

News in Brief

An imperial decree has been issued assembling the German reichstag, December 3.

The London Times' Tokio correspondent cables that the far eastern situation shows no improvement.

Burglars broke into the postoffice at Nanticoke, Pa., blew open the safe and secured about \$2,000 in money and stamps.

Harriett Hubbard Ayer, the well known writer for the New York World, died of pneumonia after four days' illness.

It is estimated that the street car strike has cost the company \$254,000 in receipts alone, and has cost the men \$50,548 on wages.

To reduce expenses, the Erie railway company closed all of its shops on the entire system between New York and Chicago for four days.

It is said that the Catholic authorities of Ireland have rejected an offer made by Trinity college, Dublin, to establish a Catholic college within its walls.

Alberto and Guido Toschi, aged 8 and 11 years, respectively, who traveled alone from Florence, Italy, have safely reached their mother in San Francisco.

The Prussian supreme court has decided that strike picketing is lawful if conducted from a building where the pickets' presence is not objectionable to the tenant.

Upwards of a hundred members of the house of commons and eighty of their wives and daughters started for Paris to return the recent visit of French senators and deputies.

Quentin Roosevelt, the youngest son of the president and Mrs. Roosevelt, is convalescing from a severe attack of malaria, coupled with a bad cold. The lad now is quite out of danger.

Adjutant General Bell received from the United States arsenal at Rock Island, Ill., 1,000 Krag-Jorgensen rifles and 900,000 rounds of ammunition for the use of the Colorado National guard.

John L. Sullivan's famous \$10,000 diamond belt has been sold at auction for \$2,900. The belt was given Sullivan by the citizens of Boston, July 4, 1887, and has now been purchased by a Bowery dealer.

At Lansing, Mich., after twelve hours' deliberation the jury which tried ex-Senator Holbrook for attempted bribery of a salesman in the interest of Eli R. Sutton, brought in a verdict of not guilty.

Five members of the Louisville, Ky., fire department were dismissed for conduct unbecoming firemen, in connection with the Masonic temple fire. This makes a total of eleven firemen dismissed by the board.

James King Gracie, an uncle by marriage of President Roosevelt, is dead at his home in New York as the result of an attack of pneumonia. He had been ill only a few days. Mr. Gracie was a well known banker.

At a meeting of the Purdue faculty at Lafayette, Ind., Secretary Stone outlined a plan for raising \$100,000 for the erection of a memorial gymnasium in memory of the foot ball players and others who lost their lives in the railway wreck at Indianapolis October 31.

The Countess of Euston died in London of bronchitis. The countess, who was on the variety stage when she was married in 1871, successfully fought a suit to nullify her marriage brought by the earl of Euston in 1884. The case was regarded as one of the most extraordinary ever heard.

The official canvass of the vote for governor of Iowa has been completed. Governor Cummins received 70,090 plurality and a majority of 59,644. The vote was: Cummins, republican, 238,798; Sullivan, democrat, 159,708; Hanson, prohibition, 12,378; Work, socialist, 6,479; Weller, people's, 589.

The attention of the state department was called to what purported to be a verbatim copy of the new Panama treaty which has been published in New York. The authorities say that the draft of the treaty as published was inaccurate, and that no genuine copy of the treaty entire has been published or can be published at this time.

On account of a reduction of 12 1/2 cents in their wages, all the laborers at the Sharon (Pa.) tin mill of the United States Steel corporation struck. The men were paid \$1.50 a day and were informed that in the future they would receive \$1.37 1/2.

M. Narrere, the French ambassador at Rome, has almost concluded negotiations for an arbitration treaty between Italy and France. The ambassador will go to Paris at the end of the week for the purpose of hastening the signing of the treaty.

LAND FOR THE U.S.

PANAMA PROPOSES TO TAKE ISLANDS AND SELL THEM.

VESSELS HAVE SOME TROUBLE

They Are Not Permitted to Sail Between Colombian Ports and Panama and Will Therefore for the Present Abandon the Former Places.

PANAMA—The newspapers of the isthmus are asking the government of the Republic of Panama to occupy and establish sovereignty over the islands of San Andres and Albuquerque, as well as other small islands in the Caribbean sea, as the territorial limits of the new republic lie between longitude 79 and 84 degrees. The department of Bolivar, though bounded by the 78th degree of longitude, his hitherto exercised control over the islands where English only is spoken.

The newspapers propose that the government shall negotiate for the transfer of the islands to the United States for use as a coaling station.

COLON—The steamer Verasiles arrived here this afternoon from Cartagena. It reports that the Cartagena authorities would not allow it to clear for Colon or to take on board passengers, freight or mail for that port. It was furnished, however, with clearance papers for Port Limon.

KINGSTON, Jamaica, Nov. 29—The Royal mail steamer Trent, which arrived here today, reports that the port authorities of Cartagena refused to clear it for Colon, but issued clearance papers to it for Port Limon, Costa Rica. Despite this fact, the Trent called at Colon and took on board passengers and cargo. In the future, however, vessels of any line calling at isthmian ports will not proceed to Cartagena and Savanilla.

The next event of political importance to the new republic will be the ratification of the canal treaty and its return to Washington, which is looked forward to with much interest as settling Panama's status, as to the ratification of the treaty appears to be considered the final step so far as Panama is concerned, absolutely binding the new republic to the protection of the United States. After this has been effected it is thought on the isthmus that there will remain nothing for Panama to do except to proceed, under the security of this friendship of the United States, with the development of its internal affairs. The possibility of war or armed trouble with Colombia was not taken into serious consideration on the isthmus and is never heard discussed officially or otherwise.

The government officials seem to think that in the event of any difficulty arising they will have nothing to do but turn to the United States for wise counsel and guidance and if help is needed by Panama the United States will supply it.

WILLIAM J. BRYAN VISITS DUBLIN.

DUBLIN—Lord Mayor Harrington gave a luncheon at the mansion house in honor of William Jennings Bryan. The guests included Archbishop Walsh, John Redmond and John Dillon.

Mr. Bryan delivered a brief speech in which he alluded to the strong infusion of Irish blood in the United States, and he said he believed the greatness of his country was due to the composite character of its people, and, continued Mr. Bryan, "they are going to build up a citizenship in advance of anything the world has ever seen."

THE OFFICIAL VOTE OF OHIO.

Herrick's Plurality Highest Ever Given for Governor.

COLUMBUS, O.—The official vote on the recent election in Ohio has been announced by the secretary of state. The total vote cast was 878,203. Myron T. Herrick's plurality over Tom L. Johnson for governor was 115,812, the highest ever given a gubernatorial candidate in Ohio. The highest plurality received was by W. S. McKinnon for treasurer of state, being 117,416. The lowest plurality was 109,673 by Wade Ellis for attorney general.

The amendments giving the governor veto power, abolishing double liability on capital stock of corporations, and giving each county representation in the legislature, was carried.

No Clearance of Isthmian Ports.

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NO HELP FOR BONDHOLDERS.

Panama Tells What She Has Already Paid Colombia.

PANAMA—Referring to the question of the republic of Panama paying part of the foreign debt of Colombia, the Star and Herald gives the following data, reckoned in gold, of sums derived from the isthmus which were used exclusively for the benefit of other departments:

Sale of railroad reserves, \$5,625,000; for extensions granted to canal companies, at least \$3,000,000; exemption paid by railroad for not constructing its line to Flamenco, as per contract, \$250,000. Sums paid by Panama which Colombia should have paid, and which were never returned, \$1,000,000.

The paper adds: "Still Panama is willing to declare the debt cancelled and even will pay a big sum of Colombia's debts here for public services and war exactions, but she must energetically reject any proposal from Colombian debt bondholders."

RICHMOND P. HOBSON'S PLAN.

Wants Nearly Three Billions Appropriated for the Navy.

WASHINGTON—Former Commander Richmond Pearson Hobson of the navy has prepared a bill which he has requested Representative Wiley of Alabama to introduce in the house on the convening of the regular session of congress for the purpose, he says, of making the United States the first naval power of the world during the next eighteen years. The bill makes a total appropriation of \$2,750,000,000, a certain portion of which is to be used each year for new ships. Fifty million is made available for the present fiscal year, \$60,000,000 for the next and so on, increasing by \$10,000,000 each year up to 1915, when a lump sum of \$1,500,000,000 is made to carry on the program to 1925.

SHE IS NOT A PROTECTIONIST.

Mrs. Cornwallis-West is Against Mr. Chamberlain.

LONDON—Mrs. Cornwallis-West has ranged herself on the side of the anti-Chamberlainites in a letter in which she declines to attend a meeting of the Primrose club, of which she is vice president and one of the founders, because the meeting was called in the interest of the Tariff Reform league.

In her letter Mrs. Cornwallis-West declares she is not a protectionist, "and does not desire to associate herself with this retrograde movement."

FOUR FIREMEN KILLED.

Conflagration at Omaha Results in Fatalities.

OMAHA—In a most disastrous fire which was discovered at 3:30 Thursday morning in the warehouses of Allen Bros., wholesale grocers, and of the Pacific Storage company, on lower Jones street, four firemen lost their lives and damage amounting to not less than \$500,000 resulted.

The firemen, who were buried beneath tons of burning debris, were William Burmester, William A. Barrett, Herbert C. Goldsborough and Leroy W. Leiter, all members of engine company No. 2.

These men now lay buried beneath a mass of wreckage thirty feet high, and hours will elapse before they can be removed. Removing the mass under which they lie will be begun as soon as it can be sufficiently cooled to allow the firemen to get near it.

Will Be a Quiet Week.

WASHINGTON—The senate will not do any business other than that of a routine character during the present week. It will meet Tuesday, and unless the house manifests a disposition by that time to reach a final adjournment, will adjourn over to the following Friday. The understanding is that the senate will not originate a resolution for the adjournment of the session, but some senators expect the house to do this not later than Friday.

United States' Offer Ridiculous.

PARIS—The republic of Colombia is endeavoring to induce France to renew work on the construction of the Panama canal. Colombian Financial Agent Samper, who is also a special delegate to the administrative council, is now in Panama. The French Canal company has published a statement in which it states that the offer of the United States is ridiculous and places a high value on the company's concessions.

Suspects Shoot Officer.

OAKLAND, Cal.—In a pistol duel between policeman James H. Smith and two suspected porch climbers the former was shot and killed, and one of the suspects, who is unidentified, was also killed. The lifeless body of one of the suspects was found two blocks away, having fallen in his tracks in a vacant lot, where the discovery was accidentally made by a couple of boys. The other robber has not yet been apprehended.

OFFICIAL VOTE OF NEBRASKA.

The Vote in Detail for Supreme Judges, Regents of the University and Fifteen District Judges.

Table with columns for County, C. S. Allen, W. A. Jones, E. O. Weber, C. A. Disher, F. V. Miller, T. B. Lippincott, F. B. Wilbur, S. H. ... and rows for various counties including Adams, Antelope, Banner, Blaine, Boone, Box Butte, Brown, Buffalo, Burr, Cass, Cedar, Chase, Cherry, Cheyenne, Clay, Colfax, Cuming, Custer, Dakota, Dawson, Deuel, Dixon, Dodge, Douglas, Dundy, Fillmore, Franklin, Frontier, Gage, Garfield, Gosper, Grant, Greeley, Hall, Hamilton, Harlan, Hayes, Hitchcock, Hooker, Howard, Jefferson, Kearney, Kimball, Knox, Lancaster, Lincoln, Logan, Loup, Madison, Merrick, Nemaha, Nelapa, Nuckolls, Otoe, Perkins, Phelps, Pierce, Polk, Red Willow, Richardson, Rock, Saline, Sarpy, Scotts Bluff, Sherman, Sioux, Stanton, Thayer, Thomas, Thurston, Valley, Washington, Webster, Wheeler, York, and a Total row.

The Judicial Vote.

Table with columns for County, First District, Second District, Third District, Fourth District, Fifth District, Sixth District, Seventh District, Eighth District, Ninth District, Tenth District, Eleventh District, Twelfth District, Thirteenth District, Fourteenth District, Fifteenth District, and a Total row.



Miss Rose Peterson, Secretary Parkdale Tennis Club, Chicago, from experience advises all young girls who have pains and sickness peculiar to their sex, to use Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound.

How many beautiful young girls develop into worn, listless and hopeless women, simply because sufficient attention has not been paid to their physical development. No woman is exempt from physical weakness and periodic pain, and young girls just budding into womanhood should be carefully guided physically as well as morally. Another woman,

Miss Hannah E. Mershon, Colingswood, N.J., says: "I thought I would write and tell you that, by following your kind advice, I feel like a new person. I was always thin and delicate, and so weak that I could hardly do anything. Menstruation was irregular."

"I tried a bottle of your Vegetable Compound and began to feel better right away. I continued its use, and am now well and strong, and menstruate regularly. I cannot say enough for what your medicine did for me."

Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound will cure any woman in the land who suffers from womb troubles, inflammation of the ovaries, and kidney troubles.

The FREE Homestead

LANDS OF WESTERN CANADA. Are the STAR ATTRACTIONS for 1904.

Millions of acres of magnificent Grain and Grazing lands to be had as a free gift, or by purchase from Railway Companies, Land Corporations, etc.

THE GREAT ATTRACTIONS Good Crops, delightful climate, splendid school system, perfect social conditions, exceptional railway advantages, and wealth and affluence acquired easily.

The population of Western Canada increased 128,000 by immigration during the past year, over 50,000 being Americans.

Write to nearest authorized Canadian Government Agent for Canadian Atlas and other information—(or address Superintendent Immigration, Ottawa)—W. V. Bennett, 801 New York Life Building, Omaha, Neb.

Hydrogen.

The atom of hydrogen is the smallest of the "ultimate atoms" of the chemists, but it is 1,780 times as large as the corpuscles which have recently been demonstrated as the elements of the atoms.

Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup. For children teething, softens the gums, reduces inflammation, allays pain, cures whooping cough, croup, and colic.

A Great Man's Cowardice. The late Earl of Beaconsfield was gifted with any amount of moral and political courage, but he was an abject coward physically. When he was still plain Mr. Disraeli his wife once said of him: "Benjamin is the greatest coward I ever saw. Why, do you know I always have to pull the string of his shower bath?" And the great man was fain to confess that this was actually the case.

The Romance of Anthracite. The anthracite trade began with an output of 1,965 tons in twelve months. It has grown to 70,000,000 tons annually. In 1803 the city of Philadelphia bought 100 tons of anthracite for use in the pumping works, but the engineers, not knowing how to burn it, broke it up to gravel the walks in the yards. In 1814 two arcuolids were sold at the falls of the Schuylkill for \$21 a ton. A morning was wasted in futile attempts to burn this coal, and at noon the employer and his workmen, discouraged at their ill luck, shut up the furnace and went to dinner. On their return they were astonished to find a roaring fire, the furnace doors red hot and the furnace itself in danger of melting. From that day dates the successful use of anthracite in America.

Reads Like a Miracle. Frisarspoint, Miss., Nov. 30.—The Butler case still continues to be the talk of the town. Mr. G. L. Butler, the father of the little boy, says: "The doctor said my boy had disease of the spinal cord, and treated him for two months, during which he got worse all the time. Finally the doctor told me he did not know what was the trouble. The boy would wake up during the night and say that he was dying. He would be nervous and trembling and would want to run from the house, saying he saw ugly things which frightened him. After we had tried everything else, I read an advertisement of Dodd's Kidney Pills as a cure for Nervous Troubles. I purchased some and used them until he had taken altogether eight boxes when he was sound and well with not a single symptom of the old trouble. This was some months ago, and I feel sure that he is permanently cured. We owe to Dodd's Kidney Pills all the credit for his restoration to good health."

A man is caught more times in his speech than a woman, because you can't interrupt a woman.