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**NEWS OF THE WORLD.**

Mrs. Edith Allen, who shot and killed her son at Marysville, Mont., and seriously injured her husband, is on trial for her life.

During twenty-one months of Mayor Swift's administration in Chicago there has been a decrease of nearly \$2,000,000 in the payrolls of the city.

Timothy Harlowe Abbe, aged 81, has been arrested, charged with being the author of eleven incendiary fires in Enfield, Conn.

Miss Ada Ward, a noted English actress and beauty, joined the Salvation Army in London, a few days ago.

Byron B. Ross of Chicago commenced gathering postage stamps as an amusement twenty-five years ago. A few days ago he traded a part of his collection for a \$35,000 hotel in Hurley, Wis.

John Corvina, the United States navy paymaster, who was arrested in Newport, R. I., a few days ago, charged with the embezzlement of government funds, has confessed to having stolen \$10,000 from the government during the past two years.

Mrs. M. Cloutte, a Los Angeles woman visiting in Chicago, was robbed of a pocket-book containing \$1000, while shopping in the latter city a few days ago.

While a Baltimore and Ohio wrecking train was on its way to clear away a freight train wreck, it jumped the track ten miles east of Zanesville, Ohio. Three train hands were killed.

At a meeting of the Spanish cabinet held in Madrid an extraordinary credit was agreed to for the purpose of fitting out additional warships.

A pocket-book containing \$40,000, which was lost in St. Louis, Mo., was found by a negro bellboy in a hotel and returned to its owner.

By the explosion in a gas main running through the center of the city of Boston, Mass., six persons were killed and a dozen seriously injured.

Cuban insurgents are now raiding in the outskirts of Havana.

The Japanese consul at Washington has sent a protest to the authorities of Butte city, Mont., against the boycott which is now being waged against his countrymen by trade unionists in that place.

A snowslide struck a bunkhouse at the Daly mine, near Park city, Utah, and buried nine men. Five were rescued, the others perished.

Elizabeth Gibson, a young woman of Cleveland, Ohio, is under arrest there accused of complicity in the murder of William Stewart.

Greece has refused to withdraw her troops and ships of war from Crete, despite the note from the powers instructing her to do so. War now seems inevitable, and the next few days promise to see it well under way. Foreigners are leaving Athens. Warships are preparing to blockade the Straits. Thousands of Greeks in the United States are getting ready to return to fight for their country. In San Francisco about 150 able-bodied men are preparing leave.

H. D. Hatcher, cashier of the defunct Northwestern bank, of Great Falls, Mont., was arrested last week charged with misappropriation of \$90,000 of the funds of the bank.

A gigantic strike against a proposed reduction of wages in the building trades is threatened in Chicago. If it takes place 150,000 persons will be affected.

The legislative committee investigating the bribery charges in connection with the election of Senator Heitfeld have made a report recommending that Representative Joiner, who made the affidavit that he was bribed, and Representative Perkins, with whom Joiner charged with having paid him \$180 for his vote, be removed from the Idaho legislature.

Recent earthquakes have had the effect of raising the ocean bed in many places off the coast of Mexico.

Fire in Worcester, Mass., last week did nearly a million dollars worth of damage to property. Several firemen were seriously hurt.

Every union hodcarrier and plasterer in Chicago went on a strike Saturday, with the intention of remaining out until the bosses agree to pay the old scale of \$3.50 for plasterers and \$2.20 for hodcarriers.

King George of Greece has issued a call to his countrymen in the United States to join the ranks of his army at the earliest possible moment.

The most important battle fought since the Cuban rebellion commenced was fought Feb. 26th, near Manzanillo. It was a decided victory for the Cubans. Over 1000 Spanish soldiers were killed.

Jesus Campeche died Saturday at his home in Guadalupe, Mex. From reliable authority his age is placed at 155 years old. He was the oldest man in the world.

Col. John Henderson of Florida has been appointed senator by Gov. Bloxham.

Queen Victoria of England is reported to be in very poor health and is almost helpless. Her speech is failing.

Mine 44 of the Kansas and Texas coal company, near Huntington, Ark., exploded burning thirty-five men seriously, some fatally. Bud Hanley was killed.

President McKinley has issued a call for a special meeting of the fifty-fifth congress on Monday, the 15th day of this month.

John L. Sullivan, the veteran prize-fighter, says he is in his old-time light-mood and he is going to challenge the winner of the Corbett-Fitz match.

Mark A. Hanna has succeeded John Sherman as United States senator from Ohio.

The immense plant of the Middlebranch, Portland and Diamond Cement company, at Middlebranch, Ohio, was burned a few days ago; loss \$200,000.

The Mullanphy Savings Bank of St. Louis, Mo., failed last week. Bad management was the cause.

One of the rules of a New York restaurant is that women unattended by an escort shall not be served after nine o'clock in the evening. Mrs. Clara Foltz was a victim of this rule a few nights ago and now she is suing the proprietors for \$5000 damages for the "great humiliation and mental distress" it caused her.

An insulting remark made by a young man to a young woman at a dance in Yandol, Mex., caused a general fight, resulting in ten being killed and fifteen wounded.

Senator Hale's bill to authorize the state board of harbor commissioners to establish and maintain a free public market on San Francisco's water front has passed.

Five floors of the building of Shinkle, Wilson & Kries Company, wholesale grocers at Cincinnati, O., crashed down in a heap a few days ago. A watchman was crushed to death and two clerks injured. Loss \$20,000.

The number of striking cloak and shirt makers of New York has increased to 4000.

Gov. Bradley of Kentucky has announced the appointment of Major Andrew T. Wood of Mount Sterling, to succeed J. C. Blackburn as United States senator. He also called an extra session of the legislature to convene March 13th.

A new process flour mill is soon to be erected at Templeton, Cal. The investment is said to be that of an eastern firm. Much labor and expense will be saved, it is said, by this new method.

One of the proprietors of the Southern Pacific hotel at Ontario, Cal., has been arrested for violating the prohibition ordinance and he proposes to contest the legality of the incorporation of the town.

Master John Lang of Redlands, Cal., is said to be a musical wonder. He is only fifteen years old, but has studied the piano for five years and now plays superior to many professionals.

John Crow and Frederick Donohue, who February last pleaded guilty at Ukiah, Cal., of taking trout out of season, were sentenced to pay a fine of \$20 each.

Joseph Wheeler was killed by a train two miles east of Easton, Wash., March 1st. Wheeler lived near there and is believed to have been walking on the track while intoxicated.

The transfer of several thousand acres of the Semi-Tropic Land and Water Company's lands to eastern capitalists is working a revolution at Rialto, Cal. Men are already at work preparing 2000 acres for canaigre.

The steamer City of Kingston arrived at Port Townsend recently with fifteen Chinese from Victoria without certificates of health. They were refused a landing and the Kingston was forced to return to Victoria.

The overland shipments from San Jose, Cal., for the week ending February 28th were 600,130 pounds.

Bill Brown, Dave Malcolm and a man named Wilson quarreled at Bisbee, A. T. The two latter chased Brown into a house, where he locked himself in, Malcolm broke down the door to get at him, and was shot through the lungs and killed. Brown was exonerated.

The little child of Mr. and Mrs. Coudaback of Nogales, A. T., was taken down with smallpox last week. As soon as it was discovered the family was put into a box car and the car isolated to make the danger of the disease spreading as little as possible.

Two men of Selma, Cal., got into a dispute over the ownership of a choice sheep dog, and the matter was taken into the justice court for settlement. During the controversy the dog was kept in a cellar, but in the midst of the trial some one stole the animal and the case had to be dismissed.

Smallpox is increasing among the Indians on the Gila, and it is said to be the most virulent attack that a tribe has suffered in years. The Indian preacher on his way to Sacaton the other day was stopped and turned back by the Indian police. None of the other Indians have tried to leave the reservation.

Dan Clubb of Traver, Cal., took a chew of tobacco while scattering squirrel poison a few days ago and got a fair dose of the poison that was on his hands. Immediate antidotes saved his life.

**BEAT THE LOST-PARCELS MAN.**

How a Suburban Woman Secured a Nice New Umbrella.

"Pretty smart lot of women on them Galea division trains," said the lost parcels custodian at the Northwestern depot to a Chicago Post man.

"Why?"

"One of them comes in here yesterday and beats me out of an umbrella," replied the custodian, wrapping up a fan and handkerchief and labeling them.

"How?"

"She remembers that the last hard rain was July 21, and yesterday when the sun is shining she comes in here and asks me if any umbrella is left on the train that day. Of course there is. Find some every rain. I say: 'Yes, what train did you leave yours on?' She says the Elmhurst train. Now that don't tell anything. She says she's going to her sister's at Elmhurst, and she don't know this road at all. All the trains are Elmhurst trains. She's got me.

"Then I says: 'What kind of an umbrella?"

"And she says it's new. She can't recollect how the handle went, but she'd know if she sees it. Now, what can I do? I show her the umbrellas brought in that day, and she picks up the best one and she says: 'That's it. And it is.'"

"How do you know it isn't her umbrella?"

"Cause to-day the traffic manager sees her on the train with that umbrella, and hears her tell another woman how she got it, and he fetches it in here just as five other women break in here with the same game. Did they get umbrellas? Well, no—not till after the next rain."

**IN MINE EXPLOSIONS.**

Many Men Lose Their Lives Through Ignorance of What to Do.

Scientific inquiry is being directed to the saving of human life in mine explosions. Dr. Haldane has established the fact that the loss of life in colliery accidents is far greater than it need be when those who work in the mines and those who manage them have clearer knowledge of the right thing to do in the face of the calamity. In a recent mine explosion, where 37 men and 30 horses were killed, the cause of death in every case was proved to be not the want of oxygen in the air of the pit after the explosion, but to comparatively slow poisoning by carbon monoxide. Sufficient oxygen to support life was left in the airways all along the track of the explosion. It appears that men from want of knowledge now go straight to their death in endeavoring to escape. Dr. Haldane is convinced that hundreds of men have lost their lives by hurrying blindly toward the shaft, or by not retiring to ward the safe when they met the after-damp. In many parts of the mine there will be, beyond the limits of the explosion, abundance of air to effect dilution of the poisonous carbon-monoxide, on breathing which the men suddenly lose the use of their limbs and finally consciousness. So that a man who waits for the rescuers, or long enough for the after-damp to disperse, will be able to escape either by the intake, or if this is blocked, by the return airways.

**CITY SOLDIERS ARE BEST.**

Modern Warfare is Easiest Learned by Them.

The old saying of the recruiting sergeants that "the best soldiers come from the plow-tail" is hardly correct when looked at in the light of modern military experience. It is quite true that in the past regiments recruited from the country districts have again and again made themselves conspicuous for gallantry and endurance, but the changed conditions of modern warfare appear to have enabled the town-bred soldier to rather more than catch up with his country-bred comrade. Statistics show that he is more rapidly promoted, that he is more fertile in resource, more adaptable to circumstances and quicker in learning the details of his business, while the improved conditions of town life seem to have placed him nearly on a par with regard to stamina. In France there are no two opinions on the subject—the best soldiers come from Paris; and when it is remembered that after the practical destruction of the regular French army at Metz and Sedan the victorious veterans of Germany were held at bay for five months by the raw levies mostly drawn from the French towns, there seems but little doubt that the French opinion is correct.

Never Saw Himself Before.

The London Globe relates a story of an old Hampshire peasant farmer who came to town to buy a hat, and was requested to look in the glass to see if the hat suited his taste. The customer stood before the glass as though fascinated by his reflected image. Presently he slowly inquired: "Will—is—that—me?" "Of course it is, guv'nor," was the shopman's reply. "Why, don't you know yourself?" "I be 60 years old," said the ancient, after another pause, "and I dunno as ever I see my face afore!" And when his purchase completed, he turned to depart, he walked up to the looking-glass again, saying: "I'll take just one more look at meself, for I dunno as ever I shall ha' the chance again."