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## THE WORLD'S NEWS.

### A CONDENSED SUMMARY OF A WEEK'S DOINGS

Morocco Will Settle With Spain. A Big Petition. Commodore Stanton Restored to Duty. Bradstreet's Cotton Crop Estimate. Steamship Fired

#### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 23

Robert F. Williams, one of the oldest wholesale grocers of Richmond, Va., died yesterday in that city.

Joseph Steiner and Folo & Steiner, bankers, of Greenville, Ala., have assigned. Liabilities one hundred thousand dollars.

The U. S. cruiser San Francisco has been ordered to Rio Janeiro. The cruiser is now at Trinidad, West India. It is possible that the New York will also be sent there.

A balloon sixty feet in diameter has been sent up from St. Louis, carrying self-registering thermometers and barometers and a camera, which will take a picture of the earth from the highest point reached.

#### FOREIGN

The Spanish government has been compelled by the Mexican state department to reimburse the American board of commissioners for foreign missions for the burning of mission buildings by a mob in the Micronesian Islands.

#### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 24

The Louisiana Rice Mill, at New Orleans burned yesterday. Loss seventy-five thousand dollars. One fireman was killed.

Two men convicted at Pittsburg, Pa., of robbing station agents were sentenced yesterday to serve 40 years, and 20 years, respectively in the penitentiary.

A monster petition was presented in the U. S. Senate yesterday. It originated with Col. Albert A. Pope, of Boston, and prays that a Road Department shall be founded in Washington, similar to the present Agricultural Department. The petition is 1,400 yards long, and contains the names of over 150,000 signers.

#### FOREIGN

La grippe is rapidly increasing in London. France's new ironclad, the Magenta, which cost five million dollars, is practically a failure, being unable to turn without inclining eight degrees.

#### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 25

The official count ended yesterday gives Hopkins, the Democratic candidate for Mayor of Chicago, a majority of 1,041 votes.

The St. Nicholas Bank, of New York, was closed yesterday by the State bank examiner. The deposits amount to two million dollars.

Commodore Stanton has been found to be guilty of merely an error of judgment in the Mello incident and assigned to the command of the North Atlantic squadron.

Bradstreet's 1893 cotton crop report estimates the present crop yield at 6,000,000 bales. This is the substance of replies received from 1,922 correspondents in 668 cotton growing counties in 95 per cent. of the cotton growing section of the United States.

#### FOREIGN

The great building of Hovey & Sons, drapers, at Sheffield, Eng., burned last night. Sixty clerks sleeping in the building barely escaped with their lives. Loss, a million dollars.

#### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 26

The Bay View Lumber Company's plant at West Norfolk, Va., was destroyed by fire last night. Loss fifty thousand dollars.

The trial of Daniel Coughlin, at Chicago for the murder of Dr. Cronin is bringing

out some damaging testimony to the prisoner's cause.

The cashier of the City National Bank, of Brownwood, Texas, was yesterday indicted for the embezzlement of \$90,000 which broke the bank.

Governor Mitchell, of Florida, has issued a proclamation calling upon all the sheriffs of that State to do all in their power to prevent the fight between Corbett and Mitchell

#### FOREIGN

The Mella troubles are practically settled, Morocco having agreed to all of Spain's demands.

Cholera is still spreading at St. Petersburg, owing to the consumption of bad fish among the poor and to the infection of the drinking water.

#### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24

The Associated Banks of New York now hold \$77,937,775 in excess of the requirements of the 25 per cent. rule

The British steamship Buckingham was fined \$900 yesterday at Norfolk, Va., for landing three stowaways.

Fifteen hundred bales of cotton were damaged by a fire in Flannery's warehouse at Savannah, Ga., last night.

Five whites and 19 Mexicans are reported to have been killed in a race war on New Mexico sheep ranges. Further troubles are anticipated and the Governor will be appealed to send troops to quell the disturbance.

#### FOREIGN

Great opposition is being made in the English Parliament to an allowance for the Duke of Saxe-Coburg-Gotha, formerly known as the Duke of Edinburgh.

A Berlin cable says that the present condition of starvation in German industries has resulted in a notable falling off in Christmas sales, which are small beyond precedent

#### MONDAY, DECEMBER 25

St. Augustine, Fla., has been selected as the place for training quarters for Charles Mitchell, the English puglist who is soon to meet Corbett

Chief Deputy U. S. Marshal John Walter with twenty guards, will leave San Antonio, Texas, this week for San Francisco, having in charge 65 Chinamen sentenced to be deported for violating the exclusion act.

The American steamship Seneca, Capt. Stevens, which sailed from Havana on Saturday for New York with a cargo of tobacco, returned to Havana with her fore hold on fire. The fire was discovered when seventy-eight miles out and the steamship was taken back with great difficulty.

#### FOREIGN

It is rumored at Buenos Ayres that two of Mello's war ships have left for Montevideo to attack the small government fleet stationed there.

#### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 26

The U. S. cruiser Mohican, now at Mare Island, Cal., has received orders to prepare for sea. Her destination is not given.

The Pacific Express messenger was knocked down by a negro on the station platform at Marshall, Texas, yesterday and robbed of his pouch containing about \$7,500. The negro disappeared in the darkness.

A dynamite crank has threatened to blow up the Armour Institute at Chicago and has also threatened to murder its president, Rev. Frank Gunsalus and its founder, Philip D. Armour. The police are on the lookout for the crank.

#### FOREIGN

Germany has agreed to lower her duties on Russian rye and oats to the level of the Austro-German tariff, in return for which Russia will reduce her tariff on German iron, tin, machinery and agrarian implements 10 to 20 per cent.

## WASHINGTON NEWS.

### THE TARIFF FIGHT WILL SOON BE ON.

The Senate on the Hawaiian Question. An Epidemic of Cranks. One of them Caught. The Bimetallic League. Pension Matters.

WASHINGTON, December 25, 1893.

"Peace on earth, good will to men," is of course, the proper sentiment to express upon Christmas day, but if there is either peace or good will among the politicians it is not visible to the naked eye at Washington. The angry passions stirred up by the debate just previous to the adjournment for the recess are still very much in evidence, although probably four-fifths of both Senate and House are absent from Washington. It is difficult for a man to feel peace and good will in his heart, when he is making preparations to enter one of the bitterest partisan fights ever engaged in by Congress, and that is just what every Senator and Representative is doing to day. The tariff will come up in the House on the very first day of the session, and although it is expected by all that the administration will be strong enough to put the bill through, practically as it was reported from the committee, it will not be done without some hard fighting. There is an element of uncertainty about the visits of the Representatives to their homes just now, that is exciting much interest. Whether it will change the sentiments of any of them towards the tariff bill remains to be seen.

The Senate, although democratic by a small margin, has certainly not shown any disposition to be dictated to by the administration, and it is already certain that the few Senators who have announced their willingness to champion its Hawaiian policy will find themselves with the fight of their lives on their hands as soon as the Senate comes together again. The House may be willing to favor the administration by adopting the McCrea resolution providing for an investigation of the relations of the last administration with Hawaii, without touching upon those of the present administration, but it may be set down among the certainties that an overwhelming majority of the Senate favors Senator Morgan's resolution, providing for an investigation of the whole subject right up to date. This resolution has been approved by the Senate committee on Foreign Relations, of which Senator Morgan is chairman, although it is known that President Cleveland disapproves of it. The Senate committee will in fact begin this investigation this week.

Somebody is going to be made ridiculous through the nonsensical crank fight which has recently made its appearance in Washington. They will not allow a stranger to carry a bundle or package into the Capitol building for fear that it may contain dynamite; detectives in citizen's clothes constantly watch the White House and follow President Cleveland wherever he goes outside of the building, and a foolish telegram printed several days ago about an alleged plot to kidnap the Cleveland children is actually seriously discussed by men who ought to have better sense. Senator Mills has been receiving some threatening letters ever since he voted for the silver repeal bill, and the other day his son allowed himself to be so badly stampered as to apply for and receive a permit from the police authorities to carry a revolver to protect his father from murderously inclined cranks; he came to his senses later and asked that the permit be cancelled. All of which is calculated to increase the number of cranks who write threatening letters, and the pay of private detectives, some of whom probably could tell the source of many of the letters, and to disgust other people.

A member of the executive committee of the Bimetallic League, which recently held a long secret conference here, says the League will take no steps towards trying to get either of the several silver bills that have been introduced in both House and Senate passed at the present session. He thinks that the well-known hostility of President Cleveland to such legislation and the certainty that the bill will be vetoed, if it were passed, make it useless to do anything in that direction. The League will concentrate its efforts upon the election of members of the next House.

The urgency deficiency bill, which became a law on the day that Congress took its holiday recess, contained a clause declaring a pension to be a vested right that cannot be taken away from a man without notice, but that did not detract from the interest felt in the case of Judge Long, of Michigan, who is suing to have his name restored to the pension roll from which it was dropped by Commissioner Lochren. The case was argued at length on Friday and Saturday and a decision is expected this week. From several questions asked by the Judge during the argument it has been inferred by many that the decision will be in favor of Judge Long.

The latest revised estimate of the Treasury officials is that the deficiency under the new tariff bill, if it became a law as it now stands, would be \$56,407,900. That is the amount that will have to be raised by internal taxation of some sort. Joseph Danjan, the crank who has been sending threatening letters to Vice President Stevenson, Secretary Lamont, Senator Mills, and other prominent public men, was arrested in this city about 6 o'clock this evening by Capt. James A. McDevitt, chief of the McDevitt Detective Agency, and locked up at the First precinct police station on Twelfth street.

Capt. McDevitt recognized the man from descriptions which had been sent out and placed him under arrest.

## TRAIN ROBBERS

### SECURED CONSIDERABLE PLUNDER IN KANSAS.

Passengers Relieved of Money and Other Valuables. Train Robbers Fall in Their Purpose on the Southern Pacific Railroad.

COFFEYVILLE, Kans., Dec. 24.—The southbound passenger train No. 12, on the Iron Mountain division of the Missouri Pacific Railroad, which left this station at 6:30 o'clock this evening, was held up and thoroughly robbed by five masked men, at Seminole Station, in the Indian Territory, five miles south of Coffeyville. The switch lock was broken and the train ran into the siding, on which a box car was standing, on which was a red lantern. The point of the robbery is a small station on the open prairie.

The engineer, James Harris, was carefully guarded by one of the men with a Winchester, while the rest proceeded to rob the mail and express cars and every passenger on the train from the smoker to the sleeper. The leader was a tall man who went through the cars and relieved the frightened passengers of their money and valuables while the party kept up a fusillade with their Winchesters and revolvers. They evidently secured a large amount of booty.

A party of young people from Coffeyville, who were driving, sat in their conveyance close to the scene and witnessed the affair. They were the first to bring the news of the robbery to town. Several gentlemen of this city, who do business in the Territory, were on the train and were victims of the brigands. Fortunately no one was injured by the shooting, which was all done by the robbers. One young man, who was in the smoker, got up as the robbers came in and walked ahead of them through the different cars in the hope of avoiding them. When they got to the rear of the last car, they caught him, and took his watch and \$17, and made him jump off. He walked back to Coffeyville, but was too badly rattled to describe the affair.

They held the train for about an hour and a half, and the rear lights on the car could be seen from the Missouri Pacific yards here while the train was being gone through. Conductor Brownell, the engineer, the fireman, and the porters were relieved of everything they had, even to their pocket-knives.

The train continued on toward Fort Smith, after being relieved, and the desperadoes mounted their horses and left in a westerly direction. They were dressed in cow-boy outfit, and were all young men. They were a remnant of the Starr gang, and from the description given by Conductor Brownell, the leader is Jim Wooten, the fellow who led the raid on Mound Valley Bank.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Dec. 24.—At about midnight last night the Los Angeles and San Francisco express train on the Southern Pacific Railroad

was stopped by two masked men about twelve miles north of Los Angeles, near Burbank, a small station. After the train pulled out of Burbank the robbers climbed forward over the tender to the engine and with leveled six shooters forced the engineer to stop the train. They then uncoupled the express car and pulled ahead 200 yards, where they stopped and called on the express messenger to open the door. He refused until they applied dynamite and blew the car open. The messenger then surrendered.

One of the men kept the conductor and a few venturesome passengers at a safe distance while his confederate attempted to blow open the treasure safe. This he failed to accomplish, and the robbers, after relieving the engineer, fireman, and express messenger of what money they had in their possession, mounted horses, which had been left near the robbery and made their escape.

Good descriptions of the men were obtained and officers from all directions are in pursuit. In addition to the reward offered by Wells, Fargo & Co., the Southern Pacific Company have offered \$1,000 for their capture. Wells, Fargo & Co.'s agent here will not say how much was in the express car, but admitted that an unusually large sum of coin was being shipped.

### PENSION DECISIONS.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—Assistant Secretary Reynolds has decided that where at the date of his death a soldier leaves a wife, from whom he has been legally divorced, and minor children over the age of 16 years, his mother will occupy a pensionable status, and can apply for and receive a pension as dependent mother of such soldier upon making the necessary proof showing compliance with the statutory requirements in such cases.

In another case it is held that where an invalid pensioner dies leaving no claim for increase or re-rating of his pension pending in the Pension Bureau at the time of his death, but has accepted the rate of pension he was then receiving without demand or complaint, his widow has no right under the provisions of section 4718, revised statutes, United States, to file an original claim for a re-rating of her deceased husband's pension.

A third decision is that the terms of the act of Congress, approved March 1, 1893, prohibiting payment of pension after July 1, 1893, to a non-resident who is not a citizen of the United States, except for actual disabilities incurred in the service, applies to the cases of widows who are non-resident aliens.

The Commissioner of Pensions has no authority, it is decided, expressed or implied, to vary the terms of a contract for attorneys' fees in a claim for pension, where such contract has been duly made and executed in accordance with the provisions of the law, nor can he refuse to issue a pension certificate to claimant for the reason that the allowance is insufficient to pay the fee contracted for. The certificate should issue irrespective of the amount found due. It is then within power of the pensioner to prevent payment of the fee by declining to execute his voucher or to execute his voucher and pay the fee subject to any equitable arrangement that may be agreed upon between the attorney and the pensioner.

## STATE NEWS.

### DISASTROUS CONFLAGRATION AT MT. HOLLY.

Heavy Verdict Against the Richmond & Danville Railroad. Evangelist Lee's Great Work. Annual Report of the C. F. & Y. V. Railroad.

The store of Wilmoth & Flemming at Boonville, N. C., was entered on the night of Dec. 14th and a quantity of goods stolen. After the thieves had helped themselves they saturated a portion of the floor with kerosene oil and set fire to it. The flames were fortunately discovered and extinguished before much damage had resulted.—Winston Republican.

The case of J. S. Finley against the Richmond & Danville Railroad for crushing his hand in coupling cars, occupied the attention of the Federal Court all Monday. It was determined by the jury rendering a verdict in favor of the plaintiff for \$2,500 and costs. The defendant company prayed an appeal to the Court of Appeals, at Richmond, Va.—Charlotte Democrat.

During the past Conference year Evangelist J. W. Lee preached 575 times in various parts of the State, having a total of 1,856 professions and reclamations as a result. Out of this number 691 handed in their names for membership in the Methodist church, 140 in the Presbyterian church, 140 in the Baptist church and 20 in the Lutheran and other churches, making a total of 1,091 who joined the church. The other 765 were back-slidden members who professed reclamation.

The report of the C. F. & Y. V. Railroad for the fiscal year ended June 30, shows gross earnings of \$594,354, against \$550,552 the previous year, a decrease of \$1,197. The operating expenses were \$353,909, being a per centage of 64.42, against \$353,961 the previous year, a decrease of \$52. The net earnings were \$195,445, against \$196,591, a decrease of \$1,145. Increase of business by connection with the Norfolk & Western and the additional output of granite and brownstone quarries along the line about equaled the decrease in the general business and the reduction in passenger travel, which is always affected by a closeness in the money market.

The most disastrous conflagration which has visited the town of Mt. Holly since its birth occurred Wednesday morning at 4.45 o'clock. The wooden block belonging to Mr. W. Dove and Mrs. Louise Henderson and occupied by Wriston & Co., druggist; Dellinger & Son, grocers and general merchandise with annex filled with dry goods; Cavin, Hayes & Co., grocers; W. T. Love's undertaking establishment; printing office; barber shop; three rooms of the Eutopian, brass band and adjacent was the office and sleeping apartments of Mr. A. M. Herron, all being totally destroyed. The fire was incendiary.—Charlotte News.

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1,000 Dress Patterns for holiday gifts in all wool Cheviots and camel's hair mixture—worth from \$2.50 to \$4.00, at \$2.00, \$2.25 and \$2.98.

1,000 Dress Patterns for holiday gifts in Cashmere, serges and novelties—worth from \$2.25 to \$3.50, at \$1.79, \$1.98 and \$2.50.

500 Dress Patterns for holiday gifts of all wool serges, Henriettas, ottoman cords, etc.; worth from \$3.50 to \$6.00, at \$2.98, \$3.50, \$3.98 and \$5.25.

500 Dress Patterns for holiday gifts in all wool 50 inch cloth, diagonals, Henriettas and serges; worth from \$4.50 to \$8.50, at \$3.50, \$4.50 and \$5.98.

#### Big Values in Lace Curtains.

We offer the following exceptional values in Nottingham Lace Curtains: 100 pairs, choice design and quality; actual value \$1.25, for 98 cents.

100 pairs Antique and Brussels effect; actual value \$2.50 for \$1.40.

150 pairs superior quality net in Irish point and Brussels effect; actual value \$3.00, for \$1.98.

250 pairs choice Point d'Esprit and Brussels effect; actual value \$6.00, for \$3.50.

#### Portieres.

25 pairs Chenille Portieres, with pretty daddos, full length, reduced from \$3.00 to \$3.98.

200 pairs heavy quality Chenille Portieres, choice, deep daddos and heavy fringe; worth \$6.00, at \$4.98.

75 pairs superior quality Chenille Portieres, all colors, very pretty daddos, at \$8.00.



### Newest Designs in Wraps.

The fact of our having supplied 7-8 of the trade in Wilmington demonstrates the superiority of our assortment.

### FIVE OFFERS OF DRESS PATTERNS.

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One of the most interesting features of our busy store is the Dress Goods Department, and we propose to make it more attractive. We always have an eye open for a bargain with a full purse to nail it. We are not windy people, but brains and cash make the following "wide-awake offers" possible for us and advantageous to you.

#### Dress Pattern No. 1.

Fine all wool Hop Sacking, with first class Linings, complete, ready for the dressmaker, \$5.97.

#### Dress Pattern No. 2.

Wool Hop Sacking (50 inches wide), with first class Linings, complete, ready for the dressmaker, \$4.91.

#### Dress Pattern No. 3.

All wool Broadcloths, with first class Linings, complete, ready for dressmaker, \$5.67.

#### Dress Pattern No. 4.

Wool Serge, with first class Linings, complete, ready for dressmaker, \$3.55.

#### Dress Pattern No. 5.

Wool Mixtures, various colors, with first class Linings, complete, ready for dressmaker, \$3.49.