

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 Cullied From the Telegraph Columns.

Leander J. McCormick, of McCormick harvester fame, is dead.

Rex James Smart, president of Purdue University, LaFayette, Ind., is dead.

The Nez Percé Indians will soon get nearly \$200,000 from the government.

Pacific Coast Steamship Company's stevedores at Vancouver, B. C., are on a strike.

All business at Mafeking is now conducted in "bomb-proof" underground chambers.

Operations in the Philippines are drawing to a close and police will replace soldiers.

Contract has been let for the erection of a new oil and guano factory near Astoria, Oregon.

The Southern Pacific Railroad Company has established a relief department for its employees.

The Fair estate has failed to break down Mrs. Craven's money relative to her marriage with the senator.

Admiral Dewey says that if the Nicaragua canal is to be a neutral pathway, fortifications are unnecessary.

Women's rights have made such progress in Chile that already two-thirds of the public school teachers are women.

Leslie E. Keeley, inventor of the Keeley cure for the liquor habit, died at his home in Los Angeles, Cal., of heart disease.

The Sultan will pay for the losses of Americans in Turkey during the Armenian troubles. The sum involved is about \$100,000.

General Hector McDonald, commanding the Highland brigade and leading in the pursuit of Cronje's forces, is severely wounded.

Representative Leutz, of Ohio, introduced in the house a bill to provide for the public distribution of the United States map to all schools in the United States.

Upon representations of the Spanish government to the effect that some of the islands south of the Philippine archipelago, which had been taken in possession by the United States gunboats, were the property of Spain, the authorities of the state department have examined the charts and concluded to direct the withdrawal of our claims to the islands of Cayayan, Sin and Sabutu, both of which lie within the boundary lines laid down by the treaty of Paris.

British have occupied Colono.

At Detroit, Mich., Tom Sharkey knocked out Jim Jeffries in the second round.

Trains bearing provisions, fuel and passengers are now to be started for Kimberley.

Queen Victoria has appealed to retired members of the army to enlist for home defense.

John Pentella, of Astoria, has sued the Clatsop Mill Company for \$20,000 for the loss of an arm.

A split in the Populist National Convention, being held at Lincoln, Neb., Two tickets will be put in the field.

Charles E. Macrum, late consul at Pretoria, in the Transvaal, furnishes proof of his charges against the British consul.

Filipino guerrillas who attacked a squad of Americans on February 2, killing a corporal, are to be tried before a military commission on the charge of murder.

The steamer Coptic brought to a local San Francisco company 1,840 sacks of ore concentrates from the mines of Corea, and is the second similar consignment within a few months.

The war department has issued a statement that the receipts of public funds in the Philippine islands, beginning August 13, 1898, and ending December 31, 1899, amount to \$6,696,090.

The Metropolitan Museum of Art Treasures, of New York, in their annual report state the value of Turner's Grand Canal, Venice, bequeathed to the museum by Cornelius Vanderbilt, as \$100,000.

In Chicago, 600 men employed by the General Electric Railway Company, fought with employees of the Western Indiana Railroad Company for the possession of the Dearborn street crossing. A dozen men were injured.

Judge Seaman, in the United States district court at Chicago, issued an order denying the injunction prayed for by the Chicago Tribune against the Associated Press. This grew out of alleged infringements of copyright.

Rear Admiral Bradford estimates the cost of the Pacific cable at \$10,000,000. Dreyfus is still in Southern France, where his health shows continued improvement.

Eli J. Imerson, full-blooded Indian treasurer of the Seneca nation, is \$1,000 short in his accounts.

During last year 44,000 immigrants settled in Canada. The number from the United States is 11,000, or about 2,000 more than last year.

Imperial German regulations preventing practice of medicine by women have been rescinded.

You can take out spots from wash goods by rubbing them with the yolk of eggs before washing.

William Kerr, of Providence, R. I., is still pursuing his trade of watchmaker after 83 years' work at that business. He is 83 years old.

In the paper mill owned by Gov. Crane, at Dalton, Massachusetts, workmen who become to old to labor are retired on their regular salary as long as they live.

LATER NEWS.

Cronje has surrendered. Puget Sound salmon packers have combined.

A big pro-Boer meeting was held in Detroit, Mich.

National Bimetallists will meet in Kansas City on July.

The Trans-Mississippi congress will meet in Houston, Texas, on April 17.

In a battle with the Yaquis, Mexican troops lost over 200 in killed and wounded.

Hamilton H. Greyson, former postmaster at Manila, died in Philadelphia, of hiccups.

Two Pittsburgh tin plate works have resumed operations, giving employment to 1,000 workmen.

Dr. A. Wright, of Buffalo, president of the American Institute of Homeopaths, is dead, aged 74 years.

Fire in Montreal destroyed the Theater Francaise and nearly an entire block, causing a loss of \$100,000.

Catholics in New York are seeking the privilege of teaching their religion in the public schools at certain hours.

The United States government will build roads and wharves and 2,400 miles of telegraph line this year in Alaska.

Pugilist Tom Sharkey threatens to retire from the ring unless he can arrange a match with Fitzsimmons or Jeffries.

The United States supreme court has denied the application of Captain Oberlin Carter to bring his case into that court.

The Interstate Commerce Commission's session at Norfolk, Neb., is investigating alleged discrimination in freight rates.

In London, the Grand theater, where Henry Irving and other actors have been in the habit of beginning provincial tours, was gutted by fire.

Admiral Dewey lost his prize money case, the court of claims deciding that the Spanish fleet in Manila bay was not superior to the American. He was awarded \$9,750.

Ten of the leading chain works in the United States will be combined and operation continued under the management of the Standard Chain Works Company.

Full powers have been granted to Henry L. Wilson, United States minister to Chile, to sign a treaty of extradition which he has negotiated with the Chilean government.

An Old Maids' convention was held at Cynwyd, Pa. Prizes were awarded for the oldest, the handsomest, the smallest and the tallest maidens that attended the convention.

A boiler in the Pullman Lumber Company's sawmill, at Pullman, Ark., exploded, killing six men.

Colonel W. S. King, ex-congressman and a national character for the past 40 years, died at Minneapolis.

Northern Ohio is in the throes of a fierce blizzard. Trains on the trunk line, especially west-bound, were delayed.

Desperate engagement between the British and Boers north of the Tugela resulted in the English being twice repulsed.

The German steamer Admiral has arrived at Lourenco Marques with 110 passengers, mostly Germans, who will join the Boer forces.

The Japanese minister to the United States, Jintaro Koinuma, has been notified by cable from Japan of his appointment as minister to Russia.

A young dentist of New York City shot the wife of the man who befriended him and then committed suicide. Jealousy was the cause of the crime.

The Plattville Powder mills, Plattville, Wis., were wrecked by an explosion which killed three men and badly injuring one. Several buildings were destroyed.

A steamer believed to be the Californian, of the Allan line, is ashore off Fort Williams, Portland, (Me), harbor. She was heavily laden with grain, bound for Liverpool.

In Chicago, 600 machinists employed by Frazer & Chalmers and Croley & Co., are on a strike, on account of the alleged refusal of their employers to recognize the union.

Four of the five members of the new Philippine commission have been selected. They are: Judge Taft, of Ohio; Luke T. Wright, of Tennessee; H. C. Ide, of Vermont, and Dean Worcester, of Michigan.

The plague in India continues virulent. There were 583 victims in Bombay city during the week ending February 16. With 61,000,000 people affected by the famine and only about 4,000,000 in receipt of relief, the country is in a bad plight.

A preacher of New Britain, Conn., whose love for preaching has entirely overcome his desire for ordinary labor, was given the alternative of obtaining a position by which he could support his family or go to jail to continue his religious studies. He had spent his time expounding his doctrines on street corners, and since October had provided nothing for his family.

The total wealth of American colleges and universities is \$250,000,000.

A geological survey expert has found much coal in the Philippines, but no precious metals.

In St. Joseph, Mo., there is offered a bounty of \$500 for every highwayman that is killed.

The German foreign office says the change in Chinese emperors is of no importance to Europe and the powers will not act.

Mrs. William Ewart Gladstone attained her eighty-eighth birthday recently, and the bells of Harwarden church were rung in honor of the occasion.

President Loubet of France declares that when his term of office ends he will not seek the office again, but will retire to his old home farm, as he is tired of his public life.

Robert Fitzsimmons now proclaims that he was drugged when he was whipped by James Jeffries for the championship of the world at Coney Island last June.

QUAY CASE IN THE SENATE

Voted 34 to 28 to Consider the Resolution.

DANIEL OPENED THE DEBATE

Resumption of Discussion of the Hawaiian Bill—Pettigrew's Boer Resolution—Foraker Replies to Vest.

Washington, Feb. 26.—Today's session of the senate was unusually interesting, and the very beginning of it was a vigorous and influential opposition, Penrose, of Pennsylvania, succeeded in getting the Quay case before the senate, and during the afternoon three notable speeches were delivered.

After a sharp parliamentary squabble, Penrose moved that the resolution in favor of the setting of Quay be taken up for consideration. On an aye and no vote the motion prevailed, 34 to 28.

The majority was so decisive as to cause some surprise. It is known that some senators who will vote, if the opportunity is offered, to set Quay, today voted against the consideration of the case, while on the contrary others who voted for consideration probably will vote against setting him. The vote cannot, therefore, be regarded as a test of Quay's absolute strength in the senate. Following the taking up of the resolution, Daniel, of Virginia, delivered a speech in which he vigorously supported Quay's right to a seat. Vest, of Missouri, and Foraker, of Ohio, delivered notable speeches against the Hawaiian government bill. Both were constitutional arguments, Foraker's being a reply to that of Vest.

CRONJE IS UNBEATEN.

Praise for the Boer General for His Gallantry.

London, Feb. 26.—General Cronje is still unbeaten. No other construction is placed upon the three days' silence of Lord Roberts. Yet no one sees how it is humanly possible, judging by the descriptions of his situation Wednesday, for him to resist so long. Great Britain does not withhold admiration for the valor of a losing fight against odds.

The British cavalry patrols sent by Lord Methuen north of Kimberley discovered the Boers concentrating, whether for defense or offense is simply conjecture.

The Boers seem to be retiring from General Gatacre's front at Sterkstroom in order to reinforce the Free States.

Lady Smith had not been believed when the latest news left Natal, two days ago. The Boers had then retired half way between Lady Smith and Colono.

Methuen in Charge of Kimberley.

Kimberley, Feb. 26.—Lord Methuen arrived here Tuesday. He will act as administrator of Kimberley district, extending southward to Orange river. Colonel Keekewit will remain in command of the local forces. The issue of siege soup ceases today. There are 64 Boer prisoners here.

Casualties at Paardeberg.

London, Feb. 26.—An official report gives 146 men killed at Paardeberg. British losses, including 63 Highlanders and 18 Canadians.

BAD PHILADELPHIA FIRE.

One Woman Killed and Several Others Seriously Injured.

Philadelphia, Feb. 26.—One woman was killed, several others were severely injured and property valued at \$500,000 was destroyed by fire which broke out in the heart of the city.

The fire started in the third floor of 721 Arch street, occupied by Simon May, manufacturer of straw goods, and spread to the big six-story building adjoining on the east occupied by Bowe, Dungan & Company, dealers in wholesale millinery goods. This structure was also soon entirely consumed. By this time the building on the west of the May building, occupied by head offices of the Northern Life Assurance Company, Park & Purden, baristers; Booth, Brier, and G. F. Turner, bookers; H. Butler, broker; Keeney Furniture Company, the Grand Opera house, R. G. Dan & Co., and the Dominion Loan & Savings Company's place were in a blaze. All these buildings are in ruins.

Banner's Stock Farm.

New York, Feb. 26.—The Bonner stock farm at Tarrytown, N. Y., is not to pass out of existence, despite the sale of all the trotted and pacer stock which belonged to the late Robert Bonner, except Maud S. David Bonner will manage the farm, where blooded horses will be bred. The stallions Highland Baron and Baron Review have been bought from the stud with a number of Electioneer horses.

The Plague at Aden.

Aden, Feb. 26.—The case of plague and one death have occurred here. Drastic measures have been taken to prevent the spread of the disease. Infected areas have been isolated.

Confession of Chinaman's Suicide.

Salt Lake, Feb. 26.—Low Sing, a Chinaman, recently convicted of murder at Bingham City, and sentenced to the state prison, committed suicide by hanging himself in his cell this morning.

Yaqui Prisoners.

Chicago, Feb. 26.—A special to the Record from Guadalajara, Mex., says: The 600 Yaqui prisoners, recently taken from the Yaqui country to Mazatlan, have left Colima for Guadalajara. They are guarded by three companies of government troops. The trip will be long and fatiguing, as the Sierra Madre mountains have to be crossed.

The Oregon Editors.

New Orleans, Feb. 26.—The Oregon delegation of editors, numbering 30, arrived here safely. They will go to Vicksburg tomorrow, returning Monday.

LETTERS FROM BADEN-POWELL.

Commander at Mafeking Describes the Town's Long Siege.

London, Feb. 26.—Extracts from Colonel Baden-Powell's letters to his relatives are published in an illustrated weekly. He writes:

"Here I sit in my bomb-proof bureau, writing these letters. Around me is a telephonic communication with each one of my outposts. At each of these outposts a telescope keeps constant watch on the Boer outposts and guns. As soon as it is seen which way their fire is about to be directed, the wire communications are set to work and a bell, with which each defensive quarter is provided, clangs in that part of town where the shell is about to fall; and all in the open go to the ground like rabbits. Generally speaking, most of us, unless duty take us out, make our way through the net; but we come out and take the air at night. The Boers usually finish pounding us toward evening, or just send us a few shells before the sun goes down. They never sleep."

"Being Colonel Baden-Powell has not neglected. He has effectually swept Mafeking clear of all suspected traitors. Those who are not outside are shut up in particularly strong quarters. There are 17 prisoners, including the late station master at Mafeking, all of whom were rather more than suspected of treasonable correspondence with the enemy."

"The British cavalry patrols sent by Lord Methuen north of Kimberley discovered the Boers concentrating, whether for defense or offense is simply conjecture."

"I have come here to hold this town," he said. Straightway, before any enemy appeared on the horizon, he retired to the rear. He will be before war came to them, people were ready to underestimate the character of the hostilities likely to ensue, and pooh-poohed the necessity of making any special provision against Boer artillery. But General Baden-Powell was not the man to be swayed by such ostrich-like conduct.

"Each one of the outworks," he writes, "all around the town was at once provided with underground shell-proof accommodation for the whole of its garrison. The town itself was divided into three or four sections, each of which had its own arrangements for defense. In each, big mounds of earth have been thrown up, with good interior apartments, all constructed of the hardest material. In all, there are ports and roof cross beams of railway metal, with panelings and roofings of corrugated iron."

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BIG STEAMSHIP ASHORE

Wreck of the Californian On the Maine Coast.

PASSENGERS ARE ALL SAFE

The Vessel Went on a Reef in the Harbor of Portland, Maine, During a Heavy Storm.

Portland, Me., Feb. 27.—The big Allan line steamship Californian, which left her dock at midnight, went ashore on an island ledge, just outside the harbor, a few minutes after the pilot left her this morning. All the passengers are safe, though still aboard. Most of the local seafaring men are of the opinion that the rocks have penetrated the bottom of the vessel in several places, and they doubt very much if she can be saved. The vessel is valued at \$3,000,000; the cargo at \$300,000. There are six cabin, five intermediate and 10 steerage passengers, beside a crew of 75 men.

The Californian was in charge of Pilot Edward L. Parsons, and at the time he left her the wind was blowing hard from the southeast, and a heavy rain was falling. Pilot Parsons left the ship on reaching the bell buoy of Cushing's Island Point, after he gave the officers of the ship the course. Ten minutes later the Californian was hard and fast aground on Ram Island ledge. This is a reef that runs out from Ram Island and the ship was several points off her course when she struck. The ship is lying under the lee of Ram Island, on the ledge, and although the waves are breaking with great force, the long ledge acts as a breaker and prevents the ship from being driven back. The local officials feel confident that the ship can be floated. The conditions are now favorable.

The Californian was bound to Glasgow by way of Halifax. Captain Parsons says that the hold is full of water, the fire is extinguished, there is a heavy sea, but the passengers are perfectly safe. The cargo of 3,000 tons consists mainly of meat, lard, apples, oranges and grapes. The greater part of the cargo was probably insured by the consignees. It is not known whether the ship was insured.

The steamship Californian, now named the Californian, was built on the Clyde and launched in 1891. She is built of mild steel, is classed A1 in Lloyd's special survey, and with additional strengthening over Lloyd's requirements to comply with the demands of the admiralty for transport with the mails. Her length is 400 feet, beam 46 feet and depth of hold 32 feet. Her tonnage capacity is 5,000 tons. She is divided into eight compartments, the bulkheads of which are all carried to the upper deck. These bulkheads are double bottom, insure the greatest amount of safety in case of accident.

Postoffice Robbed.

Independence, Feb. 27.—The post-office was broken into this morning after 8 o'clock and over \$600 was secured; the amount of cash was \$212.95, and stamps \$400. An entrance was made by taken out a window pane in a room on the second floor. The robbers thus giving admission to the office. The tools were stolen from a blacksmith shop in town. A hole was drilled in the outside door of the office safe, just above the handle, and the money was taken out. The robbers used the combination lock, and powder was used to blow the safe open.

The robbery was not discovered until about 10 o'clock today, when several Democrats were found behind the adjoining harness shop by H. Craven, which led to an investigation. It is thought that the thieves have been in town for the past two days, and could be easily identified. The first man who belonged to Postmaster J. A. Wheeler.

Cremona of Plague Victims.

Chicago, Feb. 26.—A special to the Record from Honolulu, February 18, via San Francisco, says: As there are no facilities for cremation at Kahului, where the latest advices show that the black plague has broken out, the seven bodies of those who have died from the dread disease were cremated in the open air on the beach at night by piling up an immense amount of fire wood for a fire. The harbor was full of ships at the time and the sight from the decks of the vessels of the burning of the plague victims is described as a weird one.

Fight on Burmah-Chinese Boundary.

London, Feb. 26.—A British official, attached to the boundary commission, named Hertz, while touring in the Burmah-Chinese frontier with an escort, has engaged and routed two considerable forces of hostile Chinese from Mikawpa, killing the leader of the Chinese and 70 Chinese.

Mill, Elevator and Grain Burned.

Halifax, Feb. 27.—The works of the Maritime Milling Company at New Glasgow, were destroyed by fire today, with a grain elevator and thousands of bushels of grain. The loss was \$150,000.

Fireman Killed, Others Injured.

Detroit, Feb. 27.—Fire tonight, in the plant of the Detroit Steel & Spring Company's works, destroyed both the company's rolling mills, causing a loss of \$100,000, fully insured. Fireman Frank Krasch was crushed by a falling stack and killed. A hospital ambulance, running to the scene, collided with a swiftly running electric car. The ambulance was smashed to pieces, and its occupants, Driver Frank Northman and Dea. T. McKintick, were badly burned and shocked.

Dan Rice, the Circus Clown.

New York, Feb. 24.—Dan Rice, the veteran circus clown, died at Long Branch, N. J., tonight, after a lingering illness, aged 77 years. Mr