

NEWS OF THE WEEK

Interesting Collection of Current Events
In Condensed Form From
Both Continents.

An epidemic of cholera has broken out in Bangkok.

Proof is positive that Dr. Ruiz, the American, was murdered in a Spanish prison in Cuba.

A boiler exploded in the print works of Noriega Bros., Puebla, Mexico, killing 60 or more persons.

Fire destroyed \$80,000 worth of property in Cairo, Ill. Twenty-five head of horses and a number of dwellings were burned.

A cloudburst, which caused the river Morge in France to rise suddenly, wrecked over 500 factories and workshops and devastated many small towns.

It is said in Astoria, upon what is apparently good authority, that Malcolm W. Sale, of Young's River, whose disappearance in March last created somewhat of a sensation, is alive and well.

Earthquakes were experienced in the state of Oaxaca, Mexico, and some damage was done on the isthmus of Tehuantepec, where slightly constructed houses were cracked. One shock lasted 40 seconds.

Jerome Smeathers, his wife and seven children were poisoned at Yvelington, Ky., with Paris Green, which accidentally fell in a bucket of water. One child is reported dead, two dying and possibly none will recover.

Owing to engineer and conductor forgetting orders a freight train crashed into a water train, both going at a high rate of speed, near Hudson, Wisconsin, and four workmen were instantly killed, three bodies being burned.

There was a collision between American and Spanish marines in Vera Cruz, Mexico. The Spanish hurried for Weyler and the Americans for Cuba. The latter were helped by Mexicans and the marines were put to flight.

The department of state has been officially informed that an international conference will be held in Berlin from October 11 to 16, 1897, to discuss the leprosy question. There will be lectures and exhibits connected therewith.

A Spanish captain and two lieutenants were tried by court-martial in Las Cabanas fortress and sentenced to be shot for cowardice in having, after 11 days siege, surrendered the government forts at Casa Orto in eastern Cuba, to the patriot forces of General Calixto Garcia.

More than three score of men have recently deserted from the warships New York and Massachusetts, together with those who left the Texas while she was in New York. Twenty-eight men took French leave of the Texas and 30 are missing from the New York. It is not known how many are missing from the Massachusetts. In every case the deserters are of foreign birth.

Alfred Pearce, in attempting to board a train at Mendota, Cal., was run over and horribly mangled. He died at the hospital a few hours after the accident.

Lansing, Ia., was visited by a supposed earthquake. An explanation has been found in the fact that a meteor was seen to fall near the city at the time of the shock.

James Williams, editor of the Chronicle of Armory, L. T., was shot and killed by a prominent attorney of that city for an attack made through the columns of Williams' paper.

The grasshoppers are doing considerable damage in Morrow county, Or. Gardens have been completely ruined around Lexington, and in many places entire fields of wheat have been eaten up.

The pleasure steamer Hermosa, of San Francisco, while 20 miles off the Golden Gate, was shaken up considerably while on her last outward trip by colliding with a whale. The whale was nearly cut in two and the steamer will have to go to the drydock for repairs.

News comes from Grant county, Or., of the tragic death of Jeff Conley, a sheepman, at his cabin in the mountains. He went to the creek to get water, and as he stooped over, his pistol fell from his belt against the wall he was carrying, and the weapon was discharged. The bullet passed through his body, resulting in death the following day.

An Astoria dispatch says the past week has seen a radical change for the better in the run of salmon. The deliveries of fish have been remarkably large, even for this time of the year. The canneries are all running at full capacity. Not only are the fish unusually numerous, but the run as to quality is extraordinarily fine. As an example, a fisherman one morning, after a few hours' work, turned into one of the lower town canneries 30 chinook salmon, which averaged by actual weight more than 50 pounds apiece.

A committee of German protectionists have addressed a communication to the foreign office complaining of American competition, and asking for a heavy import duty on American cycles, on the ground that if such duty is not imposed, 2,000 men employed in German cycle factories will be thrown out of work, owing to the extraordinary cheapness of American wares. The petition, it is said, is not likely to be granted, for the cheapness complained of generally lasts only until the cycle in question becomes famous.

The filibustering steamer Three Friends, has been acquitted of the charge of filibustering as there was no proof that she had been outfitted in this country.

A well-dressed man, about 45 years of age, committed suicide in front of the bandstand at Golden Gate park, San Francisco, by swallowing cyanide of potassium. A note signed "J. G. Burton," to the effect that he had been without food for four days, and could think of no other way out of his misery, was found in his pocket, but beyond this there was no clue as to his identity.

LABOR AND IMMIGRATION.

Compensate the Views of the Union of the Federation.

Washington, June 15.—President Gompers and the other members of the executive council of the American Federation of Labor have sent a greeting on the immigration question to the allied unions, in order by this means to obtain the sense of organized labor on the immigration question in its several phases. The greeting says: "The subject has been divided in such manner so that each member may have a fair opportunity to vote either in favor of or against the entire subject of immigration restriction, or upon the measure and scope of such restriction. Of course, those who are opposed to the restriction of immigration need give little attention to the manner by which restriction may be secured, while those who are favorable to restriction can fully discuss and decide as to the form and measures of restriction."

The following are the questions submitted: "First—Does your organization favor amending the laws of the United States to restrict immigration more than it is now restricted?"

"Second—Does your organization favor a provision in the law guarding against criminal and pauper elements entering into the United States?"

"Third—Should the foreign consular service and our immigration department be entrusted with greater powers to enforce immigration laws?"

"Fourth—Should the violation of the alien contract labor law by employers be punishable by imprisonment?"

"Fifth—Should the steamship companies be held responsible for a term of years for the character of their passengers?"

"Sixth—Should a stricter civil and educational test be enforced as to qualification for naturalization?"

"Seventh—Should every immigrant be compelled to declare his intention to become a citizen of the United States?"