

REVOLUTION IN SAMOA.

Maietoo Tanus Was Declared King and Severe Fighting Followed.

MATAAFA'S MEN BURN A TOWN.

German Consul Assumed Authority, Causing the British Warship to Clear For Action and to Land Marines—Mataafa's Followers Are Victorious—A Provisional Government Established.

AKELAND, New Zealand (By Cable).—A violent outbreak has occurred in Samoa, and according to advices the situation for the British, American and German officials there is very serious. These dispatches say that Chief Justice Chambers on December 31 declared Maietoo Tanus to have been elected King, in succession to the late King Mafu. The Chief Justice also announced that Mataafa had been elected Vice King. Chief Mataafa was declared to be disqualified, and this caused a clash between the parties, resulting in bloodshed and loss of life. Mataafa's followers rising against those of Maietoo Tanus.

The Consul of the United States and Great Britain and the Captains of the German warships, the British warship Porpoise met the German Consul, who refused to recognize Maietoo Tanus and declined to co-operate in the dispersal of the Samoans, who thereupon assembled in large numbers at Mulinu, armed themselves, and surrounded the municipality. Maietoo Tanus and Mataafa mustered about 2000 men, well armed, but supplied with defective ammunition. The British and American Consuls endeavored to avert hostilities, but they commenced on January 1. Maietoo Tanus and Mataafa fought bravely, but 500 of their followers were captured. Then, Mataafa and his followers, the two chiefs sought refuge on the British warships and their followers sought protection under the guns of the Porpoise.

Mataafa's loss was sixty-one killed and wounded and Maietoo Tanus lost twelve men killed and wounded. After the fight the followers of Mataafa looted and burned Apia, burned 400 houses and razed the town of Apia, destroyed the plantations, cut down the bread fruit trees and pillaged considerably in the country.

The American, English and German Consuls have issued a joint declaration, calling on the provisional Government set up by Mataafa with President Baffel of the Municipal Council as the executive head. On January 6 Baffel, with the concurrence of the German Consul, declared himself Chief Justice. The British and American Consuls protested against this action, and on January 7 Captain Sturges, of the Porpoise, cleared his ship for action and landed a force of British Marines to take possession of the court, and the British and American flags were raised over Chief Justice Chambers' house and the Court House.

The provisional Government announced on January 12 that he would seize Mataafa and take Mataafa off the Porpoise by force if necessary, deprive them of their titles and expel them from the islands. The British and American consuls have protested against any infringement of the Berlin treaty. British residents have taken refuge in their consulates, and the American residents and American flags have been taken refuge in the mission, which is being guarded by the Porpoise.

An American war ship is urgently needed.

WILL MAINTAIN OUR RIGHTS.

The Situation in the Samoan Islands is Regarded Serious in Washington.

WASHINGTON, D. C. (Special).—The situation in the Samoan Islands is regarded here to be of great gravity. For some time past there has been an exchange of correspondence between the three Governments party to the treaty of Berlin respecting the choice of a successor to the late King Mafu, and some friction has developed owing to the strict adherence of the United States Government to the terms of the treaty.

It was known here that the British and American consular officers at Apia have been active in accord in the present involved political situation, and although the interests of the United States may not be compared with those of Germany, yet their rights under the treaty are equal, and it may be stated they will be maintained.

CLEVELAND BRIDGE WRECKED.

A Flood Caused by the Breaking of an Ice Dam Destroyed the Structure.

CLEVELAND, Ohio (Special).—A costly steel bridge crossing Kingsbury Run, at Williston avenue, was wrecked a few days ago by a flood caused by the bursting of an ice dam a mile or more above the structure.

The dam burst on Sunday, after the heavy rain of the previous day. The water rushed down the ravine to the culvert under the bridge. There the water backed up until many acres of the surrounding fields were covered. When the water began to move the torrent rushed through with such force that the foundations of the bridge piers were undermined one after another.

The bridge was about 300 feet long. It cost about \$100,000, and was opened for traffic last summer.

A MONKEY PUTS OUT A FIRE.

Left Alone at Home, It Smothers a Blaze With Old Clothes.

BELLEVILLE, Ill. (Special).—Mrs. Peter Minetti, of this city, owns a monkey and confines it in a wire cage. A few days ago Mrs. Minetti put some fresh coal on the grate fire, locked up the house, and went to visit some friends. A lump of burning coal fell to the floor and set fire to the carpet.

The monkey broke out of the cage and hurried into an adjoining room, secured some articles of wearing apparel, and threw them over the burning carpet, completely smothering the flames.

When Mrs. Minetti returned home the monkey was sitting beside its cage, carefully nursing the smoldering brand. The timely action of the monkey averted a conflagration.

Arkansas's Governor Inaugurated.

Governor Jones and the other State officers of Arkansas were sworn in at Little Rock a few days ago in the presence of the legislative assembly and a large crowd of spectators. Governor Jones' inaugural message dwelt entirely upon State matters.

Double Lynching in Tennessee.

George Call and John Shaw, both colored, and who bore a bad reputation in the community, were shot and killed by unknown persons at Lynchburg, Tenn., a few days ago. Both had served terms in prison for robbery, and had been whipped by whitecaps and run out of town, but returned. Each was about eighteen years of age.

Don Carlos to Lead His Army.

It is reported from Madrid, Spain, that the Carlists are ready for a rising, and that Don Carlos will soon take the field himself.

Newly Gleanings.

The two years' military service in Germany has been successful. The White Star Line steamer Oceanic, the largest ship ever built, was launched a few days ago at Harland & Wolff's yard, Belfast, Ireland.

The Town Council of Thornton, Ind., has adopted an ordinance forbidding persons from "hiking-up" at the close of church services as it is in review.

The aggregate value of New York City property exempt from taxation in 1899, and including that owned by city, State, and Nation, is placed at \$56,162,500.

There is a movement among the philanthropic women of Boston to found a woman's hotel on the same lines as the Mill Hotel for workmen in New York.

JOHN RUSSELL YOUNG DEAD.

The Head of the Congressional Library Passes Away at Washington.

WASHINGTON, D. C. (Special).—John Russell Young, Librarian of the Congressional Library, died at his residence here at 9:40 o'clock Tuesday morning after an illness of several weeks.



JOHN RUSSELL YOUNG.

Mr. Young had a notable career as journalist, diplomatist and public official. He was born in Downingtown, Penn., on November 20, 1841. His first work was for the Philadelphia Press, in 1857, as copy boy. In 1858 he became managing editor of the New York Tribune.

In 1872 Young became the European representative of the New York Herald. In 1877 General Grant started upon his memorable trip around the world, and Young joined the party. Mr. Young was sent by President Arthur in 1882 as Minister to China. When the new library of Congress was completed, President McKinley named Mr. Young on July 1, 1897, as Librarian.

THE SENATORIAL ELECTIONS.

Chauncey M. Depew is Formally Elected by the New York Legislature.

ALBANY, N. Y. (Special).—Chauncey M. Depew was elected United States Senator on Wednesday in both houses of the Legislature. He had a majority of twenty-eight over Edward Murphy, Jr., his Democratic opponent. The votes stood as follows: Senate—Depew, 27; Murphy, 23. Assembly—Depew, 84; Murphy, 60.

Hale Re-Elected in Maine.

Augusta, Me. (Special).—Eugene Hale was re-elected United States Senator by concurrent vote of the two branches of the Legislature Wednesday afternoon. The coming term will be Mr. Hale's fourth in the Senate.

Senator Burrows Re-elected.

LANSING, Mich. (Special).—Both branches of the Michigan Legislature balloted Tuesday for United States Senator, and re-elected Senator Julius C. Burrows.

Henry Cabot Lodge Re-elected.

BOSTON, (Special).—The Legislature balloted for United States Senator on Tuesday and Senator Henry Cabot Lodge, the Republican nominee, received heavy majorities in both houses.

Hawley Elected in Connecticut.

HARTFORD, Conn. (Special).—The Connecticut General Assembly Tuesday voted for United States Senator. Joseph R. Hawley was elected in both branches.

Minnesota Re-Elects Davis.

ST. PAUL, Minn. (Special).—Cushman K. Davis on Tuesday received a majority in the Legislature for re-election as United States Senator.

Cockrell Re-elected in Missouri.

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. (Special).—Francis Marion Cockrell was re-elected United States Senator by the Legislature on Wednesday. Mr. Cockrell is about completing his fourth term in the Senate.

Beveridge Elected in Indiana.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind. (Special).—Albert J. Beveridge was elected United States Senator on Tuesday by the General Assembly.

GENERAL BROOKE'S CUBAN CABINET.

The Governor-General Appoints Four Secretaries to Act as Civil Advisors.

HAVANA, Cuba (By Cable).—Governor-General Brooke has decided to form a Cabinet of civil advisors, and to have four secretaries—the first, of State and Government; the second, of Finance; the third, of Justice and Public Instruction; the fourth, of Agriculture, Industry, Commerce and Public Works.

The executive control, of course, will remain entirely in the hands of General Brooke, the secretaries being to him a Council of Administration. In this way the Cubans will be prepared for self-government. The Governor-General will be entirely upon the theory of ultimate self-government.

Governor-General Brooke has made the following appointments in the newly constituted Cabinet of advisors to the Administration: Department of Government, Domingo Mendez Capote; Department of Finance, Federico Domenech; Department of Justice and Public Instruction, Jose Antonio Gonzalez Llanusa; Department of Agriculture, Industry, Commerce and Public Works, Adolfo Saez Yanez.

FIVE BOYS DROWNED.

They Went on to an Ice Pond and Went Through the Surface.

SCRANTON, Penn. (Special).—Five boys living in South Gibson, a small village six miles from New Bedford and reached only by stage, were drowned on Tuesday. When school was dismissed for the lunch hour, instead of going home six pupils obtained a sled and started to coast down a hill.

The run extended upon a millpond the ice of which was thin. Five boys jumped on the sled, the sixth pushing them. They had gone only a short distance to the ice when it began to break, precipitating those upon the sled into the water. The boy pushing escaped. Instead of notifying the people of the village he ran back to the schoolhouse and informed the teacher, who could render no assistance. Some time after several larger boys from the village, hearing of the accident, went to the scene, but arrived too late to save the unfortunate. The boys drowned are: Merritt Rogers, Graydon Pritchard, Jay Tripp, Willie Holmes, Myrtle Powell. They ranged in age from seven to ten years.

Daring Robbers in St. Louis, Mo.

In a crowded street car, a few days ago in St. Louis, Mo., on board of which was a policeman, three men robbed W. H. Snider of a jewel case containing between \$3000 and \$4000 worth of jewelry. Despite the presence of the policeman the robbers escaped with the booty.

The Shamrock & Light Yacht.

It is reported from London that the yacht Shamrock, to be built by Sir Thomas Lipton, to challenge the America's Cup defender, will be made of a new material, and will be the lightest yacht that has ever raced for the prize.

Leaves Behind \$1,000,000 in Debts.

William Rhodes, long regarded as one of the most successful operative builders in Philadelphia, Penn., has died, leaving behind unpaid debts amounting to \$1,000,000. Three of Rhodes' victims parted with more than \$100,000, but a dozen others loaned him from \$25,000 to \$40,000 each, and a score are poorer by from \$10,000 to \$20,000.

Arrested For a Political Murder.

Allen Bell, a well-known citizen of Lake City, S. C., was lodged in jail at Charleston, S. C., a few days ago, charged with being implicated in the lynching of the negro Postmaster Baker in his town a year ago.

EUROPE STORM SWEEP.

Many Lives Lost and Widespread Devastation Caused by Gales.

WINDS WROUGHT TERRIBLE RUIN

Portsmouth, Southampton and Folkestone, England, Suffer From the Storm's Fury—The Thames Overflows—A Train Dashes Into the Sea—Lives Lost and Property Destroyed in Vienna

LONDON (By Cable).—Widespread devastation on land and sea has been the result of the storm which raged here and along the coast a few days ago, and the aggregate losses of property are immense. Friday evening reports told of dismantled houses, overflowing rivers, inundated streets and fields, buildings flooded, cattle and sheep drowned, railroads disorganized, and disasters to life and limb from falling debris.

London's parks and buildings have suffered heavily. The Thames overflowed along the upper reaches, with serious loss to the dwellers on the banks.

Most of the coast towns have suffered severely. Promenades have been swept by the wind and waves, and piers damaged. Parts of Southampton were under water. In many parts of Portsmouth boats were employed in the main streets to take the school children home.

Three men who were returning from a funeral near Castle Island, Ireland, were lifted by the wind, hurled into a pit, and killed.

When the storm was at its height a train near Llanfairfechan, Wales, dashed into the sea, owing to the fact that the tracks were washed away. The fireman and the engine were drowned. Folkestone Pier and station have been almost demolished.

VIENNA, Austria (By Cable).—A furious gale swept over this city with frightful results. Many windows in shop fronts were blown in and falling slates and chimneys made walking on the streets dangerous. In its exposed parts the city looks as if it had been subjected to a bombardment. Men were blown under vehicles and killed, while others were carried into the Danube and drowned.

BRUSSELS, Belgium (By Cable).—The wind blew with terrific violence here a few days ago. A number of villas in the suburbs were blown down, and the signal boxes along the railways were prostrated.

BERLIN (By Cable).—A violent storm prevailed in northern and western Germany. In the southern part of the country there were thunderstorms accompanied by torrential downpours of rain.

CONGRESSMAN DINGLEY DEAD.

The Republican Leader in the House Succumbs to Heart Failure.

WASHINGTON, D. C. (Special).—Nelson Dingley, of Maine, leader of the Republican side of the floor of the House of Representatives and representing the Second Congressional District of Maine in that body, died here Friday at 10:30 o'clock of heart failure resulting from extreme weakness due to double pneumonia.

CHIEF OF POLICE JOHN GARVEY, OF MANHATTAN, DIED.

He was found in the Neenah Canal by a mill hand. An examination shows that he had been murdered and then thrown into the water. The back of his head was beaten in.

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A Belgian missionary, Father Beltrouck, has been murdered by the Chinese at Hupien, in the province of the same name, Central China, and the mission house has been burned.

The Queen Regent of Spain has announced her royal pleasure that the ratification of the treaty of peace with the United States shall be left to the States to decide, and that she is justified in assuming the right to sign the treaty alone.

Albert E. Mussen, teller of the savings department of the Merchants' Bank, at Montreal, Quebec, has been arrested. He is said to have stolen about \$75,000. His relatives are very wealthy.

The Eastern Telegraph Company in London gives notice of the establishment of a cable line between the British Isles and the Continent, formerly Minister of Agriculture in the Taaffe Cabinet, died at Vienna in his seventy-ninth year.

Hundreds of Chinamen Drowned.

According to reports received at Vancouver, B. C., freshets recently caused a cave-in on the banks of the River Han at Hankow, China. From 200 to 1000 people were drowned.

THE NEWS EPITOMIZED.

Washington Items.

The Comptroller of the Currency approved an application for authority to organize the State National of St. Louis, Mo., capital \$2,000,000.

Mr. Ross, Morrill's successor as Senator from Vermont, presented his credentials a few days ago and the oath of office was administered to him.

The House passed the Navy Personnel bill. Amendments provide for the abolition of prize money, the retirement of non-commissioned officers and enlisted men after thirty years' service, and a material increase of the pay of the Corps.

The Senate Committee on Public Buildings and Grounds made a favorable report on a bill appropriating \$1,000,000 for the erection of a building in Washington for the Department of Justice and the Court of Claims.

Mrs. Mary C. Butler, who was formerly a slave, died a few days ago at the age 100 years and 17 days.

In the Senate Senator Hoar introduced a resolution recognizing the independence of the people of the Philippines, and their right to form a government of their own, and declaring the intention of the United States to refrain from interference with such government.

The Senate passed a resolution tendering the thanks of Congress to Miss Clara Barton and others of the Red Cross Society for their services in Cuba.

A man who registered at the St. James Hotel as R. G. Porter, of Woodbury, N. J., shot and killed himself in his room at the hotel. No cause is known for the suicide.

The Senate confirmed the nominations of Addison C. Harris, of Indiana, as Minister to Austria-Hungary and Charles Langford, of Pennsylvania, as Ambassador to Russia.

Andrew Carnegie offered to give \$250,000 to erect a building for a public library for Washington, provided Congress would furnish a site and provide suitable maintenance, not less than \$10,000 per annum. Efforts will be made at once to secure the needed legislation.

Secretary Long approved the findings of the court of inquiry concerning the grounding of the battleship Massachusetts, and has reprimanded Captain Ludlow and Lieutenant Potts.

Domestic.

Results of the voting on the woman suffrage amendment on a November election in the State of Washington, according to the official count, were 20,171 votes for, 30,497 against and 24,387 ignoring the amendment, the majority against woman suffrage being 10,326, with 75,554 votes cast.

Professor George H. Bell, well known as a Seventh Day Adventist, and the oldest professor in the National College of Battle Creek, Mich., was killed by his horse running into a building.

The residence of Charles Null, at Kokomo, Ind., was wrecked by a natural gas explosion. Mrs. Null was fatally burned. Mrs. Marion Smith and Miss Elizabeth Burns suffered from the explosion. The explosion was caused by an accumulation of gas in the cellar, into which Mrs. Null went with a lighted lamp.

W. M. Rhinesmith and John Fredericks were killed and a number of others severely injured in a railroad accident at Greenwood Lake, N. J., a few days ago. A car leaped from the rails and rolled down an embankment.

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GENERAL MILES WILL TESTIFY.

The President Announced His Decision to the Cabinet—General Eagan Will Be Tried For His Conduct Toward the Commanding Officer of the Army—General Miles a Witness.

WASHINGTON, D. C. (Special).—The President announced at the Cabinet meeting on Tuesday that he had directed the court-martial of Commissary-General Eagan for violation of the Articles of War in his statements before the Investigation Commission.

The President made no extended comment in announcing his decision to the Cabinet, saying briefly that he thought this was the only course open to him consistent with his duties as Commander-in-Chief of the Army.

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