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THE NEWS OF THE WEEK

Comprehensive Review of the Important Happenings of the Past Week Called From the Telegraph Columns.

In a collision between an express and an excursion train on the Great Eastern railroad, near London, seventeen persons were seriously injured.

Dr. Lewis Swift, of the Mount Low observatory, Pasadena, Cal., has discovered two new comets close together, both being about one degree from the sun.

A terrific gale has swept the coast of the United Kingdom. The storm played havoc with the trees in London parks, and caused great damage among coast and fishing craft. The loss of life is reported slight.

The Clyde line passenger steamer Frederick DeBerry, New York to Jacksonville, was wrecked at Kittyhawk, N. C. The crew of seventeen men were taken off by a life saving boat. There were no passengers or cargo aboard.

In a pitched battle between a squad of policemen and a gang of hoodlums, at Philadelphia, Pa., Michael Pizza was shot and killed and five others, three of whom were officers, were seriously injured. The scene of the affray was a dingy three-story brick house in the heart of the Italian district.

Charles Pfeifer, living at Brightwood, Ind., cut his wife's throat and hanged himself. Both are dead. Pfeifer was an operator on the Big Four. The couple were married a year ago and lived happily. It is believed that Pfeifer was temporarily insane.

The boiler of a ninety-ton ten-wheel locomotive on the Big Four road burst at Pekin, Ill., hurling the engine more than 100 feet, partly demolishing a factory, killing the fireman and breaking nearly all the glass within a quarter of a mile of the scene. Pieces of the engine were picked up 1,000 feet away and one of the big drive wheels was hurled 400 feet from the track.

The turnpike rioters are out again in Lawrenceburg, Ky., and have destroyed twenty of the twenty-four toll gates in Anderson county. The county last fall voted to make the pikes free. Proceedings for arraignment and condemnation and purchasing have been made, but the people did not wait for relief in that way. Under the laws of Kentucky the county will have to make good the loss and damage by the mob.

Richard Williams, the ex-customs inspector, of San Francisco, convicted of extortion, has been sentenced to six years' imprisonment and \$10,000 fine.

A bakery at Woodburn, Or., was destroyed by fire, and a baker named Ruhl was burned while trying to save some of his effects from the building. The loss is \$2,000.

Hops aggregating in quantity over 75,000 pounds have been contracted by Marion county growers to Charles Green & Son, the purchase price being 5 cents a pound.

Edson Keith, for forty years a prominent citizen of Chicago, threw himself into the lake at the foot of Thirteenth street in that city, while temporarily insane, as a result of chronic dyspepsia and insomnia.

The American ship Luzon, Captain Park, which left New York May 21 for Shanghai, passing Anjeron August 18, grounded on a bar at Woo Sung. It is probable the ship will be floated after she has been lightened, but she must be drydocked before putting to sea again.

"Kill me, kill me; shoot me out of this misery." This was the agonizing cry of Anton Dusback, who has been employed in the Guggenheim smelting works near Woodbridge, N. J. Dusback was working near a tank of sulphuric acid, when he lost his balance and plunged headforemost to a fate more horrible than death. His eyes were badly burned and his hair eaten off. He cannot recover.

From Pittsburg, Pa., comes word that Russian spies sent out by the government of the czar have stolen American armor-plate secrets and propose to turn their acquisition to profit by furnishing information by means of which Russia may make her own sheaths for battle-ships. This in brief is the discovery which has been kept quiet for some months by the officials of the Carnegie Company, and which has worried the naval authorities and officials of this country and of the steel company.

The engineer and ordinance departments of the army are preparing for the execution of the legislation of the last congress, looking to the improvement and strengthening of the fortifications and coast defenses of this country. Plans for these important works have been formulated, and in most instances the approved projects are under headway. The appropriation of \$12,000,000 made by the last congress has been allotted so as to accomplish the greatest good with the means and facilities at hand.

A Negro Boy's Awful Crime.

One of the most heinous murders in the history of Louisiana was committed by a negro boy named John Johnson in a farmhouse four miles south of Independence. Joe Cotton, his wife, her brother and two sisters were killed, the first by a pistol shot and the other four with an ax. The fiend who committed this quintuple murder is a negro boy who has been in the employ of Cotton since April 2. He was allowed to sleep in the same house. The motive is a mystery, as no attempt at robbery had been made. The only member of the family who escaped was little Maud Miller, 14 years old. She darted from the house and gave the alarm. She says she saw Johnson begin the butchery by striking her mother with the ax. The murderer is still at large and is being tracked with bloodhounds by a mob. He will probably be lynched if caught.

One Killed, Three Injured.

By an explosion of gas at the Philadelphia & Reading Company's Middle Creek colliery, near Tremont, Pa., five men were burned. Two of the men died two hours later from their injuries. Two of the others cannot recover.

Fatal Accident at Sea.

The ship Pythome, from Sydney which has just arrived at San Francisco, reports the death at sea August 13 of Henry B. Moringham, an 18-year-old apprentice, who fell from the foreyard to the deck. He lived forty-eight hours, and was buried at sea.

Fishermen Indicted.

True bills have been returned by the grand jury at Astoria against four fishermen for inciting to riot and assault with dangerous weapons, the crimes being alleged to have been committed at Booth's cannery during the recent strike of the fishermen.

A Young Bear Hunter.

Louis Hartwig, a 13-year-old boy living at Astoria, killed an old bear and a cub in the outskirts of that city, after an exciting battle with the mother bear, in which the dashing young nimrod narrowly escaped being killed.

A Thousand Armenians Killed.

It appears that a thousand Armenians have been killed in a recent massacre at Egin, in the Kharpoort region. It is reported that a hundred Armenians have been killed at Divrig, in the same vilayet.

Oil Tanks Burned.

Ten large tanks of oil belonging to the Waters-Pierce Oil Company, of East St. Louis, were destroyed by fire. Many thousand barrels of oil were burned, causing a loss of \$40,000.

A Horrible Crime.

Joseph Bash, of Cleveland, O., for some unknown reason, conceived the ghastly idea of killing his whole family, and, securing a crowbar, repaired to the room where his wife and two daughters were sleeping. With one blow he crushed the skull of his wife and then turned to the cradle of his youngest child. The 19-year-old daughter in another bed awoke and sprang to arrest the fiend's arm, but the blow fell across the infant's face. A desperate fight between father and daughter took place. The girl's screams brought assistance and the man fled. The woman is at the point of death, but the infant may live.

A Destructive Blaze.

The Missouri military academy, situated about a mile south of Mexico, Mo., burned to the ground, causing a loss of \$75,000 on the building and a heavy loss in personal effects. The insurance is \$37,000. Hundreds of students were in the building when the fire broke out, but no lives were lost. Many had narrow escapes and received injuries. The fire is thought to have been of incendiary origin.

Swift Vengeance.

James Hawkins, a negro, outraged a 5-year-old white child in Gretna, La. When the officers attempted to capture him they fired into a crowd of negroes, killing Alexander and Arthur Green. Hawkins was later lodged in jail. A mob broke through and took him out, hanged him and threw the body into the river.

Rate Again Advanced.

The governors of the Bank of England have again advanced the minimum rate of discount one-half per cent to 3 per cent. This is an advance of 1 per cent in less than a month. Good authorities say that this will but temporarily check the large gold withdrawals for shipment to the United States.

Explosives in Church.

Three bottles of nitric acid, two bottles of sulphuric acid, fourteen pounds of glycerine, two vessels for the manufacture of explosives, some printing type and some threatening letters were found in an Armenian church in Constantinople.

A Schooner Lost.

The South sea missionary schooner of the Josephites, Evanelia, foundered at sea, and the missionaries and crew took to boats and were saved.

Preparing to Celebrate.

Newfoundland is organizing to celebrate the fourth centenary of Cabot's discovery of the island, which occurs next year.

FINDS BUT LITTLE FAVOR

Gladstone's Solution of the Turkish Problem

DISCUSSED BY THE JOURNALS

Better Received on the Continent Than in England—The Turkish Ships Are Near the Bosphorus.

London, Sept. 29.—The wearisome Armenian question has almost absorbed public attention during the week. The proposal of Mr. Gladstone to withdraw the British ambassador from Constantinople and dismiss the Turkish ambassador here, is discussed by all the newspapers, but finds little favor, and is looked upon as being simply a policy of crying "boo," which will have absolutely no good effect upon the sultan.

All eyes are now turned toward Balmoral, where the arrival today of the Marquis of Salisbury, it is hoped, marks a turning point in Great Britain's position towards the powers. The British premier will stay several days at Balmoral, and there is little doubt that he will utilize his time in endeavoring to win from the czar a recognition of the disinterested character of Great Britain's policy toward Turkey, and arrange a basis for joint action, which will render further massacres impossible.

On the Continent Mr. Gladstone's speech was received differently in the various countries. The French press expressed unusually favorable opinions of it and even the notorious Anglophobe organ gave it a generous praise. The Libre Parole describes it as the finest Mr. Gladstone has ever made and one which stigmatizes most magnificently the crime of European diplomacy in past years. In fact, the comments of the press generally indicate that France has at last awakened to the enormities of Turkish rule, and she will welcome an understanding between Russia which will enable them to take joint and effective action at Constantinople.

In Austria and Germany, however, the newspapers scoff at Mr. Gladstone's proposal regarding the ambassadors, which is characterized as fanatical and frivolous.

The remarkable violence of the English agitation which has been conducted against the sultan is shown by the character of the epithets which have been hurled at him by the usually moderate-speaking English people. Mr. Gladstone's epithet of "the great assassin" seems to have set the fashion, the Duke of Westminster following with "fiend incarnate," Earl Spencer referring "representative of a diabolical and atrocious government."

The term applied by William Watson, the poet, "Abdul the Damned," in his series of sonnets on the Armenian question, perhaps finds the most frequent repetition of any of them. The press is not behind in its sensational dealings with the subject by the most lurid headlines in the newspapers and posters to advertise them. The Chronicle is printing a series of "murder maps" on the subject.

Miss Willard's Appeal.

Chicago, Sept. 29.—A cablegram from the London International Women's Christian Temperance Union says Miss Frances E. Willard sent out the following call to the 10,000 local unions in the United States:

"Comrades: The cup of wrath is full. In these two terrible years, when the massacre of the innocent had been done under the eyes of our paralyzed rulers in Christian lands, we have thought men alone could help, but it is women who are dying two deaths in the bloody East, and we, their sisters, cannot longer wait. You have nobly responded to my earlier appeal in the name of Christ and humanity, of home against harem, and I earnestly and tenderly call upon you to organize meetings in every locality, urging our government to co-operate with England in putting a stop to the massacres and giving protection henceforth to Armenian homes. Let those meetings be addressed by pastors, business men and the most capable women. Let money be raised by systematic visitation as well as by collection, and forwarded to our national treasurer, Miss Helen M. Barker, Woman's temple, Chicago, and may God deal with us at least as we deal with our Armenian brothers and sisters and their little ones, in this hour of their overwhelming calamity. Yours for God and home and every land. Frances T. Willard."

At the Mouth of the Bosphorus.

Berlin, Sept. 29.—The Frankfurter Zeitung's Constantinople correspondent confirms the report that the Russian Black sea fleet has been cruising at the mouth of the Bosphorus. Communication with the Russian embassy at Dnyakbere is maintained by carrier pigeons.

The porte has forbidden the circulation of any foreign newspapers containing Mr. Gladstone's speech at Liverpool Thursday.

A serious outbreak of Bubonic plague has occurred in Bombay, 800 deaths having already occurred.

Cubans Were Victorious.

Havana, Sept. 30.—Thirty-five Spanish volunteers, commanded by Lieutenant Romero, were surrounded by a superior force of insurgents as they were leaving the town of Quiquican, province of Havana. A desperate fight ensued, the Spaniards attempting to cut their way through the rebels. Their efforts were without avail, but they did not cease firing until twenty-three of their number were killed and four wounded. Among the killed were Lieutenant Romero. The volunteers who escaped report that severe losses were inflicted on rebels.

Captured a Robber.

Chicago, Sept. 30.—A Metropolitan "L" train on the North-avenue division made a thrilling run in the dead hours of the morning with a robber caged in the motor car frantically endeavoring to escape. The plucky motorman and conductor prevented him from leaping through the window to probable death, and after running the train wild up and down the line they succeeded in attracting the attention of the police by furiously tooting the whistle.

A Sensational Suicide.

Westminster, Md., Sept. 29.—Miss Carrie Horner, daughter of Charles Horner, of this place, committed suicide by taking strychnine today, under peculiar circumstances. She was to have been married at 11 o'clock today to William Brook, a grocer. Brook suggested they take a walk in the cemetery, and there he informed her, according to her father's statement, that he was not in a position to marry her. Upon this she became nervous and said she wished to be alone. Shortly after, Brook heard a scream and found her in convulsions. The father of the girl was so incensed that he started in quest of Brook, swearing to kill him, but the latter had left town.

Iron Mines Closed Down.

Ishpeming, Mich., Sept. 29.—The Lake Angelina iron mine, which in former years paid \$600,000 dividends annually, closed down all its works tonight, throwing 600 men out of work. The company had sunk its surplus in improvements, and was unable to sell ore or secure cash advances thereon.

MANY OF HIS KIND.

An Unscrupulous Adventurer Robs a Denver Widow.

San Francisco, Sept. 29.—Robert Snowden, who claims to be a journalist, was arrested last night on a warrant charging him with felony and embezzlement. The complaining witness is Mrs. Sarah B. Williams, a middle-aged widow, of Denver. She claims that Snowden, who is 28 years old, induced her to come to San Francisco on a promise to marry, and then cajoled her out of her money and jewelry and disappeared.

According to the woman's story, she met Snowden in Denver some months ago, and, after a brief acquaintance, consented to marry him. He was in a hurry to get back to the coast at the time, and she promised to join him at any time he sent for her. In pursuance of this agreement Mrs. Williams started for San Francisco, arriving here in company with Snowden, who had gone to Sacramento to meet her, on August 10.

The young man took the widow to the Palace hotel, where she registered and procured a room. For some reason or another, her intended husband put off the marriage from time to time until he had succeeded in borrowing all of her money and jewelry, on one pretext or another. Then he disappeared. Mrs. Williams waited patiently for him to return, but after several days began to realize that she had been defrauded and that she was in debt at a fashionable hotel, with nothing in her purse to warrant her stay.

Mrs. Williams waited until her bill had reached \$90, when the hotel management insisted on payment. The widow explained her position, and was sent away from the hotel, her baggage being held for her bill. The woman was utterly penniless, and was compelled to seek shelter in a charitable institution.

Snowden says he met the woman in Denver through a newspaper personal.

LITTLE TOWN BURNED.

Not Much Left of Cleveland, in Klickitat County.

Arlington, Or., Sept. 29.—A disastrous fire occurred at Cleveland, a small town about twenty miles north of this place, in Klickitat county. Nine buildings went up in smoke, including the principal store, two blacksmith shops, a hotel and livery barn. The town has no fire department, and no water could be used except what was thrown on with buckets. The destruction is believed to be the work of incendiaries, although there is no clue to the persons guilty. Those who suffered the greatest losses are:

H. Blome, general merchandiser; S. Cooley, blacksmith; A. Dodge, blacksmith.

In addition to his store, Mr. Blome also owned the livery barn and one of the blacksmith shops. The loss of property is a severe blow to the owners, as there was little or no insurance. The blaze was started in the livery barn.

LOWERED BY JOHN R. GENTRY

The World's Pacing Record Reduced to 2:00 1-2

DONE AT PORTLAND, ME.

The Fastest Mile Ever Made in Harness—1/4 Finished With a Strong Wind Blowing in His Face

Portland, Me., Sept. 28.—John R. Gentry today at Rigby Park paced the fastest mile ever made in harness. The day was cold, and a light westerly wind was blowing against the runner, when Gentry, with a crowd behind him, came out to go against the record of 2:01 1/2, made on September 15, 1899, at Glens Falls, N. Y.

The famous pacer scored once twice with the runner who was in his face, and then went up the stretch what was to be the fastest mile ever done by a horse in harness. The runner was at the pacer's throat when they made the first turn on the track. Gentry went steadily and with apparent ease, the runner having had to keep his position.

The judges caught the quarter at 29 1/2 seconds, and the second quarter was made in 0:30 1/2, making the mile in 0:59 1/2. The runner, by use of the whip, was keeping up Gentry's wheel, but was making no work of it. The third quarter was made in 30 3-8 seconds, making the quaters in 1:30 1/2.

As they turned into the home stretch and caught the wind in the teeth, the crowd began to yell wildly, and the drivers began to encourage their horses. With the shouting of the crowd, the horse was now cheering like mad, the pacer spurred for the wire, and, considering that he had the wind in his face, made the most remarkable quarter of the heat in 0:30 1/4, the mile in 2:00 1/4, one second less than the record.

WIPED OUT BY INSURGENTS

News of One Battle That Weyerler Did Not Suppress.

Key West, Fla., Sept. 28.—Admiral Mascoot state that late on Monday afternoon eighty-seven Spanish troops started for Calabazara, eight miles from Havana. On Tuesday morning five of the eighty-seven returned to Havana and reported that their companions had been killed by insurgents shortly before reaching Calabazara. The Spaniards said they were surrounded by about 200 insurgents, who poured in one volley and then charged with machetes. The five who returned were badly wounded and were left dead by the Cubans.

On hearing the story a Spanish regiment was sent to the scene, and bodies of the eighty-two Spaniards were found in a heap. The wounds made by the machetes were frightful, several of the Spaniards having been beheaded. The captain was killed in this manner. Captain-General Weyerler has issued orders to newspapers to publish a word about the tragedy. This morning five prisoners were executed, two garroted and three shot. Two thousand people, mostly Spanish officers and their wives witnessed the executions.

Li's Message to Americans.

Washington, Sept. 28.—Acting Secretary Rockhill has received from United States Commercial Agent Peterson, at Vancouver, B. C., the following dispatch, under date of September 4: "At an interview given the consuls of this city on board the steamship Empress of China, just previous to her departure for Hong Kong today, his excellency, Li Hung Chang, the viceroy, requested me to become the bearer of the following message to my government: "I was greatly impressed by the courtesy and kindness extended to me by the government of your country, which I regard as a model government of Western civilization. I shall ever retain most pleasant memories of my visit to the United States, and I desire you to make my greetings to your country most cordial, as I will take leave of America."

The Woman Was Drunk.

Walla Walla, Sept. 28.—This morning a few miles east of Walla Walla, an old woman jumped through a window of the tourist car of the O. R. & N. and received injuries which resulted in her death a few hours after. When she boarded the train at Portland last night, she was very drunk, and during the night had an attack of tremor. She wandered from one car to another, disturbing other passengers. Finally she quieted down, and, shortly after the train left Walla Walla, the porter discovered that she was missing. The train was run back several miles, but no trace of the woman was found. When the train reached Walla Walla, the railroad officials were notified, and a special train was sent back. They found her lying near the track at Summit, suffering from injuries. She was picked up, but died a few minutes later. The name given on her ticket was Mrs. Annie Tobin.