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THE NEWS OF THE WEEK

From All Parts of the New World and the Old.

OF INTEREST TO OUR READERS

Comprehensive Review of the Important Happenings of the Past Week Collected From the Telegraph Columns.

Lebanon, Or., had a \$10,000 fire. Lord Roberts has attacked Middleburg.

Tien Tsin and neighborhood are clear of Chinese.

Oriental war is affecting the world's money markets.

Forty persons were injured at a street car accident at New York, Ohio.

The New York Republican state convention will be held September 4.

Minister Wu has word that the Pekin authorities are protecting the foreigners.

Crop prospects in the Pacific Northwest indicate a yield of 40,000,000 bushels of wheat.

The Cunard liner Campania cut in twain a bark, which sank at once, carrying down 11 men.

Colombian troops will fight the revolutionists outside of Panama, so as not to endanger the city.

Populists refused to go into the Idaho fusion, and nominated a full ticket, Deacons and Silver Republicans fusing.

Li Hung Chang got a cool reception at Hong Kong. Russia has called on the border provinces of Siberia for the reserves.

The Eight infantry is returning from Cuba to go to China. Heavy artillery has been ordered to leave Fort Reilly for the Orient.

Hawaiian plantation owners are trying to induce 5,000 Puerto Ricans to move to the Pacific islands on a three years' contract.

Documents relating to a plot against the American authorities in Manila have been found in a rebel recruiting office in San Miguel.

The Yaqui Indians, of Mexico, are reported to have broken up, and the government will offer them inducements to return to their farms.

The Fraser river fishermen's strike is now deemed beyond settlement, a serious collision between peace officers and strikers having taken place.

Count Castellani, husband of Anna Gould, fought a duel with Count Orlovski in the suburbs of Paris, in which Orlovski was slightly wounded.

The executive council of the American Federation of Labor issued an appeal to all wage-workers to organize unions or join those already in existence.

Smallpox is prevalent at Nome City. Boxers are reported on the Korean frontier.

The shingle mill at Toledo, Or., was totally destroyed by fire.

There is said to be a lack of harmony between the allies in China.

Fire in Pomroy, Wash., destroyed property to the value of \$10,000.

Prince Tuan has an army of 15,000 men ready to fight the foreigners.

Republicans of Idaho nominated D. W. Standorf, of Bannock county, for governor.

Prince Tuan has issued an edict to fix a definite date for a general uprising in China.

The steamer Cutch has arrived at Vancouver, B. C., from Skagway, with \$300,000 in gold dust.

Milk dealers of Chicago are being prosecuted for using formaldehyde to preserve their product.

San Francisco Chinese may fight the Boxers. American born Mongolians are organizing a national guard company.

The steamship Garonne, just returned from Alaska, has been chartered by the United States and will be used to carry supplies and troops to China.

England is alarmed over report that Chinese are invading Siberia, thus giving Russia an excuse for descending on Pekin and holding territory conquered.

Germany, Russia and France have come to an agreement regarding future action in China. Russia will carry on a separate campaign against Pekin on the north.

The Chinese embassy is alleged to have proposed to Japan a wholesale massacre of foreigners in both countries. Li Hung Chang is said to have been implicated in the affair.

New locomotives just put on by the Denver & Rio Grande Railway have an unique attachment as a safeguard against robbers, in the way of a nozzle on the roof of the cab. These connect with the hot water of the boiler, and point at the rear end of the tender. The nozzle can send a mistle stream of steam and boiling water at 200 pounds pressure that would kill anyone in its range.

The United States court of claims has just settled a case 102 years old.

New York's Masonic grand lodge has jurisdiction over more than 102,000 members.

The prince of Wales is credited with the authorship of an anonymously owned and edited newspaper.

The League of American Mothers has issued a call for a national convention to be held in Chicago August 1, 2, 3 and 4.

Americans attending civil engineers' convention in London have been invited to visit Queen Victoria at Windsor castle.

Miss Elizabeth Smith, of Derby, Conn., a millionaire in her own right, has become a stenographer at a small salary, believing that it is the duty of every woman to work.

The government is to build a railroad system of its own in the Charleston navy yard, congress having appropriated \$40,000 for the rails and ties and the labor of laying them and \$10,000 for a locomotive and cars.

LATER NEWS.

Peace reigns in Venezuela.

Colombian revolutionists have captured Panama. Honolulu Chinese will ask powers to restore Empress Kwang Sui.

Ten thousand Chinese oppose the Russian advance at New Chwang. "Aunt Mary" Walling, a pioneer, died at Amity, Or., aged 82 years.

There was a stampede from Juneau to the new placer diggings on Glacier bay.

Militiamen have been called out to quell the striking fishermen on Fraser river, B. C.

A family of six went bathing in a shallow lake near Ventura, Cal., and only one lives.

The brigadier-generals who will serve under Chaffee are Grant, Barry and Wilson.

Dr. Alexander, a prominent business man of New Watcom, Wash., met death by asphyxiation.

Four out of a party of five prospectors lost their lives as a result of a terrible trip to the head waters of the Stewart river, in the Klondike.

The Kanassi relief column has returned to Fusan, bringing the defenders of the town. The besieged were on the point of giving up when rescued.

Turkey is considering the subject of sending a force to China to co-operate with the powers. The Sultan is greatly affected by the barbarous acts of the Chinese.

The Gaynor-Greene hearing developed the fact that Captain Charles M. Carter made heavy purchases of bonds while in charge of government work in Savannah harbor.

Two fatalities at Tacoma. Coal passer on transport Rosecrans fell through a trestle and drowned and a student at Yashon college instantly killed while felling a tree.

Famine threatens the city of Tien Tsin. Hundreds of thousands of Chinese are leaving their homes in the districts where fighting is going on, without means of support.

Harry Arimoto, locator and part owner of the Little Annie group in the Big Bend district, Arizona, has committed suicide at Prescott by taking strychnine. Dependancy due to ill health was the cause.

President McKinley has replied to China, signifying his willingness to mediate between the imperial government and the powers, on condition that anarchy in the empire be suppressed and foreigners be given complete protection.

Five hundred marines left Washington for China, via San Francisco.

A well known packer says he fears salmon will soon be exterminated.

Texas woolgrowers are holding about 4,000,000 pounds of wool for better prices.

The allied fleet bombarded the fort at Taku all night before they were successful.

The report of the state banks of Washington show a heavy increase in deposits.

General Dewet has again cut Lord Roberts' communications and captured 100 men and a supply train.

Citizens of Porcupine district, Alaska, have issued a petition protesting against British aggression.

Joseph E. Mullen, who was convicted in New York for the murder of his wife, was electrocuted in the prison at Sing Sing.

A terrific wind, rain and hail storm swept over the town of Ironton, Ohio, demolishing a large planing mill, unroofing several houses and uprooting trees.

The St. Paul Cold Storage & Warehouse company's large warehouse at St. Paul, Minn., was destroyed by fire. The total loss is estimated at about \$150,000, with an insurance of \$50,000. The warehouse was filled with butter, fruit, tobacco, eggs, whiskey and other commodities.

Among the passengers on the steamship America-Maru, which has arrived at San Francisco from Yokohama, via Honolulu, was K. Takahira, the Japanese minister plenipotentiary to the United States. Mr. Takahira conferred with the Japanese at Honolulu, and will present their claims for damage as a result of the burning of a portion of Honolulu during the plague epidemic there.

Dr. Pigg, of southwest Missouri, has succeeded in having his name changed to Pask with the assistance of the circuit court.

Buffalo county, Neb., boasts the largest alfalfa field in the world. It is from one-half to two miles wide and eight miles long.

Dr. G. R. Wieland, of Yale, found a turtle in the black hills that lived millions of years ago, which proves that the region was once an ocean.

On the Fourth of July the city of Stockton, Cal., received the famous old guns used by Commodore Stockton in the conquest of California.

Senator Eugene Hale, of Maine, with his own war and that which was added by his marriage with a daughter of the late Senator Chandler, of Michigan, is a multimillionaire.

At the request of the Philippine commission, F. M. Higgins, chairman of the central board of examiners of the United States civil service commission, has been assigned to duty in the Philippines.

PLOWED THROUGH A BARK

Cunard Liner Campania Cut a Ship in Two.

SAILER BANK IMMEDIATELY

Eleven of the Crew of Twenty Were Drowned—The Campania Was Not Much Damaged.

London, July 24.—A dense fog hung over the Irish channel yesterday morning, and the Cunard line steamer Campania, en route from New York for Liverpool, struck the Liverpool bark Embleton, bound for New Zealand, antedipling, cutting her in twain. The Embleton sank immediately. Several of the crew were rescued, but it is believed the other 11 members of the ship's company, including the captain, were drowned.

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PROMISE OF DEWEY.

Philippine General Says It Was for Independence.

Stonx Falls, S. D., July 25.—A letter has been received by Senator R. F. Pettigrew from one of the leading commanders of the Filipino people, giving additional light on the claims of the Filipino people as to the understanding that was arrived at between them and the Americans before the opening of hostilities in the Philippines. The letter says, in part:

"Sinukwan Encampment, Philippine Islands, April 12, 1900.—Hons. R. F. Pettigrew and G. F. Hoar, Senators, Washington—Gentlemen, we have read in some American papers that Admiral Dewey, compelled by you and other senators, lovers of truth and justice, to answer whether he made to us formal promises of independence, stated that he had never promised independence to the Philippines."

"I, who, in the name of the Filipino people, and of General Aguinaldo, and as a representative of both, had the honor to confer several times with the admiral, make to you the following statements, that you may use them as you think convenient, the object of containing the intricate hostilities between America and Spain being imminent, and in the absence of my chief, General Aguinaldo, who was then at Singapore, I solicited, through the American consul at Hong Kong, Mr. Wildman, to have some interviews with Admiral Dewey, with a view to settling the pending negotiations between General Aguinaldo and Admiral Dewey, through Mr. Wood, the commander of the American gunboat Petrel. My petition was favorably received, and I went with Mr. Andrew Garchitorena, another Filipino, on board the Olympia, in the bay of Manila, on the 10th of April."

"Once on board, the following interview, in French, took place through the flag interpreter:

"Filipino—Admiral, it having come to our knowledge that a war between your country and Spain is imminent, we have thought it our duty, in obedience to the desires manifested by you to General Aguinaldo, through Mr. Wood, to take part in the war as allies of America, so long as it is carried on with the object of freeing from the yoke of Spain her colonies, giving them their independence."

"Admiral Dewey—The American people, champions of liberty, will undertake the war with the humanitarian object of freeing from the Spanish yoke the people under it, and we will give you independence and freedom, as we have proclaimed to the world."

"Filipino—We are very grateful for this generous manifestation of the great American people, and being made through an admiral of their navy, we value it more than a written contract and therefore place ourselves at your entire disposal."

"Admiral Dewey—I place at your disposal the ships of my fleet for the conveyance of both the Filipino leaders and the army you may get. Moreover, I think my government is willing to supply you with arms and ammunition."

"Filipino—We are very thankful for the generous offer of the American people, and you may be sure that we are ready to fight at your side for the independence of the Philippines, even without arms, as we have done during the recent revolution."

"Admiral Dewey—America is rich in every respect; she has territories growing and ready to be cultivated. Her situation prevents territorial expansion outside of America; therefore, the Philippines may be sure of their independence, and not a bit of their land shall be taken from them."

"After these conclusive and formal statements, the conversation turned to other details concerning the state of the country."

The letter is signed "K. Alexandino." It is a Filipino general who recently surrendered to the American forces.

Massacre in Persia. Chicago, July 23.—A special to the Record from Peoria, Ill., says: George Shimon, a Persian student who has been attending college in Illinois for several years, and is passing the summer in Peoria, was shot and killed by a young man from his home at Oronohai, Persia, stating that his brother had been captured by Mohammedans and that there has been a general massacre of 3,000 Christians in Oronohai. The letter states that the feeling of the Mohammedans against the native Christians is growing, and that there have been several hand-to-hand battles with fatalities on both sides. Mr. Shimon's father is a native missionary, and this fact adds to the wrath against him and his family.

Lynchings of a Negro. Huntsville, Ala., July 25.—Elijah Clark, a negro, who yesterday testified against a man in this city, today was lynched near the town of Wetumpka, where he was committed. His body was defiled with bullets. Sheriff Fulgham demanded of his prisoner to the last, but the mob was too much for him. Will Vining, who attempted to rush through the crowd and up the jail steps, was shot by the sheriff and dangerously wounded. After battering down the doors and gaining an entrance to the jail, the mob drove the sheriff and his prisoner into the third story of the building.

Dallas Street Car Strike. Dallas, Tex., July 25.—Union motorists are prosecuting vigorously the strike on the Dallas Consolidated Street Railway, backed by the entire organized labor force of the city. W. D. Mahon, of Detroit, Mich., president of the Amalgamated Association of Street Railway Employees, will reach Dallas tomorrow to take charge of the strike. The Dallas Typographical Union has passed a resolution firing any member riding on the street cars \$25 for each offense.

Two Young Men Murdered. St. Joseph, Mo., July 25.—The two young men found murdered yesterday on the Maple Leaf tracks, near Savannah, Mo., were this afternoon identified as H. Spoth and Guy Spielman, both of Platteville, Wis. The back of each man's head was crushed in. The supposed murderer is another young man seen in the company at Savannah, Saturday. He has not been found.

Death of Ex-Governor Carr. Raleigh, N. C., July 25.—Ex-Governor Elias Carr died today in Edgecomb county.

King of Serbia Engaged. Belgrade, July 24.—King Alexander, of Serbia, has proclaimed his betrothal to Miss. Draga Maschin, a widow, who was formerly a lady-in-waiting to Queen Nathalie, the king's mother.

Truck Struck and Dismantled. Seattle, July 24.—Joe Greenwald, a sporting man, well-known all over the Pacific coast, died here today from morphine, taken with suicidal intent. His people are well-to-do Californians, living near Eureka.

The Indian Monsoon. London, July 25.—The viceroys of India telegraphed to Lord George Hamilton, secretary of state for India, that the monsoon continues favorable this week, except in Gujarat, Kathiwar, Baroda and Rajputana West, where cultivation is at a standstill, and rain is generally needed for fodder. The number on famine relief now reaches 6,281,000.

Fred Puffer Dead. New York, July 25.—Fred Puffer, for several years the champion hurdler and broad jumper of the United States and Canada, is dead.

TO DELIVER PEKIN ADMINISTRATORS

China Promises to Escort Them to the Sea.

NOTHING PROVES THEM ALIVE

Another Account Comes Through That They Have Been Massacred—Honors About Li Hung Chang's Mission.

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