

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.

The Republicans elected 19 out of 35 aldermen in Chicago.

Admiral Dewey has announced himself as a candidate for president.

General French has given up his chase after the retreating Boers.

Boston is agitating the question of prohibition of ringing church bells.

The United States building at the Paris exposition will be closed on Sundays.

Queen Victoria landed at Dublin, Ireland, her first visit to the island in 39 years.

A temperance movement has been inaugurated in Mexico, owing to the increase of drunkenness.

Admiral Dewey's collection of curios and trophies, at his request, will be placed in the Smithsonian Institute.

Turkish tower at the Paris exposition obstructs the view of the United States building and Commissioner Peck has protested against it.

The Vanderbilts and Morgans now have plans almost perfected which will give them absolute control of the coal supply of America.

Forty-four young men of Thurston, Or., have petitioned the military board for the organization of a company of the National Guard at that place.

The mammoth auditorium in which the Democratic National convention was to have been held on July 4, was burned to the ground, entailing a loss of \$350,000.

At Logansport, Ind., 150 masked men blew up two bridges, and burned two toll houses on the Logansport and Burlington pike at midnight.

The road is the only pike in the country, and protests have been directed against high tolls and the alleged bad condition of the pike.

The newly organized American Match Machine Company, a New Jersey corporation, is about to enter into competition with the Diamond Match Company, known as the match trust.

The new company does not intend to confine its attention to the trade of the United States, but will make a vigorous fight for European trade, through the sale of rights.

W. J. Bryan addressed 10,000 people at Tacoma, Wash.

War will not be conducted at this season of year.

The Puerto Rican bill passed the senate by a vote of 40 to 31.

The public debt decreased \$6,000,000 during the month of March.

A bill was passed to throw open Idaho and Oklahoma Indian lands.

The journeyman plumbers of Indianapolis have struck, demanding an increase in pay.

The legislative council of Trinidad has ratified the reciprocity treaty with the United States.

Aguinaldo is in Singapore. Singapore papers mention the fact and publish short interviews with him.

The plasterers of Minneapolis have been locked out, pending the settlement of their dispute as to hours.

Pearl harbor, in the Hawaiian islands, will be improved and fortified and made available for naval purposes.

Mexico's army convicts will be abolished by the new secretary of war. Volunteer service is to be encouraged.

The marine hospital service has sent an urgent request to congress for an appropriation of \$500,000 to fight plague in various seaport towns.

The casualties in the Philippine war since January 1, have been: Americans, 88 killed, 162 wounded; insurgents, 1,426 killed; 1,453 captured.

Great preparations for war are going on in Russia. All messages in regard to movements of troops are censored and all officers are denied leaves of absence.

The Illinois Brick Company, of Chicago, the brick combine of that city, has filed with the secretary of state a certificate of increase of capital stock from \$10,000 to \$9,000,000.

The party of scientists under Professor A. Agassiz, who left San Francisco several months ago on an expedition to the South Seas, has returned. This scientific expedition went first to the Ponotons, exploring the northern part of those islands, a region never before examined by scientists. After refitting the vessel at Tahiti, the remainder of the Society islands, as well as the Cook, Savage and the islands of the Tonga group were explored. After refitting at Suva, the Ellice, Gilbert and Marshall islands were explored and the island of Guam was visited.

Gov. Smith, of Vermont, owns a private locomotive. It is fitted with luxurious accommodations for eight passengers.

There is a scheme to construct a direct railroad from New York to Chicago, saving 300 miles and making the distance in 16 hours.

As chairman of the board of directors of the New York Central Railroad, Chauncey Depew draws the snug salary of \$60,000 annually.

More than \$30,000,000 worth of timber was destroyed in the recent forest fires in the state of Washington.

The foreign commerce of the port of Boston last year aggregated \$190,485,000, surpassing all previous records.

It is understood that the north half of the Colville Indian reservation, in Washington, will be thrown open for settlement about May 1.

The next Vermont legislature will be asked to appropriate money for a statue of Justin S. Morrill, to be placed in the statutory hall of the capital at Washington.

LATER NEWS.

Webster Davis addressed an immense pro-Boer audience in Washington.

The Copper State mine, in Josephine county, Oregon, was sold for \$9,000.

Cubans have confidence in General Gomez and entreat him not to leave the island.

The Edward T. Smith box factory at New York, was destroyed by fire; loss, \$250,000.

Ex-Governor Pattison, of Pennsylvania, is wanted for vice-president on the Democratic ticket.

Boers claim to have captured 11 guns at Bloemfontein waterworks, instead of seven, as first reported.

Building tradesmen in Indianapolis have returned to work, their employers conceding to their demands.

Generals in the Philippines are calling for more troops. They cannot hold the rebels down with the present force.

The Boers have succeeded in cutting off General Brabant's two or three thousand troops from all other British forces.

The 65th anniversary of the birth of King Leopold, of Belgium, was appropriately celebrated throughout the kingdom.

The British North American and West Indies squadron is to be increased by one battleship, two cruisers and several torpedo boats.

The body of an unknown young man was found in the Willamette river near Oregon City, with his head entangled in a fish net. It is a case of deliberate suicide.

H. H. Pitcher, banker of Oakland, Cal., committed suicide by blowing his brains out. Pitcher was trustee of an estate valued at \$600,000. His trust was being investigated in court.

The United States supreme court decided the case of Grunling vs. the city of Chicago, involving the validity of the anti-cigarette ordinance of that city. The ordinance was attacked as unconstitutional. The opinion of Justice Peckham held the ordinance not to be unconstitutional.

In his address at the memorial services held in memory of the late Dr. Isaac M. Wise, at Isaiah temple, Dr. Emil G. Hirsch made an appeal to the Jewish people of Chicago to raise \$500,000, which is the amount yet required to lift the debt on the Jewish Union College in Cincinnati. By so doing, Dr. Hirsch said, the great work which was begun by Dr. Wise, and carried forward by him under difficulties, could be fully accomplished.

Emily Coghlan, the actress, died at Stamford, Conn., aged 36 years.

Half the village of Proctorville, Ohio, was destroyed by fire. Loss \$200,000.

A German scientist has invented a compound which melts iron in five seconds.

Boers in Natal are becoming active, and an engagement with Buller is imminent.

The German flag has been raised over the Samoan islands of Upolu, Manono, Apolonia and Saru.

Captain John Codman, the famous advocate of free ships and free trade, is dead at Boston, aged 86.

The statue of Maud Adams will not be admitted to the Paris exposition because it is a personal exhibit.

At Pittsburgh, Pa., a big eight-story department store was destroyed by fire, causing a loss of over \$1,000,000.

Another brother of President Steyn, of Orange Free State, was captured at Kere Siding, and is now at Bloemfontein.

The squadron of the United States navy, recently formed in Chinese waters to have its headquarters at Hong Kong.

Forty people lost their lives at Austin, Texas, due to an overflow of the Colorado river. Property destroyed exceeds \$300,000.

Walter E. Groff, the defaulting cashier of the Adams Express Company at Dayton, Ohio, who left the city October 6 last, taking with him \$3,000 of the corporation's money, has been arrested in San Francisco.

The situation in Ashantee is unchanged. A Comaasie runner reports that all the Ashantee tribes are in arms, the king of Bekwal alone remaining loyal. It is believed that the Ashantee golden stool has been found and that the rising is due to the endeavor of the governor of the colony, Sir Frederic Mitchell Hodgson, to take possession of it.

The American Plate Mirror Company was chartered at Harrisburg, Pa., with a capital of \$500,000. This company is composed of well-known plate-glass men, and is looked upon as the beginning of a determined move on the part of the American plate-glass men to wrest the trade in this country from plate mirrors from foreign manufacturers.

Senator Tillman, from the committee on mines and mining, reported the bill providing for the utilization of a part of the proceeds of the sales of public lands in support of schools for mining in the public land states. It provides for the appropriation of \$10,000 annually for the present in each case and the gradual increase of the amount to \$20,000.

A national congress of mothers is to be held at Des Moines, Ia., May 21-25.

The department of agriculture will plant 100,000 rubber trees in the Hawaiian islands.

At Lady Lansdowne's concert in London, Miss. Patti is said to have won diamonds worth over \$1,000,000.

Gen. John J. Elwell, a hero of the civil war, died at Cleveland, O. His military service extended from 1861 to 1866.

Commander Richard Wainwright has assumed his new duties as superintendent of the naval academy at Annapolis, Md.

Queen Victoria has more living descendants than any other monarch in Europe. She has seven surviving children, 32 grandchildren and 33 great-grandchildren.

Rev. Edwin A. Schell has sued Rev. Joseph F. Berry and Rev. H. C. Jennings, of Chicago, and Rev. Charles Parkhurst, of Boston, for \$25,000 for forcing him from the Epworth league secretaryship.

BOERS CAPTURE BRITISH

Roberts Loses Five Companies of Infantry.

SURROUNDED BY LARGE FORCE

General Villabois Mareuil, a Frenchman in the Boer Army, Killed in a Fight With Methuen's Forces.

London, April 9.—Lord Roberts reports that five companies of British troops have been captured by Boers near Bethanie. The following is the text of his dispatch to the war office, announcing the capture:

"Bloemfontein, April 9.—Another unfortunate occurrence has occurred, resulting, I fear, in the capture of a party of infantry, consisting of three companies of the Royal Irish Fusiliers and two companies of the Ninth regiment of mounted infantry, near Reddersburg, a little eastward of the Bethanie railway station, within a few miles of this place. They were surrounded by a strong force of the enemy, with four or five guns.

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SANNAS POST AMBUSH.

Boers Captured Valuable Papers and Plans from the British.

Brandford, Orange Free State, April 9.—Burghers who are returning from the scene of the Sannas Post ambush (also referred to as Karre and Korn Spruit) furnish interesting details of the occurrence. It appears that when the first retreating British wagon entered the Sannas Post, the Boers, who were in full uniform, unfortunately Captain Sturges' force was not large enough to pursue the main body.

A detachment of the Forty-second infantry, while scouting in Laguna province, was pursued by the insurgents and obliged to take refuge in a church at Pao, where the Americans repelled the rebels until reinforced.

Lieutenant Gordon, with a company of the Sixteenth infantry, while scouting near Aparri, Cagayan province, engaged 250 insurgents. Lieutenant Gordon was wounded.

The insurgents made a night attack upon Calbayon, Island of Samar. They killed the sentry, swarmed into the town, and searched the house of Major Gilmore, of the Forty-third infantry, who was absent. They killed his cook. Ultimately the Americans drove them out of the town, killing four and capturing 12.

General Young, commanding in North Luzon, has made several requests for reinforcements, representing that his force is inadequate; that the men are exhausted by the necessity of constant vigilance; that he is unable to garrison the towns in his jurisdiction; that the insurgents are returning to the district and killing the amigos, and that it is necessary for him to inflict punishment in several sections before the rainy season shall begin. General James B. Wadsworth, commanding in Southern Luzon, has made similar representations. He says his forces are inadequate, and he merely holds a few towns, without controlling the territory.

The president of Samar, province of Baar, Luzon, and another prominent native, have been assassinated because they were known to be friendly to Americans. The president of another town has joined the insurgents because they had threatened to kill him if he did not.

THE FLOODED COLORADO.

Situation at Austin Is Slightly Improved.

Austin, Tex., April 11.—The flood situation is improved here somewhat but the reports from points below indicate that the full effect of the immense volume of water is being felt in Wharton and Fannin counties, where the situation is becoming more and more serious.

In Bastrop county the flood has caused much damage, and something like 50 washouts and losses of bridges are reported by the railroads. The water is rising rapidly, and the situation is becoming more and more serious.

Breaking of the Dam.

The crisis came shortly after 11 o'clock, when suddenly, with a report like the roar of the ocean, a great wedge, 25 feet high, 100 feet wide, and 6 feet thick, rolled out of the center section of the dam, down the face of the 60-foot fall, deep into the river below. This left a hanging gap in the very middle of the dam, through which the debris and water fiercely poured, while the flood, already rising, was threatening everything in its path.

The released water poured into the power house, catching eight employees at work there, drowning all of them.

Within a short time all the valleys to the south and west of Austin were rising to the level of the lower part of the town is under water, the property loss is small. No one is missing.

SECTARIAN SCHOOLS.

Senate Rejected the Amendment Providing for Them.

Washington, April 11.—After some further discussion today, the senate rejected the sectarian schools amendment to the Indian appropriation bill, offered by Jones, of Arkansas, by a vote of 30 to 16. As has been the practice for two or three years, the free homes measure was offered as an amendment to the bill, but it was ruled out on the point of order that it was general legislation, and therefore, not germane to an appropriation bill. Without division, the bill was passed. The measure carries about \$3,414,000. An unsuccessful effort was made to agree upon a date for a vote on resolution relative to the seating of Quakers as senators from Pennsylvania. The effort will be renewed tomorrow. During the last two hours of the session, the Alaskan civil code bill was under consideration. An amendment offered by Hansbrough concerning the title, mining claims in the Cape Nome district provoked a warm debate.

This was a dull day in the house. The agricultural appropriation bill was under consideration, and was made the vehicle of considerable desultory debate on irrelevant political topics. Good progress was made with the bill after the close of the general debate, 25 out of the 87 pages being covered before adjournment.

A great many Christians are dead wires because some one small part of the life is switched off from God.

Snow Storm in Montana.

Bozeman, Mont., April 11.—Snow has been falling for the past 40 hours, and there are now nearly two feet on the level. The storm is the heaviest in 12 months. Farming lands needed snow or rain, and the benefit will be great.

Guns for Portland Naval Reserve.

Vallejo, Cal., April 11.—Two three-inch field guns were sent to Portland, Or., from Mare island today, to be used by the naval militia.

Vacancies in the Army.

Washington, April 11.—At the present time there are 115 vacancies in the grade of second lieutenant in the army. Of these, 68 are in the infantry arm, 14 in the artillery and 27 in the cavalry. There will probably be a few more places in each, depending upon examinations for promotion. About half of these vacancies will be filled by this year's graduates from the West Point military academy, and half the remainder through the customary examination of noncommissioned officers in the regular service.

Steel for the Kansas City Wigwag.

Pittsburg, April 10.—The Carnegie Company has commenced shipment of the structural iron to be used in the construction of the convention building at Kansas City. As far as the Carnegie Company is concerned, the building can be completed on time.

Destruction of Glucose Works.

Medford, Ore., April 10.—The glucose works here, which are a portion of the Edwardsburg starch works, were completely destroyed by fire today. Loss, \$150,000.

Gold Mines Laid Off.

Cripple Creek, Colo., April 9.—Two hundred miners have been laid off at the Portland mine on account of the high rates demanded by the smelters for the treatment of gold ores.

Two Negroes Hanged.

Baxley, Ga., April 9.—King and Louis Gosby, colored, who killed Daniel Mims, a farmer, and his young child near here the night of March 2 last, were executed here today.

Chicago, April 9.—A strike of 100 power-house employees of the Chicago Street-Railway Company tied up 170 miles of electric lines tonight for two hours at the busiest time, and crippled the whole service for the rest of the night. The men who went out objected to a change from an eight to a 12-hour day.

Seoul, Korea, April 9.—An agreement has been consummated here whereby Russia disavows any design to obtain a port in the Gulf of Changhai and Korea promises not to concede the same to any other power.

Lehigh Laboratory Burned.

Bethlehem, Pa., April 9.—The physical laboratory of Lehigh University, one of the largest in the country, was burned today, and all its scientific apparatus was destroyed. The loss on the