



NATIONAL.

Dr. Edward Everett Hale has received the appointment of chaplain of the United States Senate. Dr. Hale was planning to spend the winter in Washington, and Senator Hoar suggested his appointment as chaplain, a suggestion which was enthusiastically carried into effect.

The Republican National Committee has decided to hold the next Republican Convention in Chicago, and noon of June 21 has been fixed as the time for the meeting of the Convention.

The President has sent to the Senate the nomination of W. I. Buchanan of New York to be United States minister to Panama. Mr. Buchanan has done very efficient work as minister to the Argentine Republic, an appointment received from President Cleveland and in which he continued under President McKinley.

Several hundred United States marines and sailors were landed in Guantanamo, Cuba, marking the formal occupancy of the place as a United States naval station.

Senator Hanna has made a formal demand that General Wood be called home from the Philippines so that he could be examined as to his conduct in Cuba.

FOREIGN.

The United States Consul at Alexandretta, Asiatic Turkey, was insulted and assaulted by the local police, the affair growing out of the arrest of an Armenian who was a naturalized American citizen. The flag over the consulate has been hauled down and Consul Davis has left the city.

During the past week there has been a movement of Columbian troops toward the Isthmus, but the United States forces were ready to guard against any invasion, and the movement appears to have stopped almost as soon as it started.

The new republic of Panama has been recognized

by Denmark and by Austria-Hungary. It is reported that both Holland and Great Britain insist that Panama shall assume liability for \$15,000,000 of the Colombian debt.

GENERAL.

Herbert Spencer, the philosopher, died at Brighton, England, on Dec. 8. He was one of the famous Victorian quartet, made up of Darwin, Tyndall, and Huxley, which largely revolutionized modern thought. His Synthetic Philosophy is based upon the truths of physics, and it attempts "to interpret the detailed phenomena of Life, and Mind, and Society in terms of Matter, Motion and Force."

The six-day bicycle race in New York was won by Walthour and Monroe. Leander and Butler were second.

D. J. Hurley has been elected captain of the Harvard football team for next year.

Calendar.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 17.

- 4.15 P.M. GYMNASIUM CONTEST. Putting sixteen-pound shot. One point for each four inches over 29 feet.
- 4.30 P.M. GEOLOGY LECTURE. Fourth and last of the series being given by Dean Shaler.
- 7.30 P.M. CIVIL ENGINEERING SOCIETY Smoker at the Union. Dean Burton will speak on the "1903 Summer School."

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 18.

- 2 P.M. GENERAL CONVOCATION in Huntington Hall. All exercises postponed until 2.30.
- 8.00 P.M. M. I. T. GLEE, BANJO, AND MANDOLIN CLUBS. Annual Winter Concert and Dance, New Century Building, Huntington Avenue. Tickets for concert fifty cents, for concert and dance one dollar.
- 8 P.M. AMERICAN CHEMICAL SOCIETY Meeting at the Union.
- 8 P.M. CHESS TEAM vs. HARVARD. Metropolitan Chess Club.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 19.

- 1 P.M. CHRISTMAS VACATION BEGINS.
- 6 P.M. REGULAR INFORMAL DINNER at the Union. Tickets twenty-five cents, from Mr. Powers.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 28.

- 9 A.M. CHRISTMAS VACATION ENDS.