

General News.

The last Legislature passed an act appropriating \$100,000 extra for school purposes. This money is not in the treasury and State Treasurer Worth says that the schools will not get it before late next year, unless more money is paid in or less paid out as expenses.

The small-pox scare at Siler City is declared off by Dr. Chapin. It is completely stamped out.

The mattress factory in Lenoir was destroyed by fire recently.

The celebrated evangelist Dwight L. Moody was prostrated by heart trouble on Nov. 17, at Kansas City. He has gone to his home in Northfield, Mass.

Six different concerns have been awarded the contracts for construction of the new cruisers authorized by Congress.

The Kimberly mines are practically closed now.

Game Warden Johnson and his posse had a fight with trespassing Utah Indians at Glenwood Springs, Colorado. One Indian was killed.

A Chicago orchestra refused an invitation to play at the Paris Exposition on account of the Dreyfus verdict.

Mr. Hobart's condition remains the same.

Severe snow storms are raging in Newfoundland, doing much damage, the trains being blocked and telegraph wires being broken. Several vessels are missing.

Masked men boarded a train at Ash-tabula, N. Y. on the 16th and looted an express car. It is not thought that they got any money.

The Crown Prince of Japan is to have an earthquake proof palace constructed of steel. A Chicago firm is to construct it. Whole cost is \$3,000,000.

War News—South Africa.

The Boers have 1300 British prisoners at Pretoria, guarded by Germans.

Dispatches from Pietermaritzburg state that Ladysmith is being bombarded night and day. The Boers have destroyed one of the bridges over Tugela River.

It is now thought that the Boers will succeed in cutting off Estcourt. The same tactics that was practiced by them at Dundee are being resorted to again.

The admiralty announces that another troopship, Arcana, has arrived at Cape town. There are now 23,500 reinforcements in South Africa. The English think that this force will be sufficient to take the offensive against the Boers.

Gen. Buller has been obliged to change his original plans from the fact that unexpected points had need of troops.

The Boers have entered Aliwal North, and hoisted the Transvaal flag declaring the country theirs.

The British residents in Zululand are getting uneasy on account of the

Boer demonstrations and the growing insolence of the Zulus. They fear an attack on the unarmed resident British.

Gen. Buller has sent an official report of the attack on the armored train sent out from Estcourt.

The officer commanding the troops at Estcourt reports at midday that an armored train left Estcourt this morning with a company of the Dublin Fusiliers and a company of the Durban Volunteers, North of Frere they encountered a party of Boers and began to withdraw. While retiring some of the trucks were derailed. The Dublins turned out and advanced towards the Boers, while the rest of the train appears to have returned without them to Estcourt.

The officer commanding the troops reports that he was sending mounted troops in order to cover their withdrawal, but about 100 are missing.

The World's correspondent, Winston Churchill was wounded in the hand and captured.

Ten thousand Boers are reported to be under Gen Joubert prepared to oppose the British relief to Kimberly, and some hard fighting is in store.

In the Phillipines.

Mrs. Aguinaldo has had the misfortune to lose her fine clothes. The Americans have it. Wonder if any of it will be brought home and sold as curios?

Two American prisoners have been retaken by the Americans

Gen. McArthur has begun a movement northward and will push on to Bayombong. The insurgents are reported to be massing north of Tarlac to resist the movement of the Americans.

The War Department has received a dispatch from Otis that it was impossible to send the remains of Maj. John A. Logan home now.

Later.—Gen McArthur has occupied Gerono. The insurgents fled last Sunday, while the natives remained and seemed to have no fear of the American. The insurgents burned the depot before they left, but destroyed nothing else. There is but one good house in the town. It took our men six hours to travel seven miles.

The inhabitants of the country the troops are occupying are less loyal to Aguinaldo than the people of other sections.

Nov. 15 McArthur occupied Panique, the insurgents having fled before he arrived. He is repairing the captured railway stock in order to use it in moving supplies.

Taken in all it is reported by refugees that the insurgents are not able to decide which way to turn as the Americans occupy so many points.

Dr. Joneson a former chief surgeon says that all respectable Filipinos are disgusted with the conduct of the insurgents, and are glad that the Americans have the upper hand.

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Melanchthon News.

Mr. Sandy Gray, of Level Cross spent Tuesday night at Mrs. Aaron York's. Mr. G. was brother-in-law to the late A. York.

School commenced here Monday under favorable auspices. Forty pupils were enrolled to start with. It is hoped we will have a good school.

We would like to ask the print-