

NEWS OF THE WEEK

In a Condensed Form for Our
Busy Readers.

HAPPENINGS OF TWO CONTINENTS

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

The battleship fleet has sailed from
Auckland to Sydney.

Japan is paying off her war debt in
good sized installments.

The Canadian government is to me-
diate in the railroad strike.

Ira D. Sankey, the evangelist, is
dead. He was 68 years old.

Fire in the Buffalo, N. Y., stock
yards, burned close to \$1,000,000 worth
of property.

Contractors driving the big St. Paul
tunnel in Montana are breaking all
records for speed.

Two people were killed and six in-
jured by the explosion of a balloon at
London. A spectator attempted to
light a cigar.

The bones of 21 persons have been
found on an island in Lake of the
Woods. They are believed to be the
remains of a party of explorers mas-
sacred by Indians in 1736.

Rear Admiral Cogswell, retired, is
dead. He was an officer on the Oregon
when that vessel made its famous
voyage around the horn to engage the
Spanish fleet.

Train robbers held up a Northern
Pacific train near Trust, nine miles
west of Spokane. The mail car was
uncoupled and run up the track. It is
not known what the result of the haul
was.

Turks and Armenians join in cele-
brating their liberty.

Taft, a new town near Missoula,
Mont., has been destroyed by fire.

It is believed the effect of the Thaw
bankruptcy proceedings will be liberty
for Thaw.

A veterinary surgeon has just died
in New York as the result of a bite
by a horse.

A Los Angeles maniac killed his
son and daughter, attempted to kill his
wife and himself.

A wealthy Italian has been slain in
New York. Nihilists are supposed to
have done the work.

The government has started a fight
in San Francisco against the bringing
of young girls to this country for im-
moral purposes.

Some unknown person in San Fran-
cisco at intervals has been throwing
ink on women's expensive wearing ap-
parel, thus ruining it.

Japan is rejoicing over the new
trademark treaty with the United
States giving it as proof of friendship
between the two countries.

A modus vivendi has been arranged
whereby the Newfoundland fisheries dis-
pute between Great Britain and the
United States will be settled by The
Hague tribunal.

Senator La Follette is going to start
a newspaper.

The Canadian Pacific is importing
strikebreakers from Europe.

King Peter, of Servia, is accused of
conspiracy against Montenegro.

A severe hail and thunder storm has
burst the Kentucky tobacco crop.

Prohibition is to be the main issue
of the Democratic state convention.

Forest fires have broken out again in
Canada and more towns are threatened
with destruction.

Extravagant living since the war
with Russia has caused corruption in
the Japanese army.

King Edward and Emperor William
met at Cronberg, Germany, and con-
ferred on a naval program.

Two masked men near Chico, Cal.,
held up 16 men as they came along at
different times and secured \$700.

The five people arrested at Detroit
on instruction from Helena are wanted
for safecracking, burglary and forgery.

The Turkish minister to the United
States has been recalled and will be
replaced by a reform movement man.

Holland seeks to know the American
policy in Venezuela.

Hearst's Independent league is said
to be short of money.

These creditors may oust his re-
ceiver and name a trustee.

New York sheriff is accused of winking
at race track gambling.

President Falliere's daughter has
married the private secretary of the

President Roosevelt has started an
investigation for the improvement of

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cisco bank will sue the directors for
\$1,250,000.

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the United States, whose father is a
fugitive in this country.

OPEN NEW LANDS.

Vast Area Available in Western Can-
ada in September.

Ottawa, Canada, Aug. 11.—Next
month will see radical changes in the
land policy of the Canadian govern-
ment. The Oliver land act, which goes
into effect September 1, will throw
open to the public 28,000,000 acres of
rich, arable land, in the odd numbered
sections of Western Canada that are
liberally intersected by a network of
railroads, are adjacent to commercial
markets and swarming with live, hustling
townships, with well established
police protection, municipal govern-
ment, schools, churches and institutions
essential for agricultural prosperity.

While the "renter" and the man
with limited loose cash is being given
the opportunity of owning his own
farm, unlike the procedure heretofore
followed in granting free homesteads,
he is not asked to forego the advantages
in settled districts and to go into the
wilderness to fight the hard fights
of the pioneer. Instead of this, the
new instrument of the Canadian legis-
lature gives the enterprising man free
land situated near flourishing towns,
offering all the advantages and conveniences
of modern life.

In order to encourage railroad building
in the Dominion, the government
has given to the railroad companies
32,000,000 acres of land during the
last few years, and as a further inducement
they have been left absolutely unfeathered
in the choice of lands and the time of selection, but recently were
made to select their lands. The com-
panies have taken full advantage of
this generous provision and made a
constant practice of leaving their
grants in abeyance unless, after closely
watching the trend of immigration
and settlement, they could make up
their minds as to what tracts of land
would best serve their interests.

TRIBESMEN HOLD UP SHAH.

Persian Ruler Held Prisoner in His
Own Palace.

St. Petersburg, Aug. 11.—Special
dispatches received here from Teheran
give a tragic-comic description of the
position of the shah of Persia, who is
virtually a prisoner in the hands of wild
tribesmen summoned to Teheran to
protect the throne against the revolution-
aries, but have become a greater
menace to the monarch than his other
foes.

The tribesmen are extravagant in
their demands for money, which the
shah is unable to grant, and they
threaten to destroy the palace and se-
cure the shah.

Oyster Bay, Aug. 14.—The unusual
activity at the government executive
office here, which has been apparent
for almost a week, both day and night,
has become the subject of considerable
curiosity. Rudolph Forster, acting
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force of clerks under him recently have
been the hardest worked men in the
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at times have continued far into the
night. The executive office staff has
been augmented by the arrival of two
clerks from the Washington executive
office.

DISCORD IN TURKS' PALACE.

Former Ministers Blame Each Other
for Ill Luck.

Constantinople, Aug. 11.—Discord
reigns among the former ministers and
palace officials detained at the ministry
of war. Men Dough Pasha, ex-
minister of the interior, is at loggerheads
with Lahsin Pasha, the sultan's
former secretary, who reproached him
with not having adopted his advice
three months ago to solicit the sultan
to grant amnesty to political prisoners.
The secretary, who is suffering from
acute melancholia, replied that it was
better to have died than to witness the
present state of affairs.

Zekhi Pasha, who was recently dis-
missed as inspector of military schools,
is also reported to be a prisoner at the
ministry of war, half demented and
constantly requesting a revolver with
which to end his life.

To this request the response was
made that he must live and render to
the nation an account of his doings.
He has contributed \$25,000 toward a
fund to purchase two cruisers to be
named after the heroes of the revolution.

FULL FORCE RESTORED.

San Francisco, Aug. 11.—When the
employees in the Southern Pacific shops
at West Oakland went to work yester-
day they found that they were ex-
pected to work nine hours instead of eight
per day. Their pay, however, will be
on the nine-hour basis. During the
last 60 days the railroad company has
increased its working force in the Oak-
land shops until now it is as great as it
was before the slump of several months
ago. The increase of working hours
is necessitated by the large amount of
work on hand.

DANISH PRINTERS STRIKE.

Copenhagen, Aug. 11.—Owing to the
typographers and other employees in
the printing offices here, except a few
employees on socialistic papers, having
started a strike, the employees have
decided to declare a general lockout in
all departments of labor tomorrow.
If a reconciliation is not reached be-
tween the employers and the men, it
is expected that the newspapers here
will suspend publication for at least a
fortnight.

MET DEATH IN FLAMES.

New York, Aug. 11.—Six persons
were burned to death in a tenement
house at 332 East One Hundred and
Twelfth street, four children between
the ages of 8 and 12, an infant of 2
months and an aged man. Other oc-
cupants of the tenement were injured
by jumping from windows.

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NEWS ITEMS FROM WASHINGTON, D. C.

SAYS PEACE IS RESTORED.

Honduran Cabinet Minister Sends the
News to Washington.

Washington, Aug. 15.—The fact
that peace has been fully restored in
Central America and an expression of
confidence expressed that it would be
maintained, is given in a cablegram
received here today by Dr. Ugarde,
minister from Honduras, from the minister
of foreign affairs of his country.

Mr. Dodge, the American minister
to Salvador, will leave Salvador for
Tegucigalpa on August 18 to take up
directly with the Honduran govern-
ment the matter of the consul and vice
consul at Ceiba, whose exequaturs
were cancelled owing to their alleged
intervention in international affairs in
Honduras.

MAKE RATE DECISION SOON.

Important Ruling to be Made by Inter-
state Commission.

Washington, Aug. 11.—During the
next month or six weeks it is possible
that the Interstate Commerce commis-
sion will decide upon the question of
the reasonableness of the proposed in-
crease of railroad freight rates in Al-
abama, Georgia, Tennessee, Florida and
portions of South Carolina, in the
southern territory and Texas, in the
Southwestern territory.

The proposed increase in the several
Southern states embraces practically
extensive increases proposed throughout
the country at this time. The decision
will have an important bearing on
rates in general.

Favors Policy of Peace.

Washington, Aug. 14.—Naturally
the American government is interested
in knowing what the Dutch intend to
do in Venezuela, and it is not surprising
therefore that the Holland government
is sounding American Minister
Beaupre at The Hague as to what the
United States might do in the varying
contingencies that are likely to arise.
While the United States under certain
conditions may be open to criticism
regarding any prospective course in
Venezuela, it is not believed that
any co-operative punitive agreement
with any foreign power will be sought.
On the contrary an arrangement for a
peaceful settlement of differences
would be gladly welcomed.

Good Job Awaits a Learned Chef.

Washington, Aug. 14.—A chef is
needed at the government asylum for
the insane, and a civil service examina-
tion was held today to fill the vac-
ancy. Notwithstanding the fact that
the position pays \$1,200 a year there
was no over abundance of applicants
for the job. The reason perhaps lies
in the fact that the successful applican-
t must be possessed of a fund of
knowledge that would enable him to
hold down a chief clerkship in almost
any of the departments and render it
unnecessary for him to don a cook's
apron.

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Malone's Place Filled.

Washington, Aug. 12.—Dr. G. C.
Bantz was today appointed assistant
treasurer of the United States, in
place of the late J. L. Malone. Mr.
Bantz has been an employee of the
Treasury department for 35 years and
recently has filled the position of deputy
assistant treasurer. William H.
Gibson, assistant cashier of the cash
room, was promoted to be deputy
assistant treasurer in place of Dr.
Bantz. James A. Sample, now a division
chief, was appointed to be deputy
assistant treasurer.

Engineers Sent to Hawaii.

Washington, Aug. 14.—The War de-
partment has issued orders to Company
A, First battalion of engineers, to
leave San Francisco for Honolulu,
sailing on November 15, 1908.

The First battalion of engineers is now on
duty at Fort Mason, California. These
engineers are to make a survey prelimi-
nary for the fortifications in and
around Honolulu and at Pearl harbor,

where the government is to construct a
large naval station. After their work
at Honolulu, they will return to Van-
couver barracks.

Asks Bids on Coal for Fleet.

Washington, Aug. 12.—It is expect-
ed that proposals for transporting coal
from Magdalena bay, Mexico, will be re-
ceived in the bureau of equipment until
noon, August 17. The proposals are to
be for 15,000 tons of semi-bituminous
coal for the vessels of the Pacific
fleet. The bidders are required to state
whether the vessels bearing the coal
may be diverted from Magdalena bay
to Bremerton, Wash., if the cargoes
are required there.

Colonel Hoyle Retires.

Washington, Aug. 11.—Colonel Rich-
ard L. Hoyle, one of the veteran offi-
cers of the corps of engineers and who
for some time past has been in charge
of the fortification and river harbor
work in Baltimore and vicinity, was
placed on the retired list of the army
today on account of age. He is suc-
ceeded at Baltimore by Major William
E. Craighill, who until recently was
stationed at Mobile.

PLEADS FOR AMERICAN FRUIT.

Washington, Aug. 13.—Ambassador
White at Paris has addressed the
French government with a view to the
suspension of the decree prohibiting the
importation of sulphured fruit, with
particular reference to California dried
fruits, pending the report of the Ameri-
can board which is to investigate the
whole subject of the importation of
preserved fruit and other edibles. Other-
wise, it is expected that the imports of French
fruits may be seriously affected.

May Order Rectifier's Marks.

Washington, Aug. 13.—The commis-
sioner of internal revenue has informed
W. M. Hough, attorney of the National
Wholesale Liquor Dealers' association,
that there is ample authority of
law for the government to prescribe
the marking of packages of spirits and
liquors in the hands of rectifiers as in
the case of marking the products of
distillers.

BULLETS IN FLAG AT TABRIZ.

Washington, Aug. 15.—The gunboats
Albany and Yorktown today were de-
tached from the Pacific fleet by the
Navy department for special service
on the Pacific coast. These vessels
were only nominally a part of the Pa-
cific fleet, having been engaged in pro-
tecting American interests in Central
America.

RECEIVER FOR BIG MILL.

Pillsbury-Washburne Company Needs
to be Reorganized.

Minneapolis, Aug. 10.—Incident to a
reorganization certain of the stock-
holders of the Pillsbury-Washburne
Flour Milling company Saturday peti-
tioned the Federal District court for
the appointment of receivers.

Whatever action is taken by the court,
the business will be continued.

The indebtedness of the defunct
company is set at more than \$5,000,-
000, without security. The book value
of the company's property exceeds
\$15,000,000. The total secured in
indebtedness covered by debenture bonds,
is \$4,000,000, or a total indebtedness
of \$9,000,000. Liquid assets are esti-
mated at \$3