

Condensed Form for Our Busy Readers.

OPENINGS OF TWO CONTINENTS

Some of the Less Important but Not Less Interesting Events of the Past Week.

Revolutionary rebels are again causing trouble in the Hawaiian Islands.

President Roosevelt has forbidden banks from loaning money for speculation in Wall street.

There is fear that Stensland will attempt to suicide or escape before he is sent to the United States.

The United States has authorized the arrest of five Japanese arrested for poisoning in Alaskan waters.

John Rose, of Kansas City, Kan., resigned. He was in favor of seceding and his resignation beats the likelihood of either Mitchell, the Oregonian who killed her brother in Seattle, or the man who was shot on September 24.

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REVOLT GROWING RAPIDLY.

Santiago in Rebellion—Insurgents Control Santa Clara Province.

Havana, Sept. 4.—The situation here is far darker than at any previous time since the insurrection broke out. News of an uprising in Santiago province, while not yet published here, is spreading about the city and causing the gravest concern.

The Associated Press was informed tonight by two reliable eyewitnesses that Cardenas, which hitherto has been considered a perfectly peaceful city, was the scene yesterday of desultory fighting between police and rural guards on one side and roving insurgents on the other.

The one province remaining perfectly peaceful is Puerto Principe.

The Associated Press correspondent at Cienfuegos telegraphed tonight that there are 3,000 armed insurgents in that vicinity and that all the small towns in Santa Clara province are controlled by insurgents, who attack and loot trains and seize the property of foreigners as well as that of Cubans.

Trinidad is surrounded by insurgents, and the government appears powerless to protect the property of Americans and other foreigners.

Railway trains are held up at will, and passengers searched. The Cuban Central railroad has declined to assume responsibility for the safety of passengers or freight.

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IRRIGATIONIST MEET

Fourteenth Annual Session Convenes at Boise.

FAIRBANKS THE GUEST OF HONOR

Vice President of United States Given Cordial Reception—Delegates From Many States.

Boise, Idaho, Sept. 3.—Boise is filled with people and filled with enthusiasm. The city gates have been thrown open and hosts of visitors from all parts of the West have poured in by the trainload to attend the 14th annual session of the National Irrigation congress and have a good time.

The first day of the congress passed off according to schedule. Speeches, numerous but brief, all dealt with the subject uppermost in the minds of the people—irrigation and home building in the arid West.

Fairbanks was the star attraction at the congress. He was greeted by hundreds prior to and after the meetings, and at the public reception tonight was tendered a typical Western welcome.

It is the intention of a certain element to push the \$100,000,000 idea at the subsequent sessions of the congress.

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Spokane, Sept. 3.—Contracts for the building of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul road from the Bitter Root mountains to the Columbia river have been let to H. C. Henry, of Seattle.

The route follows down the St. Joseph river from the Idaho line to a point below Ferrell, or St. Joe, Idaho, then goes on to Tekoa, Washington, passes on to Rosalia, goes along the south side of Rock lake and then reaches Lind, on the Northern Pacific.

From Lind the line will practically follow the survey of the old Northern Pacific cutoff from Lind to Ellensburg.

Contracts for a part of the work have been let to Grant Smith & Co. The firm includes E. N. Jones, of Jones & Osenrod, railroad contractors of Spokane.

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TRANSPORT ON THE ROCKS.

Sheridan in Perilous Plight on Coast of Hawaiian Islands.

Honolulu, Sept. 3.—Hanging on a rock amidst the United States transport Sheridan is ashore on Barber's point, the southwestern extremity of the island of Oahu, on which stands Honolulu.

The Sheridan struck at 4 a. m., and promptly blew her whistles, but did not get into communication with the shore until the wireless telegraph station at Barber's point was opened in the morning.

All morning boats were vainly trying to find a landing place, but at last the second officer got ashore and saved his boat's crew, though the boat itself was swamped in the breakers.

Captain Peabody says that, if power is applied soon, he believes the Sheridan can be saved, but otherwise there is little hope.

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LITERARY LITTLEBITS

Professor Ernst Haeckel's important work, "The Riddle of the Universe," has recently been translated into Japanese, Chinese and Hebrew.

Rev. John Francis Lee, pastor of the Metropolitan African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church, of Norfolk, Va., is attracting much attention in the South as a poet, many believing that he is the coming negro poet of America.

The Russian military commander, Gen. Kuropatkin, has finished his historical work in relation to the causes of the Russian defeat in the far east and the English translation will doubtless soon be got under way.

The astonishing fact has just come to light that Professor Richard Garnett, librarian of the British Museum, who died recently, for years had devoted much time to the "black art" of astrology.

The novelist of genius is even more given to the taking of notes than is the lesser writer who turns off stories "in the way of trade."

SEARCH GLOBE FOR RUBBER.

Many Perils Are Encountered in Gathering the Gum.

From Southern Mexico in the north to Northern Paraguay in the south; from the Atlantic on the east, right through the devious wandering of the many branches and tributaries of the mighty Amazon and right on, out to the Pacific, on the west; through the mysterious, trackless and utterly unknown solitudes of the Paraguayan and Bolivian Choccos out into Peru, the rubber hunters are at work on the plants and trees put ready to their use by the bounteous hand of nature.

Less than a year ago I met with and spoke in English to an Italian merchant in the wilds of Matto Grosso, the northwestern province of Brazil, whose capital city is five weeks' journey from the seat of government at Rio de Janeiro.

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Although the landolphia form the main source of the African rubber supply, yet there is at least one family of trees which yields a supplementary contribution to the sum total.

Turning to India, and to Asia generally, it will not be found that the continent is rich in indigenous rubber-bearing plants.

Ceara rubber is collected by stabbing the tree in a number of places close together, and as the juice exudes it coagulates in the air, and is rolled up into balls by the collectors.

The product of the ficus elastica and the other Asiatic plants is usually simply sun-dried; the rubber from the former can be identified at a glance by its peculiar red color.

MINE FOUND BY A BADGER.

Prospectors Digging Him Out Discovered a Rich Claim.

N. H. George, Santa Fe yardmaster, has taken a jaffoy of three weeks and gone to Nevada to develop a gold mining claim which he has there.

A short time since another old miner in hard luck came past the first miner's claim carrying his kit of tools with him.

They went to work with their picks and soon dug the badger out, and in so doing they made a remarkable discovery.

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