

NEWS OF THE WEEK

A Condensed Form for Our Busy Readers.

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

Summary of various news items including international events, local incidents, and general news.

BLOODY FIGHT AT PEN.

Three Montana Lifers Make a Mad Dash for Liberty.

Deer Lodge, Mont., March 10.—Warden Frank Conley, of the Montana state penitentiary, was fearfully wounded Sunday morning and his first assistant warden, John Robinson, was killed, when three life convicts, George Rock, W. H. Hayes and another whose name is not given out, made a dash for liberty in the penitentiary office at 8 o'clock. It is thought the warden will live.

ARE FIRE TRAPS.

Too Many Flimsy Buildings Are Constructed in America.

Washington, March 10.—In a statement made public last night, Richard L. Humphrey, engineer in charge of the structural material laboratories of the government, discusses recent fire horrors and asserts that fire traps as bad or worse than that which cost the lives of so many school children at Collinwood, O., exist in nearly every village and town and in many of the large cities.

Japan's Naval Strength.

Tokio, March 10.—Some reliable figures are now to hand showing the present strength of the Japanese navy compared with its strength when the war broke out. Details are appended, but the totals may be briefly stated, viz: One hundred and fifty seven vessels of all descriptions, representing a tonnage of 283,242 tons, before the war, and 204 vessels and 515,082 tons at the present day.

Shivering in the Dakotas.

St. Paul, March 10.—Extremely cold weather prevailed throughout the Northwest Sunday night and yesterday, the warmest place in this region being St. Paul, where the temperature was four degrees below zero yesterday morning at 8 o'clock.

Portugal Not Involved.

Lisbon, March 10.—Investigation instituted by the Portuguese government regarding the Tatsu Maru incident have elicited from the Pekin government the emphatic assertion that the seizure occurred on the high seas, and that, therefore, there was no violation of the law governing Portugal waters.

DOINGS OF THE SIXTIETH CONGRESS

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REVISION ASSURED.

Extra Session to Be Called to Go Over Tariff.

Washington, March 9.—Plans for the revision of the tariff have been agreed upon by the Republican leaders, including Roosevelt, Speaker Cannon, Senator Beveridge and Representatives Payne, Dalsell and Sherman, the three latter being members of the house ways and means committee, who will frame the new law.

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SCHMITZ WINS OUT

Supreme Court Finds Fatal Defects in Indictment.

RUEF'S PLEA ALSO NULLIFIED

Seven Judges Unanimous in Holding That Facts Stated Do Not Constitute Crime.

San Francisco, March 10.—The Supreme court yesterday handed down a decision denying the application of the prosecution in the San Francisco bribery-graft cases for a rehearing after a decision by the District court of Appeals in the case of ex-Mayor Eugene E. Schmitz, convicted of extortion in the French restaurant cases.

GREAT FEAT OF WIRELESS.

Message From Fleet in Pacific Is Received at Pensacola.

Washington, March 10.—About the last place that the Navy department expected to hear from the Atlantic battleship flotilla for at least six months was on the Atlantic coast, yet this is what happened.

FLEET TAKES TO MARE ISLAND.

Wireless Communication at Distance of 2,600 Miles.

San Francisco, March 10.—The battleship fleet came into direct communication with Mare Island yesterday, the message being the first this coast has received from the warships.

Rebuild the Cliff House.

San Francisco, March 10.—Dr. Emma Merritt, executrix of the estate of Adolph Sutro, was given permission today by Judge Coffey to apply the \$47,000 insurance money received after the destruction of the Cliff house toward the erection of a new building.

Chinese Hold Meeting.

Canton, China, March 10.—A monster meeting was held here tonight to resist the demand of the Japanese government for the release of the Tatsu Maru.

Mutiny in Caracas Falls.

Caracas, March 4, via Port of Spain, March 10.—An uprising occurred last night in a barracks, killing their commander.

OREGON