

THE COUNTRY IN GENERAL

A Summary of Happenings at Home and Abroad.

THE NEWS CONDENSED

A Review of What Has Transpired of Public Interest.

Baltimore, Dec. 16.—A meeting of delegates from the local Irish societies is to be held in a few days, looking to the formation of a central organization, to be composed of representatives from each independent body.

Catskill, N. Y., Dec. 16.—Judge Sanderson has sentenced Elizabeth C. Bear, for the murder at Kiskatom, on October 6, of her aunt, Kate Wolven, a paralytic, aged eighty-three years, to twenty years at hard labor in the woman's prison at Auburn.

Pipestone, Minn., Dec. 16.—A pretty pipestone gavel has been sent to Congressman McClary to be presented to Speaker Henderson. The head is a solid piece of pipestone and the handle is decorated with gold. It bears the initials "D. B. H." in solid gold.

Greenwich, Conn., Dec. 16.—There is a water famine at Fitch's Home for Sailors and Soldiers at Norton Heights. The inmates are forbidden to take baths until a better supply is obtained. An artesian well is the only source of supply, and the continued drought has greatly lessened the flow.

Anderson, Ind., Dec. 16.—Frank R. Beaming, in the hospital here for two weeks, thinks he will die, and has voluntarily made a confession to having robbed the postoffice and general store at Treaty, Ind., last May of \$80 worth of stamps and \$100 worth of shoes. Fred Johnson, his accomplice, is now serving a term in the penitentiary.

Washington, Dec. 16.—United States Consul Hill, at Amsterdam, in a private report to the State Department, says that the failures in the diamond trade there and at Brussels are expected to be followed by others. Thousands of men are without work, and the stock of diamonds is exhausted. This is caused by the stoppage of the South African supply. He predicts a 100 per cent. increase in the price of diamonds by March.

Philadelphia, Pa., Dec. 16.—The first Lafayette dollar, the unique specimen authorized by Congress in aid of the fund for the erection of the Lafayette Monument in Paris, has just been struck off at the United States mint in this city. This coin will be presented by the President of the United States to the President of France. Fifty thousand of the coins will be struck, and are to be disposed of at a cost of \$2 apiece.

Ogdensburg, N. Y., Dec. 18.—Stephen Burts Gouverneur, of this place, accidentally killed himself with a shotgun while preparing to go hunting.

Dallas, Tex., Dec. 18.—John Eggleston, 25 years old, of Gordonville, Va., was killed at Ft. Worth Friday night by a live electric wire. He fell dead from a pole.

Akron, Ohio, Dec. 18.—Louis Sey and John R. Carr fought and the former struck Carr on the face with a knife, completely cutting off his nose. Sey has been arrested.

Pittsburg, Pa., Dec. 18.—Printers on all the daily papers with one exception, have gone on strike. The publishers have banded together to make as hard a fight as possible.

Marion, Ind., Dec. 18.—William Washburn, a prominent attorney and a member of the Soldiers' Home here, is in jail charged with attempting to criminally assault a twelve-year-old girl.

San Francisco, Dec. 18.—An invitation, signed by Mayor Phelan and the grand officers of the Native Sons of the Golden West, has been sent to Admiral Dewey, requesting his presence in this city on Admission Day, Sept. 9, 1900.

New York, Dec. 18.—Driven by his desire to peer into the mystery of future life, Maurice Strauss, twenty-five years ago a well-known actor, and lately an enthusiastic Spiritualist, is supposed to have ended his life by plunging into the Sound from the Fall River steamer Puritan Friday.

Omaha, Neb., Dec. 18.—The Rev. L. T. Mackay and the Rev. H. C. Herring have been fined \$300 and \$300 respectively by Judge Scott for contempt of court. They had asserted that Scott was acting improperly in a case involving the guardianship of two small children.

Boston, Dec. 18.—The Broadway National Bank of this city has failed. The directors are John R. Graham, Henry L. Lawrence, Frank W. Downer, Frank O. Squire, and Roswell C. Downer. Frank O. Squire is connected with the firm of John P. Squire & Co., which assigned yesterday with \$3,000,000 liabilities.

Chicago, Dec. 18.—According to wool experts in Chicago, the war in South Africa is threatening the prosperity of New England wool manufacturers. A heavy shipment of Cape wool is due in Boston. New York and Philadelphia have a three months' supply of this staple, and if British campaigning shall last for sixty days in the Transvaal, indications are for a sudden, sharp rise in wool, estimated at 10 to 15 per cent.

Chattanooga, Dec. 19.—The Southern Association of Hosiery Manufacturers has been organized in this city at the convention of hosiery mill men representing the largest interests in that line in the South. V. Ballard of Durham, N. C., was chosen president. Before the adjournment an agreement was reached advancing the price of the hosiery output of the mills represented 10 per cent. to go into effect Jan. 1.

SENATE MAY BAR ALLEN.

Question Raised That He is Not Entitled to a Seat.

Omaha, Neb., Dec. 18.—Will the United States Senate permit William V. Allen to take his seat? This question has been raised in high political circles here and is agitating the minds of both Republicans and Fusionists, some of whom hold that the Senate cannot legally recognize the credentials which Mr. Allen holds—namely, the commission signed by Governor Poynter. The defect to the title is a constitutional bar, in view of the fact that the late Senator Hayward never had an opportunity to take the oath of office.

Several of the leading lawyers of Omaha have given the subject serious consideration, and it is understood the matter will be submitted to the legal department at Washington and to the members of the Senate committees on Credentials and Judiciary. The most important opinion is that expressed by Judge James Wollworth, former president of the American Bar Association, who says: "Although I have not looked up the point recently, it is my opinion that Hayward was not a Senator at the time of his death. Since he had not duly taken the oath of office, the status is the same as if he had never been elected. The vacancy would, therefore, date from the last session of the Legislature, and there is doubt whether the Governor has the power to appoint the Senator."

State Guard Reorganization.

Albany, N. Y., Dec. 18.—The State National Guard, which meets here in annual session January 24 to discuss plans for the improvement of the Guard, will consider the proposed reorganization of the militia, as outlined by General Butterfield. The bill subjects to military duty all able bodied citizens and aliens between eighteen and forty-five years old, and provides for a regular army and a volunteer army composed of all militia forces which are organized in accordance with the terms of this act. The unorganized militia will be known as the "reserve militia."

Among the proposed amendments to the military code that may be submitted will be one providing for an increase of the allowance to batteries and troops of cavalry for horse hire from \$1,500 to \$2,000 a year.

To Install Marconi System.

Toledo, Ohio, Dec. 18.—The Ann Arbor Railroad will put wireless telegraphy to a practical test by introducing it in connection with their car ferry business across Lake Michigan. The contract with the Marconi representatives has been closed, and the system will be established at once. The station will be at Frankfort and at a point near Menominee, Mich. The space to be covered is about eighty-three miles. An attempt will be made by the Ann Arbor road to keep this ferry open all winter. If wireless telegraphy fails a cable will be laid across the lake next year. Representatives of the Marconi system express confidence that they will be able to give satisfactory service.

Troops Soon to Leave Cuba.

Washington, Dec. 19.—Gen. Brooke has telegraphed to the War Department from Havana that he has arranged to send to the United States Troops A, B, C and D, Eighth cavalry, a total of sixty-eight enlisted men, with Major Stanton and Lieutenants Donaldson, Dixon, Williams and Lott, to go to Fort Riley, Kan., where Captain Sayre will join the squadron. Troops E, F, G and H, of the Tenth cavalry, numbering four hundred enlisted men, with three hundred horses, and Captains Hunt, Ayres and Carlton, and Lieutenants Whitehead and Whitesides, will be sent to Galveston for distribution along the Mexican frontier. It is expected that the Fifteenth infantry will leave about December 30 to be distributed between Governor's Island and Plattsburg, N. Y.

HER TESTIMONY IMPEACHED.

Witnesses Would Not Believe Marie Robertson Under Oath.

Marshall, Mich., Dec. 18.—Marie Robertson has been recalled in the Sander-son attempted murder case. She said she did not tell of the defendant's feeding powdered glass to her husband, because she was afraid of her.

The officer who arrested Mrs. Robertson in Port Huron, where she was accused of stealing \$900, was produced, but she failed to recognize him. Various witnesses from Baraboo, Wis., the home of Mrs. Sanderson, testified that her reputation there was good. The prosecution did not succeed in impeaching this evidence. Mrs. McDonald and Mrs. Rogers of Port Huron swore to knowing Mary Mills, alias Marie Robertson, and that her reputation for truth and veracity was bad. They said they would not believe her under oath.

Dr. Wattles was recalled and cross-examined on his testimony that paralysis and not powdered glass caused Mr. Sanderson's death.

Brutal Husband Goes to Jail.

Baltimore, Md., Dec. 18.—A desire to surprise her husband with a Christmas gift resulted in Mamie Brown's receiving a brutal beating and sending her spouse to jail. Mrs. Brown obtained a position as domestic, and with her wages bought a ring for her husband. When Charles Brown, the husband, who was jealous of his wife, found a man's ring in her possession he beat and kicked her. Mrs. Brown swore out a warrant, and Justice Grannan sent the accused to jail. He will spend his Christmas behind the bars, but Mrs. Brown has not yet decided what she will do with the ring.

Sampson Willing to Return.

London, Dec. 18.—Michael J. Sampson, the former Chicago city employee, who was arraigned in the Bow street police court a week ago on a charge of forgery, has been brought into court and remanded for another week. Sampson expressed his willingness to return to Chicago and meet the charges against him. He says he is only technically guilty, as the offence was committed by a subordinate. He says when he returns to Chicago he will run for the State Senate.

THE NEWS IN BRIEF.

Telegraphic Gleanings from All Parts of the World.

Count Tolstoy, who was very ill, has resumed his work again.

Government troops defeated General Hernandez in a battle near Tucuyo, Venezuela.

Morgan interests are negotiating for fifteen coal mines in Hocking Valley, Ohio.

Gen. Brooke has reported his plans for sending certain troops of cavalry home from Cuba.

The John D. Rockefeller timber land in Washington has been sold to an Eastern syndicate.

Jacob Hendrickson, of Woodbury, N. J., mourned as lost at sea, was saved by a Glasgow schooner.

Mrs. Nettie F. Craven has won a partial victory in her contest over the Fair estate at San Francisco.

A steamer from Calcutta has arrived at Plymouth, England, with a fireman on board suffering with the plague.

The battleship Massachusetts has been ordered into reserve at League Island as her crew is needed for the Kentucky.

The Broadway National Bank of Boston has failed, as a result of the John P. Squire assignment. The depositors will be paid in full.

A dispatch from Manila says that Major Maxon has abandoned his pursuit of Aguinaldo. The latter has left Bontoc, headed southward, where he may encounter the Americans.

Judge Adams, of the United States Circuit Court, at St. Louis, has established the precedent that accretions to riparian property by navigable rivers is a question for Federal courts.

American farmers have exported 185,322,059 bushels of corn during the last eleven months.

Mr. Edwin V. Morgan, of New York, has been appointed United States Legation secretary at Seoul, Corea.

Representatives Berry and Wheeler had a sharp debate over the Kentucky election in the House at Washington, Friday.

Colorado will bring suit against the Federal Government to test constitutionality of refusal to coin silver bullion on demand.

Professor William Harkness, astronomical director of the United States Naval Observatory, will be retired as a rear admiral.

Gov. Roosevelt has appointed Judge Frederick W. Kruse of Cattaraugus County, N. Y., to the Supreme Bench in the Eighth District.

General Otis reports that the Americans are still pursuing the remnant of the Filipino army, but through a rough country and under great difficulties.

The insurance of the wrecked American liner Paris has been adjusted. The ship will return to the Atlantic service and will be rechristened after an American city.

The transport Sedgwick, Capt. Henricks, has arrived in New York from Cuba with 102 soldiers and employes of the Quartermaster's Department on furlough.

United States Consul Macrum, at Pretoria, who is superseded by Mr. Hay, has sailed for New York.

Lieutenant Brumby is still in a critical condition at the Garfield Hospital in Washington.

The Republican National Committee met in Washington and heard the claims of New York, St. Louis, Philadelphia and Chicago for the honor of being the convention city. Philadelphia was selected as the place of meeting and June 19 was the date fixed.

The board of directors of the Pennsylvania Railroad has voted to increase the capital stock of the company about \$13,000,000.

The Senate has confirmed the nominations of Bellamy Storer as Minister to Spain and Joseph H. Choate, Jr., as Secretary of Embassy under his father in London.

A detachment of Col. Hayes's cavalry in the Philippines, has captured Bacnabato, the mountain stronghold where the last insurrection was ended with a peace treaty.

A bill to facilitate the administration of the franchise tax law by the State Board of Tax Commissioners will be introduced when the Legislature meets at Albany.

Exercises commemorating the one hundredth anniversary of the death of Washington were held at the tomb at Mount Vernon, President McKinley delivering an oration.

The body of Lottie Cohen was found in a hall of her home in the south end, Boston, Thursday, with a deep cut in the throat. Solomon Cohen, husband of the woman, is under arrest pending an investigation.

The National Flax, Hemp and Ramie Association is in session in Fargo, N. D., with a large attendance. The phenomenal growth of flax raising in North Dakota and Minnesota led the association to meet there.

After a trial lasting six days in the United States Court at Juneau, Alaska, the jury brought in a verdict of murder in the first degree against J. H. Bird. That is the first verdict of murder in the first degree rendered in Alaska.

Governor John G. Brady of Alaska is on his way to Washington to attend a convention of governors on Dec. 21 to arrange for the celebration of the one hundredth anniversary of the removal of the national capital from Philadelphia to Washington.

Secretary Gage announces that he will anticipate the interest due Jan. 1 on United States registered and coupon 1 per cent. consols of 1907, without rebate. This will make a total of \$5,057,386, less interest on bonds recently purchased and interest already anticipated.

Gen. Methuen's losses in the Modder river engagement of Sunday and Monday last are officially stated as 832, of which the Highlander Brigade furnished 650. Details of the fight showed that the British behaved with the greatest gallantry, but that it was impossible to withstand the Boer fire.

PHILADELPHIA HAPPY

Because She Has Captured the Republican National Convention.

80 ARE ALL PENNSYLVANIANS.

Philadelphia, Dec. 19.—Republicans, and Democrats as well, have not gotten over celebrating the victory of the Quaker City over all her rivals in the exciting struggle for the Republican national convention. In this movement politics were set aside, and every Philadelphian was eager to have the City of Brotherly Love carry off the prize. There is a wonderful amount of public spirit existing among the citizens of this municipality, and it takes but a slight provocation to make it manifest.

While Philadelphians are especially pleased, there are unmistakable evidences of the fact that throughout Pennsylvania there is a feeling that the Keystone state has scored a triumph in the success of the leading city of the commonwealth.

The decision of the national committee to bring the convention here is another evidence of the growing popularity of this city, and emphasizes the fact that if Philadelphia makes up her mind to get a thing she can get it. The intelligent work performed by the advance committee, backed by Senator Penrose and the five congressmen from Philadelphia, one from New Jersey and that of the main committee of 100 of Philadelphia's representative public officials and business men, all working in unison, brought about the result, which will be most gratifying to our citizens.

MCKINLEY'S FAVORITE CITY.

Next June will prove to the members of the national committee that when they decided to come to Philadelphia they made no mistake. They will find her people ready to receive them with open arms and a generous hospitality second to no other place in the country. The claims of Philadelphia, as set before the committee, will all be proven beyond a doubt. Philadelphia had the honor of the convention which gave Grant a unanimous nomination for his second term, and as things appear at the present writing the convention which will do the same thing for President McKinley.

While it was not to be expected that the president would express an open preference for Philadelphia, yet the fact that this city has been selected will certainly not prove displeasing to him, as he has shown by his actions since he became president that he recognizes the loyalty of Philadelphia to himself and the principles of the Republican party. Unless hindered by the pressure of official business, he has always accepted Philadelphia's invitations, and has expressed his pleasure time and again regarding the receptions accorded him.

The work of preparing for the convention and the entertainment of the delegates has already gotten under way and will be pushed with energy and intelligent and experienced direction characteristic of every public spirited movement that is undertaken in Philadelphia.

GREAT CONVENTION HALL.

The convention hall will be the largest auditorium in this country. It will be the main building of the National Export exposition in West Philadelphia.

The shallow walls inclosing the present auditorium will be taken out, thus leaving a hall with solid brick walls 300 feet long and 295 feet wide. This will give a floor space of 88,500 square feet, with a seating capacity of 18,000. There will be numerous large aisles, and the hall will be free from galleries. The floor will be elevated in tiers, giving a full view of the stage from all parts of the hall. It will take less than a month to make the changes, and, after the convention has adjourned, it will require but a comparatively short time and small expenditure to reconvert that section of the building into its present form. This will be required for exposition purposes, the arrangements as they now exist being excellent.

It is estimated that it will cost about \$35,000 to put the building in the desired shape. The exterior of the buildings will remain as at present. When alterations are completed there will be a seating capacity of about 18,000, and the stage will seat from 2,500 to 3,000. Extreme care is to be taken of the acoustic properties of the altered auditorium.

STALWARTS DELIGHTED.

The leaders of the stalwart Republicans of Pennsylvania are delighted over the fact that the Republican national convention is to be held in this city. They appreciate the fact that the men who become delegates to national conventions of either the Republican or Democratic party are, with rare exceptions, firm believers in the principle of adherence to the fundamental rule of party organization that the will of the majority shall prevail and be respected by the minority. The insurgents of Pennsylvania Republican politics who, when defeated by popular vote at the regularly called primaries of their own party, proceed to make deals with Democrats, Prohibitionists and any other elements that will help to defeat the Republican national convention.

"Many of the delegates from different parts of the country will be men who have fought in the ranks of the great Republican army when Colonel

Matthew Stanley Quay, as the chairman of the Republican national committee, was the field marshal," said Representative Charles E. Voorhees, of this city. "They will be true to their old commander as well as to the principles of their party. It will not go well with the party wreckers should they attempt to play any game to advance their cause while the Republican national delegates are in this state.

"Republicans everywhere will breathe the air of stalwart party. The atmosphere hereabouts will be charged with stalwart Republicanism and the kicker or the bolter will get scant consideration for insurgent newspaper addresses and scurrilous attacks upon Colonel Quay and his colleagues in the regular Republican organization of Pennsylvania."

GENERAL REEDER'S PREDICTION.

General Reeder, chairman of the Republican state committee, was in town today. He is delighted over the fact that the national convention is to be held here. He was one of the most enthusiastic supporters of the project to have President McKinley renominated within the borders of the Keystone state.

"Every Republican of Pennsylvania," said General Reeder earnestly, "should be pleased with the fact that the national convention is to be held within the confines of our commonwealth. The gathering of leading Republicans from every section of the country in Philadelphia and the enunciation of the principles of the doctrines of the Republican party by some of the ablest among the recognized leaders of our party cannot but be an inspiration to every true Republican and an incentive to labor for the success of the party in the coming campaign. Pennsylvania will certainly show that she appreciates the honor of having another presidential convention held within her borders, and it is fair to assume that at the election next November there will be given the largest majorities for the candidates on the Republican ticket that have ever been recorded in this state."

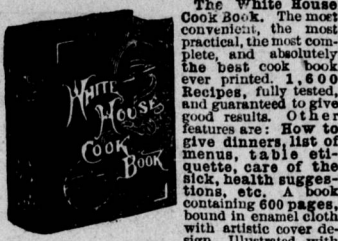
Governor Stone Honored.

Governor Stone was paid a splendid compliment here last Saturday evening. A brilliant reception was given in his honor by the Penn club of this city, one of the oldest and most substantial social organizations in Philadelphia. Its membership is composed of representative men in the various professions, lawyers, physicians, editors and clergymen, and bankers, merchants and manufacturers. It is noted for the high character of its membership. Its receptions are attended by the leading citizens of the community. The reception of Governor Stone was no exception, and that the chief executive of Pennsylvania is admired and respected by these men of affairs was attested by the unusually large attendance of the most influential members and the array of distinguished guests.

"Philadelphia," said Governor Stone in commenting upon the national convention coming to this city, "is an ideal convention city. Its very name implies hospitality, and the hundreds of thousands of citizens from every section of the country who have been guests of the Quaker City upon occasions of large public gatherings will bear testimony to the fact that her people are generous and public spirited and progressive and liberal. They are as proud of the reputation of their municipality as they are of their country, and in the wide world there can be found no more patriotic and law abiding community, and visitors can be assured of full protection. All Pennsylvanians will rejoice in Philadelphia's success."

The convention of next year will be the twelfth in the history of the Republican party. The first was held in 1856 in Philadelphia. Chicago captured the convention of 1860. Grant was nominated for the first time in 1868 at Chicago. He was renominated here in Philadelphia in 1872. Since then Cincinnati, Minneapolis and St. Louis have each had one convention, while Chicago has entertained the delegates to three separate conventions. Now, after a lapse of 28 years, the convention returns to Philadelphia and to the east. For more than a quarter of a century the west had held its grip upon these quadrennial events. It was high time that the east should have been

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