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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.

A rebel garrison was captured on the Cavite coast.

Deported Filipinos were landed at Guam, January 12.

Paul Armand Silvestre, the French poet and critic, is dead.

The national convention of butter makers is in session in St. Paul.

Conger has been instructed to protest against the proposed expedition.

A saloon raid at Millwood, Kan., resulted in the killing of a woman.

London is enveloped in a dense fog which has caused many accidents.

Employees of two Manila companies have been arrested for aiding the rebels.

The foreign envoys gave China eight days in which to issue satisfactory edicts.

Minister Wu will speak in Cleveland, O., on "Washington and Confucius."

Seven bodies of the 65 entombed miners at Union, B. C., have been taken out.

Influenza is raging at Christiana. Herik Lester, the Norwegian poet, is ill of the malady.

Steamship Almond Branch collided with the Morrison street bridge, at Portland, Or., seriously damaging the structure.

Orders will be issued by General Otis today directing the immediate enlistment of men for the new Twenty-ninth infantry.

The opening session of the 10th continental congress of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution was held at Washington.

Sixty peach growers of Catawba Island, Ohio, have formed a combination to fight the San Jose scale. The association will spray the trees with crude oil.

It is believed Whiteley Reid is to be named an extraordinary commissioner of the United States at the coronation of King Edward VII, which will probably take place in June.

All of the big silk thread manufacturing concerns in the United States are to be consolidated. The money is to be furnished by the Coates Thread Company. The capitalization will be \$1,000,000.

The condition of Empress Frederick continues unchanged.

Purchase of 500 cavalry horses in Oregon has been ordered by the war department.

A provincial government is in course of formation in Tarica, a northern Luzon province.

General Chaffee is not to join in the German expedition in China under Von Waldersee.

Fire destroyed the Union Railway Company's barns at Elwood, R. I., and 30 trolley cars, causing a loss of \$182,000.

Governor Rogers has appointed G. Meade Emery, as an additional judge for King county, Wash., to serve until the next election.

Eight alleged Boxer leaders, after trial by officers of Chang Chi Tung, the viceroys of Hanko, have been decapitated at that place.

William P. Hill, for over 50 years a prominent New England newspaper editor, is dead of grief, at the home of his son-in-law in Denver, Col.

The schooner Alice, which was in the Nome trade last year, ran on the rocks near the West Point light-house, while en route to Seattle from San Pedro. The full extent of the damage is not known. She was towed to Fort Townsend.

Fire destroyed the Pethian opera house, the Second National bank building and the building occupied by the Southern Express Company, at Jackson, Tenn., causing a loss of \$100,000. It is believed two lives were lost in the falling of the opera house walls.

The bank of Omaha, at Omaha, Tex., has been robbed of \$3,000 in cash and paper amounting to \$2,000. The robbers made their escape upon a hand-car. The loss occupied of the bank was decryed from town by bogus telegrams, and remained away from Omaha on the night of the robbery.

A verdict for \$1,500 for the plaintiff was rendered in the district court in the case of J. J. Hecker vs. the O. R. & N. Co., at the Dalles, Oregon. Hecker, in June last, while driving across the railroad track four miles west of town, was struck by an engine, and sustained severe injuries for which suit for \$2,500 was brought.

The Taft commission code requires voters in the Philippines to own real estate worth 500 pesos.

Alice Wain, an actress, who attended the matinee at the Crescent theater, in New Orleans, was fined \$15 for refusing to remove her hat, in violation of the high hat law.

The choir of the Messiah Episcopal church in New York went on a strike because the minister accused them of flirting.

According to the latest municipal figures New York city is growing in population at the rate of 90,000 a year.

Registrar Howe, of Brooklyn, will give his surplus fees, \$50,000 for an equestrian statue of Washington for Brooklyn.

Indians occupying reservations in New York state look with anything but favor on the proposal to make them full citizens of the republic.

The will of Marcus Daly leaves one-third of the estate valued at \$20,000,000 to his widow, the remainder to be divided among four children.

OUR LAWMAKERS.

Doings of Importance at the State Capital—Bills Passed.

To Prevent Hoarding.

A bill to prevent persons beating their way on railroad trains was passed by the house Monday. The bill was introduced by Representative ... It is a copy of the law now in force in Alabama, and is designed to put a stop to the tramp nuisance. The effect of such laws in Alabama was shown by Mr. ... The bill was passed, there being no negative votes.

Passed by the Senate.

The senate passed the following bills Monday: House bill 11, to authorize clerks of school districts and county judges to bid in property sold for taxes and to direct the manner in which such property may be disposed of; senate bill 222, to regulate surety companies; by Senator Booth, fixing the salaries of the county treasurers of the state; senate bill 227, to authorize the capital building commissioners to construct a ditch in order to secure water for the state institutions.

To Pay State Taxes Twice a Year.

Senate bill 223 was passed by the senate Monday. It provides that state taxes shall be payable by the counties in two semi-annual installments. This change in the law is proposed in order to harmonize with the new law which makes taxes payable in the counties semi-annually.

The Senatorial Vote.

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The Heppner Milling Company last week shipped a lot of second-hand machinery to Portland. As soon as the water opens up again the mill will be run to its full capacity day and night.

Work will soon commence on the new brewery at Baker City.

The Penland Land & Livestock Company has completed the construction of a private telephone line between its ranches, eight miles southeast of Heppner and the city. Most of the distance a barbed wire fence is used.

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IN A DEATH TRAP

Sixty-Five Miners Are Entombed—No Hope for Them.

CAUSED BY AN EXPLOSION OF GAS

Only Exit Is the Mouth of the Shaft, Which Is Filled With a Huge Volume of Smoke—Relief Measures Have Begun.

Vancouver, B. C., Feb. 18.—Sixty-five miners are imprisoned in No. 6 shaft of the Cumberland coal mine on Vancouver Island. The only exit is the mouth of the shaft which is filled with a huge volume of smoke. Relief measures have begun.

Details of Disaster Meager.

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MOSCOW PAPER SUPPRESSED.

For the Publication of University Bulletin—320 Students Have Been Arrested.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 20.—The minister of the interior, M. Sipiaguine, on Saturday ordered the suppression for three months of the Novosti Dnja, a Moscow newspaper, which has violated the prohibition against the publication of university bulletins. A secret circular has been issued reminding all the newspapers that the prohibition is now effective.

Information has been received here that 320 students have been arrested in Moscow, presumably the whole assembly which abstracted the lectures from the students. Eighteen students were arrested here, but were subsequently released. Pending a decision in their case, however, they were forbidden to re-enter the university. Sixteen additional arrests were subsequently made. The forestry institute, near by, held a meeting and declared the institute closed until the sentences against the students should be revoked and military law repealed.

The institute of railway engineers, by a vote of 230 to 100, declared for obstruction. The military and mercantile academy students met, with the permission of General Kuropkin, the minister of war, the latter merely warning them that he could not prevent the operation of military law if obstructive tactics were adopted. Of the 800 who were present at the meeting only 150 favored obstruction.

LEFT \$70,000,000.

Huntington's Estate Has Since Increased \$10,000,000—Pays \$700,000 Inheritance Tax.

New York, Feb. 20.—Executors of the estate of Collis P. Huntington, have deposited with the controller a certified check for \$700,000, to cover the amount of the inheritance tax which will be collected by the state. The deposit indicates the worth of the Huntington estate in value will more than double the estimate placed upon it at the time of the death of the California pioneer. Owing to the rise in railroad securities during the last six months, the Huntington estate is now worth almost, if not quite, \$10,000,000 more than it was when the will was offered for probate. As the probate of the will is expected to take place at the time of the death of the testator, the estate will now seem to be worth approximately \$80,000,000.

No accurate idea as to how the Huntington millions are invested has yet been made by the executors.

TRIED BY A MOB.

Tennessee Negro's Jurors Ranged Him—He Confessed, Implicating Others.

Dyersburg, Tenn., Feb. 20.—A unanimous jury, in the presence of Dr. Arnold, a prominent physician here, yesterday, and struck Miss Eliza Arnold on the head and side with a hatchet. She fainted without seeing the assailant, who became frightened and fled. Bloodhounds followed the trail from the young lady's room to the home of a negro named Fred King, where a hatchet was found in a bureau drawer. King and two other negroes were arrested but the latter were released. A mob formed and would have lynched King but for the pleading of Dr. Arnold, who insisted upon having better evidence of guilt before the jury tried him before a jury selected from the mob. He confessed, implicating several other negroes, and was then hanged. Another negro named Beebe has been captured, charged with complicity in the assault, and probably will meet the same fate.

NEGOTIATIONS BROKEN OFF.

Danish Government Will Not Sell Us Danish West Indies.

London, Feb. 20.—"The Danish government," says the Copenhagen correspondent of the Daily Mail, "has suddenly broken off all dealings with the United States regarding the sale of the Danish West Indies. This is due to a satisfactory offer made by the Danish East Asian Steamship Company to assist in the future to administer the islands. The American government has been notified as to this decision."

The Copenhagen correspondent of the Times says:

"From a competent source, I learn that the Danish West Indies will not be sold during the present parliamentary session. The syndicate will form a new trans-Atlantic steamship company and undertake other commercial enterprises in connection with the islands, whose excellent ports will be, it is presumed, invaluable when the Nicaragua canal is finished. The negotiations are still uncompleted, but they will be settled before October, and the negotiations with the United States will then be dropped."

Skagway to Dawson.

Tacoma, Feb. 20.—Advices have been received here that the White Pass & Yukon road have purchased the property of the Canadian Development Company, to take effect April 1. By this extensive acquisition of property the railroad company practically extends its line from Skagway to Dawson. This practically gives the White Pass Railroad Company the control of all the waterways to the interior, as it also controls the Atlin route.

Shot By Footpad.

Pittsburg, Pa., Feb. 20.—M. Heiko, of this city, was shot while defending himself from being robbed by three negro highwaymen at McKee's Rock, near here, shortly after midnight, and he died this morning. Two negroes were arrested and are being held on suspicion.

For Incontinent Consumptives.

New York is building a state hospital in the Adirondacks, to cost \$100,000, where patients with incontinent consumption will be treated.

HE WILL NOT GO

Chaffee Is Not to Join the German Expedition.

THE GOVERNMENT FACES A CRISIS

State Department May Try to Dissuade Berlin Authorities From Undertaking This Campaign—Chinese Are to Blame.

Washington, Feb. 20.—The United States government is facing a serious crisis in China, owing to the action of Field Marshal Geng von Waldersee to begin another offensive campaign. General Chaffee has been invited to join in the expedition, which is to be mobilized on a larger scale than anything attempted in China since the allied army began the march to Peking. The general so informed the war department today, and the officials of the state department have been advised of the situation.

This German movement is viewed with absolute dismay here, for it is feared that it requires an immediate decision by the United States government of its whole line of policy toward the Chinese question. General Chaffee will be told that he is not to participate in this campaign. He has been keeping the American forces in Peking ever since the city was pacified, simply as a legion guard, and the German government is fully aware that the United States government is opposed to any further contingents in China of its offensive military character and withdrew it from the control of General von Waldersee in order to hasten peace negotiations and prevent, so far as it could, the continuance of military movements against the Chinese.

But another serious point under consideration is, whether Chaffee should join the German movement, but whether it is not the duty of our government to exercise all proper efforts to dissuade the German government from undertaking this campaign.

The Chinese government is unfortunately being forced to negotiate in an exasperated fashion, and is not responding in proper spirit to the effort of the United States government. Word has just come from Minister Conger which confirms the grave situation relative to the Chinese. He has already refused to accede to the demands of the ministers in the matter of capital punishment of the leaders implicated in the Boxer movement. Mr. Conger's message gave it to be understood that the Chinese government had agreed to extradite Prince Tuan and Lan without the state department's consent, and to extradite Prince Chuang; death for Yu Hsien and Chao Chi Chag; imprisonment and degradation from office for Chi Hai and Hsu Cheng Yu. It is said an edict has already been issued to execute these sentences.

A visit from the Japanese minister to the state department served to give color to the story that our government is casting about to ascertain how far the other powers party to the Chinese question would endorse this proposed campaign. It is impossible to secure exact information on the subject.

The whole subject, it is said, is to come before the cabinet meeting tomorrow, when the course to be pursued by the United States government will be determined. It is said unequivocally by competent authority that the American military forces under no circumstances will participate with the Germans in the proposed expedition, and, although it cannot be learned that General Chaffee has yet received instructions to that effect, he undoubtedly will have them very shortly. The United States government stands steadfastly by the principles laid down in Secretary Hay's letter of July 3 last.

Collision at Sea.

London, Feb. 20.—"The Russian bark Hoppet, Captain Lindholm, which sailed from Hull February 14 for Gramp, has been towed into Gramp by bows seriously damaged by collision on the night of February 15, with the steamer Hesper, from Lisbon. The Hesper disappeared after the collision, and is believed to have foundered, with the loss of 16 lives.

Mexican Mine Flooded.

Phoenix, Ariz., Feb. 20.—Particulars have been received here of the flooding of the Santa Rita mine, in the Bacata mountains, 200 miles south of Phoenix. Four miners were drowned and their bodies have been recovered. The flood was caused by the opening of a vein by a blast. The main tunnel was flooded, and while miners in the upper end escaped, the workers in the lower end were caught like rats in a trap. Miners outside made desperate efforts to rescue their fellows, but without avail.

Strikers Riot in France.

Chalons Sur Soane, France, Feb. 20.—Striking metal workers marched through the town today, compelling other factories to close, forcing open the doors and bringing out workmen, until the strikers numbered about 800 men. The gendarmes and troops were summoned and the rioters were dispersed with fixed bayonets, after the reading of the usual proclamation. Fifty arrests were made. Nobody was seriously injured.

Four Firemen Killed.

New Haven, Conn., Feb. 20.—Four men were killed and one fatally injured in a fire that destroyed an unoccupied factory on Westchester avenue this morning. The fire was discovered at 1:30, and as the building is situated over a mile from the center of the city, had gained considerable headway before the department reached the scene. Before the men had been at work five minutes the front wall fell, burying a number of them in the ruins. The fire loss is not known. The flames were confined to the one building.

Failure in Delaware.

Delaware, Del., Feb. 21.—The Delaware Construction Company, of this city, has passed into the hands of receivers. The liabilities are about \$75,000; estimated assets, \$60,000.

Governor of Yukon District Resigns.

Seattle, Wash., Feb. 21.—The steamer Farallon brings advice from the Yukon stating that William Ogilvie's resignation as governor of the Yukon district is announced in a dispatch to the Skagway News.

RESULTED IN MURDER.

Saloon Smashing in Kansas With Fatal Results—Raiders Were Marked Men.

Leavenworth, Kan., Feb. 21.—Twenty masked farmers, armed with shot-guns, attempted to raid a saloon at Millwood, a small place 14 miles north of here, last night, and in the melee that followed, Mrs. Rose Hudson, wife of the bartender, was instantly killed, her head being completely blown off. William Webb, one of the raiders, was shot in the arm, and two or three others were slightly hurt. One hundred shots were fired. The town is in a fever of excitement, and further trouble is expected.

The saloon was run by Mrs. Michael Lochner, she had been warned to close the place by Monday, but refused. At 10 o'clock last night 20 men, all armed and wearing handkerchiefs for masks, approached the saloon. Two of the masked entered and ordered drinks. Bartender, Hudson had scarcely set the glasses on the bar when the men gave the signal. Immediately the door was burst open and the masked men rushed into the place. Half a dozen shots were raised to the ceiling and fired, and the men rushed to the saloon keeper that they meant business, while two men approached Hudson with leveled guns. Hudson grabbed the barrels of both guns for an instant and then fell to the floor. The guns were discharged as he fell, the discharge from one striking the eye, and that from the second piercing the stove.

Mrs. Hudson rushed to the scene from the living room in the rear and stood in the doorway. She had barely reached the spot when a gun was leveled at the spot and discharged. The shot struck her in the forehead above the eyes, and she fell mortally wounded. Hudson rushed to his wife's side to administer to her, but she died before he could carry her to another room.

During the shooting William Webb, one of the raiders, was accidentally shot in the arm and two or three others were wounded slightly. A few more shots were fired, but the mob, alarmed at the killing of Mrs. Hudson, quickly left the place without stopping to destroy the liquors and fixtures.

Anticipating the attack, Hudson had stored about him 10 armed men. They, however, taken by surprise, were stampeded, and this fact and the killing of Mr. Hudson, probably prevented a bloody riot.

The affray lasted but a few minutes, and the details were not learned until this morning, the raiders having gone quietly to their homes. The members of the party are all believed to be young farmers who live near Millwood. Sheriff Everhart went from here to Millwood today and arrested four farmers, who have been lodged in the county jail here. Tomorrow the sheriff will return from Agass. The prisoners are called the President. It is situated on an ascent, and strict discipline is maintained.

The officials of the branch of the Hong Kong bank here, have announced that Ross, the Englishman in their employ, who was a letter published in an Australian paper, criticizing the Philippine commission, American officers and American policy in general, has been ordered to proceed to Hong Kong. The British community here is well pleased that the man has been sent away.

General MacArthur's reception at Malacanang exceeds anything in the Spanish regime. The palace was beautifully decorated and brilliantly illuminated. Thousands of persons attended from army, navy, official, consular, clerical, business and social circles. American and foreign. The Filipino population was well represented. General Barry was master of ceremonies. General MacArthur and the ladies of the United States commission received the guests. Dancing followed the reception. The Filipinos were especially pleased at being accorded a privilege never before afforded them, and General MacArthur's tact and courtesy were greatly appreciated.

CHARGED WITH MURDER.

Man Who Killed Another Alleges It Was Done in Self-Defense.

Vancouver, B. C., Feb. 21.—A special jury, composed of