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NEWS OF THE WORLD.

HAPPENINGS OF THE PAST FEW DAYS FROM ALL QUARTERS.

A Portion of the Blackfoot Reservation Open to Settlers—A Prisoner Committe Outside in a Courtroom—Trainmen Killed in a Wreck.

Mrs. Oscar Wild, wife of the English novelist, died at Riviera, France, last week.

Surgeon-Major Henry McElderry, United States army, died recently at Hot Springs, Ark., of Bright's disease. The employees of the American Wire Works company of Cleveland, O., have been notified of a reduction of 3 per cent in wages. They will accept the situation.

The immense plant of the Pennsylvania Plate Glass company at Irwin, Pa., was entirely destroyed by fire on a recent night. The loss will reach \$700,000, with insurance at \$400,000.

The Anaconda company's coal washers at Felt, 30 miles south of Butte, burned. The loss is estimated at \$250,000. The cause of the fire is not yet known. There was no insurance.

A duel was fought at Mineral City, Kas., between Jack Murphy, a farmer, and an unknown man. Both were killed, each receiving four shots in the body. The cause of the tragedy is not known.

A. R. Reynolds shot himself through the head in the supreme court room at Jackson, Tenn., just after Judge McAllister had affirmed the sentence of the lower court, six years for embezzlement. Reynolds left a letter saying he was innocent and that the railroad had killed him.

An extra freight train and a local freight train on the Rock Island road had a head-on collision near Libertyville, Ill. Engineer Dibble, Fireman Albert Blosser and Brakeman William Waiters were instantly killed. The local train had orders to meet the extra at Libertyville. The orders were forgotten.

A portion of the Blackfoot reservation, Mont., was thrown open to settlement last week, and 1000 people or more, mostly prospectors, rushed in to locate mining claims. A troop of cavalry was present and kept all persons off until the noon hour. The reservation is rich in mineral, especially in copper.

England has positively refused to take part in a proposed demonstration against the United States by several of the European powers. The demonstration will not be made.

Consul-General Lee will be given the command of the Virginia volunteers in the event that hostilities break out between this country and Spain. This decision was reached by the president after a conference with Secretary Alger and a number of military men.

By the action of President McKinley Friday, on recommendation of the navy department, the rapidly growing navy of the United States will be increased by 16 auxiliary vessels. Four of these are the crack American liners St. Paul, St. Louis, New York and Paris. Two others are the steamships Yumuri and Yorktown of the Old Dominion line. The rest are light-draught tugs and yachts.

Governor Wolcott of Massachusetts, sent a message to the legislature recommending an emergency appropriation of \$500,000, to increase the efficiency of the state militia. A bill was framed promptly embodying the recommendation of the governor, and referred to the proper committees and reported back, and, under suspension of the rules, was passed by both branches. Twenty-five minutes from the time the message had been received the bill was signed by the governor and had become a law.

Orders were received at Mare Island last week from the secretary of the navy directing the monitor Monadnock to proceed to Port Angeles, Wash., for which point she sailed Saturday.

THE SHIPS ALL RIGHT.

The Flying Squadron Is Put Through Successful Manuevers.

The flying squadron put to sea last Wednesday for a practice drill, and Friday returned to anchorage at Fort Monroe, after having completed two days and two nights of arduous labor, to the satisfaction of its commanding officer. Commodore Schley wanted



COMMODORE SCLHEY.

the captains of the fleet to know each other in the movement of their vessels and to be able to answer quickly all signals for movements liable to be made in an engagement. Running down to Cape Henry on Wednesday afternoon, the squadron was taken 15 miles out to sea, at the same time manuevering in response to the signals of the flag ship.

All of the big vessels responded quickly, the heavy battle-ships Massachusetts and Texas being especially quick. Line of battle was formed, with the Brooklyn on the right, the Massachusetts to the left of the Brooklyn, the Minneapolis to the left of the Massachusetts, the Columbia next and the Texas on the extreme left.

The signal to anchor in line was obeyed so well that an almost perfect alignment was obtained. Anchorage was made on Wednesday night, 15 miles east of Cape Charles light, near the southern drill grounds.

At nine o'clock, when most of the officers and men had prepared to retire, the call to quarters and battle calls were sounded. On the Brooklyn so quickly was the work done that every division officer had reported "ready" in four minutes and the ship was ready for battle, with water-tight compartments closed, ammunition hoisted to guns, turrets swinging, battle hatches down and the crews at the guns ready to shoot. The other ships reported almost as quickly.

Friday morning was given up to practice at the guns, all the ships putting out targets at 800 yards. The gunners on the Brooklyn cut the flag from the top of their target within 20 minutes, remarkable work when it is considered that the target was but 18 inches square, and the flagstaff but two inches wide.

Commodore Schley expressed himself as very much pleased with the work of the captains of the vessels under his charge. He called particular attention to the target practice of the rapid-fire guns, saying: "I don't think any torpedo boat will live under that fire."

It is confidently expected by the president and secretary of war that before the end of the present week the government will have the material promise of land forces aggregating at least 100,000 men for the occupation of Cuba and the defense of the eastern and southern seaboard. Within a short time thereafter an army of that size will actually be in the field.

THE CUBAN MATTER.

THE SENATE PASSES RESOLUTIONS WITH A LARGE MAJORITY.

Prospect for a Deadlock in the House. Second Stage for the Independence of Cuba Passes in the Senate—War Preparations More Active.

Saturday night the second stage in the legislative fight for the freedom of Cuba was ended, when by a vote of 67 to 21, the senate passed the resolution reported by the committee of foreign relations, with the Turpie amendment made, giving full recognition to the present insurgent government as the republic of Cuba.

The action of the senate leaves the Cuban resolution in the following status: The house heading, number and enacting clause, the senate preamble, resolution, the Turpie amendment and a fourth paragraph proposed by Teller. In full as follows:

Joint resolution for the independence of the people and the republic of Cuba, demanding the government of Spain to relinquish its authority and government in the island of Cuba, and to withdraw its land and naval forces from Cuba and Cuban waters, and directing the president of the United States to use the land and naval forces of the United States to carry these resolutions into effect.

Whereas, The abhorrent conditions which have existed for more than three years in the island of Cuba, so near our own borders, have been a disgrace to Christian civilization, culminating as they have in the destruction of a United States battle-ship, with 286 of its officers and crew while on a friendly visit in the harbor of Havana, and cannot longer be endured, as was set forth by the president of the United States in his message to congress of April 11, 1898, upon which the action of congress was invited; therefore

Resolved by the senate and house of representatives of the United States of America, in congress assembled:

First—That the people of the island of Cuba are and of right ought to be free and independent, and that the government of the United States hereby recognizes the republic of Cuba as the true and lawful government of that island.

Second—That it is the duty of the United States to demand, and the government of the United States does hereby demand, that the government of Spain at once relinquish its authority and government in the island of Cuba, and withdraw its land and naval forces from Cuba and Cuban waters.

Third—That the president of the United States be and hereby is directed and empowered to use the entire land naval forces of the United States and to call into the actual service of the United States the militia of the several states to such extent as may be necessary to carry these resolutions into effect.

Fourth—That the United States hereby disclaims any disposition or intention to exercise sovereignty, jurisdiction or control over said island, except for the pacification thereof, and asserts its determination, if that is accomplished, to leave the government and control of the island to its people.

The action of the senate on the Cuban question will undoubtedly be the cause of a legislative deadlock, the duration of which cannot now be foreseen.

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MOBILIZING THE ARMY.

Twenty Thousand Regulars Being Rushed to the South.

Decidedly the most warlike step taken by the department in preparing for the possibility of an encounter with Spain was inaugurated Friday when orders were issued for the concentration at four points in the south of six regiments of cavalry, 22 regiments of infantry and the light batteries of five regiments of artillery. At Chickamauga there will be six regiments of cavalry and the light batteries of five regiments of artillery; at New Orleans eight regiments of infantry; at Tampa seven regiments of infantry, and at Mobile seven regiments of infantry.

The mobilized troops will be commanded at New Orleans by Brig.-Gen. W. R. Shafter; at Chickamauga by Gen. John R. Brooke; at Mobile by Brig.-Gen. J. J. Coppinger, and at Tampa by Brig.-Gen. James E. Wade.

The troops at the Presidio, San Francisco, responded promptly to the orders to prepare to move and in remarkable short time everything was in readiness for the journey. Sunday companies B and H, First infantry,



GENERAL SHAFTER.

left Benicia and joined the regiment at San Francisco. Some little delay in starting was caused in making arrangements with transportation companies.

The First infantry regiment has been stationed at points in California for some years, and its members are well-known to Californians.

It will take four and a half or five days for the run to New Orleans. On such trips it is customary to stop for an hour or two hours a day along the route so that the men may get out and take sufficient exercise to keep them in good physical trim.

Twenty-two tourist cars would be necessary for the accommodation of the troops. As there is a scarcity of tourist cars at present it will be necessary to use day coaches, of which about 30 will be required.

The new department created temporarily at New Orleans will be called the department of Louisiana, with General Shafter in command. General Shafter left San Francisco a day ahead of the troops.

The coast defense vessel Monterey is held in readiness at San Francisco expecting to be ordered to sail for Puget sound at any time.

A special fast train of 15 cars loaded with over 300,000 pounds of recently made government powder left the Santa Cruz powder works for the Brooklyn navy yard a few days ago.

C. O. Winkert of Kern county, Cal., the western representative of New York capitalists who have large ranches in Nevada, Arizona, Montana and Texas, in a recent interview said: "The United States government has secured options on enough cattle in the west to sustain an army of 100,000 men for 12 months. No contracts have been made, but prices have been fixed and in the event of war with Spain the government will be amply supplied with beef for its troops at a moderate cost."

PACIFIC COAST NEWS.

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

Improvements For the Sacramento and Sacramento Rivers—A Justice of the Peace Arrested—Vacant Lands in Monterey County.

San Francisco is endeavoring to secure the Democratic state convention. J. G. Lawlor, was convicted at Martinez, Cal., of having burned the barn of H. T. Penniman last February.

Ex-Judge A. P. Orerton, one of the best-known citizens of Sonoma county, died at Duncan Springs a few days ago.

The anti-saloon league of Eureka is making itself heard in an attempt to reform the saloon-keepers of that town.

Tom Sharkey and Jim Jefferies, the undefeated heavy-weight pugilists, have been matched to fight in San Francisco on May 6.

The scarcity of grain and the high price at which it is held has compelled the mills at Stockton, Cal., to seek grain elsewhere. A deal for 5000 tons of Oregon grain was closed last week.

Several severe earthquake shocks were felt in Mendocino county, Cal., Friday. Chimneys were knocked down and considerable damage done to buildings, but no one was hurt.

James D. Page, an ex-district attorney of San Francisco, has been sentenced to eight years in the penitentiary for embezzling several thousand dollars from an insane ward.

The election held in Stockton and Fair Oaks and North school districts on the question of annexation of the two outside districts to the city resulted in a decisive majority against annexation.

The San Joaquin county grand jury has indicted Jack Breen for arson. Breen is charged with having set fire to the warehouse of the Farmers' Union at Stockton and caused a loss of \$225,000.

The experimental agricultural station of the University of California at Paso Robles will be closed for the present in accordance with the policy of economy which the regents of the university have adopted.

Fire broke out in the warehouse of F. W. Baker's hardware store at Ventura, Cal., and spread to the adjoining store of Connor & Blackstock's grocery, entirely destroying both buildings and their contents, causing a loss of \$10,000.

The John Kelso company of San Francisco must answer to the United States supreme court for its alleged violation of the eight-hour law by making its employes work ten hours a day on his new post office site at San Francisco.

Justice of the Peace C. H. Arnold of Paso Robles, Cal., has been arrested, charged with collecting more fees than allowed by law in the action of Andrew Nelson against J. B. Fry. Judge T. B. Brower held the defendant in \$1000 bail.

Joseph Brendell and Charles Gessal of San Luis Obispo, Cal., who were indicted for moonshining by the Federal grand jury and gave bail to appear in the circuit court, failed to appear for trial, and forfeited their bail. It is thought they have left the country.

Negotiations are now well under way at Portland for the transfer of the immense warehouse and elevator system of the Pacific Coast Elevator company to a Portland firm, consisting of Theodore B. Wilcox and William M. and Charles E. Ladd, who are also the owners of the Portland Flouring Mills company's system of mills and warehouses in Oregon and Washington. This is one of the largest transactions ever handled in the Pacific Northwest. The amount involved is about \$3,500,000.

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