

MAY SELL HER ISLANDS.

The last and final demand has been made of Spain by the United States...

In further declaration that it is the policy of the United States to maintain the Philippine Islands...

It is also declared that the United States desires to treat on the religious basis of the Caroline Islands...

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The Spanish cruiser, Maria Teresa, which was wrecked on an island during a recent storm has been abandoned. She is slowly being dashed to pieces against the rocks.

William A. Brandes and wife of San Francisco were arrested Monday and placed in jail on the charge of tying the daughter of Brandes by his first wife to a bedpost and beating her to death.

Whitecaps at Chapelton, Tenn., the other night set fire to a house in order to drive out a negro woman they wanted. John Smart rushed from the building and was instantly killed.

A broken heart caused the death of Mrs. Mary Keasey at Chicago a few days ago. Mrs. Keasey was employed as a servant by her former husband...

NEWS ITEMS.

President Timothy Dwight of Yale resigned his position last week. The profits of New York horse show last week amounted to \$100,000.

Rush orders were sent for warships repairing at the Charlestown (Mass.) navy yard. Gen. Huell, famous during the Mexican and Civil wars died at Rockport, Ky., a few days ago.

A fire at Perry, Ia., last Monday did damage to the business section of the town to the extent of \$50,000. One thousand dollars worth of gems were stolen from Mrs. J. A. Singer at New York hotel a few days ago.

A handsome iron fence to enclose the graves of the Maine victims has just been completed at a Washington factory. Eilhu Root, the famous New York lawyer is likely to be sent to Great Britain as the United States ambassador.

Gov.-elect Col. Roosevelt of New York will be called upon in a few days to testify before the war investigating committee. That Dreyfus was exiled through forgery and error is becoming more evident daily. His trial and release is now almost certain.

Surgeon General Sternberg in his report states that the usefulness of the volunteers was the cause of much sickness during the late war. Father Luke Bandinelli, the oldest priest in the American province of the Passionists, died at St. Paul's monastery, Pittsburgh, aged 64.

A Toledo, O., inventor has perfected a scheme for heating residences by means of compressed air. The air is heated and delivered through pipes. The barbers of the State of Pennsylvania started an organized movement against the training of barbers, where free shaves are given.

United States marshals who attempted to arrest moonshiners at Whitesburg, Ky., last Wednesday were forced to retire after 200 shots had been fired. Brazil celebrated the ninth anniversary of her independence last Wednesday. The United States has sent to Oregon and Texas took part in the ceremonies.

Members of the W. C. T. U. throughout the country are protesting against the Utah suffrage bill. John W. Keeley, the inventor of the Keeley motor, died at Philadelphia last week. He had expended \$100,000 in perfecting his motor without any practical public results.

The British ship Atlanta was wrecked near Yaquina Bay, Ore., a few days ago. Twenty-four of her crew were killed and she was sailing at a high speed on a wager. Archie S. Miller, a civil engineer employed by the Nicaragua canal company arrived at Washington last week Sunday. He died of yellow fever in a hotel at the capital city.

Michael Keilher, a private in the Second United States, was blown from a train while crossing the Merrimack river at Newburyport, Mass., the other day and drowned. Nine firemen were injured in a fire which destroyed John P. Squire's pork packing establishment in Boston last Monday. Lewis Parshaur, one of the injured died a few hours later.

The cruiser Chicago, which was undergoing repairs for the last three years will be ready for service in a few weeks. She is now one of the most formidable vessels in the navy. Soldiers in the District of Columbia who saw service in the war with Spain were presented with medals last Wednesday. The medals were made of a gun taken from the ill-fated Maine.

GOVERNMENT RAILROAD PROPOSED.

LONGSTREET'S REPORT. Details on the General Property of the Transportation Lines—An Immense Traffic Predicted on Account of Our New Possessions.

General James Longstreet, the Commissioner of Railroads, in his annual report, made public Tuesday, calls attention to the general prosperity in railroad affairs and recommends the Government construction and operation of first-class double-track railway from Kansas City to San Diego, Cal., by an air-line route.

He says the physical condition of our railroads is better than ever before. He points to the spectacle of railroads which only two or three years ago were in receiver's hands now paying dividends on their preferred stocks and piling up surpluses which in the course of a very short time, his report says will be distributed among the shareholders. Many railroads which in 1892, were forced to cut salaries 20 per cent of the total mileage of the United States.

He recommends a Government air line trans-continental route with the following arguments: The annexation of the Hawaiian Islands and the probable control of the Philippine and Ladronesque Islands will open new trade relations of such growing proportions with them as to so materially increase the business of all bond-aided railroads as to be well within the scope of reason to anticipate their ability, at an early date, to pay principal and interest of their debt to the United States.

It is believed that the Fashoda affair will result in the granting of concessions to grant the necessary concessions, though it is noteworthy that the silk treaty, which caused the breaking of the negotiations, has remained unchanged. The negotiations have been conducted with the utmost secrecy. The exact extent of the concessions expected is not known yet, but it is expected that they will have an important and political influence for the removal of a long-standing friction between the two countries.

AGAINST EXPANSION. Andrew Carnegie Presents \$1,000 to Further the Movement. The organization of the Anti-Imperialist League completed at Boston a few days ago. Ex-Governor Boutwell has been chosen President and Andrew Carnegie, First Vice President of the league.

It has been decided to print the address of the league to the people of the country and give a copy to the President and to Congress will be printed as an advertisement in every paper. The league is to produce and distribute leaflets and to get signatures and forward them to the Secretary of the league at Washington. Several checks were received by the league, in addition to Mr. Carnegie's for \$1,000.

Deaver Considering a Bull Fight. The entertainment committee of the national live stock convention which will be held in Denver, Col., on January 24, has received a letter from a prominent business man of the state of Jalisco, Mexico, offering to bring four thoroughbred fighting bulls and five experienced matadors, three of whom are champions, to the occasion and give a "gran corrida" after the old style. The committee is seriously considering the offer and can secure an arena sufficiently large to hold 50,000 people, the Mexican's proposition will probably be accepted.

OUR NEW POSSESSIONS. Only one death among 20,000 American troops at Manila occurred during the past 16 days. Private Hayden, of the Tenth Pennsylvania, died of typhoid fever at Honolulu last week. There is an alarming increase of crime in Havana. There are from 20 to 30 hold-ups daily. Gen. Blanco has been authorized to draw on Paris for 500,000 to pay the Spanish troops in Cuba. Spaniards will organize a Spanish chamber of commerce in Havana after the troops have evacuated the island. London papers are complaining that the United States is not practicing an open door commercial policy in its new possessions.

Gen. Garcia of Cuba is now in Washington. He is here to learn of President McKinley's intentions in regard to Cuba and to give expression to the Cuban sentiment on the subject. The Cuban army will receive one year's pay on December 19. Notes for the balance of the Cuban army is believed that the United States will guarantee the loan. Admiral Dewey in a letter to President Brown expressed his opinion that the Philippine archipelago will be retained by the United States. Any other arrangement will lead to no good end. Americans who intend to go to Cuba to find employment are warned away from the island for the present. There is no notice of any of the industry and men willing to work are beginning in the streets.

CUSTOMS REVENUE.

The New Tariff Law Compared With Its Predecessor. A series of tables just issued by the treasury bureau of statistics show the receipts under the tariff laws by months during a long term of years. The customs receipts of the treasury department now amount to one-half of the ordinary expenditures of the Government, which are usually calculated at about \$1,000,000,000 per annum, and at about the same rate in 1888, omitting the extraordinary expenditures.

The daily statement of receipts and expenditures issued by the treasury department shows that on November 17, the 14th day of the present fiscal year, the customs receipts had during the duty placed upon tea by the war revenue act so that fully \$2,000,000 a day from customs during that act. The receipts from customs during the past 10 years have averaged \$1,000,000,000 per annum. This 10-year term includes the operations of four tariff laws. It was not expected that the new law, which took effect on the 1st of August, would result in a large increase in its production of customs revenue.

NATIONS UNITE. France and Italy Agree Upon a Commercial Treaty Which Removes Former Friction. It was quite unexpectedly announced that the Chamber of Deputies in France and Italy granting mutually favored treatment, except for silk duties, to the goods of the other country. The negotiations have been in foot for two years, but nobody expected that a definite agreement was pending.

These prices put the naval hero above the literary genius, although twice within one year Rudyard Kipling had been offered by a newspaper \$100,000 for 1,000 words and had declined it. The regular price paid for the long stories of this extraordinary young writer is now \$12 a thousand words, and for his short stories from \$2,000 to \$5,000 each.

CUBANS REJOICE. A Corps of the Third Immune Regiment at Guantanamo, who were detailed to assist in the free-ration distribution, has been discovered in cooperation with some merchants of the town, to have been swindling the Government. Large supplies of bacon and other provisions were found to have disappeared and caused Colonel Ray to investigate the matter. He discovered a big shortage of the money value being swindled by the merchants who were acting with him. They are all under arrest.

AN Ex-President's Large Fee. Ex-President Benjamin Harrison has been retained by Venezuela to represent that Government before the Arbitration Commission that sits in Paris within a short time to settle the dispute between Great Britain and Venezuela over boundary lines. General Harrison is said to have received a retainer fee of \$50,000. Ex-Secretary Tracy is said to be an associate with General Harrison, and his retainer is reported to be \$20,000.

EVILS MEN KILLED. In the gloom of smoke, storm and fog that darkened the rain of the necessary but not by the fact of a morning between Jersey City and Harrison a belated suburban train dashed into a gang of workmen, killing 11 and injuring four. The workmen were mostly Italians and Poles. All the victims lived in Jersey City.

CABLE FLASHES. Two attempts have been made recently to kill the ex-king of Serbia, Milan. London blue laws are being enforced and licensees for Sunday concerts rigorously refused. It is said in Paris that Count Esterhazy received 500 francs for forging the papers which convicted Dreyfus. Count Esterhazy, in his book about the Dreyfus affair, asserts that he fled from France to escape assassination by the army chiefs. Over 500 students at Warsaw, Kiev and Vilna, in Russia, were arrested, accused of a socialistic conspiracy, and 80 were exiled to Siberia. Korea has prohibited foreigners from trading in the interior. Several days last week the fog was so thick in London that pedestrians were compelled to find their way by means of lanterns at noon. The Anglo-American league in London proposes to erect a statue of George Washington in Trafalgar square next to that of General Gold-ni.

Room for American Exhibits. Professor Benjamin D. Woodward, Assistant Commissioner of Education, has received the official figures showing that the United States has been allotted 200,150 feet of ground in London for the exposition.

RETURNS FROM MEXICAN PRISON.

OFFICIALS INTERFERED. Morton Hudson Shot a Highwayman in Self-Defense and Language in a Foreign Prison for Six Months.

Morton Hudson, of Terre Haute, Ind., has just arrived from Mexico, where he has been in prison for over half a year. Last February Hudson and a friend named Powell went on a prospecting tour near Toluca, Mexico. They were returning from the town of Veraguera, where they had been to purchase supplies for their camp, when they were set upon by two Mexican highwaymen.

One of the Mexicans clapped a pistol to Powell's head and the American grappled his assailant and the two fell from their horses. The second Mexican, who was armed with a naked machete, was in the act of plunging it into Powell's back when Hudson rushed him to the ground with a well directed shot. The first Mexican was rapidly overpowering Powell when the latter called for help. Hudson went to his assistance when the highwayman aimed his pistol at the advancing man. Hudson was too quick, however, and shot the man through the breast. The two Americans then concealed themselves in the brush and finally decided to surrender to the Mexican authorities. Hudson was thrown into jail at Tenancingo, but finally got a letter to his brother in Terre Haute and the authorities at Washington secured his trial and release.

HOBBSON'S BIG PRICE. The Naval Hero Demands \$5,000 for an Article on the Merrimack. Admiral Dewey and Lieutenant Hobson, the naval heroes of the war, commanded the highest price in the literary market. Admiral Dewey has thus far refused all bidders. The editor of a magazine called to him recently an offer of \$5,000 for one short article on the Philippines. Admiral Dewey's response by cable was: "Thanks, but I am too busy."

Lieutenant Hobson, the Merrimack hero, received offers of \$5,000 each from two magazines for an article describing his exploit at Santiago. Lieutenant Hobson, though a modest hero and a sincere, straightforward officer, put himself in the hands of a lawyer, who managed to obtain \$5,000 for the article which Lieutenant Hobson is soon to write. These prices put the naval hero above the literary genius, although twice within one year Rudyard Kipling had been offered by a newspaper \$100,000 for 1,000 words and had declined it.

FIENDS BORN THREE CHILDREN. Three unknown white men, a few days ago went to the home of Andrew Blackford, a farmer, living in Decatur county, Ga., and demanded food from his wife. She was alone with her three children, and found bread, saying it was all she had. They demanded meat, and she became frightened and fled to the woods. The frames then set fire to the house, roasting the little ones to death. Sheriff Patterson of Bainbridge, Ga., has been ordered to conduct an investigation. Then a strong hope are felt that the fiends will be apprehended.

SENATORIAL ARREST OF A MOTHER WHO HAD TAKEN HER CHILD FROM A QUARANTINE. The 7-year-old daughter of Mrs. Barnes, of Cleveland, was kidnapped by a woman, supposed to be her mother, the other day, and immediately taken out of the city. They were traced to the Union station, but beyond that nothing is known. The child has been found with her grandfather, who was appointed her guardian. The child is the daughter of the wife of Frank McGowan, ex-mayor of Trenton, N. J. A warrant was sent out charging Mrs. McGowan with kidnapping.

LEPES MIGRE WIT AMERICAN SOLDIERS. There is a larger scare in Manila. Through the neglect of the Spanish officials nearly 200 lepers have escaped from confinement. For a time this was unknown to the American authorities and the outbreaks were allowed to wander at large. Orders have been issued that all lepers will be arrested and sent to a small uninhabited island southeast of Luzon. On this island the American Government will establish a harborage for the lepers of the Philippines. They will be fed and cared for at the expense of the Government. As far as can be ascertained, about 50 lepers are still at large on the streets and in the suburbs of Manila.

A CASTY INVESTIGATION. From the present outlook the war investigating commission will probably not make its report to the president for two months or longer. Several weeks more will likely be required in taking testimony and then the members of the commission will have lots of hard work to arrange it and draw conclusions from the facts that have been collected. The investigation is probably the most important affair to the government. The members of the commission insist that they will go to the bottom of the question and if any high officials are to blame the responsibility will be located.

SAVING BY LARGE INSURANCE. John and James Dobson, carpet manufacturers of Philadelphia, whose big retail store on Chestnut street was gutted by fire about one year ago, have brought suit in the United States district court against 34 large insurance companies in all parts of the United States to recover between \$500,000 and \$800,000 insurance money. The suits are brought under a clause in the agreement that all suits growing out of inability to properly adjust claims shall be brought within one year from the date of the fire, and to open the way to adjustment.

TWO CHILDREN KILLED.

Family Suddenly Broken Up by a Powder Explosion. By an accidental explosion of blasting powder at Portsmouth, G. Sunday morning George W. Ferguson, a quarrryman, was fatally injured, two of his children are dead and his wife and another child disabled for life. Ferguson was hunting for wood to build a fire, and found a powder can apparently full of coal.

When he attempted to start a fire with this, a loud explosion followed which knocked one entire side of the house out. At the time Ferguson, his wife and baby in arms, and four little daughters, were gathered around the stove. All were knocked down by the force of the explosion. Iva, aged 6, and Cynthia, aged 11, died almost immediately from injuries, and Ferguson was so terribly injured that he cannot live. The mother and children are terribly burned and bruised, and may not live. It transpired that the stove was partially filled with blasting powder.

GUARDING THE PHILIPPINES. Three Thousand Regulars Armed With Krags—Jorgensen Will Leave Shortly for the Islands. It was learned last week that the orders in preparation for the movement of regulars to the tropics would send 3,000 of these troops to the Philippines. In this connection the war department has also ordered about 18,000 Krags. Jorgensen rises to arm the troops in the Philippines and those who will be sent there. The ordnance department has received information that about 10,000 of the Krags-Jorgensen are now ready for shipment. They will go forward in a day or two, with proportionate amounts of ammunition with smokeless powder, from San Francisco.

The war department has in view the policing of the whole of the Philippine islands. It is not practicable or wise to reduce the garrison at Manila. Such events which are expected to take place early will make it necessary to send garrisons to all of the cities and towns in the Philippines. Such a force for the protection of the cities. The military policy in the Philippines is to be precisely that which is now being carried out in Cuba. The Government will either by the right of conquest or of the treaty of peace be obliged to police all the ports of the Philippines.

AMERICA HELPLESS. Dewey Cables Concerning a Dangerous State of Affairs at Manila. Admiral Dewey sent the following cable dispatch to Washington last week: "Manila, Nov. 18, 1898. 'Secretary Navy, Washington. 'Charleston and Concord arrived today from Iloilo. Glass reports that the entire island of Panay is in possession of insurgents, except Iloilo, which is defended by 800 Spanish troops. All foreign citizens are petitioning for American protection. The island of Negros has declared independence and desires American protectors. 'DEWEY.'"

KIDNAPED HER DAUGHTER. Sensational Arrest of a Mother Who Had Taken Her Child From a Quarantine. The 7-year-old daughter of Mrs. Barnes, of Cleveland, was kidnapped by a woman, supposed to be her mother, the other day, and immediately taken out of the city. They were traced to the Union station, but beyond that nothing is known. The child has been found with her grandfather, who was appointed her guardian. The child is the daughter of the wife of Frank McGowan, ex-mayor of Trenton, N. J. A warrant was sent out charging Mrs. McGowan with kidnapping.

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