

News Summary

The New York tax levy for 1900 is to be \$80,478,970, which is \$4,493,890 less than it was in the present year.

Mrs. Edward Adams, wife of the steamboat inspector, dropped dead on O'Connor street, Ottawa, on Wednesday night.

M. Schifers, the Russian chess player, who taught Tachigorin, has become insane and has been taken to an asylum.

A boiler explosion at the steel works of Southern & Richardson, Sheffield, Wednesday, killed four and injured twenty persons.

The international commercial congress, which has been in session at Philadelphia since Oct. 12th, finally adjourned on Wednesday.

Mr. John Goram, a Halifax printer, born in 1834, died in Boston on Saturday. He had served in the civil war and was quite a prominent and active Grand Army man.

Geo. Bartle, the oldest clerk of the State Department, "keeper of the great seal" and a close friend of Daniel Webster, died at Washington Sunday night. He was appointed by Secretary Buchanan in 1845.

The grave of John Tyler, a President of the United States, has been neglected for 37 years in a Richmond, Va., cemetery. Now it is to be put in condition. There was not even a headstone to indicate who slept below.

John Sargo has been arrested at Seattle on a charge of murder of one Louis Ballos, on July 2 last, on the Klondyke river, Yukon territory. Sargo has made a confession and his extradition has been demanded.

The State Department is informed of the arrival at Revel, Russia, of the first steamer with American Indian corn, and that eight more shiploads are expected at the same port. Considerable interest attaches to this attempt to introduce an American staple product into the Russian market.

A double tragedy is reported from the township of Wilberforce, Ont. Wednesday morning the bodies of Mrs. Wm. Yaster and the seventeen-year-old daughter were found horribly mutilated. The husband and father, Wm. Yaster, is accused of doing the terrible deed.

The approaching visit of Field Commissioner Miss Booth, of the Salvation Army, to St. John is arousing widespread interest. The programme arranged for her visit commences Tuesday, Nov. 7th, with a council for the local officers and soldiers of the city and district corps.

William Brow, who has just ridden 1,000 miles on a bicycle in 83 hours, 4½ minutes, some seven hours inside the world's record, was given up by doctors five years ago as a hopeless consumptive, and he took to mild bicycling riding to pass away his closing days of life.

Admiral Dewey on Monday announced to intimate friends his engagement to Mrs. W. B. Hazen, of Washington. Mrs. Hazen is the widow of General Hazen, formerly chief signal officer of the army. She is a woman of large means, about forty years of age and popular in the best social circles of Washington.

The tides are now utilized for generating power at Point l'Abbe, Finistère, France, during fourteen hours a day. At flood tide the water flows through the canal two and one-half miles inland into a pond in the rear of the power house and returns to the sea at ebb tide. The total fall is seven and one-half feet, and eighty horse power is generated by turbines.

A sensation was caused in the Spanish Senate Tuesday by the declaration of Count D'Almenas that owing to the ignorance of the Spanish-American peace treaty commissioners, three islands of the Philippine group—the two Batanes and Calayan Islands, both north of Luzon—were not included in the scope of the treaty. These islands, he asserted, ought to be made the basis of negotiations for the liberation of the Spanish prisoners.

A militia general order issued at Ottawa on Tuesday has extracts from the order of division tactical exercise at Sussex in September. The chief staff officer says on the whole the exercise was satisfactory. The work of the engineers in building a bridge, the report says, was admirably carried out, they having only axes and saws for tools and such timber and withes for binding the logs as could be secured on the ground.

Robert B. Jennings, secretary and general manager of the Broadway Cable Co., St. Louis, Mo., was held up Monday on a street car and robbed of \$1,043 in cash and \$48,275 in negotiable papers. Nine thousand dollars in cash, placed for safe keeping in a tin box and hidden in a piano, was stolen Monday morning from Dietrich Von Soosten, of New York. The police suspect a young man who has been calling on Von Soosten's niece for the last seven months.



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