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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.

An armistice has been proclaimed at Peking.

Boers captured a train near Rosmead with 60 soldiers.

Another six-day bicycle race has been started in Boston.

Congress reports China's acceptance of the powers' demands.

The Washington Post advocates the Lewis and Clark centennial in 1905.

A severe cold wave is reported throughout the middle Western states.

More than 46 tons of gold were received at the Seattle assay office in 1900.

The navy department has ordered the gunboat Scorpion to La Guayra, Venezuela.

The Oregon supreme court decides that the wife alone can convey estate in entirety.

Robbers got \$450 from passengers and mail and express in a British Columbia stage.

The Taft commission has completed the municipal government bill for the Philippines.

Fire in Williamson, W. Va., destroyed almost the entire town. The loss is estimated at \$75,000.

One person was burned to death and another fatally injured by the explosion of a kerosene lamp at Alleghany, Pa.

The new battleship Wisconsin has been formally turned over to the government at the Union Iron Works, San Francisco.

Amando Morales, a Mexican, ran amok at Morenci, Ariz. A constable attempted to arrest him and in the fight killed Morales.

Henry S. Eastham, the only surviving member of Commodore Perry's squadron, which opened the Japanese ports many years ago, died at his home in Berkeley, Cal.

A heavy explosion of gas occurred in the Hollenbeck mine, at Wilkes-Barre, Pa. Five hundred men were at work and all got out safely, except two, who were badly burned.

The British foreign office expects a renewal of the modus vivendi in Newfoundland, but believes it will be immediately followed by negotiations with the view of finally settling the dispute.

The Scranton street car strike has been called off.

The kaiser is contemplating a visit to the United States.

Seattle has started a movement to suppress vice in that city.

Soldiers may have to be called out to quell a feud in Kentucky.

Coming Oregon Legislature will be asked to found normal school at Burns.

Edwin Bedford, a noted Kentucky cattle breeder, is dead, aged 68 years.

According to advices from Dawson another rich strike has been made near there.

Many Luzon insurgents have been captured as a result of scouting by Americans.

Kitchener reports that no progress is being made against Boer invaders in Cape Colony.

The Boers captured the British outposts at Helvetia, taking 200 prisoners and killing 60.

In an altercation over a game of cards, a South Carolina sheriff and two other men met death.

The report that Germany is negotiating to purchase the Danish Antilles is denied in official Danish circles.

The empress dowager will not be allowed to have anything to do with the naming of the new emperor of China.

Fire in Kansas City, Mo., for a time threatened several business blocks, but was got under control with small loss.

The United States government has made an offer of \$5,000,000 for the Danish Antilles. This price is as high as the officials will go.

A bill will be introduced at the coming session of the Oregon legislature to reduce the railroad fare from 4 to 3 cents per mile.

The Philippine commission has added to the pending school bill a provision for the employment of 600 American teachers, at salaries ranging from \$75 to \$100 a month.

A train on the Henderson road was wrecked two miles east of Henderson, Ky., and five persons seriously injured. A coupling pin placed in the switch frog apparently by workers caused the wreck.

LATER NEWS.

The British second-class cruiser Amphion has arrived at Panama.

The envoys were surprised by the prompt acceptance of the note.

A movement is on foot looking toward Canadian independence.

Great changes are said to be planned for the U. S. M. & St. P. railway.

Russia, it is said, inspired the charges of barbarity against German troops.

Governor Geer announces the appointment of Oregon's text book commission.

A Russo-Chinese agreement gives Russia protection of one Manchurian province.

The semi-annual statement of Oregon's state treasurer shows nearly \$1,700,000 cash on hand.

The transport Meade, which carried a large amount of specie from San Francisco, has arrived at Manila.

Variety of European prunes which ripens two weeks earlier than present crop is to be introduced in Oregon.

A bill will be introduced at the coming Oregon legislature making life imprisonment the penalty for kidnapping.

It is understood that at the conclusion of operations in South Africa, Lord Kitchener will become commander-in-chief in India.

United States Consul Wildman, at Hong-Kong, has been granted a leave of absence and will return to the United States immediately for the benefit of his health.

The Boer invasion of Cape Colony has not yet been stopped. On the other hand the burghers seem to be gaining ground daily and are at present half way to the Cape.

The new Argentine-Chilean agreement, in regard to the frontier settlement, has been signed and the presidents of Argentina and Chile have exchanged friendly telegrams of congratulation.

The war department has authorized enlistments at Vancouver barracks, Washington, for service in new regiments to be sent to the Philippine islands. Recruits will be sent to the Presidio at San Francisco for assignment to companies.

The state of Oregon, under the method of colonial government and adopt of desirable features into the Cuban government.

The senate of Baron von Ketteler was beheaded in Peking.

Costa Rica is pleased by recognition in the canal negotiations.

The British are unable to check the Boer invasion of Cape Colony.

The foreign troops in China are well prepared for the winter season.

The Republican caucus in Pennsylvania selected Quay for senator.

The United States training ship Topaka has arrived at Tangier, Morocco.

The Earl of Hopetoun was sworn in as first governor of Federated Australia.

Oregon, Washington and Alaska have been formed into a life-saving district.

Fire in Seattle destroyed the city library, containing 25,000 volumes and valued at \$30,000.

The revenue cutter Perry will sail from Astoria in search of overdue Columbia river ships.

Pat Crowe, charged with the abduction of young Cudahy, of Omaha, has been captured in South Dakota.

Edward Rice, an Inaho man, sentenced to death for murder, made a desperate, but unsuccessful attempt to commit suicide by cutting his throat.

An insane man, being conveyed from Multnomah county to the Oregon state asylum at Salem, jumped from a moving train, bruising himself about the head. It is thought he will recover.

Famine in some of the provinces of China is becoming worse. The rice crops, owing to the war, were almost total failures, and cannibalism has broken out. The authorities are unable to do anything.

The final payment has been made on the Bald mountain group of mines in Eastern Oregon, near Baker City. The purchase price was \$50,000. The new owners are men of means, and work on a large scale will commence at once.

Ignatius Donnelly, politician and author, died very suddenly at his home in Minneapolis, aged 70 years. Mr. Donnelly was a candidate for vice-president on the Middle-of-the-Road Populist ticket at the recent general election.

Notices of a reduction in wages that will affect about 4,000 men have been posted at all of the blast furnaces in the Mahoning and Shenango valleys, Ohio. The base price is \$1.90 per day to lump sum fillers and helpers, and the notices state that after February 1 the base price will be \$1.65. The reduction will place the wages of the furnace men on the same basis as in March, 1900. The employees refuse to say now whether they will accept the reduction.

PROMISES OF CHINA

She is Willing Now to Keep the Peace.

ASSERTION OF EARL LI HUNG CHANG

Emperor is Willing to Banish All That the Powers May Name—Earl Li's Health is Seriously Affected.

Peking, Jan. 3.—A meeting of the foreign ministers will be held as soon as Sir Ernest Mason Satow, the British minister, who is suffering from chills and fever, shall have recovered sufficiently to be present, and a date and place for meeting the Chinese commissioners shall have been agreed upon.

A representative of the press today had a personal interview with Li Hung Chang, who shows plainly physical evidence of his recent illness, but whose mind has not been affected by his sickness, and is as vigorous as ever. In the course of his conversation with the correspondent, Earl Li said he should prefer to meet the ministers and commissioners at his house, if such an arrangement were possible, on account of the condition of his health, but would not, in the circumstances, make suggestions. He says also that the emperor is desirous of complying in all particulars with the demands of the powers.

On the other hand he thinks the powers should order a cessation of the frequent irritating expeditions, which he looks upon as unnecessary, and as doing a deal of harm. It will be quite possible now, he said, to maintain complete order in the province, with the assistance of a small number of Chinese troops; and he hopes the powers will agree to keep as at present the troops now stationed at Peking and Tien Tsin, and along the railway.

The emperor, Li Hung Chang asserted, is willing to punish all those named by the powers by banishment to the farthest part of his dominions, on the northwest frontier and their return, he declared, will be prohibited under penalty of death. His majesty is anxious also to have the number of foreign troops stationed in the province reduced to a minimum, and he wishes to see the foreign armies withdrawn as early as possible in the spring.

China will endeavor, said Earl Li, by every means in her power, to prove that she intends compliance with the demand contained in the note, and to show her desire to make the country safe and habitable for foreigners. He believes the powers will not insist upon the total destruction of the forts.

ABSCONDING TAX RECEIVER.

His Bondsmen Have Agreed to Turn Over \$25,000—Was Short More Than That

Altoona, Pa., Jan. 3.—On a confessed delinquency of between \$30,000 and \$40,000, the county commissioners have agreed to accept \$25,000 from Tax Receiver James H. McCullough's bondsmen and call his accounts square.

He owes \$25,000 on his 1898 duplicates and \$5,000 on his 1899 duplicates. The compromise was effected yesterday after a conference had been held by the bondsmen, commissioners and attorneys. The bondsmen are to pay \$12,500 for 1898 and the same amount for 1899, the commissioners claiming McCullough's duplicates are square up to and including 1897. Although McCullough is still missing, he is not likely to escape punishment, as one of his bondsmen proposes to offer a reward for his apprehension.

Stage was Robbed.

Vancouver, B. C., Jan. 3.—A special from Agassiz, B. C., tonight says that the mail stage running between Agassiz and Harrison Hot Springs, was held up by three masked men, armed with rifles. The driver was forced to relinquish the mail bag, which was rifled. A number of papers were taken from the express box, but their value is at present unknown. There were nine passengers on the stage, and these were forced to hand over their purses, watches and jewelry. About \$450 in cash was secured by the bandits. The robbers then disappeared in the woods beside the road. The authorities have no clue.

Big Fire at Burlington.

Burlington, Ia., Jan. 3.—A fire which broke out after midnight burned out the Connor Mercantile Company's establishment, entailing a loss of \$60,000, and then spread to Scram & Schmieg's wholesale dry goods store, where \$75,000 damage was done. The Connor Company was fully insured. Scram & Schmieg carried \$45,000 insurance.

Eleven Men Killed.

Viokburg, Miss., Jan. 3.—A telephone message to the Herald from Fayette says that two heavy freight trains on the Yazoo & Mississippi Valley railroad, both double-headed, collided near Hays Station, 70 miles south of here, at 7 o'clock tonight, and 11 men were killed.

UPRISING OF DUTCH.

Situation in Cape Colony Takes a Serious Turn—Boers Half Way to the Cape.

Cape Town, Jan. 4.—The British battleship Monarch will land guns tomorrow as a precautionary measure. The situation is serious. It is true that the Dutch have not joined the invaders in any considerable numbers, but a lack of arms is believed to be the true reason for abstention. In many places horses are freely offered and information readily supplied to the Boers.

The early proclamation of martial law in the Cape Town division is expected. The division does not include Cape Town itself.

The latest reports show the situation to be generally as follows:

Karman, if still uninvested, probably soon will be.

Griqualand West is filled with small parties of Boers, who are working south toward Prieska for the purpose of co-operating with or supporting Commandant Hertzog, whose advance parties are in the neighborhood of Franschhoek.

The Boers are close to Graaf Reinet, where of late the Dutch have given many demonstrations of extreme sympathy.

In the eastern part of the colony the advance guard of the Boers is close to Mariesburg, about 25 miles northwest of Cradock.

The general opinion here is that the position is not properly appreciated in England. The Worcester conference excited the Dutch throughout the colony. Many old residents, who are by no means alarmists, regard a general uprising of the Dutch as quite likely.

UNFORTUNATE VENEZUELA.

One Revolution Terminates and Two More Break Out.

Caracas, Venezuela, Jan. 4.—The revolution has ended, but ex-Secretary-General Peraza is said to be, with about 50 followers, in the mountain districts.

San Juan de Port Rico, Jan. 4.—Passengers who have arrived here on the Red D line steamer Philadelphia, from La Guayra, December 30, say a serious revolution has broken out in the Maricao district of Venezuela.

It is stated that the revolution is reported to have occurred in the vicinity of the Orizaba. The United States auxiliary cruiser Scorpion left here yesterday to join the Hartford at La Guayra.

NEARLY FROZEN TO DEATH.

Man in a Drunken Condition Slept Out in the Cold for Quite a Time.

Express, Or., Jan. 4.—A man by the name of Tudor started from this place yesterday evening for the Big Kid mine, about 12 miles east of this place. A party leaving for the same place this morning found him about half way between here and the mine in a frozen condition. He was brought to this place and later removed to Huntington, where he could receive medical aid.

As far as could be ascertained, the man had been drinking quite heavily before leaving here. On reaching a cabin near the True Blue mine he stopped for the night and built up a fire on the floor of the building. He then dropped off to sleep. He awoke in time to escape before the burning structure collapsed, although he suffered several burns. He crawled a short distance away and fell to sleep again. As the weather was bitter cold, it is a miracle that he was not frozen to death.

A Zambesi College.

Chicago, Jan. 4.—A special to the Record from Richmond, Ind., says: Bishop Hartwell, of the Methodist Episcopal church in Africa, has arranged with the Rev. George H. Reibold, of Indiana, to go to Zambesi, Africa, to conduct a college at New Ontario, in the country. This being a British country, the British government donated to the Methodist Episcopal church \$15,000 and 10,000 acres of land for the purpose of building a school to educate the English residents. Rev. Mr. Reibold's mission is to go to Africa to superintend this school. He will sail from New York the last of this month.

Cable Around the Globe.

Ottawa, Ont., Jan. 4.—Sanford Fleming, one of the principal promoters of the Pacific cable, has written an open letter to Hon. William Mullock, postmaster-general, in favor of a state-owned telegraph line encircling the globe. This is said to be the beginning of a movement to nationalize the cable and telegraph services of the British empire. If this were done, Sir Sanford says, it would reduce the price of messages to one-eighth or one-tenth of what it now costs to distant British possessions.

A Disgraceful Sale.

Tien Tsin, Jan. 4.—Ten Germans were killed and nine wounded at Loh Hs, January 1, through the firing of a salute with a defective cartridge.