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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 Culled From the Telegraph Columns.

New York Democrats gave W. J. Bryan another reception.

A plot to assassinate President Loubet, of France, has been discovered.

George W. Shaver, a pioneer steamboat man, of Portland, Or., is dead.

Roosevelt concluded his tour in New York state with a speech in Binghamton.

All but one colliery in the Hazleton mining region have granted the miners demands.

Four hundred native Christians were massacred at Mukden before the Russian occupation.

Near Frederickstad, the Boers under Dewet, were scattered in all directions by a British force.

A Republican parade lasting six hours was the culmination of the campaign in Chicago.

The evacuation of Cuba will not be ordered till the character of the new government is tested.

Edward Dewey, brother of Admiral Dewey, died at his home in Montpelier, Vt., aged 71 years.

An Everett, Wash., saw mill has received and order for 2,000,000 feet of lumber from South America.

A man who had been arrested at Spangle, Wash., for being drunk and disorderly, committed suicide by hanging himself in jail.

The 150-ton schooner Fischer Bros., of Seattle, is reported to have been wrecked on the beach of Behring sea in a storm near Port Clarence. No lives were lost.

W. S. Robson, one of the most extensive cotton planters of Texas, has gathered statistics from the Brazos and Colorado valleys and declares that the ball weavil has destroyed $6,000,000 worth of this year's crop.

A sheriff's posse in pursuit of five prisoners who escaped from the Doniphan, Kan., jail, overtook the men near Dalton, Ark., and a battle ensued in which two members of the posse were dangerously wounded. Three of the prisoners were wounded and recaptured.

The war department has made public an order issued by General McArthur, looking to the protection of the health of the soldiers in the Philippines. This recites that 50 per cent of the sickness in the army is avoidable by sanitary precautions, the most important of which are the boiling of all drinking water for not less than 20 minutes, and the adoption of the strictest cleanliness as to camps, quarters, kitchens and cooking utensils.

American troops have withdrawn from Pekin.

Roosevelt was met by big crowds in the state of New York.

The business portion of the town of Dunavant, Kansas, was destroyed by fire.

The United States is holding back its answer to the Anglo-German agreement.

Bryan says, if elected, he will immediately withdraw the army from the Philippines.

Thomas Walsh, the Colorado millionaire, forms a partnership in commercial enterprises with King Leopold, of Belgium.

Great uneasiness was created in palace circles, says the Constantinople correspondent of the London Daily Mail, by a reprt that an American squadron was approaching and the censor was instructed to prohibit the press from mentioning the subject.

Another feud has broken out in Clay county, Kentucky, between the Philpots and Davidsons. Recently David Davidson, father of Felix Davidson, the deputy who was killed by a Philpot a few weeks ago, was killed and several others wounded in a fight. On the other side, David Philpot was killed and two others badly wounded.

Skirimshes continue between the Russians and the Chinese at various points along the Manchurian railway. The Amur Gazette, at Blagovestschensk, asserts that the Chinese bank of the Amur river will be offered to Russian settlers. It is reported that the construction of a railway between Blagovestchensk and Tsilsikar has been decided upon.

Colonel Picquart's suit for libel against Le Journal of Paris, arising from the Dreyfus polemics, was decided in his favor. The court commanded the manager of the paper, M. Couch, to pay a fine of 2,000 francs, and M. Possiden and Galli, the writers of the articles, were sentenced to six months' and one months' imprisonment, respectively, and all three were sentenced to pay 30,000 francs damages.

The well-known Spanish painter, Joaquin Sarolla, has been awarded a first-class medal in the Paris exposition, and all those who admire his works are pleased at his success. The Madrilenos call Sarolla "the painter of the sun," because no one can surpass him in those wonderful scenes of outdoor life painted in full sunshine, brilliant light everywhere, dazzling to the eyes, with heavy shadows lying where the light cannot penetrate.

In the Chateau de Luynes, the beautiful residence of the family of the Duc d'Uzes since the reign of Henri IV, there are some fine carved woodwork, a beautiful painted staircase, and some chimney pieces of marble with Gauthiere mountings. These have been purchased by Frederick Litchfield during his recent visit to Paris, and will be removed to the Sinclair galleries, London.

"Talk platitudes and avoid attitudes" is the direction which a cynical newspaper gives to the campaign orator.

LATER NEWS.

France may send a large force to Canton.

China proposes an indemnity of $40,000,000.

Ex-President Cleveland stands for sound money.

President Kruger will travel incognito in the capitals of Europe.

The official announcement of the total population of the United States for 1900 is 76,295,220.

Emperor Nicholas, of Russia, will propose another conference with a view of settling the Chinese question.

General D. M. Frost, for 50 years one of the best known residents of St. Louis, is dead at that city, aged 77.

Major Henry J. Hearay, editor of the Daily States and one of the strongest newspaper writers in the South, is dead at New Orleans. He was 60 years of age.

The transport Hancock has arrived at Manila with three companies of the Fourth and four companies of the Twenty-fifth infantry and three officers and 100 men of the marine corps.

The United States transport Mead arrived at San Francisco, 28 days from Manila. The Mead brought 254 sick soldiers, 5 insane and 18 dead. Eight privates died on the voyage.

Smallpox has broken out on a number of Indian reservations in the West and it is feared that when the cold weather sets in the epidemic will become more widespread and more malignant.

One man was killed and six others injured, one perhaps fatally, in a collision on the Chicago & Alton railroad near Mitchell, Ill. The passengers received a shaking up, but none was seriously hurt.

In his annual report to the governor of Georgia, Adjutant-General Byrd recommends that the negro troops of the state be disbanded and mustered out of service, because he believes they cannot be of any service to the state from a military standpoint.

The government of Russia for the second time within two months has imposed a special tax for the benefit of the Red Cross Society. The first was a tax of from 5 to 10 rubles upon licenses to travel abroad, according to the length of the time for which the license was granted, and now railway tickets are taxed 5 kopecks when the fare is 2 rubles or upwards. It is estimated that the ticket tax will yield $125,000 yearly and that on licenses $100,000. It is understood that the czarina, whose interest in the Red Cross Society is keen, originated the idea of imposing the taxes.

Alvord, the absconder, was arrested in Boston.

Japan wishes to hold the balance of power in the Orient.

The cigarmakers of Tampa, Florida, are out on a strike.

Fall fishing on the Columbia is about at an end.

Venezuela was visited by a great earthquake, killing 15 persons.

Damage by flood is reported from La Crosse, Wis., and Winona, Minn.

Professor Max Muller, the famous philologist, died in London, aged 77.

There was a general resumption of work in the Pennsylvania coal region.

The new gold strike in the Baker City, Or., country, is extensive and rich.

A Democratic leader predicts that Idaho will give Bryan a majority of 5,000.

Chicago postoffice clerks have affiliated with the American Federation of Labor.

The Boers are said to have 15,000 armed men in the field in Orange River colony.

Prince Hohenlohe says he resigned because he was ignored on important occasions.

Chinese looters stole Manchu throne and colossal archaeological objects of great value.

Boxers at Pao Ting Fu declare the provincial treasurer ordered them to kill foreigners.

Prince Yi and Ying Nien are added to the list of those whose execution France has demanded.

More than $20,000,000 in gold dust and bullion has been deposited in Seattle assay officethis year.

Seven people were killed and as many injured in a Northern Pacific train wreck near Livingston, Mont.

Many persons were injured and perhaps killed, and a dozen buildings wrecked in a New York fire and explosion.

A special from Victor, Colo., says the 300 miners who walked out of the Independence mine on account of the order to search them when they came off duty have been discharged. Everything is quiet about the mine.

At Spoakne, Wash., Mrs. Edith Strobei, wife of an engineer on the Great Northern, killed herself by blowing out her brains with a revolver. She was 29 years of age, and before her marriage was a Tekoa, Wash., girl. Temporary insanity is said to have been the motive.

Five thousand honey bees, as they leave the hive, weigh about one pound, but when the insects return from their visits to the flowers, freighted with honey, they weigh nearly twice as much.

The untruth of today is called a lie; the untruth of a hundred years is called a legend.

The average man would rather lose $5 on a horse race than a nickel through a hole in his pocket.

The founders of the republic had little thought that this would ever be anything but an agricultural country. Today one-third of our exports are of manufactured goods. The great deposits of coal and iron ore, to say nothing of other industrial adavntages, are nature's decree that we should become a great manufacturing nation.

Twenty-four men have each served 20 years and upward in the United States senate.

Last year there were 3,846 fires in London, and 191 lives were lost from that cause.

BOERS SHOWING ACTIVITY

Active Resistance Reported From Several Points.

ATTACK MADE UPON JACOBSDAL

Burghers Raiding in Northern Natal—Steyn Establishes His Capital at Fourie's Burg.

Cape Town, Oct. 29.—The Boers have captured Jacobsdal, southwest of Kimberley, after a stubborn resistance on the part of the garrison, which consisted of a detachment of Cape Town highlanders. The latter suffered severely, losing 34 out of 52 men.

Hans Botha has cut off a train with a reconnoitering party of the Highland brigade between Heidelberg and Greylingstad, in the Transvaal colony, tearing up the rails in front and behind the train. In the fight which followed two captains and eight men were wounded and all were captured.

London, Oct. 29.—It now appears that Jacobsdal was not captured by the Boers. Advices received from Cape Town shortly after midnight say: "Later news from Jacobsdal shows that 200 Boers unsuccessfully attacked a garrison. The Highlanderr had 14 killed and 20 wounded."

It is reported here as a curious coincidence that the news should be received concurrently with the expected arrival home from South Africa of the City Imperial volunteers, as Jacobsdal was the scene of the latter's first fight. The town was captured by these volunteers February 15.

RIOTING NEAR MONTREAL.

Clash Between Militia and Strikers—Many Were Hurt.

Montreal, Oct. 29.—Over a score were wounded, one fatally, in a conflict between militia and strikers at Valley Field, Quebec, today.

Two hundred men employed by the Montreal Cotton Company on the foundations of a new mill, went out on strike yesterday, demanding an increase of 25 cents a day in their pay. The company refused to deal with the union. The strikers prevented the company from shipping goods and today held up the company's coal pile. The local police were powerless. The company had to have coal or shut down. Consequently a message was sent to Montreal asking for military assistance. It arrived at Valley Field at 4:30 o'clock this afternoon and consisted of two companies of the Royal Scots. The embargo on the coal pile was promptly raised.

At dusk a big crowd, composed of strikers and their sympathizers, gathered and there was every evidence of trouble. About 8:30 the mob gathered near the Empire mill and began throwing stones through the windows and otherwise destroying property. The troops charged the mob with fixed bayonets. They were driven back. Eight of their number were wounded, two of them seriously. The strikers had 15 men injured, one fatally. Reinforcements were then asked from Montreal and 300 men with medical assistance, left, expecting to arrive at Valley Field about 2 A. M.

Kruger's Plans.

Paris, Oct. 29.—Dr. Leyds, Transvaal agent was questioned today with reference to the plans of ex-President Kruger. He said:

"Most of the stories published on the subject are imaginary. Mr. Kruger will land at Marseilles, and I shall go to meet him. It is not true that I have seen M. Delcasse, French minister of foreign affairs, or that I am in any way arranging a reception which will be entirely in the hands of the French themselves. Nothing has been definitely decided as to the details of Kruger's stay in Europe. But Mr. Kruger is an old man and not accustomed to a cold climate, so it is likely he will sojourn in the neighborhood of Nice for the Wwinter.

Annexation of the Transvaal.

Pretoria, Oct. 29.—The Transvaal was today proclaimed a part of the British empire, the proclamation being attended with impressive ceremonies. The royal standard was hoisted in the main square of the city, the Grenadiers presented arms, massed bands played the National Anthem, Sir Alfred Milner read the proclamation, and 6,200 troops, representing Great Britain and her colonies, marched past.

Drank Carbolic Acid.

New York, Oct. 29.—Mrs. Mabel Hanson, 23 years of age, who lived with her mother and two elder sisters, on the top floor of a handsome apartment house on West Sixty-first street, died at her home today from the effects of a dose of carbolic acid. The family is not communicative as to the matter, and claims that it is certain that Mrs. Hanson took the acid by mistake. It is known, however, that she purchased 10 cents worth of carbolic acid in a drug store less than half an hour before her death. The woman's husband, Charles Hanson, is in San Francisco, where, it is said, he is in the fur business. Mrs. Hanson has been visiting here about three months.

Chigi Sold Art Treasure.

Rome, Oct. 29.—Prince Chigi, who was prosecuted by the Italian government for selling a painting by Botticelli, which is now in London, has been ordered to pay as a fine for violating the law against selling valued works of art for exportation, the sum of 3,151,000 lire, which was the price pad for the picture. The purchaser, who was summoned to appear before the tribunal, but was in default, was condemned conjointly with Prince Chigi.

Steyn Establishes a Capital.

Maseru, Basutoland, Oct. 29.—It is reported here that ex-President Steyn and the members of the executive council are at Fourie's Burg, south of Bethlehem, and that he has declared Fourie's Burg to be the capital of the Orange Free State. Mr. Steyn has ordered Keyter, a member of the late volksraad, to be tried on the charge of high treason.

Durban, Oct. 29.—The Boers are raiding in the northern part of Natal. They have burned the railway station at Waschbank and blown up a culvert.

FILIPINO ACTIVITY.

Force of Four Hundred Attack American Scouting Party.

Manila, Oct. 30.—While scouting near Looc, a detachment of the Twentieth and Twenty-eighth regiments, under Captain Beigler, were attacked by 400 insurgents, armed with rifles, under the command of a white man, whose nationality is not known to the Americans. The insurgents for the most part were intrenched. After a heroic fight, Captain Beigler drove off the enemy, killing more than 75. The fight lasted for two hours. Captain Beigler and three privates were slightly wounded, and two of the Americans were killed.

An engagement took place October 24 between detachments of the Third cavalry and the Thirty-third infantry, numbering 60, and a force of insurgents, including 40 riflemen and 1,000 bolomen. The fighting was desperate. Finally, under pressure of overwhelming numbers, the Americans were compelled to retire on Narvican. Lieutenant George L. Febiger and four privates were killed, nine wounded and four missing. Twenty-nine horses are missing. A number of teamsters were captured by the insurgents, but were subsequently released. The enemy's loss is estimated at 150.

Reports from General Young's district show an increase of insurgents there owing to the fact that recruits are going thither from the towns.

While a detail of the Thirty-third infantry was returning from Bangued they were fired upon by insurgents, Sergeant Bearstaller being killed and two privates wounded.

A civilian launch towing a barge loaded with merchandise near Arayat was attackde by a force of 150 insurgents under David Fagin, a deserter from the Twenty-fourth infantry. The American troops, hearing the firing, turned out in force before the boat could be looted and captured Fagin, who holds the rank of general among the insurgents, and who has sworn special enmity towards his former company. Of the 20 men he captured a month ago, seven have returned. One was killed in a fight, his body being horribly mutilated. Fagin sent messages to his former comrades threatening them with violence if they became his pirsoners. It was Fagin's men who capture Lieutenant Frederick W. Alstaetter, who is a prisoner.

General Hall's expedition, with a force of nearly 800 men, through the mountains to Binangonan, province of Infanta, in pursuit of the insurgent, Cailles, although it discovered no trace of the enemy, encountered great hardships on the march. Twenty Chinese porters died and 40 men were sent into the hospital. After stationing a garrison of 250 men in Binangonan and visiting Polillo island, off the coast of Infanta province, General Hall and the rest of his force embarked there on the transport Garonne.

FLOODS IN WISCONSIN.

Much Damage Done at and Near the City of La Crosse.

La Crosse, Wis., Oct. 30.—In the 24 hours preceding 8 o'clock this morning 7¼ inches of rain fell in this city. The storm was the heaviest in this city, although it was generally felt within a radius of 50 miles from here. The Milwaukee road suffered much damage to its tracks, and no trains have arrived from the East for 24 hours. The La Crosse river marshes are flooded, and most of the hay that escaped the late flood has been destroyed. On H. Goodard's farm the house was undermined and the family sought refuge in a barn until rescued today. The Green Bay road has a washout on the marshes which will require some days to repair. At Hokaho the dam which held in Lake Como broke today, and the lake has almost disappeared. There is a good deal of damage throughout the country. Fire caused by electricity damaged the La Crosse Knitting Works to the extent of several thousand dollars.

Sentences for Filipinos.

Washington, Oct. 30.—Military commissions in the Philippines have recently tried a score or more of native Filipinos on charges of murderous assaults, abduction, rape and violation of the laws of war. In most instances the death penalty was imposed, although in only two cases was it actually executed, the others being commuteted to imprisonment at hard labor. In one instance a native organized a miniature insurrection and with a small squad of Filipinos made an armed raid on the town of Tuguegaro to release some of his fellows who were held prisoners there by the United States. He was sentenced to hard labor and imprisonment for 30 yeais and his sentence later was commutted to 10 years' imprisonment.

Four Children Drowned.

Port Clinton, O., Oct. 30.—A quadruple drowning occurred near Plaster Bed on Sandusky bay, eight miles east of here, this afteroon. The drowned are: Doulgass, George E., Alfred and Henry Stark, respectively 3, 5, 8 and 13 years. They were the children of William Stark. Mr. Stark and the children went for a boat ride this afternoon. On returning to shore the boat became fouled in a fish net and the oarsman could neither force the boat ahead nor go back. The children became frigtened and leaning over the side of the craft it capsized.

Stereopticon Gas Exploded.

Chicago, Oct. 30.—An explosion of gas that was to be used for a stereopticon entertainment wrecked the interior of the First Presbyterian church in Austin tonight, and the operator, George W. Leitch, recently returned from missionary work in India and Ceylon, lost his right hand and received a number of other injuries. The gas was in two cylinders about four feet long. One of the tanks sprang a leak and the light in the lantern ignited it, causing the explosion.

Killed Mistress and Himself.

Seattle, Oct. 30.—James Slorah, 15 years a saloonkeeper here, killed Annie Mitchell, a variety actress, his mistress, at Dawson, October 28, and then killed himself. He lost heavily at faro in Nome, causing an estrangement from the woman.

Safe Blown Open.

Bridgeport, Ind., Oct. 29.—The safe in the bank of Seeds Bros. was blown open by burlgars early today and robbed of over $1,000 in cash and many notes. The robbers escaped.

DOZEN BUILDINGS WRECKED

Serious Fire and Explosion in New York.

DESTRUCTION IS WIDESPREAD

Tarrant's Wholesale Drug Establishment the Scene of the Disaster—Many Persons Killed.

New York, Oct. 31.—As the result of a small fire, several explosions of chemicals occurred in Tarrant & Co.'s drug store, at Warren and Greenwich streets today, and blew down a dozen buildings and badly damaged a score of others. The loss of life is not known, but from all sources of information it is gathered that there are perhaps a dozen persons in the ruins, though, because of the hot debris and the slowness of the moving of it, no body had been removed up to midnight. Chief Croker, of the fire department, said tonight that the loss is fully $1,500,000. The buildings destroyed were:

Seven-story brick and stone structure, occupied by Tarrant & Co., wholesale druggists; the F. T. Witte Hardware Company and Breitenbach & Co., manufacturers of patent medicines.

Seven-story brick building, occupied by Eppens, Smith & Weinman Company, coffee-roasting house.

Five-story brick building, occupied by Locke & Conklin, produce dealers; Douglas & Co., cheese; Kahn, bakers' supplies, and Hopping & Campfield, broomsticks and broomstraw.

Six-story brick, occupied by Aller, dried fruits; Haven's drug store & Spice Company; Flake & Co., and Acentins & Cuneo, fruitdealers.

Five-story brick, used as a hotel.

Five-story brick, occupied by the Morris Jackson Flag Company and Hart & Co., butter and cheese.

Five-story brick, occupied by Shieveley, printers' materials; O'Keefe & Shievely, printers; Morris-Jackson Flag Company and Boerne, butter and eggs.

Four-story brick, unoccupied.

Four-story brick, occupied by Behrman, produce, and Kornabeens, storage and screens.

Four-story brick, occupied by Ernest, saloon; Hesse & Ohlsbuhls, supplies; Granatto, bananas.

Seven-story brick, occupied by Eppins, Smith & Co., teas and coffees.

Five-story brick occupied by Hartman, embossing and stamping, cardboard factory; Lifsitch, cigars; Rosenberg, saloon.

The work of the firemen saved the buildings fronting on Chambers street from total destruction and the fire was halted after it had eaten about 100 feet southward into the block below Warren. Thirty-five persons were reported missing, and 100 men, women and children were on the list of the injured.

UNION POSTOFFICE CLERKS.

Chicago Employes Affiliate With the American Federation of Labor.

Chicago, Oct. 30.—The postoffic clerks of Chicago today entered th ranks of the trade unionists. The clerks have affiliated themselves wth the Amercan Federaton of Labor, and the new organzaton will be known as the Chicago Postoffice Clerks' Union. It is claimed that practically all of the 1,400 postoffice employes in Chicago are included in the movement.

Foremost among the objects for which the new union is to strive will be the adoption of the eight-hour working day for letter-carriers. Another object to be given almost equal prominence will be the agitation in favor of federal legislation that will fix absolutely the rate of wages for letter-carriers and other postoffice employes, taking the matter completely out of the hands of the "Promotion Board" and other similar agencies. It is to be a labor union pure and simple, and will direct its efforts solely to the problem of bettering the lot of the rank and file of the post office epmloyes.

Admission of Chinese.

Washington, Oct. 29.—The secretary of the treasury, acting on the decision of the solicitor of the treasury, has held that the wife of a Chinese native-born citizen of the United States is entitled to admission into the United States, regardless of the provisions of section 1884, revised statutes. Such right to land does not depend on the status of her husband as a merchant, even if it is held that the exclusion laws apply to a Chinese merchant who is native born, but rather on her higher right not to be separated from her husband who is legally entitled to live in the country of his birth.

Suicide of a Butte Woman.

Butte, Mont., Oct. 31.—Mrs. Marian Adams took laudanum at a late hour last night, and died this morning. Her husband, John Adams, instituted suit Saturday for $25,000 damages against Dr. Jonathan Tobb for alienating his wife's affections.

Consul-General McNally, at Gautemala, writes to the state department that the Gautemalan government has issued a decree permitting the exportation of fresh fruits from that country free of all fiscal duty. This revokes a governmental decree of recent date which placed a duty of 10 cents on each bunch of bananas exported.

Mother Killed Her Son.

Chattanooga, Tenn., Oct. 31.—The dead body of Clifford Cawthorne, the 16-year-old son of a widow, was found at his home last night, lying on a bed in a pool of blood, his head hacked to pieces with a hatchet, which was lying near by.

Boy Killed in an Elevator.

Chicago, Oct. 30.—Paul Hurlbert, son of A. V. Hurlbert, of Fort Collins, Colo., was instantly killed in an elevator at the Monadnock building today. The boy was thrown to the floor by a jerk which the car gave in starting. He released his hold on his mother's hand and fell backward. His skull was crushed between the floor of the elevator and the second floor of the building. The elevator man was watching his cable and did not see the child fall. Mrs. Hurlbert was en route home from Johnstown Pa.

ARREST OF ALVORD.

The New York Defaulter Caught in a Lodging House in Boston.

Boston, Nov. 1.—Cornelius L. Alvord, Jr., the absconding note teller of the First National Bank of New York city, who is charged with stealing $700,000 from the bank, was arrested here this afternoon by Chief Inspector William B. Watts, of this city, and Detective Armstorng, of New York, in an ordinary lodging house at the corner of West Norton street and Burlington avenue. When arrested, Alvord, who knew Detective Armstrong, stated that he was glad the suspense was ended, and was willing to go back to New York without papers. A hack was called, and he was driven to police headquarters, and after being measured and photographed under the Bertillon system, he was taken to New York on the 5 o'clock train.

Inspector Watts, in an interview, stated that the department was first informed that Alvord was in this city last Wednesday morning, when Henry Alexander, of Denver, Colo., telephoned that he had seen Alvord in the Hotel Touraine. He stated that he knew him well, had done business with him in New York, and described him perfectly. This information was wired to Captain McCluskey, of New York, who immediately sent Detective Sergeant Tinker here to identify him.

In the meantime Chief Watts and Detectives Douglass and Morrissey went to the hotel, but could not find the man. Inquiry of the hotel people brought out the fact that a man answering the description had reigstered as Bryan Sterling, and had been assigned to a room, but that he had not used it. On the arrival of Detective Tinker, a search of all the hotels in the city was made, without success. From information brought to Chief Watts today, he and Detective Armstrong went to a boarding house in the Back Bay district. They went up to a back room on the first floor and found the door locked. On gaining admittance as gas inspectors, Armstrong identified Alvord, who seemed greatly relieved that Armstrong had arrested him, and said so.

During his stay at police headquarters, Alvord told Chief Watts that he had not seen his wife for two weeks, although prior to that he had told her of his financial circumstances and asked her if he should kill himself or face it out. She had told him to face it out. He stated that he had not been near Mount Vernon, but that he left New York last Tuesday at midnight and arrived in Boston Wednesday morning. He admitted having registered as Bryan Sterliing at the Touraine hotel, and said he had eaten several meals there; that he had taken the lodgings where he was found on the following day, and that he had not been out of the place since. When asked what he had done with the money, he said:

"Well, $700,000 is a lot of money, but it goes easy."

In referring to horseraces, he said he had backed horses, but never on racetracks, and had owned fast horses himself. He said he had lived his life and had taken life to its full at the rate of $50,000 a year or more. He said he would not make any fight, but would throw up his hands, take his sentence, and after that was over would come out in the world again. He said he knew he would be unable to secure bail, and that he had nothing with which to make restitution.

On being searched at police headquarters, only a few dollars were found in his pockets. These he was allowed to keep.

DESPERATE CRIMINALS.

They Kill a Keeper and a Trusty in an Effort to Escape.

New York, Nov. 1.—Two colored prisoners, in an attempt to escape from the prison attached to the Seventh district court, in West Fifty-fourth street, today, killed Keeper Hugh McGovern, 51 years old, and probably fatally injured George Wilson, 59 years, a "trusty," who had evidently tried to aid McGovern. One of the prisoners, Arthur Flanagan, esaped, the other, Frank Emerson, fell into the yard adjoining the prison and was instantly killed.

The prisoners were together in a cell on the first tier, on a level with the fourth floor of the prison. They sawed two bars in the lower part of the cell door and got into the corridor. They went to the nearest window, about six feet from the floor, and sawed one bar at the bottom, shoving it out and getting through. In doing this, it is supposed they encountered McGovern and Wilson, killing one and wounding the other.

The escaping prisoners used their bedding for a rope and swung from a window. Flanagan succeeded in swinging to the roof of a car stable adjoining, but Emerson did not make it, and fell headlong to a pile of rails, crushing his skull.

Drowned at Nome.

Salem, Or., Nov. 1.—News was received in Salem today that A. A. Basher, formerly of this city, was drowned at Nome City recently. It appears that he was knocked overboard from a small schooner, being struck by a flying boom. Basher was about 45 years of age, and leaves a wife and three children in this city. He was in comfortable circumstances.

Traffic Resumed at La Crosse.

La Crosse, Wis., Oct. 31.—Traffic on the various roads entering La Crosse, which was suspended all day yesterday, was resumed today. The storm was the worst since the flood of two years ago. The damage will reach $100,000.

Washington, Nov. 1.—Secretary Hay this afternoon returned the answer of the United States government to the British-German agreement regarding China. It will not be made public until it is delivered in London and Berlin.

Prince Christian Dead.

London, Nov 1.—A dispatch received here from Pretoria announces the death from enteric fever of Prince Christian Victor, of Schleswig-Holsten, eldest son of the Princess Helena, of England, and a grandson of Queen Victoria.

Ports Free From Plague.

St. Petersburg, Nov. 1.—The Russian plague commission announced that Port Said, Bender Abbas and Bushir are not infected with the disease.

THROUGH MINISTER CONGER

United States Will Deal Directly With China.

THE COMMISSION ABANDONED

Two More Chinese Leaders to Be Executed—Death of Treasurer Wang—Murders at Pao Ting Fu.

Washington, Nov. 1.—Orders have been sent to Pekin detaching General James K. Wilson from duty as chief of staff under General Chaffee, and directing him to return to the Unted States. It had been the purpose of the government to make General Wilson a member of the projected American commission to treat with the Chinese government for a settlement, but the abandonment of that plan in favor of direct negotiations through Minister Conger made it unnecessary to retain General Wilson in China.

The reported decision of the ministers at Pekin to add two more Chinese leaders to those who shall be executed, Prince Yi and Yang Nie, appears to be the first indication that the ministers themselves do not accept as sufficient the edict of the Chinese emperor that he will punish the individuals as they were specifically named by China as among those to be punished.

Prince Yi is one of the first princes of China. In the edict of September 25 it was ordered that he be stripped of his rank and office. Yang Nie is president of the board of censors, and in this same edict he was handed over to the clan court, which was ordered to consult and decide upon a severe penalty.

The Japanese legation received a dispatch today announcing the death of Wang Wen Shao, imperial treasurer of China, in addition to those high officials whose deaths have already been announced. Wang Wen Shao was one of the most loyal adherents of the imperial family, and when they took flight from Pekin, he insisted upon following, despite his advanced age. His death came from natural causes, probably from old age and the fatigues of the flight.

At the request of relatives and friends of the missionaries murdered at Pao Ting Fu, China, the war department asked General Chaffee for a definite statement as to who were killed and who escaped. The following dispatch was received from General Chaffee in reply:

"Taku, Nov. 1.—Hutchinson, at Pao Ting Fu, reports Americans murdered there, namely: Mr. Pitkins Mr. and Mrs. Simcox and three children, G. Y. Taylor, Miss Morrell, Miss Gould, Dr. and Mrs. Hodge and one lady name as yet unknown. Reports 10 Americans at Ching Ting Fu, eight adults and two children. Five English five French, safe, protected by local mandarin, returned. Situation quiet."

Another dispatch received from General Chaffee says:

"Later from Hutchinson, no Americans at Ching Ting Fu. This is in reply to an inquiry sent by the war department asking for information about Americans who were supposed to be located at that place."

A BAD TRAIN WRECK.

Seven People Killed and As Many Were Injured.

Anaconda, Mont., Nov. 1.—A special to the Standard from Livingston, Mont., says:

Seven dead, most of them mangled out of all resemblance to humanity; seven injured, one perhaps fatally, is the record of a wreck on the Northern Pacific railway at about 11 o'clock last night, at Dehart Siding, 27 miles from Livingston.

The train was the Northern Pacific passenger No. 4 eastbound. It was nearly three hours late, and was making up lost time when it passed the switch at Dehart Siding. The engine and two coaches passed over the switch in safety, but in some unaccountable way the rod connecting the rails at the switch snapped, and these three coaches jumped the rails, rode the ties a short way and then toppled over on the side and were dragged 200 feet before the train was stopped.

The force with which the cars fell on their sides threw several of the passengers through the windows, and crushed and ground them to jelly between the heavy coaches and the track. The two unknwn women were lifted, quivering, shapeless masses of bleeding flesh and broken bones. All but one of the dead were instantly killed.

Assistance was summoned as soon as possible from Livingston, but the physcians had little to do upon their arrival. A coroner's jury at Big Timber absolved the railroad from all blame.

Resisted Arrest and Was Shot.

Seattle, Nov. 1.—William Murphy, a laborer, was brought here tonight from Wellington, on the Great Northern railway, with a bullet wound in the neck. He was shot this afternoon by Deputy Sheriff Dan Grafton, while resisting arrest for assault and battery. He will recover.

Sultan's Gift to Kaiser.

Berlin, Nov. 1.—Shakir Pasha, special envoy of the Sultan of Turkey, presented to Emperor William today a number of gifts, including a very valuable necklace for the empress.

Arctic Relief Expedition.

Stockolm, Nov. 1.—The Duke of Abruzzi has chartered the Gothenburg whaler Capella to proceed to Franz Josef Land in search of the three missing Arctic exploration expeditions.

Deaths at Nagasaki.

Washington, Nov. 1.—Surgeon Peerley, in charge of the hospital at Nagasaki, today cabled the following list of deaths: October 25, nephritis, Nathan Hoffmaster, Fourteenth infantry; October 26, myelitis, Charles Crister, Fourteenth infantry.

Turkey's minister at Madrid has quit his position and closed his office because his salary was not paid.

It is estimated that 3,000 marriages are daily performed throughout the world.

ENCOURAGING SITUATION.

The Condition of Trade on the Whole Quite Satisfactory.

Bradstreet's says: Despite some irregularity growing out of the unseasonable weather conditions, heavy price changes in leading staples or increased conservatism in some traders as the election approaches, the general business situation as a whole is encouraging, and new elements or manifestations of strength appear from time to time. Perhaps the most notable feature of the week is found in the industrial situation, which has been distinctly improved by the apparently official and final action taken toward ending the anthracite coal strike. In view of the fact that most miners have obtained increased wages, the effect on business in the producing regions can hardly be otherwise than beneficial, while the trade at large must reap benefits from the return to normal conditions.

The situation in crops shows little change. A feature of the movement of product to market at the present time not heretofore noted this year, is the growing scarcity of cars reported west of the Mississippi. Sugar is lower than anticipated, and coffee is off on continued large receipts.

The strength of demand for finished products of iron and steel, noted for some time past, finds reflection in an improved inquiry for the cruder forms at leading iron centers this week.

Wheat (including flour) shipments for the week aggregate 4,923,978 bushels, against 3,796,643 last week, 4,416,495 in the corresponding week of 1889, and 5,560,991 in 1898.

Business failures for the week in the United States number 181, as against 228 last week.

Canadian failures for the week number 31, against 22 last week.

PACIFIC COAST TRADE.

Seattle Markets.

Onions, new, 1½c.
Lettuce, hot house, $1 per crate.
Potatoes, new, $16.
Beets, per sack, 85c@$1.
Turnips, per sack, $1.00.
Beans, wax, 4c.
Squash—1½c.
Carrots, per sack, 90c
Parsnips, per sack, $1.25.
Cauliflower, native, 75c.
Cucumbers—40@50c.
Cabbage, native and California, 2c per pounds.
Tomatoes—30@50c.
Butter—Creamery, 29c; dairy, 18@22c; ranch, 18c pound.
Eggs—32c.
Cheese—12c.
Poultry—12c; dressed, 14c; spring, 13@15c.
Hay—Puget Sound timothy, $14.00; choice Eastern Washington timothy, $19.00.
Corn—Whole, $23.00; cracked, $25; feed meal, $25.
Barley—Rolled or ground, per ton, $20.
Flour—Patent, per barrel, $3.50; blended straights, $3.25; California, $3.25; buckwheat flour, $6.00; graham, per barrel, $3.00; whole wheat flour, $3.25; rye flour, $3.80@4.00.
Millstuffs—Bran, per ton, $13.00; shorts, per ton, $14.00.
Feed—Chopped feed, $19.00 per ton; middlings, per ton, $20; oil cake meal, per ton, $30.00.
Fresh Meats—Choice dressed beef steers, price 7½c; cows, 7c; mutton 7½; pork, 8c; trimmed, 9c; veal, 9@11c.
Hams—Large, 13c; small, 13¼; breakfast bacon, 12c; dry salt sides, 8½c.

Portland Market.

Wheat—Walla Walla, 52@52½c; Valley, nominal; Bluestem, 55c per bushel.
Flour—Best grades, $3.40; graham, $2.00.
Oats—Choice white, 43c; choice gray, 41c per bushel.
Barley—Feed barley, $15.50 brewing, $16.50 per ton.
Millstuffs—Bran, $15.50 ton; middlings, $21; shorts, $17; chop, $16 per ton.
Hay—Timothy, $12@13; clover, $7@7.50; Oregon wild hay, $6@7 per ton.
Butter—Fancy creamery, 45@50c; store, 30c.
Eggs—30c per dozen.
Cheese—Oregon full cream, 13c; Young America, 14c; new cheese 10c per pound.
Poultry—Chickens, mixed, $2.50@3.50 per dozen; hens, $4.00; springs, $2.00@3.00; geese, $6.00@8.00 doz; ducks, $3.00@5.00 per dozen; turkeys, live, 14c per pound.
Potatoes—50@60c per sack; sweets, 1¾c per pound.
Vegetables—Beets, $1; turnips, 75c; per sack; garlic, 7c per pound; cabbage, 2c per pound; parsnips, 85c; onions, $1; carrots, 75c.
Hops—New crop, 13@15½c per pound.
Wool—Valley, 13@14c per pound; Eastern Oregon, 9@12c; mohair, 25 per pound.
Mutton—Gross, best sheep, wethers and ewes, 3½c; dressed mutton, 6½@7c per pound.
Hogs—Gross, choice heavy, $5.75; light and feeders, $5.00; dressed, $6.00@6.50 per 100 pounds.
Beef—Gross, top steers, $3.50@4.00; cows, $3.00@3.50; dressed beef, 6@7c per pound.
Veal—Large, 6½@7½c; small, 8@8½c per pound.

San Francisco Market.

Wool—Spring—Nevada, 11@13c per pound; Eastern Oregon, 10@14c; Valley, 15@17c; Northern, 9@10c.
Hops—Crop, 1900, 12½@15c.
Butter—Fancy creamery 25c; do seconds, 26@27½c; fancy dairy, 23c; do seconds, 22c per pound.
Eggs—Store, 30c; fancy ranch, 42½c.
Millstuffs — Middlings, $18.00 @ 22.00; bran, $15.50@16.50.
Hay—Wheat $9@13½; wheat and oat $9.00@12.50; best barley $9.50 alfalfa, $7.00@8.50 per ton; straw, 30@42½c per bale.
Potatoes—Early Rose, 30@75c; Salinas Burbanks, 90c@$1.15; river Burbanks, 25@50c; new, 50c