

## Around the Globe.

## A GREAT WAR.

The war in Africa turned out a complete surprise to England, proving to be one of the greatest in the history of the empire. The \$50,000,000 raised by parliament for its prosecution was used up in a few weeks. After an army of about 50,000 had been sent to the scene of the conflict, and a succession of severe reverses had greatly weakened the British strength, 50,000 more men, comprising the remainder of the reserve, were ordered out. Gen. Buller, at the head of the army in South Africa, lost 1000 men and 11 guns in his first encounter with the Boers at Tugela river. Natal, in his effort to go to the relief of Ladysmith, and the war office at London promptly superseded him with Gen. Lord Roberts, who has been stationed in Ireland. Gen. Kitchener, who defeated the Soudanese at Omdurman a few months ago, was sent as Gen. Roberts's chief of staff. Gen. Buller was left to command the forces in Natal. Meanwhile Gen. White was besieged in Ladysmith, and Gens. Methuen and Gatacre had been repulsed and checked in their struggles to reach Kimberley, where Cecil Rhodes was a victim of the siege.

England, chastened by the experience, acknowledged that the Boer strength had been greatly underestimated. It was evident, too, that her best generals were deficient in experience in that their service had been in conflicts with inferior foes in Asia and the Soudan. The press of Germany and France rejoiced loudly in Britain's humiliation, and the Irish people in their delight became very much excited. Worst of all, a considerable number of British subjects in Cape Colony went over to the Boer side. It was acknowledged by the London Times that Great Britain's position as a world power was at stake.

Rural Free Delivery is likely to be extended much faster than was expected. An experiment in utilizing star-route carriers as delivery postmen will begin July 1 in South Carolina. The bids of the star-route carriers on the delivery basis were only 12 per cent higher than on the old plan. The new system compels each carrier to distribute his mail as he goes along, putting it in any private mail box that has been placed at the side of the road in such a position that the carrier can reach it without dismounting from his wagon. If it works well, as now seems certain, contracts will be advertised next September for a similar system all over the northeast and the next year over the southwest, and so on until it is in vogue all over the country.

The New Island Dependencies of the United States are now under the direction of committees of congress. There are special committees in the senate, one for the Philippines, with Senator Lodge at the head; one for Porto Rico, Hawaii and the small islands of the Pacific, headed by Senator Foraker; one for Cuba. The house chose a committee on insular affairs, whose chairman is Representative H. A. Cooper of Wisconsin.

Personal—The military governor of Cuba succeeding Gen. Brooke is Major Gen. Leonard Wood, widely known as the colonel of the Rough Riders during the war in Cuba. His good work in Santiago after the war, cleaning up the city and establishing order and education, had much to do with his promotion.

Ex-Senator William V. Allen, who served in the national senate from 1893 to 1899, was appointed to the seat in that body made vacant by the death of Senator Robert Hayward, by the governor of Nebraska.

A severe blow to the United States army was the death of Maj. Gen. Henry W. Lawton at the head of his troops at San Mateo, Luzon. He was the first general killed in the Philippine campaign. He left a widow and children at Manila. Gen. Lawton was a brilliant and intrepid soldier, a born leader of men and had a fine record. He was born in Maumee (now Toledo) O. and enlisted in an Indiana regiment of volunteers in 1861, when he was 18. At 19 he was a captain in a fighting regiment, and went through the Civil War, being in the battles of Corinth, Shiloh and Chickamauga, and with

Sherman on the famous march to the sea. He entered the regular army and distinguished himself as an Indian fighter, particularly in Arizona, which territory was cleared of redskins largely through his services. He served under Gen. Shafter at Santiago, Cuba, and was promoted to be a major general of volunteers in consequence. He was sent to the Philippines before the outbreak of hostilities, and his experience as an Indian fighter rendered him very valuable there. His reckless daring, shown throughout his career, no doubt made him a victim of a Filipino rifle.

Trusts—The anti-trust convention is to open Feb. 12 at Chicago. Perhaps the most notable event in the conflict between the people and the trusts since the last Chicago conference was the decision of the United States supreme court in the Addyston case. The Addyston pipe combine was a group of manufacturers of pipe in the south who worked together to keep up prices by pretending to compete with one another, thus forcing up rates and dividing the profits. The supreme court decided that the combine had violated the Sherman anti-trust law by restraining business between the states. Although the combine differed very much in its structure and methods from the other great monopolies or would-be monopolies, the decision had its effect in Wall street, where the securities of the latter concerns weakened very much. It is evidently the opinion of shrewd lawyers that many of these big corporations are violating the law, and they are advising bankers and investors against their securities. This is the first case in which the supreme court has applied the Sherman law to an industrial combination.

Old Age Pensions—One of the signs of the times is the pensioning of employees by large corporations, notably the Pennsylvania railroad. Nearly 1000 employees of that road are retired on pensions Jan. 1, on account of old age. Hereafter all officers and employees not yet 70 years of age will be retired and pensioned on the first day of the month following their attainment of that age. The system also provides an age limit for the employment of new men, no new employee to be taken into the service who is more than 35 years old. The pension to be paid to retired employees is to be equal to 1 per cent for each year of continuous service of the average salary for the last 10 years.

Three Territories, Arizona, New Mexico and Oklahoma, are likely soon to be knocking for admission to the Union as states. The population of Arizona is estimated at 100,000; New Mexico, 255,829, besides 25,000 Indians; Oklahoma, 375,000 and 12,000 Indians. Oklahoma's school population is 110,000. It has normal and industrial schools. New Mexico has about 25,000 children in school. Oklahoma is said to include a considerable conservative element in population that favors waiting until a union with the Indian Territory is possible.

The Gold Standard is clearly established by the bill passed by the house of representatives before Christmas and to be taken up shortly by the senate. This measure had the united support of the republicans in the house and the votes of 11 eastern democrats, including eight New York men. Representative Denny of Maryland and Representative McAleer of Pennsylvania. The fact that the republican convention, June 19, is to be held in Philadelphia indicates that this party regards the currency issue as dead or quiescent in the west. It will be the first time since 1872 that the convention has been held in the east. The last democratic convention on the eastern seaboard was that of 1868 in New York.

Free Employment Bureaus have been in operation in Chicago since July, 1899, conducted by the state. They have been able to supply with work about half the men who have applied, and about nine-tenths of the women. Out of 11,862 men who desired work, 7225 were accommodated, and 4636 out of 4421 women. A much larger proportion of applicants would have been provided with employment had they been fitted to do the work wanted. In the case of the women, 311 were unable to find employment although there was an unfilled demand for 1236 women to

do various kinds of work. The work was there, but the applicants were unfitted.

An All Water Route to the Atlantic seaboard for grain is not a new scheme, but it is being revived with promise of success by William J. Conners of Buffalo, N. Y. It involves the building of elevators at Montreal, the route following the St. Lawrence river, and threatens the shipping trade of United States ports. Mr. Conners says he has the support of the large grain interests of Chicago and Duluth, and predicts that New York, Boston, Baltimore, Galveston and other ports will feel the competition seriously.

Mexico makes a claim of \$20,000,000 against the United States because 50,000 Mexicans in the valley of the Rio Grande river can no longer irrigate their farms on account of the diversion of the headwaters of the stream by the people of New Mexico and Colorado. Irrigation in the states mentioned has permanently lowered the river.

The Hessian Fly, that dreaded pest of the wheat farmer, is undoubtedly present in considerable numbers in O. Mich and Ind. Between insect visitation and the trials of the frost period, much interest will attend the manner in which autumn sown wheat emerges next spring.

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[LETTER TO MRS. PINKHAM NO. 6,884]

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