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#### NEWS OF THE WORLD.

##### HAPPENINGS OF THE PAST FEW DAYS FROM ALL QUARTERS.

**Big Fires in Japan—A Pugilist Killed in a Prize-Fight—Mad King Otto is Dying—A Train of Cars Blown Up by Dynamite.**

A series of big fires have occurred in Tokyo, Japan, of late. At one conflagration 1100 houses were destroyed and 11,000 persons rendered homeless. A few days later another fire destroyed 118 buildings. There were a number of other smaller fires. Many persons lost their lives in burning buildings. The fires were of incendiary origin.

This report on coal production in the United States in 1897 shows that, while the output was the largest ever known, the value of the coal mined in 26 out of 29 states was less by \$2,000,000 than the coal mined in 1896. Oregon is one of the states showing a decrease. California produced 59,092 tons, valued at \$200,554; Washington \$1,434,112 tons, with a valuation of \$2,777,687, and Oregon 109,511 tons, worth \$611,500.

Two killings and a lynching happened at Brownsville, Tex., within three-quarters of an hour during an election last week. While going to quell a quarrel Deputy Sheriff Sam Cobb and his brother, Constable Felipe Cobb, were shot and killed by Carlos Guellen. Guellen was arrested and placed in jail, but was soon taken out and killed by a mob.

Coal miners in the Pittsburg district to the number of 4500 are on a strike owing to the refusal of operators to put in the screens agreed upon during the interstate conference last fall.

A fire at Congress Springs, A. T., caused a loss of two lives and \$50,000 worth of property.

David B. Landis, a bank president and prominent citizen of Lancaster, Pa., was shot dead by Ralph W. Wireback. Wireback occupied a house belonging to Landis and in attempting to have him put out Landis lost his life.

Miss Margaret Mather, the actress, died at Charleston, W. Va., last week.

The wheat yield of Victoria colony, Australia, is estimated at 10,400,000 bushels.

The budget expenses of the Mexican government, as estimated by Secretary Limantour, amount to \$52,060,484 for the fiscal year 1898-99—an increase of \$1,708,593 over the previous year.

The gap in the Rocky Mountain Bell Telephone company's line between Herron, Mont., and Mullen, Idaho, 125 miles, is to be closed, making a continuous line from Livingston, Mont., to San Francisco, the longest telephone connection in the world.

George Stout of Philadelphia, who was knocked out by Oscar Gardner, the "Omaha Kid," in a hot fight at Columbus, O., died from the effects of the blow. It was in the twelfth round that the fatal jolt was delivered. Stout falling heavily and never regaining consciousness. He was ordered taken to the hospital by a physician, but nothing could be done for him.

While a freight train of 16 cars—one loaded with dynamite—on the Montana Central railroad was crossing Dry Forks bridge, Mont., the car containing dynamite was derailed, causing the stuff to explode. Three of the train crew were killed and ten cars were blown to kindling wood.

Since February 25 New York city has imported \$25,000,000 in gold from Europe.

A decisive battle was fought in the Sudan between the Anglo-Egyptian forces and the Dervishes. The latter lost 2000 men killed, and 4000 prisoners. Their army is practically wiped out, and their leader a prisoner.

Otto, the mad King of Bavaria, is not expected to recover from the crisis of his physical ailments resulting from inflammation of the kidneys and bladder trouble. His insanity renders proper

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treatment for bleeding of the bladder practically impossible.

United States Judge John B. Rector of the northern district of Texas, who has been insane for two years and unable to occupy the bench, died at his home in Austin Sunday.

The York mill cotton strikers of Saco, Me., have voted unanimously to return to work, and resumed Monday. Sixteen hundred men struck in January.

Rev. S. C. Swallow of Harrisburg, accepted the independent nomination for governor of Pennsylvania, upon the platform, "Thou shalt not steal," tendered to him at Harrisburg, March 30, by a delegation of Philadelphia.

##### Two Murderers Executed.

W. H. Raymond was hanged at 10 o'clock. His crime was the murder of Fred Andrews at Baden, San Mateo county, November 17, 1897. The execution was unaccompanied by any incident. Raymond had nothing whatever to say upon the gallows, was cool and collected and died bravely. Death occurred 12 minutes after the trap was sprung.

Ben Hill, the Oakland wife-murderer, was executed at San Quentin last week. From the scaffold Hill said he guilty and deserved his punishment. He died without a tremor. Hill's crime was the outcome of a quarrel with his wife, for whom he had failed to provide. They were walking along a street in Oakland one day talking over their troubles, when suddenly he drew a revolver and shot the woman twice, killing her instantly.

Four hundred printers are on a strike in San Francisco for short hours.

The Southern Pacific pattern warehouse, situated at Sacramento, was destroyed by fire Friday night. The patterns representing the accumulations of 25 years, were entirely destroyed. The loss is placed at \$500,000.

An English syndicate has purchased the plant and business of the California Canneries company, at San Francisco.

In Los Angeles hay and grain are scarce, and prices are high.

The present market value of oil at Los Angeles is 85 cents per barrel.

The board of trustees of Monterey, Cal., have approved the Monterey-Fresno railroad company the 1450-foot water front grant, terminal facilities and valuable municipal franchises, giving the company until January, 1900, to fulfill the requirements of the ordinance.

The 'supervisors' of Contra Costa county have granted J. S. Bullock of Blue Lake Electric company a franchise to erect poles and wires in that county. The line will run to Oakland and San Francisco.

The last spike of the Columbia River and Astoria railway has been driven, and the completion of the road gives the first all-rail line from eastern United States seaports to Astoria.

Settlers about Castle Rock, Wash., are fleeing from their homes for fear of an volcanic eruption in Mt. St. Helens, one of the Cascade group. Smoke is issuing from the crater.

Rev. P. Smith, priest of St. Stanislaus church of Modesto, Cal., fell dead in the altar while preparing to deliver a sermon Sunday morning. Heart disease caused his death. He has been connected with California churches for the past 18 years and was well-known.

#### LEE HAS LEFT CUBA.

##### SEES THAT ALL THE AMERICANS ARE SAFELY AWAY.

Proceeds to Washington—May be Able to Throw Some Light on the Maine Disaster—The Flying Squadron Ready For Action—Troops Moving.

Consul-General Lee left Havana Saturday, after seeing that every American was safely off the island. The affairs of the United States government have been turned over to the British consul. As soon as Lee reached Key West, he went north via Tampa, in the belief that his presence was wanted in Washington to give information about the probabilities in Cuba during the next fortnight. He did not receive instructions until he reached Key West. Vice-Consul Springer and Consul Barker of Segua are also instructed to report at headquarters. This was construed as an indication of the opinion in official quarters that an early reopening of the American consulates at Cuba is not probable.



FITZ-HUGH LEE.

General Lee may be able to add some knowledge to what is already known regarding the plot by which the Maine was blown up, though not, perhaps, to the extent of fixing the conspiracy officially on the Spanish government. Perhaps General Lee would not feel justified in making stronger assertions officially than did the board about the identity of the conspirators, yet he uncovered enough to satisfy himself that a single fanatic could not have fixed the mine which blew up the Maine in Havana harbor, or have fired it.

On one point his information is definite. General Lee believes the letter of January last, attributed to General Weyler, in which the writer speaks boastfully of having prepared Havana harbor so that Yankee ships could be destroyed, is genuine. Whether he has seen the original is not known, but his opinion is that such a letter was written by Weyler in clear.

Since the Maine disaster is expected to be a feature of the general Cuban case instead of a mere incident, the Consul-General's presence in Washington may be useful in supplementing with later details the information gathered by the court of inquiry.

The Spanish flotilla sent out from Cadiz, Spain, for Cuba, and compelled to put in at Cape Verde islands on account of storms, is still their waiting orders. The authorities hesitate to trust it within reach of the American navy.

All the Americans who desired to leave Cuba island had left Saturday, when Consul-General Lee took his departure.

Miss Clara Barton and other members of the Red Cross society who went from the United States have returned home.

The gunboat Princeton, built at Diablogo's shipyard, Camden, N. J., is repaired and ready to be turned over to the government. She will be ordered to the League island navy yard to receive her fittings and prepare for sea.

The torpedo gunboat Andag belonging to Spain, that was so badly damaged at sea and compelled to put in at Queenstown, may be of no use to her owners. The repairs necessary will take some time to finish, and should war be declared the English authorities have orders to seize her.

The lighthouse tender Mangrove is being fitted out with rapid firing guns. The names Yankee, Dixie, Prairie and Yosemite were selected as the naval designations of the four Morgan line auxiliary cruisers the government recently purchased.

Financial state that the government can raise \$200,000,000 for war purposes in two days.

Ships are being placed about the entrance of Galveston harbor, Tex.

The flying squadron is at Hampton Roads, Va., stripped and ready for action, with Commodore Schley confident that he can defeat anything sent against it.

Foreign diplomats at Washington have given up efforts looking for the peaceful solution of the Cuban problem.

The Twenty-Fifth United States infantry, which has been stationed in Montana for the past ten years, left Sunday for the new post at Chickamauga, Tenn.

#### AT THE NATION'S CAPITOL.

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

The naval appropriation bill, which has been completed by the senate subcommittee on appropriations, carries increases in the navy and items for improvements which run the total measure some \$3,000,000 above that fixed by the house. The most important changes are the addition of four coast defense vessels, which exclusive of armament, shall cost \$1,250,000 each, and four torpedo-boat destroyers to cost \$300,000. The bill provides that not more than two of the battleships or monitors may be built in one yard, which will insure the distribution of construction. One battleship and one monitor is to be built on the Pacific coast.

Congressman DeVries of California introduced a bill to enable the United States government to expend for the improvement of the Sacramento and San Joaquin rivers the moneys appropriated by the state for this purpose, with a view of its incorporation in the next river and harbor bill and to enable the government to use the \$300,000 appropriated by the state for the improvement of the lower Sacramento river.

There was a heavy run on the Sonora branch of the bank of Commerce, a San Francisco corporation, and great excitement prevailed for a time, but later it quieted down, and part of the money drawn out was redeposited. The run was started by a report that County Treasurer Thomas W. Wells of Tuolumne county, the manager of the bank, was short \$20,000 of county funds.

Daniel B. Gray, at one time a prominent politician of Santa Monica, Cal., was shot by Joseph Backer at the latter's saloon, and died from the effects of the wounds shortly afterward. Gray was intoxicated at the time of the shooting and was trying to hit Backer on the head with a club.

#### PACIFIC COAST NEWS.

##### THE CREAM OF THE WEEK'S NEWS PICKED FROM THE DISPATCHES.

Grand Lodge of Workmen Meet and Elect Officers—A Coalminer Killed by a Man Because He Saw—Frank Miller Will Die on the Gallows.

Judge Wallace of San Francisco has declared the pure food law to be constitutional.

The Waterloo (Or.) Woolen mills owned by Thomas Kay, burned recently. The loss will probably reach \$50,000.

Judge Smith of Los Angeles sentenced Frank Randall to San Quentin for ten years for killing Jack Bowman at Ballona last September.

Arrangements are being made at Nevada city, Cal., for the convocation of the Grand Lodge of the Holy Sons of the Golden West, which is to be held there April 25.

The remains of Peter Peterson, who disappeared from St. Helena, Cal., two years ago, were found in a canyon near there recently. He had committed suicide in an isolated spot.

In the superior court at Quincy, Cal., the jury found J. W. Adams guilty of manslaughter in killing Antonio Lompa near Beckwith last January. The trial lasted five days, and the jury was out 23 hours.

Charles H. Arthur, the Pasadena blacksmith, who recently shot and killed Mrs. Melissa Ransom, his mistress, at Los Angeles, was found guilty of murder and sentenced to life imprisonment at San Quentin.

Albert Frederick George Veranesneckochoff called Albert Hoff for short, of San Francisco, has been found guilty of the murder of Mrs. Mary A. Clute, and sentenced to be hanged Friday, June 10.

Judge Buck of Redwood City, has sentenced Anton Lujer, who was found guilty of an act with a deadly weapon last week, to seven years imprisonment at San Quentin. Lujer attempted to kill an Italian during a row at La Honda. He was given the full penalty.

The St. James hotel property at San Jose was sold recently under foreclosure proceedings. It was purchased by the board of regents of the university of California, judgment creditors for \$27,110, amount of judgments. There are secondary mortgages held by other parties. The property is said to be worth much more than \$100,000.

Frank Belew of Suisun, Cal., must die for the murder of his brother and sister. The trial to determine the degree of guilt of the prisoner ended Saturday, and Judge Buckles found that there were no mitigating circumstances in the case, and declared that Belew's crime was murder in the first degree.

G. F. Tilton, a member of the crew of the whaling steamer Belvedere, that arrived from the imprisoned whaling fleet. He tells a story of hardship and suffering. The imprisoned whalers have been living on dog meat and rask fish for several months and that the relief expedition had not reached the fleet. All the imprisoned vessels will be crushed to match-wood when the ice breaks. Tilton was over five months coming out. Up to the time he left no deaths had occurred.

At a meeting of directors of the Valley road held in San Francisco Grant brothers were authorized to move their grading outfit from the Bakerfield extension, now completed, northward to Sequina junction to grade the 20 miles of road connecting that point with Visalia. The grading of the line by the Grant brothers will require about two or three months to complete. When it shall have been done the 100 miles will have just 200 miles of track south of Stockton.

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