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NEWS OF THE WEEK

From All Parts of the New World and the Old.

OF INTEREST TO OUR MANY READERS

Comprehensive Review of the Important Features of the Past Week in a Condensed Form.

The oath of allegiance has been administered to over 1,000 Filipinos at Yiga.

Fall-blooded Indians in the Creek country threaten to exterminate the whites.

The Oregon and Washington legislatures adjourned out of respect to Queen Victoria.

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A measure has been introduced in the Oregon legislature to increase the monument fund to \$20,000.

The senate has confirmed the nomination of James E. Harris to be secretary-general of Porto Rico.

A new county, named Clearwater, will probably be created by this session of the Idaho legislature.

John H. Russel, a well known theatrical manager, died at the state hospital at Middletown, N. Y.

The governor of Idaho has recommended a memorial to congress asking for popular election of senators.

A measure is before the Washington legislature providing for the purchase of the Thurston county court house for a state capitol.

Jacv. Charles E. Conrad, M. D., a noted physician, died at Quincy, Ill., aged 81. He was in Calcutta during the Sepoy outbreak.

The revenue cutter Grant is to make a cruise along the coast near the United States-Canadian line to investigate the wreckage, of which so much has come ashore lately.

Compulsory education in New Zealand is considered a success.

The Georgia state university at Athens celebrated its centennial.

Yale's football association last year paid out \$1,394.95 for medical attention and \$49.30 for "shoes and repairs."

The British ambassador in a communication to the secretary of state praised Americans at the siege of Feifin.

In the South the Italians are found to be good cotton pickers. They are quick and have nimble fingers.

Swift & Co., of Chicago, secured the first contract to supply American meats to the Russian government.

Accident and health insurance companies representing \$50,000,000 in general affairs have consolidated, with policies office in Chicago.

According to a report just issued by the state inspector of Montana that state produces 23 1/3 per cent of the world's copper output and 61 per cent of the output of this country.

ANARCHISTS' PLOT.

Planned to Kill Prominent Americans Disclosed in Court Trial.

New York, Jan. 23.—Elias Masurua, a Greek, the complainant in an assault case, which came before Judge Kellogg of New York, N. Y., this morning, told a startling tale of a plot of Greek anarchists to kill prominent Americans, and would have told more had the court not stopped him and turned him over to the police, that they might quietly investigate the case. Several arrests have already been made, and a number more are planned.

On the stand Masurua said that in Greece he had been a member of an anarchist society. Some time ago it fell to his lot to kill a public man in the United States, and he was ordered to come to this country and place himself under the orders of the American branch of the society. He had never heard the name of the man he was to murder, and understood that, as in order to the police, that they might quietly investigate the case. Several arrests have already been made, and a number more are planned.

After reaching America, Masurua, according to his own story, went to New York, and affiliated himself with a branch of the organization, as well as to the police, that they might quietly investigate the case. Several arrests have already been made, and a number more are planned.

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PURPOSE BLACKMAIL.

Venezuela Trying to Squeeze an American Concern.

ENGLAND WILL GIVE NO PROTECTION. Offers to Restore the Asphalt Property for One Million Dollars—Insurgents Gain a Battle.

Port of Spain, Trinidad, British West Indies, Jan. 23.—The arrivals today from Venezuela confirm the reports of the existence of a critical condition of affairs in that republic. A former Venezuelan minister asserts that the politicians at Caracas are making a determined raid on the Bermudez Asphalt Company. He adds that they tried to force out on a modest scale, squeezing \$30,000 out of the company, when United States Minister Loefer protested and stopped their action on this description. The government, the minister also says, intended to reason then, but has now lost its head and offered to restore the property for \$1,000,000, although it is said to have been illegally taken by a dictatorial decree. In addition, the assertion is again made that if foreign governments insist on the restoration of the property to act as this one does toward Washington. It is explained that the Venezuelan authorities are counting on the distinction of strong nations to coerce weak ones.

At the office of the Orinoco Company, whose two steamers were recently seized by the Venezuelan authorities, the manager says the British minister at Caracas, Mr. Haggard, has informed the American minister that the British government will not protect the company because its shareholders are Americans. The company is said to be losing heavily since the seizure of the steamers.

The commander of the French cruiser Sachet, stationed at Caracas for the protection of the large French interests in that vicinity, reports that disturbances are increasing. The insurgents of Venezuela have just gained a battle near Guacia.

Germany Not Interested. Berlin, Jan. 23.—The German foreign office shows no interest whatever in the reports regarding the situation in Venezuela, and characterizes the newspaper accounts of the difficulty as exaggerated.

A WESTERN FIGHT. But the East is Willing to Help Obtain Appropriation for National Irrigation.

Washington, Jan. 23.—Some hundred prominent daily Eastern newspapers recently have editorially expressed views favorable to a system of national irrigation. It would seem that the East is well in line in wishing the development and reclamation of the great area west of the hundredth meridian, and that it is realized that such a development would benefit the entire country and be a national benefit, adding to the general wealth and power of the nation.

While the East is thus willing to assist and cooperate, it is expected, of course, that the West will make its own fight. Every local Western organization of whatever character—chambers of commerce, boards of trade, commercial clubs, business associations—everything with a president and secretary should discuss and take action upon this question of national irrigation and government appropriations for the building of storage reservoirs, and then stand ready to co-operate with the National Irrigation Association, for whatever procedure is necessary.

Accident to the Bailey. Washington, Jan. 23.—The torpedo boat Bailey has come to grief again. The accident which resulted here in this case is peculiar. While lying at Newport, about to undertake a trial trip on the following day, the intense cold froze the water in her boilers, bursting a number of the tubes. The boat has been sent to New York for repairs, and the trial board has been ordered home.

School Act Passed. Manila, Jan. 23.—The act establishing the department of public instruction, was unanimously passed by the Philippine commission today, after a long debate between Commissioner Morse and Judge Taft, over the section permitting religious instruction in school houses.

Plans Two Hundred Years Old. D. Decker, of Charlottesville, Ind., is the possessor of a piano made 200 years ago and which is yet in good condition and of excellent tone. It is made of solid mahogany.

Florence Strike Settled. Florence, Colo., Jan. 23.—The strike of the mill men of Florence was settled today. President Gorman, of the State Federation of Labor, who has been here in conference with both sides, announced tonight that the mill managers had signed an agreement granting the main demands of the men, including the eight-hour day and of the union wage scale. The mills will resume work at once. The agreement is for one year.

Petition in Bankruptcy. Omaha, Neb., Jan. 23.—James R. Field, managing agent of the Field Coal & Implement Company, of Beatrice, Neb., has filed a petition in bankruptcy. Liabilities, \$51,194; assets, \$1,294.

Robert E. Lee's Birthday. Atlanta, Ga., Jan. 23.—Dispatches from various cities in the South tell of the general observance of General Robert E. Lee's birthday by the closing of state and city offices, banks and stores, and by parades and public meetings.

FIRE, BUT NO PANIC.

Grand Opera House at Cincinnati Burned—Fortunately no Loss of Life.

Cincinnati, Jan. 24.—The Grand opera house was tonight destroyed by fire, except for its staunch outer walls. The play on for the night was "Hamlet," by E. H. Southern company, and the house was packed by a brilliant audience.

The first act had been finished and in the second Mr. Southern, acting the part of Hamlet, had spoken but a few lines when a slight disturbance in the orchestra seats was observed. It was caused by a slight issue of smoke at that point. An usher went down to the stage and quietly asked the people to be seated, saying there was nothing wrong. Mr. Southern, at this point, stepped to the front of the stage and assured the audience that everything was all right. Then he resumed his part, but before he had spoken two lines the smoke issued in such volumes that there was a spontaneous movement of the people in its vicinity.

Without further order or suggestion, one of the most remarkable scenes ever witnessed in a crowded auditorium took place. It was as if the whole situation had been planned to occur. The people in the house, and without a single shout or anything else indicating a leader, dispersed of the audience began and was carried on as if no such thing as fire had ever been known. Mr. Southern estimated his loss at \$20,000. His company was compelled to reach the street clad in their costumes and to lose the greater part of their personal effects, left in the theater.

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THE QUEEN IS DEAD

Met Death Surrounded By Her Entire Family.

THE PRINCE OF WALES HAILED AS KING. Passing of England's Queen Causes Universal Sorrow—Was One of Most Beloved Rulers of the World.

Cowes, Isle of Wight, Jan. 23.—Queen Victoria is dead and Edward VII reigns.

The greatest event in the memory of this generation, the most stupendous change in existing conditions that could possibly be imagined, has taken place quietly, almost gently, upon the anniversary of the death of Queen Victoria's father, the Duke of Kent. The end of this career, never equalled by any woman in the world's history, came in a simple furnished room in the Osborne House. This most unexpected of women, living or dead, lay in a great four posted bed and made a shrunken room whose aged face and figure were a cruel mockery of the fair girl who, in 1837, began to rule over England. Around her were gathered almost every descendant of her line. Well within view of her dying eyes there hung a portrait of the Prince Consort. It was he who designed the room and every part of the castle.

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SPECULATION HAS LAGGED.

Weak of Ebbing Strength in Cereals Markets—Breadstret's Weekly Trade Review.

Bradstreet's says: Speculation has lagged, but trade on spring account has on the whole improved this week. Southern and Southwestern trade is opening up satisfactorily, and there are better reports received even from the Northwest as to the outlook, for spring business. As to retail distribution, conditions are hardly so favorable.

Lumber appears to have been active at the West, and wholesalers have done more at the East, but the export trade lags in this line, as in others.

It has been a week of ebbing strength in the cereals. Argentina reports display an India rubber consistency, and this week has been devoted to stretching estimates of the export surplus from that country. Northwest wheat receipts have also been heavy, and the so-called Wall street interest has been agitated. As to retail distribution, conditions are hardly so favorable.

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Wheat, including flour, shipments for the week were 3,336,054 bushels against 3,061,095 bushels last week.

Business failures in the United States for the week ending January 290, against 127 last week.

Canadian failures for the week number 50, as against 50 last week.

PACIFIC COAST TRADE. Seattle Market. Oats, new yellow, 2c.

Lettuce, bot house, \$1.60 per case Potatoes, new, \$18.

Beets, per sack, 80c @ \$1.00. Turnips, per sack, \$1.00.

Squash—2c. Carrots, per sack, 75c.

Eggs—Large, per dozen, \$1.00 @ 1.25. Celery—50c doz.

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The Southern Pacific is storing ice at Ashland.

The Dalles will purchase 500 feet of fire hose.

The Oregon legislature deficit foots up \$50,000.

Machinery for the new laundry at Eugene has arrived.

The Grant county tax levy has been fixed at 25 1/2 mills.

Coyotes are numerous in Coles valley, Douglas county.

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The Pendleton school district has levied a special tax of 8 mills.

Several herds near Montgomery have been visited by coyotes of late.

It is reported the Dallas organ factory may be moved to Albany.

The approach to the Upper Calapooia bridge was carried away by the flood.

Baker City has receded street lighting contract, and is in darkness.

The walls of the first story of Malheur county's new court house are finished.

Collision of a train and handcar near Woodburn, Or., was narrowly averted.

Famous Uncle Ben group of mines in Idaho has been sold to a New York syndicate.

The coal shaft being sunk by W. A. Maxwell of Coos City, is now down about 300 feet.

Plans for the new creamery at Summerville are taking shape. It will cost about \$4,000.