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NEWS OF THE WORLD.

HAPPENINGS OF THE PAST FEW DAYS FROM ALL QUARTERS.

California Cherries Bring a High Price in Chicago—Postmaster-General Gary Resigns—Sherman May Resign—Fatal Train Wreck in New York.

Chris Merry, convicted at Chicago of the murder of his wife, was hanged Friday.

It is semi-officially denied that Germany intends to reopen the Samoan question at the present juncture.

General Crespo, the Venezuela leader, was killed recently while leading an attack against rebels at Caracas.

The Weir Flow company of Monmouth, Ill., made an assignment to L. S. Kingman, manager of the company.

Ernest G. Chamberlain, managing editor of the New York Evening World, died of pneumonia, aged 55 years.

Porter Brothers company of Chicago, sold two boxes of cherries, which were shipped from Vacaville last week by express, at \$10 per box.

Mrs. Mary Louise Potter, widow of Howard Potter, the banker, and mother of James Brown Potter, is dead at her home in New York, aged 69 years.

Senator Edward C. Walthall of Mississippi, died in his apartments at the Carlo, Washington. Senator Walthall's illness dated from January last, when he contracted a cold.

Edward Bellamy, the author, is dying of consumption. He has been staying in Denver for some time, but recently left for his home in Chicopee Falls, Mass.

The Republicans of the Tenth Ohio district, on the 14th ballot, nominated J. Morgan of Jackson for congress, to succeed Congressman Fenton, who is serving his first term. The convention was in session a week.

In order to increase German trade with the east there is a project before the Reichstag of establishing a fortnightly service between Germany and China, with steamers making at least 14 knots an hour. The subvention is to be increased to 1,500,000 marks.

The Ohio legislature has given the trial jury the option of saying whether a first degree murderer should be electrocuted or imprisoned for life. Pardoning power is operative only on proof of innocence beyond reasonable doubt.

The concentrator of the Morning mine at Wallace, Idaho, was destroyed by fire. The loss is \$100,000; insurance, \$80,000. Three hundred miners are thrown out of employment for six months.

A decree was published recently forbidding importation to Austria of American fresh fruit, plants, fresh fruit refuse, fruit wrappers and fruit packings, etc., in cases where the examination at port of entry reveals the San Jose scale.

A freight wreck on the New York Central at Fairport resulted in the death of three men, one man being dangerously injured, and over \$10,000 worth of property being destroyed. The names of the dead, who were all residents of Syracuse, are: John Hare, conductor; Edward Jones, brakeman; Frank Dowd, fireman.

German surgeons having demonstrated that we can do without our stomachs, an English surgeon has shown that we do not need the other end of our insides. He cut out the entire rectum, sigmoid flexure and descending colon of a six-year-old girl, who is now running about unconscious of her loss.

Postmaster-General Resigns.
Postmaster-General James A. Gary has resigned, and the nomination of Charles Emory Smith of Philadelphia as his successor was sent to the senate and immediately confirmed. The retirement of Mr. Gary comes as a complete surprise to the general pub-

lic, although it was rumored to the president some time ago, and its acceptance was delayed until his successor had been chosen. It is stated at the White house that Mr. Gary's resignation has absolutely nothing whatever to do with our present foreign complications. It was owing entirely, it was stated, to the condition of Mr. Gary's health. He is suffering from a general breaking down of the system. Mr. Gary makes the same statement. Charles Emory Smith, the new postmaster-general, is the editor of the Philadelphia Press. He has been minister to Russia, is an earnest, active Republican, and known to public men throughout the United States.

Redlands and Riverside are overrun with burglars.

J. G. Lawlor, was convicted at Marquette, Cal., of having burned the barn of H. T. Penniman last February.

The Bear valley reservoir in San Bernardino county is very low. Only one-fourth the usual supply of water is on hand. Riverside ranchers are seriously concerned over the prospect of water this summer.

W. B. Storey and Captain A. H. Payson have made final arrangements for the Valley Road to enter Bakersfield. In conference with the citizens committee it was decided that the first train will enter Bakersfield May 27, when a big celebration will be held.

The fishing industry on lower Puget sound is having a tremendous growth. Last year the Puget sound salmon pack amounted to 494,000 cases, valued at \$1,300,000. If the run of fish is as large as expected this year, it is intended to double last season's pack, and preparations are going forward with that end in view.

Charles H. Walker, an Indian, committed suicide by hanging himself in the county jail at Redding. Walker was under arrest for brutally beating an Indian boy to death.

Christian Reis has been appointed treasurer of the city and county of San Francisco vice Gustavus Wilder, indicted for embezzlement.

Helen Stack, a handsome San Francisco girl of 21 years of age, committed suicide by drowning herself in the bay near Tiburon. Cause unknown.

Secretary of State Sherman has announced his intention of resigning his office at an early day.

The case of Charles B. Dawson, for Charles France vs. W. J. Hill, in the majority election contest of Salinas, has been appealed to the supreme court for final settlement.

Frank Pederas, a San Diego county ex-convict, and Ed Ellsworth have been arrested at Sacramento for stealing chickens. They admit having stolen 1000 fowls within the past five months.

A Fresno, Cal., dispatch says that unless something at present entirely unforeseen happens, fully 10,000 head of sheep and cattle will die of starvation in that county, owing to the lack of grazing grounds. Urgent representation has been made to Senator White asking that the Sierra reservations in that part of the state be thrown completely open to sheep and cattle this year with no restrictions to the national parks.

Spanish and French women of the higher class are usually expert swordswomen. They are taught to fence as carefully and accurately as their brothers, and there are numerous schools in the two countries where young women are taught not only to fence, but to handle the broadsword.

THE WAR IN BRIEF.

Important Events That Have Occurred During the Week.

A million dollars will be spent by the war department this week for supplies for volunteers.

The Spanish schooner Mathilde of Havana, was captured Saturday by the torpedo boat Porter.

The war has seriously affected the shingle business, and over 200 mills on Puget sound will be compelled to shut down.

Early Sunday morning the gunners of Moro castle again tried their guns on the fleet, but their shots were with out effect.

Havana is described as helpless. The batteries there would not withstand the shells from the American fleet for any length of time.

The Spanish steamer Miguel Jovet was captured by the gunboat Helena. She is worth about \$400,000, and is considered a valuable prize.

The president has issued a call for 125,000 volunteer troops to serve during the two years, if not sooner discharged. California's ratio will be 2875.

A Washington dispatch says that messages received at the war department from governors of states show that 500,000 volunteers are ready to go to the front.

At the powder works at Santa Cruz, Cal., 225 men are now employed. Guards watch the mills day and night. The government contract for powder amounts to about \$3,000,000.

About ten shots were fired from Moro Castle Friday night at the American cruisers. The shots went wild and did no damage. The squadron did not return the fire.

The American liner New York arrived at New York, April 24 from Southampton, and has begun making ready to join the fleet. The St. Louis, which arrived the night previous, was ready to take on guns Monday morning. She will be used as a scoutship.

A declaration formally declaring war against Spain was introduced in Congress Monday. The president sent a message to congress Monday, setting forth the facts of the case and asking congress to formally declare war, in order that there may be no misunderstanding on the part of other nations.

Friday night after an exciting chase the New York captured the Spanish freighter Pedro of Bilbao. Several shots were fired at the Pedro while she was trying to escape. One shot came dangerously near her, and she holed to and surrendered. The vessel was put in charge of a prize crew and taken to Key West.

Unless administration plans go wrong the first great naval fight will take place off the Philippine islands. Commodore Dewey, with the Asiatic squadron, will engage the Spanish fleet in those waters. The Commodore has received his orders, and by this time is on his way from Hongkong to the Philippines. With the flagship Olympia and the Baltimore, Boston, Raleigh, Helena, Concord, Monocacy, McCulloch and Petrel he is expected to engage Spain's vessels now in the vicinity of the islands.

The co-operation of the Cuban administration with the United States navy and army in the war against Spain has been definitely settled in Washington. From reliable information it is understood that the Cubans will recruit their army to 50,000 men and, being thoroughly equipped by the United States, will move on Havana, or wherever the Spaniards are, and

with the aid of the American navy, attempt to capture the Spanish army. Should the move be successful it will not be necessary to send Americans to Cuba and subject them to the fatal diseases that come with the rainy season.

AT THE NATION'S CAPITOL.

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

Congressman Castle recently had a hearing before the house judiciary committee on his bill creating a new judicial district in California, to be known as the Central district. The plan is to have eight central counties in the district and the seat of the court at Fresno. The committee authorized a favorable report and the bill will be pressed. Senator Perkins announced that he would urge the bill in the senate.

After one of the hardest fought battles between the two houses known in many years, congress, at an early hour Monday morning came to an agreement upon the most momentous question it has dealt with in a third of a century.

The Cuban resolution was passed and was sent to the president for his signature. Its provisions mean the expulsion of Spain from the island of Cuba by the armed forces of the United States.

The resolution, as finally adopted, was that reported from the senate committee on foreign relations, with the addition of the fourth section, known as the Teller amendment, disclaiming any intention on the part of the United States to acquire Cuba.

The 28th convention of the Medical association of California was held at Fresno last week.

Another murderer has succeeded in obtaining an extension of life through an appeal to the state supreme court. Yvelle Molina, whose execution was set for Friday, April 9, has followed the procedure so frequently resorted to by condemned men, and Warden Hale of San Quentin received notification of appeal, which acts as a stay of execution. Molina murdered E. Ramos in Bakersfield on December 2, 1897.

The west-bound overland on the Santa Fe railroad was stopped by two bandits at a place known as the Point of Rocks, which is about a mile and a quarter west of Oro Grande, Cal. As a result Engineer Daniel Gifford was shot and instantly killed, while one of the robbers, Tol Jones, is seriously injured. There was one other bandit, but when the shooting commenced the took to the hills and has not since been seen, but it is thought that he will be captured. A. C. Mott, the Wells-Fargo Express messenger, confronted the robbers and succeeded in shooting one and driving the other off. In doing so, however, a stray shot from his gun struck Engineer Gifford and instantly killed him.

State Treasurer Levi Rackliffe died a little before noon on Thursday last at his residence in Sacramento. As soon as his death was announced Governor Budd ordered the vault door to be closed and sealed, and instructed Deputy Treasurer Judson to remain in charge until other arrangements were made. Mr. Rackliffe had been ill almost from the time he took office. His ailment, which had made him very weak, was dropsy, and this, coupled with the fact that he had recently taken a severe cold which resulted in pneumonia, was the cause of his death. In the last general election at which Mr. Rackliffe was chosen treasurer, his popularity was demonstrated by the fact that he got a larger plurality than any other candidate on the Republican ticket.

Tested.

"What is his reputation for truth and veracity?"

"Pretty fair. He failed to pass an examination for a position as weather prognosticator."—Chicago Post.

PACIFIC COAST NEWS.

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

State Treasurer Rackliffe Dies—A Train Held Up and the Engineer Killed—A Lineman Struck to Death by a High Voltage—Murderer Charged Near the Gallows.

The Sunset Telephone company has been granted a franchise at Redding. Ventura has a typhoid fever epidemic and the people are drinking boiled water.

Varcover, B. C., suffered a loss of \$40,000 by fire one day last week. The fire occurred on the water front.

Meat Inspector Hughes of Los Angeles continues to find colts and horses dressed for meats on sale at the local markets.

At the Riverside elections the Prohibitionists carried the day against the high license advocates by a decisive majority.

Reports from Southern Humboldt are to the effect that March frosts have not materially injured fruit blossoms, therefore an abundant crop is anticipated.

Miguel Linares, aged 64, who sued Mercedes Dressard, aged 75, in Los Angeles, for \$20,000 damages for breach of promise, has been given damages for \$1, plaintiff and defendant to pay their own costs.

The fast river steamer H. J. Corcoran was launched at the shipyards in Stockton last week. The steamer is designed to make the trip between San Francisco and Stockton in four and one-half hours.

Charles Froid, a lineman, employed by a telephone company of San Francisco, was burned to death last week while at work on top of a telegraph pole. He was at work on the wire when one he had hold of broke, and coming in contact with a live wire shocked Froid, killing him instantly.

The second section of the military train bound south, ran over Jerry Lucy at Port Costa, and badly mangled both legs. He died an hour later. Lucy was at the depot waiting to see the soldiers go through, and it is thought he attempted to get on the train while in motion. He has been foreman of the Southern Pacific coal bunkers there for years.

Judge Hale, of Grant's Pass, Or., pronounced sentence of death upon aged Charles Fiester for wife murder, fixing Friday, June 10, as the day for execution. Fiester's crime was drowning his wife in a pool of water in May, 1895, holding her under until dead.

The supreme court decided that Geo. Ebskans must hang for the murders he committed at the Mussel beds in San Diego county over two years ago. He was sentenced to be hanged by Judge Torrance of San Diego county, but a stay of execution was granted, and the case was taken to the supreme court on an appeal from the order denying a motion for a new trial.

Constable J. B. Smith of Arbutle, Colusa county, shot and killed R. H. Campbell, near Ukiah. Smith had a warrant for the arrest of Campbell on a charge of seducing Smith's daughter. The constable declares that he tried to make the arrest and when Campbell resisted he fired and killed him.

George W. Clark, of Napa, under sentence of death for the murder of his brother, William Anderson Clark, has been brought one step nearer the gallows by the non-action of his attorneys, they having allowed the time granted them in which to file their bill of exceptions to lapse. The only recourse now in law is for them to take an appeal on the judgment, but there is small likelihood of this being done, and Judge B. the day set for the execution, will probably see the fulfilling of the sentence of death.

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