

FRANCHISE IN HAWAII.

Japanese and Chinese Excluded from Voting Privileges Extended to Portuguese Laborers.

Islands to Have Territorial Form of Government with a Delegate in Congress.

Ten Millions Worth of Public Property Have Passed to the United States.

By Associated Press. Washington, Nov. 23.—The commission appointed by the President to recommend a form of government of the Hawaiian islands as a part of the United States met today at the Capital.

The commission will recommend a regular territorial form of government, with a governor, a delegate in congress and a legislature.

The franchise will be extended to the islands, but there will be a property and educational qualification imposed on the vote for the upper legislature.

The commission will present full details of the property acquired, the income from the tariff, the taxes and other important facts bearing upon the government of the islands.

It is estimated that the property of the United States will amount to more than \$10,000,000.

MASSACRE IN ALASKA. Eighteen Survivors of the Jessie Weck Murders by Indians and Cast Into the Sea.

Port Townsend, Nov. 22.—A bloodcurdling tale comes from the North, that the passengers and crew of the steamer Jessie, wrecked last June while trying to enter the month of the Kuskokwim river, towing the large Minerva, were murdered.

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DIAMONDS FORFEITED.

Alleged Smuggler Loses Forty Thousand Dollars and Faces Criminal Trial.

New York, Nov. 23.—The jury in the case of the United States against Max Lascar, the diamond smuggler, has found guilty the defendant for the forfeiture of about \$40,000 worth of diamonds which he was alleged to have smuggled into the country from Europe.

Lascar is under indictment on the criminal charge of having smuggled the diamonds with him as well as to hold their defence until the trial on the criminal charge came up, believing, they thought, to bring forward their defenses now might be to the disadvantage of Lascar.

A feature of the trial of the suit just ended was the testimony given by Miss Ivy Crudele, an English girl, who said that Lascar induced her to travel on the steamship with him as wife and to whom he showed the diamonds.

THE SEALING SACRIFICE.

Americans Bent on Improving the Rare Bering Sea.

Washington, Nov. 23.—The Anglo-American sealers who have been engaged in the final settlement of the Bering Sea question before going on with another subject. This was the sole question considered at the session today.

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BLANCO QUILTS IN ADVANCE.

Philippines Since She Cannot Do Better.

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BALDWIN HOTEL GONE.

San Francisco's Greatest Fire Trap Meets the Fate So Long Apprehended.

Three Hundred Guests Roused from Sleep and Got Out with Greatest Difficulty.

Several Supposed to Have Perished in Flames—A Rescuer's Fearful Fall.

San Francisco, Nov. 23.—The Baldwin hotel caught fire at 8:25 a. m., and it has been entirely destroyed. There were 800 people—guests and employees—in the hotel when the fire broke out, and a number of people are thought to have lost their lives.

The fire is said to have started in the kitchen, located in the basement on the Ellis street side. The crowd worked their way through the fire up to the sixth floor, and before the alarm was sent the fire had gained great headway.

The first alarm was followed by others in rapid succession. The fire had become so intense that it was necessary to cut off the fire at the command of the department.

Thousands of people were attracted by the succession of alarms and the glare of the burning building, and before the police stretched ropes, in almost a block, block, block, block, Powell and Ellis streets.

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SPAIN TAKES THE CASH.

Will Accept Twenty Millions for Philippines Since She Cannot Do Better.

United States Goods Will Pay Same Duties as Those of Other Powers.

Cuban Debt to Be Assumed by Spain Also by Force of Circumstances.

Washington, Nov. 24.—President McKinley is well satisfied that Spain will acquiesce in his demands. Press despatches to the contrary do not disturb him.

Madrid, Nov. 24.—The Madrid correspondent of the Daily Mail says: "The cabinet will take a final decision to-morrow, but it is agreed in principle to authorize the senior Montero Rios, president of the Spanish commission, to sign a peace treaty, although the commissioners may be instructed to insist upon its ratification by the Cortes."

Madrid, Nov. 24.—In the advice accepting the resignation of Marshal Blanco as captain-general of Cuba, the Queen Regent eulogizes his "zeal, intelligence and loyalty" with which he has fulfilled his functions.

Havana, Nov. 24.—The members of the cabinet today tendered their resignations to General Blanco, who accepted them, but requested the secretaries to continue the exercise of their functions until his successors shall have taken possession. General Blanco has announced his intention of leaving on Saturday.

Secretary Hay explains the "open door" term used by the American peace commissioners is the application of tariff terms to the Philippines which will operate equally against products of all nations. No nation is to have any advantage by the free trade offered by the United States itself.

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DOMINION DESPATCHES.

Toronto Wholesaler Ships With Twenty Thousand Dollars—A Gold Brick Scheme.

Halifax Merchant Elopers with Former Love Leaving His Wife in Dying Condition.

Traveller From Montreal Cuts His Throat With Razor But Will Recover.

Special to the Colonist. A HALIFAX FRENCH. Halifax, Nov. 23.—Frank Cook, a Halifax merchant, disappeared suddenly, taking with him from four to five thousand dollars. He left his wife, daughter of a prominent citizen to whom he had been married a year.

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IN BRITAIN.

Chinese Expulsion Leads to Civil Unrest.

Telephoning from a London Hotel.

LONG RANG. Land Telephone has Completed its New Line.

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