

THE NEWS OF THE WEEK

From All Parts of the New
World and the Old.

OF INTEREST TO OUR READERS

Comprehensive Review of the Important
Happenings of the Past Week
Culled From the Telegraph Columns.New York wants both the big
conventions.
The investment of Mafeking is closer
than ever.John S. Chase, the socialist mayor
of Haverhill, Mass., has been re-
elected.Ten shipwrecks from Seattle took
the places of the strikers at Vallejo
navy yard.Ex-Governor Lord, of Oregon, has
departed for Argentina, to take his
post as United States minister.Legality of the war revenue act is
involved in the inheritance tax case be-
fore the United States supreme court.The Six Chinese Companies, of San
Francisco, have subscribed \$4,000 to
promote commercial relations between
China and the United States.The New York coffee exchange has
petitioned the authorities to release
the coffee cargo of the plague ship
Taylor. They claim there is no danger.Chaplain Shields, being tried at San
Francisco by court-martial for drunk-
ness, will try to prove that his
brother clergymen are persecuting him.Beet-sugar men are much disturbed
over recent discovery for a beetle
retreat to the Transvaal borders in the
event of defeat at Tugela and Ladysmith.The German ship Wansbek, which
has arrived at Astoria, lost two men
on the voyage from Philadelphia, and the
boatman says it was the captain's fault.Crawford, the soldier who permitted
Wardner bull-pen prisoners to escape,
was dishonorably discharged and sen-
tenced to 18 years six months imprison-
ment.Dispatches indicate that the Boers
are making all preparations for a final
retreat to the Transvaal borders in the
event of defeat at Tugela and Ladysmith.A Kentucky mob had no mercy for
a negro who murdered and outraged a
woman. He was dragged through the
streets at the end of a rope and finally
brought to a stake and burned alive.Sick soldiers were compelled to fight
at Tugela. The Americans had but one
company and 150 sick men. They had
to fight 800 Filipinos. The attack was
made in the early morning, and it be-
came a hand to hand conflict.Fighting has ceased between the
Mexicans and Yaquis, the Indians hav-
ing retreated. It is said they may be
joined by others. A courier says the
Yaqui's losses in killed and wounded
during 10 days' fighting were estimated
at 200. The Mexican losses were 15
killed and 30 wounded.The postmaster of Boston has re-
signed.An illicit oleomargarine factory has
been unearthed at Chicago.The Payne-Hanna subsidy bill has
been introduced in the house.Jeffries and Corbett are planning to
fight at the Paris exposition and France
is horrified.Ninety Boer prisoners are said to
have been massacred at Eland's laaght
by British soldiers.General Hughes is now occupying
20 Panay towns. His lines extend 85
miles north of Ilo Ilo.The United States supreme court has
decided that the conductor of a freight
train is not a vice-principal.England is buying mules, horses,
canned goods, hay and rails in this
country for shipment to South Africa.An Astoria contractor wants to haul
the stranded lightship overland from
Ocean beach to Baker's bay. He claims
it can be done.A cablegram from Hong Kong says
that Aginaldo is now ready to sur-
render if Consul Willman will receive
him. The junta at Hong Kong advised
him to take such action.The industries of Cuba are in a de-
plorable condition. In two provinces
the destruction of sugar interests alone
is estimated at \$680,000,000, and there
are no efforts at rebuilding.Huntington has bought another big
block of Southern Pacific stock and
there are said to be others in on the
deal. Railroad men believe the Van-
derbilts are in some way concerned.The shelling of the British camp at
Ladysmith has been far more effective
than previous reports have led people
to believe. Hundreds were killed and
wounded from the Boer bombardment.Rapid telegraph system will revolu-
tionize all correspondence. Such low
rates will be made that merchants can
afford to use the system instead of the
mails. It is to be placed in operation
at once.Chickamauga is to have a confeder-
ate monument to cost \$65,000.Baltimore claims the largest negro
population of any city in the world.The Berlin police forcibly dissolved
an anarchist meeting in memory of the
Chicago bomb throwers.Commissioner Evans has granted a
pension of \$15 per month to Adelaide
W. Bagley, mother of John Bagley,
who was killed in the war with Spain.Dr. Gurney Spalding, of Niagara
county, New York, is the youngest
sheriff in the country, as he is under 26
years of age.John H. Haswell died at his home in
Albany N. Y., aged 58 years. For 34
years he was a clerk in the state de-
partment at Washington.Justice Hooker, in the New York
supreme court, set the week beginning
January 2, 1900, for the election of
Howard C. Benham, the banker of
Batavia, N. Y., who is under convic-
tion for the murder of his wife on Jan-
uary 4, 1897, by poison.

LATER NEWS.

The transports Sheridan and Grant
are at Seattle.Engineers and firemen of the Union
Pacific have asked for more pay.The Pacific Express office at Omaha
was robbed of \$5,000 to \$20,000.The British ship Glenholm, will be
tombstoned at Astoria for fear of yellow
fever.A prominent Frenchman says that
England is ready for war with the
whole world.A negro was shot at Lewiston, Id.
The bullet flattened on his skull and
he was comparatively uninjured.Washington officials are anxious over
the possible fate of the American pris-
oners in the hands of Aguinaldo.The debate on the finance bill has
commenced in the house. Representa-
tive Overstreet made the opening ad-
dress.The football team of the University
of California will play the Carlisle In-
dians on Christmas day, in San Fran-
cisco.Commander E. P. Wood, U. S. N., is
dead of typhoid fever at Washington.He commanded the Petrel in the battle
of Manila bay.To increase Admiral Dewey's
troubles Minnesota people will present
him with a large black bear recently
captured.General Gatacre lost nearly six hun-
dred men near Stormberg.The British forces were led into the trap
by treacherous guides.The supreme court of Oregon has
finally passed upon the case of the
state vs. Mages, the petition for a re-
hearing being denied.Congressman Bailey will protest
against the entrance of General Joe
Wheeler into congress on his return
from the Philippines."Governor of Cuba" will be the of-
ficial designation of the office to which
Major-General Leonard Wood will be
assigned early in the new year.The North Atlantic squadron com-
mander, Admiral Farquhar, will leave
New York Saturday on his annual
cruise.The fleet will be met in the
Gulf of Mexico.Colonel James Graham and William
P. Canine, prominent politicians of
St. Marys, Kan., drank from a dis-
tinct bottle which they supposed to
contain whiskey, and are not expected
to live.The president will soon send a spe-
cial message to congress regarding re-
wards for officers and men from the At-
lantic squadron who distinguished them-
selves during the war with Spain, and
whose gallantry has not yet been
recognized.The controller of the currency has
declared the fifth dividend of 10 per
cent in favor of the creditors of The
Dallas National bank, making 95 per
cent paid on the claims proved, am-
ounting to \$26,818.20.Englishmen are depressed by the sit-
uation in Africa.Arizona will apply for statehood to
the present congress.The Americans have occupied Bang-
ue, province of Abra.Steamers will leave Portland every
10 days for Cape Nome.The Kentucky election commission
gives Taylor's plurality as 2,353.The Filipinos' treasury was captured
by the Americans at Mangagaran.The government's herd of reindeer in
Alaska is rapidly increasing and now
numbers 2,600.Bishop Henry Potter, of New York,
has arrived in Manila on a brief visit
to study the Philippines.A gas explosion killed many coal
miners at Carbonado, Wash. Cause
of the accident is a mystery.The British artillery arm in South
Africa has been materially strength-
ened by the arrival of six big guns.Commander Charles I. Howell is
dead at New York city. He was chief
engineer of the Maine when she was
blown up.Lafayette Cooke, formerly Tammie
Claffin, announces her intention to
forsake England and take up her resi-
dence in New York.Two hundred miners are on a strike
at the Tesla coal mines, California,
because of a dispute with the superin-
tendent over the wage schedule.The horticultural commissioners of
Southern California propose to estab-
lish a quarantine against infected nur-
series stock imported from foreign coun-
tries.General Gregorio del Pilar was
killed in a fight with the Thirty-third
infantry, 13 miles northwest of Cer-
tancia. The insurgents lost 70 men
in the engagement.The Vananda group of mines near
Baker City was sold for \$1,500,000.The property is to be extensively de-
veloped by the new owners, who are British
Columbia capitalists.General Grant's expedition in Luzon
has visited Orani and several western
towns, killing small bands.He killed several of the rebels and cap-
tured a quantity of munitions of war.Erastus Lathrop, of Westfield, Mass.,
invents a \$15,000 to D. L. Moody.Cornelius Vanderbilt was fined \$110
for failure to act as juror in New York.The commissioner of education urges
the American system of schools for col-
onies.Ira D. Sankey, the singer, who used
to be associated with Mr. Moody is to
become an evangelist on his own ac-
count and will conduct a series of re-
vivals in various cities this winter.An epidemic of influenza in England
causes fear of the disease's spread to
America.Baroness Hirsch has given about
\$90,000,000 toward charity since the
death of her husband.Australians want England to buy
Kaiser Wilhelm's Land, and thus make
New Guinea wholly British.An admirer of Admiral Dewey in At-
lanta, Ga., has presented him with a
valuable autograph letter written by
Admiral Farragut, in which occurs the
phrase: "That young Dewey is a very
promising chap."

ADVANCE ON COLENSO

British Take Up the March
to Ladysmith.

THE MOVEMENT NOT OPPOSED

Freer Bridge Rebuilt—Casualties Among
White's Forces in November—British
Arming Natives.Pretoria, Dec. 11.—The following
dispatch has been received from the
headquarters near Ladysmith:The British are advancing on Co-
lenso, but last night passed without an
attack. There was a desultory com-
mencement this morning, the naval guns
in Ladysmith replying vigorously to
our fire.Free Bridge Completed.
Freer Camp, Dec. 11.—The trestle
bridge is now laid, and the trains are
now traversing it.Buller Communicates With White.
Ladysmith, Thursday (via Weena).
The latest British casualties here
since November 1 are 5 officers and 28
men killed, and 15 officers and 130
men wounded, with 3 missing.The Boer force is still around us in large
numbers, but all within the town are
well and cheerful.British Arming Natives.
Cape Town, Wednesday.—It is an-
nounced that Major Elliott, com-
manding in the native territory of Griqua-
land East, is arming the natives by in-
dustrial authority, with a view of assist-
ing the defensive forces.Great Battles Impending.
New York, Dec. 11.—A dispatch to
the Tribune from London dated Friday
says: Two great battles are impending
before Ladysmith and Kimberley, and
the hotspurs are impatient to have
them come.On Western Border.
London, Dec. 11.—General Forester-
Walker has sent the following dis-
patch, dated Friday to the war office
from Cape Town:"Telegraph and every communica-
tion to Modder river has been reopened.
A battery of field artillery and a
battalion of infantry were dispatched
from Modder river against the Com-
mander's force of 1,000 Boers,
with one gun, who had destroyed the
railway. Our losses were 14 wounded.
Belmont has been strengthened by
infantry and two guns, and a cavalry
regiment and troops from Naauport
occupied Arundel Thursday.FIVE HOURS BATTLE.
The Filipinos Desperately Resisted
Young's Column.Manila, Dec. 11.—There was consid-
erable relief in Manila when the news
was received that General Young's
small force had arrived safely at
Vigan, province of South Ilocos, De-
cember 8. Anxiety had been felt for
General Young and the garrison at Vi-
gan since it was known that General
Tinio had a large, aggressive body of
insurgents operating in the vicinity.General Tinio's force is estimated in
the mountain pass between Narvacan
and San Quintin. The natural strength
of the position was augmented by trenches
and pitfalls. The fight lasted five
hours.General Young had three companies
of the Thirty-fourth infantry, under
Lieutenant-Colonel Howse, and two
troops of the Third cavalry, Captain
Swigert. He was reinforced during
the fight by Colonel Hare, with a bat-
talion of the Thirty-third, en route to
Vigan. General Young ended the fight
by charging and routing the enemy,
who left 25 dead and several rifles and
thousands of rounds of ammunition in
the hands of the victors. The enemy employed
artillery. Only one American was
seriously wounded.The uprising in the island of Negros
was led by the police of La Coraita
district, where there is a small Ameri-
can garrison. The police inspired
false reports of insurgent victories in
Luzon and Panay. There are 250 na-
tive police in Negros, who are armed
with Springfield rifles.Canned Beef For British Soldiers.
Chicago, Dec. 11.—Libby, McNeill &
Libby have shipped 750 pounds of
canned beef to the British army in
South Africa. Twenty-four cars were
required to carry it. This is the
largest shipment of canned beef ever
made from this city.Advances in Wages.
Lewiston, Me., Dec. 9.—The mills of
this state will grant a general advance
in wages, now being arranged in cotton
manufacturing towns of New England.
Notice of a 10 per cent advance is be-
ing posted gradually throughout the
cotton districts of Maine.Manchester, N. H., Dec. 9.—The
Manchester cotton mills will grant an
increase of 10 per cent December 18.
In all, nearly 15,000 hands are affected
by the new schedule here, meaning an
increase of nearly \$600,000 a year in
wages.Sailor Sharkey Will Train Corbett.
New York, Dec. 11.—The Journal
and Advertiser says: Tom Sharkey,
winner of the world's championship in
boxing, will train James J. Corbett
coming fight with Champion Jeffries.
The former sailor and the ex-champ
lost last night and Sharkey offered to
train his former antagonist. Corbett
promptly accepted the offer.To keep the hair in curl—before put-
ting into curls, dampen it with a so-
lution of kieselguhr dissolved in hot
water.

WOMAN IN BERTH.

He Sued the Wagner Company and Re-
ceived Damages.New York, Dec. 11.—One of the
most singular suits on record has just
been decided in the city court in this
city, Marcus Braun having secured a
judgment against the Wagner Palace
Car Company for \$750 as damages for a
mistake made by one of the com-
pany's conductors, who allotted a berth
already sold to Braun to a woman.When the error was discovered every
berth in the train was sold, and Braun
was compelled to sit in the smoking
compartment during a trip from Cleve-
land to this city.When Braun bought his coupon for
the berth he left his luggage in the seat
and went to the smoking compartment.
He did not return for two hours, ac-
cording to his own story, but when he
did, he found the berth made up and
occupied. The comments of the pas-
sengers so injured his feelings, he says,
that a money compensation is due him.The woman in the berth
produced a coupon which was an exact
duplicate of the coupon given Braun.

ONE WEEK OF DEBATE.

House Arranges for Consideration
of Currency Bill.Washington, Dec. 9.—The house
adopted a special order for the con-
sideration of the currency bill, begin-
ning Monday. The general debate will
continue until Friday, and Saturday
amendments may be offered under the
five-minute rule. The following
Monday the vote will be taken.The Democrats, Populists and Silverites
presented a solid front against the
adoption of the resolution, and every
Republican voted for it.Robertson, Morrison representative
elect from Utah, was not in the house
when it convened today.

They May Be Vice-Admirals.

New York, Dec. 11.—A special to
the Herald from Washington says:
President McKinley, during an inter-
view with Senator Wellington, ex-
pressed himself in favor of reviving the
grade of vice-admiral and the invest-
ment of both Rear-Admiral Sampson
and Rear-Admiral Schley. He be-
lieved that this is the simplest solution of
the whole Sampson-Schley controversy,
and it is expected that Senator Wel-
lington will introduce a bill to that
effect.The president very frankly said that
if such a bill became a law, he would
promptly nominate both Sampson and
Schley in the order named. This ar-
rangement, both the president and Sen-
ator Wellington believe, will meet the
approval of a majority of the friends of
both officers.

Railroad Conferences in New York.

New York, Dec. 11.—The World
says: Some important conferences be-
tween Union Pacific and the Chicago
and Northwestern railroad officials, have
been held in this city within the past
week and a report is again in circula-
tion to the effect that the former sys-
tem will be absorbed by the latter, which
the Vanderbilt already control.This will be the first time in a few
years, it is said, that both President
Hughitt and President Burt, of the two
lines, are now in the city. They de-
clined yesterday that their presence here
had any significance as was indicated
by the report.

Is in Favor of Taylor.

Frankfort, Ky., Dec. 11.—The state
board of elections tonight gave out its
official findings that W. S. Taylor, for
governor, and the rest of the Republi-
can ticket, have been elected on the
face of the returns. Commissioners
Ellis and Pryor signed the majority re-
port, which states that the election
of Taylor was a stand in the election
of the Republican state ticket. Ac-
cordingly, the report says, certificates
of election were ordered issued to each
candidate thereon.

Lake Steamer Missing.

Fort Colborne, Ont., Dec. 11.—It is
believed here, tonight that the Cana-
dian steamer Niagara has foundered on
Lake Erie and that all hands were lost.The crew consisted of 16 persons, all told.
Of these, Captain Henry McGlory, mas-
ter of the lost steamer, is the only one
known here. The Niagara had a cargo
of lumber and shingles, bound
from Georgian Bay to Buffalo, and
shingles and pieces of wood.The Niagara is the only boat
known to be missing.

Cape Nome Will Rival Monte Carlo.

Seattle, Dec. 11.—Arrangements have
been completed for a big gambling and
theatrical enterprise, to be established
at Cape Nome in the spring. The
plans involve an expenditure of \$60,000.
A special steamer will take
North 40 variety performers, the para-
phernalia for the biggest gambling
house in Alaska and a building 50x140
feet, three stories high.

Argentine's Crops.

Buenos Aires, Dec. 11.—The wheat
prospects in the Argentine Republic
are excellent. There will probably be
an exportable surplus of 2,000,000 tons.
The linseed crop will reach 350,000
tons, and the total wool clip is about 225,000
tons, which guarantees an exportable
surplus.To prevent obstruction to traffic in the
main streets of Boston in the day
time, all the repairs are made at night.

Burning of Human Beings.

Chicago, Dec. 11.—The burning of a
negro at Marysville, Ky., was de-
scribed in the columns of the Journal
of the Ida B. Wells Woman's Club, a col-
ored organization. The resolutions de-
clared that it was time for Christian
forces to unite in condemning the burn-
ing of human beings and endorsed the
action of the National Anti-Lynching
Bureau, of Chicago, which, through its
chairman, Mrs. Ida B. Wells, has
asked various organizations to send
resolutions of protest to the governor of
Kentucky and the mayor, ministers
and papers of Marysville.

MANY COAL MINERS KILLED

Gas Explosion Wrought De-
struction at Carbonado.

CAUSE SHROUDED IN MYSTERY

Deadly Blackdamp Followed the Ex-
plosion, but the Mine Was Easily
Ventilated—List of the Dead.Tacoma, Dec. 12.—A mine explosion
at Carbonado, 40 miles easterly from
Tacoma, at 11 o'clock this morning,
killed 32 men. Identification of the
dead men is almost impossible. The
scraps of clothing that still cling to the
bodies of the men are carefully preserved.
When the explosion occurred a rush
of the inhabitants was made in the di-
rection of the mouth of the tunnel.
Women, the wives of the men supposed
to be in the shift, ran to and fro,
sobbing and wringing their hands
with anguish, crying children clinging
to their skirts.It was all that D. T. Davies, the
superintendent of the mine, could do
to stop the wives and friends of the
deceased from coming madly into
the tunnel's mouth.A revised death list follows:
Company men—Leonard Johnson,
Henry Smit, Matt Rehela and Victor
Ruhinaki (formerly given as John Hill).
Eli Fink, Michael Kichanko, John
Mellon and Andrew Geary, Poles;
John H. Jones, David X. Thomas,
Howell Meredith, sr., Watkin Jones,
Evan M. Lewis, Daniel Davis and Reese
Jones, all Welsh; William Wilson,
Joseph Lee and Richard Darr, Ameri-
cans, and Ben Zedler, jr., German.Contract miners—August Hahnst
and Emil Hahnst, Belgians; Paul Cur-
ties, Adam Pavoli, John Flota and
Stephen Kramoga, Poles; Ben Zedler,
German; and Noland and Jack
Finns, Finns. The cause of the ex-
plosion is a mystery to every one.Only safety lamps are worn when at
work. Governor Rogers will con-
duct a searching examination as to the
cause of the explosion. He has tele-
graphed State Mine Inspector Owens,
now at Spokane, to attend the inquest
and examine witnesses himself. The
question of the ventilation of the mine,
in conformity with the state law, will
be the only one in issue.The total number of men in the un-
fortunate shift was 76, of whom 44 are
alive, all of them having escaped or been
rescued.The mines are owned by the Carlson
Hill Coal Company. They give work to
400 men, and have an output of 300,
000 tons annually, and are situated 40
miles from Tacoma, on the Cascade
division of the Northern Pacific. The
mines are in a deep ravine, from which
the water flows down to the river. The
mines are supplied with every appli-
ance for safety. They are largely tun-
neled, and the tunnels are so big that
locomotives are run into them.In 1890 an explosion of the same
kind killed two lives, and John Hartman
and some others were severely burned.Aid for Noddy.
Seattle, Dec. 12.—Washington min-
ers, through the local union, have
taken steps to render the families of the
victims and those injured in the Car-
bonado explosion financial aid. All la-
borers in the district are contributing.
The fund will be distributed by the
union.Gatacre Was Defeated at Stormberg
Junction.Molteno, Cape Colony, Dec. 12.—
General Gatacre left Spotters' trail by
which he had been followed. He was
forced to march 12 miles toward
Stormberg. He had 2,000 men, in-
cluding the Northumberland fusiliers,
the Royal Irish rifles and two bat-
teries of field artillery.The British were unopposed by the
Boers until the Boer position was
reached, when a hot fire was unex-
pectedly opened upon the advancing
column.The engagement began at 4:15 A. M.
At 7 A. M. after a sharp artillery
duel, the British retired. They are now
marching toward Molteno. General
Gatacre found the enemy's position
impenetrable. It was impossible for
the British infantry to get at the Boers.Trying to Monopolize Nome's Gold.
Seattle, Dec. 11.—Cape Nome min-
ers, have had a series of meetings in
this city and employed counsel to de-
fend what they claim is an attempt on
the part of certain corporations to
withdraw in their favor the famous
Cape Nome beach diggings.New Train Put on.
The O. R. & N. Co. has just com-
pleted the purchase of a lot of new
modern passenger equipment, which
will permit the putting on of a second
train from Seattle to Portland. This
will give Portland by this route both
morning and evening service—two
trains in each direction, and will be a
great benefit in handling the business
of the Baker City mining district,
which is having such a tremendous
growth.Washington, Dec. 12.—Mr. Roberts,
the director of the mint, in his annual
report says that the mint and assay
offices operated upon more bullion in
the aggregate and a greater coinage
was executed during the last fiscal year
than in any previous year.Steamer Niagara Lost.
Buffalo, Dec. 12.—It is now certain
that the Canadian steamer Niagara,
Captain McCleery, foundered on Tues-
day evening last about eight miles off
Long Point, Lake Erie, with all hands,
numbering 16.

SEIZURE OF SUBJ.

Important Capture by General Grant's
Command.Manila, Dec. 13.—The advance
guard of General Grant's command,
under Major Spence, arrived at Olan-
gapo, Subig bay, at night, December
9, which place was occupied with lit-
tle resistance, the enemy fleeing. Ma-
jor Spence had an arduous march over
the mountain trails.Yesterday morning the Baltimore
and Oregon and a chartered transport
arrived at Olanagapo from Manila. The
navy was disappointed to find the
army in possession of the place, which
they had hoped to capture. A detach-
ment of marines, under Captain Myers,
occupied the navy-yard at Olanagapo,
and will hold and occupy it as a naval
station. The yard consists of seven
new, large buildings, and some repair
and machinery shops, all damaged by
the bombardment of September 28.