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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 Happenings of the Past Week in a Condensed Form.

The Duke of York is sick. The senate passed the Indian appropriation bill.

Bethoven will try to drive the Boers out of Cape Colony. President McKinley may visit Portland, Or., this spring.

A revolutionary plot has been discovered in Prussian Poland. A prisoner escaped from the Grants Pass jail and is still at liberty.

General Wade and Ludlow have been ordered to the Philippines. New York men sue A. B. Hammond for part of Astoria railroad bonus.

Minister Loomis has postponed the presentation of his ultimatum to Venezuela.

The president recommends that additional copies of the consular reports be printed.

The citizens of Skagway are greatly agitated over the decision of the secretary of the interior granting the greater part of the townsite to S. Moore.

The body of Judge N. Pearl, of Port Gibson, was found in the Mississippi river near that place with heavy weights tied around the hands and ankles. He had been missing about two weeks.

Major-General Arthur MacArthur will be relieved from duty as the commanding general of the division of the Philippines in April next, and will be succeeded by Brigadier-General James F. Wad.

The dead body of Jacob Kuntz a hermit, was found in a miserable cabin near Peoria, Ill. The body was clad in rags. On his person was \$458 in money and a deed to 80 acres of valuable land. He had literally starved himself to death.

The president has sent a message to congress recommending the appropriation of \$100,000 for the payment of the claim of Spain for Sibutu and Cagayan islands, in the Philippine archipelago, in accordance with the terms of the treaty recently ratified by the senate.

Some troops escorting laborers engaged in opening roads in the southern part of the peninsula of Yucatan were desperately attacked by 1,000 rebel Indians, who were only driven off by the employment of machine guns.

The Dallas, Or., woolen mills will resume operations.

The arrest of Chief Harjo is expected to end the Creek uprising.

A forest fire, Or., flooring mill will be moved to Portland.

Envoys at Pekin reached an agreement on the question of punishment.

Volunteers who enlisted in the Northwest may be mustered out at Vancouver.

A bad train wreck on the Baltimore & Ohio was caused by the engineer going to sleep.

The Cable Cove mining district in Eastern Oregon has taken on a new lease of life.

Judge Caples has resigned his position as consul at Valparaiso, and will return home.

The crown prince of Germany was decorated with the Order of the Garter at Osborne house.

The Oregon supreme court has decided that the Multnomah county bicycle tax is illegal.

An intoxicated man at Colfax, Wash., attacked another with an ax and seriously wounded him.

Premier Roblin stated that the Manitoba government was making attempts to purchase the Northern Pacific Railway in Manitoba but so far, he said, nothing definite has been done.

George W. Kingsbury and Anthony Small were instantly killed near Butte, Mont., in the L. E. R. mine by falling from the cage while being hoisted toward the surface. It is supposed they were overcome with gas.

Charles H. Ferguson, a well known insurance man of Louisville, Ky., and president of the National Association of Underwriters, is dead. Mr. Ferguson had been in failing health for a year. He was born in Oswego, N. Y., August 13, 1846.

Orders have been given to put the cruiser New York in commission at the New York navy yard. This vessel is undergoing extensive repairs preparatory to her departure for the Asiatic station, which will be her cruising ground for the next two years. She has been selected as the flag ship of Rear Admiral Rodgers, who is to have command of one of the two divisions of the Asiatic fleet.

Columbia university has appealed to its friends for \$100,000.

The school children of Mississippi have voted in favor of the magnolia as the state's flower.

American, Canadian and English loan interests have practically ended to push trade in Europe.

Consular reports say British merchants and manufacturers continue to worry over commercial invasions by Americans.

Postmaster General Smith recommends an appropriation of \$500,000 for pneumatic tube service.

State Horticultural Director Scott, of Chicago, reports that 2,000,000 new fruit trees will be planted in that state by March 1.

The taking of the Canadian census will begin Monday, April 1. All persons living at midnight, Sunday, March 31 will be counted.

The commercial bodies of Memphis have decided to invite President McKinley to visit that city during the confederate reunion next May.

MUST SERVE IN THE ARMY.

Finns Will Be Enforced to Conform With Russian System.

St. Petersburg, Jan. 30.—The military war has completed a draft of a law to regulate the military service in Finland in conformity with the system adopted in the empire at large. It is expected that it will be put in force early in the year.

Governor-General Bobrikoff has lately issued instructions to the governors of the provinces in Finland ordering a stricter enforcement of the ordinance of last July regarding public assemblies. The complaint is made that this ordinance is evaded under pretext of amusements and entertainments.

Among the amusements, which require permits may be reckoned gatherings in which social, scientific and economic questions are discussed or where addresses are made. Assemblies which are permitted must be watched over by the police, whose duty it will be to suppress demonstrations.

In order to meet the boycott of unpopular officials by houseowners and hotelkeepers, Governor-General Bobrikoff has purchased, for \$250, a dwelling house in Helsinki.

For the purpose of cultivating closer relations with Bulgaria, the government has entered into an agreement with Prince Ferdinand's government reducing telegraph tolls from 40 to 25 centimes a word, and introducing an international money order system similar to that in vogue in Russia.

ARRESTED FOR OLD MURDER

California Man Must Return to Texas for Trial—Confesses His Crime.

Sacramento, Cal., Jan. 30.—Frank Hyatt was arrested here tonight for the murder of Steve Presley, committed in El Paso county, Texas, July 7, 1889. Hyatt has made a full confession, claiming self-defense. He had been residing in this city for the last nine years, and was employed in the railroad shops under the name of Charles Hayes. He has a wife and stepson. In his signed confession, he claims that it was his intention to return to Texas next year and stand trial for the killing. He says the quarrel between himself and Presley, who was the stepfather of his former wife, occurred over some building material. Presley picked up a large stone to throw at him. He struck at Presley's arm with a club, to make him drop the stone, and the latter, in dodging, was struck on the head and died. Hyatt claims that he feared he would not get a fair trial, as all the witnesses were relatives of Presley, so he fled.

THE G. A. R. ENCAMPMENT.

Cleveland, O., Preparing to Receive 450,000 Visitors Next Fall.

Cleveland, O., Jan. 30.—Members of the subcommittee of the national G. A. R. council of administration, who are in the city, predict that 150,000 veterans will attend the encampment to be held in this city this fall. The local committee expects 450,000 visitors to come to the city during the encampment. The members of the subcommittee, who are General F. M. Sterritt, of St. Louis; Colonel James Scott, of Fairfield, Ill.; and Colonel Armstrong, were in conference today with the local committee. The city will be asked to raise a fund of about \$75,000 for the entertainment of the old soldiers. Free accommodations will be provided for about 10,000 delegates. The Erie Railroad, which is not a member of the Central Passenger Association, has announced that it will grant a rate of 1 cent a mile for the encampment.

Pirates Near Canton.

Washington, Jan. 30.—The following cablegram was received at the state department today from United States Consul McWade, at Canton, dated today: "Pirates are pending near Kanchuk, attacked a European boat early Sunday. They killed a Chinese boatman and wounded several Europeans. Pirates occur daily in the vicinity of Canton."

Judge Caples Coming Home.

Valparaiso, Chile, via Galveston, Jan. 30.—The United States consul at Valparaiso, J. F. Caples, of Portland, Or., has resigned. The United States minister, Henry L. Wilson, of Spokane, Wash., is going to the United States on leave of absence. Messrs. Caples and Wilson will both sail on the next steamer from Valparaiso.

Carnegie's Tube Project.

Pittsburg, Jan. 30.—The Pittsburgh Post says: "Negotiations are pending in New York at the present time which, if successful, will result in the Carnegie Company abandoning its plan of building a great steel tube plant in Connecticut. O. Joshua Rhodes, chairman of the board of the National Tube Company, has admitted that the officials of that company were making overtures to the Carnegie Company for the abandonment of the Connecticut plan. How far along these negotiations have progressed Mr. Rhodes could not say."

Crushed to Death by Elevator.

Chicago, Jan. 30.—Stella Thoma, 20 years old, was crushed to death today by the elevator in the Young Woman's Christian Association building. She had watched physician vaccinate the inmates and took the elevator to go to her room. She fainted, and falling forward, her head caught between the floor and the ascending car. Her head was badly crushed and she died within five minutes.

Plan of Socialist Paper Filled.

Paris, Jan. 30.—Recently Le Petit Son, a Socialist journal announced that it was prepared to sell guns to its subscribers at a very moderate figure but persuaded that an armed nation was indispensable to the welfare of the republic and the country. The government watched the proceedings for a week, and finally decided that a depot of arms was not safe in the hands of those who are only too willing to attempt a coup d'etat and seized the entire lot.

Caneymen Indicted.

Seattle, Wash., Jan. 31.—Advice from Alaska states that indictments have been brought by the grand jury in session in Juneau against every caneyman in Alaska. Two indictments will be brought against each company, one for evading the special tax law, and the other for unlawful fishing. Judge Brown instructed the grand jury to make a thorough investigation and witnesses were brought from as far south as Ketchikan and as far north as Valdez.

PITCH LAKE DISPUTE

Minister Loomis Delays Presentation of His Ultimatum.

VENEZUELA WILL BE GIVEN MORE TIME

Situation at the Asphalt Property Becomes Critical—Progress of the Insurrectionists—Ciudad, Bolivar, Is Threatened.

Willenstad, Island of Curacao, Jan. 31.—Advice from Barcelona says that the government troops in that neighborhood are pursuing the insurgents very actively. The dispute between the Bermudez & New York Asphalt Company and the Venezuelan government is still unsettled. United States Minister Loomis, not wishing to cause further difficulties for the Venezuelan government at this time, has postponed the presentation of an ultimatum on the subject. United States war vessels are expected. The Lancaster is on her way to Guaymas, and the Scorpion is at La Guayra. The Venezuelan government has advised the Bermudez company to appeal to the Venezuelan courts, but the company refused to do so, alleging that the courts are under the influence of President Castro. On the other hand, it is said that the United States minister is making an inquiry into the dispute, and that as soon as it is ended attempts to cancel the concessions of the Bermudez company will no longer be tolerated.

Situation Is Critical.

Port of Spain, Trinidad, Jan. 31.—According to a dispatch received today from Caracas, an trustworthy engineer who has arrived there from Pitch Lake reports that the situation is critical. He says that 120 English negroes who were employed to do police duty fled when the insurgents began firing into the jungles, only 25 Americans being left to protect the property and lives of American families. The manager of the lake impounded the United States legation at Caracas to afford protection, saying that the lives and property of Americans were exposed to general attacks, firing around the lake was going on nightly, and the American legation was being shelled. United States Minister Loomis, according to the same advice, replied that these reports were possibly exaggerated, but that he would wire the facts to Washington.

Mr. Olcott, the Orinoco manager, has returned from Caracas, where he went to try to arrange for the release of the steamers and schooners captured by the Venezuelan gunboat near Trinidad. The British officer flew the Venezuelan flag and the crew were not shot.

The revolution in Eastern Venezuela near the asphalt deposits is increasing, but the disturbances are remote from Caracas, which remains tranquil. Information has reached Port of Spain saying that the insurgents have captured Curupao and will attack Cumana soon. Steamers are not allowed to land passengers or mails at Curupao. The commander of the French cruiser Suchet, which lies there, confirms this intelligence and the reported activity of the insurgents. It appears that the attempt to capture Ciudad, Bolivar, capital of the state of Bolivar, about 375 miles up the Orinoco, is likely to be made as soon as the insurgents have received a large supply of arms.

Fire in Nebraska Town.

Gothenburg, Neb., Jan. 31.—Fire this morning destroyed Amos P. Singer's lively stable together with 20 head of horses belonging to the Carson Hardware Company's building and Stack's restaurant and partially burned the building of the Carson Mercantile Company. The town has a fire department, but a bucket brigade was formed which prevented the flames from doing more damage. The loss is \$25,000 half covered by insurance.

Slide on Great Northern.

Everett, Wash., Jan. 31.—There is a serious landslide on the Great Northern near Edmonds. The slide is one of the worst that ever occurred on the road, being 400 feet long and 35 feet deep at some places. Before it was discovered a freight train ran into it, derailed two cars and the tender of the engine, and before the train could be gotten out, additional slides completely buried it.

Carnegie to Give \$50,000.

Lewiston, Me., Jan. 31.—The city council has voted unanimously to accept the offer of Andrew Carnegie to give for a free library 10 times the amount the city would appropriate annually for its support. Mr. Carnegie will be called upon for \$50,000, the council voted \$5,000. The offer of Mr. Carnegie was the result of a letter written by one of the women of Mary Dillingham chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, which a short time ago established a tiny library.

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BURNED AT SEA.

Barb and Entire Crew Perished by Fire in a Storm.

New York, Jan. 31.—A special from Mobile, Ala., says: The British steamer Barb, which has arrived here from Grand Cayman, brought news of the destruction of a bark by fire at sea. Presumably the entire crew perished on the vessel, which is supposed to have been the Mary, of New York. Seamen could be seen clinging to the rigging, but the vessel was enveloped in flames and rescue was impossible. Captain James Hunter, of the Governor Blake, says he sighted the burning vessel 100 miles from Mobile bar. It was just at dark, and but for the high sea prevailing at the time the Blake's crew would have gone to the rescue.

"When we sighted the bark," said Captain Hunter, "she seemed to be a mass of flames. We were riding head-on before the storm, and we were in imminent danger ourselves. We made several attempts to go to the rescue, but the wind was so high and the sea so heavy that we were compelled to abandon all efforts to rescue and give attention to saving ourselves.

"We saw members of the crew of the unfortunate bark up in the rigging, making signals to us, and while we were in sight two men jumped from the yardarms into the sea. We judged that nothing could save the vessel, as she seemed to be afire all over."

FAILED TO FIND TREASURE.

Foreign Troops Looking for Hidden Gold in Chinese Village Met Warm Reception.

Seattle, Wash., Jan. 31.—Advice from the Orient brought by the United States transport Arah, gives a remarkable story of vengeance meted out to a Chinese, who informed the foreign troops of hidden treasure of \$17,000 in a small town 30 miles from Peking. On nearing the village the Chinese were sent ahead of the expedition, which numbered about 25 men under the British.

Sixty Skaters on Large Pond Near Brooklyn—Two Boys Were Drowned.

New York, Jan. 30.—Sixty skaters, including women and children, broke through the ice on a large pond back of Evergreen cemetery, today, and in the wild struggle for life two boys were drowned. The ice over the center of the pond, where the water was deepest and where the skaters were assembled in greatest numbers, suddenly sank.

The whole crowd was panic-stricken. Men and women fought to save themselves, and children suffered in the unequal struggle. The screams of the skaters were heard by men employed in a factory near by, and they ran to the pond. They dragged long planks with which they were pushed toward the center of the pond. Along this footing a life line was formed. Effort was first made to rescue the women and children. By twos and threes they were taken out, and they ran to the shore. The planks to the shore. The police reserves and surgeons arrived in ambulances and succeeded many of the half-drowned skaters. The bodies of the two boys were recovered.

She Turned on the Gas.

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The Danish Antilles Deal.

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New Steamer Left for Honolulu.

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ASLEEP AT HIS POST

Engineer's Carelessness the Cause of a Bad Train Wreck.

FIVE PERSONS WERE INSTANTLY KILLED

Mistook the First Section of a Passing Train for the Second—Fireman and Forward Breakman Were Also Sleeping.

Parkersburg, W. Va., Jan. 30.—Five persons were killed and one severely injured and two engines and 10 loaded cars were wrecked by the mistake of a train crew this afternoon between Parkersburg and Volcano Junction, on the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad. The engineer was asleep at his post and mistook the first section of a passing train for the second. Thinking both had passed he pulled his train on to the main track and sped onward to what would seem to have necessarily been his death.

All five men killed were planned on the wreck and at a late hour tonight only one of the bodies had been recovered.

The accident occurred in a cut on a curve on a heavy down grade and at the Volcano Junction. The first section of No. 87 was on the siding at Parkersburg with orders to wait there until the second section of No. 98 had passed. Engineer Davidson who escaped with slight injuries was the engineer on No. 87 and went to sleep on the siding. When the first section went by he thought it was the second and started out onto the main track. His fireman and forward brakeman, both of whom were killed, must also have been asleep, for they allowed him to take the train out.

The conductor of the first train No. 98, after he passed, saw Davidson pulling out and tried to warn him to stop, but failed. The conductor of fourth 87, seeing the third section pull out ran forward after it as fast as possible his engineer whistling down brakes and the conductor of the wrecked train ran over the tops of the cars until he reached the car next to the last one wrecked in his attempts to stop the engineer, but none of them attracted his attention in time. Conductor Lang managed to jump in time to save his life.

The last train tonight was passed around the wreck by way of Mountville and the Ohio River Railroad.

BROKE THROUGH ICE.

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TRADE IS SATISFACTORY.

Pacific Coast and the South Show Up Best—Slight Diminution of Exports.

Bradstreet's says: Despite some irregularities in reports from different sections and industries, trade as a whole is of satisfactory volume for this time of year. Relatively the best reports come from the Pacific coast, the South and the Southwest, where the spring demand is opening well. Unseasonable weather in some sections, notably the East, has been a bar to activity in retail trade. Special activity has been noted in some branches of the iron trade and sentiment has been, on the whole, helped by a clearer view of the possibilities contained in the recent "war talk." The quieting down of business abroad naturally points to some diminution of our export trade, in the cruder forms of iron and steel, copper and lumber, but for finished products of those and other staples, the outlook is declared to be still satisfactory. A feature in the export line this week was the shipment of 3,000 tons of steel billets to Glasgow from Birmingham, Ala., the largest shipment of this material ever sent abroad from the South. Heavy quantities of railway material to replace that destroyed in China may be placed in this country. Among the metals copper is weak and fractionally lower, in sympathy with a break in new steel, but tin is higher, on news of excited markets and higher prices in London.

Wheat, including flour, shipments for the week aggregate 4,828,678 bushels, against 3,336,054 last week.

Business failures in the United States for the week number 291, against 290 last week.

Canadian failures number 34, a decrease of 16 from last week.

PACIFIC COAST TRADE.

Seattle Market.

Onions, new yellow, 2c; lettuce, hot house, \$1.60 per case. Potatoes, new, \$1.8c. Beets, per sack, \$1.12c. Turnips, per sack, 75c. Squash, 2c. Carrots, per sack, 75c. Parsnips, per sack, \$1.00 to \$1.25. Celery—50c do.

Cabbage, native and California, 2c per pound.

Butter—Creamery, 30c; dairy, 16c; ranch, 15c to 18c pound.

Cheese—14c. Eggs—Ranch, 28c; Eastern, 25c. Poultry—14c; dressed, native chickens, 15c; turkey, 16c.

Hay—Pug Sound Timothy, \$15.00; choice Eastern Washington timothy, \$10.00.

Corn—Whole, \$24.00; cracked, \$25; feed meal, \$24.

Barley—Rolled or ground, per ton, \$20.

Flour—Patent, per barrel, \$5.40; blended straight, \$5.35; California, \$5.25; buckwheat flour, \$5.00; granulated, per barrel, \$3.25; whole wheat flour, \$3.25; rye flour, \$3.20 to \$4.00. Millet—bran, per ton, \$15.00; shorts, per ton, \$16.00.

Feed—Chopped feed, \$19.00 per ton; middlings, per ton, \$25; oil cake meal, per ton, \$20.

Fresh Meats—Choice dressed beef steers, price 7c; cows, 5c; mutton 7c; pork, 7c; trimmed, 8c; veal, 11c to 12c.

Hams—Large, 11c; small, 11c; breakfast bacon, 15c; dry salt sides, 8c.

Portland Market.

Wheat—Walla Walla, 56c to 57c; Valley, nominal; Bluestem, 63c per bushel.

Flour—Best grades, \$3.40; Graham, \$2.60.

Oats—Choice white, 42c; choice gray, 41c per bushel.

Barley—Feed barley, \$15.00 brewing, \$16.00 per ton.

Millet—bran, \$15.00; shorts, \$16.00; middlings, \$21; shorts, \$18; chop, \$16 per ton.

Hay—Timothy, \$12 to \$15; clover, \$7 to \$10; alfalfa, \$5 to \$7 per ton.

Butter—Fancy creamery, 50c to 55c; store, 32c.

Eggs—25c per dozen.

Cheese—Oregon full cream, 13c; Young America, 14c; new cheese 10c per pound.

Poultry—Chickens, mixed, \$2.75 per dozen; hens, \$3.75; springs, \$2.00 to \$3.50; geese, \$6.00 to \$8.00; ducks, \$5.00 to \$6.50 per sack; turkeys, live, 11c per pound.

Potatoes—\$5.00 to \$6.00 per sack; sweet, 1c per pound.