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THE NEWS OF THE WEEK

From All Parts of the New World and the Old.

OF INTEREST TO OUR READERS

Comprehensive Review of the Important Happenings of the Past Week Culled From the Telegraph Columns

The validity of government contracts made by a soldier Captain Carter will be tested.

The convention agreeing to arbitration of Samoan claims was signed at Washington.

Industrial San Diegoans will build a transcontinental railroad via Salt Lake from their city.

Huntington denies that the Pacific Mail Steamship Company has absorbed the New Japan line.

The bicycle, automobile and rubber trusts now propose one great concern with a capitalization of \$200,000,000.

Wisconsin lumber dealers have just bought 1,000,000 acres of timber land on the Pacific coast. They paid \$6,000,000.

Owing to the poor telegraphic and cable service from South Africa the London papers can get no news for their special editions.

The submarine torpedo boat Holland has been successfully tested by Uncle Sam and a purchase will probably soon be made by the navy department.

The battleship Oregon has sailed from Hong Kong, supposedly for Cuba. She sailed sooner than expected and was seemingly unprepared for sea.

A boat's crew of the British ship, Pathan, recently chartered for transport service, refused to accompany the ship to the Philippines. Twenty-one of them were placed in irons.

A St. Petersburg correspondent says that Russia, France and Spain have decided to intervene and suggest arbitration between England and the Boers if Germany is willing to co-operate.

Otis cables that the Thirty-fifth infantry has reached Manila. This is the regiment which was quartered at Vancouver and embarked from Portland. Private Cleary died on the voyage.

The Berlin correspondent of the Paris Figaro says Emperor William is resolved to occupy Togo bay, south of Angola, on the west coast of South Africa, if England occupies Delagoa bay.

Russia wants to define our policy in the partitioning of China. She seems anxious to know if we are in the scramble for a port of entry and a sphere of influence. The impression is that America will only insist upon an open-door policy and protection of her treaty rights. Great Britain and Japan will support her in these demands.

The Indiana, with the Tennessee volunteers on board, is overdue at San Francisco.

The Tacoma News announces authoritatively that the Seattle Post-Intelligencer has been sold. The purchaser's name is withheld.

The officers of the transport Ohio, which has arrived at San Francisco, report that there is a scarcity of food on the island of Guam.

President Samuel B. Donnelly, of the International Typographical Union, was accorded enthusiastic receptions by the printers of Portland and Seattle and Spokane.

An ungrateful Indian, who had been furnished with food and lodging, murdered a Nevada white woman and her infant son. Robbery was the motive of the assassin.

The Russian steamer Dooley Vastok, which was to have entered the transport service, arrived in San Francisco too late, a British steamer having taken her place.

War in the Transvaal has effected the markets of the East and speculative operations have ceased. The effect on prices, however, has not been as great as anticipated.

A divorce has been granted to Count Von Moltke, the emperor of Germany's mid-son. The decree places the entire guilt on the wife. The case has caused a sensation in court circles for a year past.

Having learned that White is still safe at Ladysmith, the British are giving attention to General Buller's plan for the conquest of Natal. Such a movement is regarded as more daring than Sherman's march to the sea.

Judge Schofield, of Illinois, has arrived in San Francisco from Samoa and Hawaii. He says the natives of Samoa should be allowed to work out their own salvation. He reports the landgrabbers as doing a rushing business in Hawaiian islands.

Swindlers in Wall street, New York, have been selling washed-out, canceled revenue stamps, the traffic having reached enormous proportions. It is estimated that 10 per cent of the daily sales were fraudulent and that the government has been losing \$5,000 a day in the deal.

Bourke Cockran, the famous New York orator, was once a porter for A. T. Stewart.

Charles E. Littlefield, who succeeds Nelson Dingley in congress, will be the tallest man in that body, being six feet five inches in height.

A call has been issued by the executive council for the nineteenth annual convention of the American Federation of Labor, to be held at Detroit, Mich., December 11 next.

LATER NEWS.

Corporate franchises will be taxed in Texas.

Vice-President Hobart is recovering, and is almost past the danger point.

Montreal was visited by a fire, destroying \$5,000,000 worth of property.

Russia wants a loan. The effort to get it in Germany resulted in failure.

The London fog is said to be so thick that it obscures the actors in theaters.

Money is going back East to relieve the stringency there due to a natural movement.

Admiral Schley says the completion of the Nicaragua canal would make the American navy invincible.

Within the last week there has been much fighting at Ladysmith, but no decisive results are attained.

Banban and Talar have been taken by the Americans, but Aguinaldo's whereabouts is as much a mystery as before.

Official returns are very slow in Kentucky. Both the Democrats and Republicans claim a victory, and a contest is sure.

The Mexicans had two fights with the Yaquis in which the Indians were repulsed, but not without considerable loss to the Mexicans.

The Union Iron Works, of San Francisco, is said to have been absorbed by the Seligman syndicate, the gigantic shipbuilding trust recently formed.

The Cherokee Indians will sell out and leave this country. They disapprove of the allotment plan. Mexico has given them a grant of 8,000,000 acres.

An unknown man had one of his legs torn from his body while attempting to board a moving train near Kansas City. He lived but 15 minutes, dying in horrible agony.

During a shopping trip in New York, Admiral and Mrs. Dewey were compelled to seek refuge in a store to avoid the crowd of curious people who were pressing them.

Assistant Secretary Allen, in his annual report, favors the naval reserve. He believes that it should be reorganized in connection with the regular navy establishment.

Relations between Japan and Russia are strained. The trouble is over Korea, and the Mikado's government is thought to be anxious to try conclusions with the czar.

A long-lost will has turned up, and with it the prospect that the estate of the late Andrew J. Davis, the Montana millionaire, will again burden the records of the Montana supreme court.

Mahalanad in Luzon has been occupied by the Americans.

The Washington volunteers were presented with medals in Seattle.

Major-General Ludlow, civil governor of Havana, is visiting in New York.

Twelve socialists and six liberals were elected to the Berlin municipal council.

The late John S. Pillsbury, of Minneapolis, left \$100,000 to a home for children.

In Snohomish county 2,500 men are employed in getting out logs and shingle bolts.

Twenty men of the Forty-second regiment were injured in a railway accident on their way to San Francisco.

Nex Perce Indians have demanded more money than is paid for railway rights of way through their reservation.

Assemblyman Mazet, of New York, claims he was defeated by fraud, but his friends say they will contest the seating of Stewart.

The danger of a Basuto uprising is now admitted to be imminent in South Africa, and may render necessary the mobilization of a second army corps.

An agreement as to the partition of Samoa has been reached at Berlin between England and Germany, subject to the approval of the United States.

A bark is loading 1,000,000 feet of specially selected timber at Vancouver, B. C., for the Cramps, of Philadelphia, to be used in building United States ships.

The civil governor, counselor, judges and secretaries who constitute the new government of Samoa, sent greeting to President McKinley on taking their offices.

A cable message from General Otis says that Major Hugh McGrath (captain Fourth cavalry) died at Manila from wounds received at the battle of Novalita, a month ago.

Frederick J. Cross, of Honolulu, has the exclusive rights to operate the Marconi system of wireless telegraphy in the Samoos. It is expected to have the system in operation January 1.

A \$100,000 gold brick, the largest ever melted in a Canadian mine, is to be sent down from the Kootenai district shortly. This year's wash-up is the richest ever known in the district.

Russians and the Japanese on the Korean peninsula are on the most friendly terms. The Russian and Japanese ministers assert that the reports of friction are unfounded and are intended to distract attention from other questions.

Gen. John Bidwell, of Chico, Cal., who led the first party of whites over the Sierras into the golden state, is still hale and hearty at the age of 80.

WORD FROM GENERAL BULLER

Little Said of Besieged Army at Ladysmith.

BOMBARDMENT IS KEPT UP

Another British Transport Arrives at Cape Town—News From Western Border—Affairs at Ladysmith.

London, Nov. 13.—The British war office has received from General Buller the following dispatch:

"Cape Town, Thursday evening.—Have received by pigeon post from General Buller the following: 'The bombardment at long range by heavy guns continues daily. A few casualties are occurring, but no serious harm is being done. The Boers sent in today a number of refugees, for the Transvaal under a flag of truce. A party from Ladysmith met them outside the pickets. When the party separated, the Boers fired on it before it reached our pickets. Major Gate, of the Royal engineers, was wounded today while sending a message. The entrenchments are growing stronger daily and the supply of provisions is ample.'"

The war office this evening issued the following:

"From Buller, Cape Town, Nov. 10.—By message from Bulawayo, dated November 3: A small convoy and escort under Speckley, of Plunkett's force, was attacked by Boers November 2. Six men missing and lost convoy."

The war office also issued the following:

"A report having appeared in the South African papers that our artillery fired on the Geneva flag. General Buller telegraphs the following account of the incident given to the Standard and Diggers' News by a Dutch clergyman with the Boers: 'Directly after the first cannon shot, the English thought our men were at the railway station and fired there. They were not, but one of the shots went through an ambulance. As soon as they found out their mistake they ceased firing. The ambulance was thought to have been three miles from the scene of action, so it cannot be claimed the Boers broke the rules of civilized warfare, and I do not think the English would have fired on them intentionally.'"

With the arrival at Cape Town of the British transports Roslyn, Cuckoo and Moor, to be followed by a continuous succession of troop-laden ships, the real campaign in South Africa may be said to have begun, and the fact that the first ship named was expected to arrive at Durban forthwith indicates at least a modification of the plan of advance.

Conditions at Ladysmith.

New York, Nov. 13.—A dispatch to the World from Estcourt says: "Trustworthy information concerning the actual state of affairs at Ladysmith comes from two civilians who arrived today, having escaped from the besieged town by evading the British patrols and stealing through the Boer lines. They say that both the town and the British camp are in a continuous state of alarm, and that the bombardment is heavy but its effect is reported to be petty. The Boers are slightly superior in strength, but the British forces maintain a vigorous defense, fighting daily. There were three attacks on the side of Ladysmith last Friday. The accounts previously received through native runners were greatly exaggerated."

"The main British attack was on the Boer lines stationed to the eastward. The British loss in that action was about 150 killed or wounded. It is supposed that the Boers suffered far more."

An Amsterdam Rumor.

London, Nov. 13.—Another rumor, emanating from Amsterdam sources, says a British regiment was decimated Friday by the Free Staters. It is added that 600 British soldiers were killed and wounded, and that 300 horses were captured.

Alaskan Railway.

Seattle, Nov. 13.—The White Pass & Yukon Railroad has purchased nearly \$800,000 worth of steel rails with which to extend its line from Lake Bennett to Closesleigh, a point on Fifty-mile river, four miles below the White Horse Rapids. Of this amount 2,400 tons have been delivered under rush orders to Lake Bennett, together with a locomotive to be used on the construction work between Lake Bennett and the White Horse Rapids.

By June 1 at least, the railroad company expects to have the road completed to the rapids and in operation.

San Killed His Father.

Porterville, Cal., Nov. 11.—At Plano, a small town a mile and a half south of here, Reese Martin was shot and instantly killed by his 19-year-old son Frederick. The young man accused his father of striking his mother. A quarrel ensued and the son discharged both barrels of a shotgun at the old man, causing instant death. He claims that he acted in self-defense.

August Becker Hanged.

Chicago, Nov. 13.—August Becker, the German butcher, who on January 7 last, murdered his wife, Rachel, and afterwards chopped up and boiled the remains in order to dispose of them, was hanged in the county jail this afternoon. Becker's neck was not broken by the fall and it was sixteen minutes before he was pronounced dead. On the scaffold Becker protested his innocence and declared George Satterly, the father of his second wife, was the real murderer.

WITHDRAWAL OF TROOPS.

General Wood Does Not Want So Many at Santiago.

New York, November 11.—A special to the Herald from Washington says: In order to avoid the charge of militarism already being raised in certain political quarters and preliminary to the appointment of civil governors President McKinley and Secretary Root are considering the advisability of withdrawing troops from Cuba and Puerto Rico. There are now in Cuba 391 officers and 10,796 men and in Puerto Rico 108 officers and 3,225 men.

In his annual report, just submitted to Secretary Root, Brigadier-General Wood, commanding the department of Santiago, declares he has too many troops. Secretary Root telegraphed General Wood today to make a supplemental report as to the number of men in his department and the number which can safely be withdrawn. Instructions were sent several days ago to General Brooke, commanding the division in Cuba, to report upon the advisability of withdrawing troops. His reply was not favorable to the proposition. The conditions in the island, in his opinion, necessitated retention of all the men now under his command.

It is understood that Brigadier-General Lee, commanding the province of Havana and Pinar del Rio, has informed the president that, in his opinion, all the men in Cuba should remain. Upon the arrival of General Ludlow here, he will be asked to give his opinion respecting the advisability of reducing the military force in the island.

In Puerto Rico, it is said, military officers feel that the force there can be reduced and it is expected some battalions will be brought home and stationed in this country.

STRENGTHENING ESQUIMALT.

England Will Not Be Taken Unawares by Russia.