

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 Cutted From the Telegraph Columns

The Boers now claim to have 120,000 fighting men.

The army appropriation bill carries \$111,700,864.

Treaty between the United States and Trinidad has been signed.

Charles Lewis, of Lewisville, Or., killed himself accidentally while hunting.

Astoria, Or., is taking special precautions against the introduction of plague.

The anti-trust conference has declared in favor of the government ownership of railroads.

A press agent of the defunct Franklin syndicate believes that Miller made a million dollars out of the swindle.

Manufacturing, railway and ice harvesting interests have been greatly damaged by severe storms in New England.

Three well-known citizens of the town of Namsbo, B. C., were drowned while on a hunting trip on Vancouver Island.

The United States government has 61 new naval vessels under construction, which will require in officers alone, 2,000 men.

William P. Sullivan, Mayor Peelan's secretary, was chosen by the board of police commissioners of San Francisco to be chief of police.

Sam Boswick, an old and well-known character on the Chicago Board of Trade, died as a charity patient in the Baptist hospital of that city.

Mexican papers are giving much attention to the proposed construction of the Nicaragua canal. They believe it will benefit Mexican trade.

England is suffering from a severe blizzard. Trains are snowed up in all directions and street-car lines blocked and telegraph and telephone wires are down.

The Salvation Army celebrated the 20th anniversary of its establishment in the United States with the baptizing of Booth Tucker's baby. The ceremony took place in New York.

The Vladimir Vostok, one of the supply ships chartered by the government for the transportation of quartermaster's and commissary stores, arrived at San Francisco from Manila.

Patriotic women of Vancouver, B. C., have devised a means to aid the British soldiers in South Africa. Three thousand pairs of socks are ready for shipment, besides sweaters, caps and handkerchiefs.

The revolution in Venezuela, under the leadership of Hernandez, is said to be gaining headway.

The treasurer of Nez Perce county, Idaho, was arrested for depositing public funds in national banks.

Two hundred shareholders of the Panama Canal Company met in Paris and chose a new board of directors.

A bill appropriating \$150,000 for the improvement of the port of Portland, Or., was passed in the senate.

After an overhauling at Mare Island navy yard, the Philadelphia will proceed to the island of Tutuila, one of the Samoans.

A branch of the miners' union has been formed at Cornucopia. This is the first in that it is the first branch to be formed in Oregon.

During the last three months nearly 250 demented soldiers have arrived in San Francisco from the Philippines, and it is said 200 more are on the way.

The Corliss propulsion for the government ownership of a Pacific cable was defeated by the house committee on interstate and foreign commerce, by a vote of 8 to 5.

F. O. Tait, amateur golf champion of Great Britain in 1894 and 1895, was killed during General MacDonald's reconnaissance at Koodersberg, being shot through the body. He had previously been wounded at Magerfontein.

The British ship County of Edinburgh went ashore near Massenaun life-saving station on the Jersey coast, near Point Pleasant. She is hard and fast aground, and it is expected to break up. The crew were taken off in the breeches buoy by the life-savers.

By an executive order, a certain portion of the peninsula in the district of Alaska, immediately north of the southern boundary, and embracing Camp Point Spencer, has been reserved for public purposes. The tract is located on the west shore of Port Clarence bay, comprising the peninsula on which is Point Spencer, and includes about four square miles.

French railroads have ordered 30 locomotives from Philadelphia.

A Leipzig newspaper warns German manufacturers may crowd them out of Russia.

A French court sent a man to prison for three months for insulting Queen Victoria in a pamphlet.

The queen of Italy has a handkerchief valued at \$30,000. It took several women more than 20 years to make it.

Governor Roosevelt asked the New York legislature to spend \$60,000,000 in improving the Erie canal.

A New York evangelist declares churches should serve drinks, hold boxing matches, or do anything else to draw the people.

An autobiographical letter of the late Vice-President Hobart sold in London the other day for a trifle over \$6, American money.

The term of the present governor of Alaska ends in June, of Arizona in July, of Oklahoma in May, and of New Mexico in June, 1901.

LATER NEWS.

The U. S. battleship Kearsarge has been placed in commission.

Senator Simon, of Oregon, introduced a bill appropriating \$250,000 to establish a mint at Portland.

Former Judge Wm. S. Vest, a prominent and widely known citizen of Minneapolis, is dead in Los Angeles, aged 63 years.

Buller has surrounded the Boers at Colenso and compelled them to retire across the Tugela river. The British captured 100 prisoners.

It is said that Dr. Leyds had for his sole purpose in going to Germany, the establishment of a German protectorate over the Boer republic.

Voluntary requests for retirement from the navy have come in so rapidly since January 1, that forced retirements will not be necessary.

At Oakland, Cal., the largest cargo of lumber ever consigned to that port, is now being discharged. It consists of 1,200,000 feet of Oregon pine.

Dr. William Treacy, witness in the case of Senator Clark, of Montana, thought it a huge joke to offer a sentence court judge money for his honor.

The battleship Wisconsin, now building at the Union Iron Works, in San Francisco, is fast nearing completion. She will probably be ready for her trial trip before July 1.

A board of survey has inspected the United States hospital ship Misouri, now at San Francisco, and found that many repairs are needed. It will probably be two months before the vessel is ready for sea.

Manir Bey, envoy of the sultan of Turkey at Geneva, has presented President Loubet with the insignia and grand cordon of the Order of Nichimian, the highest decoration in the Turkish empire.

Leaders in Polish national circles of Chicago say there is a secret National Polish League which is extended throughout Europe and America, and that it has existed for 14 years for the purpose of freeing Poland by force of arms or any other method. They are hoping for war between England and the czar.

Assistant Secretary Allen has been notified by the secretary of the treasury that the revenue marine service will be glad to participate in the war college exercises of the coming summer, and will detail several officers to attend.

Secretary Root has not yet replied to the navy department's invitation for the army to take part in the course, but Assistant Secretary Allen understands military officers will be detailed.

Lord Roberts' forces have occupied Jacobsdal.

Terrific snow storms are raging in Northern Germany.

The house passed the legislative, executive and judicial appropriation bill.

General Kelly-Kenny's brigade captured a Boer supply train of 78 wagons near Jacobsdal.

A blizzard is raging in New York. Blinding clouds of snow are being whirled about by a strong northeast wind.

An armor plate trust, composed of 15 firms in the world, which practically monopolize armor plate, will be formed.

Will Burtis, a negro, was lynched near Baskett Mills, S. C., by a mob of 250 men. He assaulted the wife of a planter.

Rear-Admiral Sampson has been offered and declined the presidency of the Massachusetts institute of technology.

Three men were caught in a snow slide in Colorado, near Silverton. Two were killed and the third saved his life by running.

The Abbott-Downing Carriage Company, of Concord, N. H., has made an assignment with liabilities of \$200,000 and assets of \$600,000.

The strike situation at the island of Martinique is now calm. Several arrests have been made of strikers for interfering with men at work.

The body of Miss Esther J. Cullen, of Olympia, Wash., was found on the tide flats of that city. A complete air of mystery surrounds her death.

The Vermont State Federation of Women's Clubs is attempting to secure the appointment of women on the state board of penal and charitable institutions.

A band of Cree Indians, camped near Butte, Mont., bought a quantity of alcohol, and by mistake were given wood alcohol, three of the band dying in great agony.

The Owen brothers, two of the bandits who held up and robbed a Wells-Fargo express car at Fairbanks, Ariz., have been captured near Pearce, Ariz., by a Tombstone posse.

Pirates are causing much trouble in Chinese waters. A crew from a British galleon had a lively fight with them near Choutou Chang, in which several pirates were killed and one sailor shot.

At El Paso, Texas, a mob of negro soldiers from Fort Bliss attacked the city police station with the object of releasing two of their comrades who had been arrested and during the fight one officer and one soldier was killed.

Captain Charles Loeffler has been deposed at the entrance of the executive chamber in Washington for over 30 years.

The oldest consul of the United States in continuous service is Horatio J. Sprague, who became consul at Gibraltar in 1848.

The persons engaged in raising funds to buy a home in Washington for Rear-Admiral Schley have made another appeal for money.

Congressman Caldwell favors a canal across the United States connecting the Atlantic and Pacific.

With the prospective retirement of Mr. Vest from political life at the end of his term the last of the confederate senators will have gone.

England's postmaster-general, the duke of Norfolk, has borne his title for 40 years, longer than any other duke outside the royal family.

The queen of Greece is the only woman admiral in the world. She was appointed to that position in the Russian fleet by Czar Alexander III.

MAKING FOR BLOEMFONTEIN

General Cronje Retreating With All Speed.

FRENCH'S STAY AT KIMBERLEY

Boer Wagon-Train Being Pursued Toward the Capital—Kelly-Kenny Harassing the Rear Guard.

London, Feb. 19.—General Cronje, with a start of a day or two, is seemingly in full retreat from Lord Roberts, moving northward. General French, with the cavalry, simply stayed over night at Kimberley, and then pushed on to get in touch with the retreating enemy. A long Boer wagon train moving toward Bloemfontein, followed presumably by a large force of British infantry, in their hasty departure the Boers lost quantities of supplies and ammunition.

Military opinion here is that Lord Roberts will not push far after the Boers immediately, because of transport problems and the need of rest for the troops. He has to feed 70,000 persons in his army and the whole Kimberley population. He must rebuild the railway from Modder River town to Kimberley, and reoccupy the latter.

General French lost a few men only in action, but the forced marches and the heat have probably made many ill. Numbers of remounts must be provided.

Retreating to Bloemfontein.

Jacobsdal, Feb. 19.—Via Modder River.—General Cronje, with 10,000 men, is in full retreat towards Bloemfontein. General Kelly-Kenny is fighting a rear guard and harassing the retreat. The Boers are reported to be leaving Spuyfontein, going in a north-westerly direction.

The Boers captured a large convoy as a result of Thursday's fighting at Riet river. The British casualties were comparatively light in view of the tremendous bombardment. Less than 30 men were wounded and but one killed.

General French's division was enthusiastically welcomed at Kimberley. The officers dined at the club last evening. The news of the entry into Kimberley has greatly cheered the troops, who are working splendidly.

Riots in Martinique.

Fort de France, Martinique, Feb. 19.—A mob of rioters yesterday at Riviere Sallee refused to hear Senator Knight, who is favorably disposed towards their cause. At midnight the plantations of La Coccolle and Champigny were set fire to. News has been received from Paris announcing that the garrison is to be reinforced and the French cruiser Sachet is on her way here.

The situation grows more rather than less in spite of the concessions by the employers. Work is stopped, and the strikers, urged on by their ringleaders, are becoming more menacing and exacting. M. Hayott, a prominent planter in the region, with his family, has arrived here, abandoning his effects and plantation. There are more than 2,000 rioters in the Pettibourg district, and as there is a considerable supply of liquor accessible, it is feared that the night will see scenes of violence. The governor having declared himself unable to afford the desired protection, the commandant made an urgent appeal, and at 6 o'clock this evening the entire local force of gendarmes was called into requisition.

More Plague in Honolulu.

Honolulu, Feb. 19.—Five cases of plague have developed since the Alameda sailed, February 2. Among the stricken ones were two white men—J. W. Robertson, a clerk in a large hardware store, and J. H. Hartman, a stable man who recently came from San Francisco. Robertson lingered 24 hours and then succumbed. Hartman is said to be improving, under the Pasteur treatment. No new cases have developed during the past four days. The house-to-house inspection is being kept up.

The schooner Golden Shore had a narrow escape from destruction from fire on the 17th. The vessel was furnished with 48 hours later flames were discovered in the hold. The vessel was damaged to the extent of \$1,500. The schooner will leave for Puget sound in ballast.

Broom-Corn Trust.

Chicago, Feb. 19.—There was a meeting of the members of the Union Broom Company, known as the broom trust, in this city, and it is said an effort was made to advance the price of broom from \$200 to \$220 a ton, but the wiser heads thought it best not to raise the price outside the city. This will be done at the next meeting. From all sections come reports of increased acreages this year.

Large Shipment of Opium.

San Francisco, Feb. 19.—One of the largest shipments of opium received at this port for some time was brought from the interior by the steamer Copic. It consists of 28,821 pounds, and its value, with duty paid, is about \$400,000. The duty on the opium will amount to \$142,926.

In Asiatic Russia.

San Francisco, Feb. 19.—Advice from Japan, per steamer Copic, report that the Japanese government has knowledge that Russia will within 50,000 troops at Port Arthur within two years. Japan is apprehensive of the move, as Russia could fill Corea with soldiers in a very short time. As the matter now stands, Japan would have to dispatch transports to Chemulpo for money, and this would be a big undertaking.

Recent concessions have been made through Korean officials to a large Japanese corporation to build the railroad from the coast to the Korean capital.

Expulsion in Cameroon.

Manila, Feb. 19.—Generals Bates and Bell, with the Forty-fifth infantry, Keller's battery and many pack mules, started today for the province of Camarines. The cruiser Baltimore and the transport Tarter and Albatross accompany the fleet, which with the gunboats is accompanying, will land at Nueva Caceres, and sweep the province. It is expected there will be much campaigning in the mountains.

BATTLE IN SOUDAN.

French Forces Defeated Rabah, a Native Chief.

Paris, Feb. 19.—M. de Crais, minister of the colonies, has received a telegram from the governor of the French Congo, M. De Lamoignon, announcing the defeat in battle of Rabah, the principal chief of Central Sudan, by a French expedition under M. Gentil.

Rabah has long been the strongest opponent of the extension of French influence in the Sudan. It appears that he was strongly entrenched at Kouma, between French Congo and Lake Tchad. Kouma was defended by 12,000 men, with 2,500 rifles and three cannon. After a desperate fight, the French demolished the fortress. Rabah, who was wounded during the fight, fled six hours before his conclusion. The commander of the French expedition, however, admits that practically half of his own force was placed hors de combat. Forty-three Senegalese sharpshooters were killed, and four Europeans, including Captain Robillot, and 106 Senegalese were wounded. The commander of the expedition says in his report:

"We had altogether 320 rifles, so I thought it advisable to contain the march to Lake Tchad. Captain Robillot occupied a fortified position."

The commander of the expedition returned to Bangue to inform the governor of the details of his operations, reports that the result will be very important, as Rabah is completely demoralized by his losses, estimated at between 2,000 and 3,000 killed.

YAKUI PRISONERS.

Six Hundred of Them Will Be Distributed in Various Cities.

Austin, Tex., Feb. 19.—A dispatch from Manzanillo, Mexico, says that the Mexican gunboat Oaxaca has arrived there from the mouth of the Guaymas river, with 600 Yaqui prisoners on board. They were captured in the battle fought about three weeks ago near Mazocota. The prisoners will be taken to Guadalajara, and there distributed to the various interior cities. They will not be confined in prisons, but will be kept under surveillance for a few years, until they have become educated in the habits of the Mexican people which they will be allowed to return to their native land, but their newly acquired knowledge to their fellow tribesmen.

When the Oaxaca left the Yaqui river the government troops were making good progress toward subduing the rebels. It is reported that there were over 400 killed and wounded. It is claimed that the Yaquis left 200 killed, about 300 wounded and 600 captured.

Bacon's Resolution.

Washington, Feb. 17.—Consideration of the financial matter having been concluded, discussion of the Philippine tariff, as proposed by Senator Bacon, was taken up today. Mr. Bacon, (Rep. La.) strongly opposed the permanent acquisition of the islands, and believed the United States ought to relinquish them as soon as the authority of this country over the islands was established. (Silver Nevada), took a pronounced position in favor of the admission of the products of any of the island possessions of the United States free of duty. The bill providing a form of government for the islands, as proposed by Senator Bacon, beyond that formality nothing was done with it.

Injured at Fires.

Chicago, Feb. 19.—Eight persons were injured, one fatally, in four fires that occurred late last night and early this morning in the residential portion of the city. In all about 35 lives were imperiled by the fires, and there were heroic deeds of rescue by the firemen. M. W. Littlefield, Mrs. M. W. Littlefield, Curtis Jamieson and Frank Hampton were overcome by smoke and rescued by firemen. The two small children of Mrs. H. E. Bump, sleeping on the first floor, were also overcome by smoke and rescued by their mother at the peril of her life.

The total loss will not amount to \$50,000. Most of the fires were caused by overheated furnaces.

Locomotive Exploded.

Topeka, Kan., Feb. 19.—Two men were instantly killed and three frightfully injured by the explosion of a locomotive boiler in the Santa Fe round-house this afternoon. The dead are John Henstis, boiler-maker; Ned Linden, fireman. The injured are: Artie Saylor, bruised and badly shaken up, and Bert Shies, face cut and one eye injured. The explosion was caused by compressed air, which was to be used as a motive power in the "midjet" locomotive, a small switch engine. Saylor was letting the air into the boiler when the explosion occurred.

Calaveras Big Tree Grove Sold.

San Francisco, Feb. 17.—Robert Whiteside, of Duluth, Minn., has practically purchased the Calaveras Big Tree grove, having paid the company owning it \$1,000 for an option of 90 days. The price for the grove is \$100,000 and it consists of 3,800 acres. He has already purchased 5,000 acres of timber land west of the Calaveras grove and has bonded two other large tracts east and south of the big tree park. A joint resolution is pending in congress authorizing the secretary of the interior to open negotiations for the bonding of the Calaveras county grove of sequoia gigantea for a government park.

If cakes and cookies stick to the pans in which they are baked, rub the pans with salt before using them again.

Floods in England.

London, Feb. 19.—Rains and rapid thaw have caused many rivers to overflow and there are unprecedented floods in various parts of the United Kingdom. Several provincial towns are inundated, great damage having been done to farms. Hundreds of sheep and other livestock have been drowned, and much of the railroad traffic is suspended.

Will of the Duke of Westminster.

London, Feb. 19.—The last will and testament of the late Duke of Westminster was filed today. It shows a gross estate valued at \$294,320.

GENERAL CRONJE ESCAPED

An Attack Upon the British Supply Wagons.

HOW ROBERTS' PLANS WORKED

Boers From Natal Are Reported to Be Moving to the Assistance of the Free State Forces.

London, Feb. 20.—It is now amply confirmed that General Cronje escaped. Every detail received, however, proves how admirable Lord Roberts' plans were conceived and were succeeding. But for the unexpected delay at DeKloof, which was almost impassable for wagons, the whole Boer force would have been surrounded. The delay of one day there gave them their chance for a hasty retreat. All the other movements of Lord Roberts were executed on time. Apparently General Cronje is retreating with the main army, and even if he shall escape altogether, he will probably lose all his baggage.

There is still something doubtful of about the capture of the British convoy. According to a Daily Mail correspondent with the convoy, which consisted of 200 wagons, equipped with 4,000 pounds of ration and forage, and each drawn by 16 oxen, it was quite unexpectedly attacked by a commando supposed to come from Colesburg. The escort, consisting of 80 of the Gordon Highlanders of the army service corps, and a few of Kitchener's horse, maintained a defense until the arrival of reinforcements, sustaining insignificant casualties.

The Standard's correspondent at Jacobsdal, telegraphing February 17, says:

"An attack was made yesterday upon the rear guard of our main body of a force of 1,400 Boers, who were hurried up from Colesburg. They succeeded in capturing some of our wagons, but Lord Roberts did not delay his march to retake these. There were few casualties on our side."

The last of our supply columns arrived from Honey Nest kloof today, having met with no opposition on the way.

Specials from Ladysmith report an apparent movement on the Boers to reach the Free State, and make the object of assisting General Cronje.

Bearded Watchdogs.

City of Mexico, Feb. 20.—The president has issued a decree for the establishment of a system of bonded warehouses at ports of entry. Managers of warehouses may lend money on the goods deposited, as well as enjoy the usual privileges pertaining to this business in foreign countries, collect storage charges, etc. Exemptions of customs duties on the materials for the construction of the warehouses is granted.

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