

THE NEWS.

Mr. Montain Oldham, clerk of Accomac (Va.) County Court, committed suicide by shooting himself at his home, at Accomac Courthouse. Mr. Oldham was about fifty-five years old and had been clerk of Accomac county for twenty years.

The bill to permit persons holding diplomas from reputable medical colleges to practice without taking a state board examination was adversely reported in the Virginia House of Delegates.

The Book Committee of the Methodist Episcopal Church, at its session in Chicago, fixed the salaries of the effective bishops at \$4,700; missionary bishops \$4,500.

Surrogate Fitzgerald, in New York, decided that the Vanderbilt five-million trust fund is not exempt from the inheritance tax.

C. B. Markle & Co., anthracite coal mine operators, have increased the wages of their 1,800 employes five per cent.

Mrs. Thomas McKean, of Philadelphia, has given \$25,000 to the University of Pennsylvania.

Suit was filed in the Circuit Court in Frankfort, Ky., by Governor Taylor to enjoin Beckham and Castleman from exercising the functions of the respective offices they claim.

Floods did considerable damage both in New England and the South. Towns in Vermont, Massachusetts, and along the Chattahoochee River, in Georgia, were flooded.

At Charleston, W. Va., Louis Stewart, aged nineteen, shot and killed his father, who was about to assault the boy's mother.

The anti-trust conference at Chicago adopted a plan of organization, elected officers and adjourned.

Major Austin Layden, a well-known hotel proprietor and inventor, died suddenly in Atlanta.

Twenty-five out of the twenty-nine steel sheet mills have combined.

Henry C. Robinson, ex-mayor of Hartford, Ct., died at his home.

William F. Parker, a young North Carolinian, killed himself at Norfolk.

Arthur H. Kemp killed himself at Mason, Ga.

FINANCIAL BILL.

CURRENCY MEASURE PASSES SENATE BY VOTE OF 46 TO 29.

TWO AMENDMENTS CARRY.

Ten Sections of the New Bill.—The Dollar of 25 Grains, Nine-Tenths Fine, Shall Be the Standard of Value of the United States, and All Money to Be Held at Parity With It.

Washington, (Special).—The Senate substitute for the House currency bill was passed by the Senate by the decisive majority of 46 to 29. Prior to the final passage of the bill amendments were considered under the 10-minute rule.

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REPLY TO MACRUM.

Statement That His Mail Was Opened Discredited.—No Unnecessary Delays.

Washington, (Special).—While State Department officials were averse to discussing the published statement of Ex-Congressman Macrum, it was authoritatively stated that a search of the records failed to show that Mr. Macrum had ever reported to the department that his official mail was being regularly tampered with by the British authorities.

It was said that he did, in a general way, report that both official and private mail intended for American citizens did not reach him punctually, and asked that protest be made on account of this rather arbitrary proceeding on the part of the postal authorities.

TORTURED BY FILIPINOS.

Three Stragglers of Massachusetts Soldiers Maltreated and Killed.

Boston, (Special).—A despatch to the Globe from Hilo says: Three Massachusetts soldiers of the Twenty-sixth Regiment, U. S. V., have been tortured to death by insurgents.

REMEMBERED THE MAINE.

Second Anniversary of Loss of Warship Observed at Havana.

Havana, (Special).—The second anniversary of the destruction of the United States battleship Maine in this harbor was suitably observed here.

AGAINST CIVIL SERVICE.

Bill Affecting Diplomatic and Consular Service is Dead.

MOLINEUX GUILTY.

Jury Brings in a Verdict of Murder in the First Degree—Scene in the Courtroom.

New York, (Special).—Roland Burnham Molineux is guilty. By a verdict of 12 of his peers, rendered in his presence in the Court of General Sessions, he was convicted of murder in the first degree.

The splendid nerve that has characterized his conduct since the day of his arrest—more than a year ago—did not desert him in his gravest need.

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When the last question had been asked he took his seat and turned to his lawyer with a smile of confidence and bitter irony.

SHOT FROM AMBUSH.

Murderer Fatally Wounded a Detective and Is Himself Killed.

Ronooke, Va., (Special).—Detective Thomas L. Peits, of the Baldwin Detective Agency, of Ronooke, was shot and fatally wounded by William Lee, a murderer, who escaped jail at McDowell Court House, W. Va., several days ago.

OUR TREATY WITH ITALY.

German Think United States is Exerting Pressure Upon Germany.

Berlin, (By Cable).—The Italian treaty with the United States is attracting much attention and is interpreted unfavorably by the central bureau for the preparation of commercial treaties in Berlin.

PROBABLY FATAL SHOOTING.

Norton, W. Va., (Special).—In this place Friday evening, a dispute arose between John Wampler and Sam Ware, land agents for the Virginia Iron, Coal and Coke Company, and William Jenkins, a prominent lawyer, over a law contest between them.

HEADLESS BODY FOUND.

New Orleans, La., (Special).—The headless body of a white man was found floating in the new basin. The body was covered with wounds, and there is every indication that a murder has been committed.

FIRE IN BROOKLYN NAVY YARD.

New York, (Special).—Building No. 7 in the Brooklyn Navy Yard, occupied by the electrical equipment department, was destroyed by fire.

NEW "JIM CROW" LAW.

Columbia, S. C., (Special).—The Legislature adopted changes in its "Jim Crow" law, which provides separate coaches for the white and colored races.

A BRAKEMAN KILLED.

Alexandria, Va., (Special).—Charles M. McLeary, 25 years of age, employed as a brakeman on the Southern Railroad, was mangled between two freight cars in the Southern yard here and instantly killed.

NAMED FOR ACTION.

WORK EXPECTED OF THE NEW PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

DUTIES OF THE NEW BODY.

President McKinley Carefully Selecting Men of Character and Standing—Their Duties Will Be to Organize Municipal Government in the Islands and Supervise Their Work.

Washington, (Special).—The only reference in the Cabinet meeting Tuesday to a matter of public interest was to the new Philippine Commission, inasmuch as the commission will not leave this country for six weeks or two months.

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A COMING DECLARATION.

It is said that the President will soon declare the insurrection in the Philippines at an end, so far as organized rebellion is concerned.

FELL FROM FOURTH STORY.

Death of Congressman Charles A. Chickering at New York.

New York, (Special).—Congressman Charles A. Chickering, of Copenhagen, N. Y., was killed by falling or jumping from the fire-escape on the fourth story of the Grand Union Hotel, this city.

A FAMILY ASPHYXIATED.

Dead Bodies of a Man and His Wife and Babe Found in Their Home.

Chicago, (Special).—Martin Jordan, an engineer, his wife, Mary, and their five-month-old boy were asphyxiated by gas, in their home, at Forty-third street and Stewart avenue.

STATUE OF LINCOLN.

Washington, (Special).—Representative Lorimer (Ill.) introduced a bill for the erection in Washington of a statue of Lincoln and appropriating \$200,000 for that purpose.

OUR NEW POSSESSIONS.

The Filipino insurgents in Albay province, Luzon, have burned a large part of the town of Albay by shooting burning arrows into it.

MACRUM SPEAKS OUT.

Says British Wouldn't Let Him Tell Pretoria Situation—Hamillated by the Censor.

Washington, (Special).—Charles E. Macrum, formerly United States Consul at Pretoria, who has heretofore declined to state the reasons which caused him to leave his post soon after the South African war broke out, made public the following signed statement:

The situation in Pretoria was such that, first, as an official, I could not remain there while my Government at home was apparently in the dark as to the exact conditions in South Africa; secondly, as a man and a citizen of the United States I could not remain in Pretoria, sacrificing my own self-respect and that of the people of Pretoria while the Government at home continued to leave me in the position of a British Consul and not an American Consul.

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NEW CABINET OFFICER.

Secretary of Mines and Mining Provided for in Bill Before House.

Washington, (Special).—A new Cabinet officer, to be known as the Secretary of Mines and Mining, is provided in the bill favorably acted on by the House Committee on Mines and Mining.

KILLED A BURGLAR.

Farmer Caught Him in the Act, but Meant Only to Maim Him.

Lobanov, Pa., (Special).—David S. Long, a farmer of South Lebanon township, shot and instantly killed John Becker, of Midway, this county, who was detected by members of Long's family in the act of robbing the house.

BULLET'S LATEST EXPLANATION.

Reports to Roberts Why He Could Not Hold Vail Krantz.

London, (By Cable).—The War Office has received the following despatch from Field Marshal Lord Roberts, dated from the Modder River, Sunday, February 11:

ROBBED BY MASKED MEN.

Asst of Mrs. President McKinley Has a Bad Fight.

London, (By Cable).—Four masked men entered the home of Mrs. S. Saxton, an aunt of Mrs. President McKinley, west of here.

ROBERTS TAKES COMMAND.

Methuen No Longer in Charge of the British Forces at Modder River.

FOREIGN AFFAIRS.

Emperor William, in a conference with the British ambassador at Berlin, is reported to have expressed sympathy with Great Britain and to have touched upon the feasibility of friendly intervention.

Herr Biecher, Radical leader in the Reichstag, in opposing the German Naval Bill, insinuated that the British seizure of German ships were brought about opportunistly to secure support for the bill.

Disseminated over the news of the division of the Samoan Islands, Matafafa men attacked the homes of the Malietoaes, routed them out and set fire to the buildings.

Count Esterhazy is said to be willing to stand trial on the charge of having the famous paper in his possession, if a safe conduct is given to him against other proceedings.

Edmond E. Guier, said to be an American naval officer, was arrested in London on the charge of stealing two bills of acceptance.

Soldiers fired on riotous miners in Martinique, killing nine of them.

The first reading of the German naval bill took place in the Reichstag. Admiral Tirpitz, in advocating the bill, said that it would be dangerous for Germany to get into a war in which her army could not be used at the outset unless she had a greater navy.

It was stated on the part of the government in the British House of Commons that in the Nicaragua Canal management there had been no question of compensation.

Twenty thousand pounds sterling, mysteriously stolen from Paris Bank in London a year ago, was mysteriously returned.

A peace meeting that was to be held at Northampton, England, was prevented by a row and Latham, who was to make the speech, was hit in the head with a chair.

There are now reported to be sixty thousand influenza victims at Munich, Germany.

George Faber, Unionist, was elected to the House of Commons from York, to succeed Rear Admiral Beresford, appointed to command the second division of the British Mediterranean fleet.

A leading German Foreign Office official says that Germany's political interests are not affected by the Nicaragua Canal agreement.

Count Almonax, in the French Senate, made an attack upon the Spanish general's conduct in the war with the United States.

A German government official says that Germany will not join a movement to reopen the Egyptian question.