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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 natives of Samar are terrorized by insurgents.

Conger approves of the acts of the missionaries at Pekin.

The Cuban commissioners will ask for absolute independence.

American troops will begin a vigorous campaign on the islands.

The bandits who held up the Choctaw train in Oklahoma, are still at arge.

The president has pardoned three men concerned in New Orleans bank frauds.

An expedition is being fitted out at Vancouver, B. C., for a voyage to the North Pole.

The primary election in Alabama gave a large majority in favor of a new constitution.

Gilbert Bros.' bank, Salem, Or., failed to open. Litigation in the courts is the cause.

The depositors in the defunct Vancouver bank have faith in receiving most of their money.

Workmen while preparing the foundation for a hospital at Leith, Scotland, discovered gold.

An attempt was made to wreck a Northern Pacific passenger train near Livingstone, Mont. The engine was slightly damaged.

Great numbers of sheep are starving to death near Wesatch, near the Wyoming-Utah line, owing to the scarcity of feed.

The St. Lawrence river is to be spanned by a third bridge at Montreal. The estimated cost of the structure is $6,000,000.

The famous McCabe mine, near Prescott, Ariz., has been sold to Chicago capitalists. The price is between $500,000 and $600,000.

Lightship No. 50, which stranded at McKensie head has been successfully taken across the point and is ready to launch in Baker's bay.

Information comes from Nome of a terrible blizzard in that country recently. Many people were frozen to death and much suffering caused.

Romagnoli, the alleged anarchist, has been arrested in Berlin. He is supposed to have journeyed from Patterson, N. J., to Germany in order to kill the kaiser.

Vesuvius is again alive.

The worst of the Ohio flood is over.

There is renewed military activity in Manchuria.

Measles have broken out on the transport Buford.

A Nebraska colony wishes to buy 50,000 acres in Oregon.

A man was frozen to death in the streets of Huntsville, Tenn.

The failure of the Vancouver bank is still shrouded in mystery.

Fred Rummel met death under a snow slide in Eastern rOegon.

The loss at Pittsburg, during the recent storm, is placed at $2,000,000.

The Berlin police are watching anarchists who conspired against the emperor.

An express train on the Choctaw road was held up and robbed in Arkansas.

The Ohio river continues to rise, but it is thought no serious damage will result.

Aguinaldo considers American sovereignty preferable to native independence.

Billy Smith, an American, was probably fatally injured in a London prizefight.

The American rowing crews were very grudgingly welcomed on their arrival in England.

Cold weather continues in Tennessee. Many orchards are ruined by the weight of snow on the trees.

The leader of the Colombian rebels has agreed to end the revolntion, and peace will soon be proclaimed.

The English people are getting tired of the war with the Boers, and the taxpayers are beginning to grumble at the little progress being made.

Rear Admiral Schley has arrived at Rio Janiero.

Chinese rebels again attacked the Manchurian railway.

All danger from the recent great storm in the Ohio valley has passed.

United States officers have begun a war on the Chinese slave trade in San Francisco.

Lake Niagara is the largest fresh water lake between Lake Michigan and Lake Titicaca, in Peru.

Minnesota farm lands have advanced more than 100 per cent in value during the past seven years.

The carrying and collection of mails in France, it is officially decided shall be conducted on automobiles.

At numerous mines in Siberia, 2,000 men and 500 horses are used on a single property to produce gold not exceeding $2,000,000 per annum.

Experiments are being made in India with the locust fungus in the hope of exterminating the pest.

In the police court in Cincinnati it has been decided that insanity caused by liquor is no excuse for crime.

For the last ten years there has been an increase of 2000 annually in the number of Great Britain's insane.

A lecturer on agriculture predicts that fifty years from now milk will be sold in a dried state to save the transportation of water, that cows will be milked by machinery, and butter produced without churning.

MUSTERED OUT.

Thirty-Third and Thirty-forth Volunter Regiments Get Their Discharge.

San Francisco, April 22. — The Thirty-third and Thirty-fourth volunteer regiments, recently returned from Manila, have been mustered out. The Twenty-eighth and Thirty-fifth infantry, now in camp at the Presidio, expect to be mustered out of the service April 30. Although there are very few troops here now under orders for the Philippines, transports will be rushed there as fast as possible, to be in Manila in time to bring home all the volunteers to be mustered out by July 1. In accordance with this programme, the Thomas sailed from here Saturday and the Warren will sail on the 25th. The assignments to the Thomas consisted of 127 recruits and 20 casuals under the command of Lieutenant W. A. Liebler. The Twenty-fourth infantry and 150 marines have been assigned to the Warren.

The transport Rosecrans, which has just arrived from Manila, has been released from quarantine. The Rosecrans brought 218 men of the Thirty-seventh infantry and 260 casuals. The transport Lawton on which there were three cases of smallpox, has also been released from quarantine after having been thoroughly fumigated. Seventeen days had elapsed since the last case appeared and it was perfectly safe to land the passengers.

FIRE IN BUTTE SMELTER.

Employes Contribute Week's Time to Clear Up the Wreckage.

Butte, Mont., April 22.—Friction in a hot box over the generators near the engine house roof at the Montana Ore Purchasing Company's smelter, started a fire about 8 o'clock this morning which caused a damage of $75,000 to the plant and will delay operations for a few weeks. The sampling works are a total loss, the stacks ruined and the engine operating the smelter almost a total wreck. The new machinery is uninjured and the blast furnaces and converters are not materially damaged. The efforts of the city fire department and the fire brigade of the Butte & Boston Company saved the plant, which is valued at over $1,000,000. from total destruction. As soon as the flames were under control the men employed signed a paper passed around by one of their number agreeing to contribute a week's work free to clear up the wreckage caused by the fire and get things in shape for rebuilding. The company expects the plant to be in full operation again within 30 days.

A New Geyser.

Vancouver, B. C., April 22.—A new geyser has made its appearance at Lake Echo, Romtomahana, New Zealand. It is described as a mass of boiling water, half an acre in extent, rising in a great dome from which a column of water and stones rises 300 feet, while immense volumes of steam rise to the clouds and hot stones are thrown a great distance.

Australian advises also report a record blast from the line of the New South Wales Railway deviation works, Tarana, when 70,000 tons of solid rock were moved at one blast. Owing to the peculiar hardness of the rock, British gelignite was combined with dynamite and powder, the total weight of the explosives used in the blast being four tons.

Gomez Coming to America.

Havana, April 22.—General Maximo Gomez is making arrangements to go to the United States. He will be accompanied by his son Urbona, and will probably remain in the United States until the return to Cuba of the special committee on relations. He desires to wait definite action in reference to the Platt amendment, in order to avoid the accusation that the trip is made for politcial purposes. He has always expressed a desire to meet the people of the United States and to thank them for the assistance they rendered Cuba in the war with Spain. Senor Palma is the choice of General Gomez for the presidency of Cuba.

Independent Cereal Combine.

Akron, O., April 22.—The consummation of the project to consolidate all the independent cereal plants of the country is now assured. The various properties, 10 in number, will be turned over to the Great Western Cereal Company, at Chicago. The new company will compete with the Ameraicn Cereal Commpany, better known as the oatmeal trust.

Deported From Luzon.

San Francisco, April 22. — The transport Rosecrans brought from Manila five men who had been deported by the military authorities. Among them was Santiago Maceo, a son of the late Cuban leader. Young Maceo came into prominence on the Pacific coast two years ago, while traveling with Katherine Tingley, the theosophical leader. He fell out with Mrs. Tingley, claiming that he was treated as a servant. While in the Philippines Maceo became a first sergeant in the Macabebe scouts.

Reported by Kitchner.

London, April 22. — A dispatch from General Kitchener, dated Pretoria, Apirl 20, says: "Plumer has occupied Bathfont, capturing 13 prisoners and a number of rifles and ammunition. Douglas' column has occupied Dulistroom. Six Boers were killed. On General Kitchener's advance from Leydeburg the Boers blew up a Long Tom. Thirteen prisoners were captured. Elliott's division has brought in a large number of cattle."

Suicide With Dynamite.

Milton, Cal., April 22.—John H. Gorham, foreman of the Union copper mine, last night shot and killed George B. McCarthy, a prominent young man of Copperopolis, and then blew himself to pieces with giant powder. Both men were attentive to the same woman, and jealousy is supposed to have been the cause of the tragedy. Gorham placed some dynamite in a box, affixed a fuse and detonator, and, sitting down, calmly awaited the explosion.

OREGON STATE NEWS

Items of Interest From All Parts of the State.

COMMERCIAL AND FINANCIAL HAPPENINGS

A Brief Review of the Growth and Improvements of the Many Industries Throughout Our Thriving Commonwealth.

Elgin is to have two new plaining mills.

The Dalles will spend $1,630.40 for water pipe.

A bath house with a swimming tank 30x80 feet will be constructed at Ashland.

A cougar, measuring six feet six inches, was killed on Sweet creek last week.

What is known as the Kite place, near Cove, containing 640 acres of land, was recently sold for $15,000.

The Grant county court has ordered that the date on which taxes become delinquent be extended to June 20, 1901.

The Ashland Meat Company received a car load of cattle from Gazelle last week, eight head of which weighed 1,890 pounds each.

A human skull and bones of a man's body were found last week about half a mile up Butte creek from Fossil. The remains, which were only a few inches under ground, on the creek bank, were exposed by the recent high water. As the oldest settlers do not remember of anyone having ever mysteriously disapeared, the general accepted theory is that 40 or 50 years ago a white wanderer may have been killed by Indians.

A telephone line is to be erected from Gold Hill to Crescent City.

The council of Mitchell has decided to put in a system of waterworks.

The Lane county court is advertising for bids for the construction of a bridge at Lorane.

S. L. Bennett, a farmer living north of Medford, has ordered a 2,000 gallon tank for his windmill.

A salmon was caught near the Main street bridge, Pendleton, recently, that weighed nearly 11 pounds.

The construction of a creamery at Summerville has begun. The bridge will be 1,000 feet long and 12 feet wide.

A new steam saw mill is being built on Stukel mountain, about half way between Klamath Falls and Merrill. It will have a capacity of 15,000 to 25,000 feet.

Some young miscreants piled empty boxes at the crossing of two of Roseburg's principal streets and set fire to them about 1:30 in the morning. A big blaze resulted. Firemen and citizens turned out, believing one of the main business blocks to be on fire.

The Deschutes Reclamation & Irrigation Company has 160 rods of flume built. The flume is seven feet wide and 28 inches deep, and there is now running 15,000 inches of water. The company expects to have water on a number of the homesteads before next fall. The ditchis surveyed seven and a half miles.

PORTLAND MARKETS.

Wheat—Walla Walla, 56½@57c.; valley, nominal; bluestem, 59c. per bushel.

Flour—Best rgades, $2.70@3.40 per barrel; graham, $2.60.

Oats — White, $1.25 per cental; gray, $1.20@1.22½ per cental.

Barley—Feed, $16.50@17; brewing, $16.50@17 per ton.

Millstuffs—Bran, $16 per ton; middlings, $21.50; shorts, $17.50; chop, $16.

Hay—Timothy, $12@12.50; clover, $7@9.50; Oregon wild hay, $6@7 per ton.

Hops—12@14c. per lb.; 1899 crop, 6@7c.

Wool — Valley, 13@14c.; Eastern Oregon, 9@12c; mohair, 20@21c. per pound.

Butter — Fancy creamery, 20@22½c.; dairy, 15@18c.; store, 10@12½c. per pound.

Eggs — Oregon ranch, 13@13½c. per dozen.

Poultry—Chickens, mixed, $4.50; hens, $5.50; dressed, 11@12c. per pound; springs, $3@5 per dozen; ducks, $5@6; geese, $6@7; turkeys, live, 10@12c; dressed, 13@15c. per pound.

Cheese—Full cream, twins, 13@13¼c.; Young America, 13½@14c. per pound.

Potatoes—Old, 50@60c. per sack; new, 2½@2¾c. per pound.

Mutotn — Lambs 10@11c. per pound gross; best sheep, $8; wethers, $5; ewes, $4.50; dressed, 7½@7¼c. per pound.

Hogs — Gross, heavy, $5.75@6; light, $4.75@5; dressed, 7c. per pound.

Veal—Large, 7c. per pound; small, 8@8½c. per pound.

Beef—Gross, top steers, $5@5.25; cows and heifers, $4.50@4.75; dressed beef, 7@8¼c. per pound.

The only American Indian in the United States navy is Chapman Schenandoah, an Oneida, 29 years old, who is on the cruiser Atlanta.

Banana flower has lately begun to be used in making cakes, bread and biscuits. It is also used as a children's food and for dyspeptics.

In the present house of representatives of the Japan Diet, there are 130 farmers, 23 barristers, 12 officials, 26 merchants, 6 newspaper editors, 3 doctors and 70 members without fixed professions.

The imperial library in Paris has 26 books printed on white silk

During the past year there was an increase of nearly $30,000 in the value of monkey skins exported from the Gold Coast. It is estimated that at least 1,000,000 monkeys were killed in that district alone.

Berien county, Michigan, on the record of 1900, claims to be the greatest peach growing section in the world. The number of acres cultivated last year was 4,753, and the total yield of peaches was 140,992 bushels, being more than half the entire Michigan crop. Van Buren county came next, with 58,887 bushels.

WASHINGTON GOSSIP.

Logan Statue Criticised—Old Soldiers Warned Against Land Agents—Other Topics.

(Washington Letter.)

Army officers are criticising the Logan statue quite severely. They say that his position in the saddle is altogther unmilitary, that one leg is longer than the other, and that no officer ever carried a sword in the way that Logan is represented to have carried his.

Old soldiers who wish to take up homesteads upon the opening of the Indian reservation in Oklahoma will do well, in the opinion of the land office officials, to file their own claims and attend to all the business themselves rather than trust their interests to agents. It is reported in Washington that agents are going about making contracts with veterans to represent them and file their claims, and are charging a fee in advance and a second to be paid after filing the claim; but an agent can serve only one client properly, unless he calls into service a large force of assistants, which they cannot afford to do for the small fees charged. It will be seen, therefore, that it will be much better for everybody to look out for himself.

The secretary of war has called for bids from private steamship companies for furnishing transportation for the government between New York, Cuba and Porto Rico. The idea is to see whether it is more economical to patronise them than to continue the present transport service, which is expensive. The dock charges alone amount to $400,000 a year. During the last three months 1,276 passengers and 5,726 tons of cargo were carried by the transports, and the quartermaster's department knows the exact cost, which has been very large, a single voyage costing from $12,000 to $15,000. Bids are invited for the next three months upon the basis of the passengers and freight carried during the last three months.

For some reason our commerce with Cuba is falling off. During the last nine months the imports of Cuba amounted to $53,108,702, while for the corresponding months of the previous year they were valued at $54,636,747. Last year the share of the United States was $28,094,030, or about 50 per cent, while this year it was only $24,525,699, or about 46 per cent. The exports to Porto Rico and the Philippine islands, however, are increasing in a rapid manner.

Marconi, the inventor of wireless telegraphy, is in Washington for the purpose of selling his apparatus to the government. He called on the secretary of the navy and offered to place an outfit upon the ships of the fleet for $12,000 each. No such arrangement can be made without the consent of congress, and by the time congress meets it is expected that the electrician of the weather bureau will have developed a method of wireless telegraphy quite as good as Marconi's. The electricians of the signal service are also at work in the same line, and the secretary of the navy is now getting ready for a series of experiments at Newport.

DAM GAVE WAY.

Greater Part of Town Submerged, But No Lives Lost.

Chester, Mass., April 23. — The Flood Hollow dam, in Middlefield, gave way about 6 o'clock last night, letting loose the water in the big reservoir, which rushed with terrific force into the west branch of the Westfield river, sweeping everything before it and submerging the greater part of this town. No lives were lost but great damage has been done, the extent of which it is impossible now to estimate. The dam was built in 1874, to take the place of the one which was destroyed by the flood of the year before. It was poorly constructed of stone and timber, and had been a constant menace to the town of Chester. The heavy rains overflowed the reservoir and the dam showed signs of weakening early in the morning. Orders were given to inspect the dam. The result was that word was sent to the people below that the dam was almost certain to go out, and the families in the low lands got what things they could together and made for places of safety. They were none too soon, for the dam broke, and with a deafening roar, a torrent of water was let loose into Flood Hollow, which empties into Westfield river. The huge timbers of the dam were hurled into the foaming current, and went in one great crashing mass toward Chester. Two quartz mills at Flood Hollow, barns and outbuildings were swept along in the torrent. At Bancroft the Boston & Albany stone bridge was carried away, together with 600 feet of track. It will probably be two days before trains are running.

Chester presents a desolate sight. The electric light station is submerged, and the town is in total darkness.

Hotel and Bath Houses Burned.

Reno, Nev., April 23.—The hotel and bath houses at historic Steamboat Springs, which, in the palmy days of the Comstock mines, was a watering place where more money was squandered in a night than at most any other resort on the coast, are no more. A fire, which started in the hotel, crossed the road to the two story bath house, where the main baths were situated, and entirely destroyed both buildings.

Officer Killed in Fight With Boxers.

Pekin, April 23.—Brigadier General A. J. F. Reid, commanding the Brigade of India Imperial Service troops in China, who is now at Shan Hai Kwan, sent a company of Punjab infantry to disperse a band of robbers in the neighborhood of Fu Ning. A force of Boxers and robbers, more than 1,000 strong, attacked the Indian troops, killing Major Browning and one Sepoy, and wounding others. The company retreated to Fu Ning. Reinforcements have been sent from Shan Hai Kwan.

ROBBED THE EXPRESS

An Arkansas Train Held Up By Masked Bandits.

EXPRESS MESSENGER AND PORTER SHOT

Train Carried Much Valuable Express Matter, and Robbers Made a Rich Haul—Bloodhounds After Them.

Memphis, Tenn., April 24.—The fast express train of the Choctaw, Oklahoma & Gulf railroad, which left Memphis at 11:45 o'clock last night, was held up by three masked bandits at Bridge Junction, Ark., about midnight. It is not known what booty the robbers secured, but a dispatch received at police headquarters states that the express messenger and porter of the train were injured after resisting the bandits. The Wells Fargo Express Company usually makes its heaviest shipments to the West on this train. Police Sergeant Perry, upon receipt of the telegram, immediately posted officers along the river front with instructions to keep a sharp lookout for the bandits, should they attempt to cross to the city.

The train left Memphis with a heavy passenger list. The scene of the holdup is a lonely railroad crossing four miles from the river. The Negro porter, named Gould, was shot and seriously injured by one of the bandits. The train was in charge of Conductor Nelson, one of the oldest employes of the road, and Engineer Johnson. The express messenger, Meaders, is said to have been shot. The train was delayed about 20 minutes. The engine, mail and express cars were cut off from the train and run to a point a mile west of the place where the train was stopped. The engine was then detached and run a short distance up the track, two men remaining to guard the trainmen. The third used dynamite on the express car and blew open the door. It is reported that everything of value was taken and it is believed that the bandits' haul is large, as this was a heavy run. Bloodhounds from the convict camp at Hulbert, three miles from the scene are now on the bandits' trail.

BRITISH WAR LOAN.

People Dissatisfied Because They Can Only Subscribe for Half of It.

London, April 24.—Great curiosity is manifested here to ascertain how half the war loan has been already placed, as is asserted in the government invitation for subscriptions for the remaining half. It is supposed that a portion of the £30,000,000 "already placed" may have been reserved for the government department, but it is rather believed that financial houses with foregin connections have interested themselves in the flotation. No explanation has been afforded, and, considering that the final installment of the loan is payable in December, and that the first quarter's interest will be paid July 5, the issue is regarded as cheap, and not a little resentment has been created by the fact that only half the issue has been offered to the public. This dissatisfaction is voiced by the Daily Chronicle, which says:

"The public ought to have been informed by this time to whom the chancellor of the exchequer has alloted £30,000,000 of the issue." The paper proceeds to comment severely on the policy of the government which has led to such "a disastrous issue, in which the British taxpayers drop the round sum of £3,300,000 in the process of borrowing £60,000,000."

WITHDRAWAL OF FRENCH.

Ten Thousand Troops Will Leave China Next Month.

Pekin, April 24.—General Voyron, the commander of the French troops in China, has informed General Chaffee that 10,000 French soldiers will leave China in May.

Li Hung Chang believes that the Chinese troops under General Liu will be withdrawn over the boundary marking the territory defined by Field Marshal von Waldersee as the sphere of operations for the allies, as the governor of Shan Si province received telegraphic instructions nearly a week ago ordering their withdrawal.

Hsi Liang, ex-governor of the province of Shan Si, has been appointed governor of the province of Hu Pei. The foreign consuls at Hankow, capital of the province of Hu Pei, have protested against this appointment to Chang Chi Tung, viceroy of Hankow, and have sent him a telegram advising him to delay proceeding in the matter. The numerous appointments of Chinamen with pronounced anti-foreign tendencies is causing comment in Pekin. Even the foreign ministers admit that so many appointments of this character are ill-advised.

Oregon Postal Orders.

Washington, April 24.—After May 1 star service from Huntington to Malheur, Or., will be reduced to three times a week, and the service from Baker City to Bridgeport extended to supply Malheur, increasing the route 6¼ miles. A postoffice has been established at Kilbride, Grand county, Oregon, to be supplied by special service from Susanville. Margaret Hamilton has been appointed postmistess.

Met a Terrible Death.

Olympia, Wash., April 24.—Daniel Harrington, an employe at Miller's sawmill, at Tenino, met a terrible death yesterday afternoon. He was operating a cut off saw in the mill when it broke in two. One of the rapidly revolving parts struck him in the breast, cutting his body terribly. Notwithstanding his terrible injuries he lived an hour after the accident. Harrington was a stranger at Tenino, coming there about two months ago. He was unmarried.

DANGER HAS PASSED.

Ohio Valley Towns Are Slowly Emerging From the Flood.

Pittsburg, Pa., April 24.—The most widespread and destructive storm, from a material point of view, has passed. It has left a zone of ruin 200 miles in diameter. It was unusual in that it possessed so many different features. Cities 70 miles from Pittsburg were tied up by one of the worst snow storms ever known. While the snow fall was from 18 inches to three feet deep, which is not extraordinary, the snow was so wet that it clung in weighty masses to shade and fruit trees and electric wires and poles, bearing them to the earth. It even settled on steam and street railways like wet sand, stopping all traffic and making pedestrianism almost impossible. The fall was so easy and spontaneous in some places that the residents declare it seemed like the bursting of a snow cloud.

A few miles from these unfortunate towns were municipalities in just as dire straits from rain, but speedier prospect for relief, as the rain will run off faster than the snow can melt. Still in these places traffic was practically suspended. Water overflowed and washed out railroad tracks and hillsides came down and buried the rails. In addition nearly every town on the Ohio river between Pittsburg and Wheeling is in darkness. Electric light plants, or their wires, are damaged and the gas in the mains is generally turned off to prevent explosions. So half a million or more people are groping about in the dark. A remarkable feature of the storm is that but few fatalities directly attributable to this cause have been reported. A railroader, caught in a wreck causedby a landslide, and the death of an old woman from shock, are the only ones known so far. There may be others, but as communication is cut off from many populous places it will be the end of the week before the total can be given out.

ACTIVITY IN MANCHURIA.

Russians Will Renew Operations Against the Chinese.

London, April 24.—According to a dispatch from St. Petersburg to the Daily Mail, official information has been received that renewed military activity is beginning in Manchuria. Chinese troops are strongly entrenched at three points around Mukden. They are armed with good Mauser rifles and have 30 Krupp guns. To the eastward of Mukden, near Tarchausen, there are 12,000 men under the Boxer chief, General Lutanz. To the northwest, near Kulu, there are 6,000 Chinese under the ex-governor of Mukden. To the eastward, in Mongolia, and near the In Shan mountains, there are 9,000 more under the Chinese General Shu. Admiral Aliezoff has accordingly organized an expedition under General Zerpenski, consisting of two regimentsand five sotnias of Cossacks, 16 guns and a body of volunteers, to operate against the three points named. The first movement was successfully carried out in the beginning of April. Kulu, which is 250 kilometers from Mukden, was stormed and the ex-governor of Mukden was taken prisoner. In this action the Russians had 13 men killed and four officers and 18 men wounded. The advance toward the Tarchausen position was then begun. Owing to the departure of most of the Russian troops from Mukden, the latter city has become very unsafe. Almost nightly Russian sentinels are found shot in the back. The situation in Southern Manchuria is disquieting and another advance of Russian troops will be made early in the spring.

Our Northern Boundary.

Ottawa, Ont., April 24.—Negotiations have been concluded between the Ottawa government and the Washington authorities for the purpose of renewing and maintaining the boundary line marks between Canada and the United States. It is over 40 years since the international boundary between the United States and Canada from Lake Superior to the Pacific coast was definitely fixed, and it is over 50 years or more since it was marked out between Lake Superior and the Altantic coast. The necessity for this work has arisen out of commercial claims in Southern British Columbia. Work will, therefore, be commenced in that region early this summer.

Alaska Government Supplies.

San Francisco, April 24. — Major Ruhlen, in charge of the shipment of government supplies to Alaska points, says 15,000 tons of freight will be sent to St. Michael, Nome and the various stations established by the war department on the Yukon this season. The first shipment will be made by the steamer Elihu Thompson scheduled to sail from Puget sound April 25, and the cargo will consist of a consignment for Captain Abercrombie's command and the detachment of signal service men.

Measles on a Transport.

Honolulu, April 12, via San Francisco, April 24.—The army transport Buford arrived yesterday afternoon from San Francisco on her way to Manila. She has several cases of measles on board and is consequently kept in partial quarantine. Measles have been found to be highly dangerous to the Hawaiian race in the past. The Buford will probably leave for Manila April 14.

Prisoner Escaped

Chehalis, Wash., April 24.—Early yesterday morning, when Jailor Al Brinker opened the county jail door, Jack Dever made his escape, and is still at large. Brinker followed Dever a short distance, and took a shot at him, without effect. Dever was serving a six months' sentence for petty larceny, having been tried for burglary and grand larceny. He had a saw in the jail and attempted to saw his way out during the night but broke the saw. He had not been kept in the steel cage since his conviction.

NORTH POLE SEARCH

An Arctic Expedition Will Start From Vancouver.

CAPTAIN BERNIER PLANS A SPECIAL SHIP

The Vessel Will Be Provisioned for a Five-Year Cruise—Tyrrell, the Explorer, will Accompany the Party.

Vancouver, B. C., April 25.—Plans are completed for the construction of the vessel to be built here for Captain Joseph Bernier, who intends starting on a North Polar expedition to be absent five years. The vessel will cost $80,000. J. B. Tyrrell, the Canadian explorer, will accompany the Bernier.

The new vessel will have a perpendicular double stern post rudder, to permit of unshipping the rudder or propeller at any time. She will also have a flush deck, so as to avoid frequent flooding of the forward deck. She will have three masts with a sail area of 7,000 square feet, her rig resembles that of a three masted topsail schooner. The masts will be about 100 feet high, but the topmasts are made to take down, reducing the length to 60 feet when needed. The vessel will be provisioned for a five years' voyage, with a crew of 14, including six scientific men, consisting of a surveyor, astronomer, geologist, artist, photographer and doctor.

WHOLESALE BIGAMY.

New York Man Said to Be the Husband of Fifty Wives.

Chicago, April 25.—The Chronicle says:

"In the arrest of Count Lepold de Melville, otherwise known as Leo Fralquini, who is held by the New York police on a charge of bigamy, sworn to by a brother of one of his Chicago wives, there was brought to light in this city a romance whose unfolding reveals the count as the hero of more than 100 love affairs. He is declared to be the husband of an assortment of wives whose number is estimated at not less than 50. As a duelist on many a blood stained field of honor in Europe, the count became celebrated nearly a generation ago. His duels were always fought for love, and the wounds received in the onsets he proudly bears on his face and body. He at last broke altogether with his father, a nobleman high in the court and councils of the king of Belgium."

TO KILL ROBBERS.

Chinese Viceroy to Adopt Rigorous Methods to Rid Provinces of Cutthroats.

Tacoma, April 25.—Viceroy To, at Canton, has taken heroic measures to stamp out piracy and robbery in the two Kwang provinces of Southern China, according to Hong Kong advices received today. He has put into effect an elaborate scheme which he believes will result in the killing off of at least 3,000 robbers during this summer.

Viceroy To calls upon the gentry of each town to furnish the local mandarins with the names of all bad characters in their districts. After the lists are filled any person named on them is to be summarily arrested and executed if caught in any crime or misdemeanor. Informers will be freely rewarded, and every robber will be pardoned who aids in bringing three other robbers to justice.

Eighteen thousand people are said to have died of plague in the Lamkc district of Hainan island during the past few months.

Li Hung Chang Censured.

London, April 25. — A dispatch from Pekin says that Li Hung Chang has been censured severely in a special edict because, after the French and Chinese had agreed upon boundaries, the Germans, who have no concern with this matter, marched west and threatened the Chinese. The edict, it is said, orders Li Hung Chang to prevent the expedition, and says that if he fails, the responsibility for the consequence will rest on him. The emperor, in the edict, says that Viceroys Liu Kun Yi and Chang Chih Tung were appointed joint negotiators with Li Hung Chang and Prince Ching, but that Li Hung Chang spurns their opinions. Hereafter, it is added, Li Hung Chang must consult with them on all important matters.

More Executions Demanded.

New York, April 25.—A dispatch from Pekin says: The ministers of England, France, America, Holland, Belgiunr and Italy, to whom the question of provincial punishment was assigned, have submitted a report to the diplomatic corps that they demand four more beheadings and the punishment by exile and degradation of 80 more officials. The demand was immediately sent by the diplomatic corps to the Chinese plenipotentiaries.

Negotiations at a Standstill.

New York, April 25.—A special from Washington says: Secretary Hay has notified Dr. Charles Martinez Silva, Colombian minister, that he cannot negotiate a treaty for the acquisition by the United States of the Panama canal until a preliminary agreement such as was signed with Nicaragua and Costa Rica will be negotiated. Dr. Silva will remain in Washington discussing qustions connected with the Panama canal.

British Fusiliers Mutinied.

London, April 25.—Two hundred of the Royal Munston fusiliers refused to parade at Carlisle fort, in Cork, last Monday, as a mark of their disapproval of being transferred form Spike island to Carlisle fort. As a precautionary measure the officers of this battalion locked up the men's arms and notified military headquarters at Spike island of the occurrence. It is understood soldiers from another battalion will be sent to Carlisle fort to bring the insubordinate soldiers under conrtol.

DOING ALL HE CAN.

Aguinaldo Working for the Pacification of the Islands.

Manila, April 25.—Emilo Aguinaldo has been removed from his prison in Malacanan palace and is in much more comfortable quarters, where he was visited by a press representative. His wife was with him.

He was rather reluctant to talk for publication and considered every question before answering. He said he was doing all he could to assist in the pacification of the Filipinos and expressed himself as surprised at what the Americans had accomplished. When he was first captured, he went on to say, he was greatly astonished to find that a majority of the Filipinos entertained the opinion that American sovereignty was preferable to independence, but now he was inclined to believe that way himself.

He explained that since the dissolution of the insurgent congress and the declaration of guerrilla warfare, the chiefs had operated to all interests and purposes independently. They recognized him as commander in chief, sending him reports occasionally and he issued some orders, but for the last seven months communication had been difficult and he had been almost disconnected.

"I am now urging in the strongest possible manner," said Aguinaldo, "that all insurgents should surrender and swear allegiance to the United States."

He expresses the opinion that Tinio, Lusban, Malvar and other representative insurgents will surrender as soon as they come to understand the nature of the amnesty offered them. He said that he hoped that when the work of pacification was complete and conditions were settled, the prisoners in Guam would be released.

After referring in grateful terms to the courteous treatment accorded him by the military authorities, he declared his conviction that the civil government which would follow pacification would realize the highest hopes of the Filipino people.

When quiestioned regarding the hope that he would visit the United States, he replied that he would like to do so, but had made no plans yet, placing himself entirely at the disposition of the United States government. In concluding the interview, he said:

"Every word in my address to my countrymen, the Filipinos, came from my heart. I hope the Americans believe me thoroughly sincere in my efforts to secure peace and, under American auspices, to promote the welfare and prosperity of the Philippines."

BIG MINING DEAL.

Several Baker County Properties Will Probably Change Hands.

Baker City, Apirl 25. — Several mining deals of considerable magnitude are being negotiated. The Leo, in the Alamo district, is being experted by representatives of an English syndicate, under a bond for a large sum. If the report is favorable and the deal is closed, $100,000 is to be expended on the property this season. A party of Eastern capitalists have a bond on the Climax, located near the Golconda, which will be closed up and the purchase money, $150,000, paid over within 30 days. Some Milwaukee capitalists have been negotiating for the Blue Bird for some time. The deal was advanced beyond the negotiation stage yesterday when the owners accepted the proposition of the prospective purchasers to bond the mine for six months on condition that they spend a large sum of money in development work, and at the expiration of the time pay $50,000 for the mine.

VESUVIUS IN ERUPTION.

Lava Is Again Flowing From the Volcano—Visitors Flocking to the Scene.

New York, April 25.—A dispatch to the World from Pairs says:

Mount Vesuvius is aagin in a state of active eruption, and many people, scientists, students and the curious, including American tourists, are leaving Paris by every train for Naples. The first signs of disturbance were observed a week ago, when for three days columns of smoke issuing from the crater in great volume towered high above the volcano. Then came occasional rains of cinders, sometimes sprinking the country for several miles around. Now lava is beginning to run. The fire at the crater is very intense at night, illuminating the surrounding region beautifully. Only two slight tremors of earthquake have been felt so far.

Proclamation by Kitchener.

Cape Town, April 25.—Lord Kitchener has issued a proclamtion to the effect that any resident in the martial law districts of Cape Colony found in arms, inciting to fight, aiding the enemy or endangering by overt act the British forces, will be tried by court martial and be liable to the most severe penalties. Such person may even be shot.

To Develop Nitre Beds.

San Francisco, April 25.—A syndicate composed of local capitalists has just engaged Professor Emery E. Smith, of Stanford university, to make a thorough examination of the nitre beds in the vicinity of Lovelocks, Nev., with a view of developing the beds. The syndicate is composed of some of the most conservative business men in this city and should Professor Smith's report warrant it, a big company will be formed.

George M. Allen Dead.

Denver, April 25.—George M. Allen, recently assigned to the rural free delivery service, with Denver as his headquarters, died this evening at the St. James hotel. Mr. Allen reached the city a week ago in feeble health, with a slight attack of pneumonia. Mr. Allen was for 18 years editor of the Terre Haute (Ind.) Express. During President McKinley's first administration he was assistant to the first assistant postmaster general, but failing health induced his transfer to the free delivery service.