

## AGUINALDO DEAD, SO REPORT SAYS

Philippine Rebel Leader Passed Away  
About Six Weeks Ago.

## NATIVE BOYS TELL OF IT.

Prof. Wheeler Gives Information Regarding the Philippines—Trade With Pacific Coast.

New York, Jan. 4.—Benjamin Ide Wheeler, president of the University of California, who is now staying at the Waldorf-Astoria hotel, has received information from secret sources in the Philippines to the effect that Aguinaldo is dead, and that his death occurred no less than six weeks ago. The news has been kept secret by Aguinaldo's followers. It is said, for the purpose of prolonging the rebellion, since it was believed that the news of the chief's death would cause such discouragement and

From the reports of the officers of the commission it was found that after meeting the expenses of the Paris monument, there was a large surplus in the fund and the monument in Washington was suggested as a most appropriate use of this surplus.

**Russian Ambassador Does Something**  
Paris, Jan. 4.—Le Siecle asserts that the Russian ambassador, Prince Ouroumoff, will shortly leave Paris for an unlimited holiday. A mysteriously worded note leaves it to be understood that the ambassador has been lacking in some way in tact toward the government.

**ENGLAND WILL ACCEPT.**  
London View of the Hay-Pauncefote Treaty—Delivering the U. S. Note.

New York, Jan. 4.—A dispatch to the World from London says: Ambassador Choate has received his instructions on the Nicaragua question. He will ask for a special interview with Lord Salisbury to confer on the subject. In the foreign office the opinion is expressed that Lord Salisbury will be in no hurry to come to an issue in the matter unless the state department at Washington proves to be very urgent. A dispatch to the Journal and Advertiser from London says: Ambassador Choate will deliver at once to Lord Lansdowne, secretary of state for foreign affairs, the note of the United States government, announcing the Senate's amendments to the Nicaragua treaty and will ask the British government to accept the amendments. Mr. Choate will assume the position that England, of course, is ready to ac-

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## GOV. STEPHENS' MESSAGE.

Recommends a Franchise on Corporations in Missouri.

Also Advises a Constitutional Convention and a St. Louis World's Fair Commission.

Jefferson City, Mo., Jan. 4.—Governor Stephens' message, sent to the general assembly today, contains about 25,000 words. It shows a prosperous condition of the State institutions, the State departments and the State finances. Its principal special feature is an analysis of the subject of franchise taxation. It has a word to say about the school fund, of which an issue was made in the last election; recommends a constitutional convention and a State commission to help along St. Louis World's Fair.

Regarding franchise taxation the message says in part: "All corporations should pay a franchise tax upon business transacted in Missouri, without reference to the place of their organization, and most certainly no distinction or discrimination should be made against our own corporations in favor of foreign corporations in that regard. But in framing legislation for the taxation of these intangible values it should be borne in mind that the essentials of a system of taxation are considered to be the collection of the necessary revenue for the State, at the smallest possible expense consistent with an equal and fair distribution of the burden. The interests of the people require a method of taxation at once equitable, effective and free from unnecessary oppression, one which will yield the requisite revenue, while subjecting them as little as possible to inequitable vexation, and which should be attained with the least expense for official services, and the fewest temptations to be reduced by concealment and evasion. It is true that scarcely a single method of assessment of taxation is free from adverse criticism and that in the light of the experience of centuries very few known general principles are fully and satisfactorily settled, while bitter controversies arise upon apparently the most simple questions and are waged with vigor and avidity as to matters both of substance and administration as well on the most trivial as on vital points. But it is now well known that franchises are property, and should be taxed by some method in proportion to their value. But as the equality of taxation is the justice of taxation, care should be exercised in the levying of assessments, and collection of taxes against this class as well as all other classes of property whether belonging to a corporation or to individuals."

**STRIKERS COMPROMISE.**  
Louisville, Ky., Jan. 4.—The 1500 striking employees of the Louisville Steamship company of the Continental Tobacco company, have decided to return to work at once. They will not get the increased wages asked for, but their other demands, including abolition of docking and permission to leave the factory for dinner were granted by the management.

**New U. S. Coaling Station.**  
Providence, R. I., Jan. 4.—The senate has passed an act under title "An act to cede jurisdiction of tracts of land at Portsmouth Grove, Narragansett bay, in this State, to the United States of America, for use as a coaling station and for other naval purposes." This constitutes the formal transfer by the State of the land picked out by the Belknap board in 1898 for a coaling station for the national government. The naval base is important owing to its proximity to the Newport station.

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Omaha, Neb., Jan. 3.—Referring to a dispatch to the effect that all banks had been notified that the gold coin given to Cudahy's counsel today was marked, Mr. Cudahy's counsel today said the statement was untrue. There was no important development in the Cudahy case during the day.  
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## FIRE LOSSES WERE \$163,353,250.

These Were Suffered by the United States and Canada in 1900.

## GREAT INCREASE IS SHOWN

843,702,750 Higher Than in 1899 and \$26,580,050 Higher Than in 1898.

New York, Jan. 4.—The Journal of Commerce prints the following: Fire underwriters suffered terribly during 1900. The aggregate fire loss of the United States and Canada during the year just closed, as compiled from carefully kept records, was \$163,353,250. The great increase over 1899 and 1898 is shown in the following tables giving the losses:

Month	1900	1899	1898
January	\$11,735,300	\$15,427,600	\$15,427,600
February	13,449,200	13,449,200	13,449,200
March	25,727,000	25,727,000	25,727,000
April	1,759,400	1,759,400	1,759,400
May	21,281,000	21,281,000	21,281,000
June	12,600,100	12,600,100	12,600,100
July	10,293,250	10,293,250	10,293,250
August	9,110,300	9,110,300	9,110,300
September	7,107,000	7,107,000	7,107,000
October	8,153,000	8,153,000	8,153,000
November	11,470,000	11,470,000	11,470,000
December	11,470,000	11,470,000	11,470,000
Total	\$163,353,250	\$163,353,250	\$163,353,250

**To Investigate Green's Death.**  
Washington, Jan. 4.—The navy department has called upon the superintendent of the Naval Academy for a report on charges submitted by Representative Rogers, of Virginia, to the effect that a marine named Hobart Green had died at Annapolis from ill treatment while sick. It was alleged that Green was obliged to march while ill from pneumonia, and that the decks were washed beneath him while he lay in his hammock on the Sanbat.

**Attempt to Murder.**  
Chicago, Jan. 4.—In view of several persons Joseph Schweir committed the final act in a confessed plot to kill John Korda, Schweir's landlord. He pushed Korda into the lake from a pier at the foot of Michigan street at a point where the water is a dozen feet deep and then ran from the scene, leaving Korda to drown.

**Gen. Chaffee Reports.**  
Washington, Jan. 3.—Gen. Chaffee has cleared himself of any suspicion of participating in any of the looting expeditions which are said in some quarters to be going on in China under the guise of punitive expeditions. His report of the conditions under which he took his last excursion from Pekin has been received at the war department by cable from Pekin. The officials here were surprised when they saw the press reports stating that the American troops in Pekin, which were distinctly designated as legation guards, and as such were to have no part in ordinary military operations, had gone into the country to co-operate with a German expeditionary force. From the nature of Gen. Chaffee's cablegram, it would appear that the officials had communicated with him on this subject, and invited the explanation which is afforded in the following cablegram, dated January 1st: "The method of investigation of the Chinese has been murdered and secured the arrest of guilty parties if allegations were found true. Germans from Tien Tsin had been in the country. Take no part in offensive operations. Patrol country between Pekin and Hsi Kvu and Chan Kiawan occasionally for the purpose of order."

**Looking to Roberts.**  
London, Jan. 3.—Advices from Cape town this morning are more hopeful, owing to the active recruiting of local forces in all quarters, and a better feeling prevails in London, based upon the prospect of Lord Roberts taking the reins at the war office. From Sydney N. S. W., it is reported that there is quite a rush of men there anxious to join the new contingents, some 5,000 having volunteered. The reports of Lord Kitchener's conference with the burghers also tends to remove anxiety.

According to the Daily Express Lord Kitchener has warned the mine-owners that they must not count upon military protection.

**MATTHEW STANLEY QUAY.**  
Mr. Quay failed to secure election to the United States Senate at the hands of the Pennsylvania legislature at the last term, and was appointed by the governor. The Senate, however, refused to admit him. Another Pennsylvania legislature is now in session, and Mr. Quay claims today the 127 votes necessary to elect him to the vacancy caused by the expiration of his own term, two years ago.

## KRUCER COMING TO AMERICA.

He Will Visit President McKinley in an Official Capacity.

## FEBRUARY THE TIME SET.

Boer President Believes the Americans are Not Indifferent to the Boer Struggles.

New York, Jan. 4.—A dispatch to the Journal and Advertiser from London says: It is almost certainly decided that Mr. Kruger will go to America in February, probably accompanied by W. T. Stead, who will make a ringing campaign in behalf of stopping the war. The Journal correspondent says Mr. Stead just before he left for Paris in company with John E. Milholland, who bore an invitation from prominent New Yorkers to Mr. Kruger to visit America. While in Paris they will see the leaders of the arbitration movement in Europe and decide definitely on plans. Mr. Stead said:

"The time has come for President Kruger to play his trump card and boldly declare his intention to visit President McKinley in order to plead with him the cause of the independence of the South African republics. Mr. Kruger is looked at askance in Germany and Austria, because he is the president of a republic, but he thinks this will not be regarded as a disqualification for his reception by the President of the greatest Republic in the world. "He does not believe the American government is indifferent to the war the Boers are waging against the British monarchy. If he goes to America he will go as a president to visit a President. He will probably arrive in New York in the middle of February. The state of his health is not regarded as likely to deter him from crossing the Atlantic. He has believed the voyage would take a fortnight and is much pleased to hear he could make it in seven days. "His movements somewhat depend upon the health of the czar, who is now quite well and had intended to return to St. Petersburg on January 23, but the influenza has broken out on the Neva, and it is a dangerous malady for those just recovering from typhoid. The czar will probably go to Tsarskoe Selo. If President Kruger went to Russia he would have a superb reception, and at every station in Germany between the Dutch and the Russian frontiers he would receive ovations."

**Increase in World's Money.**  
Washington, Jan. 3.—An increase of more than 100 per cent in the money of the world in less than a generation will be an exhibit of the annual report of the director of the mint. Nearly the whole of this increase is in metallic money and much the larger portion is in gold. The total stock reported in 1873 was about \$4,000,000,000, of which more than half was in paper money not fully covered by metallic reserves. The situation at the beginning of 1900 showed a total monetary stock of about \$11,000,000,000, of which only a little more than one-fourth was in uncovered paper money. Director Roberts finds that while the money supply of the world has increased about \$7,000,000,000, the increase in gold money since 1873 has been about \$3,000,000,000, in silver about \$2,750,000,000, and in uncovered paper money only about \$650,000,000. A large proportion of the increase in gold has taken place within the short space of seven years, while the quantity of silver money, which was at its maximum of about \$4,250,000,000 at the beginning of 1896, has since been somewhat reduced by the sale of silver by Germany and its retirement in other countries. The conditions of 1893 showed a total monetary supply of about \$10,300,000,000, which has since been increased by about \$1,100,000,000. About \$940,000,000 of this increase has been in gold money.

**Another Punitive Expedition.**  
Pekin, Jan. 3.—The foreign ministers meet almost daily, but nothing has been decided yet regarding the discussion of details of the demand of the joint note with the Chinese plenipotentiaries. It is probable that the first meeting between the ministers and the Chinese envoys will be held at the Spanish legation.

Colonel Tulloch, with a force of Baluch, a detachment of Australians and a company of Japanese, is about to start on a punitive expedition to Kao-Li-Ying, from which place shots were fired at a patrol, the officials sending insulting messages to the allies, on Dec. 1. The sending of the expedition is looked upon as the correct thing, despite the acceptance of the joint note by the Chinese.

Sir Ernest Satow, the British minister, is convalescent, and hopes to resume his duties in a short time.



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AGUINALDO, NOW REPORTED DEAD.

The above portrait is the latest picture of Gen. Emilio Aguinaldo, the Filipino rebel leader, who has been a fugitive for several months, and who is now reported to be dead. He was last heard of in the province of Zamboanga, having been wounded. It is said, however, that his death about the first of December, was due to disease, not to his wound, and that the fact of his demise was kept from his followers as long as possible.

slam that an utter capitulation would result. President Wheeler obtained this news through several Philippine children who have been placed in his care by their parents. Two are the sons of Buena-Elina, a wealthy citizen of Manila, who, before the advent of the Americans in the Philippines, had been an active leader of rebellion against the Spanish. President Wheeler also has in his charge the children of Midel, the governor of Mindanao, and several other boys, whose parents are of the wealthy class. In speaking of the reported death of the chief insurrectionist, President Wheeler said:

"These boys of mine, as I may call them, receive frequent communications from their parents and friends at home. The information which was obtained concerning the death of Aguinaldo, I understand, came from secret and trustworthy sources, and is probably true. The father of two of these boys is Buena-Elina, a wealthy citizen of Manila, who before the Americans came was most active in the rebellion against Spain. I understand he was a close friend of Aguinaldo, and has kept in touch with that remarkable personage even after Buena-Elina himself took a neutral stand. Buena-Elina, however, did not take a firm stand on the side of America until recently.

"These Filipino lads," continued President Wheeler, are bright fellows, and most quick to learn. However, I cannot say that they have the staunchness and solidity of American youths. Before the flag of this country was raised in the islands, such boys as these would have been sent to the schools of Spain for their graduate studies. Now they come to us. They have already received some instruction at the hands of the Jesuits at home. In order to fit them for the university it was necessary to place them in preparatory schools. Other families are also making arrangements by which their children will come to our shores and benefit by our institutions. Those who cannot come here to have American thought and education carried to them. Almost every steamer which leaves San Francisco for Manila carries parties of teachers who are going to posts in the Philippine schools.

"The commercial bonds between the Pacific coast and our oriental possessions are growing stronger and greater with every month. The people of San Francisco have begun to think of Manila as about as near to them as Chicago. Our trans-Pacific trade, which is assuming wonderful proportions, is only an earnest of the great commerce that will come to us in after years."

President Wheeler said that the purpose of his visit to this city at this time was to choose an architect for the new school of mines of the University. He said that the plans of the University buildings which are to be erected at a cost of from \$3,000,000 to \$10,000,000 through the generosity of Mrs. Phoebe Hearst, have now been revised and that great economy has been assured by the change. The new school of mines is already being built, and the school of mines is to be built as soon as an architect is chosen to perfect the detailed plans.

Replica of Lafayette Monument.

Chicago, Jan. 4.—Washington is to get an American replica of the Lafayette monument erected in Paris with the contributions of American school children. This was decided on at a meeting of the Lafayette Memorial commission.