturing plants.

Talk Over Lost Cause.

MADRID, Jan. 14.—In the senate yesterday, replying to criticisms of the government's policy toward the United States during the incumbency of the Sagasta ministry, Senor Guillon, former minister of foreign affairs, declared that the note presented by General Woodford demanded the pacification of Cuba within a short period.

Spain, he said, desired the arbitration of the pope, but unfortunately the United States provoked the war. Senor Guillon concluded by demanding the good will of the senate on behalf of the Sagasta ministry.

HEPBURN'S CANAL BILL

Favorably Reported Without Awaiting the Isthmian Commission's Action.

NICARAUGUA AND COSTA RICA GAIN

President Authorized to Guarantee Them Use of Canal and Harbor—Total Cost to Be Within Fourteen Millions—Miscellaneous Washington Intelligence.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 13.—The house committee on interstate and foreign commerce today ordered a favorable report upon the Hepburn bill for the construction of the Nicaragua canal.

The bill is in most particulars the same one reported by this committee in the last congress. There was some discussion about the advisability of delaying action on the bill until the Isthmian Canal commission reported, but this was finally regarded as unnecessary and all the members except Fletcher of Minnesota voted to report the bill favorably.

The latter said his silence should not be construed as opposition to the measure, but merely as a reservation of his right to support or oppose it after further consideration.

The committee made some changes in the original bill, inserting a new section 3 and making verbal alterations. As finally agreed to, the bill is as follows:

"To provide for the construction of a canal connecting the waters of the Atlantic and Pacific oceans.

"Be it enacted, etc., that the president of the United States be, and he is hereby authorized to acquire from the states of Costa Rica and Nicaragua for and in behalf of the United States control of such portion of territory belonging to Costa Rica and Nicaragua as may be desirable and necessary, on which to excavate, construct and defend a canal of such depth and capacity as will be sufficient for the movement of ships of the greatest tonnage and draft now in use, from a point near Greytown, on the Caribbean sea, via Lake Nicaragua, to Breto, on the Pacific ocean; and such sums as may be necessary to secure such control are hereby appropriated out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

"Section 3. That the president shall cause secured full control over the territory in section 1 referred to, he shall direct the secretary of war to excavate and construct a canal and waterway from a point on the shore of the Caribbean sea, near Greytown, by way of Lake Nicaragua, to a point near Breto, on the Pacific ocean. Such canal shall be of sufficient capacity and depth so that it may be used by vessels of the largest tonnage and greatest draft now in use, and shall be supplied with all appliances to meet the necessities of vessels passing from Greytown to Breto, and the secretary of war shall also construct such safe and commodious harbors at the terminal of said canal and such fortifications for defense as will be required for safety and protection of said canal and harbors.

"Section 2. That when the president has such surveys as may be necessary for said canal and harbors and in the constructing of the same.

"Section 4. That in the excavation and construction of said canal the San Juan river and Lake Nicaragua, or such parts of each as may be made available shall be used.

"Section 5. That in any negotiations with the states of Costa Rica or Nicaragua the president is authorized to guarantee to said states the use of said canal and harbors, upon such terms as may be agreed upon, for all vessels owned by said states or by citizens thereof.

"Section 6. That the sum of \$140,000,000 or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated, out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, for the complete work herein authorized, said money to be drawn from the treasury from time to time, as the same shall be needed, upon warrants of the president, based on estimates in charge of the work and approved by the secretary of war."

MORA IS OUT OF A JOB.

Removed from Position of Fiscal of Supreme Court by Wood.

HAVANA, Jan. 13.—"Frederico Mora, fiscal of the supreme court, is hereby removed from office for the good of the public service.

This removal is the result of an investigation into the condition existing in the administration of justice under his supervision.

The foregoing official order was handed to Senor Mora this morning by Governor General Wood.

Senor Mora's fall has been predicted ever since the first case was brought against the custom house officials, and the disgraceful condition of the prisons, especially as affecting those awaiting trial, has been generally charged against him.

For some time it has been said that Mora has been devoting too much attention to social affairs and too little to his duties.

General Wood's investigation has shown that the office of supreme court fiscal is responsible for a large number of the untried cases and not only Mora but others in the department of justice, have been persistently trying to block the charges against some officials from whom Collector Blas is anxious to prove guilty of wholesale bribery and corruption.

Major Guthrie Dies Suddenly.

BUFFALO, N. Y., Jan. 13.—Major John B. Guthrie, aged 55, died suddenly tonight. At the battle of San Juan hill Captain Guthrie of the Thirtieth infantry was wounded while leading his regiment up the hill after the commanding officer, Colonel Worth, had been wounded.

He was invalided home, appointed major in the Fifteenth infantry and assigned to special duty, representing the war department on the board of managers of the United States government exhibit at the Pan-American exposition.

BRYAN CHANGES HIS VIEWS.

Understood He Has Given Assurances to Utah Wool Men.

BOSTON, Jan. 13.—In its weekly review of the wool market the Boston Commercial Bulletin tomorrow will say:

"Utah correspondents of Boston wool houses say that they have received personal assurances from W. J. Bryan that, if elected president, he will retain a protective duty on wool, having changed his mind on free wool."

LINCOLN, Jan. 13.—W. J. Bryan was in the city a few hours this evening on his way from Minneapolis to Columbia, Mo., where he speaks tonight. His tour includes speeches at St. Louis, Frankfort, Ky., Cincinnati and the Atlantic and New England states and will not be finished until February 3. Bryan left for the south at 6 o'clock. Political intimates, when asked concerning his reported change of opinion on free wool, said they could not speak with authority, but nothing he had said had indicated that attitude and they doubted the correctness of the report.

VOLUNTEERS ENTER SERVICE.

Given Freedom of the City of London During Their Stay.

LONDON, Jan. 13.—There was a unique and interesting ceremony at the Guild hall today, when 500 of the City of London Imperial volunteers received their kits and the freedom of the city. The big crowds in the vicinity cheered the arriving volunteers, each of whom received a parchment certificate of the freedom, enclosed in a neat blue case. The ceremonial admitting the officers, this afternoon, was more elaborate. It occurred in the presence of the lord mayor, Mr. A. J. Newton, the councilors and the duke of Cambridge.

The portion of the regiment, which sails tomorrow, will attend a special service in St. Paul's cathedral tonight and will afterwards be entertained at supper by the benchers of the inner temple.

HAMPERS PUBLIC BUILDING WORK

Many Appropriations Inadequate Because of Advancing Prices.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 13.—Assistant Secretary Taylor of the Treasury department told the house committee on public buildings and grounds today that the supervising architect's office was much hampered because of an advance of about 30 per cent in building materials.

Many appropriations for public buildings had been found to be quite inadequate because of advancing prices. Moreover, the cost of sites had also risen. There are about 130 public building bills before the committee, involving appropriations of \$20,000,000. While no formal action was taken, the sentiment of the committee appeared to be favorable to providing increased appropriations for work already authorized in order to meet the added cost of material.

DEWEY TO VISIT CALIFORNIA.

Promises Congressional Delegation to Make the Trip Next Summer.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 13.—The California delegation in congress called today on Admiral Dewey and invited him to visit the state next September, when California will celebrate the semi-centennial of its admission to the union.

The admiral said he hoped to make the trip to California next summer or fall and he would endeavor to arrange so as to be present at the time indicated. During the intercourse Admiral Dewey said that before the battle of Manila, when he was looking ahead to his retirement, he had intended making arrangements to live at Santa Barbara, Cal., as he liked the people and the climate of the state.

Flour Dispute All Settled.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 13.—At the cabinet meeting today Secretary Hay read the reply of the British government to our representations regarding the flour seizure in Delagoa Bay. Members of the cabinet, after the meeting, said the British answer was entirely satisfactory to the government. The several resolutions of inquiry as to the conduct of the war, which have been introduced in both houses of congress were discussed and the statement was made that full and complete information would be furnished on all the matters covered at the earliest day possible.

A dispatch from General Otis announcing further successes in Luzon was read and favorably commented upon.

Lawton Fund Eighty Thousand.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 13.—General Corbin announced today that the subscriptions to the Lawton fund had reached the handsome figure of \$80,101, being an increase of nearly \$8,000 since the last report.

Today's subscriptions included one of \$6,595 from the members of the Union League club of New York, which is in addition to subscriptions sent to Washington direct from members of the club amounting to \$10,222.

Road May Be Rebuilt.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 13.—Before the completion of the Siberian railroad it has become necessary to reconstruct the work already done, and this will cost not less than \$25,000,000. The information is supplied to the state department by Commercial Agent Greenier at Vladivostok.

Increase in Postal Receipts.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 13.—A statement of the gross postal receipts for December, 1899, was compared with the receipts for the same month during the preceding year shows a net increase of \$199,835, or 5 per cent. The total receipts for last December were \$4,162,030. New York, Chicago, Philadelphia, Boston, St. Louis, Cincinnati, Brooklyn, Baltimore and Pittsburg all showed increases. San Francisco's receipts decreased 7.8 per cent. The largest percentage of increase shown was at Albany, 21.6 per cent. Decreases are shown at Providence, R. I.; Lowell, Mass.; New Haven, Conn.;

When the Spanish minister and his American wife drive out in Washington they attract no little attention. They drive in a handsomely appointed Victoria, and the men on the box are in light liveries, with brilliant scarlet cockades in their hats. The duke is very fair and the duchess a decided brunette, and they make a handsome couple.

Among applicants for shelter at the city lodging house in New York the other night was one woman over 60 years old, who was clothed entirely in newspapers. In some places the paper was two inches thick.

A New Sea Port.

There is a lusty young city growing up down in Texas which is attracting widespread attention. It is La Porte, located at the head of Galveston Bay. It is being made the great seaport of the Gulf of Mexico, the meeting place of rail and water ways for the vast commerce of the west. The saving to western shippers via this export outlet will run into millions annually. The city has the most magnificent natural port on the southern coast of the United States and one of the best in the world. The U. S. government is completing a deep water channel through the bay to the gulf, which will soon bring the largest ocean liners to La Porte docks and wharfs.

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