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## NEWS OF THE WEEK

### From All Parts of the New World and the Old.

OF INTEREST TO OUR MANY READERS

Comprehensive Review of the Important Happenings of the Past Week in a Condensed Form.

Hay may resign if the canal treaty is amended. Lord Roberts was given an ovation at Cape Town. The United States wants Chiriqui for a coaling station. There is little change in the Santa Fe strike situation. Charles A. Towne was sworn in as senator from Minnesota. The house passed the legislative, executive and judicial bill. The tension between Holland and Portugal is increasing. Benjamin Wise was held at Salem, Or., for arson at Silverton. A house Republican caucus decided to stand by the war-tax bill. The sultan of Turkey dined officers of the battle-ship Kentucky. Von Bulow explained why Emperor William would not receive Kruger. Erection of poles and wires for another lighting system began in Salem, Or. Four men were killed by an explosion in the Union Pacific tunnel at Aspen. Attacks on Salisbury and Chamberlain were made in the British house of commons. Only \$600,000 can be obtained from this session of congress for the Columbia jetty. The Oregon supreme court upholds the street improvement section of the Portland city charter. The Idaho supreme court decides that patented mining property is to be regarded the same as other realty for purposes of taxation. The Austrian corvette Donau has arrived at Lima, Peru, bringing Bela Bakoweghy, commissioner of the Austrian government, who is visiting the consulates of South America. A special from Shanghai announces that Li Hung Chang's Manchu secretary, Yoko, has been arrested by order of Field Marshal Count von Waldersee, on the charge of communicating with the Boxers. The third annual cowboy and Indian carnival opened in Phoenix, Arizona, with a great parade of vaqueros, red men and Chinese. After the parade, an Indian was thrown from his horse and fatally trampled under foot. Germans are still excited over the Kruger incident. The Oregon school fund losses an average of \$40,000 a year. The river and harbor committee is cutting down all estimates. The Philippines commission has prepared a tariff for the islands. The execution of Yu Hsien is certain whenever envoys demand it. The Chinese question is again said to be approaching a settlement. Fifty-two Filipino prisoners have been taken by American troops. Eulogies were pronounced in the house on the late Representative Harmer. Russia says all credit for securing existing entente belongs to United States. Johannesburg will be fenced around with barb wire to cut off Boers' food supply. United States Consul Goodnow, at Shanghai, will return home on leave of absence. Netherlands disavows responsibility for sympathetic letter of minister to Kruger. Senate will devote the present week to Hay-Pauncefote treaty and ship subsidy bill. The naval appropriation bill will provide for two more battleships and two cruisers. Delegate Wilcox, of Hawaii, strongly opposes importation of negro labor into the islands. Envoys take removal of General Tung Fu Hsiang to mean that government desires peace. Establishment of ship subsidy bill as regular order will displace Nicaragua canal measure. Bills for the reduction of war revenue tax and legislative appropriations will likely pass the house this week. Robert W. Wilcox, Hawaii's delegate-elect to congress, has arrived in San Francisco, enroute to Washington. Kruger was officially received by Queen Wilhelmina. The queen has promised to show her friendship when the proper moment arrives.

## LATER NEWS.

The powers have agreed to the joint note. The Japanese gave Admiral Beardslee a reception. Chicago police will prevent the Gans-McGovern fight. Santa Fe strikers wish their differences arbitrated. Five persons were killed in a train wreck in Montana. Fire in Pekin destroyed the quarters of a number of officers. Kitchener reports a running fight between Dewet and Knox. Gompers will be re-elected president of the Federation of Labor. The Santa Fe repudiates its relations with the telegraphers' union. The American fleet in North China waters is reduced to two vessels. The Irish Nationalist convention declared for the abolition of landlordism. Washington's centennial anniversary was celebrated with imposing ceremonies. Full particulars have been received of the typhoon which recently swept the coast of China, causing a heavy loss to life and shipping. There are more than 40 cases of smallpox in St. George's hospital, Kansas City. Only one death from the disease has occurred. The city election at Astoria, resulted in a sweeping victory for the Citizens' ticket, every candidate being elected by large majorities. Joseph Benoit, a stage carpenter at the Grand Opera house, Salem, Or., fell from a scaffold, breaking several ribs and bruising his face and body badly. The accident was caused by the breaking of a board upon which he was standing. The Lakeview and Ager stage was robbed about two miles from Lakeview, Or. A lone highwayman accomplished the job. No passengers were aboard of the stage. Two mail sacks were rifled and a considerable amount of registered mail taken. Officers are now working on the case. The will of the late Senator Davis, who died November 27, was filed for probate by Mrs. Anna M. Davis, the widow. The will, made during the senator's last illness, leaves all his estate to Mrs. Davis. The estate is valued at \$25,000 in personal and \$40,000 in real property. Affairs at Guam are in better shape. Lord Roberts has left the Cape for England. Holland refuses to intervene in the Boer war. Senator Clay spoke against the ship subsidy bill. French troops have ceased looting Chinese observatories. Li Hung Chang claims to have absolute power to negotiate. Chaffee protested to Von Waldersee against German looting. The debate on the war tax reduction bill began in the house. The house of commons voted £18,000,000 to carry on the Boer war. The Hay-Pauncefote treaty was again considered in executive session. A congressional committee was appointed to investigate the Boer housing. The Philippine commission gave merchants a hearing on the tariff bill. A \$50,000 irrigation ditch will be constructed at once in Moxee valley, Washington. Oregon delegation decides upon continuing contract for Columbia river improvement. State Superintendent Ackerman recommends that Oregon schools observe John Marshall day. The matter of developing Lower Nehalem coal is said to have been considered in New York. In his annual report, Fish Commissioner Reid says value of fish output for Oregon is over \$3,000,000. A number of persons suspected of plotting to murder Lord Roberts during his visit to Cape Colony recently, abandoned their schemes on learning that they were shadowed. Outlawry in Kwang Si and Kwang Tuang is increasing. The officials appear to be losing their hold of the situation and are powerless to restore order. Pirating on the West river is increasing. Owing to a lack of proper facilities in the way of telegraph, caused by the strike, a serious collision occurred on the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe, in which several persons were probably fatally injured. Cornelius L. Alvord, Jr., ex-note teller of the First National bank of New York, accused of having embezzled \$600,000 from that institution, was indicted by the United States grand jury. The indictment was found on 51 counts charging Alvord with falsifying the accounts of the bank and unlawfully appropriating to his own use nearly \$700,000 of the bank's money.

## HIS LAST HOPE GONE

### Kruger Gets No Consolation From The Netherlands.

HOLLAND WILL NOT INTERVENE EITHER

The Dutch Foreign Minister Tells the Ex-President That the Role of His Government Must Be Passive.

The Hague, Dec. 13.—The Dutch government today finally and definitely refused to take the initiative in behalf of arbitration between the Transvaal and Great Britain. The decision was communicated in an interview between Mr. Kruger and Dr. Leyds on one side and the Dutch foreign minister and Minister of Finance N. B. Pierson, on the other. Mr. Kruger explained that the object of his journey was to disseminate the idea of arbitration, and the Dutch minister replied that the role of the Netherlands must be passive. The initiative belonged to the great powers, he added. When the powers had reached a decision, the Dutch government might see what it could do. No Snub Yet From Czar. The Hague, Dec. 13.—The Transvaal legation says it is authorized to contradict the report that Emperor Nicholas has telegraphed to Mr. Kruger an intimation that he will not receive him.

## DECIDE ON COURSE.

How the Oregon Delegation Would Improve the Columbia.

Washington, Dec. 13.—The three members of the Oregon delegation, at an informal meeting today, decided to concentrate their efforts to have the improvement of the mouth of the Columbia made a continuing contract rather than trust to the future to secure successive appropriations to be expended as needed. By this method, which seems to be the best under the circumstances, the final completion of the project is insured, and work may be conducted without unnecessary delay. The river and harbor committee has not yet finally decided on what provision will be made for this project, but \$600,000, recommended by the engineers, is the outside limit.

## OFFICERS WERE LAX.

Prisoner Quietly Arose and Walked Out of the Courtroom.

Spokane, Dec. 13.—While Judge Marshall was holding a preliminary hearing of Edward Hanson, charged with counterfeiting, this afternoon the prisoner quietly arose and sneaked out of the courtroom. Owing to the small courtroom being crowded, the escape was not noticed until the judge turned to announce that the prisoner would be held to a higher court. Officers started in pursuit of Hanson, who was trekking for the river. A few shots from revolvers and he gave himself up. The escape was the boldest ever known in the city. Hanson is one of a trio recently arrested with bogus money in their possession. Search of their cabin resulted in finding of molds and other tools.

## CREDENTIALS REFUSED.

Washington, Dec. 13.—The senate has refused the credentials of W. A. Clark and Maginnis, contesting senators from the state of Montana, to the committee on privileges and elections. A debate, reopening the Clark case, occurred upon the motion of Senator Chandler to recommit the resolution declaring the seat from Montana vacant. After a short but interesting debate, the matter of recommitment, by consent, went over until Thursday.

## COUNTERFEITER CAPTURED.

Spokane, Wash., Dec. 13.—Edmund Hansen, alias H. Larkoe, believed to be the leader of the gang of counterfeiters operating here, has been captured. Hansen was a bridge watchman for the Great Northern. In his shack were found counterfeiters' molds and letters ordering gold and silver bullion. Near by in a cache in the rocks many stolen articles were found. Hansen protests complete ignorance.

## SALOONS WERE OPEN SUNDAY.

Chehalis, Wash., Dec. 13.—Four Chehalis saloonkeepers pleaded guilty in the superior court to the charge of keeping their places open Sunday. Two Centralia men have been convicted. All were fined \$30 apiece, and all other cases of that nature now pending against them were dropped.

## PASSED RAISED BILLS.

Vancouver, B. C., Dec. 13.—Two Japanese, Hanay Sato and Mantoka Hamaguchi, were arrested this morning, charged with uttering raised bills. A number of raised bills have been in circulation here, in each case the utterer, a Japanese, claiming that he was the innocent recipient of the raised notes from a fellow-countryman.

## HONG KONG TYPHOON.

Particulars of a Great Storm in South China—Loss of Life Heavy.

Victoria, B. C., Dec. 14.—The steamer Empress of India, which arrived today after a stormy passage, brought news of the great typhoon which ravaged Hong Kong, November 10, causing a heavy loss of life and shipping. The British gunboat Sandpiper foundered and some of her men were lost. The American ship Benjamin Sewell went ashore, and in all 77 steam launches were wrecked, and over 200 natives drowned. At Kowloon and other points there was also very heavy loss. The Empress of India was at her wharf at Kowloon and she was badly shaken. The troops fared very badly. The temporary barracks collapsed completely and the Indian and European troops had to seek refuge wherever they could. In Kowloon proper a number of houses were blown down, others lost their roofs and were otherwise damaged. A new stone block near the torpedo depot was practically laid in ruins. The whole upper part was blown down, as was also the upper story of the telegraph exchange at Kowloon. Of the British warships anchored at Kowloon the gunboats Warren, Firebrand, Tweed and Sandpiper were dragging their anchors. Those on shore could do nothing but stand by with buoys and lines to render assistance should the vessels drift ashore. The vessels fired distress signals and one or two flew their pennants at half-mast. The gunboat Sandpiper was in the worst fix, as she was rapidly filling. Then from Hong Kong way came the Otter, the crew of which at great risk rescued the whole crew with the exception of one man. At daylight Saturday the powerful dredger Canton River, which recently arrived here from Paisley, almost without any warning listed to port and capsized. As to the precise number of those on board at the time it is impossible to give any accurate figures. Those in authority at the dockyard extension office say that 60 would be about the number. It is known that Captain Scott, who was in command of her, was aboard, also Chief Engineer White, Second Engineer Thompson, Carpenter McIlroy and the majority of the crew. The men going to the upturned vessel, where they were seen, and 12 were rescued by boats from steamers Tamar and Astoria. Benjamin Sewell went ashore opposite the arsenal yard but got off, though leaking badly. Several buildings collapsed at Queen's road, killing eight Chinese and injuring eight. Westward, at Kennedy town, great damage was also caused, and at Kowloon numberless sampans were wrecked. Here P. C. Duncan, of the navy yard police, lost his life in a gallant attempt to rescue two sampan women whose boat was dashed to pieces against the embankment at the naval depot. Duncan was an old Ninety-ninth Argyle andutherland Highlander, and had been away from home since 1896.

## WRECK IN MONTANA.

Five Passengers Were Killed in a Great Northern Accident.

Great Falls, Mont., Dec. 14.—Great Northern passenger train No. 8, west-bound, was wrecked about 4 o'clock this morning near Brockton, 81 miles east of Glasgow. Five passengers are reported killed and many injured. The cause of the wreck is said to have been a broken rail. Railroad officials here claim not to have any information of the accident. Later information states that the train was running about 45 miles an hour, making up lost time, when a truck broke down while passing a switch. The engine and three cars passed over in safety, but the next four pitched over an embankment. Three sleepers remained on the rails. The bodies have been taken to Glasgow, where the inquests will be held.

## TORTURED BY SMALL BOYS.

San Jose, Cal., Dec. 14.—Alfred Kern, a 10-year-old boy, was caught by three young boys this afternoon as he was on his way home from a kindergarten school and subjected to a terrible torture with burning matches. His face was burned almost beyond recognition, and his condition is regarded as serious. The police are searching for his assailants, who have thus far succeeded in escaping.

## PIONEER TELEGRAPHER DEAD.

New York, Dec. 14.—Robert L. Tige, who established the first telegraphic system in South America, is dead at his home here. He was born in Dublin. At the outbreak of the civil war he enlisted in the Fortieth New York regiment. In 1866 he entered the employ of Adrain C. Morse and went to Chile and Peru, where he established telegraphic systems. For 18 years he had resided in this city.

## KING MILAN TO MARRY AGAIN.

London, Dec. 14.—The Vienna correspondent of the Daily Chronicle says a rumor is in circulation in the Austrian capital that ex-King Milan is about to become engaged to Miss Atsel, an American heiress.