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JAPAN NOT AFTER HAWAII

Minister Hoshi Replies to John W. Foster.

CHAPTER ON ANNEXATION

The Japanese Side of the Perplexing Case.

He Says His Government Has No Designs, Immediate or Remote, on the Islands--The Immigration Question Not Threatening.

Washington, Dec. 19.—The views attributed to ex-Secretary John W. Foster in a recent interview in relation to the alleged danger of Japanese domination in Hawaii in the event of the failure of annexation have occasioned much comment among Japanese officials in this city. The Japanese Minister said yesterday that in his opinion it was hardly fair to attempt to draw Japan into the annexation controversy in this manner.

"Every well-informed person," said he, "knows that Japan is holding directly aloof from controversy, and that her government has given conclusive proof of the fact that it has no designs, immediate or remote, upon the the Hawaiian islands. The friends of annexation might therefore well afford to allow the question to be settled upon its merits without constantly endeavoring to use Japan as a cat's paw. The alleged danger of Japanese domination has always been a stock argument with some of the overzealous friends of annexation, but it has been repeatedly refuted, and its repetition now can serve no good purpose.

"Japanese immigration in Hawaii involves no other question than that of demand and supply. As quickly as the demand for Japanese labor in Hawaii ceases Japanese immigration will end. The statistics of the immigration itself show that this is the case. Last spring the Hawaiian government, for reasons which it is not difficult to understand, reversed its policy and turned away a number of Japanese immigrants, and the cry was raised that Hawaii was in danger of being 'flooded' with Japanese. Yet the records show that since the time when the question of annexation was first raised there has been far less immigration proportionately than in previous years. The Hawaiian census gives the present Japanese population as 24,407. In 1893 it was over 21,000. Between 1890 and 1893 there was an increase in the number of Japanese residents in Hawaii of nearly 100 per cent., while the increase between 1893 and 1897 was only 15 per cent.

"This hardly seems to be an alarming state of affairs, and it would appear to be even less so when it is known that, notwithstanding all the outcry upon the subject, the Hawaiian government is at this very time sanctioning the immigration of a comparatively large number of Japanese laborers. The board of immigration has approved the admission of 822 for last month alone, and it is estimated that 2,000 persons will be thus admitted to meet the increased demand for labor upon the sugar plantations during the present season.

"Whether annexation succeeds or fails, the Hawaiian government has it in its own power to guard against any possible danger of Japanese domination. The immigration treaty is revocable upon six months' notice, and any part of the general treaty which impinges upon Hawaiian interests can be modified by negotiations conducted in the ordinary manner. All that Japan asks for herself and for her people in Hawaii is that rights lawfully acquired and hitherto enjoyed without cavil shall not be arbitrarily withdrawn. She has no purpose of 'dominating' Hawaii, and since the facts clearly indicate that the presence of Japanese laborers in the islands in greater or smaller numbers is something which depends entirely upon natural causes, notably upon the volition of Hawaiian employers themselves, her friends feel that they are justified in strongly deprecating the irritating repetition of this discredited argument about the danger of Japanese domination."

BRYAN AT CHURCH.

The Boy Orator is the Guest of President Diaz.

City of Mexico, Dec. 19.—Mr. Bryan attended divine services at the Union Evangelical church and was also the guest of President Diaz at the distribution of prizes to the Mexican exhibitors at the Chicago and Atlanta expositions. General Diaz and the members of the cabinet arrived at Alameda in state carriages escorted by cavalry and the scene was most imposing, it being designated to give eclat to so honorable an occasion for Mexican industries.

Mr. Bryan was warmly greeted by the president and his ministers.

Wife Murderer Arrested.

Chicago, Dec. 19.—Chris Merry, charged with the murder of his wife, and James Smith, alleged accomplice of Merry, arrived in Chicago today from Princeton, Ky., where they were arrested. This afternoon both men were confronted by Joseph Hickey, upon whose confession they were arrested, but they stoutly denied any knowledge of Mrs. Merry's death and were finally placed in jail pending an examination on Tuesday.

Miners' Convention.

Pittsburg, Dec. 19.—Coal operators and miners will hold separate and important conventions tomorrow preliminary to the joint convention that will be held Tuesday. District President Dolan, of the Miners' association, says a rate of 75 cents will be demanded by his men.

NOMINATED BY PRESIDENT.

William Penn Nixon to be Collector at Chicago.

Washington, Dec. 19.—The president sent the following nominations to the senate yesterday:

William P. Williams, of Illinois, to be assistant treasurer of the United States at Chicago.

William Penn Nixon, collector of customs for the district of Chicago.

Archibald A. Young, surveyor of customs for the port of Indianapolis, Ind.

Harry C. Gregner, collector of internal revenue for the First district of Missouri.

John H. Walkenhorst, appraiser of merchandize at the port of St. Louis.

John L. Hoiges, assayer in charge of the mint of the United States at Denver.

Joseph Spear, jr., surveyor of customs in the district of San Francisco.

John C. Ames, marshal of the United States for the Northern district of Illinois.

Frank W. Parker and John R. McFie, associate justices of the Supreme court of the territory of New Mexico.

James L. Martin, attorney of the United States for the district of Vermont.

Isaac W. Dyer, attorney of the United States for the district of Maine.

Lorenzo F. Watson, postmaster at Watseka, Ill.

George L. Darte, of Pennsylvania, consul at Martinique, West Indies.

CHINA NO PLACE FOR RAILROADERS

The Total Mileage of Chinese Railroads Is Only About 283 Miles. Twenty-Seven Foreigners Are Employed and the Balance of the Work Is Done by Natives.

Washington, Dec. 19.—The first report to the state department from United States Consul Goodnow at Shanghi contains a warning to American railroad men not to go to China for employment. He says: "The American only invites starvation who comes here without a contract of employment with some reputable firm made before he leaves America. I must advise United States railway employes that there is at present no market for their labor in China and should more roads be constructed there will be a market only if these roads are built by Americans.

The consul general says he has had many inquiries from American railroad men as to chance for employment in China, so he describes the small Chinese railroad system to show the hopelessness of looking in that direction for work. There are only two railroads in operation with a total mileage of 283½ miles. They employ only 27 foreigners of whom four are engineers and the managers and division superintendents. The operatives are practically all Chinese and a foreigner cannot compete with them. The highest salaried natives are the telegraph operators at $40 per month. Engineers get $20 to $30 and train hands and trackmen $6 to $10 per month. All of this is in Mexican silver worth 44 cents gold on the dollar.

Another road is under construction from Shanghi to Woo Sung, 14 miles, and Chinese are doing all of the work, and on December 18 the first sod was turned on the projected road from Hankow to Peking, the completion of which depends upon the success of the Belgian syndicate in floating its loans.

Mr. Goodnow recounts his ambitious schemes of Director Sheng of the Imperial railways, to create a vast system of railways in Central China, and encloses a map showing the projects. He says Sheng's plan is to build these roads as money can be borrowed outside of China. He proposes to couple with the railway loans a government loan of $80,000,000 to pay the balance of the Japanese was indemnity. In this way the option of building the Chinese railways would be held out to parties taking the government loan, and the support of foreign governments for the government loan would be secured by allowing the successful syndicate to furnish all the material and skilled labor needed for the railroads. Mr. Goodnow points out that under these conditions there will be no market for American railway material or labor unless Americans furnish the money to build the railways.

FITZ AND CORBETT WILL MEET.

Still Another Indefinite Date is Talked Of.

Chicago, Dec. 19.—Fitzsimmons and Corbett are to meet again in the prize ring. The date of the battle is indefinite, but the lanky pugilist declared today that he had changed his mind and will give Corbett another chance. Martin Julian, the champion's manager, confirmed the statement.

"Some day before very long, we will give Corbett another chance," Julian said. "Not now; that is a certainty; but before long. How long, I cannot say."

Asked if that was not a concession on the part of Fitzsimmons, Julian replied it was not, as that idea had been in the mind of Bob for a long time.

Funeral of Dr. Day.

Baltimore, Dec. 19.—The body of the Rev. David A. Day, the distinguished missionary of the Lutheran church, who has served at Muhlenburg mission on the West Coast of Africa for nearly twenty-five years, and who died on the steamship Lucania last Friday, one day out from New York. Arrangements were made for a service in the First Lutheran church at Baltimore on Tuesday next at 2 p. m. The interment will be at Selins Grove, Pa., Wednesday forenoon.

No Agreement in Sight.

Trenton, N. J., Dec. 19.—The manufacturing potters and their employes are still at odds over the matter of a scale of wages to go into effect on Christmas, the time when the manufacturers promised they would restore the 12½ per cent. cut made on the wages of the men at the time of the passage of the Wilson tariff bill.

Killed by Rat Poison.

Elk City, Kan., Dec. 19.—John Straus is dead, his two sons are dying and Mr. Reed and his daughter are critically ill from drinking coffee into which rat poison had been dropped accidentally. The unfortunates were participants in a social at the Straus home.

Explosion on a Steamer.

London, Dec. 19.—In an explosion aboard the British steamer Southern Cross, from Buenos Ayres for Liverpool, which arrived at Madeira today, several persons were killed or wounded.

MR. CHANDLER MAKES PREDICTIONS

Hints at Programme of Congress in an Open Letter.

POINTS OUT THE PROPER COURSE.

If Congress Will Take Care of Hawaii and Cuba and Not Endeavor to Force a Gold Standard All Will Be Well--Much Depends Upon Secretary Gage.

Washington, Dec. 19.—Senator Chandler, of New Hampshire, has written a letter to the Washington Post, in which he says:

If the secretary of the treasury and his single gold standard associates will cease their demand for impossible currency legislation, congress will pass the necessary appropriation bills, probably take care of Hawaii and Cuba; there will not be a serious party division during the session, and there will be an adjournment in May. Business will revive, the treasury receipts will equal the expenditures; the balance of trade will continue in our favor and the Republican party will in November, 1898, elect a majority of the house in the Fifty-fifth congress.

On the other hand, if Secretary Gage continues to press upon congress a bill, the object of which he says is first to commit the country more thoroughly to the gold standard, and the immediate effect of which is to throw doubts upon the sincerity of the president's declarations in favor of continued efforts to secure bimetallism, a political turmoil will arise in congress which will split the now united Republicans into fragments, while it will unite and consolidate the now incongruous opposition. It is not feasible to retire the greenbacks; there is more probability that a bill will be sent to the president to increase their amount. It is not possible to secure the passage through either house of a bill making the greenbacks into gold notes or authorizing bonds payable in gold. The effort to do either thing will probably result in the passage of a bill for the redemption of the greenbacks in silver dollars and for the payment of all United States bonds in gold or silver coin in the discretion of the president, who will be commanded to exercise his option for the advantage of the government and not for the advantage of the creditor.

With such an uproar in congress as these proceedings will create with western congressmen embodied therein, with presidential vetoes, as threatened by Secretary Gage under angry discussion, it will happen that all business enterprises and funds and stocks will be disturbed, process will fail, insolvencies will increase and the Republicans will lose the congressional elections in 1898 as disastrously as they did in 1890 and beyond the hope of a favorable reaction in 1900, at which time, therefore, a Bryan Democratic president and congress will be chosen.

DEPENDS UPON MR. GAGE.

Whether we are to have any one of these results—political safety, or the other, political destruction—depends entirely upon the course to be pursued by Secretary Gage and those who are pressing him forward, namely, the gold standard league of New York and the self-constituted monetary conference. How much Secretary Gage cares for the Republican party is not known. Whether President McKinley, whose good faith toward bimetallism is coming to the test, will stop his secretary in his insane career, is not known. It is to be hoped he will. But no political situation has been clearer than the present to sound eyes since the Republican party began its marvelous career forty-two years ago. There are times for all things. There is a time to move and a time to keep still, and now is the time to so keep.

It is simply political suicide for the Republican party in this congress to affirmatively open the discussion of the money question and to bring on yea and nay votes upon currency legislation. We ought to await the progress of international bimetallism, the advent of business prosperity and the filling of the treasury by the normal workings, soon to be seen of the new tariff law. Shall we wait for these things or rush on to self-destruction? President McKinley must decide. Will he act for his people or for his plutocrats? Upon his answer will depend the events of 1898.

(Signed) William E. Chandler.

FOUND A POT OF MONEY.

Delaware Farmer Discovers $1500 in a Field.

Wilmington, Del., Dec. 19.—Max Dukes, a Sussex county farmer, living in Baltimore hundred, found a pot of money on his farm yesterday. He was cutting wood in a field when his axe struck a large stone, which he dug up.

Under it was a pot, inside of which was $1,500 in silver money. It is supposed that the money was buried there during the war and that the owner was killed during a battle.

KILLED BY GASOLINE.

Two Lives Lost by the Explosion of a Stove.

Holyoke, Mass., Dec. 19.—Two lives were lost by the explosion of a gasoline stove in this city today. Miss Amelia Koegel attempted to light the stove when there was an explosion.

She picked up Alfred Kenell, a child, 2 years old, and tried to escape, but got into the pantry and was cut off by the flames. Both were suffocated before help reached them.

Warning to Indians.

Muskogee, I. T., Dec. 19.—Judge Springer, of the territorial supreme court, has announced from the bench that any officers of the Indian tribal courts attempting to exercise official functions after January 1, will be arrested. On the first of January by an act of congress the tribal courts cease to exist but many of the Indian office holders have threatened to ignore the law.

Marietta's Stormy Passage.

San Francisco, Dec. 19.—The United States gunboat Marietta has arrived here after a stormy passage from the north. Many of her state rooms were flooded and her rails bent and twisted from the force of the waves that had swept over her. So bad was the storm at one stage that it became necessary to put out a sea anchor, in spite of which she drifted over 240 miles.

Cook Anderson Indicted Again.

Norfolk, Va., Dec. 19.—The new grand jury in the Olive Pecker murder case brought in three indictments yesterday afternoon against John Anderson, one for the murder of Mate Saunders, and one for destroying the vessel. Anderson was arraigned under the second indictment and pleaded not guilty.

CORN AT 25 CENTS A KERNEL.

How a Fakir Swindled Some of the Sullivan County Farmers.

Cochecton, N. Y., Dec. 19.—The farmers of Sullivan county have become acquainted with a new swindle. The man that worked it was quite successful until he ran up against a farmer of this place. The stranger visited many farmers, to whom he exhibited an enormous ear of corn, from which he sold kernels at 25 cents each for seed.

He named the variety "The Pride of Egypt," and the kernels went off like hot cakes. When the swindler reached Cochecton he got into a dispute with a farmer, who resented an insulting remark by striking a blow which caused the fakir to take to his heels in such haste that he dropped one of the big ears of corn. An examination showed that it had been made up from smaller ears, which had been glued together so closely as to deceive.

MRS. LEASE FOR CONGRESS.

Will Make a Fight to Succeed Jerry Simpson.

Great Bend, Kas., Dec. 19.—In a letter to friends here Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Lease states that she expects to return to Kansas and begin an active canvass for the Populist nomination for congress in the Seventh district.

The fight against Jerry Simpson, she says, will prevent his renomination, and it is her hope to eventually secure a majority of the votes in the convention.

BIG FIRE IN ST. LOUIS JEWELRY STORE.

Five Story Building Completely Gutted--Total Loss $335,000--Narrow Escape of Engineer and Family.

St. Louis, Dec. 19.—A fire started in the basement of the building occupied by the Mermod and Jaccard Jewelry company at the corner of Locust street and Broadway early this morning and in an almost incredible short time the five story building was completely gutted. The total loss will reach $335,000, fully covered by insurance.

The fire had been burning some time before it was discovered at 4.40 o'clock and at 5 o'clock the south wall and all the floors began falling, making one of the fiercest and quickest fires in the annals of this city. Next to the boiler room in the basement was a room used for packing. It is thought the fire started in the boiler room, communicating to the packing room and shooting up the elevator shaft quickly spread over the building. W. A. Rutledge, the engineer, and his family lived on the fourth floor. They barely escaped. The firemen dragged them unconscious from their beds and carried them down the fire escape. Five minutes later the floors fell. Several other tenants in the building had narrow escapes but there were no fatalities.

The Mermod & Jaccard Jewelry company was one of the largest in the world, and this being Christmas season, carried an immense stock. One-half of the stock had been placed in the two large vaults and saved but the rest, as well as the building and its fixtures, was totally destroyed.

So fierce was the fire that not a dollar's worth of salvage was taken out.

The Model Cloak company, in the northeast corner of the building, was wiped out, sustaining a loss of $50,000 on which there is an insurance of three-fourths.

The stockholders of Mermod & Jaccard held a meeting tonight to consider arrangements for opening in temporary quarters.

VOLTAIRE AND ROUSSEAU.

Their Tombs in the Pantheon, Paris, Are Opened.

From the New York Sun.

Paris, Dec. 18.—A commission that was nominated by M. Rambaud, minister of public instruction and worship, today opened the tombs in the Pantheon and settled the question concerning the whereabouts of the ashes of Voltaire and Rousseau, which the late Alphonse Daudet called the greatest mystery of the century.

Both skeletons were found. Voltaire's skull had fallen into two parts, which, when placed together, gave a striking presentment of his features.

Rousseau's skull showed no trace of a bullet wound, thus disproving the widely entertained belief that he committed suicide by shooting himself in the head with a revolver.

Protest Against Pugilists.

Trenton, N. J., Dec. 19.—Rev. A. W. Wishart, of the Central Baptist church, tonight preached against the proposed bringing of out-of-town pugilists here to perform before an athletic club. He will ask the other ministers and church people generally to join him in asking the police to interfere. Rev. Mr. Wishart also spoke against the present practice of giving entertainments with local boxers.

Quay Going to Florida.

Washington, Dec. 19.—Senator Quay has made up a small party for a trip to his Florida plantation at St. Louis. Senator Vest, Missouri, and the senator's son, R. R. Quay, will be of the party. They will leave Washington tomorrow. The senator expects to return in time for the reconvening of congress in January.

Boy Accused of Forgery.

Lancaster, Pa., Dec. 19.—The jury in the case of William A. Liebold, the 18-year-old boy accused of forgery which was on trial in the quarter sessions court here Friday and Saturday, retired at a late hour last night and this morning brought in a verdict of guilty, with a recommendation to mercy.

Sleet Storm in Texas.

St. Louis, Dec. 19.—It is learned from private sources that one of the worst sleet storms in the history of Texas prevailed in that state today. It is impossible to get any information as all the wires are down. The storm covers several hundred miles of territory and it is thought the destruction has been heavy.

Locomotive Explodes.

Repton, Ala., Dec. 19.—Last night on the Bear creek logging road a locomotive exploded, killing the engineer, John O'Connor; the fireman, Jack Clipper, and two trainmen, John Johnson and Henry Vickery. The explosion was caused by a defective flue.

CONFLAGRATION SWEEP HAWLEY

Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars Worth of Property Destroyed.

FIRE STARTS IN A HORSE BARN.

Fanned By the Breezes the Flames Spread Rapidly--Nallan's Knitting Mill and Several Dwelling Houses Fall Before the Devouring Blaze.

Special to the Scranton Tribune.

Hawley, Pa., Dec. 19.—By a fire which was first discovered in a barn owned by S. R. Evans at about 10 o'clock this evening, $25,000 worth of property was destroyed. As this town is without fire department or means of any description for fighting flames all efforts to stay the conflagration were fruitless for a time.

The fire from the barn spread to the general store owned by Mr. Evans, which was soon in ashes. Mr. Evans' loss being estimated at $8,000. The knitting mill of H. Nollan was next ignited and was entirely consumed. The loss is estimated at $10,000

From the knitting mill the flames leaped to the residences of Henry Weber and Mrs. William Schell and the structures were both destroyed in short order. Two dwelling houses owned by William Johnson, of Dunmore, were next attacked and in a few moments later a house owned by Mrs. Alice McDonald, of Scranton, and the residence of Huber Feeney were burning.

The houses melted like wax before the relentless fury of the conflagration and in a very short time nothing but a few charred timbers remained in the smouldering ruins.

The knitting mill property was fully insured but no insurance was carried on the stock which was very large in anticipation of the holiday trade. S. R. Evans' store was insured.

The entire loss will probably exceed $25,000. The amount of insurance carried on the other properties cannot be learned tonight.

TO FIGHT CRACKER TRUST.

Men Organizing to Do Battle with Proposed Union.

New York, Dec. 19.—While the three big cracker companies of the country are talking of consolidating into one huge trust with $75,000,000 capital, a few earnest men are organizing a company to fight them all. The trust will probably be named the Consolidated Biscuit company, to be organized in New Jersey.

The fighters will be grocers who are tired of being made the butt of the cracker men's mercantile jokes. They will put up $100,000 as a starter.

The man who has arisen to fight the trust was formerly the manager of a Philadelphia plant of the New York Biscuit company, and he knows the strength and the weakness of his foe. The bakery or factory which will be independent of the trust is in the territory of the Greater New York. It can start with a capacity of 500 barrels and increase it to double or more. Grocers and other buyers have taken stock in the new company and it will be started in two months.

CONFESSED SHOPLIFTERS.

Quarrel in a Family Reveals a Mystery in Stealing.

Mt. Carmel, Dec. 19.—Local merchants have been frequent losers during the past two years by the work of shoplifters, but were unable to obtain any clues as to who the guilty parties were until last night, when the identity of the thieves was revealed through a quarrel in the family of Stainlaus Stupeniskie.

The family quarrelled and Mrs. Stupeniskie had her husband arrested, but just as he was being sent to jail his daughter told the justice that she and her mother have been shoplifting without her father's knowledge, and the girl added that they usually stole fine silk, which her mother then sold to other women at ridiculously low prices.

William S. Thirwell, who lost sixty years of silk a few days ago had the woman arrested immediately and other businessmen are following suit.

BODY TIED TO BOAT'S ROPE.

Mysterious Death of a Man in Niagara River.

North Tonawanda, N. Y., Dec. 19.—Captain Matthew Lutz, of the Grand Island Ferry, discovered an empty rowboat in the Niagara river this morning, and in it was a man's coat, two fish poles and a pail of perch. The painter of the boat was hauled in, the end of the line brought to the surface and the body of a man with the rope tied to the ankle.

The boat was recognized as belonging to a boatkeeper named Mutz, who at once recognized the description of the boat and the man. He said that the man was undoubtedly John Wolf, who had rented the boat yesterday and started out alone.

The peculiar circumstances created a profound sensation. An inquest will be held.

Fire in a Steamer.

London, Dec. 19.—Fire has broken out in the after-hold of the British steamer Silverdale, from Galveston via Newport News for Bremen, before reported put into St. Michaels with rudder broken and other damage. Efforts are being made to extinguish the flames.

Plate Glass Strike Over.

Kokomo, Ind., Dec. 19.—The plate glass strike is over, the 1,600 men in the Kokomo and Elwood plants having accepted the company's proposition for polishers to be paid for piece work. Both factories will resume operations this week.

Thirteen Sailors Rescued.

Victoria, B. C., Dec. 19.—The Canadian government steamer Quadra has picked up thirteen of the twenty-two missing men from the wrecked steamer Cleveland. George Corrillo, a waiter, who was in the first mate's boat, died from exposure.

DEATH OF SIR FRANK LOCKWOOD.

Liberal Member of Parliament For York City Since 1885, Passes Away.

London, Dec. 19.—Sir Frank Lockwood, Liberal member of parliament for York City since 1885, is dead.

Sir Frank Lockwood was a son of Mr. Charles Day Lockwood, of Doncaster, and was born in 1846. He was educated at the Manchester grammar school and Caius college, Cambridge, where he took his degree as bachelor of arts in 1868. In 1874 he married Miss Julia Schwabe, daughter of the late Mr. Salis Schwabe, of Glyn Garth, Anglesey. He was called to the bar at Lincoln's inn in 1872 and became a Q. C. in 1882 and a bencher in 1887. He had been recorder of Sheffield and in 1889 was a royal commission to inquire into corrupt practices at the Chester election. In 1894 he was solicitor general. Prior to securing his seat in parliament for York city he had unsuccessfully contested the seat in 1882. His knighthood was conferred in 1894. Sir Frank Lockwood accompanied Baron Russell, of Killowen, lord chief justice of England, when the latter came to the United States in the summer of 1896 to address the American Bar association at Saratoga.

ICE COLD RELIGION.

Five Converts of the United Evangelical Faith are Immersed.

Royersford, Dec. 19.—Notwithstanding the cold weather this afternoon, over 1,000 people—men, women and children—crowded the banks of the Schuylkill river on the Spring City side, and on the large iron bridge, to witness the immersion of five male candidates of the United Evangelical faith in the ice cold water of the Schuylkill. The converts apparently enjoyed their bath, while the spectators shivered for them.

The service was preceded by singing and praying at the river edge, and was conducted by Rev. W. S. Harris, assisted by Presiding Elder Rigger, of the United Brethren church of Pottstown.

GARRISON'S EULOGY ON HENRY GEORGE.

The Well Known Boston Reformer Addresses the Ethical Society of Philadelphia -- Classed as One of the Greatest Men of all Time.

Philadelphia, Dec. 19.—William Lloyd Garrison, the well-known Boston reformer, addressed the Ethical society today on the life, character and work of Henry George, whom he characterized as one of the greatest men of all time. He said, in part:

"Never did knight of old fight more valiantly to win back the Holy land from the saracen, than did Henry George to win his country from pauperism. Long after we are gone men will contemplate from varying points of view this alpine peak of moral force. The sunset of the nineteenth century will presage with added glory the coming of the twentieth, because he lived, thought and wrote."

The speaker briefly rehearsed the main facts of George's earlier life, and said that it was while he was in California in its turbulent and primitive period, that his great work "Progress and Poverty," grew upon his hands and eventually came forth like a revolution. Mr. Garrison referred to Herbert Spencer's rebuff of George, "whom he should have welcomed as the brightest jewel in his diadem," and, continuing, said:

"When it became manifest that "Progress and Poverty" was the bugle blast if one deeply earnest, the battle raged. George's demand for the immediate restoration of land to those who were starving because of its misappropriation, was a heresy not to be tolerated. For vested rights and privileges were endangered by such teaching. Land owners were stirred to their moral depths and cried out 'robber.' The whole scheme of taxing land values only was decreed to be a scheme of spoliation. 'Progress and Poverty' was constantly refuted, but it constantly refused to stay so. Its vitality is remarkable and it will not down." Concluding, he said: "His participation in the New York municipal campaign was not a prudential step; neither was the raid of John Brown on Harper's Ferry, but in the good times coming it will be granted that Henry George has made his statue place in times valhalla."

KILLED THREE AT A BULL FIGHT.

A Bull Jumps Over the Barricade Charges Into a Crowd.

Guadalajara, Mexico, Dec. 9.—At a bull fight here one of the ferocious Spanish bulls jumped the barricade surrounding the ring and charged into the crowd of spectators. The animal gored three persons to death and seriously injured nine others.

Alton Train Wrecked.

Pontiac, Ill., Dec. 19.—The northbound Alton train was wrecked near here at 2 o'clock this afternoon. One trainman is reported killed and several injured. The railroad officials report that no passengers were hurt.

THE NEWS THIS MORNING.

Weather Indications Today:

Partly Cloudy; Warmer.

1 General—Cuban Insurgent Ranks Increasing.
Senator Chandler Discusses Probable Currency Legislation.
Japan Has No Designs on Hawaii.
American Railroaders Should Keep Out of China Unless Under Contract.
2 State—Liberty's Sons and Daughters of Philadelphia Attend Religious Services.
3 Local—Court Doings.
4 Editorial.
Comment of the Press.
5 The Little Paris of South America.
6 Local—Rev. W. G. Watkins' Sermon to Young Men.
Burglars Are Active.
7 Local—Democrats Will Abandon Election Contests.
Organization of a Civic Club.
8 Local—West Side and Suburban.
9 Lackawanna County Happenings.
10 Neighboring County News.
The Markets.

INSURGENTS INCREASING

At Pinar del Rio 1600 Pacificos Join the Rebels.

THE ARMY NUMBERS 5,000

Reports of the Killing of Ruiz Are Confirmed.

It is Reported That Marshal Blanco Will Go to the Santiago de Cuba Province to Assume Operations in the Field After He Has Established a Provisional Autonomist Government--Ex-Police Inspector Expelled.

Washington, Dec. 19.—The following cable advices were received at the Spanish legation today:

"Habana, Dec. 19.—Absolutely trustworthy reports permit us to affirm that Ruiz was shot with Aranguren Friday by order of Alexander Rodriguez. After several letters exchanged between Ruiez and Aranguren, Ruiz left Habana on Monday to meet Aranguren, not upon official mission, and only as a friend. It is not known how Rodriguez arrived, but the fact is that that leader ordered the shooting of both.

"The ferocity of such act and proceeding indicates better than anything else the faith in autonomy, the intransigents being obliged to resort to terror, to prevent the disbanding of their bands. Such is the general opinion, and public opinion unanimously qualifies such act as savage and unworthy.

"(Signed) Congosto."

Havana, via Key West, Fla., Dec. 19.—Reports from Sancti Spiritus state that Senores Rafel Madrigal and Cruz, a brother-in-law of Marcos Garcia, an insurgent chief in the last war, and now civil governor of the province of Santa Clara, have left for the insurgent camp to confer with the leaders, and to induce them to surrender to the Spanish authorities and accept autonomy.

The insurgents are increasing largely in numbers in the provinces of Pinar del Rio, Havana and Matanzas. A resident of Pinar del Rio asserts that 1600 pacificos have gone to the insurgent camp. An ex-chief of the insurgents says that in the Santiago de Cuba province the insurgents have increased in numbers to 5,000.

General Pando has sent to General Parrado a copy of a dispatch from the correspondent of a Madrid newspaper, saying that the rebellion in Santa Clara was being vigorously carried on and that it was impossible to fight Gomez, who in spite of General Blanco's measures, avoids engagements with the Spanish troops. The dispatch also says that the soldiers still lack the food which is necessary to the success of the campaign.

General Pando has telegraphed to Marshal Blanco from Manzanillo to send a supply of cattle, which is urgently needed there.

The Autonomists pretend to be in correspondence with twenty insurgent leaders who have agreed to surrender to the authorities in case autonomy is established in the island, but little credit is given to the report.

ENGAGEMENT AT CAIMITO.

According to official advices a squadron of Spanish troops routed the insurgents in an engagement at Caimito, near Havana City, killing five and capturing three prisoners, among whom was the leader Villa Neuva, successor to the dead leader, Urra. When seized the advices say, Villa Neuva cried: "Do not kill me. I will take you to my camp," which he did, the Spaniards surprising the camp and killing sixteen insurgents. Villa Neuva was brought to Havana last night.

It is reported that Marshal Blanco will go to the Santiago de Cuba province to assume command of the operations in the field after he has established a provincial autonomist government.

The authorities are said to be several months in arrears of rent for the criminal court building on the Matanzas and the owner of the building has made threats to prevent sessions of the court being held on the premises.

Reports from Guira Melena say that many fires have been seen in the canefields surrounding the town during the last two weeks.

Ex-Police Inspector Albert Escalenta has been expelled from Cuba for conspiracy against the government. He was relieved of his office by the new administration when he became involved in plots against the government. He is a passenger on board the steamer Olivet.

Shot His Brother Dead.

Danville, Ky., Dec. 19.—Al Powers, Casey county, this afternoon, John Alcott shot and instantly killed his brother, Claude. Bad feeling has existed between them for some time. They were sons of J. F. Alcott, a wealthy merchant.

Lieutenant Marin to Resign.

Madrid, Dec. 19.—Lieutenant General Marin, captain general of Puerto Rico, is about to resign, owing to the impossibility of reconciling the different parties in the island with a view of establishing autonomy.

The Herald's Weather Forecast.

New York, Dec. 20.—In the middle states and New England, today partly cloudy to cloudy weather will prevail, with slowly rising temperature, followed by snow, turning to rain in the southern districts, with fresh northwesterly winds, shifting to northeasterly, increasing in force and becoming dangerous on the coasts. On Tuesday, in both of these sections, cloudy, warmer weather will prevail, with snow or rain and northeasterly winds, high on the coasts.