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NEWS OF THE WEEK

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

The natives of New Guinea are murdering Australian miners.

Federal aid agents are in a tangle in Kansas and a clash is expected.

The corn crop in Kansas is now said to be damaged 60 per cent by the prevailing hot weather.

Sensors Quay and Morgan are to go to the Sandwich Islands to post themselves on the country and its possibilities.

The internal revenue office has issued orders to local collectors to seize tobacco prize packages under the provision of the new tariff law.

Over 100 tramps and harvesters took possession of a freight train on the Northwestern line, near Omaha, Neb.

The train was sidetracked, and the sheriff and police were called upon for assistance. After an hour's delay the tramps were dislodged. The sheriff had a desperate fight in trying to juggle the men, but was successful. The surrounding country is overrun with tramps.

The following is an extract from a private letter received in San Francisco from Manila, Philippine Islands:

"Here things are in a frightful mess. Spanish dollars have been introduced at 10 per cent less value than Mexican.

Everybody wants to sell out. Native brokers are over the place trying to sell their possessions, and find no buyers. In the sugar provinces, cane plants are being burned up for lack of rain."

Samuel Wolf, a Jersey City contractor, offered a dish of cream to the boy who would hold his arm the longest time in an ice cream freezer. A number of boys who were around Willie Lockwood outdid them all. Although suffering great pain, he held his arm in the freezer for four minutes. When he withdrew it the arm was frozen stiff. He was taken to the hospital, where it was said it would be necessary to amputate the arm.

A letter received in Portland from a young Alaskan says: There are 500 people now at Dyea, waiting to get over the pass. There are several more steamers loaded now on the way, and the guards. The Indian packers at Dyea and pack animals have all the freight they can carry to the lakes by the time winter sets in. There will be hundreds camping at Dyea and on the lakes all winter, eating the provisions they have taken with them. Other parties bound for the mines by this route have to carry their own freight over the mountains. The prices for packing across the mountain have risen to 25 and 37 cents per pound, and the packers are independent at that.

Kansas and Missouri are again being scorched by heat.

Six persons were killed in a mountain slide a few miles from Berlin Saturday.

A non-union coal miner was shot and killed at Scottsdales, Pa., during a quarrel with striking miners.

The potters of Trenton, N. J., and the sheet iron workers of Philadelphia, N. H., now threaten to go on a strike.

The monitor Puritan broke her rudder in New York and will be laid up for a month, and will cost about \$5,000.

George H. Walker, a Washington, D. C., lawyer and former correspondent, has been appointed assistant postmaster-general.

Four boys were drowned at Kansas City while swimming, four in Winthrop and two more at Boston, one of whom was 80 years of age.

Bluejackets from the warship Yorktown and Boston were stoned and beaten by Japanese at Kobe, Japan, and some of them were badly used up.

Andrew's north pole balloon is reported to have been seen in several places recently, but each time away from its course. Many have given him up as lost.

Professor Arion, a professional high wire performer, fell from his wire, a distance of 75 feet, while riding a bicycle at Ridgewood Park, N. J., and was killed.

The monthly statement issued by the director of the mint shows that during July, 1897, the coinage executed at United States mints amounted to \$70,850.

A Missouri Pacific train ran into a freight standing on the main track at Yates Center, Kan., and Engineer Joseph Clowen and Fireman Cal Rowan were killed. Other persons were injured.

Captain General Weyler has pardoned forty political offenders under death and other penal sentences, at the suggestion of the home government, and 1,000 Cuban exiles have been granted amnesty.

Assistant Secretary Howell has rendered a decision in which he holds that calves should be classed as "hides of cattle," and are therefore dutiable under the new tariff, but at 18 per cent ad valorem.

In the engagement of Chakdara the British troops suffered but slight loss, but the native loss was heavy. Six thousand tribesmen were preparing to attack the fort when they were attacked by the British column, under Colonel Meikeljohn, and completely routed.

A cloudburst occurred near Castle Rock, Colo., doing considerable damage to property. One hundred bridges in the district were washed away.

Ivory Law, a well-known young farmer of Shelbyville, Ind., returned to the home of his sister, Mrs. Lina McPherson, after a spree and was reprimanded by her. Law got very angry and resented the words by going to a barn and securing a whip, with which he assaulted his sister, wearing it out upon her. The woman was frightfully injured and will die. A crowd headed by the woman's husband is hunting for Law.

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WEALTH OF THE YUKON

It is Estimated That 100,000 Men Will Go in the Spring—California Changes His Mind.

Tacoma, Aug. 10.—Hugh C. Wallace, the prominent banker, who has probably made a more careful investigation of the Klondike than anybody on the coast who has not actually been there, having interviewed a great number of the miners who came down on the Portland last month, and other people who have traveled in the upper Yukon country and inspected along the main river and its branches, said to a press representative:

"There is no doubt that the Yukon will yield more gold than has been taken from any other part of the world, probably in any other part of the world. The Yukon runs through a country not yet explored by white men, and its bars are universally reported to be rich. Miners who have worked along the river since 1882 agree that ground \$5 to \$100 per day is easily found.

"The existence of gold in such quantities along the main river is abundant proof of rich diggings in other branches of the Klondike. It is certain there was two months ago somewhere between \$6,000,000 and \$8,000,000 ready taken out and sent to Dawson City. Fully one-half of this, it is believed, will come down on the next two steamers.

"The gold thus far taken out has come from two or three small creeks emptying into the Klondike. Reports of other rich strikes have been obtained. Returning miners unite in declaring that prospecting has scarcely begun. Men engaged in profitable enterprises on Puget sound are leaving them for the Klondike. I am informed that profitable diggings and prosperous towns in Alaska are being almost deserted in the rush for the gold fields.

"There will be a mighty and continuous stream of people from Puget sound for the next six weeks, and I believe it is no exaggeration to say that there will be 100,000 men on in next February, March, April and May. To my knowledge, letters are being received daily from every section of this country, and from European cities as well, making inquiry as to means of reaching Alaska in the spring.

"Old Yukoners say the trip can be made any month in the year. The perilous and difficult part of the trip has consisted heretofore of a climb over the mountain passes requiring a portage of 28 miles from salt water to the first of a series of lakes, forming the Yukon headwaters. This difficulty is now over, for since the using of White's pass began, three weeks ago, horses can be used for packing outfits the entire distance over the mountains, and miners themselves can ride if they choose. It is three days from Puget sound to this pass.

"The effect of these discoveries on business on Puget sound has been electric, and the effect of the immense increase in the production of gold will stimulate every artery of trade."

No Klondike for Him. Port Townsend, Aug. 10.—An evidence that many people started for the gold fields of Alaska during the strain of mental excitement was given here last night, when the steamer Queen sailed for the north. Just after the steamer blew her whistle to cast off her lines, an excited passenger, who had \$800 worth of provisions billeted through to Dyea, yelled out:

"Boys, divide the d—d mess between you; I'm going back to California."

The disgusted passenger refused to give his name, but said he would prefer to give up his outfit than to take the chances of crossing Chilkoot pass this fall.

Evidently there were several disciples of counterfeiter Dean and wife, of San Francisco, yesterday bound for Alaska, for just before the Queen sailed last night, several well dressed young men rushed around the city in quest of change for greenbacks. They said they were going down the Yukon river in boats, and in case they fell overboard, paper money would be ruined by getting wet. In many cases they succeeded in passing bills, two-thirds of which have been found to be counterfeit. One saloonist in a batch of \$240 in bills, received two \$20 Confederate bills, the mintage of 1862. Investigation developed the fact that they were left here by people who went north on the Queen.

Impretable Exposition Schemes. Paris, Aug. 10.—A hundred projects for attractions for the Paris exposition of 1900 were submitted to the committee today. They included the building of a copy of Barthold's statue of liberty in New York harbor 600 feet high; the construction of a restaurant under water, to be built of glass; an enormous vertical screw, with a nut fitted as a cage; a reproduction of the Trojan horse, capable of holding 1,000 people, and plans for fitting the Eiffel tower with a spiral railroad and toboggan chute. The committee decided that none of the schemes were practicable.

Caught by a Rover. Wilbur, Wash., Aug. 10.—While cutting grain yesterday afternoon the 4-year-old son of Peter McKay in some way managed to get in the tall grain in front of the machine, and had one of his little limbs completely severed. The other was badly mangled, but Dr. Young thinks that he can save it if he can save the child's life.

A five-cent stamp must adorn every day book, ledger or other account-book kept by a business house in Mexico.

Sheboygan, Mich., Aug. 10.—William Maltman, a well-known business man, and chairman of the Republican county committee, was found dead on the street this morning. While going home he was stricken with apoplexy. His body lay in the driving rain all night, and when found was hardly recognizable.

Paris, Aug. 10.—The Gaulois says a pigeon bearing instructions regarding Professor Andrew's balloon expedition was captured at Gladis, near Coris, 22 miles from Trieste, in Austria-Hungary.

The Strikers Won the Day at Turtle and Sandy Creeks.

Pittsburg, Aug. 9.—Out of the 2,000 strikers who camped at Turtle creek last Saturday, barely 300 now remain at Camp Determination. In addition to the large number turned out of camp and shut off from the free food distribution yesterday, many were drafted to Plum creek, where the great struggle for supremacy between the strikers and the New York & Cleveland Gas Coal Company will be carried on.

At Turtle and Sandy creeks the strikers have practically won. Turtle creek mine, known as No. 4, is closed down as tight as the strikers can ever hope to close it by their present peaceful means of agitation. It is true that a few men are still at work in the pit, but they are not putting out any coal.

Reports from Plum creek are conflicting. Superintendent DeWitt claims that 255 men are still working, while the strikers say they counted but 30 going into the pit this morning.

The deputies at Plum creek are having a hard time. Many are complaining, and a number have resigned. They are up from before daylight until long after the sun has set. They are on a constant strain. All the mines are connected by private telegraph and telephone wires, and every stranger or highway traveler moving along the office by scouts and the foremen or managers of all the mines get notices. At the point upon which any march thus reported seems to be directed, there is a stir among the deputies. As these marches are of almost daily occurrence day and night in all directions, the deputies are in a constant state of apprehension and activity. The feeding and lodging facilities are limited, and not adequate to the demands made upon them, and what adds to the deputies' discomfort is the fact that none of them are used to hardships.

TESLA'S WIRELESS SYSTEM. Messages May Be Sent to Any Part of the Globe.

New York, Aug. 6.—Nicola Tesla announced today the completion of his latest discovery, the "simultaneous transmission of messages by means of the earth's electrical currents to as many scattered points on the surface of the globe as may be desired." This he regards as by far his greatest achievement.

Tesla, a Serbian, gave a demonstration of the operation of his device for arresting and subjecting to control under natural laws the natural substances in and about the earth.

His latest invention or discovery is to produce such a disturbance of the electricity of the earth which can be felt and noted simultaneously at all parts of the globe.

"I am producing," said he in the course of his demonstration, "an electrical disturbance of intense magnitude, which is continuing throughout the entire earth. In other words, I am producing a disturbance of the earth's charge of electricity which can be felt to the utmost parts of the earth."

"And the result will be?"

"That is almost incomprehensible. This electrical disturbance by means of certain simple instruments, can be felt and appreciated at any point of the globe. In this way messages can be sent the entire earth around, and be taken up at any part of the earth without the aid or intervention of wires in any way at all."

Mowed Down With Cannon. London, Aug. 9.—The London News publishes a letter from a Calcutta volunteer reiterating the statement that during the recent rioting there the artillery fired at a mob of 5,000 ill-humored men who were marching to join the rioters, with the result that 1,500 of the natives were killed.

The secretary of state for India was questioned in the house of commons July 9 as to the accuracy of the native report that 1,500 persons were killed during the rioting, which had just occurred in the vicinity of Calcutta, as one of the results of the stringent measures taken by government officials to prevent the spread of and stamp out the bubonic plague. He replied that about seven persons were killed and 20 were wounded during the riots referred to.

To Complete Hudson River Tunnel. New York, Aug. 9.—The Hudson river tunnel project to connect New York and New Jersey has been revived. Plans are now being prepared to resume construction where it was dropped five years ago. Engineers say that an expenditure of \$1,500,000 will complete the work. Four million dollars had already been spent before the work was abandoned, at which time there were 2,916 feet of completed tunnel going east from the shaft in Jersey City. One thousand feet of this distance extends east of the middle of the Hudson river.

President Will Not Come West. San Francisco, Aug. 9.—Mayor Phelan today received a dispatch from Attorney General McKenna, stating that President McKinley had assured him that the proposed trip to the Pacific coast had been abandoned for this year.

California Wheat for Brazil. Washington, Aug. 9.—The bureau of American republics had information that merchants of Rio Janeiro have chartered two vessels in San Francisco to take cargoes of California wheat to Rio. This is the first time that such a thing has occurred and is attributed to the short crop in the Argentine republic and Paraguay.

The common house sparrow flies at the rate of 93 miles an hour.

Heavy Rainstorm Strikes Colorado. Denver, Aug. 9.—Heavy rains have caused many thousands of dollars worth of damage in and about the city. Several bridges across Cherry creek have been washed away. Patrick Murray, a laborer, was thrown into the creek by the caving of a bank and was drowned. An unknown man who attempted to ford the creek on horseback was also swept away.

Our wisdom is often handicapped by our common sense knowledge, like a medieval knight scarcely able to move in his heavy armor.

The Steamers Lakme Sailed from Seattle for Cook's Inlet, Alaska, in March, 1896, she carried among her passengers Blackstone, Batcher and Malique. The men attempted to cross the portage glacier on a prospecting tour and were frozen to death. It is evident Blackstone made his way down the glacier to where it pitches into Prince William sound. His body was found at the foot of the glacier, together with the remains of his dog. On his body was the following memorandum:

"Saturday, April 4, 1897.—This is to certify that George Batcher froze to death Tuesday night, J. W. Malique died Wednesday forenoon, C. A. Blackstone had his ears, nose and four fingers on his right hand and two on his left hand frozen an inch back. The storm drove us on before it overtook us within an hour of the summit, and drove us before it, and drove everything we had over the cliff, except our blankets and moose hide, which we all crawled under. The temperature is supposed to have been 40 degrees below zero. Friday I started for salt water. I don't know how I got there with the outfit everything and have enough grub for ten days providing the bad weather don't set in. I think was blown over the cliff I spent I hear him howl every once in a while."

It would appear that Blackstone went over the cliff with the intention of finding his dog. From his diary it seems that he found his dog, and finally in order to prevent starving to death he was forced to kill and eat the animal, but it was of no avail, no relief came and he starved or froze to death.

On May 23, just two months after the men left Sunrise City, the body of Blackstone was found by George Hall, a prospector from Seattle, and the remains were buried. Blackstone was 39 years old, was a native of Oregon and had lived in Portland, Centralia, Wash., and Seattle.

Batcher was a native of Montana, was 36 years of age, and for many years followed mining.

Malique was a native of Indiana, was 35 years of age, was a graduate of Hamilton college, Mo., and was a practical miner. For many years he had as a partner Mr. Hall, the hero of this story.

FATAL CHICAGO FIRE. Five Firemen Were Killed and Fifty Wounded.

Chicago, Aug. 9.—Five lives were lost in an explosion this evening during a fire in the Northwestern grain elevator, at Cook and West Water streets. Four of the dead are firemen; the body of another fireman is thought to be buried in the ruins. From the force with which the explosion swept the spot on which they were standing, they must have been instantly killed. Either the bursting of a boiler or the explosion of mill dirt caused the havoc. The four firemen, who were killed by the falling walls of the elevator are: Jacob J. Schnur, Joseph Strikman, John J. Coogan and Jacob S. Stramer. An unidentified man was blown into the river, but the body was not recovered.

Besides these dozens of firemen and passers by were more or less cut and bruised by glass and flying debris. In all 51 firemen were injured.

A SLUMP IN SILVER. The Price Declined One and One-Quarter Cents at New York.

New York, Aug. 9.—Silver bullion experienced today the most violent break of the season's decline. In London the price dropped 3/4 cent from yesterday's price, selling at 25 3/4 per ounce, as against 27 1/4 a month ago. The New York price fell to 55 3/4 bid, a break of 1 1/2 cent from yesterday's price, and 1 1/2 cent from the silver dollar is a trifle more than 43 cents.

London dispatches ascribed today's great weakness in silver to liquidation of New York holders of the bullion. Such a decline as today's has not been witnessed since June, 1893. The India mints were closed to free silver coinage June 26 of that year. On the news, bullion fell in London from 87 1/2 per ounce to a price below 30d, but it rallied sharply later.

A huge cypress tree in Tule, in the state of Oaxca, Mexico, is 154 feet in circumference.

Flour on the Rise. Chicago, Aug. 9.—Flour is rising in price, and has reached \$5 a barrel. Last April it cost \$4.10, the low price of the year. The advance has been steady since, and some of those in the trade think it will continue until war-time prices prevail.

St. Petersburg, Aug. 9.—Word has been received that during the recent flood 38 persons were drowned by the collapse of a bridge at Kertle, province of Esthonia.

BattleShip Sent to Foreign Dock. Washington, Aug. 9.—The battleship Indiana sailed from Newport today for Halifax, where she will be docked, cleaned and painted. She is the first of the battleships that has been sent from the United States to a foreign dock for lack of dockage facilities, but it is probable she must be followed by her sister ships, the Massachusetts and the Iowa, as it is not expected now that the New York dock will be repaired in less than a year, and there is no other dock on the Atlantic coast capable of receiving them.

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The Oregon Press Association will meet in Baker City on October 16, 17 and 18.

Quite a number of the Umatilla Indians are in the Grand Ronde valley, in Union county, digging canals.

Just outside of the town of Athena a field of 35 acres of wheat has just been harvested, and the yield was 62 bushels to the acre.

The salary of the principal of the Roseburg school has been reduced to \$70, and the under-teachers to \$37.50. The janitor's salary was cut down to \$18 from \$30.

Last week a piece of bridge timber 70 feet long and 40 inches in diameter was cut at Saldon's logging camp, near Clatskanie, for the Astoria & Columbia