

TELLER TALKS ON EXPANSION

The American Flag Must Never Be Pulled Down.

MUST PROTECT OUR OWN

A Liberal Government Advocated for the Distant Colonies, and Self Government Wherever Possible...

Washington, Dec. 20.—Senator Teller occupied the first half hour of today's session of the senate with a speech in advocacy of the theory that there are no restrictions upon the right of the United States to expand its borders...

Referring to the territory acquired by the United States during the recent war, Mr. Teller said: "We have already acquired this territory. We need, as a matter of fact, no treaty with Spain to confirm our right to it."

"If we acquire territory," he continued, "the very act carried with it the right to govern. Who," he demanded, "can govern with dramatic force..."

THE GREATEST QUESTION. "We are," declared Mr. Teller, "coming to a point where the government of the American people have met since 1861..."

So far and so soon as possible, Mr. Teller believed that the inhabitants of Cuba should be given self-government, but he did not believe that the United States should leave the infant power thus established as a prey of any other nation...

THE RUSSIAN LOAN. State Department Knows Nothing of Reported Overtures. Washington, Dec. 20.—The state department knows nothing of the reported overtures through Mr. Pierce, the American charge at St. Petersburg...

Beyond that point, it is said, our government has a constitutional right to proceed, no matter how well disposed it might be to return the magnificent tender made by Russia several years ago...

New Steel Combine. Pittsburgh, Dec. 20.—A report that a new steel combine is to be formed as a result of the uniform price of 55 per ton demanded by the steel manufacturers...

Trade League Banquet. Washington, Dec. 20.—Ex-Governor Patterson and a large delegation from the Traders' league, of Philadelphia, today called on the president and Postmaster General Enoch Smith and urged their attendance at the Trade League banquet to be given in Philadelphia on January 25...

Freight Trains Collide. Harrisburg, Dec. 20.—A collision between two freight trains occurred near Bailey's station on the middle division of the Pennsylvania railroad about 5 o'clock this afternoon...

Steamship Arrivals. New York, Dec. 20.—Arrived: Kaiser Wilhelm der Grosse, Bremen, etc. Liverpool—Arrived: Majestic, New York. Southampton—Arrived: Sasia, New York for Bremen. Honolulu—Arrived: Rotterdam, New York.

SHAFTER'S STORY OF THE CAMPAIGN

HIS PLANS OFTEN CHANGED BY WAR DEPARTMENT. Admits That He Took Chances in Crowding the Transport Fleet, and Also Assumes the Responsibility for the Lack of Ambulances.

Washington, Dec. 20.—General Shafter appeared before the war investigation commission today and went into a detailed account of his preparations for the Santiago expedition. He said his plans were changed three times by the department and once he actually started, but was called back by the report of the Spanish warships off the coast...

TRADING A MERE DROP. Proceeding Mr. Williams argued that if the Philippines could not take care of themselves they would fall under the influence of England, or France, or Germany...

LANDING FACILITIES. Concerning the landing facilities with the expedition General Shafter said they had two large barges, one of which was lost on route...

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CROOKS ARRESTED. Philadelphia Police Make an Important Capture. Philadelphia, Dec. 20.—In the arrest tonight of three men who gave their names as Edward Lawson and Charles Kelly, of New York, and William Cushman, of Brooklyn...

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SAMUEL GOMPERS IS RE-ELECTED

CHOSEN BY PRACTICALLY A UNANIMOUS VOTE. Again President of the Federation of Labor—Nearly All of the Old Delegates Re-elected—Subjects Discussed—Isaac Cowen's Resolution.

Kansas City, Mo., Dec. 20.—Samuel Gompers was today re-elected president of the American Federation of Labor by a practically unanimous vote at the closing session of the eighteenth annual convention of that organization. The convention which had been in session for eight days adjourned sine die at 6 o'clock...

SAMPSON IN COMMAND. Commodore Philip Will Have Charge of the Forces at Havana. Washington, Dec. 20.—The navy department is advised of the sailing of Admiral Sampson on his flagship, the New York, for New York...

PENSIONS FOR CONFEDERATES. Senator Butler Will Offer an Amendment to the Pension Appropriation Bill. Washington, Dec. 20.—Senator Butler, of North Carolina, today gave notice of an amendment he will introduce to the pension appropriation bill pensioning ex-Confederate soldiers...

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THE NEWS THIS MORNING

Weather indications today: Light rains; variable winds. 1 General—Senator Teller for Expansion, General Shafter Before the War Investigators...

3 Local—Letter from Ponce, Porto Rico, 4 Editorial. 5 General—Whitney's Weekly News Budget.

6 Local—John Gibbons Sentenced to Jail for Contempt. 7 Local—Thieves Rob the Matthews Residence on Olive Street.

8 Local—West Scranton and Suburban, 9 News Round About Scranton. 10 General—Life of the Soldiers at Camp Mackenzie.

SAMUEL SLOAN WILL SOON RETIRE

Some Doubt as to Whether Mr. Hallstead Would Care to Be President of the D. L. & W. Special to the Scranton Tribune. New York, Dec. 20.—Taking account of statements from all sources of information available in Wall street today, the indications point to the speedy retirement of Mr. Sloan from the presidency of the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western railroad...

AN AWFUL DEATH. As the firemen pulled the window, Mrs. Raymond stumbled and fell. Her night dress caught in a ring of the ladder and her body whirled around as it fell to the flagged street.

DUNNING'S ORDEAL. He Gives a Qualified Answer to the Question. San Francisco, Dec. 20.—When John P. Dunning was called to the witness stand in the Botkin murder trial today he reluctantly refused to answer the questions...

FORT ADAMS TRAGEDY. Four Bodies Have Been Recovered from the Ruins. Newport, R. I., Dec. 20.—Four bodies have been recovered from the ruins of the burned stables of light battery H, Fifth United States artillery, at Fort Adams...

AIMING AT THE MORMONS. Cincinnati Presbyterian Wants United States Constitution Amended. Cincinnati, Dec. 20.—The Cincinnati Presbyterian has considered polygamy and the question of refusing to seat Congressman-elect Brigham H. Roberts of Utah...

President's Speech Indorsed. Lancaster, Pa., Dec. 20.—Stephen post, 37, Grand Army of the Republic, of Luzitz, has endorsed the president's speech relating to the government caring for the graves of Confederate dead...

Young Woman Disappears. Harrisburg, Dec. 20.—Mary McNamee, aged 22 years, daughter of a prominent resident of Middletown, left home last evening to do some Christmas shopping...

MAGAZINE EXPLODES. Three Thousand Chinese Soldiers Killed at Hang Chow. London, Dec. 20.—A dispatch from Shanghai to a newspaper here says a powder magazine situated in the center of the Chinese camp at Hang Chow exploded, leveling a square mile of houses...

Run Down by a Train. Boston, Pa., Dec. 21.—Edward Eastwick, 23 years old, was instantly killed on the New Jersey Central railroad here this morning...

Baggagemaster Killed. Lancaster, Pa., Dec. 20.—Frank L. Ackerman, a baggagemaster on the Columbia and Reading railroad, was run over by the cars at Columbia this morning, receiving injuries which caused his death within a few minutes after the accident...

WEATHER FORECAST. Washington, Dec. 20.—Forecast: cloudy, light rain in the early morning, probably followed by clearing; light variable winds.

FIERCE FIRE IN NEW YORK

THREE PERSONS ARE KILLED, MANY OTHERS WOUNDED. Handsome Residence on Seventy-Third Street Is Destroyed—Mrs. Underwood, Mrs. Raymond's Sister, Killed by Jumping from a Window—Man Who Had Volunteered to Save Her Swept from a Ladder by Her Body—Mrs. Raymond Fell When Firemen Were Near Her—Servant's Body Found in the Ruins—Cause of the Fire Unknown.

THE DEAD. MRS. CHARLES H. RAYMOND, 55 years old; death resulted from compound fracture of the leg and internal injuries. MRS. VICTORIA UNDERWOOD, of Zanesville, O., sister of Mrs. Raymond; jumped from third story window.

CHARLES H. RAYMOND, 60 years; shock, received by jumping from window. WILLIAM DOER, 29 years, conductor; injured about body, scalp wound. WILLIAM FERGUSON, 35; better face lacerated, overcome by smoke.

As the firemen pulled the window, Mrs. Raymond stumbled and fell. Her night dress caught in a ring of the ladder and her body whirled around as it fell to the flagged street. She was picked up unconscious and was taken to Roosevelt hospital, where she died tonight.

Harriet Free, a domestic, who had run up stairs at the first alarm to arouse the persons sleeping in the house, was unable to get to the street again and was burned to death.

Mr. Raymond himself was rescued and was taken to Roosevelt hospital, where it was found that he was suffering a great deal from having inhaled flames and smoke.

It is claimed by the authorities that the casualties resulted by reason of panic. The house was supplied with fire-escapes and the firemen were early at the scene.

Four Bodies Have Been Recovered from the Ruins. Newport, R. I., Dec. 20.—Four bodies have been recovered from the ruins of the burned stables of light battery H, Fifth United States artillery, at Fort Adams...

The following is a list of the dead: W. F. Butler, battery H, Seventh artillery; Private Frederick W. Kull, battery H, Seventh artillery; Private Henry I. Harris, battery H, Seventh artillery, unknown private.

Half dozen men injured at the fire last night has not yet been identified. A large number of the soldiers were granted furloughs yesterday and left the fort before the fire broke out and the force of them returned and were seen at work about the burning stables. It is thought that the unidentified body is one of these furloughed men, but there is no way of proving its identity until the morning return from these furloughs, so that it can be determined who is missing.

Nothing was found on the body by which it could be recognized. It was badly disfigured. The explosion in the gun sheds near the stables, which caused the death of the men is being investigated. The court of inquiry into the cause of the explosion began its work this afternoon. The reason for allowing ammunition to be stored in the stables will have great bearing on the findings. It is said that a quantity of powder had been stored there for over a year.

All the wounded are doing well tonight and will recover. Heureka! in Good Health. Fort on Prince, Dec. 20.—There is no ground whatever for the rumor that President Hourman, of the republic of San Domingo, has been assassinated. General Hourman arrived at Fort Belvoir about thirty miles southwest of Port au Prince, and is in excellent health.

Train Held Up. Memphis, Tenn., Dec. 21.—Illinois Central train No. 39, south bound, was held up at Pope's, Miss., shortly before midnight.

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