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DEVELOPMENT AND PROGRESS OF THE NORTHWEST.

Interesting Topics Tarsely Told—The Rapidly Growing Industries of the Pacific States as Compared With the Preceding Years—Oregon.

The official figures of the Harney county assessment are \$1,724,988.

A freight train numbering fifty cars containing wheat, was shipped from near Pendleton last week.

In case of urgent need of militia protection, about 1,600 men, including two batteries, can be rendezvoused in twenty-four hours, at Portland.

The steel-head salmon have been so numerous at Coquille this week that the good people there have been quite willing for Lent to commence.

Last year's product of corn was 3,145,879 bushels. The two Nestucca valleys are to be connected by a wagon road, the court having favorably passed on a recent petition to that effect.

The death rate among the Indians of the Klamath reservation is reported to be very high owing to the whooping cough epidemic, and the redskins having returned to the aboriginal sweat-house treatment of the disease.

The broom factory at Bandon turned out 9,000 broom handles for one shipment to San Francisco. This industry, and the woolen mills, which have recently resumed operations, have raised the population of that town to over 4,200.

One of Polk county's wealthiest land owners has had the fever for some years to engage in raising coffee. He wanted to visit South or Central America in the interest of this subject, but has at last decided to send to Mexico for coffee trees.

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be successful do not require large holdings. It is a state where ten acres will give an industrious man independence. Ten acres of irrigated land or ten acres of our best land in Western Washington make a fine farm.

A cheese factory with all the latest machinery is to be erected at Davenport, and is expected to be ready to commence operations in the spring.

The state insurance commissioner's report for the year shows receipts of \$4,893.80. The secretary of state has decided to strictly enforce the provisions of the law licensing insurance agents during the present year.

A carload of cedar doors has been ordered from Tacoma for England. This sample order gives promise of many large European shipments. The same firm several months ago shipped 2,700 doors to Portland, Me.

While the catching and marketing of shrimps has been a considerable industry in the waters about San Francisco for nearly a score of years, it was always thought that shrimps did not exist in Puget sound. Lately, however, they have been found there in large numbers, and a company has been formed to catch them and ship them to eastern markets. The Sound shrimps are said to be finer than any yet found on the Pacific coast.

The biggest logging industry on the Sound will probably be operated in Jefferson county this year, by Mr. Brown. He already has orders for 15,000,000 feet of timber, and may possibly double that amount before the summer is over. He is being looked to by the mill companies for the best logs that will be floated into the Sound, and the orders that he has already received makes it certain that there will be more logging done in this section during the coming season than has ever been known before.

In the vicinity of the two or three camps that Mr. Brown proposes to establish, he claims that there are 200,000,000 feet of fine timber, ready for the ax, and that it will furnish profitable logging for twenty-five years. A season's work, he says, will hardly make a noticeable loss of timber thereabouts.

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EVENTS OF THE DAY

EPITOME OF THE TELEGRAPHIC NEWS OF THE WORLD.

An Interesting Collection of Items From the Two Hemispheres Presented in a Condensed Form—A Large Amount of Information in a Small Space.

Earthquakes have been noted in various parts of the state of Oaxaca, Mexico.

General Thomas Ewing, ex-member of congress from Ohio, is dead, at the age of 67.

England's application for the American loan will involve the export of \$2,000,000 of gold within a week.

Three men were killed and four received serious injuries by the explosion of gas in New Haven, Conn.

Advices from Crown Point, Ind., state that bloodhounds are to be used to trail criminals hiding in the Kanaksee swamps.

As a result of a fire in St. Louis five firemen were buried in the ruins, and another died from injuries received while fighting the flames.

Despite the prohibitory decree of the sultan, the Red Cross Society is preparing an expedition to Turkey to distribute relief to the Armenian sufferers.

The hoisting machine in the converting department of the Ohio Steel Company, at Youngstown, O., went wrong and one man was killed and two seriously injured.

The death of Prince Henry of Battenberg is announced. He accompanied the British expeditionary forces to South Africa, and while there contracted a fever of which he died.

The supreme court rendered an important decision in San Francisco, declaring that the stockholders of the defunct Pacific bank are individually liable for the debts of the corporation.

The site for the United States penitentiary, which was located by the commission about eighteen months ago near the state penitentiary in Walla Walla, has been approved by the government and the title accepted.

The Mohammedan rebellion, in the Chinese province of Kansu, has been entirely suppressed, and the country pacified. There have been many executions, including the leaders of the insurrection.

A detailed account of the surrender of King Premepe, of Ashantee, to the British expeditionary force in South Africa, state that his majesty actually groveled in the dust as a mark of his complete submission to England.

A row between Theodore Luebcke, a carpenter, and William Solomon, a German complotist, at the home of the former, in Portland, Or., ended in Luebcke stabbing to the heart and almost instantly killing Solomon. Family troubles were the cause.

It is stated that a rupture between Brazil and Italy is imminent owing to Brazil's tardiness in satisfying Italian claims arising out of the civil war in Brazil. It is reported the warship Benjamin Constant has started to occupy the island of Trinidad.

A dispatch from San Salvador says the minister of war is mobilizing the militia of which in this city alone there are 7,000 available. The government asserts this is done for the purpose of acustoming the militia to the use of arms and to perfect their drill.

A bill has been introduced in the Kentucky legislature by Goebel to repeal the charter of the Southern Pacific Railway Company, obtained in 1884 by C. P. Huntington. The road has never been operated in Kentucky, but in California, and the action of the senator is prompted by resolutions of mass meetings of citizens of California.

A dispatch from the government of that name, in Southern Russia, gives details of a fire that occurred in a theater, causing a great loss of life. The fire was discovered while a performance was going on. The spectators became panic-stricken, and made a wild rush for the exits. Forty-nine bodies have already been taken out.

Truly Shattuck, the young actress, has fled from San Francisco to avoid testifying against her mother, who is being tried for the murder of Harry Poole. Truly was the chief witness against her mother during the first trial. Mrs. Shattuck shot the young man on account of the attentions to her daughter, and it was proved that Truly, at the command of her mother, wrote Poole a note which summoned him to her house the day he was shot.

There is to be a sensational contest in Andersonville, Ind., between Dr. Covert, who has recently sued and been sued by the Indiana Spiritualists, and Dr. Harry Adams, of Crawfordsville, who claims to represent the Spiritualists, but many disclaim him. For six nights Dr. Adams is to appear and Dr. Covert has wagered that he will do everything Dr. Adams performs, Covert not claiming any medium assistance. The men have put up \$500 with the judges.

Negotiations between the Rio Grande Western and the Western Passenger Association have been broken off again. The Rio Grande Western has agreed, however, to cease paying a commission on tickets from Salt Lake to Denver, reserving to itself the right to cut rates whenever necessary to meet the competition of the Union Pacific. The Western roads have agreed to make half-fare rates for commissioned officers of the army and navy and the dependent members of their families when they travel at their own expense.

J. C. Osw id, who has just returned from the Orient, and who was a witness of the execution of the Chinese

ringleaders of the recent massacre of missionaries in that country, in speaking of it says: "After the execution had taken place the heads of the five ringleaders were placed in buckets which were cut so as to give a full view of their ghastly contents and the buckets were hung on the Foo Chow bridge, where they remained on exhibition for two days. Then they were taken to Ku Cheng, the scene of the massacre of the ten Christian girls, and were there hung on trees, where they are probably still hanging. To remove one of the heads means immediate death to the offender. The execution has had a great moral effect on the Chinese, and I think it will be a long time before there will be murderous interference with the missionaries."

John Tyler, eldest son of President Tyler, died in Washington, aged 76.

President Cleveland will be present at the anniversary celebration of Princeton college.

Twenty-nine hundred miners at Columbus, O., returned to work, having settled their trouble.

A San Francisco paper says the president has accepted an invitation from Attorney W. W. Foote to spend part of his vacation next summer on the Pacific coast.

The ice gorge in the Maume river, about eight miles above Toledo, broke and in running out carried away two spans of the new bridge in course of construction. The loss is estimated at \$50,000.

A special to Novoe Vremya from Vladivostok says news has been received from Peking that the Chinese government has assigned a large sum for the creation of a fleet. The plan of construction is very large.

In a heavy fog, with the wind in the northeast and the surf running far up the beach, the American liner St. Paul, bound in, went ashore on Long Island. All of the 700 passengers were safely transferred to land.

The Hon. Theodore Ruyon, United States ambassador to Germany, expired suddenly and unexpectedly at Berlin of heart failure. Mr. Ruyon had been in somewhat feeble health for sometime past, but no immediate fatal results were anticipated.

Colonel Crofton has been requested to retire by Secretary Lamont. The colonel refuses to comply, and relies on the influence of his nephew, Dupont of Delaware, who claims an election as United States senator, to retain for him his position in the army.

A special to the New York World from Kingston, Jamaica, says a serious uprising is reported in Port-au-Prince, the capital of Hayti. After three days' rioting in the streets, the insurrection was suppressed. There is general uneasiness throughout the island.

A special to the Boston Traveller, from New York, says that the ban placed by the Catholic church upon the orders of Knights of Pythias, Sons of Temperance and Odd Fellows is absolute, and offers no further discussion. This is the mandate of the pope, through his representative, Cardinal Satolli.

The imperial court at Liepsic, Germany, has ruled on a case which affects the rights of German-Americans. F. W. Boehme, of Brooklyn, N. Y., was fined in September last the sum of 200 marks for evading military service by emigrating. The court quashed this sentence, as not being in accord with treaty rights.

Postmaster-General Wilson has issued a general order providing that in all cities and towns having free delivery postal service, the postal system be extended to include house-to-house collections. For the convenience of the department, however, the introduction of boxes in houses, until further orders, will be confined to twenty-five places.

A meeting of the American merchants in Pretoria, South Africa, was held and it was decided to telegraph to Secretary of State Olney that in view of the interests of American citizens and the fact that their property was jeopardized, it was requested that a diplomatic agent be sent to arrange matters with a view to any exigencies which might arise.

The secretary of the Oakland, Cal., branch of the American Railway Union has received a letter from the private secretary of E. V. Debs, in which the statement telegraphed from the East that Debs is to resign the presidency of the union is denied. He says Debs will win the fight he is now engaged in on behalf of organized labor or die in the attempt.

At a meeting of the grand officers of the Knights of Pythias, held in Cincinnati, the following resolution was passed: "Resolved, That it is the unanimous sense of this assembly that no encampment of the uniformed rank should be held during 1896, unless a guaranteed rate of one cent per mile by the shortest practicable route, with a limit of twenty days, can be secured."

Ira Reynolds, a three-year convict from New Whatcom, confined in the Walla Walla penitentiary, attempted suicide by driving a nail in the top of his head to a depth of two inches. After considerable difficulty the prison physicians extracted the nail. When questioned about the insane deed, Reynolds said his head was growing loose and unbalanced on his shoulders. He drove the nail in to keep his head on.

The Chinese government has agreed to open the West river, provided China is allowed to retain the territory ceded under the Burmah-China convention of 1894. The opening of two ports on the West, or Si Kiang river, namely, Shao King and Wu Chow, was stipulated for by the Japanese as part of the terms of peace. The cities of Canton and Hong Kong are situated on the bay into which the West river empties.

RUSSIA AND TURKEY

THE REPORTED ALLIANCE IS AN ACTUAL FACT.

Russia is Now Master of the Situation and France Follows Russia as a Blind Man Follows a Dog, While Germany Out-Herods Herod.

London, Jan. 28.—The most startling political news of the week was the announcement in a dispatch from Constantinople to the Pall Mall Gazette, that an offensive and defensive alliance had been formed between Russia and Turkey. The story has aroused the keenest discussion throughout Great Britain and the continent, and the specials from different European capitals contain admissions which lend color to the report. Turkey's terrible financial plight, it is believed, may have driven the sultan into the arms of Russia.

The information in the Constantinople dispatch to the Pall Mall Gazette is confirmed today from an excellent source, a letter from the speaker's correspondent at Constantinople, in which the writer declares the Russia-Turkish treaty is an actual fact, although it does not exist on paper. The correspondent adds:

"Russia is absolute master of the situation, and it is believed here that the enormous backsheesh sent by the sultan to the czar, valued at \$35,000, and including one of the most famous jewels in the imperial collection, marks a secret treaty of alliance by which Russia guarantees the integrity of the Ottoman empire and agrees to assist in the restoration of order in Kurdistan and also in the defense of the Dardanelles.

"France follows Russia as a blind man follows his dog. France was the first to denounce the treaty of Unkar Skelessi; now she is silent.

"The attitude of Germany is more despicable than that of France; she is trying to win favor with Russia by out-herding Herod. The outcome of the Armenian difficulty has been the triumph of Russia and the humiliation of Great Britain."

The English newspapers generally accept this view of the defeat of their diplomacy. The Chronicle, almost alone, views the situation with complacency and thinks it ought to lead to a complete entente between Russia and Great Britain on the whole Asiatic question, including Egypt.

Abroad the report has caused a great deal of anxiety. The Standard's Vienna correspondent admits the general impression there is that some arrangement between Russia and Turkey actually exists. The Neue Freie Presse of Vienna says:

"There is no doubt Russia exercises strong influence at Constantinople, but Europe can scarcely abandon its interests in Turkey in favor of a single power."

This development of the Eastern question has aroused great interest as to the intention of the United States, and the feeling is expressed that the United States will, ere long, prove the potent factor in the Levant. The debates in congress on this subject are eagerly followed and commented upon here.

The outlook in London in regard to the speedy settlement of the dispute between Great Britain and Venezuela is now looked upon as being much more hopeful; but whether the settlement will be arrived at with Venezuela direct or by means of arbitration, still seems an undecided question, although nobody anticipates any further serious trouble in connection with the dispute.

To Divide Turkey. The Daily News this morning prints a dispatch from Vienna asserting that news has been received there from Constantinople and Sebastopol, which agrees that Russia has a fleet lying at Sebastopol and at Odessa, and that the Caucasian armies of Russia are being concentrated upon the Armenian frontiers in readiness to move next spring to realize the plans of Peter the Great for the partition of Turkey between the powers, Russia taking Armenia and Constantinople, France taking Syria and Palestine, and England taking Egypt and the eastern shores of the Persian gulf, the remainder of the Turkish empire to be divided among the other powers.

The Daily News also has a dispatch from Sebastopol, which records the secret preparations going forward there, of shipping men and armaments for a volunteer fleet. It is the general belief, this dispatch affirms, that these preparations foreshadow some action in the spring.

Constantinople, Jan. 29.—There is a rumor here that Russia is arranging with the sultan for the occupation of Armenia, but it is not confirmed by the discoverable signs and is discredited in diplomatic circles.

Wants to Retain Corea. New York, Jan. 29.—A dispatch to the Herald from St. Petersburg says: A dispatch to the Novoe Vremya from Vladivostok says that the Japanese government wishes to assert its hegemony over the western part of the Pacific ocean, and also that it has decided to retain Corea within the sphere of its influence.

Schooner John W. Bray Lost. Gloucester, Mass., Jan. 29.—John F. Wanson Co., owners, formally announced today that they have given up as lost the schooner John W. Bray and a crew of fourteen men.

The John W. Bray sailed from this port November 29, for a four weeks' trip to the fishing banks, and since that date has not been sighted nor heard from. It is believed she was wrecked in the fierce gales of December 11-12. Her captain was Alexander McLeod, of Cape Breton.

SITUATION IN ARMENIA.

Disturbed Districts of Turkey as Seen by an American.

Boston, Jan. 29.—The following letter from Constantinople, under date of January 4, surveys the general condition of affairs in the disputed districts of Turkey: The writer says the general condition is not good, although at some places it is improving, but confidence is weak. At Karpoot the destitution is terrible, beyond all comparison with other places yet heard from. At Madin it is still impossible to go outside of the walls of the city. At Bitlis more security is felt for the missionaries, who will probably remain all winter. At Marash, Mr. Terrell has had new cautions given to the governor, and the promise of regular troops to replace the relief guards. Adana has suffered a good deal from panic. Hadjin is still safe, but reports are now circulated of trouble there. An escort was ordered to bring Miss Shattuck away from Orfa, but she is unable to endure the journey.

The college (male) of the American board at Karpoot has commenced its classes. At Sivas the missionary schools have been reopened, and the people are venturing out quite freely to services. The relief work grows apace. In Vanas about 3,000 people are being helped with funds. Consul Hapson at Moosh, reports the Sassoun villagers still safe. He is furnishing them with grain. In Trebizond about 5,000 people are being helped. At Karpoot relief work has been authorized after pressure from the English and American legations. At Constantinople, missionary rooms are transformed into clothing warehouses. Clothing and bedding go mainly to near points, Trebizond and Caesarea.

MINE EXPLOSION.

Forty-Four Dead as the Result of Another Colliery Disaster in Wales.

Cardiff, Wales, Jan. 29.—The residents of the town and vicinity of Tylerstown, near here, were terrified by terrific reverberations today. It was ascertained in a short time that the concussion was caused by an explosion in a neighboring colliery, with disastrous consequences of life and property. The latest report places the number of dead at fifty-four, though it is feared the future exploration of the wrecked mine will develop the bodies of more.

The mining population of the locality knew too quickly what the muffled, thunderous explosion meant, and rushed to the mouth of the pit, only to have their worst fears confirmed. The shaft was found to be entirely shattered, and it was evident there was little hope for any of those in the pit. The despair of the women who flocked about the mouth of the pit was little more terrible than the horrible anxiety of those who hoped to find, by those missing from their sides had, by some chance, not entered the mine.

The pit was found to have caught fire, and the hindrance this caused to the work of rescue added to the excitement and tension of feeling. It was only through bravado the utmost peril that the living were able to prosecute their quest for the dead. The number of dead removed grew from twelve to fifteen, and then twenty, and the list of those known to have been in the mine kept constantly growing, and with it the number of bereaved families waiting at the surface.

A Million Involved. St. Louis, Jan. 29.—Today in the United States court of appeals, Judges Caldwell, of Arkansas; Thayer, of St. Louis; and Sanborn of Minnesota, sitting en banc, arguments were begun in the greatest case, in some respects, that has ever been before the courts of this country. J. D. Rockefeller, president of the Standard Oil Company, is the defendant. The amount involved is approximately \$1,000,000. At the trial of the case on its merits in the United States circuit court, sitting at Duluth, before Judge Riner and a jury, a verdict was given for the plaintiff, Alfred Merritt, jr., for \$940,000.

Cruel Crime of a Jealous Lover. Birmingham, Ala., Jan. 29.—Eugene Mosely, a young man who wears a wooden leg, yesterday had a quarrel with his sweetheart, Mary Lamb, the result of his being jealous of her attentions to another man and after knocking her down, he stamped upon her repeatedly with his peg leg. The girl was so severely injured that death resulted. Mosely caught an outgoing train just after the tragedy, but officers gave chase. At Woodlawn, 30 miles out, he left the train, and, taking to the woods, escaped. Dogs have been secured and put on his trail.

International Copyright Law. London, Jan. 29.—H. Rider Haggard presided tonight at a meeting of the Society of Authors, to which Mr. Hal Caine read his report upon his mission to Canada, with regard to an international copyright. Mr. Haggard, speaking on the report, said it was ridiculous to suppose any government would put pressure upon Canada with regard to copyright law. Most of them, he said, would rather see the question dropped than to quarrel with Canada over a copyright.

John L. Sullivan's Future. New York, Jan. 29.—A World special from Boston says John L. Sullivan has decided to quit Boston and the stage "for good," he says. A Milwaukee brewer is going to fit up a magnificent saloon for him in Chicago.

Another New Skating Record. St. Paul, Jan. 29.—Harley Davidson tonight beat the National Association record for an unpaired mile, going the distance in 2:57 1/2.