

Downers Grove Reporter.

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CURRENT TOPICS

BEAR MOVES TOWARD INDIA.

Ever since the breaking out of the Russian war there have been indications that Russia was preparing to move on Herat, and a St. Petersburg telegram announces the first step in that direction. Nov. 20 Ivan Ivanovich cabled the Chicago Record, via Paris, Nov. 23, as follows: "The czar returned to Czarskoe Selo palace from Sklerwics last week and immediately summoned an extraordinary council of his ministers under his own presidency. This council was held Saturday, and by far the most significant and startling matter that came before it was the report of the minister of war, Gen. Kourapatkine, on the demonstrative movement on the Indian frontiers. This report is said to have been a very elaborate one, giving not only a full account of the general situation, but also a statement in minute detail. I have it on the best possible authority that the report concluded with the following categorical statement: 'The troops of your majesty are not only ready to make a threatening diversion, but can seriously injure the English interests and power. Revolts may break out among the natives and in the countries lying south of Herat.'"

Again on Nov. 25 he wrote: "In the domain of high politics Russia's horizon is blackly overcast. It cannot be doubted that the statement of St. Petersburg not only foresees war, but actually desires it; for in the fatal results of the stupid campaign in South Africa, in the rabid animosity of France toward England, in the disposition of the negus of Abyssinia to carve out for himself a section of the Egyptian Sudan, and in the desire of the ameer of Afghanistan to effect a defensive alliance with Russia, it is impossible not to see a grand opportunity for mobilizing all the national forces to which the aggrandizement of the British empire is obnoxious."

JUSTICE FOR CUBAN PRISONERS

One of the most praiseworthy aspects of Gen. Wood's characteristic activity as governor of Cuba is his prompt investigation of the prisons. Two days ago he set free forty prisoners in the province of Santa Clara some of whom had been detained for years without a trial. The prisons of Cuba under Spanish rule were an abomination, and the Spanish method of keeping men for months and years without a trial was one of the blackest spots on Spain's record. It is high time the last of these cases should be looked into and rectified. Gen. Wood may be trusted to discriminate between real criminals and persons thrown into prison on flimsy pretexts. He may also be trusted to see that all prisoners have the right of prompt trial. By the time he gets through with the Cuban prisons and courts they will show as great an improvement as did the sanitary conditions of Santiago.—Chicago Tribune.

REFORMING THE DICTIONARY.

Following the lead of Supt. Andrews of the Chicago schools the congregation of the University of Chicago has adopted the following resolution: "Resolved, That the adoption by the board of the University Press for use in the official publications and journals of the university of the list of words with changed spelling accepted by the National Educational association be approved." The list of words thus "reformed" is as follows: Program (pro-gramme); tho (though); altho (although); thoro (thorough); thro (through); thro (throughout); catalog (catalogue); prolog (prologue); decalog (decatalogue); demagog (demagogue); pedagog (pedagogue).

REPORT IS ADVERSE TO QUAY.

The senate committee on privileges and elections has finally decided by a vote of 4 to 2 to make an adverse report upon the resolution to seat Senator Quay. The resolution was as follows: "Resolved, That Matthew S. Quay be admitted as senator from the state of Pennsylvania, in accordance with his appointment, made on April 23, 1897, by the governor of said state."

The members of the committee voting for the resolution were Senators Chandler, Hoar and McComas, and those opposing Senators Burrows, Caffery, Pettus and Harris. Senators Tamm and Fritchard were paired, the latter for, the former against, the resolution. This practically ends the matter, unless a minority report is received.

JONES WILL NOT RETIRE.

The persistent rumors sent out from Washington to the effect that Senator Jones would soon give up the chairmanship of the democratic national committee seem to be without any foundation whatever. It is known that Senator Jones is the choice of nearly all the members of the present committee. A correspondent has just written from Washington that Jones is not going to retire.

LATEST MARKET REPORTS.

Table with market reports for Chicago, Milwaukee, and St. Louis, listing various commodities like Cattle, Hogs, Sheep, and their prices.

CASUALTIES. Butte, Mont.—The Hennessey Mercantile company's warehouse was destroyed by fire. Loss estimated at \$57,000; full insurance on stock and \$20,000 on building.

CRIME. Ottumwa, Iowa.—Phillip Ieltz was found dead in his room pierced with three bullets, two of which penetrated his heart. The case is one of suicide.

MISCELLANEOUS. San Francisco, Cal.—Advices from Guatemala say that a revolt at Tecana, on the Mexican border, has been suppressed.

ALL AMERICANS RELEASED.

Gilmore and His Associates Rescued from Filipinos.

OTIS CABLES THE GOOD NEWS

Work of Military Officers Complimented—Our Flag Raised on Sibutu Island—Report That Aguinaldo's Followers Have Murdered American Captives.

The war department has received the following dispatch from Gen. Otis: "Manila, Jan. 5.—Cols. Hare and Howe just arrived at Vigan, northwest of Luzon, with all American prisoners. Their successful pursuit is a remarkable achievement. Gen. Schwan and Wheaton are now with separate columns in Cavite province. Affairs in Luzon, north of Manila, greatly improved."

REBELS MURDER THREE AMERICANS

Two Shot in Cold Blood, Two Rescued Alive from Filipinos. It is reported that during a fight with our troops the Filipino insurgents took from prison three men of the Ninth and two of the Twelfth infantry and forced them to kneel in front of a firing party. The first volley killed two. The rest were bled, receiving awful wounds. Two were rescued still living.

Navy Takes Sibutu Island. American navy has taken possession of Sibutu island, near Borneo. The natives are pleased.

Four Sailors Were Killed. In the fight near Baler where Lieut. Gilmore was captured, four of his party were killed, Dillon, Marcy, McDonald and Nygard. Three of the men, Winders, Vanville and Woodbury, were wounded. The survivors of the party are Walton, Voudeot, Ellsworth, Edwards, Petersen, Andersen and Brasolese.

Casualties During the War. During the war with Spain and in the Philippines, 1,271 Americans were wounded, 288 killed and 4,015 died of disease. No Illinois soldiers were injured in action, though 287 died of disease.

To Repatriate Spanish Prisoners. The secretary of war wants \$750,000 to supplement the \$1,500,000 heretofore appropriated for the repatriation of Spanish prisoners and their families held by the insurgents in the Philippines.

Ask McKinley to Intervene. The executive committee of the International Peace society has sent a telegram to President McKinley asking him to intervene with a view of ending the war in South Africa.

Four Deaths from Plague. The bubonic plague at Manila is yet sporadic. There have been six cases and four deaths. Preparations are being made to establish hospitals for disinfecting and quarantining.

Military Department of Alaska. The president has created a military department consisting of the territory of Alaska and has assigned Col. George M. Randall, Eighth United States infantry, to command.

Bank Can Not Reopen. The comptroller of the currency has determined to proceed with the liquidation of the Broadway National bank of Boston, under receivership, as rapidly as possible.

Powderley and Stage Coach. Powderley will try to prevent the admission of 55,000 Flinn imported for railway work, but Secretary Gage will admit them if they come as did the Croatians.

German Steamer Is Released. British authorities at Aden have released the Imperial German mail steamer General, detained there under suspicion of having contraband of war on board.

Germany Takes Significant Step. The German navy department has ordered all marines on furlough to report for duty at once at their respective stations in Kiel and Wilhelmshaven.

German Public Demands Reprints. The German public demands the seizure of British ships in German harbors. The press, however, advises against this, as it would be a casus belli.

One Killed, Eight Injured. A rear-end collision occurred at Mendota, Ill., Jan. 8 on the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy railroad, and one man was killed and eight injured.

Six Deaths from Plague. There have been six deaths from bubonic plague in Honolulu. It is believed that no more cases will develop, and that the plague is checked.

For Schley Memorial Fund. The Schley memorial fund, which was started last October by Miss Edna McClellan, has now reached \$5,000.

Gen. Schwan Occupies Towns. Gen. Schwan occupied Silang and Indang, Cavite province, meeting but slight resistance. He captured three guns and a quantity of ammunition.

Ohio Village Fire Swept. Prairie depot, an oil village twelve miles north of Potosi, Ohio, was visited by a disastrous fire, entailing a loss of from \$100,000 to \$150,000.

THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD.

Many Resolutions Passed in the Senate and House.

The senate received a resolution from Mr. Beveridge declaring for American retention of Philippines, with notice that he will speak thereon Tuesday, Jan. 9. Adopted modified Allen resolution calling upon Secretary Gage for information on government deposits in banks. Postponed consideration of Mr. Pettigrew's Philippine resolution to Monday, Jan. 8. Adjourned to that day after listening to speech by Mr. Aldrich opening debate on currency bill.

A New Star. The house adopted Sulzer resolution calling upon Secretary Gage for information regarding treasury deposits in New York banks, after making it general in its scope. Adjourned to Monday, Jan. 8.

Monday, Jan. 8. The senate passed a resolution by Mr. Allen calling upon each cabinet officer for itemized statement of amount of \$50,000,000 defense fund each department expended. Passed Mr. Pettigrew's resolution calling for Admiral Dewey's report, in which he said he could take Manila at any time. Postponed until Wednesday Mr. Pettigrew's resolution calling on the secretary of war for information as to alleged interview between Gen. Torres of the Filipino army and Gen. Otis; also Mr. Lodge's substitute therefor simply calling for general Philippine information. Democrats wishing to speak on the financial bill, it went over for a day. Mr. Morgan made speech on racial question in south.

The house passed a resolution introduced by Mr. Lentz for investigation of charges that John C. Graham, postmaster of Provo, Utah, and Orson Smith, postmaster at Logan, Utah, were guilty of polygamous practices, investigation to be made by committee on postoffices and post roads. Passed resolution introduced by Mr. Lentz for investigation of action of Gen. Merriam and militia in Gardner, Idaho, mining riots in spring of 1899, and their course in preventing employment of union men. Investigation to be made by military committee. Adjourned till Wednesday.

CRITICISM OF PARIS TEMPS.

Declares the United States Has Become a Great Power. The Paris Temps, referring to the assent of the powers to the American Chinese policy, says: "President McKinley and Secretary Hay have assured themselves a place in history by assuming responsibility for the advent of the United States to the rights and obligations of a great power."

Appointment for Col. Vaughan. Gen. Willis J. Hulings, commander in chief of the National Association Spanish-American War Veterans, announces the appointment of Lieut.-Col. Victor C. Vaughan of Michigan as surgeon general of the association.

Will Interrogate Von Bulow. At reopening of the reichstag Von Bulow will be asked about alleged secret treaty. Bundesrath seizure, meat inspection bill and Germany's failure to send military representative to Transvaal.

Willing to Increase Wages. The Indiana Bituminous Coal Operators' association will go into the national miners' convention ready to grant the demand for an increase in the scale, which will be rearranged in March.

Lynching at Newport News. At Newport News, Va., W. W. Watt (white) was taken from the station-house by a mob and shot to death for criminally assaulting Mrs. T. M. Simpson, wife of an employe of the shipyard.

French Mining Troubles Serious. The mining troubles at Loize, France, are assuming a grave aspect. There have been serious disturbances. The final outcome cannot be predicted, an dire worst fears are entertained.

Executors Draw Big Fee. Robert T. Lincoln and Norman B. Ream, executors of the Pullman estate, have been authorized to draw a \$425,000 fee. The estate is worth \$14,000,000.

Troops Going to Alaska. The cabinet has definitely decided to send additional troops to Alaska in the spring. This step is absolutely necessary to preserve order.

Paying Teller an Embellisher. F. A. Newton, paying teller of the Fidelity Trust and Guarantee company of Buffalo, N. Y., is an embellisher to the amount of \$48,000.

To Urge Tariff Reform. The Puerto Rico chamber of commerce will send a delegation to Washington to urge tariff reforms.

Has French Diplomatic Relations. The French consul severed diplomatic relations with republic of Santo Domingo, and asked that warships be sent, which are on their way.

Gen. Greely Seriously Hurt. Gen. A. W. Greely was seriously injured by a drunken man, who tried to gain an entrance to his house in Washington.

German Embassy Doctor Report. Ambassador Von Holleben denies the report that Germany will disregard the Monroe doctrine.

Use for Old Tennis Balls.

Much of the shabby toys and clothing that are donated at this time of year would be more highly appreciated if a little time were spent in "fixing them up" before sending them away. For instance, old tennis balls can be made a delight to some children who have no Christmas. The balls may be old, and cracked, and useless for their original purpose, but all these defects might be hidden by crocheting two half-covers of some bright wool. After they are finished draw them over the ball, sew or crochete them together, and the result will give some poor youngster many a happy hour.

Big resourceful Texas is famed for its great undertakings.

The newest and brightest star which has shot athwart its horizon is the wonderful town of La Porte, located on Galveston Bay midway between Houston and Galveston in the celebrated Coast County, Texas. A happy trinity of pluck, brains and capital is here found at work building up a great deepwater seaport city. Extensive public works are under way including wharfs, docks and water front shipping facilities. The U. S. Government is soon to deepen the channel, thus enabling the largest ocean vessels to receive and discharge cargoes at La Porte.

She Followed It

Mother—Mirabel, I was told on good authority that you kissed Mr. Gobang on the way home from church last night. Does divine service hold no higher lesson for you than that? Mirabel—Well, the text was, "Whatever ye would that men should do unto you, do ye even so to them."—New York Press.

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Charles Major is better known as Edward Casboden, as he adopted that nom de plume in writing his remarkable book, "When Knighthood Was in Flower." Mr. Major was unknown to fame before he wrote this captivating story, and he hawked the manuscript about among the New York publishers in vain. Finally the Bowen-Merrill company of Indianapolis brought out the story and it is now one of the six best selling novels of the day, time seeming to increase rather than diminish its popularity.

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Stretched Hemp. Tenderfoot—"And do you say the man they are burying yonder was not sick long?" Lariat Luke—"None." Tenderfoot—"What caused his death?" Lariat Luke—"Waal, y' see, stranger, before he was a corpse he borried' another man's hoss, 'thout astin' for it. We fellers overtuk 'im, an'— Tenderfoot—"Was he frightened?" Lariat Luke—"Skeerdest man I ever seen—'th' spence killed him."—Ohio State Journal.

Woman's Home Companion. From cover to cover is filled with the best thoughts of leading authors and artists. The opening chapters of Mrs. Burton Harrison's new serial story "Chateaugay" appear in the January number of the Woman's Home Companion. It will also contain during the entire year short stories of the brightest and most entertaining kind, as well as articles of general interest.

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