

NEWS IN BRIEF.

Compiled from Various Sources.

PERSONAL AND GENERAL.

A Manila dispatch, of the 15th, tells of operations on the Island of Panay in which the troops under Gen. Hughes had occupied Tagbana, Guimbal and other towns.

The treasury has paid out gold certificates since August 7 last to the amount of \$191,286,980, and has received \$94,053,460, making a net issue of \$97,233,520.

Senator Proctor, of Vermont, denies that he is coaching Dewey for the presidency. He says the admiral is distinctly out of politics and determined to remain so.

The pension committee of the Grand Army of the Republic was at the pension bureau, on the 14th, and informally talked over pension matters with Commissioner Evans.

The last of the state volunteers, the Tennessee regiment, will be mustered out of service on the 23d. This will end the service of state troops called out for the Spanish war.

The supreme court of the state of Tennessee decided, on the 15th, against the American Tobacco Co. in the case brought to test the law prohibiting the sale of cigarettes in Tennessee.

Henry P. Glover, of Ypsilanti, Mich., has presented to the University of Michigan the DeChisico collection of Latin inscriptions, ranging in age from the time of Augustus to the fifth century, A. D.

The cardboard manufacturers of the United States, in conference at Buffalo, N. Y., decided, on the 16th, upon an advance of ten per cent. in the price of all kinds of cardboard, to go into effect immediately.

Mr. Malet-Preston, who was secretary of the Venezuelan side in the Paris arbitration, arrived in Washington on the 13th. He expressed the conviction that the successful revolution in Venezuela will not in any manner affect the execution of the decrees of the arbitration.

Sir Richard Webster, the British attorney general, has been made a baron, in recognition of his work before the Venezuelan arbitration commission. Sir Robert T. Reid, of counsel for Great Britain, has been made a knight of the Grand Cross of the Order of St. Michael and St. George.

Gov. Thomas of Colorado received a telegram from E. A. Hitchcock, secretary of the interior, on the 15th, conveying the news that the agent at Uintah reports that all Indians have returned to their reservation from northwestern Colorado, where they had been killing game in violation of the state laws.

A continuance of stormy weather and torrential rain is reported from Jamaica, extending over the area previously damaged, and making the popular distress more widespread, while isolating from immediate relief certain districts, principally the northern and eastern parishes. Some fatalities are reported.

Business failures in the United States for the week ended on the 17th, number 199, as compared with 182 for the previous week, and 229 for the corresponding week a year ago, 235 in 1897, 308 in 1896 and 323 in 1895. In Canada the week's failures were 19, as compared with 24 for the corresponding week last year.

Up to the hour of closing the treasury department, on the 16th, Secretary Gage had received reports from three sub-treasuries on the offerings of bonds under the secretary's offer to purchase \$25,000,000 worth. These were New York, \$2,894,200; Baltimore, \$19,000, and Cincinnati, \$28,700, making a total of \$2,941,900.

Advices from Apia, Samoa, dated the 8th, and received on the 17th, per steamer Alameda, from Australian ports, via Apia and Honolulu, state that everything is quiet in the Samoan group; that the collection of taxes is progressing smoothly, though it is said that the Mataafans will not pay the taxes over to the government.

News was received, on the 16th, of another armored train disaster to the British, moving out from Estcourt. The Boers tore up the track and bombarded the wrecked train while concealed marksmen picked off the heroes, some of whom fought the unseen enemy while others tried to right the train. Comparatively few returned to tell the tale.

The Illinois Manufacturers' association, on the 16th, directed its counsel to take steps to test the constitutionality of the Illinois anti-trust affidavit statute. This action is taken, the officers assert, not because the members of the association are in any way connected with trusts, but because the affidavit contained in the statute is so broad that for a merchant to subscribe to it is to make a false oath.

Emperor William of Germany has bestowed upon Edward C. Halle, of Chicago, the title of Chevalier of the Order of the Crown and presented him with a gold medallion embellished in white and blue enamel. Mr. Halle used his influence during the war with Spain in maintaining friendly relations between the United States and Germany and the honor at the hands of the German emperor is in recognition of his services.

A recent uprising of Armenian insurgents in the vilayets of Erzeroum and Bitlis resulted in a considerable loss of life, more than fifty persons being killed. The insurgents were finally dispersed and their leader slain.

On the 17th, at 9:15 a. m., a decided earthquake shock was felt at Santiago de Cuba, lasting nearly half a minute. Several houses in the city were badly damaged, and the front of the Marine hospital office fell, blocking the street. No personal injuries are reported, but the natives were badly frightened.

The Cuban anarchist who attempted to assassinate Señor García, the civil governor of Santa Clara, in January, 1898, has been sentenced at Havana to 12 years' imprisonment.

Col. George R. Davis, who was director general of the World's fair, was reported critically ill at his home in Chicago on the 17th.

According to figures compiled by the New York metal exchange, the production of copper in October was almost 24,000 tons, an amount very much in excess of any previous month in the history of the exchange.

Prof. E. J. Keeler, director of the Lick observatory, Mount Hamilton, Cal., telegraphed on the 16th: "The sky was visible at intervals last night. Some leonids were seen, but the number was not unusual. The main swarm may be a day or two late, otherwise possibly a whole year or it may fail altogether, as in 1776."

The steamer Admiral Schley, from Kingston, Jamaica, for Philadelphia, with fruit, was reported, on the night of the 15th, to have broken down and to be drifting eight miles off Port Morant. The Admiral Dewey was dispatched at midnight to assist her and to tow her to Port Antonio, Jamaica.

A report from Nebraska City, on the 16th, said: "Senator Hayward is worse. His right side is now paralyzed, and he speaks with difficulty and then only in monosyllables."

The United States war ship Dolphin arrived at La Guayara, Venezuela, on the 16th.

Chicago engineers are designing an earthquake-proof steel palace for the crown prince of Japan, which is to mark the advent of American steel construction in the Mikado's land, and the imperial government has appropriated \$3,000,000 to pay for its erection.

The first definite news regarding the fate of Winston Churchill was conveyed to his mother, on the 19th, by a press reporter. The fact that his wound is not necessarily dangerous and that he was alive in Pretoria caused her the greatest gratification.

Advices received at Cape Town, on the 10th, show that on the 16th a combined force of Free State and Transvaal burghers occupied Colesburg, Cape Colony, without opposition, by the residents, and proclaimed the district to be Free State territory.

A dispatch to the London Daily Mail from Sydney, N. S. W., published on the 20th, says that a disastrous civil war has broken out in the British possession of New Guinea, 11 villages having been obliterated with a heavy slaughter of the inhabitants.

Former residents of Texas, living in Chicago, met at the Tremont house, on the 19th, and made plans for the establishment of the Chicago Texas club. James Pouts was elected president and J. M. Cox secretary.

Rev. Dr. Richard Stoors, pastor of the Church of Pilgrims, Brooklyn, has resigned because of failing health. He had been in poor health all fall and for some time unable to attend to the duties of his position.

Coop G, Sixth cavalry, which had been in the Coeur d'Alene district for several months, left for San Francisco on the 19th.

CURRENT NEWS NOTES.

William Plain was killed and William Erickson fatally injured by a boiler explosion at Elgin, Ill.

The second session of the Methodist Episcopal church congress will begin at St. Louis on November 26.

Lafe Deason, a De Soto (Ill.) liquor dealer, was fatally hurt while being initiated into a liquor dealers' society.

In a street fight between a number of Italians, in Chicago, two men were fatally shot and several others less seriously wounded.

The foreign commerce of the United States seems likely to make its highest record of the century in the closing year of that period.

Treasury officials are gratified at the responses received to the offer of Secretary Gage to buy \$25,000,000 worth of bonds at their market value.

Alexander Jester has been placed in jail at New London, Mo., by the sheriff of Monroe county, the case going there on a change of venue.

Smallpox at Wellsville, Mo., does not exist to such an alarming extent as indicated by reports. There are not more than a dozen light cases.

While demolishing the chimney of an old house in Luxemburg, St. Louis county, Mo., Henry D. Murren found \$900 in gold in an old iron pot.

Mrs. John Hinrichs, of Parkersburg, Ia., committed suicide at Nokomis, Ill., by hanging. She was about 40 years old, and was visiting relatives.

Regular and volunteer soldiers who served in the Philippines met at St. Louis and formed an organization for social and benevolent purposes.

Robert Senter fatally wounded Presley Rector in a fight ten miles from Springfield, Mo. Both are farmers, and quarreled about some rented land.

Gen. Joubert has detached 4,000 men from his force and sent them around to strengthen the Boers south of Ladysmith, in order to intercept British reinforcements.

Col. Lawrence Kip, a well-known horseman, died in New York city Friday night. He had been seriously ill for a few days from a disease of the stomach.

Lewis Lucas Troy, superintendent of the United States railway mail service in Chicago, died, Friday night, of neuritis of the heart. He had been in the railway mail service continually the doctor had left. The dose proved fatal.

NEWS FROM INDIANA.

Latest Happenings Within the Borders of Our Own State.

Named as Committeeman.

Auburn, Ind., Nov. 17.—Charles Eckhart, of this city, has received notice of his selection as the Indiana member of the national committee of the prohibition party. The national committee is called to meet in Chicago December 13, when they will set the time and place for their national convention and select a chairman. Eckhart is one of the leading prohibitionists of the state and contributes more money to the cause than any other one man.

Will Vote by Machinery.

Lebanon, Ind., Nov. 17.—The county commissioners have formally adopted voting machines for elections in this county and have contracted with a firm at Jamestown, N. Y., for 21 machines at a total cost of \$12,600. The contract calls for the delivery of the machines not later than December 30. Boone county has the distinction of being the first county in the state to adopt the new device.

Conscience Smote Him.

Fort Wayne, Ind., Nov. 17.—J. F. Mellinger has confessed to having fired a barn 18 years ago in which children were playing, and one little girl was burned to death. Mellinger charged Charles Suminsky with the crime, and he was convicted, serving years of imprisonment. Mellinger says his conscience forced him to the confession, as he could not bear the burden any longer.

Church Ruined.

Wabash, Ind., Nov. 17.—Unknown persons broke into Mount Hope Methodist church, south of Waverly, smashed the windows and doors, destroyed the pulpit, chandeliers and furniture, tore the church Bible and all the Testaments to bits and then smeared the walls and floor with mud. The interior of the church is in ruins. There is no clew to the wreckers.

Mad-Dog Scare.

Whiting, Ind., Nov. 17.—A mad dog was observed here and before the police could be notified he had bitten two other dogs. Marshal Collins and his assistants gave chase, and notified the schools of the trouble. In the meantime the dog had severely bitten Mamie O'Donnell, aged five; Harry Timm, aged six, and Annie Levering, aged ten.

Arrives in China.

Lafayette, Ind., Nov. 17.—Relatives in Elkhart county have received a letter from Miss Dr. Effie Cooper, of Cincinnati, telling of her safe arrival at Chitoo, China. She is a graduate of a medical school in Cincinnati and is credited with being the first young woman physician to practice medicine in China.

Under Arrest.

Anderson, Ind., Nov. 17.—Timothy McCoy has been placed under arrest charged with being the leader of the band which has for a year or more conducted a systematic robbery of Big Four, Panhandle and L. E. & W. box cars all over the gas belt, and has stolen thousands of dollars' worth of goods.

Smallpox.

Fort Wayne, Ind., Nov. 17.—The county health officer has been notified that smallpox has broken out near Maysville, 14 miles northeast of here, three persons being now down with the disease. A number of people have been exposed and it is feared more cases may develop.

Brisk Fire.

Brazil, Ind., Nov. 17.—Fire broke out in Shannon & Fast's storage room in the rear of their bakery and damaged the main building to a considerable extent. The adjoining building, occupied by Cronenberger Bros., clothiers, also caught fire, and their goods were badly damaged.

Candidate for Commander.

Terre Haute, Ind., Nov. 17.—Col. J. McGuire, an Indianapolis lawyer, past state division commander of the Sons of Veterans, has announced that he will be a candidate for national commander, to be chosen at Syracuse, N. Y., next year.

Will Use Electricity.

Sullivan, Ind., Nov. 17.—The Bunker Hill coal mines, situated five miles east of this city, are undergoing extensive repairs. Six electrical mining machines are being put in, and the mine will be lighted by electricity throughout.

Aged Couple Married.

Valparaiso, Ind., Nov. 17.—Othiel M. Moffitt, aged 65 years, and Mrs. Mary Mitchell, aged 66, were married here. The groom was recently divorced. This is the bride's fourth wedding, she having buried three husbands.

Will Make Fast Time.

Anderson, Ind., Nov. 17.—The Union Traction company announces that with the opening of the Indianapolis & Munie divisions motor cars will be put on that will be able to make 50 miles an hour.

Declared Insane.

Union City, Ind., Nov. 17.—William Wertz, 59 years old, one of the first settlers in Randolph county, has been declared to be insane and sent to the Richmond asylum.

Milling Company Assizes.

Goshen, Ind., Nov. 17.—Continued poor business resulted in the assignment of the Wakarusa Mill and Elevator company, with \$5,000 assets and \$15,000 liabilities.

Fatal Mistake.

Fort Wayne, Ind., Nov. 17.—Mrs. Fred Weber administered morphine to her child, mistaking the drug for medicine the doctor had left. The dose proved fatal.

THE BOER'S BEATEN BACK.

Details of the Unsuccessful Attack on Lady Smith, by the Boers on Tuesday, November 9.

Durban, Natal, Saturday, Nov. 18.—The Times of Natal publishes the following, dated Wednesday, November 15, from its special correspondent at Ladysmith:

A Determined Attack.

"The enemy made a determined attack on Thursday, November 9. Apparently all the Boer forces participated. Their artillery opened at 4 a. m., pouring in shells thick and fast upon the British positions, although with no great effect. They adopted the unusual tactics of advancing under cover of their guns to positions on the ridges and kopjes adjacent to those occupied by the British troops, on the left of our camp.

Credit Up Under Cover.

"Continuing their advance, the Boers crept up, using every available bit of cover. Our infantry opened with a steady, warm fire, which beat back the enemy, developing a tenacity of purpose equal to their desperate stands on previous occasions.

Occupied the Enemy's Trench.

"The Boer attack was most elaborate on all sides of the town. The main attack, however, was made between the Free State and New Castle railway lines by a column composed chiefly of Johannesburg volunteers. A brigade of the King's Royal rifles corps made a splendid defense. The Boers were repulsed, but soon rallied and returned to the attack. Again the British fire, which was very hot, forced them to retire. They had made a deep trench in front of the British lines, and while withdrawing for their horses, they left this unguarded, whereupon the King's rifles, advancing double quick, occupied the trench.

A Terrible Surprise.

"This smart movement was not seen by the enemy, who soon returned with the horses. Carefully reserving their fire, the King's rifles allowed the Boers to advance almost to the edge of the trench, and then poured volley after volley into the astounded Boers, who turned and fled from an awful hail of bullets, bolting across the open, where the artillery of the British poured in a terrible and effective shell fire. The enemy lost heavily.

Shelled and Scattered the Enemy.

"Meanwhile another section of the Boers had brought a mortar into action, firing heavy shells. Our guns, concentrating upon it, soon silenced the weapon, the enemy's artillery fleeing headlong. The Boers then advanced in force with a view of repairing the mortar, but our artillery shelled and scattered them right and left. The fighting was all over at 11 o'clock.

A Prince of Wales' Salute.

"Promptly at noon Gen. White ordered a salute of 12 guns in honor of the birthday of the prince of Wales. As the cannon boomed cheer after cheer rang out and a scene of enthusiasm probably without parallel in history followed.

At Caesar's Camp.

"At Caesar's camp, which protects the town on the southwest, the Manchester regiment held the position. Descending under cover of the British guns for some distance on the further side of the hill, they detected several hundred Boers hiding in the ditch, out of the