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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.

The queen's fortune is not so large as generally supposed.

The accession of King Edward was attended with much pomp in London.

Thomas Kearns has been elected United States senator from Utah.

A fire in Montreal destroyed property worth from \$2,500,000 to \$3,000,000.

California's orange crop this year promises to break the record of previous years.

Three men held up a saloon and gambling house in North Yakima and secured \$800.

Shelby M. Cullom was re-elected United States senator from Illinois. This is his fourth term.

Lieutenant Taylor, of the United States revenue cutter Peurose, was drowned at Pensacola, Fla.

William A. Denton, a soldier of the Black Hawk Indian war, is dead at Madison, Ind., aged 101 years.

Washington senate passed memorial praying congress to appropriate \$15,000 for improvements of Lewis river and \$100,000 for completion of the Dalles-Celilo canal.

A dispatch from Peking says 25,000 Chinese regulars have reassembled near Chan Ting Fu, a day's march from the French troops. General Veyron is closely watching them, and M. Pichon, the French minister, has energetically requested their immediate dispersal.

A damage has been settled at Tuscaloosa, Ala., for which no precedent in law could be found. B. Wilson was talking over a telephone during a thunder storm, and was struck by lightning and killed. Suit was brought for damages, but was settled by the payment of \$1,800 by the telephone company.

A special tourist train on the St. Louis, Iron Mountain & Southern Railway, was wrecked near Walnut Ridge, Ark. The only person injured was the Pullman porter. The passengers were only badly shaken up. The accident was the result of an attempt to wreck the Cannon Ball train which was an hour behind the special, by opening a switch.

The oath of allegiance has been administered to over 1,000 Filipinos at Vigan.

Full-blooded Indians in the Cree country threaten to exterminate the whites.

The Oregon and Washington legislatures adjourned out of respect to Queen Victoria.

Three people were killed near Vancouver as the result of an explosion of powder being thawed out in a stove.

South Bend, Wash., has sent a delegation to Olympia to work for the location of a normal school at that place.

The sloop Maria Teresa, owned by a subject of Great Britain, was burned by the Venezuelan gunboat Miranda.

The Grand opera house at Cincinnati burned without loss of life. The theater was packed at the time the fire started.

Stephen Parson Myer, a well known contractor, who built the Colorado Midland railway, is dead at Louisville, Ky., at the age of 72 years.

The finances of Oregon, with the exception of two special funds, are in good condition, reports the state treasurer in his financial statement.

Chinese boxers are said to have again resumed active operations in the vicinity of Tien Tsin. Li Hung Chang and Prince Ching are accused of being associated with the Boxer leaders.

Particulars have just been received of a fatal duel at Springville, in Apache county, Ariz. Monte Slaughter was killed by ex-Sheriff Beeler and Clara Peary, an onlooker, was badly wounded. Beeler and Slaughter were cattlemen and had blood had existed between them for a long time.

Senators elected are: J. R. Burton, Kansas; Knute Nelson and M. E. Clapp, Minnesota; R. J. Gamble, South Dakota; W. J. Sewell, New Jersey; J. H. Berry, Arkansas; F. E. Warren, Wyoming; S. B. Elkins, West Virginia; J. W. Bailey, Texas; F. M. Simmons, North Carolina.

Frank Janssen, a barber of South Scranton, Pa., went home drunk and in a quarrel with his wife, threw a lighted lamp at her. The bed was ignited and their 7-year-old boy burned to death. Mrs. Janssen was probably fatally burned. Her sister, Maggie McDonald, was seriously burned. The house was destroyed. Janssen is under arrest.

FIRE, BUT NO PANIC.

Grand Opera House at Cincinnati Burned—Fortunately no Loss of Life.

Cincinnati, Jan. 24.—The Grand opera house was tonight destroyed by fire, except for its staunch outer walls. The play set for the night was "Hamlet," by E. H. Southern company, and the house was packed by a brilliant audience.

The first act had been finished and in the second Mr. Southern, acting the part of Hamlet, had spoken but a few lines when a slight disturbance in the orchestra seats was observed. It was caused by a slight issue of smoke at that point. An usher went down the aisle and quietly asked the people to be seated, saying there was nothing wrong. Mr. Southern, at this point, stepped to the front of the stage and also assured the audience that everything was all right. Then he resumed his part, but before he had spoken two lines the smoke issued in such volumes that there was a spontaneous movement of the people in its vicinity.

Without further order or suggestion, one of the most remarkable scenes ever witnessed in a crowded auditorium took place. It was as if the whole situation had been revealed to every person in the house, and without a single shout or anything else indicating a leader, dispersal of the audience began and was carried on with as much order and composure as if no such thing as fire had ever been known. Mr. Southern estimates his loss at \$50,000. His company was compelled to reach the street clad in their costumes and to lose the greater part of their personal effects, left in the theater.

MAY BUY FROM SPAIN.

United States has Offered \$100,000 for Certain Islands in the Sulu Group.

New York, Jan. 24.—A special to the Tribune from Washington says: Senator Lodge will endeavor to secure the approval of the senate in executive session today to the treaty signed by Secretary Hay and Duke de Arco, the Spanish minister, on November 7 last, for the purchase by this government of certain small islands in the Sulu group which had not been included in the Paris treaty. This treaty was sent to the senate early last month, and consists essentially of the following articles:

Spain relinquishes to the United States all title and claim of title which she may have had at the time of the conclusion of the treaty of Paris to the Philippine archipelago, lying outside the lines described in article 3 of that treaty and particularly to the islands of Cagayan, Sulu and Sibutu and their dependencies, and agrees that all such islands shall be comprised in the cession of the archipelago as fully as if they had been expressly included within those lines.

The United States, in consideration of this relinquishment, will pay to Spain the sum of \$100,000 within six months after the ratification of this treaty.

The Spanish cortes has just approved the convention, and it only awaits action by the senate for the exchange of ratifications, which are to be made in Washington.

The appropriations to carry out the agreement must be made this season if the treaty is approved, but it cannot be inserted in any appropriation bill until the senate has authorized ratification.

WANTED IN THREE STATES.

Two Men Arrested in Illinois Are Guilty of All Sorts of Crimes.

Mount Vernon, Ill., Jan. 24.—Geo. W. and John Reeves, alias Thompson, alias Clark, wanted in at least three different states to answer for various crimes, from murder to petit larceny, have been arrested in the northeast part of this county by Sheriff Mancion, Policeman Satterfield and Deputy-Sheriff Stanley.

On June 1, 1885, near Huntington, Ind., Bob Reeves and his two sons, George and John, killed Deputy-Sheriff Gardner and Cox, of Dubois county. The father is said to have died. The sons went to Kentucky, where they assumed the name of Thompson, and June 9, 1888, were sentenced from Monroe county to a term of 31 years in the penitentiary for arson and burglary. September 28, 1896, they escaped from the Frankfort prison and made their way to this county. They assumed the name of Clark and have since resided here.

DOGS FOR ALASKA.

Twelve St. Bernards Have Left Chicago in a Special Car.

Chicago, Jan. 24.—In a private car, fitted up especially for their use and comfort, 12 hardy and muscular St. Bernard dogs will leave Chicago today, bound for Alaska. Chicago prospectors will use them in the Far North to transport supplies in the Copper river region.

The canines have been given a special course of training by their owner, who says he has hardened them in preparation for the strenuous life they will be forced to lead in the ice fields.

THE QUEEN IS DEAD

Met Death Surrounded By Her Entire Family.

THE PRINCE OF WALES HAILED AS KING

Passing of England's Queen Causes Universal Sorrow—Was One of Most Beloved Rulers of the World.

Cowes, Isle of Wight, Jan. 23.—Queen Victoria is dead and Edward VII reigns.

The greatest event in the memory of this generation, the most stupendous change in existing conditions that could possibly be imagined, has taken place quietly, almost gently, upon the anniversary of the death of Queen Victoria's father, the Duke of Kent. The end of this career, never equalled by any woman in the world's history, came in a simply furnished room in the Osborne House. This most respected of women, living or dead, lay in a great four posted bed and made a shrunken atom whose aged face and figure were a cruel mockery of the fair girl who, in 1817, began to rule over England. Around her were gathered almost every descendant of her line. Well within view of her dying eyes there hung a portrait of the Prince Consort. It was he who designed the room and every part of the castle.

In scarcely audible words, the white haired Bishop of Winchester prayed beside her, as he had often prayed, for he was her chaplain at Windsor. With bowed heads the imperious ruler of the German empire and the man who is now king of England, the woman who has succeeded to the title of queen, the princes and princesses, and those of less than royal designation, listened to the bishop's ceaseless praying.

Six o'clock passed. The bishop continued his intercession. One of the younger children asked a question in shrill, childish treble, and was immediately silenced. The women of this royal family sobbed faintly, and the men shuffled uneasily.

At exactly half past 6, Sir James Reid held up his head, and the people then knew that England had lost her queen. The bishop pronounced the benediction. The queen passed away quite peacefully. She suffered no pain. The most of the mourners went to their rooms.

A few minutes later the inevitable element of materialism stepped into this pathetic chapter of international history, for the court ladies went briskly to work ordering their mourning from London. The wheels of the world were jarred when the announcement came, but in this palace at Osborne everything pursued the usual course. Down in the kitchen they were cooking a huge dinner for an assemblage, the like of which has seldom been known in England, and the dinner preparations proceeded just as if nothing had happened.

The body of Queen Victoria was embalmed and will probably be taken to Windsor Saturday. The coffin arrived last evening from London.

It was thought that the queen was dying about 9 o'clock in the evening, and carriages were sent to Osborne cottage and the rectory to bring all the princes and princesses and the bishop of Winchester to her bedside. It seemed then very near the end, but when things looked the worst, the queen had one of the rallies due to her wonderful constitution, opened her eyes and recognized the presence of Wales, the princesses and Emperor William.

Four o'clock marked the beginning of the end. Again the family were summoned, and this time the relapse was not followed by recovery.

The Prince of Wales was very much affected when the doctors at last informed him that his mother had breathed her last. Emperor William was also deeply affected, but did his best to minister comfort to his sorrow-stricken uncle, whose new dignity he was the first to acknowledge.

From all parts of the world there are still pouring into Cowes messages of condolence. They come from crowned heads, millionaires, tradesmen and paupers, and are variously addressed to the Prince of Wales and the king of England.

Emperor William's arrangements are not settled. His yacht will arrive today, but it is believed he will not depart until after the funeral.

Attempt to Extort Money.

Fort Madison, Ia., Jan. 24.—George Wolf, of West Point, this county, was landed in jail here late last night, the warrant having been sworn out by Frederick Kriekenbaum, president of the West Point bank, charging him with an attempt to extort money. Kriekenbaum received a letter ordering him to deposit \$5,000 at a certain place under the Pitman creek bridge, a short distance from town, on a certain date. The letter stated that, unless the money was forthcoming, certain properties owned by the banker would be burned. The letter was compared with different hand writings.

BIG FIRE IN MONTREAL.

Nearly Three Million Dollars' Worth of Property Lost.

Montreal, Jan. 25.—One of the most destructive fires from which this city has ever suffered began at 8 o'clock last night, and, notwithstanding the efforts of the entire fire department, the progress of the flames was not checked until 1 o'clock this morning. By that time it had destroyed property estimated at between \$2,500,000 and \$3,000,000, and was still burning, though the appearance was that the firemen have at last got it under control. Included in the property burned in the splendid board of trade's building, which cost \$800,000, and housed over 100 tenants, half a dozen large business houses and two score of smaller buildings. The weather was cold and the firemen were greatly hampered in this respect. Outside of the board of trade building there was not a modern structure among those burned.

Crowds of people jammed the narrow streets, and the police could not control them. Women fainted and their clothes were torn and a few slightly injured in rushes for safety.

The fire started in the premises of M. Saxe & Co., wholesale clothiers, at Levee and St. Peter streets. The streets in the locality were deserted at the time and the fire apparently had good headway before the first alarm was sent in. The firemen found the building a three-story stone structure, a mass of flames.

FATAL HOTEL FIRE.

Three Men Were Burned to Death and Several Injured at Kewanee, Ill.

Kewanee, Ill., Jan. 25.—Fire early this morning destroyed the Commercial house and caused the death of three men. The dead are: C. C. Cotton, aged 22 years, Terre Haute, Ind., advance agent of "Uncle Tom's Cabin" company, suffocated in bed; Elmer Peterson, Galesburg, Ill., brick mason; James Fischer, Walnut, Ill., auctioneer.

John C. Gruber, of Fort Wayne, Ind., a contractor, and Martin Jacobs, of Chicago, an expert mechanic, jumped from the third-story windows and were badly hurt.

An explosion in the kitchen sent the flames into every corner of the house and out of escape by means of the stairs. The frantic guests rushed to the windows, where some hurled themselves to the ground. Others had to be carried out by the firemen. The loss is \$4,000.

ROCK ON THE TRACK.

Train Robbers Tried to Hold Up the Overland Express Near Kearney.

Cheyenne, Wyo., Jan. 25.—Information was received here today that a desperate attempt was made last night by a gang of train robbers to hold up the overland express near Kearney, Neb. The bandits placed a large pile of rocks on the track in order to wreck the train, which is reported to have had a large amount of money. The robbers crept themselves behind a hill near the railroad. A pedestrian traveling along the track came upon the obstruction, was pounced upon, severely beaten, and robbed of all his money, amounting to \$150. He got away from them and ran to Kearney, where he gave the alarm, and a posse was at once organized and orders given to hold the train. The posse came upon the bandits and captured one, the others escaping. The officers are still in pursuit.

His Naturalization Postponed.

New York, Jan. 25.—A man who gave the name of Henry Zimmer applied to the naturalization bureau in the county court house for his final naturalization papers. Zimmer said he was an Englishman. Clerk Loos started to administer the usual oath to Zimmer, and had got so far as forswearing "allegiance to all foreign powers or potentates," and especially to the queen of Great Britain and Ireland, when a messenger rushed in and announced that the queen was dead. Zimmer's naturalization was immediately postponed until the naturalization bureau is officially informed of the queen's death and the successor to the throne of England formally announced. The last British subject to forswear allegiance in this city is John J. Fallon.

Big Washington Hop Contract.

Tacoma, Wash., Jan. 25.—Pier Bros., hop dealers of New York, have closed a contract with Weller & McGowan to operate three large hopyards in Puyallup valley, aggregating 60 acres, on the basis of advancing 6 cents a pound on an estimated crop of 110,000 pounds for cultivating and delivering crop free on board cars. All above eight cents is to be equally divided.

A Consumptive Quarantined.

San Francisco, Jan. 25.—J. W. Thompson, a consumptive, who arrived here from British Columbia on the steamer City of California, was not allowed to land, on the ground that he was afflicted with a contagious disease. This is the first instance where a person afflicted with consumption has been denied a landing.