



NEWS OF THE WEEK

From All Parts of the New World and the Old.

OF INTEREST TO OUR MANY READERS

Comprehensive Review of the Important Happenings of the Past Week in a Condensed Form.

All the ministers at Pekin have signed the joint note.

England is alarmed over the Boer invasion of Cape Colony.

The senate committee made many changes in the army bill.

The Morans, of Seattle, will not get the contract for new warship.

Speaker Henderson is opposed to enlargement of the Portland postoffice.

The river and harbor bill will not be made public until after the holidays.

Martin Stickle, the self-confessed Castle Rock assassin, will be hanged.

A company has been organized in Iowa to build a fish cannery in Alaska.

Anna E. Smith, was appointed post-mistress at Camas valley, Or., vice H. Allison, resigned.

Thomas Parker, a native of England, was frozen to death near the mouth of White river, Klondike.

Samples of two dangerous counterfeit silver coins have been obtained from Portland and Spokane.

A collision occurred on the Sumpter-Baker City road in which two locomotives were slightly damaged.

Memorial services were held at the Oregon university in honor of Henry Villard, one of the college's greatest benefactors.

It is announced that the total taxable property in the city of Salem, Or., will be approximately \$330,000 less than last year.

A pitched battle is imminent between the British under General Clements, who has been reinforced, and the Boers under General Delarey.

The clearing house banks at Tacoma, have decided that after January 1, they will accept Canadian silver at par. Heretofore it has been taken at 5 per cent discount.

All attempts to float the British steamer Latta, Captain Yale, from Savannah via Norfolk for Bremen, ashore on the coast of Holland, near Petton, have been unsuccessful.

The steamer Sarah Dixon collided with the breakwater near Mount Coffin, on the Lower Columbia, and now rests in 15 feet of water. This is the steamer's second experience under water.

In Panay, 21,000 persons have sworn allegiance.

Morocco pays the American indemnity claim.

Ashland, Or., voted against licensing saloons.

The Boers raided Cape Colony at two separate points.

The misunderstanding at Pekin was due to a cable error.

Only 85 lives were lost in the foundering of the Geiselman.

The French chamber of deputies adopted the amnesty bill.

The return of volunteers will cause renewed insurgent activity.

Colorado capitalists have bonded the old Gem mine, in Eastern Oregon.

Reapportionment bill reported gives Washington no extra congressman.

Railway brotherhoods will ask the Santa Fe to re-employ its operators.

The naval construction board recommends four awards for warship construction.

Superintendent Calbreth, of Oregon insane asylum, has submitted his annual report.

Farmers' institute was held at Stafford under auspices of the Oregon agricultural college.

Washington county, Oregon, has offered \$500 reward for the arrest of the murderer of Andrew Dahlberg.

The schooner Pioneer, lumber-laden for San Francisco, went ashore on the Nestucca beach during the recent storm.

Associate Supreme Court Justice George C. Ludlow, ex-governor of New Jersey, died at his residence in New Brunswick, N. J.

Two transports will start in a few days from Manila for San Francisco with 1,000 sick and wounded soldiers.

The stranded bark Pottaloch, on Willapa harbor, withstood the recent gale good. In fact she is in better position than before.

Fire in East Providence, R. I., destroyed a wharf on which there was 2,000 tons of coal. The loss is estimated at \$200,000.

Two highwaymen who stopped a buggy near Portland, upon discovering that it contained two ladies, apologized and allowed them to drive on.

Twenty-five terra cotta statues in the Boston museum of fine arts prove to be bogus.

To the naked eye not more than 6,000 stars are ordinarily visible. A powerful telescope will reveal 5,000,000 stars at once.

In China anyone who writes an immoral book is punished with 100 blows of the heavy bamboo and banishment for life. Anyone who reads it is also punished.

LATER NEWS.

Dewet is the guiding genius of the Boers.

Minister Wu thinks the joint note demands too much.

Minnesota has experienced her first blizzard of the year.

The Japanese minister of communication has resigned.

Spokane has decided to hold a mineral fair during 1902.

Oregon has paid out nearly \$100,000 in scalp bounties during 1899.

Public attention in Germany is occupied with crime in high circles.

Kitchener reports that Boer invasion into Cape Colony has been checked.

Germany wants the sultan to pay its bill before buying an American warship.

Rebels are scattered in the provinces of Panay and Cebu, Philippine islands.

England will buy 50,000 horses and mules in the United States for army in South Africa.

Delay in negotiations has caused great change of sentiment as regards China in Japan.

A tornado did great damage in Alabama. News is meager, owing to all wires being down.

H. Phelps-Whitmarsh has been appointed governor of the province of Benguet, Philippine islands.

Forty-five insurgents were killed and one American wounded in an encounter near Gunabato, Philippine islands.

E. H. Southern, the well known actor, who has been laid up for some time by an accident, is entirely recovered.

A large portion of the Philippines must be abandoned unless the relief of the army is immediate, says Secretary Root.

The police are working on the case of Long, the Portland burglar recently arrested. It is thought that a charge of murder will be laid at his door.

Fire which started in a Pennsylvania coal mine 42 years ago is under control, and it is said that the next two years will see it extinguished. The fire has consumed about 35 acres of the finest coal land in the anthracite region.

Frank H. Morris, auditor of the war department, was shot and killed by Samuel MacDonald, a postoffice department clerk. Fancied grievances and liquor were the causes that led up to the shooting. MacDonald afterward shot himself and will not recover.

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THE BOER INVADERS

Have Turned the Tide by Entering Cape Colony.

NEWS CAUSES MUCH ANXIETY IN LONDON

General Kitchener is Said to Have Demanded Heavy Reinforcements—A Pitched Battle Seems Imminent.

London, Dec. 22.—The war office last evening could give no information regarding the reports of a Boer invasion of Cape Colony. The officials expressed the opinion, however, that the newspaper accounts were exaggerated and that probably the troops who have been employed in chasing General Dewet will be diverted to deal with the invaders. Having regard to the customary methods of the war office, this can only be interpreted as confirming the report.

Lord Kitchener, in the meantime, keeps a tight rein over the news, which increases the public disquietude. There is a persistent rumor that he has demanded heavy reinforcements.

According to the Daily Mail, private telegrams received in London yesterday depict the situation in Cape Colony as somewhat ominous. It seems that the invading Boers are receiving considerable assistance from the local Dutch, and that the troops at the disposal of the British are not sufficient to cope with any serious invasion. It is believed that the government has at last awakened to the seriousness of the situation, and is making great efforts to have Lord Kitchener supplied with horses and mules.

The British losses at Nooitgedacht, according to the official accounts, were 83 killed and wounded, with 43 missing and still unaccounted for. It is reported this afternoon that General Knox has been forced to abandon the pursuit of General Dewet, owing to the situation created in Cape Colony by the Boers crossing the Orange river. It is said that 3,000 republicans have entered Cape Colony, and a similar number have reached Philipstown. The report adds that Dewet, with about 4,000 men, is northwest of Ladybrand, and that an attack on Winburg is momentarily expected.

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THE POPULAR VOTE

McKinley's Plurality, According to the Present Figures, Was 859,824.

New York, Dec. 24.—The Times this morning publishes a table showing the popular vote for presidential electors in the recent election. Minnesota was the last state to declare its vote, this not having been done until yesterday. In some states, as in Louisiana and South Carolina, there were the nominations of but two parties, Republican and Democrat, upon the ballots; in other states there were three or four, and in some eight.

The total vote, including 6,311 scattering, was 18,967,299. Of this McKinley received 7,217,677, and Bryan 6,367,853. Woolley, Prohibitionist, received, so far as reported, 207,353; Barker middle of the road Populist, 50,188; Debs, Social Democrat, 94,552; and Maloney, Social Labor, 83,450. McKinley's plurality, according to the figures of the Times, was 859,824; McKinley's majority was 468,055.

In addition there were votes returned in five states for the candidates of the National Union Reform party, and in two states for the candidates of the United Christian party, J. F. R. Leonard, of Iowa, for president, and John G. Woolley, of Illinois, for vice-president.

Washington, Dec. 24.—After spending the greater part of the past week considering the Hay-Pauncefote treaty for the modification of the Clayton-Bulwer convention of 1850, the senate consumed only one hour and ten minutes in amending it and ratifying it as amended. During the time there were several roll calls and viva voce votes.

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Scotch Steel Industry Suffering.

Glasgow, Dec. 24.—Clyde shipbuilders recently placed orders for 150,000 tons of plates in the United States at a saving of £50,000. The depression in Scotch steel and iron trades is acute. Fourteen furnaces will be damped at the end of the year. The steel works are talking of closing indefinitely.

Washington Man Dead in Dawson.

Seattle, Wash., Dec. 24.—Advice from Dawson state that Elbridge Bartlett, aged 48 years, died there November 25 of pneumonia, after a week's illness. He was from Puyallup. He has daughters in Puyallup or Tacoma. Bartlett was a member of the Odd Fellows. He had been mining on Hunker, but with only moderate success.

Advance to Raisin Growers.

Fresno, Cal., Dec. 24.—Local bankers have arranged to advance to the Raisin Growers' association \$500,000, as required to fulfill its contracts. Sales have been slow of late, owing to the sluggishness of the Eastern markets. The packers have taken 1,700 carloads of raisins and paid for them about 500 car loads more have been packed, but there is a dispute between the growers and packers about the grades.

Chile Will Exhibit.

Valparaiso, Dec. 21.—The chamber of deputies has passed a bill appropriating \$500,000 for the Chilean exhibit at the Pan-American exposition in Buffalo.

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Such is the Report of Kitchener From Pretoria—British Surrounding Them.

London, Dec. 26.—The war office has received the following dispatch from Lord Kitchener, dated Pretoria, Dec. 24: "As far as it is possible for me to form an opinion from reports of officers on the spot, I think the Boer movement into Cape Colony has been checked. Of the two forces that entered the colony, the Eastern is still north of the Zoutspanberg range, while the one that entered west appears to have been turned in the direction of Britstown and Prieska. Our troops are getting around both bodies, and a special column is also being organized which will be dispatched immediately when know where its services are most wanted. The Boers have not received much assistance in Cape Colony as far as my information goes. We have armed some of the colonists, who are assisting our forces. Railway and telegraph communication has been much interrupted by the very bad weather.

"Dewet is in the neighborhood of Senekal. General French, in conjunction with General Clements, attacked a force under Beyers north of Magalies' Berg. The Boers broke away in a southwesterly direction towards Potchebroom, and were followed by General Gordon with a column of French's force. Yesterday evening about 5 o'clock Clements' force was engaged south of Oliphant's Nek, but I do not yet know the result."

A later dispatch from Lord Kitchener dated at Pretoria, says: "The western column of Boers occupied Britstown and cut the railway south of De Aar Junction. The enemy is being followed up. General French has been in contact for two days with the commandos of Beyers and Delarey, south of the Magalies' Berg. He is pursuing them. Our forces have lost considerably, and Commandant Kroon and others have been captured. General Colville engaged two separate commandos December 21 near Vladkfontein, with slight losses, the enemy retiring."

The men demand 20 cents an hour for old employees and 15 to 17 1/2 for new men. They also demand a 10-hour day. The company, in its answer to the grievance committee, says it is not in a position to afford any increase in wages at the present time. President Clark arrived tonight and stated the road would be operated with new men if the old men cannot be secured.

What the Company Offers.