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## **BRIEF TELEGRAMS.**

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

The rush of bills in the house of representatives on the 5th was the greatest in the history of the house, the total being 861 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 Tennallytown 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 tain 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 ccup 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 pros. college and high school text books is transferred. The list of these publications comprises 450 works and includes the complete classical series of rGeek 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 inst.

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 78th year. Father Hespelin was born in Bavaria June 24, 1821. At the age of 23 years 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 Mc-Niagara Falls. There is presumptive evidence that he had business trouafternoon 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.

CHEYENNE, Dec. 11 .- The details Defeat of Gatacre the Most Severe Reof a most daring robbery are just compulse British Have Suffered. ing to light here. Last night between

## A GREAT MANY PRISONERS TAKEN.

General's Force of 2,000 Greatly Reduced by Dutch Strategy - Many Officers Among the Wounded-British Com-

mander Says He Will Wire the Full Casualties Later.

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

"Deeply regret to inform you that I met with a serious reverse in the attack on Stromburg. 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 Ri-

fles-Wounded: Lieutenant Colonel Eager, Major Eaton, Captain Bell, Captain Kelly, Lieutenant Stevens Lieutenant Barnardston.

"Suffolk Regiment-Wounded: Second Lieutenant Maynard and twelve men. Missing: Captain Weir, Lieutenant Christee, 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 Fusileers-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.



Confession of Woman Clears Up Mystery of Odessa Double Killing.

MRS. LAUE TELLS THE TRUTH.

She Asserts that Frank Dinsmore Killed Laue and Mrs. Dinsmore-He First Poisoned His Wife, Then Carried Her Body to the Kitchen-Lane Slot While Asleep in Bed.

KEARNEY, Neb., Dec. 9.-(Special to the Omaha Bee.)-The mystery surrounding the double murder that occurred at Odessa, ten miles west of Kearney, Monday night, in which the lives of Lillian Dinsmore and Fred Laue were taken, has been cleared up. Mrs. Laue, the wife of the murdered man, made a confession, in which she charged Frank L. Dinsmore, husband of the murdered woman, with committing both crimes. The confession was made only after several hours' work with Mrs. Laue by a brother and an uncle of the dead man. As soon as Mrs. Laue had confessed to them D. Laue, the uncle mentioned, at whose house they were staying, hitched up his team and brought her to Kearney, arriving here at 2 o'clock this morning. County Attorney Nye was called upon and met Mrs. Nye and the brother and uncle of the dead man at the city hall, where the confession was taken down in writing and signed by the witnesses.

Attorney Nye refuses to give out any of the contents of the confession, and the following was obtained from a person who was a witness to the confession before coming to Kearney and also when it was taken down in writ-

It seems that for several months Dinsmore has been infatuated with Mrs. Laue, and on different occasion 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. Dins-

to the Tomb.

NEBRASKA CITY, Neb., Dec. 8 .-A lingering whiff of luminous fragrance from banks of splendid flowers; a few heartfelt sentences of loving eulogy; a loving look at the past and all that mortality ever claimed of Senator Monroe L. Hayward was tearfully consigned to the marble sarcophagus that may mark his resting

place until time shall be no more. It was the expressed wish of the family that the funeral should be as private as possible. In some respects it was, as the ceremony was decidedly simple, although prolonged. During the hours of between 10 a.m. and 12

m. the remains lay in state in the front parlor. Great bunches of rare exotics and sincerely suggestive designs rested on every table and over the massive metallic casket sheathed in deep velvet. The face of the dead senator was but little wasted and the color was an animated gray, devoid of the yellow transparency of death. Hundreds passed around the bier.

As soon as the parlors were vacated and the family spent therein the most agonizing hour that comes to mortals. The mainstay among them was the gallant son, William, who sought to comfort his mother for the absence of her other son in the Philippines. The services were conducted by

Rev. H. L. House of the Baptist church. Scripture reading was given by Rev. C. M. Shepherd, a Methodist pastor.

The eulogy by Mr. House was eloquent and prolonged. Passing the public career of the dead senator he pointed out the many sterling attributes that made him great and strong. His home was a typical Christian home of a generation ago, where robust and manly virtues were inculcated. He was a type of that American citizen of whom we all are proudest. He possessed the spirit that made the people of England love their grand old man. He was a man of the people, a student, a thinker, a hard worker. Above all he was honest and possessed the genuineness of life; he was a born orator, public spirited, enterprising man, loving husband, indulgent father, clean politician and true patriot.

The cortege was the longest ever seen in the city. It extended over a mile of streets. In the carriages comprising the guard of honor were the following honorary palibearers: C. F. Manderson, W. S. Summers, C. O. Whedon, Byron Clark, William Mc-Lennen and G. M. Lambertson.

Company C, national guard, and William Baumer Post, Grand Army of the Republic, formed a guard at the grave.

Louie Ostertag, an Atchison boy who served on the Olympia, says the Kansas City Journal, says it is all a lie about Dewey's ships drawing off from the fight while the men ate a hearty breakfast. He says the ships drew off all right, but the men were too excited and too exultant to eat a mouthful. And sure enough Louie's account sounds human-like and natural

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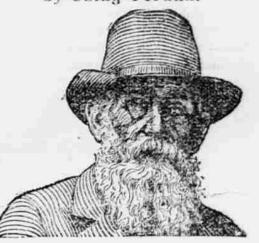
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Mr. Isaac Brock, of McLennan county, Tex., has attained the great age of 111 years, having been born in 1788. He is an ardent friend to Peruna and speaks of it in the following terms: "During my long life I have known a great many remeties for coughs, colds, catarrh and diarrhoes. I had always supposed these affections to be different diseases, but I have learned from Dr. Hartman's books that these affections are the same and are properly called catarrh. "As for Dr. Hartman's remedy. Peruna, I have found it to be the best, if not the only reliable remedy for these affections.

Train. MANILA, Dec. 11 .- A force of 100 insurgents yesterday attacked near Balsuag a wagon train escorted by thirty men of the Sixteenth infantry. A sharp engagement followed. The Filipinos lost eighteen in killed and ing. During the recent attack by insurgents upon Vigan the Filipinos ob-

tained possession of the plaza and of a church in the center of the town, from which the Americans dislodged them. It seems that the escaped Spaniards obtained guns and fought with the Americans against the insurgents.

# **CERVERA WRITES A HISTORY.**

Vindicates Himself for Loss of His Squadron.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 11 .- Another contribution to the naval literature of the Spanish war has been published by the bureau of naval intelligence. It is a history by General Cervera of the fleet under his command which was de-

#### 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

Thousand Dollars.

the hours of 9 and 10 o'clock, the of-

fice 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 secrecacy has been maintained

There is a small force of men in the

express office at night to handle ex-

press 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 re-

turned twenty minutes later the north

door, or city entrance, was open, as

was also the safe door. The discovery

of gold which was to have gone to one

of the banks in central Wyoming over

the Chevenne & Northern this morn-

ing, but the officials will say nothing

about the matter. Indications point

to the fact, however, that the loss is

The entire express office force is

under surveillance and the robbery is

EIGHTEEN REBELS ARE KILLED.

One Hundred Filipinos Attack a Wagon

being thoroughly investigated.

considerable.

nine captured.

not a single clue has been discovered.

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 Malting 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 charge 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 Arnott, 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 Alashgerd district, in Turkish Armenia, by pillaging the Armenian village of Kostur and massacring 300 of its irhabitants.

Assistant Secretary Meiklejohn, in speaking of the late Senator Hayword, 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."

for the Masonic celebration of Wash-

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 Storm-Henry, the actress, ended his life in | burg take rank after Nnicholson Nek the rapids just above the cataract at as the most serious reverse of the war. We don't yet know its full proportions, but judging from what we bles. He was seen at the falls on the have the worst must remain behind. Already the list of missing is close to In the Second Northumber-600. land Fusileers six officers are re-

ported 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.

### BULLET IN HIS BRAIN.

Charles R. Grove is Shot and Killed Behind His Bar.

OMAHA, Dec. 11 .- As the result of an altercation which ended in Tom Collins being forcibly thrown out of "Shorty" Charles Grove's saloon at Thirteenth and Dodge streets, one night last week, Collins deliberately, it is alleged, shot and mortally wounded the proprietor in the latter's place of business about 8:30 o'clock last night.

A bullet from the 38-caliber bulldog revolver entered the head of the victim from above, ranging downward for a depth of more than four inches and burying itself in his brain. He was taken at once to the Presbyterian hospital. The physician pronounced the wound to be almost certain'; fatal. Grove died at midnight without once regaining consciousness. Colnns is in jail. He says he is glad of the act and is prepared to pay the penalty.

#### New Quarantine Laws.

WASHINGTON, 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,

### Fireman Killed in a Wreck.

CHEYENNE, Dec. 11 .- About 3 o'clock this morning a collision be- lishes an interview today with M.

stroyed by the American squadron off Santiago. The original publication was authorized by the queen regent of Spain on the petition of Admiral Cervera who wished to vindicate himself for the loss of his squadron after having been sent to Cuba against his earnest protest.

# **ALEJANDRINO TIRES OF WAR.**

Reports of the Filipino General's 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

#### Surgeon Rafter's Pay Stopped.

and will be properly cared for.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 11 .- One of the results of the investigations made in the case of the troopship 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 Sulgeon 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 Tartar.

#### To Rebuild Tehautepec Road.

LONDON, Dec. 11 .- The Westminister 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.-Chairman James C. Dahlman has issued a call for the democratic central committee to meet in Lincoln, January 5, to fix the time and place for holding the state convention to name delegates to the national democratic convention. An effort will be made by Lancaster county democrats to have the convention held in Lincoln, March 19, that being the date of W. J. Bryan's 40th birthday.

#### 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 pub-

more 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 acd, 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 States Consul Macrum at Pretoria to for her to marry, but he possessed the power to make her love him.

The confession of Mrs. Laue has caused great sensation and rumors that an attempt will be made to lynch Frank Dinsmore are flying thick and fast. Extra guards are on duty at the county jail, loaded with repeating Winchester rifles. Sheriff Funk is determined to protect the prisoner regardless of consequences.

Frank Dinsmore was taken to North Platte for safekeeping. He was extremely nervous and frightened and cent date and it does not know even wanted the guards to keep close to if he has received notice of the grantthe cab in which he was taken from | ing of his leave of absence. the jail to the train. He will be kept there until his preliminary trial.

### **COMPARISON OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

Estimates for This Year \$114,298,578 More Than Last Year.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9 .- An analytical comparison of the estimates for this year and the appropriations for last year was issued today by Messrs. Cleaves and Courtes, the clerks of the senate and house appropriation committees, respectively. It shows total estimates this year of \$738.855,248, against \$694,006,489 last year. The estimates this year are \$114,298,578 more than the amount actually appropriated last year. The chief increases are: Army, \$47,281,929; fortifications, \$6.-819,035; navy, \$26,145,539; postoffice, \$5,143,661; sundry civil, \$21.686,777. The total estimates for this year exceed the total estimated revenue for 1891 by \$71.081,994, but counting the sinking fund this excess is reduced to

for the Cape.

a large farmer at West Barkley, Cape Colony, and has sent for them to join the Boer forces. Eight weeks ago they received a letter from him saying all 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.

COLUMBUS, O., Dec. 9.-Indictments

Rev. House the tomb amid tears of sincere sorrow and the grave was left to be covered with earth by the sexton in solitude.

Mrs. Hayward was not seen during the obsequies except when she passed with other members of the family from an upper apartment to her closed carriage. One notable circumstance that points to the simplicity of the ceremonies was that there was no music.

# NOTHING HEARD FROM MACRUM

#### Believed that He Has Not Learned of Successor's Appointment.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8 .- Since the notice received about two weeks ago of the objection interposed by the Boer government to the attempt of United disburse certan 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 ic 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 re-

WOOD TO SUCCEED BROOKE.

Reported He Will Be Named Military Governor of Cuba.

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 Forestier-Walker, the British commander at Capetown: WEDNESDAY, Dec. 8.-General Metheun wires today that he has resumed command and is nightly in communication with Kimberley. The health of the troops is excellent."

Wiscensin Receives Pay.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 8 .- A warrant was issued today in favor of the governor of Wisconsin for \$73,092 for the second installment of the amount due that state for aid to the United States in raising the volunteer army for the war with Spain.

### Canal and Scalper's Bill.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8 .- Representative Hepburn of Iowa introduced in

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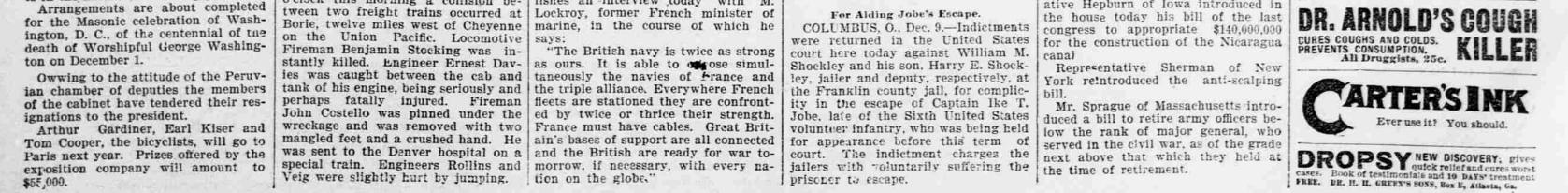
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\$18,081,994. IOWANS TO JOIN BOER ARMY. Sell Their Farm Near Holstein and Start HOLSTEIN, Ia., Dec. 9 .- William and Daniel Davies have sold their fine 360-acre farm here and will go to South Africa. Their father, Daniel Davies, is