

GOLD HILL NEWS.

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THE NEWS OF THE WEEK

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

New York Democrats gave W. J. Bryan another reception.

A plot to assassinate President Loubet, of France, has been discovered.

George W. Shaver, a pioneer steamboat man, of Portland, Or., is dead.

Roosevelt concluded his tour in New York state with a speech in Binghamton.

All but one colliery in the Hazleton mining region have granted the miners demands.

Four hundred native Christians were massacred at Mukden before the Russian occupation.

Near Frederickstad, the Boers under Dewet, were scattered in all directions by a British force.

A Republican parade lasting six hours was the culmination of the campaign in Chicago.

The evacuation of Cuba will not be ordered till the character of the new government is tested.

Edward Dewey, brother of Admiral Dewey, died at his home in Montpelier, Vt., aged 71 years.

An Everett, Wash., saw mill has received an order for 2,000,000 feet of lumber from South America.

A man who had been arrested at Spangle, Wash., for being drunk and disorderly, committed suicide by hanging himself in jail.

The 150-ton schooner Fischer Bros., of Seattle, is reported to have been wrecked on the beach of Behring sea in a storm near Port Clarence. No lives were lost.

W. S. Robson, one of the most extensive cotton planters of Texas, has gathered statistics from the Brazos and Colorado valleys and declares that the boll weevil has destroyed \$6,000,000 worth of this year's crop.

A sheriff's posse in pursuit of five prisoners who escaped from the Doniphan, Kan., jail, overtook the men near Dalton, Ark., and a battle ensued in which two members of the posse were dangerously wounded. Three of the prisoners were wounded and recaptured.

The war department has made public an order issued by General McArthur, looking to the protection of the health of the soldiers in the Philippines. This recites that 50 per cent of the sickness in the army is avoidable by sanitary precautions, the most important of which are the boiling of all drinking water for not less than 20 minutes, and the adoption of the strictest cleanliness as to camps, quarters, kitchens and cooking utensils.

American troops have withdrawn from Peking.

Roosevelt was met by big crowds in the state of New York.

The business portion of the town of Dunavant, Kansas, was destroyed by fire.

The United States is holding back its answer to the Anglo-German agreement.

Bryan says, if elected, he will immediately withdraw the army from the Philippines.

Thomas Walsh, the Colorado millionaire, forms a partnership in commercial enterprises with King Leopold, of Belgium.

Great uneasiness was created in palace circles, says the Constantinople correspondent of the London Daily Mail, by a report that an American squadron was approaching and the censor was instructed to prohibit the press from mentioning the subject.

Another feud has broken out in Clay county, Kentucky, between the Philpots and Davidsons. Recently David Davidson, father of Felix Davidson, the deputy who was killed by a Philpot a few weeks ago, was killed and several others wounded in a fight. On the other side, David Philpot was killed and two others badly wounded.

Skirmishes continue between the Russians and the Chinese at various points along the Manchurian railway. The Amur Gazette, at Blagovestschensk, asserts that the Chinese bank of the Amur river will be offered to Russian settlers. It is reported that the construction of a railway between Blagovestschensk and Tsiliskar has been decided upon.

Colonel Picquart's suit for libel against Le Journal of Paris, arising from the Dreyfus polemics, was decided in his favor. The court commanded the manager of the paper, M. Pouch, to pay a fine of 2,000 francs, and M. Possiden and Galli, the writers of the articles, were sentenced to six months' and one month's imprisonment, respectively, and all three were sentenced to pay 30,000 francs damages.

LATER NEWS.

France may send a large force to Canton.

China proposes an indemnity of \$40,000,000.

Ex-President Cleveland stands for sound money.

President Kruger will travel incognito in the capitals of Europe.

The official announcement of the total population of the United States for 1900 is 76,295,320.

Emperor Nicholas, of Russia, will propose another conference with a view of settling the Chinese question.

General D. M. Frost, for 50 years one of the best known residents of St. Louis, is dead at that city, aged 77.

Major Henry J. Hearzy, editor of the Daily States and one of the strongest newspaper writers in the South, is dead at New Orleans. He was 60 years of age.

The transport Hancock has arrived at Manila with three companies of the Fourth and four companies of the Twenty-fifth infantry and three officers and 100 men of the marine corps.

The United States transport Mead arrived at San Francisco, 28 days from Manila. The Mead brought 254 sick soldiers, 5 insane and 18 dead. Eight privates died on the voyage.

Smallpox has broken out on a number of Indian reservations in the West and it is feared that when the cold weather sets in the epidemic will become more widespread and more malignant.

One man was killed and six others injured, one perhaps fatally, in a collision on the Chicago & Alton railroad near Mitchell, Ill. The passengers received a shaking up, but none was seriously hurt.

In his annual report to the governor of Georgia, Adjutant-General Byrd recommends that the negro troops of the state be disbanded and mustered out of service, because he believes they cannot be of any service to the state from a military standpoint.

The government of Russia for the second time within two months has imposed a special tax for the benefit of the Red Cross Society. The first was a tax of from 5 to 10 rubles upon licenses to travel abroad, according to the length of the time for which the license was granted, and now railway tickets are taxed 5 kopecks when the fare is 2 rubles or upwards. It is estimated that the ticket tax will yield \$125,000 yearly and that on licenses \$100,000. It is understood that the czarina, whose interest in the Red Cross Society is keen, originated the idea of imposing the taxes.

Alvord, the absconder, was arrested in Boston.

Japan wishes to hold the balance of power in the Orient.

The cigarmakers of Tampa, Florida, are out on a strike.

Fall fishing on the Columbia is about at an end.

Venezuela was visited by a great earthquake, killing 15 persons.

Damage by flood is reported from La Crosse, Wis., and Winona, Minn.

Professor Max Muller, the famous philologist, died in London, aged 77.

There was a general resumption of work in the Pennsylvania coal region.

The new gold strike in the Baker City, Or., country, is extensive and rich.

A Democratic leader predicts that Idaho will give Bryan a majority of 5,000.

Chicago postoffice clerks have affiliated with the American Federation of Labor.

The Boers are said to have 15,000 armed men in the field in Orange River colony.

Prince Hohenlohe says he resigned because he was ignored on important occasions.

Chinese looters stole Manchu throne and colossal archaeological objects of great value.

Boxers at Pao Ting Fu declare the provincial treasurer ordered them to kill foreigners.

Prince Yi and Ying Nien are added to the list of those whose execution France has demanded.

More than \$20,000,000 in gold dust and bullion has been deposited in Seattle assay officethis year.

Seven people were killed and as many injured in a Northern Pacific train wreck near Livingston, Mont.

Many persons were injured and perhaps killed, and a dozen buildings wrecked in a New York fire and explosion.

A special from Victor, Colo., says the 300 miners who walked out of the Independence mine on account of the order to search them when they came off duty have been discharged. Everything is quiet about the mine.

At Spokane, Wash., Mrs. Edith Strobel, wife of an engineer on the Great Northern, killed herself by blowing out her brains with a revolver. She was 29 years of age, and before her marriage was a Tekoa, Wash., girl. Temporary insanity is said to have been the motive.

DOZEN BUILDINGS WRECKED

Serious Fire and Explosion in New York.

DESTRUCTION IS WIDESPREAD

Tarrant's Wholesale Drug Establishment the Scene of the Disaster—Many Persons Killed.

New York, Oct. 31.—As the result of a small fire, several explosions of chemicals occurred in Tarrant & Co.'s drug store, at Warren and Greenwich streets today, and blew down a dozen buildings and badly damaged a score of others. The loss of life is not known, but from all sources of information it is gathered that there are perhaps the bodies of 30 persons in the ruins, though, because of the hot debris and the slowness of the moving of it, no body had been removed up to midnight. Chief Croker, of the fire department, said tonight that the loss is fully \$1,500,000. The buildings destroyed were:

Seven-story brick and stone structure, occupied by Tarrant & Co., wholesale druggists; the F. T. Witte Hardware Company and Breitenbach & Co., manufacturers of patent medicines.

Seven-story brick building, occupied by Eppens, Smith & Weinman Company, coffee-roasting house.

Five-story brick building, occupied by Locke & Conklin, produce dealers; Douglas & Co., cheese; Kahn, bakers' supplies, and Hopping & Campfield, broomsticks and broomstraw.

Six-story brick, occupied by Allen, dried fruits; Haven's drug store & Spice Company; Flake & Co., and Acoustics & Cuneo, fruitdealers.

Five-story brick, used as a hotel.

Five-story brick, occupied by the Morris Jackson Flag Company and Hart & Co., butter and cheese.

Five-story brick, occupied by Shievelly, printers' materials; O'Keefe & Shievelly, printers; Morris-Jackson Flag Company and Boerne, butter and eggs.

Four-story brick, unoccupied.

Four-story brick, occupied by Behrman, produce, and Kornheims, storage and screens.

Four-story brick, occupied by Ernest, saloon; Hesse & Ohlsbuhls, supplies; Granatto, bananas.

Seven-story brick, occupied by Eppens, Smith & Co., teas and coffees.

Five-story brick occupied by Hartman, embossing and stamping, cardboard factory; Lifschitz, cigars; Rosenberg, saloon.

The work of the firemen saved the buildings fronting on Chambers street from total destruction and the fire was halted after it had eaten about 100 feet southward into the block below Warren. Thirty-five persons were reported missing, and 100 men, women and children are on the list of the injured.

UNION POSTOFFICE CLERKS.

Chicago Employees Affiliate With the American Federation of Labor.

Chicago, Oct. 30.—The postoffice clerks of Chicago today entered the ranks of the trade unionists. The clerks have affiliated themselves with the American Federation of Labor, and the new organization will be known as the Chicago Postoffice Clerks' Union. It is claimed that practically all of the 1,400 postoffice employees in Chicago are included in the movement.

Foremost among the objects for which the new union is to strive will be the adoption of the eight-hour working day for letter-carriers. Another object to be given almost equal prominence will be the agitation in favor of federal legislation that will fix absolutely the rate of wages for letter-carriers and other postoffice employees, taking the matter completely out of the hands of the "Promotion Board" and other similar agencies. It is to be a labor union pure and simple, and will direct its efforts solely to the problem of bettering the lot of the rank and file of the post-office employees.

Admission of Chinese.

Washington, Oct. 29.—The secretary of the treasury, acting on the decision of the solicitor of the treasury, has held that the wife of a Chinese native-born citizen of the United States is entitled to admission into the United States, regardless of the provisions of section 1884, revised statutes. Such right to land does not depend on the status of her husband as a merchant, even if it is held that the exclusion laws apply to a Chinese merchant who is native born, but rather on her higher right not to be separated from her husband who is legally entitled to live in the country of his birth.

Suicide of a Butte Woman.

Butte, Mont., Oct. 31.—Mrs. Marian Adams took laudanum at a late hour last night, and died this morning. Her husband, John Adams, instituted suit Saturday for \$25,000 damages against Dr. Jonathan Tobb for alienating his wife's affections.

Consul-General McNally, at Guatemala, writes to the state department that the Guatemalan government has issued a decree permitting the exportation of fresh fruits from that country free of all fiscal duty.

ARREST OF ALVORD.

The New York Defaulter Caught in a Lodging House in Boston.

Boston, Nov. 1.—Cornelius L. Alvord, Jr., the absconding note teller of the First National Bank of New York city, who is charged with stealing \$700,000 from the bank, was arrested here this afternoon by Chief Inspector William B. Watts, of this city, and Detective Armstrong, of New York, in an ordinary lodging house at the corner of West Norton street and Burlington avenue. When arrested, Alvord, who knew Detective Armstrong, stated that he was glad the suspense was ended, and was willing to go back to New York without papers. A hack was called, and he was driven to police headquarters, and after being measured and photographed under the Bertillon system, he was taken to New York on the 5 o'clock train.

Inspector Watts, in an interview, stated that the department was first informed that Alvord was in this city last Wednesday morning, when Henry Alexander, of Denver, Colo., telephoned that he had seen Alvord in the Hotel Touraine. He stated that he knew him well, had done business with him in New York, and described him perfectly. This information was wired to Captain McCluskey, of New York, who immediately sent Detective Sergeant Tinker here to identify him.

In the meantime Chief Watts and Detectives Douglass and Morrissey went to the hotel, but could not find the man. Inquiry of the hotel people brought out the fact that a man answering the description had registered as Bryan Sterling, and had been assigned to a room, but that he had not used it. On the arrival of Detective Tinker, a search of all the hotels in the city was made, without success. From information brought to Chief Watts today, he and Detective Armstrong went to a boarding house in the Back Bay district. They went up to a back room on the first floor and found the door locked. On gaining admittance as gas inspectors, Armstrong identified Alvord, who seemed greatly relieved that Armstrong had arrested him, and said so.

During his stay at police headquarters, Alvord told Chief Watts that he had not seen his wife for two weeks, although prior to that he had told her of his financial circumstances and asked her if he should kill himself or face it out. She had told him to face it out. He stated that he had not been near Mount Vernon, but that he left New York last Tuesday at midnight and arrived in Boston Wednesday morning. He admitted having registered as Bryan Sterling at the Touraine hotel, and said he had eaten several meals there; that he had taken the lodgings where he was found on the following day, and that he had not been out of the place since. When asked what he had done with the money, he said:

"Well, \$700,000 is a lot of money, but it goes easy."

In referring to horse races, he said he had backed horses, but never on racetracks, and had owned fast horses himself. He said he had lived his life and had taken life to its full at the rate of \$50,000 a year or more. He said he would not make any fight, but would throw up his hands, take his sentence, and after that was over would come out in the world again. He said he knew he would be unable to secure bail, and that he had nothing with which to make restitution.

On being searched at police headquarters, only a few dollars were found in his pockets. These he was allowed to keep.

DESPERATE CRIMINALS.

They Kill a Keeper and a Trusty in an Effort to Escape.

New York, Nov. 1.—Two colored prisoners, in an attempt to escape from the prison attached to the Seventh district court, in West Fifty-fourth street, today, killed Keeper Hugh McGovern, 51 years old, and probably fatally injured George Wilson, 59 years, a "trusty," who had evidently tried to aid McGovern. One of the prisoners, Arthur Flanagan, escaped, the other, Frank Emerson, fell into the yard adjoining the prison and was instantly killed.

The prisoners were together in a cell on the first tier, on a level with the fourth floor of the prison. They sawed two bars in the lower part of the cell door and got into the corridor. They went to the nearest window, about six feet from the floor, and sawed one bar at the bottom, shoving it out and getting through. In doing this, it is supposed they encountered McGovern and Wilson, killing one and wounding the other.

The escaping prisoners used their bedding for a rope and swung from a window. Flanagan succeeded in swinging to the roof of a car stable adjoining, but Emerson did not make it, and fell headlong to a pile of rails, crushing his skull.

Drowned at Nome.

Salem, Or., Nov. 1.—News was received in Salem today that A. A. Basher, formerly of this city, was drowned at Nome City recently. It appears that he was knocked overboard from a small schooner, being struck by a flying boom. Basher was about 45 years of age, and leaves a wife and three children in this city. He was in comfortable circumstances.

THROUGH MINISTER CONGER

United States Will Deal Directly With China.

THE COMMISSION ABANDONED

Two More Chinese Leaders to Be Executed—Death of Treasurer Wang—Murders at Pao Ting Fu.

Washington, Nov. 1.—Orders have been sent to Peking detaching General James K. Wilson from duty as chief of staff under General Chaffee, and directing him to return to the United States. It had been the purpose of the government to make General Wilson a member of the projected American commission to treat with the Chinese government for a settlement, but the abandonment of that plan in favor of direct negotiations through Minister Conger made it unnecessary to retain General Wilson in China.

The reported decision of the ministers at Peking to add two more Chinese leaders to those who shall be executed, Prince Yi and Yang Nie, appears to be the first indication that the ministers themselves do not accept as sufficient the edict of the Chinese emperor that he will punish the individuals as they were specifically named by China as among those to be punished.

Prince Yi is one of the first princes of China. In the edict of September 25 it was ordered that he be stripped of his rank and office. Yang Nie is president of the board of censors, and in this same edict he was handed over to the clan court, which was ordered to consult and decide upon a severe penalty.

The Japanese legation received a dispatch today announcing the death of Wang Wen Shao, imperial treasurer of China, in addition to those high officials whose deaths have already been announced. Wang Wen Shao was one of the most loyal adherents of the imperial family, and when they took flight from Peking, he insisted upon following, despite his advanced age. His death came from natural causes, probably from old age and the fatigues of the flight.

At the request of relatives and friends of the missionaries murdered at Pao Ting Fu, China, the war department asked General Chaffee for a definite statement as to who were killed and who escaped. The following dispatch was received from General Chaffee in reply:

"Taku, Nov. 1.—Hutchinson, at Pao Ting Fu, reports Americans murdered there, namely: Mr. Pitkin Mr. and Mrs. Simcox and three children, G. Y. Taylor, Miss Morrell, Miss Gould, Dr. and Mrs. Dodge and one lady name as yet unknown. Reports 10 Americans at Ching Ting Fu, eight adults and two children. Five English, five French, safe, protected by local mandarin, returned. Situation quiet."

Another dispatch received from General Chaffee says:

"Later from Hutchinson, no Americans at Ching Ting Fu. This is in reply to an inquiry sent by the war department asking for information about Americans who were supposed to be located at that place."

A BAD TRAIN WRECK.

Seven People Killed and As Many Were Injured.

Anaconda, Mont., Nov. 1.—A special to the Standard from Livingston, Mont., says:

Seven dead, most of them mangled out of all resemblance to humanity; seven injured, one perhaps fatally, is the record of a wreck on the Northern Pacific railway at about 11 o'clock last night, at Dehart Siding, 27 miles from Livingston.

The train was the Northern Pacific passenger No. 4 eastbound. It was nearly three hours late, and was making up lost time when it passed the switch at Dehart Siding. The engine and two coaches passed over the switch in safety, but in some unaccountable way the rod connecting the rails at the switch snapped, and these three coaches jumped the rails, rode the ties a short way and then toppled over on the side and were dragged 200 feet before the train was stopped.

The force with which the cars fell on their sides threw several of the passengers through the windows, and crushed and ground them to jelly between the heavy coaches and the track. The two unknown women were lifted, quivering, shapeless masses of bleeding flesh and broken bones. All but one of the dead were instantly killed.

Assistance was summoned as soon as possible from Livingston, but the physicians had little to do upon their arrival. A coroner's jury at Big Timber absolved the railroad from all blame.

Resisted Arrest and Was Shot.

Seattle, Nov. 1.—William Murphy, a laborer, was brought here tonight from Wellington, on the Great Northern railway, with a bullet wound in the neck. He was shot this afternoon by Deputy Sheriff Dan Grafton, while resisting arrest for assault and battery. He will recover.