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FORECAST OF THE WEEK IN CONGRESS

Isthmian Canal Will Claim Large Share of Attention This Week.

NO LIMIT FIXED TO THE TIME OF DEBATE

Offer of the Panama Canal Company May Prolong the Discussion—Appropriation Bills Ready for Consideration—No Programme for the Week in the Senate—An Immediate Adjournment Will Probably Follow the Announcement of the Death of Senator Sewell.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Washington, Jan. 5.—After a recess of almost three weeks both houses of congress will reconvene tomorrow. The principal item on the house programme for the week is the Hepburn Isthmian canal bill, which is the special order for Tuesday. No limit has been fixed as to the time for debate upon this measure, but Mr. Hepburn does not contemplate a prolonged discussion of it. It is surmised in some quarters, however, that if the proposition to sell the Panama Canal company to sell its property franchise for \$40,000,000, should be made tomorrow as promised this may have the effect of opening a wider field of discussion than at first seemed probable, and if this should prove to be the case the bill may be before the house for a longer time than is now contended.

Mr. Burton has given notice of a speech on the bill and it is understood that there will also be other speeches in criticism of special features of the measure, but his friends are very sanguine, not only that the bill will pass but that it will pass speedily. Mr. Hepburn, the author of the bill, thinks that only a few days of debate will be necessary.

It is understood that by the time the canal bill is disposed of there will be one or more appropriation bills ready for consideration by the house. None of the appropriation bills have been passed on by the appropriations committee, but the urgent deficiency and the pension bills are in a forward state and the expectation is that they will be considered by the committee during the current week. The present intention is to give first attention to the deficiency bill. The estimates for that bill aggregate \$12,000,000, and it is not believed that \$200,000,000 will be scaled down materially.

No Programme in Senate.

The senate has no programme for the week and very little business on its calendar as the reorganization of the senate committees did not take place until just before the holidays. There are, however, a few bridge bills reported, and Senator Morgan's bill for the acquisition of right of way for the Nicaragua canal is among the measures in position to receive attention. It is not probable, however, that the right of way bill will receive consideration at this time, the disposition being rather to await the action of the house upon the general subject, and then have the senate indicate its action on the house bill. If this course should be decided on the discussion of the canal question in the senate will be postponed for a few weeks. The committee on the Philippines will take up the Philippine tariff question very soon but there is yet no indication as to how much time the matter may consume in committee. Hence there is no probability that the senate itself will be able to reach that question for some time. Senator Frye is engaged on this report on the shipping bill, but is not yet able to fix the time for its completion.

The announcement of Senator Sewell's death probably will be made tomorrow, when there will be an immediate adjournment of the senate on Thursday until the following Monday is contemplated.

STEAM HEATING BOILER EXPLODES.

A Washington Residence Wrecked. A Colored Butler Badly Injured.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Washington, Jan. 5.—The explosion of a boiler connected with the heating apparatus in the basement of the handsome five-story residence of Mr. Beale R. Howard, at 110 Sixteenth street, this morning, seriously damaged the house and may result in loss of life.

The shock of the explosion was felt throughout the immediate neighborhood, and the house was so badly wrecked as to be unfit for occupancy. William Fogus, the colored butler, who was attending the fire under the boiler at the time of the explosion, was injured, and his condition is critical. A rough estimate of the damage places it at \$10,000 or more.

Missing Man Was Murdered.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Chester, Pa., Jan. 5.—The body of Samuel Venable, of Eslington, who has been missing for several weeks, was found in a field near here today with a gun shot wound behind the left ear. The coroner, who made a partial investigation, says that the nature of the wound and the position of the body when found indicate murder. One of the pockets of the coat had been turned inside out. Across the body lay a shot gun with one barrel empty. The body was attached to a gunner's outfit.

Scots Greys Ambushed.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Pretoria, Jan. 5.—The Scots ambushed a party of the Scots Greys last Saturday near Bronkhorstfontein, where they were on duty. The British casualties were six killed and thirty-three wounded.

SHELTON WINS THE MATCH.

Colored Pedestrian Ahead in the Go-as-you-Please Contest.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. St. Louis, Jan. 5.—Harry Shelton, the New York colored pedestrian, won the go-as-you-please match at the West End college tonight, beating George Tracy, of Kinderhook, N. Y., by twenty-six miles. Tracy being eleven miles ahead of George Norem, of Philadelphia.

The match did not go 100 hours as scheduled, but was finished at 11 p. m. 92 hours after it began. Twelve men were in the race at the finish. Five covered over 200 miles as follows: Harry Shelton, 351; George Tracy, 235; George Norem, 224; George Cartwright, 220; Frank Hart, 212.

FORAKER WINS SENATE AND HANNA THE HOUSE

Tickets Nominated by the Ohio Republican Caucus at Columbus. Vote on Senator Will Take Place Tuesday.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Columbus, O., Jan. 5.—The Republican caucus last night nominated the Foraker ticket for the senate and the Hanna ticket for the house. The contest was continued today on the same lines over the make-up of the standing committees, and it is evident that the chairmanships and preferred places will go the same way as the offices. Price, who was defeated for speaker by McKinnon, will be shown consideration as chairman of the judiciary committee, and the chairmanship of one of the committees on municipal affairs, in deference to George B. Cox, will go to some member from Cincinnati, but the courtesy will not be extended further.

The senate committees are being appointed by a special committee on the lines of the Republican caucus, with the Democrats co-operating. As the liquor associations threw their influence to Price, that interest is now attempting a fusion of the Democrats with such Republicans as are opposed to local bills.

Senator Foraker is not expected here until next week, when all the committees will be made up. It is proposed, therefore, to have a demonstration in the interest of harmony. On Tuesday of next week the two houses will vote separately for United States senator, and the next day in joint session they will declare the result. Then Foraker is expected to make a speech of acceptance. As he was endorsed by resolution at the last state convention for reelection, the Republicans in that senatorial caucus this week will be merely a formal affair.

Mayor Tom Johnson, who came here yesterday with the Cuyahoga delegation to attend the opening of the legislature, has returned to Cleveland to meet William J. Bryan there.

BILL PROVIDING FOR M'KINLEY MEMORIAL

A Commission Desired to Select a Site and Secure Plans for Arch to Be Erected at Washington.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Washington, Jan. 5.—The William McKinley National Memorial association has drafted the following bill, which will be introduced in congress this week and supported by a petition signed by the members of the association and also the members of the McKinley National Memorial association formed to erect a monument in Canton, to which the arch association yielded the field of popular subscriptions:

A bill to provide a commission to select a site and secure plans for a memorial arch in honor of William McKinley, late president of the United States, to be erected in the District of Columbia.

Be it enacted, etc., that the chairman of the joint committee on the library, the secretary of state and the secretary of war, be, and are hereby, created a commission to select a site and secure plans and designs for a memorial arch in honor of William McKinley, late president of the United States.

Section 2.—That said commission is authorized to select any unoccupied land belonging to the United States in the District of Columbia, except the grounds of the capitol and the library of congress, on which to erect the said memorial arch.

Section 3.—That said commission is authorized and required to obtain, by any form of competition which may seem advisable, plans, specifications and models for said memorial, provided for in Section 1, and may pay for the same to competing artists not exceeding \$25,000. This sum is hereby appropriated out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated. The said commission may select any of the plans, specifications or models that it may prefer, or any part of them.

Section 4.—That as soon as practicable after the selections authorized by Sections 2 and 3 are made, said committee shall report its action to the congress of the United States.

Monitor as a Training Vessel.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Philadelphia, Jan. 5.—The United States monitor Travor left the League island navy yard today, in tow of a government tug, for Annapolis, Md. The old monitor will be used there as a training vessel.

Steamship Arrivals.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. New York, Jan. 5.—Arrived: Graf Waldersee, Hamburg; Plymouth, Southampton; Ballou-Agostini, Victoria; from Hamburg, New York. Queenstown—Sailed: Rituria (from Liverpool), New York.

THE BRIGANDS PURSUED

Captors of Miss Stone Humbled by Inhabitants of Turkish Territory in Which They Hide.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Constantinople, Jan. 5.—The news that the brigands holding Miss Stone captive are being hunted by the inhabitants of the Turkish territory in which they are said to be in hiding, has created considerable of a sensation here. A deadly feud is said to exist between the leaders of the hostile bands, some of whom are reported to have deserted, and an attempt to re-enter Bulgaria. Much anxiety is felt here with regard to the outcome of these developments.

The American legation here has not yet received news from Garigolo, the dragoman of the legation who left Sunday 12, the date of the latter part of last month with the purpose of meeting Miss Stone's captors. Members of the legation say the rumors of Miss Stone's release are quite unfounded. No direct news has been received from the American legation since the date of the last letter from Miss Stone to Mr. Dickerson, consul-general at Constantinople, who was then acting as diplomatic agent of the United States at Sofia.

REMARKABLE WORK OF A TRANSMITTER

A Kentucky Inventor Astonishes the People with an Instrument That Transmits Sounds of the Human Voice Through Blocks of Houses in a Town—Messages Simultaneously Delivered at Seven Different Stations by Nathan Stubblefield.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Philadelphia, Jan. 5.—A Lexington, Ky., special to the Press today says: Through wood, brick, mortar and solid stone; through blocks of business houses; over long distances through city streets; in unobstructed view of traffic, Nathan Stubblefield, an inventor of Murray, Ky., has transmitted the sounds of the human voice without wires.

He has devised a system of wireless telephony. The story of how he spent his New Year's day in attending the citizens of the little western Kentucky town will be world history before many weeks.

From a station in the law office of a friend over a transmitter of his own invention he gave his friends a New Year's greeting by wireless telephony, and at seven stations located in different business houses and offices in the town the message was simultaneously delivered. Music, songs, whispered conversations could be heard with perfect clarity by the subscribers. This is the first time that the sounds of the human voice without wires have been transmitted.

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Both subsequently spoke, expressing sympathy with the object of the meeting.

The audience was composed mostly of men, although a number of women were present. The red-color of the Boer republics was a prominent feature of the armory's decorations, and the button-holes of many of the men. Upon the stage were several native Boers who had been in some of the early conflicts of their countrymen against the English soldiers. They were driven from the country and are now residents of this city.

The meeting continued for four hours, the principal address being by Hon. John J. Lentz, Rev. August Franz, a local Reformed Lutheran clergyman, also spoke.

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Mr. Bryan said that he considered it a compliment that the Boers looked to the United States for aid and sympathy in their struggle and that he considered it a disgrace that no official expression of sympathy had yet been made by this government. Mr. Bryan believed that the English people are opposed to the continuance of the war, because they, too, are suffering by the unhappy conflict and are the ones that must bear the burden of the cost.

PRO-BOER MEETING AT CLEVELAND

Mr. Bryan Expresses Joy That the War Has Cost Great Britain So Much in Lives and Property.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Cleveland, O., Jan. 5.—Four thousand people attended a pro-Boer meeting in Gray's armory this afternoon. There was enthusiastic applause for every expression of sympathy and encouragement for the struggling Boers. An unexpected event in the meeting was the appearance of Hon. William J. Bryan, who is in the city for the day as the guest of Mayor Johnson. When the committee in charge of the meeting learned that the Democratic leader was in the city, an invitation was sent to him and the mayor to attend and address the meeting. Both men accepted, and when, towards the close of other speeches, Mr. Bryan and Mr. Johnson entered the hall, the whole audience rose en masse and repeatedly shouted the names of "Bryan" and "Johnson," and greeted them with hurrahs and hand-clapping.

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LIBERTADOR OFF UCHIRE

The Revolutionary Steamer, It Is Believed, Has Been Successful in Landing Men and Material.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Williamsstad, Caracas, Jan. 5.—The armed revolutionary steamer Libertador formerly called the Ban Rich, which left Fort de France, Island of Martinique, December 31, for the Venezuelan coast with General Matos, 300 volunteers and a cargo of munitions of war is now reported to have anchored early yesterday morning off Uchire, on the Venezuelan coast, near Rio Chico, and to have sailed from Uchire the same afternoon. It is believed here that the Libertador has been successful in executing the first part of her programme of landing men and war material in Venezuela.

Three Venezuelan war vessels are today cruising off the coast of Uchire.

Mormon Conference at Berlin.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Berlin, Jan. 5.—The German Mormon conference has assembled here under the leadership of Hugh J. Cannon, son of the late George A. Cannon, the well known Mormon apostle. One hundred and twenty-five Mormon missionaries are now working in Germany and have secured 2,000 followers. The present conference is attended by more than one hundred German missionaries.

Skated Into an Airhole.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Poughkeepsie, N. Y., Jan. 5.—Three men, Bert Cooper, Arthur Snyder, of Mount Vernon, Pa., and Daniel Leary, of Barrytown, skated into an air hole while skating today. Cooper and Snyder once up under the solid ice and were drowned. Leary came up in open water and after a terrible struggle managed to pull himself out.

WIRELESS TELEPHONE

A New System Is Successfully Tested at Lexington, Kentucky.

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Discovery of a Farmer.

Nathan Stubblefield, the inventor, is, according to his own description, a "practical farmer, fruit grower and electrician." He owns valuable farming property in the vicinity of Murray, and it is here that his experiments have been carried on. He is 42 years of age and is plain and unassuming in his manner. He is the inventor of several electrical contrivances which have been patented in this country and Europe. His only assistant in the work of his inventions has been his 11-year-old son, Bernard B. Stubblefield. The father has for years been an enthusiast on the subject of electricity, and the boy has made playthings of electrical devices since boyhood. The father says that his son has been in the laboratory of his inventions for many years, and that he has been successful in making a number of valuable suggestions given in the course of working up the details of the invention.

Apparatus a Secret.

The nature of the apparatus used by the inventor is not known. He positively declines at this time to give out either technical descriptions or diagrams of the vital part of his apparatus. All that is exposed to view while his invention is in working order is the ordinary commercial telephone transmitter and receiver. Within a brightly polished box which is not opened in public, the inventor conceals his secret, which, he says, he will not disclose until it is perfected to the smallest detail. He is confident that he has devoted his entire attention to the construction of a transmitter. He will now occupy himself with the completion of an improved receiver, which has been partially constructed. It will, when perfected, bring up the sounds to any desired distance.

In speaking of his invention, Mr. Stubblefield said:

"I know that I have solved the problem of wireless telephony, and I will now devote myself to perfecting my apparatus. I want it to be perfect when given to the public, and it is my desire that it shall not appear with defects for the scientific journals to pick to pieces. With my device it will be possible to communicate with hundreds of homes at the same time. A single message can be sent from a central station to all parts of the United States. I am confident that it will operate over long distances and even at great distances. The transmitter will be no bulky instrument, but quite small and convenient to handle. I think that my device would be invaluable in the matter of sending out the United States weather bureau predictions, in directing the movements of a fleet at sea and in numerous ways which appeal to one at first thought."

Wants an Appropriation.

"I am in hopes of getting a government appropriation to aid me in carrying on my work or at least the promise of its adoption in pending legislation. The possibilities of the invention seem to be practically unlimited, and it will be no more than a matter of time when conversation over long distances between the great cities of the country will be carried on daily without wires. I intend to continue at work on my device and think that I will get other startling results in a short time."

ZIONIST MASS MEETING

Two Thousand Supporters of the Plan to Open Again the Promised Land, Meet at Chicago.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Chicago, Jan. 5.—Impetus to the movement to establish the Jewish race once more in Palestine was given tonight at a mass meeting of Zionists, at the Medina temple theatre. Two thousand Hebrews, for the most part supporters of the plan to open again the promised land for the chosen people, crowded the hall. The meeting was in connection with the annual convention of Western Zionists, whose organization embraces ten states. The plan determined upon at the Basle, Switzerland, conference was outlined by Leon Zolotoff, grand master of the Order of Zion who said that the idea was to create a legally assured home for the Jews and a refuge for Jews who cannot be assimilated by the people among whom they now live.

"We do not mean to take the Jews by the neck and throw them into Palestine," he said, "nor do we intend to transform the Jews overnight into agricultural people. We want to resume the broken thread of our nation; we want to show to the world the moral strength, the intellectual power of the Jewish people. We want a place where the race can again be centralized."

PEKIN NOW PRESENTS GAUDY APPEARANCE

Palaces, Pagodas and Temples Have All Been Repaired and Painted in Honor of the Return of the Pagan Court.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Pekin, Jan. 5.—The Chinese capital, on the eve of the court's return, presents an animated and gaudy scene not before equalled in its history.

All the palaces, pagodas and temples have been repaired and painted to form a glittering spectacle. The roofs of these buildings, viewed from the city walls, are patches of shining yellow tiles and brick. The walls about the imperial city are a vivid crimson, and the gates have been repaired and gilded.

The ministers of the foreign powers have received notice from the Chinese foreign office that all streets upon which the Chinese court will pass will be closed Monday and Tuesday. Two buildings on the principal streets of the line of procession have been provided, from which the members of the legation will be permitted to witness the re-entry of the court. This is an unprecedented concession. The foreign ministers have decided, in consideration of recent events, not to charge the re-entry of the court. This decision is strengthened by the fact that the majority of the ministers have not yet presented their credentials. Chinese officials have strongly protested to Sir Ernest Satow, the British minister, against British officers being in charge of the trains upon which the Chinese court will travel. They said that if foreign officials were conspicuous at Teng-Ti junction, the court would prefer to leave the railroad and take another route. Acting on this protest, Minister Satow has requested the officers to refrain from making the military conspicuous, and this request will be complied with.

Negotiations concerning the Manchurian treaty await the arrival of the court. Paul Lesgar, the Russian minister to China, when discussing the question of the railroads with the Chinese plenipotentiaries, insisted that under no circumstances would Russia consent that other powers have a hand in the construction and operation of railroads in Manchuria without first obtaining Russian permission.

MEMORIAL OF LINCOLN.

Congregational Churches Are Urged to Observe Feb. 9.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. New York, Jan. 5.—The American Missionary association has issued an appeal to the Congregational churches of the country to observe Sunday, Feb. 9, as a memorial to Abraham Lincoln, whose birthday is Feb. 12. The churches and especially their Sabbath schools and Endeavor societies are urged to emphasize Christian patriotism.

"Abraham Lincoln" says this appeal, "was born in the mountains of the south, where schools and churches have been established by this association. The negroes have grown into a great multitude of more than eight millions, among whom this association has planted its institutions and missions. Through its missionaries the colored people are being trained in school and home, for safe citizenship and Christian responsibility. President Lincoln urged the kind and charitable treatment of the Indians. The negro and Indian departments of missionary work carried on by this association are therefore naturally suggested by his name."

Coal Famine at Hazelton.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Hazelton, Jan. 5.—Owing to the illness of a majority of the coal mines in this district, which have been closed for three weeks, a coal famine prevails here. Coal, during the last week, was advanced fifty to seventy-five cents a ton. It will be a week at least before all the mines in this district will be in condition for resumption.

Australian Pugilist Ill.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Cincinnati, Jan. 5.—Jim Hall, the former well-known Australian pugilist, was taken to a hospital early this morning, suffering from lung trouble. While recovering with friends he was seized with a violent hemorrhage. He was taken immediately to the city hospital. The physicians said there was no immediate danger.

WHOLE FAMILY ASPHYXIATED.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Hartford, Conn., Jan. 5.—Anton Chavez, his wife and two year old boy, Joseph and Miss Mary Devida, aged 12, were asphyxiated early this morning at their home, No. 248 Green St. Mr. and Mrs. Chavez were found dead and before a physician arrived at the house the little boy and Miss Devida died.

DEATHS OF A DAY.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Santiago de Chile, Jan. 5.—Richard Goldborough, a well known American engineer, has died here.

Philadelphia, Jan. 5.—Michael Cassidy, who was prominent in Carbon county politics until a few years ago, died at his home in this city today.

Philadelphia, Jan. 5.—The state house of representatives in 1879 and 1886. Later on he was clerk to the Carbon county commissioners and was subsequently appointed deputy surveyor for the part of Philadelphia by President Cleveland. He will be buried Wednesday at Neshaminy, Carbon county, where he was born in 1851.

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VIGOROUS CAMPAIGN IN PHILIPPINES

ROULETTE BURNED.

Town Without Fire Extinguishing Apparatus Suffers from Flames.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Condesport, Pa., Jan. 5.—The village of Roulette, Potter county, was visited early this morning by a destructive fire, caused, it is believed, by overpressure of natural gas. The stores of Brown & Co. and R. L. White, the Hotel Bremen, Cavanaugh's saloon, the old Fellows' temple and several houses and several smaller buildings were burned. Only one store is left standing.

The town is without fire extinguishing apparatus and the hazard is great. The loss will exceed \$30,000, which is partly covered by insurance.

FRENCH BARK MAX ALSO DISABLED

The Ship Which Collided with the Steamer Walla Walla Is Being Towed to San Francisco.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. San Francisco, Jan. 5.—The French bark Max, which collided with the steamer Walla Walla early Thursday morning, is being towed to this city in a badly disabled condition. The Post-Steamer George W. Elder, from Portland, reports that she passed the Max this morning in tow of the steamer Acme and the United States revenue cutter McCulloch, eighteen miles northwest of Point Reyes. The Max's bowsprit was carried away and her bow was stove in both above and below the waterline. The watertight compartments alone were keeping her afloat. Ninety-two survivors of the Walla Walla arrived here today from Eureka on the steamer Domona. There is still some discrepancy in the list of dead and missing. This discrepancy is due to the fact that several passengers boarded the vessel just as she was leaving port. Others who were traveling second class gave assumed names in order to hide their identity. By striking out which are possible duplicates the number of the list stands at 42 classes as follows:

Known dead, 9; missing, passengers 13, crew 20.

One life raft is unaccounted for and it is feared that all the missing are lost.

Rev. Henry Erickson, who was among the six survivors brought to this city by the steamer Nome City last night, is at a hospital, a physical and almost a mental wreck. His wife and children are among the dead and missing. The Erickson family, comprising the mother, were second class passengers. When the crash came they were awakened and all got on the upper deck together. Mrs. Erickson and the two younger children were separated from their father and the elder brother. What their fate was is not known. It is presumed they were drowned when the vessel went down. Erickson and his son clung together and were pitched into the water clear of the sinking steamer.

They floated around for some time and finally were picked up by the life raft, on which were a number of the officers of the Walla Walla. It was a most daybreak when they were found and they were in an exhausted condition. Father and son were pulled on the light structure but the boy was too weak to stand the exposure. A few hours later he had been in a faint and bowed his head in silent prayer the body was consigned to the waves. The sea was running high and dashing over the raft, but all clung to it through the long hours of the day and the night. They hoped against hope until the Nome City picked them up. Mr. Erickson was the first to be lifted aboard. It is thought he will recover from the terrible effects of the exposure.

Conditions at Samar.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Manila, Jan. 5.—General J. Franklin Bell is conducting a vigorous campaign in Batangas province. Every available soldier is in the field. The columns under the command of Colonels Wint and Dougherty are doing excellent work and driving the Filipinos in all directions. A number of the latter are fleeing to Tayabas province, where the native constabulary are rendering valuable assistance in capturing men and rifles.

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Signal Corps Wires Cut.

Major Henry T. Allen (ex-governor of the island of Leyte, now on a tour of inspection through that island and Mindoro) reported yesterday that the majority of the signal corps wires on Leyte had been cut and this action was evidently pre-arranged.

Pitche reports that he is rapidly riding the island of Mindoro insurgents. The constabulary of Tarlac, Luzon, have captured a number of members of the Filipino secret society, called the "Guardia de Honor." The prisoners included moving to the island of Polillo (off the east coast of Luzon), where they expected to be free of American interference, temporarily at least, and where they had decided to resist American invasion to the uttermost. Twenty members of the "Guardia de Honor" are charged with sedition.

The big stone church at Balayan, in Batangas province, is falling to pieces as a result of the recent earthquake.

LEDGER COAL ARTICLE.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Philadelphia, Jan. 5.—The Ledger in its coal article tomorrow, will say:

"The anthracite trade last week was not very active, owing to the holiday conditions and the obstructions to transportation, and at the collieries through the storms and floods, which reduced both the output and the demand for the new year, however, some with a liberal outlay of relief-folding, being curtailed by want of facilities to move it. There, however, will be the usual short production in January, and this will enable some of the companies to partially catch up. The late movement is ended and the tide-water shipments along the coast are reduced to the customary winter basis."

WEATHER FORECAST.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. • Washington, Jan. 5.—Forecast for Monday and Tuesday: Eastern Pennsylvania: • Fair Monday; Tuesday, partly cloudy; • probably rain or snow in northern part; • time; fresh south wind.

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