

ascertained the effect of the message upon the United States Congress.

The Imparcial, commenting on the message, says:

"It shows a certain cleverness and evil intention when it refers to filibustering expeditions. McKinley speaks with what appears to be excessive cynicism to those who have not lost all notice of justice. This government show the Yankees that the Spanish flag floats over Cuba and that they have yet to tear it down."

In conclusion, the Imparcial remarks: "The manufacture and sale of arms is not the same thing as using them."

Havana, Dec. 8.—The Spanish military officials here announced today that the columns of troops belonging to the military district of Sancta Spiritus, province of Santa Clara, acting in conjunction, have been engaged at the Delicisa, with the rebel forces under General Maximo Gomez. The government troops, it is further stated, captured the insurgent camp and a quantity of arms, ammunition and the medicine chest. The insurgents, it appears, left on the field many killed. The troops lost five soldiers killed and had 23 wounded.

Meeker, Colo., Dec. 5, via Piffe, Colo., Dec. 8.—News was brought to Meeker by courier that the Utes are camped on Yellow and Spring creeks, and are slaughtering deer shamefully, while the game wardens are doing absolutely nothing to protect the game. The Indians have sworn to kill the first game warden that shows himself in the hills.

North Judson, Ind., Dec. 8.—About 2,000 residents of the Kankakee Valley from Mokenie, Ills., to South Bend, Ind., met here yesterday to discuss the prospects of inducing capitalists to erect sugar refineries throughout this Valley. Judge Beeman of Knox, who has given the matter considerable thought and investigation, made an address. In his statement he showed the quality of lands in the valley to be particularly adapted to the successful cultivation of the sugar beet. Prof. H. A. Huston, of Purdue University, Lafayette, explained that the beets grown in this valley were very rich in sugar property.

Gov. Mount was introduced and addressed the convention. His talk created much interest.

The indications are that during the coming session sugar beets will be grown in large quantities throughout this valley.

Port Au Prince, Dec. 8.—There was a lively fusillade here at 11 o'clock last night. No damage was done.

Berlin, Dec. 8.—The official account of the collection of an indemnity from Haiti, accompanied by a salute of the German flag at Port Au Prince on Monday last, owing to the alleged illegal arrest of Herr Emil Lueders, says that after the ultimatum of Germany had been delivered to the Haitian government, the German cruiser Stein cleared for action and took up a position close to the Haitian war vessels. A diplomatic request for delay in the expectation of the ultimatum was refused and an hour before the expiration of the time stipulated, the demand of Germany was conceded.

Chicago, Dec. 8.—A special to the Tribune from Washington says:

If a vote could be taken today the proposition to annex the Hawaiian Islands would undoubtedly fail to secure the necessary two-thirds majority. This is the result of an informal canvass of the Senate made since the opening, by Senators who are more or less favorable to the project. They say that thus far not over half a dozen of the Democrats have announced themselves as being openly in favor of the treaty. There are about ten of the same party who are admittedly on the fence. At the present time they would vote against the treaty, in all proba-

bility, but are expected to be won over in the course of the debate. The remainder of the Democrats, numbering eighteen or so, are apparently hostile to the annexation for various reasons.

"Many of the southern Senators, it is said, oppose annexation because they fear that the Republicans will ultimately secure political advantage by the annexation of the islands. Of the Republicans in the Senate by far the greater portion accept Hawaiian annexation as an established Republican doctrine. There are, however, quite a number, especially from New England, who are opposed to annexation of any more territory by the United States.

The full membership of the Senate is ninety. It therefore requires sixty votes to pass the treaty as a treaty and without resorting to the subterfuge of a joint resolution. Thirty-one senators can defeat the treaty entirely and a much smaller number if sufficiently belligerent can prevent action for a long time. The opponents of annexation say that at the present time they can count on twenty-five Democratic senators, seven Republicans and three Independents, making a total of thirty-five, or more than enough to defeat the treaty. There are many senators who believe that by withholding their votes on Hawaii they can be able to force the President and his advisors to do something for Cuba.

Representative Tawney of Minnesota, who visited Hawaii in company with Uncle Joe Cannon, says it is the women among the natives who are opposing annexation. The reason is, he says, "They have an eye to future social prestige. The native women are now recognized as the equals of the white women and are classed in the same social set. There is a disposition on the part of the white women, however, to class the native females as negroes, and the natives believe that annexation will increase the number of white women in the island to such an extent that eventually they will be relegated to the negro class entirely. The native women are doing everything in their power to arouse a sentiment against annexation."

Davenport, Ia., Dec. 8.—Hampton Roads, a war drama, dealing with the Monitor and the Merrimac, was produced here last night to the best audience of the season. The play is by Charles Eugene Banks, the well known Chicago poet, and professor George Cram Cook, of the Iowa State University. The play has been submitted to prominent managers and will probably be put on the road.

Rossland, B. C., Dec. 7.—M. J. Merry met with his death last night in the Iron Colt mine through an act of self-sacrifice on his part. His working companion, George Cattanaach, had gone into a drift where some blasts had been exploded and was overcome by the gas. Merry went in for the purpose of rescuing Cattanaach and was overcome by the gas, too. Three-quarters of an hour afterward the two men were found and were brought to the surface. Merry was dead, but his companion was revived. Merry was only married three weeks ago and his wife is completely overcome by grief. Mr. Merry was a brother-in-law of William McKenzie, the street railway magnate of Toronto and represented the interests of that gentleman in this city.

New York, Dec. 5.—Mrs. Herman Oelrichs is suffering from the results of a strange accident to one of her eyes which may result in the loss of sight. Some workmen were engaged in hanging the tapestry in the east parlor of her residence at the northeast corner of 57th street and Fifth avenue, last Saturday afternoon, and Mrs. Oelrichs was superintending it. One of them

was on top of a ladder when a tack slipped from his hand and fell.

Mrs. Oelrichs was standing close by with her face turned upward, and the sharp point of the tack struck her in the eye, lacerating the cornea and causing intense pain.

Mrs. Oelrichs, confident that the injury was of a trifling nature, was impelled to attend a wedding that evening. Her eye, however, grew worse, and she was forced to retire. Dr. Knapp, an eye specialist, was immediately summoned and the family physician was also called in. It was found that she had caught cold in the eye and she has been confined to her room ever since. On Monday the eye grew rapidly worse, and a consultation of physicians was called in.

The opinion was expressed by the doctors that the point of the tack must have been rusty, for the wound had become ulcerated and today the eye is no better. Mrs. Oelrichs is the daughter of the late Senator James G. Fair of California and one of the heirs to the millions left by him.

Pekin, Dec. 7.—The Chinese government has caused it to be made known that up to the time of the German occupation of Kalo Chau Bay, no claim was made by Germany for reparation as result of the murder of the two missionaries, Nles and Hennie, and that there were no other differences between the two governments. Consequently the government of China points out, the missionary question is regarded as a pretext to obtain a naval station which it is shown Germany has long coveted. The Chinese government, it is said, in conclusion, will never consent to the Germans remaining at Kalo Chau Bay, as their presence there deprives China of a harbor which, since the war with Japan, has been regarded as the most suitable naval base of operations.

Fresno, Cal., Dec. 8.—It has been learned that W. W. Treadwell, who died in the hospital of this county on Sunday last, of consumption, was connected with a millionaire family in New York state. The remains of the deceased have been embalmed by a local undertaking firm for shipment to Alanson Treadwell of Jersey City, N. J., the father of the dead man.

London, Dec. 9.—An explosion of sewer gas, which tore up the street, shattered windows and damaged a house adjoining that of the United States ambassador, Col. John Hay, caused much excitement among the inhabitants of Carlton House terrace today.

Creede, Colo., Dec. 9.—After Dec. 1, wages for miners will be \$3 a day instead of \$2.50. The increase was made voluntarily by the mine owners.

Havana, Dec. 9.—It was officially announced today from Spanish headquarters that a group of rebels has entered Calmanera near Guanatanamo, "favored by the treason of an officer."

Calmanera is the port of Guanatanamo, and is situated fifteen miles by rail from the latter. Calmanera is on the Bay of Guanatanamo, otherwise Cuberland harbor.

Washington, Dec. 9.—The Senate committee on Pacific railroads today authorized a favorable report on the resolution introduced yesterday by Senator Morgan, asking the attorney general to send to the Senate a full statement of his proceedings in the Kansas Pacific railroad, striking out that portion of the resolution calling for agreements calling for the sale of the road. It is understood that the passage of the resolution as amended is agreeable to the attorney general, and the opinion was given at the meeting that its passage would preclude any action upon the bill introduced yesterday by Senator Gear, providing means for foreclosing the Kansas Pacific mortgage.