

NEWS OF THE WEEK

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

The city authorities of Memphis, Tenn., have issued an appeal for aid for the sufferers along the submerged Mississippi valley.
The Turkish porte is endeavoring to negotiate with the Ottoman bank for a loan of £200,000, for the purchase of cannon, but it is not believed the attempt will be successful.
A body of coolies numbering 5,000, who struck recently against an increase of taxes, engaged in an anti-foreign demonstration in Shanghai, China. Two men were killed, and it was necessary to call the marines to assist in quelling the riot.
The Pacific can factory at Astoria, Or., turned out 22,000,000 cans last year, 8,000,000 of which were shipped to the Sound. Superintendent Kendall says he expects to manufacture more cans this year than last. The company paid \$22,000 duty on tinplate on April 1.

ALASKA FORTUNE-SEEKERS.

The Usual Crowd on Board of the Steamer Al-Ki.
Port Townsend, April 7.—When the steamer Al-Ki left here for Alaska this afternoon she carried 247 white passengers and 46 Chinese, and every available space on board, including the dining tables, had been appropriated as sleeping quarters for the horde of fortune-seekers. The greater part of the crowd is bound for recently discovered diggings at Klondyke, some distance beyond Circle City, which are said to be the richest ever brought to light in that far-off land.

California Clubs Soon to Withdraw.
San Francisco, April 7.—There is disension in the ranks of the Pacific Amateur Athletic Association. The association of late has taken a firm stand in upholding what it calls amateur spirit in all branches of sport.
A few weeks ago the various clubs represented enacted a rule which placed the ban upon all boxing exhibitions, no matter what their character might be. Then came the enforcement of the registry act, which makes it necessary for all athletes to register, a non-compliance with which will bring upon the refractory athlete the penalty of expulsion. The meager \$35 prize, the limit of gerardon to the victorious athlete, is another sore point in the laws of the association, and productive of much opposition among boxers and wrestlers.

THE FOREST RESERVES.
Selected by the National Academy of Science.
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Went Through a Bridge.
Pittsburg, Pa., April 7.—The wooden span of the north-end approach to the Ohio connecting bridge collapsed about 6 o'clock this morning, while the Fort Wayne freight train was crossing and the engine and thirteen cars were precipitated to McClure avenue, fifty feet below. Fireman Haggerty was killed instantly, and Engineer William Graham so badly injured that he cannot recover. The engine was completely wrecked, and the cars, which were loaded with coal and iron, were entirely demolished. The loss will be very heavy. The Ohio connecting bridge crossed the Ohio river at Wood's run, and connected the Panhandle and Fort Wayne roads of the Pennsylvania Company.

Guns Shipped From Bethlehem.
Bethlehem, Pa., April 7.—The Bethlehem Iron Company made a shipment for the government to Sandy Hook of twenty-four cannon, loaded on flat cars. The shipment was made up principally of eight and ten-inch guns, being finished complete, ready for mounting.

Astoria, Or., April 7.—Lyman Babcock, foreman of the Clatsop mills, met with an accident this morning that will probably result in his death. While standing on a chute at the mills, watching the progress of a log as it was being hauled into position, he was struck by a heavy chain and knocked headlong to the beach below. He struck on his back across a log. His back was broken and he sustained internal injuries. His physicians have not given up hope for his recovery.

AID FROM ENGLAND

British Government May Help Pacify Crete.

GERMANY'S COURSE EXPLAINED

New York, April 7.—A Herald dispatch from St. Petersburg says: It begins to look very much as though England and Russia were undertaking the pacification of Crete, as they at the present moment are the only two powers actively disposed. The St. Petersburg Herald says: "As matters appear we merely await the day when the telegraph will bring us the news that England, with one of the other powers has received a mandate to pacify Crete."

The position of Germany, which has been much criticized as being the power that urged strong action and now fails to act up to her part, needed a definition. It is distinctively given thus: Germany advocated in the strongest possible terms the immediate blockade of Greece as the solution in the case of peace, but that was six weeks ago. Then neither the Greek nor Turkish army had been mobilized, and the position of the king of Greece would have been saved and the dangerous public agitation stopped. For lack of promptitude in action, England, France and Italy have been deemed by Germany to have encouraged the Greeks and Creteans in their lawlessness, and brought about the deplorable and discreditable position in which matters stand today, for which Germany refuses all responsibility. That is the reason Germany refuses to take part in sending troops, and to sacrifice herself for the results of the weakness of others.

Will Colonize a South Sea Island.
San Francisco, April 7.—Another South Sea Island scheme is on. The South Sea Island Trading Company is organizing, to make a venture for wealth and happiness. St. John's island, one of the Solomon group, is the objective point. Captain Paul Busch, leader of the enterprise, has about completed negotiations for the purchase of the bark Simpson, now lying in Oakland creek. The Simpson is about 1800 tons burden, and it is proposed to fit her between decks in the same way that the old passenger sailing vessels were. Comfortable accommodations can be made in this way for 150 or 200 men, and still leave room for a large cargo, besides provisions for a year.

MAY NOT BE SHOT.
Orders Have Come From Madrid to Spare Rivera.
New York, April 7.—A World Havana special says: The belief is that Rivera will not be shot. An order is said to have come from Madrid to spare his life. This is not prompted from motives of humanity, but to make a good impression upon the United States and other nations. General Weyler is furious, it is reported, and may cause the order to be withdrawn, in which case General Rivera would be put to death.

The plans include the trading and commercial idea as well as the colonization scheme. It is intended to take a cargo suitable for trading in the islands. Applications have been received from people who wish to join the enterprise from points as far distant as St. Louis. A woman writes from Boston to say that she would like to join, and, if necessary, she would disguise herself as a man.

Washington, April 7.—The World this morning published the following copyright cable dispatch from Caracas, Venezuela: The congress of Venezuela has unanimously and enthusiastically ratified the Guiana boundary treaty with Great Britain which was negotiated by the United States. The measure was first read in the house of representatives by Senor Aranguren, who spoke eloquently in its favor. The second reading was without incident. It came up on third reading Monday, and after a speech by Senor Bricano, the house voted for the treaty unanimously amid great cheering and enthusiastic demonstrations of gratitude to "Uncle Sam." The treaty was also unanimously gratified by the senate today. President Crespo will sign it next Friday.

Washington, April 7.—The secretary of the treasury has issued a circular of instructions to customs officers throughout the country, carrying into effect section 27, of the pending tariff bill. This section requires the secretary of the treasury to make provisions for the collection of the increased rate of duties contemplated by the bill, and with that view he is required to retain samples of goods purchased and imported after April 1, 1897, and prior to the date on which the bill becomes a law.

Word from Santiago province shows that General Garcia is gaining victory after victory. He has absolute control of the province outside of the big towns. The rebel government two weeks ago was at Blanquiza, two miles from Manzanillo, on the coast. Nearly 100 Havana volunteers who enlisted for home duty only were sent to the front this week.

THE SENATE PROTESTS

Resolves That Rivera, the Cuban Leader, Should Not Be Shot.

Washington, April 7.—The senate today by unanimous vote adopted a resolution reciting the reports that General Ruiz Rivera, the Cuban commander, is about to be tried by drumhead courtmartial and shot, and expressing the judgment of the senate that if these reports are true, the president of the United States should protest to the Spanish government against such a violation of the rules of civilized warfare. This resolution does not go to the house of representatives and becomes effective as a measure of advice to the president by its adoption today.

The Allen resolution, as it passed the senate, is as follows: "Whereas, information has come to the senate that General Ruiz Rivera, a leader of the Cuban army of independence, recently captured by the Spanish forces, is to be tried by drumhead court-martial and shot; therefore, "Resolved, That, in the opinion of the senate, it is the duty of the president of the United States, if such information is found to be true, to protest to the Spanish government against such a violation of the rules of civilized warfare."

Another Cuban resolution comes up tomorrow, that of Morgan declaring that a state of war exists in Cuba and recognizing both parties as belligerents. After the disposal of the Cuban question, the day was given to speeches, Elkins speaking for two hours on the development of the American merchant marine and Lindsay advocating the passage of the bankruptcy bill, now before the senate. Late in the day a joint resolution by Bate was agreed to, directing the surgeon-general of the marine hospital service to aid the Mississippi river flood sufferers by the distribution of tents, blankets, food and medicine under the epidemic fund of 1893, and to purchase further supplies under the present epidemic fund for distribution.

Unique Scheme of O. R. & N. to Reach Seven Devils Country.
Lewiston, Idaho, April 6.—The O. R. & N. Co. has undertaken an important improvement on the Upper Snake river. The development of the Seven Devils mining district has created a demand for a new traffic route for the transportation of concentrates and smelting ores. The Oregon Short Line is approaching this mining belt from the south, and will pass east of the range of rugged mountains. The most important copper deposits are on the west side of the mountains, and near the Snake river. This fact and the further fact that the Portland market is nearer than the Denver market has stimulated the interest in this new line. It is claimed that Margus Daly and other copper magnates are active promoters of this scheme.

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The work is generally supposed to be to meet an emergency. It is estimated that freight can be forwarded over this line within ninety days. As the camps advance, the freight traffic will also increase, and it is believed a railroad down the Snake will be a commercial necessity in the near future. The fact that a Western outlet is sought for this new and important mining district is a subject of congratulation. It will certainly extend the transportation facilities to the relief of interior points like Lewiston and build up the terminal cities on these lines of traffic.

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STOPPED BY VESUVIUS

Sanguilly's Cuban Expedition Was a Failure.

ACTIVE WORK OF THE CRUISER

Captured the Tugboat Alexander Jones—Bermuda Overhauled Outside the Three-Mile Limit.

Jacksonville, Fla., April 6.—The cruiser Vesuvius prevented a Cuban expedition from leaving Fernandina last night, and captured the tug Alexander Jones, of Wilmington, N. C. The cruiser left here suddenly yesterday afternoon upon information from Spanish Vice-Consul Potots that an expedition would leave Fernandina at 12 o'clock at night. The cruiser went down the river and anchored off Fernandina bar. At 12 o'clock a tug with only two lights at the masthead was seen to approach and a flashlight of the Vesuvius was thrown upon her. The tug proved to be the Alexander Jones, and the captain gave as an excuse for his presence that he was waiting for tows. An officer from the Vesuvius was placed aboard, and the cruiser went to sea in search of the Bermuda, which was expected.

A steamer was finally seen coming from the south, having the same signals displayed as those of the Jones. The flashlight was used, at which the steamer turned and started in another direction. A signal from the Vesuvius brought the steamer to a standstill, however, and she was seen to be the Bermuda. She was outside the three-mile limit and under the British flag, so the commander of the Vesuvius had no authority to detain her. The Bermuda apparently had no cargo, standing very high out of the water. The Jones was escorted into Port Fernandina and turned over to Collector of Customs Baltzell, who placed a deputy aboard. The tug will probably be fined for violation of the navigation laws in having only two lights displayed.

The plan of the Cubans was for General Sanguilly to leave this city with a party of Cubans for Fernandina. A tug was to tow two lighters loaded with arms, ammunition and men to the bar, where they were to be met by the Jones, with coal and provisions aboard, and everything was to be transferred to the Bermuda. The quick action of the Vesuvius prevented their plan from being carried out.

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BETTER THAN CANNING THEM.

Japan Said to Offer a Market for Mountain Range Horses.

San Francisco, April 6.—It is more than probable that a new market is about to open for the great herds of range horses of the Pacific coast. Since the close of the Chino-Japanese war, the Japanese government has been reorganizing its army and from now on a large cavalry force is to be maintained. Previous to the war, the Japanese cavalry was about 20,000 strong, and was supplied from government horse-breeding establishments. When, however, at the outbreak of hostilities, drafts were made upon these establishments, it was found that only 5 per cent of the animals were really serviceable.

Officials at Tokio have recently been considering the small, weedy range animals of Australia, and it is said that when United States Consul Bell, at Melbourne, learned of this fact, he called attention to the American range horses as being even better suited to the needs of the Japanese government. Several Japanese residents in this city, who are considered authorities on the matter, and who have made a study of Japanese horses and the Japanese horsemen, are emphatic in their indorsement of the American range horse.

President Tetsuro Aoki, of the Yokohama Specie bank, of this city, said today that undoubtedly the American horse will fill all requirements. "The horse most suitable for the Japanese cavalry," he said, "should be as tough as rawhide, not over gentle and not too dainty in the matter of fodder. I would unhesitatingly say that the best horses for the home government could be selected from herds that thrive so well on the plains of Eastern Washington, Eastern Oregon, California and the other mountain states. It only remains for those most interested to bring the matter properly before the Japanese government in order to open up a big market for these animals."

WRECK ON SHORT LINE.

The Westbound Passenger Train Ditched With Fatal Results.

Salt Lake, April 6.—The westbound through passenger train on the Oregon Short Line was ditched near Malad, Idaho, at 10 o'clock yesterday morning. The engine and the first four cars passed over the switch safely, but the fifth car, a tourist sleeper, a passenger coach and two Pullman sleepers were completely overturned and demolished with fatal results. P. Kennedy, of Kansas City, was killed, and several were injured seriously.

The accident was caused by a broken switch-frog. It is believed that tramps had tampered with the switch shortly before the train passed.

The officials of the road started from Salt Lake immediately upon hearing of the accident, taking a number of physicians. The injured were taken to Boise, where they will be cared for. The track was cleared by 7 o'clock in the evening. The damage to the railroad was about \$4,000, not including a coach of the Oregon Railroad & Navigation Company, which was entirely destroyed.

CHARITY AT HOME.

Governor Leedy Says Kansas Has No Corn for India Sufferers.

Kansas City, April 6.—A special to the Times from Topeka, says: The Christian Herald relief committee telegraphed Governor Leedy from New York today, asking how much corn Kansas would give the famine sufferers of India. The governor has not replied to the telegram. He said tonight that he thought Kansas should give her spare corn to the sufferers along the Mississippi river, leaving England to take care of India.

Nunez Busy Fitting Out Expeditions.

New York, April 6.—The United States authorities here have information that Colonel Emilio Nunez, who is wanted for organizing and taking part in a dozen or more filibustering expeditions, has within the past few days returned to this country from Cuba. It is also hinted that Nunez is hiding hereabouts, having come to New York with Dr. Joaquin de Castillo, who, after forfeiting his bond, surrendered himself last week and was allowed to give new bail for trial. Colonel Emilio Nunez distinguished himself as a daring cavalry leader during the ten years' war. It is said that since the breaking out of the present struggle Nunez has been engaged in organizing and sending men, arms and ammunition to Cuba. He was tried here last winter for breaking the neutrality laws in one of the Bermuda expeditions, but the jury disagreed.

Crazy Farmer's Deed.

Humansville, Mo., April 6.—What is almost certain to result in a double tragedy occurred last night near Weenoble, Hickory county. Sam Smith, a young farmer, attacked his aged stepmother, Mrs. Smith, with a corn-knife. Her sister, Mrs. Cox, ran to her assistance, and Smith hacked both women on their heads, shoulders and arms, until they were unconscious. He then went to the home of a neighbor and reported that he had killed them. Both women are close to 60 years old, and neither can live. Smith was arrested, and taken to Hermitage. He is believed to be insane. The cause of the trouble was a refusal of Mrs. Smith to rent her farm to her stepson.

Will Not Be An Ambassador.

Washington, April 6.—The state department has received notice from the Turkish government that it finds it inconvenient to raise the grade of its mission in Washington to that of an embassy on account of the increased expense incurred. This decision of the Turkish government will prevent the president, under the existing law, from nominating ex-Secretary John W. Foster as ambassador to Constantinople, as it is understood was his desire.