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THE NEWS OF THE WEEK

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

The British steamer Strathclyde, from Calcutta for Galveston, went ashore in the Calcutta river.

General Weyler has taken personal charge of the Spanish army in Cuba. He reviewed the troops at Mariol, and then took up the march to the interior.

The Chicago Tribune prints a list of 275 mills and factories which have resumed business within the past ten days, giving employment to 155,495 men.

A Constantinople dispatch says while counseling American missionaries to remain at their posts in Anatolia, Minister Terrell has advised the removal of the children of missionaries to places of safety.

Three men were injured by the bursting of a naphtha retort in a straw factory in Milford, Mass. Their injuries proved fatal. The men were blown out of the building, and when picked up the skin peeled from their faces and breasts.

Fourteen buildings in the business portion of Traverse City, Mich., were destroyed by fire, entailing a loss of \$50,000. Ed Newberry, a hotel porter, was burned to death. It is rumored other lives were lost, but no other bodies have been recovered. Thirty guests escaped through the windows of the Front-street hotel in their night clothing.

From Greer county, Oklahoma, comes the news of a battle between officers of Greer and Washita counties and a large body of Mexican horse-thieves, in which one robber was killed outright, several wounded and two officers wounded. The Mexicans had been stealing horses and committing numerous depredations in western counties in Oklahoma.

Rev. E. L. Benedict shot and fatally wounded Harry McWhorter, a prominent druggist, of Larrabee, Ia. The shooting was in self defense.

President Zelaya, of Nicaragua, has issued a decree making hard duty free from October to April, and flour and corn, which are also scarce, are made free of duty.

The country home at Clover Bend, Lawrence county, Arkansas, of Miss French, authoress and magazine contributor, well known as "Octave Thanet," was destroyed by fire. A large and valuable library was burned.

Serious rioting has occurred at Shotaput, near Bombay. Five thousand men looted 1,500 bags of grain. The police fired upon the mob, killing four men and wounding six. A further outbreak is feared as Shotaput is one of the worst famine tracts.

A St. Petersburg dispatch to the London Times quotes the Novosti as saying that towards the close of the war with Japan, China offered to cede the island of Formosa to England without condition, with a view to excluding the Japanese, but that Lord Rosebery, then prime minister, promptly declined the offer.

Mrs. Walter M. Castle, of San Francisco, recently sentenced in London to three months' imprisonment without hard labor, after having pleaded guilty to a charge of shop-lifting, has been released from prison on medical grounds, by order of the home secretary, Sir Matthew White Ridley.

The report that was recently sent out from Constantinople that sixty Armenians were massacred there early last week was not exaggerated. On the contrary, the affair turns out more serious than was at first announced. The massacre occurred at the village of Everek, where nearly one hundred persons were killed and all the Armenian houses pillaged.

A tramp, while going over the Baltimore & Ohio, near Mitchell, Ind., found enough dynamite on the track to blow an engine to pieces as soon as it struck it. He ran to the nearest switch, tore off a lamp, and returning, signaled the approaching express train. He was shot at by the wreckers and was found unconscious by the trainmen.

In Richmond, Mo., a mob collected around the jail and attempted to get hold of Jesse Winner and Lon Lackey, charged with the murder of Mrs. Eva Winner and her two children. Their evident purpose was to lynch them. A brother of the murdered woman addressed the mob and pleaded with them to leave the law take its course. They accepted his counsel and retired.

Samuel S. Tucker, a painter, met Dr. James S. Wintermute on the street in Tacoma, and suddenly drew a revolver, shooting Wintermute through the body. Tucker then turned the revolver on himself, shooting himself through the head, blowing his brains out. Wintermute was not killed and may recover. The latter professes not to know the cause of the shooting.

Robbery Was the Motive.

The passenger train on the Louisville & Nashville railroad, bound for New Orleans, was wrecked near Montgomery, Ala., in a very wild country by train robbers. A rail had been torn up and nailed down again three or four inches out of line. The train was completely wrecked and the track was torn up for 200 yards. Three persons were seriously injured. Robbery was the evident purpose of the wreckers.

About One Million Dead.

A strange disease is said to have developed in the young salmon at the Clackamas hatchery, by which about half of the 2,000,000 brought from the Salmon river have been destroyed. The only visible sign of the disease is a small white spot on the belly of the fish.

A Daring Jail Delivery.

Frank Crawford, alias Harry Davis, broke jail in Toledo, O., by sawing his way through the iron grating at the top of the jail and letting himself to the ground with a quilt. Davis was held for trial on the charge of murdering Marshal Baker, of North Baltimore, O., last August.

Used Cancelled Stamps.

D. N. Deebbaumford, a barber, of Sissons, Cal., was fined \$100 by Judge Morrow in the United States district court for using cancelled postage stamps. Seven indictments stood against Deebbaumford, but he was permitted to plead guilty to one, and received only a fine.

Fell Dead While Playing "Craps."

While playing "craps" at the Star saloon gambling table in Colfax, Wash., an old man, who has been about town for some time, and who went by the name of Eugene Jacques, fell dead over the table as he was throwing the dice. The cause is attributed to heart disease.

A Successful Expedition.

The expedition which recently left New York for Cuba conveying important dispatches from the New York junta and munitions of war is reported to have landed safely.

Fight at Leadville.

A fight occurred in a saloon in Leadville in which five men were stabbed, one of whom at least will die. Fifteen or twenty men were engaged in the affray. A party of Austrians were followed into the saloon by striking miners, who called them "scabs." The Austrians resented this. Then the fight began in which knives were the only weapons. When the police arrived, all the fighters had escaped except those who were too badly wounded to flee.

The Knights of Labor.

The general assembly of the Knights of Labor, in session in Rochester, N. Y., adopted a resolution declaring for the enactment of a graduated income-tax law. Failing to procure this at the hands of the next congress it is the declared intention of the Knights to use all their influence to have a demand for such a tax incorporated into the platform of one of the great political parties, and failing in that they will set up a new political party.

An Increased Appropriation.

Estimates for the entire Indian service for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1896, to be submitted to congress at the opening of the session, call for an appropriation of \$7,290,000 in round numbers. This is \$100,000 more than the appropriation for the current fiscal year. The increase is due to the policy of the government adopted at the last session of congress to abolish gradually contract Indian schools, and place all the Indian schools absolutely under government control.

A Graveyard Mystery.

The dismembered body of an unknown woman was found in a shallow grave near St. Joseph, Mo. Two employees at the asylum claim to have seen two men go into the field at night, dismount, and, after opening the grave, ride away, leaving it uncovered. The body has the appearance of having been buried several weeks. The police are mystified by the find, and have no clue upon which to work.

A Train Ditched.

The Union Pacific passenger west-bound, No. 3, struck a broken rail near Ogallala, Neb. A tourist car, two chair cars and one Pullman turned over in a ditch. Fifteen passengers were hurt, but none seriously. One woman complains of severe pains in her back and may be seriously injured. One man was badly cut on the head. No others were seriously injured.

Postoffice in Paisley Robbed.

The postoffice at Paisley, Or., was robbed by two unknown men recently. Deputy Postmaster Herbert Aldrich witnessed the robbery and fired at the robbers as they left the building, wounding both, one so badly that he was subsequently captured by a sheriff's posse. The other started away to the south, leaving blood stains in the road.

Deadly Nitroglycerin.

Lewis Conn, a nitroglycerin salesman, in Moundsville, W. Va., while attempting to dig up a gallon of the explosive he had buried, was blown to atoms by the pick he was using coming in contact with the chemical. His remains were scattered for 100 feet.

IS NO IMMEDIATE DANGER

General Lee Talks of Chances of War With Spain.

NO SUCH FEELING IN CUBA

Spaniards Have No Right to Censure the United States for Permitting the Filibustering Expeditions.

Washington, Nov. 17.—General Fitzhugh Lee, consul-general of the United States to Cuba, returned here this afternoon from Virginia, where he has been visiting his family. No time has yet been fixed for his return to Havana, but it is understood he has been asked to remain here probably a couple of weeks longer, in order to hold himself in readiness to confer with the president and secretary of state on the Cuban question.

General Lee talked tonight of the Spanish-Cuban situation, and while not denying the possibility of war with Spain, expressed the opinion, that the reports that an open rupture was imminent, and that consequent preparations for trouble were being made by both countries might be greatly exaggerated. He said he had no knowledge of immediate danger of hostility, though, of course, there was great feeling among some Spaniards against this country, as they thought that without filibustering aid and comfort from here the rebellion might easily be suppressed.

He had no information as to whether the Spanish were prepared or preparing for war. He said:

"I do not believe there has been any massing of armament in Cuba, with a view to possible trouble with the United States, nor that the construction of Spanish war vessels is to be attributed to any such contingency. The Spanish army may be improving their defenses wherever possible, but it does not necessarily imply expectation of war. The United States is steadily strengthening its fortifications and defense works, and it is an old maxim that says 'in time of peace prepare for war.'"

"About the war sentiment in Cuba? The Spanish officials said nothing to me that indicated any expectation of war. The only thing that could be construed to give that impression is the mounting of a battery of heavy seacoast guns on the coast above Havana. There are from twelve to fifteen of these that extend perhaps a mile or a mile and a half north of the limits of the city proper. These point to sea and not toward the insurgents. In case of an attack, it is possible these might be made to supplement the defense given by Moro castle, Cabanas, Reina and other forts.

"The Spanish authorities rather censure the United States for not strictly enforcing the neutrality laws, and many think that, as the sympathy of this country is more with the insurgents than with the Spaniards, our government does not want to take the proper precautions to prevent expeditions leaving the United States seaports and landing in Cuba. I told the Spanish authorities that they must remember that there was an immense extent of seacoast here with innumerable inlets and places where expeditions could be concentrated and embarked. From the trouble which they themselves had to prevent the landing of such expeditions on the Cuban coast, notwithstanding their gunboats and other vessels were constantly patrolling the coast and on the lookout for filibusters, some idea could be formed of the comparative ease with which the United States authorities could be evaded. With the comparatively small Cuban coast line, I knew of only one big expedition, that of the Three Friends, which had been captured by them. Yet this country had certainly prevented the starting of at least a half-dozen big expeditions for the island. In view of this object lesson of the difficulty of putting a stop to filibustering, I contend that the Spanish ought to be careful about censuring us."

RAILROADS IN CHINA.

Million Dollar Construction Company Formed in Chicago.

Chicago, Nov. 17.—The Tribune says: One million dollars have been subscribed and plans are being matured for the formation in Chicago, within two weeks, of a gigantic commercial enterprise to be known as the English-American-Chinese Railway Construction Company, which is to enter the field of Chinese trade as the rival of the American Trading Company. The object of the company is to eventually obtain control of the American trade in the Flowery Kingdom. Twenty-three miles of railway equipped with the most improved appliances and rolling stock will be built. Most of the capital, it is said, will be put in by Americans, and they will also supply the equipment of the road.

Two Englishmen are directing the formation of the syndicate from opposite sides of the globe. One of them, John P. Grant, is now in Chicago, concluding the deal, and the other, Louis Spitzel, is in China. The former is a railroad promoter, and the latter the head of the firm of Louis Spitzel & Co., London and Shanghai.

Weyler Has Met Maceo.

Jacksonville, Fla., Nov. 18.—Cipher dispatches just received report a fierce battle in progress in Pinar del Rio. It is believed that Maceo and Weyler have met. Reports of firearms have been almost incessantly heard for several hours. The insurgent forces are well located in the hills, and are pouring a hot fire into the Spanish troops, which are repeatedly driven back in their attempts to capture the Cuban stronghold. The insurgents have the advantage of position, being at a great elevation, but the Spaniards are making desperate attack. From a distance it looks as if several towns are in flames.

Escaped Prisoner Returns.

La Plata, Md., Nov. 18.—George Matthews, who on October 3 walked out of jail here, where he was being held for murder, today walked in again and told the jailer to lock him up. There was a reward of \$650 for his capture, and, although there were some eager detectives looking for him, none could find him. Matthews said today he remained near his home in the lower part of the county ever since his escape. He said he had always intended to stand trial, and left the jail merely because he got tired of the confinement. Matthews is accused, with Mrs. James J. Irvin, of killing the woman's husband.

Wright Law Valid.

Washington, Nov. 18.—The United States supreme court has rendered an opinion sustaining the constitutionality of the Wright irrigation law, California, and overruling the decision of the United States circuit court for the California district which was against the law's validity.

IMMIGRATION FALLING OFF.

Only Three Hundred and Forty Thousand Aliens Came Last Year.

Washington, Nov. 17.—The commissioner-general of immigration, in his annual report, shows that during the last fiscal year the arrivals of immigrants in this country aggregated 343,265, of which 340,468 were landed and the remainder debared and deported at the expense of the various steamship lines by which they came.

The commissioner-general states that he knows of no immigrant landing in this country during this year who is a burden upon any public or private institution.

The amount of money brought into the country by immigrants was at least \$4,491,387, and probably was largely in excess of that. The statistics at hand, the commissioner-general states, "do not justify the conclusions that our alien population is growing in undue proportions."

Peace in Abyssinia.

Rome, Nov. 17.—Under date of Adisabeda, October 26, Major Verazzini, Italy's envoy plenipotentiary to the Negus Menelek, of Abyssinia, has telegraphed to the Italian government as follows:

"I have today, with great solemnity, signed a treaty of peace and convention for the release of the prisoners (in Menelek's hands). The treaty provides for the restoration of the status quo pending the appointment of delegates by Italy and Abyssinia a year hence, to determine the frontiers by friendly agreement. It recognizes the absolute independence of Ethiopia and abrogates the Ucciali treaty. Italy undertakes in the meantime not to cede the territory to any other power. Should she desire spontaneously to abandon the territory, it would return to the Ethiopian rule."

Book Dealers Victimized.

New York, Nov. 17.—Joseph J. Simpson, aged 30, was arraigned before Magistrate Mott, in Jefferson-market court, yesterday, charged with larceny. He was arrested at the request of the police of Boston. It is said that Simpson is one of the gang that has been operating extensively in Boston and Philadelphia. Bookdealers were their victims. One of the gang would secure a position as book agent, to sell publications on installments. One of his confederates would buy a set of books through the bogus agent, who would receive the commission for the sale. The confederate would then disappear with the books, and dispose of them to dealers in old books. Simpson was held in \$1,000 to await extradition papers from Boston.

A Negro Flend Lynched.

McKenzie, Tenn., Nov. 17.—Last night near here, Charles Allen, a negro, was lynched, being shot to death by a band of men, for the raping of Miss Bettie Seals, a respectable white girl, aged 14, and an orphan. The negro committed the outrage about dusk yesterday, as the girl was returning from the cotton field. The cries of the girl brought assistance, after the negro had fled. She told her story, pursuit was instituted, the negro captured and identified, and under guard was started to McKenzie. The news reached McKenzie, and a crowd left at once for the scene. The guard, hearing of the crowd, changed their course, and about a mile from town unknown parties attacked them and completely riddled the prisoner with bullets.

In keeping the accounts at the Bank of England over fifty ledgers are filled daily.

BRIEF PACIFIC COAST NEWS

A Resume of Events in the Northwest.

EVIDENCE OF STEADY GROWTH

News Gathered in All the Towns Our Neighboring States—Improvement Noted in All Industries—Oregon.

Blackleg, a fatal disease among cattle, is reported as being the cause of the death of stock in many localities in Grant county.

Morrow county's warrants will hereafter bear upon their face a photolithograph of Hon. J. L. Morrow, "the father of the county."

Lane county warrants have all been called in up to March 23, 1896. There are now about 1,450 warrants outstanding. They sell readily at par.

The Beaver Hill Coal Company has a force of men at work at Beaver Hill, Coos county, laying the mains for a complete system of water works.

It is estimated by those in a position to be fairly accurate, that 40,000 head of cattle from the Harney country have been shipped from Ontario this season.

The placer mining season is rapidly drawing to a close. The output in Eastern Oregon has exceeded all expectations, and indications point to an increased output next season.

Farms for renting in Coos county are hard to get hold of this fall, and many men who desire to rent have been unable to get places. Usually there are more farms than renters.

J. Bloodworth, of the Flat, Union county, lost two of his best fattening hogs recently by feeding them dry barley. The barley beads collected under their tongues until the hogs were choked to death.

A number of quail and Denny pheasants have been turned loose on the John Day river and Canyon creek, in Grant county. As the law strictly forbids their destruction in the counties of Eastern Oregon, it is presumed these birds will be given a chance to multiply and stock the valley.

The Astorian says that the Ford & Stokes Company, of Astoria, received from Dublin, Ireland, a letter from a wealthy firm in that city ordering 1,000 Oregon draft horses to be shipped to Ireland as soon as the horses can be secured. The letter specifies that the horses must be without mark or blemish. Mustangs or branded horses will not be received.

A resident of Coos river, who is interested in the fishing industry, informs the Coos Bay Mail that great numbers of salmon are wantonly killed every fall in Daniels creek, and, in fact, in nearly all the creeks which empty into the main river. The salmon go up these creeks to spawn, where they prove an easy prey to boys, who kill them with clubs or throw them on the banks with pitchforks, just out of pure "cussedness," as the fish are unfit for food. Everybody on the bay is more or less interested in the fishing industry, which annually puts a large sum of money in circulation, and steps should be taken to see that the law is enforced, and that the salmon are protected during the close season.

Washington.

The city marshal of Walla Walla has been authorized to collect poll-tax from Chinamen, and 10 per cent was allowed him for an interpreter.

Fewer than 100,000 bushels of wheat remain in the warehouses in Garfield, and what there is, is the property of large wheatraisers, who can afford to hold.

Bruce Belknap shot a catamount on Long Prairie last week. The brute had become quite bold and had destroyed considerable poultry in that vicinity.

The much-discussed deal of the Northern Pacific Railway Company for a location for a depot of its own in Seattle has been consummated, and the deeds to the property filed.

Since the recent fall of snow upon the Huckleberry and Calispel ranges, many deer have been seen along the foothills overlooking the Colville valley. The snow storm has also caused other animals to approach the settlements.

The farmers of the Colville valley are shipping large quantities of hay, potatoes, cabbage and eggs to British Columbia. Shipments from farm products from that valley this year will show up as largely as from any other section on the Northern railway.

A large number of sheep were killed at the Mission-street crossing of the Great Northern in Spokane the other evening, and were the next day taken out beyond Hillyard and buried with all due ceremony. The railway company furnished a car and locomotive for the occasion.

Hill creek, a tributary of Coal creek, in Cowlitz county, was flooded the other day and several hundred thousand feet of logs were splashed into the main stream. It is a great sight to witness the flooding of logs out of a mountain stream, and the neighbors always turn out to see it.