

NEWS OF THE WEEK

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

The Peoria, Ill., water works were sold under decree of court to bondholders for \$1,500,000.

Destructive brush fires in the colony of Victoria, Australia, have done an enormous amount of damage.

In a fight over a game of cards at Sandy Forks, Ky., eight men, all colored, were killed, and four seriously wounded.

W. J. Trenholm, former comptroller of the currency, has retired from the presidency of the American Surety Company.

Governor Budd, of California, has ordered an inquiry to be made into the mental condition of Salter D. Worden, the train wrecker.

While at small arms practice at Tampa, Fla., four men on the cruiser Marblehead were injured by an explosion, two seriously.

Funds have been secured in London, and three immense sugar beet factories will be erected at Chicago, Marysville and Red Bluff, Cal.

A Mrs. Eliza Kohler, widow of a well-known San Francisco liquor dealer, has made an assignment, with liabilities of \$333,174; and assets, \$223,732.

Since the serious illness of Cornelius Vanderbilt, William K. his brother, has become the actual dominant force in the New York Central railroad.

The court martial of Captain O. M. Carter, which has been in session at Savannah, will sit at Augusta hereafter for the convenience of witnesses.

A Chicago syndicate with \$1,000,000 has purchased the 1,200,000-acre Lopez ranch in Northern Mexico, which has on it valuable deposits of asphaltum.

American schooner George W. Whitford has been ordered forfeited by the Colombian supreme court for loading a cargo of Porto Bello in violation of port regulations.

Charles Marsh, arrested at Kansas City for swindling J. F. Callahan, of Spokane, is the well-known confidence man, known by the alias of Boston Charley.

The Oakland, Cal., authorities have suspicions that Joseph Eusebio, the trainer, whose mangled body was found alongside the railroad track at Shell Mound, was murdered.

The board of experts engaged in considering and adopting standards to govern the importation of tea for the coming year, has decided upon four out of the eighteen standards.

Sanford B. Dole, president of the Hawaiian republic, has arrived at San Francisco, en route to Washington, where he will discuss annexation of the islands to the United States.

Ships Aryan, for San Francisco, and Dirigo, for Shanghai, left New York together on Friday. Heavy hets were put up by the masters as to which vessel would arrive at her destination first.

Mrs. J. M. Farleigh, of Chicago, and Mrs. Mary Miller, of Dexter, Mich., have started for Montana to lay claim to an interest in the \$1,000,000 estate of a deceased uncle, John D. Allport.

Edwin T. Earle has brought suit in the United States circuit court at San Francisco against the Armour Packing Company to recover \$100,000 damages for violation of plaintiff's patent on a refrigerator.

The controller of the currency has declared a dividend in favor of the First National bank of Helena, Mont., of 10 per cent.

The Western Union Beef Company has sold 8,000 head of steers off its Texas ranch to Clinton Anderson, of Wyoming, and will retire from business.

One assaying \$52 in gold and \$70 in silver to the ton was discovered two miles from Adams Springs, Lake county, California, and the district is wildly excited.

George Dobb and Mrs. Emeline New, jointly indicted for the murder of the latter's husband at Eureka, Kan., have been convicted of murder in the second degree.

Patrick A. Largey, president of the State Savings bank, and one of the best-known citizens of Butte, was shot and killed in the bank building by Thomas J. Riley.

The Steer mansion at Nyack, one of the best-known residences along the shore of Narragansett bay, Rhode Island, was burned to the ground Saturday night.

An insane man named Ramon Vivesa created a sensation in the cathedral at Madrid, by firing several revolver shots. He was arrested and will be sent to an insane asylum.

Civil Engineer A. G. Monreal, U. S. N., will be brought to court-martial on account of the faulty character of the work of construction of dry dock No. 3, approved by him.

At a session of the Augusta, Ga., city council, Councilman Gong got into a controversy with Jailer Collins, and reached for a gun. Peace-makers interfered and quiet was restored.

The civil service debate which was inaugurated in the house a week ago has been ended. It opened with a row, but ended very tamely. There was not even a vote on the appropriation in the executive, legislative and judicial appropriation bill for the commission, upon which the debate was projected.

The urgent deficiency bill, as reported to the house from the committee on appropriations carries a total of \$7,382,537. The bill appropriates \$100,000 for the survey of the Yukon river in Alaska, to include all necessary expenses, the money to be expended under the direction of the superintendent of the coast and geodetic survey, and \$100,000 that amount to be used for a survey of the Copper river.

Mrs. John A. Logan and Mrs. George M. Pullman are en route to the Pacific coast to visit Mrs. Pullman's daughter, Mrs. Frank Carlan, of Burlingame, Cal.

SIG. STRINE NOW ON

Over One Hundred Thousand Copies Distributed.

Boston, Jan. 19.—The fight between employer and employee in the New England cotton mills is on, and what it will lead up to cannot be forecast.

The great corporations in New England are silent, and thousands of operatives are idle, while here and there discontent has erupted out all day, the most serious being at Hildreth's mill, where 3,200 persons refused to work, thus closing two mills, and at Lewiston, where one mill was crippled by 300 workers staying out. The general wage reduction is estimated to affect 117,000 persons in about 150 mills.

Tonight the textile operatives everywhere intensely interested in the New Bedford strike. The strike there is the strongest and most determined, and upon the outcome will depend the entire fate of an industrial battle the entire length and breadth of the New England states.

The chief point in this is the demand for a 10 per cent. increase in the millwages. The New Bedford situation is now a lock-out. Interference by the state board of arbitration this week is hardly likely to be followed, and no overt act on the part of the strikers and no attempt to open a mill is expected for a number of days. The New Bedford strikers will receive some money from operative assistance, but the sum total will be reserved until a protracted battle brings the strikers to a standstill.

All the New Bedford mills opened in the usual time. When some of the lights went out, speed stopped, and some second hands proposed to make everything snug, and the mills were closed immediately. The later unions did little work, but were carrying out plans of campaign which will be developed only as fluctuations in the market occur.

Of the other strikers, little has been heard in the other mills. The strikers in the other mills are not so numerous as those in the New Bedford mills. The strikers in the other mills are not so numerous as those in the New Bedford mills.

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MERGE OF A REVOLT

LATEST FROM DAWSON.

Twenty-Two Klondikers Arrive on the Steamer Corona.

Seattle, Jan. 19.—Twenty-two persons arrived here tonight from Dawson City on the steamer Corona, bringing with them a small amount of gold dust, and drafts on the North American Trading & Transportation Company and the Alaska Commercial Company amounting to between \$500,000 and \$1,000,000.

In the party was one woman, the only woman to come out this winter. The party consisted of Andrew Olson, E. H. Jenkins, Leonard Sedgwick, E. Thomassin, D. Campbell, L. V. Grady, W. M. Kaufman, T. E. Brenier, Joe Brand, H. C. Bolong, Carl Hunt, Colonel Brosius, J. J. Eder, B. Tragedo, Chris Nueber, James Wardell, J. O. Berth, James O'Brien, W. H. Welch, H. T. Coffin, H. L. Burt and Miss L. K. Keller.

The amount of drafts brought down represents the proceeds of sales of claims to the Cudahy, Healy, Yukon & Klondike mining companies and private parties. The largest individual amounts were brought by the following: D. Campbell, \$130,000; E. H. Jenkins, \$125,000; Leonard Sedgwick, \$100,000; Andrew Olson, \$120,000; T. E. Brenier, \$46,000; Joe Brand, \$15,000.

In reference to the food situation at Dawson, tonight's arrivals corroborate previous reports that, while food is scarce, there will be no starvation. They consider that it will be impossible to get a relief expedition in at this season of the year.

Relief expeditions can easily reach the foot of Lake Labarge, but the trouble will begin when the Yukon river is reached. The Yukon is filled from shore to shore with great ice ridges thrown up in great blocks, and standing all sorts of angles. Men with dogs can make their way by hugging the shore, but no great amount of supplies can be carried with dog teams. A roadway can be cut through these ice ridges, but it would require a great amount of money, and it is doubtful if the work could be completed before the ice moved out of the river in the spring. The proposed use of reindeer in this country is considered entirely impracticable.

Heavy snow storms have occurred this week on the Chilkoot pass, and travel has been practically impossible for days at a time. Inspector Stuckland of the Northwest mounted police stationed at Tagish, was delayed five days near the summit by snow and wind.

A detachment consisting of 30 men of the Northwest mounted police, have arrived at Skagway. They were to have been stationed at different posts in the interior, but, owing to the shortage of provisions, and the cost of transporting supplies, the detachment will remain at Skagway for the present.

HIS SATANIC MAJESTY.

Indiana Parson's Son Played the Devil in a Realistic Manner.

Chicago, Jan. 19.—A special to the Times-Herald from Bourbon, Ind., says: Rev. Mr. Aikin, pastor of the Bethel church, on Sunday night took for his theme "His Satanic Majesty." He is an eloquent man, and he painted the arch-fiend in vivid colors. At the climax of the description, a being dressed to represent a devil, with a large head and a swishing tail, ambled up the aisle, blowing smoke from its nostrils and bellowing:

"I am the devil, and I want all of you."

The audience became panic-stricken. Men, women and children were hurled to the floor and trampled upon in the mad rush for the door. In the confusion the stove was upset and the building caught fire. Before the horrified members had regained their senses, the fire had made such headway that all attempts to save the church were in vain.

This morning George Aikin, son of the pastor, confessed that he, in company with other boys, rigged up a devil suit, and, knowing the subject of his father's sermon, concealed himself and awaited the arrival of the audience.

TO STAND BY THE GUNS.

Two Additional Regiments of Artillery Asked For.

Washington, Jan. 19.—In a communication to congress today on the care and preservation of the government fortifications and their armament, Artillery Secretary Meiklejohn calls on congress for an additional force of two regiments of artillery, imperatively required to keep the guns and mortars throughout the country in good condition, and to use them effectively when required. He incloses reports of General Miles and others on the subject, and says the most practical and economical plan having in view the purposes for which the fortifications and armaments are provided, as to quarter the artillery force by units of organization in batteries, behind the guns they are to use, as far as the existing force will go, caring for the remainder by suitable detachments from those garrisons. The present authorized strength of the artillery force of the army is inadequate to the proper care and preservation of their armament.

Earthquake in Italy.

London, Jan. 19.—A dispatch from Rome says there was a severe earthquake shock today at Argentina, 18 miles southeast from Ferrara. Several buildings and a church were wrecked and many persons injured.

London, Jan. 19.—A special dispatch from Cairo says that a party of friendly natives has captured the Derwish post of Sarich, taking 100 prisoners and obtaining concessions of quantities of supplies.

Urgent Deficiency Bill Reported.

Washington, Jan. 19.—The urgent deficiency bill was reported today by the senate committee on appropriations. The most important amendments adopted were for the Nicaragua canal commission, \$100,000, and for the geological and topographical commissions in Alaska, \$20,000.

Washington, Jan. 19.—Information has been received from the treasury department that no recommendations will be made for the establishment of an assay office, either at Portland, Seattle, Spokane or in Alaska.

TERRIBLE EXPERIENCE

Daughter of Ex-Senator Blackburn Shot Here.

Washington, Jan. 18.—In her apartment in the Wellington hotel last night Mrs. Lucile Lane, youngest daughter of ex-Senator Blackburn, of Kentucky, shot herself. According to the statement given out by the family, the shooting was accidental. Both Mrs. Lane's physicians refused to discuss the subject, even to the extent of saying whether or not the wound would prove fatal, but from the best that can be learned she will probably recover, although now suffering severely from the shock.

A friend of the family nominated to give out a statement said that about midnight Saturday Mrs. Lane was preparing to retire. Her husband at the time was in the adjoining room looking over a paper. Mrs. Lane opened a bureau drawer to get a handkerchief, and picked up a handful of gloves and a lace which had been tossed together in the drawer. Under this dully mass was a tiny lady's pistol, a gift to Mrs. Lane from her father, and a possession of which she was particularly fond. It caught in a piece of lace as she raised her hand, and, falling of its own weight, struck the bureau. The pistol exploded, and the ball penetrated her left breast. What became of the ball it is impossible to say. According to the statement given out, it struck a rib and ranged around beneath the left shoulder, making a superficial wound. At the same time it is said Mrs. Lane is suffering so from the shock that the physicians have devoted all their energies to allaying her pain without attempting to injure. The most precise statement that either physician would make tonight was that Mrs. Lane would probably live until morning.

At the request of the family, the block in which the hotel is situated, has been roped off. Ex-Senator Blackburn is deeply affected by the occurrence. He does not live with his daughter, and when the affair occurred was summoned from his room on New York avenue, remaining thereafter at Mrs. Lane's hotel.

Henry Savage Laynor Tortured by Thibet ns.

ATTEMPTED TO REACH CAPITAL.

He and Native Companions Crippled and Disabled for Life by Fanaticism-Inflicted.

London, Jan. 17.—The Daily Chronicle, in a description of the experiences in Thibet of Henry Savage Laynor, the artist, who narrowly escaped death at the hands of the Thibetans when endeavoring last autumn to reach Lassa, the capital of Thibet, says:

"His valuable diary and notes, including interesting photographs, was only interrupted when Mr. Laynor himself was under torture. One of these represents the scene of torture of a native companion, tied naked to a tree and slashed and bruised by a circle of hideous beings dancing around, jeering at and taunting their victim. Another photograph, taken after the rescue, shows two unrecognized men, the hair of whose heads, the skin lacerated and seamed with burns, and in place of their eyes two ghastly slits.

"Mr. Laynor lost one eye. The Thibetans repeatedly held white-hot rods so close to the eyes of their captives—as without touching them to shrivel and wither them. Mr. Laynor was rescued when nearly dead, after being three days without food or water, by a party including Mr. Wilson, Mr. Larkin and Kasak Singh Pal, nephew of the rajawar of Askote, who had heard from the natives that a white man was doomed to be beheaded in the interior of Thibet. Mr. Laynor had almost lost his reason. After three hours' attention he regained sufficient consciousness to say where he had concealed his camera. They had a photograph taken of the savages covering in terror of the avenging whites.

"It is not probable that Mr. Laynor will ever be well enough to return."

FORT SMITH STORM.

The List of Dead Numbers Forty-Three—About Seventy Injured.

Fort Smith, Ark., Jan. 17.—The latest official death list shows a total of 43 lives lost in the tornado which swept through Fort Smith Tuesday night. Not less than 70 others are injured, a large number of them seriously, and several are expected to die.

The work of removing the bodies from the ruined buildings progressed today. Five new names were added to the list of the dead. Two bodies were dug from the ruins of the Smith block, from which 11 had previously been taken.

The full extent of the storm may be comprehended from the fact that 35 miles north of the city a quantity of tin roofing from Garrison avenue buildings was found. A woman was taken from the ruins of the Burgess hotel today, and identified as Mrs. Ida Innis, of Elm Spring, Ark. Her brother is missing, and it is believed his body is still buried in the ruins. Business in the devastated districts, where the buildings were only partially damaged, was resumed today. Ladies of the city are at work distributing food and clothing to the needy. The relief committee, composed of prominent business men, finds difficulty in locating the sufferers. One hundred and fifty buildings were demolished, and will have to be rebuilt to accommodate the people. Orton and Wright, two of the dead, were Indian territory farmers, and had just stepped into the Smith building for shelter.

Memphis, St. Louis, Kansas City, Little Rock and other cities wired requests to lend aid if necessary. The number of dead will not exceed 50.

Vanderbilts in Possession.

New York, Jan. 17.—The control of the Oregon Railroad & Navigation Company having been obtained by the reorganization committee of the Union Pacific, the Vanderbilts are now in virtual possession of a third of the continental line. The New York Central is the first road in the combination from this point. At Buffalo it connects with the Lake Shore for Chicago, from which point the chain is carried on to Omaha by the Chicago & North-western, and from there the Union Pacific, the Oregon Short Line and the O. R. & N. Co. leads the line to Portland. All these roads are Vanderbilt roads, and the total mileage is 13,420.

Negotiations Successful.

San Francisco, Jan. 17.—A cablegram from London announces the success of the mission of William E. Greene, who recently left for Europe in the interest of the beet-sugar syndicate which has been negotiating for lands in the Sacramento valley. Satisfactory arrangements have been made to secure the proper persons to cultivate the beets. Contracts have been signed by which 160,000 acres of land near Chico, Marysville and Red Bluff have been secured, and the work of erecting three immense sugar factories will be started at once. The syndicate has a capital of \$15,000,000.

Tax Riot in India.

Bombay, Jan. 17.—There has been a tax riot at Borivri, near Narvad, district of Gujarat. A collector was seriously injured and five Sepoys were killed. Three hundred Sepoy troops have been sent to the scene of the disturbance from Ahmedabad.

Outbreak in Belochistan.

Calcutta, Jan. 17.—News has been received from Metramul, in Belochistan, of an outbreak against a British surveying party there numbering 200. A number of the native guards were killed or wounded.

AMERICANS IN CUBA

Senate Becoming Alarmed for Their Safety.

Information Is Asked For.

Caffery Speaks Against the Immigration Bill—House Considers Agricultural Bill.

Washington, Jan. 15.—Senator Cannon of Utah, today presented the following resolution to the senate, and it was adopted:

"Resolved, That the president is requested, if in his opinion it is not incompatible with the public interest, to transmit to the senate at his earliest convenience a statement showing what measures are in force by this government in the island of Cuba and in the waters contiguous thereto to protect the lives, liberty and property of American citizens now dwelling in Cuba."

Among the other measures reported to the senate today was the pension appropriation bill. It was placed on the calendar.

At the close of the morning business, the immigration bill, the unfinished business, was taken up, and Caffery of Louisiana was recognized for a speech in opposition to the measure. Caffery said:

"The pending bill is as mild a form of antagonism to immigration as conditions will permit. The educational test is of no very stringent character so far as the test is concerned. It is, however, the beginning of a new departure. From the foundation of the government we have invited the hardy, adventurous people of the Caucasian family to our hospitable shores. The grand transformation of this continent from the wigwam of the savage and the myriad of homes of a happy, industrious people, has been the work of white immigrants; yet we are about to write the hand that has up until now, to give a sting to gratitude.

"Many whose ancestors are foreign born are now clamoring for restricted immigration. It is just and proper to hold this continent against the Mongolians. The exclusion of Chinese is justified by a wise policy and by the principle of retaliation. Their doors have been closed to the world, but their arms and selfishness are not the role for our nations to play in the world's grand theater."

"Not to admit to this country Irishmen, Swedes or Italians who cannot read or write is Chinese, not American. No danger to our institutions has ever arisen from admitting immigrants who cannot read and write. This government is the outgrowth of the labor of countless immigrants, who will be disqualified by the pending bill. He who is vigorous in body, sound in mind, honest and industrious is a good citizen. No immigrant, not a pauper or insane, diseased or criminal should be turned away from our shores."

At the conclusion of Senator Caffery's speech the senate at 4:20 P. M., on motion of Chairman Davis, of the foreign relations committee, went into executive session.

Senator Frye made a most spirited speech in support of the Hawaiian treaty, urging upon the senate the importance of accepting the islands while opportunity offered, and denouncing as folly any refusal to embrace the opportunity.

In the House.

Washington, Jan. 15.—The house today entered upon the consideration of the agricultural bill. The bill carries \$3,332,402 being \$135,000 in excess of the amount for the current year. Wadsworth, Republican, of New York, chairman of the agricultural committee, explained that the increases were due to a constantly growing demand for inspections of meat and meat products for export.

Under the bill introduced for debate, Williams, Democrat, of Mississippi, submitted an extended argument in favor of the establishment of the postal savings bank system.

Representative Dearmond, Democrat, of Missouri, sarcastically commented on Hanna's election and the telegrams of congratulations sent him.

Mahoney, Republican, of New York, replied to Dearmond. He recalled what he termed the victory of Democratic losses in the Chicago convention in 1892, when they forced the renomination of Cleveland over the protests of the state of New York. The result was that he had been out of power, honored and unused.

Cannon, Republican, of Illinois, also expressed gratification that the majority and political decency had triumphed in Ohio. Here the incident closed.

Explosion on the Marblehead.

Washington, Jan. 17.—Commander McCall, of the United States ship Marblehead, reported to the navy department from Port Tampa that while at small arms target practice yesterday four men from the Marblehead were injured by an explosion, two of them seriously. The injured were removed to a marine hospital near by. No details as to the cause of the explosion are given.

News of Andree.

Stockholm, Jan. 17.—Professor Nordenskiold, the arctic explorer, has informed the Swedish academy of sciences that the foreign office has received intelligence that several persons worthy of credence saw Professor Andree's balloon early in August in British Columbia, seven miles north of Quenesla lake, in the District of Cariboo. The professor regards the news as being of sufficient importance to call for a closer investigation.

Infantry Gun Contest.

Washington, Jan. 17.—The war department has published the record of the small arms firing of the various regiments of the army during the past season, showing that troop B, Second cavalry, made the highest average score, with the increment allowed for the carbine. The Nevada trophy is awarded to that troop, and it will be sent to the commanding officer of that troop, at Fort Wingate.

A lady in Hiram, Me., has cucumber pickles which have been in her possession for more than 40 years.