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EVENTS OF THE DAY FROM THE FOUR QUARTERS OF THE WORLD.

A Comprehensive Review of the Important Happenings of the Past Week Presented in a Condensed Form Which is Most Likely to Prove of Interest to Our Many Readers.

A financial panic was narrowly averted in London.

The powers have protested against Turkey's postal measures.

A band of American brigands has been broken up near Manila.

The new Philippine tariff will probably go into effect June 1.

President McKinley has made his official entry into San Francisco.

Mrs. McKinley's attorneys have set up the plea of insanity as a defense in the trial for joint smashing.

Edward A. Cudahy says he is willing to pay \$50,000 reward for the man who abducted his son, if necessary.

The president of the French company which owns the right of way for the Panama canal is in the United States to make an effort to sell the company's concessions.

The employees of every machine shop and factory in Seattle, numbering over 250, have walked out.

Riot followed the attempt of the Union Traction Company of Albany, N. Y., to resume the operation of its electric street railway system.

One nonunion motorman was fatally injured and a car derailed.

Mrs. McKinley is much improved in health.

Lacuna has promised to surrender his command.

Shamrock II was beaten by Shamrock I in a trial race.

A watchman in a Utah refinery stole \$15,000 in silver bullion.

The Chinese are astonished at the amount of indemnity demanded.

Twenty five thousand regulars will be returned from the Philippines.

A Russo-German tariff alliance against the United States is proposed.

The military governor of Bataan has been reprimanded by MacArthur.

Governor Nash and party are visiting the various interesting places in California.

Rear Admiral Schley will cut short his visit in London on account of sickness in his family.

Russia is standing steadfast for peace, according to an official statement received at Washington.

One mail clerk was killed and another injured in a wreck on an Illinois Central train in Louisiana.

A steambot on the Mississippi river was wrecked near Chester, Ill. Two passengers were drowned and 22 deckhands are missing.

Unless the sultan of Turkey yields on the question of interference with foreign mail, the powers will present an ultimatum, backed by naval demonstration.

A new Russian loan of 424,000,000 francs is authorized.

Fire in suburb of Detroit, Mich., did \$800,000 damage.

General Dewey, the Boer leader, has resumed operations.

Pennsylvania beat Annapolis in the intercollegiate boat race.

National organization of machinists has ordered a general strike.

Yale beat Harvard 57 to 47 in the annual track and field contest.

The Porte has ordered all foreign postoffices removed from Turkey.

The steamer Princess Louise was wrecked in British Columbia waters.

An attempt was made to sell confidential documents in the Neely case.

Seattle men have bonded 1,000 acres near Willapa bay and will bore for oil.

Esterlitz has made an affidavit that he was the author of the Dreyfus bordereau.

Embarrassment charged against ex-School Land Clerk Davis, of Oregon, may be outlawed.

Trouble between the managers of the Buffalo exposition and union workmen for a time threatened a complete tie-up of work, but the difficulty has been settled.

A grip containing dynamite was in process of fumigation at Port Townsend, Wash., when owner told contents, causing a panic among the steamer passengers.

Mrs. McKinley is ill, and has been taken to San Francisco for a rest. Her illness, while not serious, may cause curtailment of programme for the remainder of president's tour.

THE ARTILLERY ARM.

Secretary of War Will Increase It to Full Strength.

Washington, May 13.—Secretary Root is a man to whom wide discretion in the matter of interpreting and administering the laws might have been given. This is shown in his determination to increase the artillery corps at once to its full strength. Congress, in its abject fear of criticism, placed a provision in the bill which looked as if the artillery corps of the army was to be increased only 20 per cent each for five years. But the men who drafted the bill knew what they were doing, and when it came out as a law it provided that not less than 20 per cent should be raised the first year, and not less than 20 per cent each succeeding 12 months until the full strength of the artillery was reached. Secretary Root interprets the "and that" clause as meaning that he is not prevented from making the entire increase at once, and so he directed that a provision in the bill which looked as if the artillery corps of the army was to be increased only 20 per cent each for five years. But the men who drafted the bill knew what they were doing, and when it came out as a law it provided that not less than 20 per cent should be raised the first year, and not less than 20 per cent each succeeding 12 months until the full strength of the artillery was reached. Secretary Root interprets the "and that" clause as meaning that he is not prevented from making the entire increase at once, and so he directed that a provision in the bill which looked as if the artillery corps of the army was to be increased only 20 per cent each for five years. But the men who drafted the bill knew what they were doing, and when it came out as a law it provided that not less than 20 per cent should be raised the first year, and not less than 20 per cent each succeeding 12 months until the full strength of the artillery was reached.

Another thing where Secretary Root showed his judgment was in constraining the stupid provision of the Spooner amendment to the army bill, relating to the Philippines. There were two amendments, one prepared by Senator Spooner, giving the president authority to control the Philippines, and Senator Hoar secured adoption of another regarding franchises, which would prevent anything from being done to improve the condition of the islands. Soon after the Philippine amendment was called to the Taft commission, a reply was received showing that if it was adhered to strictly, it would mean great hardship to the people of the Philippine islands. After mature deliberation the secretary decided to allow the regulations for the cutting of timber which the Philippine commission had enacted to remain in force and not to be interfered with by the Hoar amendment, which would have been well, perhaps, to give the secretary some authority in modifying affairs in Cuba, for he has a way of making such modifications of the best interests of the government and the people who are governed.

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NEWS OF THE STATE

ITEMS OF INTEREST FROM ALL OVER OREGON.

Commercial and Financial Happenings of Importance—A Brief Review of the Growth and Improvements of the Many Industries Throughout Our Thriving Commonwealth—Latest Market Report.

Newport will have a Fourth of July celebration.

The new school house at Marcola has been completed.

Timber claims on the middle fork of the Coquille are being rapidly taken.

Operations have been resumed at the Eureka mine, at Selma, Josephine county.

The telephone line being extended from Springfield to Waterville is completed to Thurston.

The Southern Oregon Oil Company, operating near Ashland, has purchased a boring plant.

The machinery of the Sunnimerley creamery has been received and will be in place within a few days.

Eighty seven seals of wild animals were presented for bounty in Jackson county in the month of April.

Contract has been awarded to the Athena Flouring Mill Company to pump water for the city for \$800 per year.

The Henry P. Smith farm of 199 acres, 1 1/2 miles east of Dallas, has been sold to an Oklahoma man for \$6,400.

The Ontario Warehouse Company is building a warehouse on the Short Line right of way. The building will be 50x70 feet, fire proof, and will be pushed to a speedy completion.

The Sunnimerley mill owners started their quartz mill on Forest creek again last week for a run of several months. They have a large amount of rock on the dump, some of which will yield 75c to the ton.

A hotel will be built at Enterprise if citizens will give a bonus of \$1,200.

Strong indications of natural oil and gas have been found near Milton.

The receipts of the Oregon state land office during April were \$23,459.36.

The contract has been let for building a school house at John Day. The price is \$3,466.

Baker City wheelmen are having trouble with miscreants who stealthily puncture their tires.

The Southern Pacific is putting in a 1,900-foot siding at Rice Hill. Other repairs are being made along the line in that vicinity.

Citizens of Enterprise have organized an immigration board, and will try to secure the co-operation of other towns in the same county.

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Suburb of Detroit the Scene—Blaze Started in Idle Mill.

Detroit, May 14.—Fanned by a 35-miles-an-hour wind, fire this afternoon swept the west bank of the Rouge river in Delray, a suburb to the south of Detroit, for three hours of a mile, and destroyed over \$800,000 worth of property.

The fire originated in the roof of a saw mill. The plant has not been rebuilt for several months, and the roof was as dry as tinder. The building was soon in ashes and the fire swept across a block to where a dredge was tied up. Despite the efforts to save her, this craft was burned to the water's edge. Great beams were picked up by the wind and dropped in several directions, setting fire to buildings.

Delray has a small fire department, which responded with three engines and the fireboat Belle. Even the greatest streams of the fireboat were powerless to check the flames which were rolling down the river bank for hundreds of feet. When darkness fell the glare from the burning piles illuminated the sky for miles around. The firemen worked on the fire almost all night to keep it from spreading to other property.

A TRICKY BANK TELLER.

His Scheme for Making Money Led to His Arrest.

New Orleans, May 14.—Samuel Flower, paying teller of the Hibernia National bank, has been arrested here for making short change of \$36,000. The Fidelity & Deposit Company, of Baltimore, is on Flower's bond for \$25,000. It is alleged that Flower, expecting an examination, sent to another bank in this city a government-issued package said to contain \$40,000, but which in reality contained \$4,000. The package was received by the Hibernia National Bank from the sub-treasurer of this city, in March last, and contained \$4,000 in \$1 bills. It is alleged that Flower had preserved the label on an old government package that did contain \$40,000 in denominations of \$10 each, which he pasted on the package, containing only \$4,000 in \$1 bills, thereby making it a \$40,000 package to all appearances. This package was opened and counted after his departure from the bank.

PHILIPPINE POLICE FORCE.

Already Organized, Including Over Six Thousand Natives.

Washington, May 14.—An extensive resume of the organization and varied conditions of the Philippine native police force is contained in a statement made public by the division of insular affairs of the war department. The reports recite that, because of the poverty of the municipalities, the Philippine commission appropriated the sum of \$150,000 to provide increased pay for the body, and offered through General MacArthur, further incentive in the way of increased compensation for cases of meritorious and faithful service. Late reports received at the war department indicate that an efficient and loyal force of native police has now been organized, with prospects of further extension and increased ability. The total force now numbers 6,348 officers and men, a great many of whom are on the meritorious list and receive additional pay. The body at present is concentrated in Northern Luzon principally, although the Visayas, Mindanao, Jolo and Southern Luzon have police forces of considerable strength. In many of the towns the men are fully uniformed.

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Craft Which Has Been Used to Smuggle in Opium.

Seattle, May 15.—The means of transportation for the 585 pounds seized several days ago by the local customs officers and perhaps of tons of other smuggled opium was located today by Customs Inspectors Delaney and Brinker and seized. It is a nameless launch 25 feet long. The launch was found secreted on the tide flats in a residence boat house near Moran Bros.' shipyard. The launch was equipped with several gasoline tanks, half a dozen cases of gasoline, numerous rubber sacks used as receptacles for the contraband opium, rubber clothing, dark lanterns, red lights and many paint pots, indicating that the launch had changed her color almost with the changes of the moon, and a small arsenal of rifles, revolvers and shotguns. No one was found in possession of or a claimant for the seized launch, which would indicate that the head men in the gigantic smuggling scheme have escaped, at least temporarily.

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Glad They Are Gone.

London, May 14.—Considerable amusement has been caused by the publication of a dispatch from China saying great relief was felt among European troops at the withdrawal of the Americans, who were too free and easy for the military etiquette of the Continentals.

Of all the British colonies New Zealand has sent the largest proportion of its strong youth to fight on the African veldt.

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RIVER BOAT SINKS

MISSISSIPPI RIVER STEAMER HIT A BUNKEN SNAK.

The City of Paducah Wrecked at Brumhorst Landing, Illinois—Two Passengers and Over Twenty Colored Deckhands Find a Watery Grave—Divers Searching for the Passenger List.

Grand Tower, Ill., May 15.—The steamer City of Paducah sank in 25 feet of water five minutes after striking a snag while backing out from Brumhorst landing. The bodies of two passengers who were drowned have been recovered, and 22 members of the crew, most of them Negroes, are missing. All of the officers were saved.

The passenger list has not been recovered. A diver is searching for it. Only the Texas and hurricane decks are above water, which reaches to the skylights of the cabins. All the staterooms are completely filled with water. The steamboat drifted a third of a mile before the landing before she sank. The first mate says the boat went down within three minutes after striking the snag. He was on the cabin deck and escaped by climbing through the skylight.

It is supposed that most of the missing deck hands who were on the lower deck were washed down the river. The boat lies down about 100 feet from the Illinois shore, the fore part of the hurricane deck being under water. She appears to be a total wreck. The corner of Murphyboro, Ill., is now holding an inquest which the diver is searching for more bodies.

NUMBER OF SOLDIERS KILLED.

Due to Explosion of Mines Buried on Front of Chinese Positions.

Victoria, B. C., May 15.—News was brought by the steamer Glenloch that a severe earthquake occurred at Yokohama April 24, lasting fully two minutes. No damage was reported. The Asiatic reports that on April 22, 150 French and 30 Germans were killed and wounded by the explosion of mines buried on the frontier of Shan Si and Chih Li.

The China Times reports the capture of a brigand headquarters, where Chinese were pillaging the neighborhood under the leadership of 10 foreign soldiers. The Germans killed 20 Chinese and captured a junk, on which a cannon was mounted.

The new 700 ton liner Sobranon was wrecked on the Chinese coast near Lung Yung prior to the sailing of the Glenloch. The passengers and mails were saved. The vessel was a total wreck.

A mixed battalion of English and Japanese and French had a sharp engagement with 100 Boxers near Shan-backwan. The fight lasted all day and a number of Chinese were killed.

The British lost two men wounded, the French one, and the Japanese two.

There had been 110 cases of plague and 104 deaths, and 65 cases of small pox and 43 deaths in Hong Kong from January 1 to April 15.

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