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NEWS OF THE WORLD.

HAPPENINGS OF THE PAST FEW DAYS FROM ALL QUARTERS.

China to Open Her Ports—France and England are at Odds—Chicago in the Grip of La Grippe—Smaller in Kentucky.
 Counterfeit half dollars are being issued at St. George, Utah.
 Smallpox has been declared epidemic in Middleboro, Ky. There are 25 cases.
 William Scanlan, the singer and Irish character actor, died in a New York insane asylum Saturday.
 A rate war is on between northern overland roads, and fares from the east have been cut to very small figures.
 Four men comprising the crew of the large Excelsior, which foundered on Hardschiel shoal, Cape Cod, were lost.
 The Burbank block, Pittsfield, Mass., was burned recently. The loss on the building and its contents will aggregate about \$100,000.
 Affairs between France and Great Britain in West Africa are assuming a serious shape, and there is likely to be a rupture at any time.
 The Greater Republic of Central American states has ceased to exist, the principal state, San Salvador, having withdrawn from the union.
 The experiment of hypnotizing incorrigible girls in hopes of making them better is being tried at the Colorado Industrial school for girls.
 Chicago has an epidemic of the grip. At present 40,000 persons are said to be suffering from it, and the death rate is increasing at an alarming rate.
 Paddy Shea was sentenced at Wichita, Kas., to eight years in the state penitentiary for shooting George Dawson with intent to kill last December.
 The French steamer Fischer, was wrecked on Anaga point, Canary islands, last week. Forty-nine of the passengers and 38 of the crew were drowned.
 Mrs. J. D. Mines of Congress, A. T., was found on a street there unconscious and upon being revived stated that she had been attacked from behind and robbed of \$1700.
 A number of men estimated at between 20 and 30, who were fishing through the ice on Lake Erie, are believed to have been lost or are adrift on the ice on the lake.
 Chicago men are going to erect an immense modern smelter for the treatment of ores at Los Angeles. The plant will mean the expenditure of \$50,000 and the employment of a large number of men.
 The Transvaal government is mounting guns at Johannesburg and conveying Maxims, shells, rifles and cartridges to that point in an offensive and ostentatious manner.
 The sultan of Sokoto has ordered the French expeditions now advancing toward his capital to halt 40 miles from the city, and has commanded to fortify and gather troops about the place to resist an invasion.
 The states of Wisconsin, Iowa, Illinois and Michigan are practically snow-bound. An average snowfall of two feet is reported from Iowa and Illinois points, while throughout Wisconsin and Northern Michigan the fall is much greater.
 Miss Frances E. Willard, president of the Woman's Temperance union, died at the Empire hotel, New York, Thursday. The deceased had been ill about three weeks, suffering from an old complaint and in gripe.
 A movement is on foot to have the United States erect a monument to General Lafayette in the city of Paris, to be dedicated during this Paris exposition. It is proposed to raise funds through donations by American school children.
 China has agreed to open all her inland rivers to navigation, whether foreign or native owned, under regulations to be framed subsequently. If not restricted by these regulations, the agreement which is to come into operation within four months is satisfactory and promises a wide expansion of foreign trade.
 The final step in the programme of the sale of the Kansas Pacific railroad was taken Saturday at Topeka, when the entire line from Kansas City to Denver was sold under the consolidated mortgage for \$2,000,000. Judge W. D. Cornish read the decree and offered the property for sale. Alvin W. Krech bid it in for \$2,000,000.
 A collision between a freight and passenger train occurred four miles east of Kramer, Cal. Engineer John Ooms and Fireman Chester of the freight train and Engineer John Davis was killed outright and Fireman Robert Myers received injuries that caused his death.
 Mylie Ross, a hunter, accidentally killed himself at Los Banos, Cal. He got out of a wagon to shoot geese and in pulling his gun, muzzle toward him, from the vehicle, it discharged, the charge taking effect in the right lung causing instant death.

AT THE NATION'S CAPITOL.

Brief Notes Concerning the Doings of the Fifty-Fifth Session of Congress.

State Senator James M. Gleaves has been appointed surveyor-general of California.
 An effort is being made to secure an appropriation of \$200,000 to erect restraining dams in the Feather and Yuba rivers.
 The supervising architect has recommended to congress that \$45,000 be appropriated at once for making needed repairs on the raint at San Francisco.
 The postoffice department has been informed that after March 1st samples of liquids, greased powders and glass will be admitted the mails of Great Britain.
 The senate has confirmed these nominations: C. Wilkins, to be Indian agent at the Umatilla agency in Oregon; to be receiver of public moneys, L. B. Clough, at Vancouver, Wash.; to be register of the land office, J. F. Malley, at Waterville, Wash.

PERT PERSONALS.

Of course Ignatius Donnelly said in his famous "I Ching" ...
 France very readily succumbed in fashion to the trend with an unqualified endorsement of Mr. John ...
 Such is the universality of Emperor William's genius that he even fills the position of his own court jester ...
 While he will accept with thanks the degree of LL. D. from Knox college, Mr. Hanson still prefers to have a S. D. conferred upon him ...
 Mr. Reed shrewdly refrains from being demonstrative or inquisitive. He is probably afraid his enemies may change the epithet from "son" to "kaiser" ...
 Major Van Wyck's ill temper has already won him the sobriquet of Robert the Tiger. Intemperance is not a good thing getting quality, but perhaps men with new year terms need not care for that ...

RAILWAY TIES.

The first street railway in America started on the Bowery, New York, and ran from Prince street to Fourteenth street, in 1821.
 The most costly piece of railway line in the world is that between the Mansion House and Aldgate stations in London, which required the expenditure of close upon \$2,000,000 a mile.
 Brussels, being obliged to have an elevated railroad to connect the stations at opposite ends of the city, is going to build it 120 feet from the ground on ornamental pillars, with a glass roof beneath to protect the street below.

PACIFIC COAST NEWS

THE DREAM OF THE WEEK'S NEWS PICKED FROM THE DISPATCHES.

Steals from His Employer and Goes to the Klondike—Another Victim in the Van Pelt-Coolidge Feud—Loss of \$20,000 Drives a Man to Desperate Acts.
 The circus fair at Clatskanie, Clatskanie county, Cal., was a great success.
 Aaron Fleischacker, a well-known business man of the Pacific coast, died at San Francisco a few days ago.
 The organization of the Northwest Cattle Growers' association was completed at Pendleton, Ore., last week.
 James Hall of Portland accidentally walked off the rear platform of a sleeping train at Willows Junction and was killed.
 The California department of the Young Men's Christian association is holding its annual convention at Riverside this week.
 It is said at Wells Wells, Wash., that the Northern Pacific railroad company has purchased the Washington and Columbia river roads.
 The schooner Port Admiral was driven ashore near Fort Wrangell, Alaska, during a snow storm and wrecked. Her crew escaped in safety.
 James E. Powers has been sentenced at Sacramento to serve three years at Volcan prison, for obtaining \$2 from J. H. Wolfe by means of a fraudulent order.
 E. A. Bird, who was convicted of forging the name of his employer, G. J. Griffiths, to numerous checks, was sentenced at Los Angeles to ten years in the penitentiary. On the first trial Bird was acquitted.
 There is said to have been recently formed at Dawson City a gigantic mining syndicate with a capital stock of \$200,000,000. The combination proposes to control the output of the Klondike mines.
 The appraisement of the estate of Adolph Suto, of San Francisco, for whom a guardian was recently appointed, because of his feeble mental condition, has been completed. The total value is placed at three million dollars.
 An open switch near Chinese camp, on the Sierra road, caused an engine to leave the track and overturn. Conductor William G. Bailey was thrown under the locomotive as it turned over and was crushed to death.
 Robert Bries, a saloon-keeper, attempted to murder Mrs. Mary Baranum at San Francisco last week. After the shooting Bries killed himself. The woman is dangerously injured. They had been living together and Bries became jealous of other men's attention to the woman.
 The supreme court of Washington handed down an opinion in the case entitled W. C. Bardaley vs. Starberg, appealed from Pierce county on a rehearing, and makes good about \$600,000 of outstanding Tacoma warrants which the court previously had been paid and the obligation discharged.
 John J. Livernash, a collector of the harbor commission, committed suicide in San Francisco Friday night, by shooting himself. Despondency is supposed to have prompted the deed. Livernash was formerly a newspaper man and well-known throughout California.
 The supervisors of Fresno county, Cal., have commenced action to compel the auditor to allow their claim for the last eight days they were in session. The district attorney claims the supervisors were in session eight days unconstitutionally, and has notified the auditor that he will be sued for the amount if he pays out the money.
 The Van Pelt-Coolidge feud at Oresto, Curro county, Ore., has been revived in the killing of Thomas Van Pelt, Sr., near his home by some unknown person in ambush. Thomas Van Pelt was one of the participants in the Van Pelt-Coolidge affray which took place last fall, and in which A. L. Coolidge was killed and others wounded.
 Frank Anser, a cattle-dealer of Nevada city, Cal., has been victimized out of \$104 by a young man named Jeff Ward, who has been in his employ a number of years as a driver. Ward was given \$100 to pay for some sheep, but instead of using the money for that purpose put it in his pocket and started for the Klondike.
 John Lawton, who for the past few years has been employed on the ranch of A. F. Freeman, near Walnut Creek, Cal., has confessed that he set fire to his employer's barn, which with the contents of grain, hay and farm implements, was burned some days ago, stating that he expected that his employer would pardon him the same. He is supposed to have been insane when he committed the deed.
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