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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.

Three children at Olympia were cremated alive.

There are said to be 30,000 lepers in the archipelago.

Massacre of native Christians in China continue.

Clements cannot force the Boers from Magalies Berg.

The lumber industry in Eastern Oregon is rapidly growing.

A squadron of Yeomanry is said to have been captured by Boers.

Whitmarsh, the new governor of Benguet, is a British subject.

Stocks of wool in the United States exceed 350,000,000 pounds.

A receiver was appointed for the Old Town bank, at Baltimore.

The trial of Alvord, the defaulting note taker, has been postponed.

The grandson of ex-Attorney-General Miller was abducted by his mother.

Kitchener is making little progress in driving the Boers from Cape Colony.

Robert Taylor, a well known resident of Ashland, committed suicide.

The holiday rush at the New York postoffice was the greatest ever known.

Three hundred students have been arrested in St. Petersburg for propagating Socialist doctrines.

Fontela, a Filipino refugee, says the United States will never succeed in subduing the Philippine islands.

Congress will be asked to recognize Hobson's gallantry in sinking the Merrimac in the harbor of Santiago.

Fire partially destroyed the Methodist Episcopal church (colored) of Providence, Mo. The pastor was fatally burned.

In the event of England rejecting the Hay-Pauncefote treaty a new one may be negotiated at the next session of congress.

Inquiries into quarters most likely to be correctly informed show that nothing is known in Paris to justify the report circulated in the United States that Paderevski, the pianist, was killed in a duel in France.

A band of probably 50 men forced an entrance to the Green county, Ill., jail, with the intention of lynching a prisoner, but were foiled. The prisoner had been secretly removed to another jail.

Prince Tuan and Prince Chung have been arrested.

New Zealand will send more troops to South Africa.

Yu Hsien was ordered to return to Sian Fu to be executed.

Two men were killed as the result of an explosion in an Idaho mine.

The advance guard of Eastern sheep buyers have arrived at Heppner.

The foreign ministers believe China will accept the terms of the note.

Fire in Eau Claire, Wis., destroyed half the business section. The loss is \$150,000.

The Weston, Or., school will ask the legislature to grant normal graduates diplomas under former conditions.

An unsuccessful attempt was made to blow up a hotel in Oklahoma territory. A suspect has been arrested.

Two noted Chicago scientists declare after long experiments, that the beating of the heart is caused by common salt in the blood.

James Patterson, for the past four years city treasurer of Aberdeen, Wash., is dead at his home in that city, aged 67 years.

The United States government has made an offer of \$3,000,000 for the Danish Antilles. This price is as high as the officials will go.

A bill will be introduced at the coming session of the Oregon legislature to reduce the railroad fare from 4 to 3 cents per mile.

The Philippine commission has added to the pending school bill a provision for the employment of 600 American teachers, at salaries ranging from \$7 to \$100 a month.

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King Victor of Italy had a narrow escape from drowning while viewing the flood in Rome.

Since the repeal of the Colorado law providing for capital punishment there have been 78 murders in Denver and vicinity.

Horsehoes weighing an ounce each and just a trifle larger than a silver dollar were turned out in a California shop for a Shetland pony six months old.

LATER NEWS.

An armistice has been proclaimed at Peking.

Boers captured a train near Rosmead with 60 soldiers.

Another six-day bicycle race has been started in Boston.

Conger reports China's acceptance of the powers' demands.

The Washington Post advocates the Lewis and Clark centennial in 1905.

A severe cold wave is reported throughout the middle Western states.

More than 46 tons of gold were received at the Seattle assay office in 1900.

The navy department has ordered the gunboat Scorpion to La Guayra, Venezuela.

The Oregon supreme court decides that the wife alone can convey estate in entirety.

Robbers got \$450 from passengers and mail and express in a British Columbia stage.

The Taft commission has completed the municipal government bill for the Philippines.

Fire in Williamson, W. Va., destroyed almost the entire town. The loss is estimated at \$75,000.

One person was burned to death and another fatally injured by the explosion of a kerosene lamp at Alleghany, Pa.

The new battleship Wisconsin has been formally turned over to the government at the Union Iron Works, San Francisco.

Amando Morales, a Mexican, ran amuck at Morenci, Ariz., a constable attempted to arrest him and in the fight killed Morales.

A man and woman who went to Courtney's hotel, Brooklyn, were found dead in bed. Two unlighted gas burners were turned on full.

Henry S. Eastham, the only surviving member of Commodore Perry's squadron, which opened the Japanese ports many years ago, died at his home in Berkeley, Cal.

A heavy explosion of gas occurred in the Hollenbeck mine, at Wilkes-Barre, Pa. Five hundred men were at work and all got out safely, except two, who were badly burned.

The British foreign office expects a renewal of the modus vivendi in Newfoundland, but believes it will be immediately followed by negotiations with the view of finally settling the dispute.

The kaiser is contemplating a visit to the United States.

Seattle has started a movement to suppress vice in that city.

Soldiers may have to be called out to quell a feud in Kentucky.

Coming Oregon Legislature will be asked to found normal school at Burns.

Edwin Bedford, a noted Kentucky cattle breeder, is dead, aged 68 years.

According to advices from Dawson another rich strike has been made near there.

Many Luzon insurgents have been captured as a result of scouting by Americans.

Kitchener reports that no progress is being made against Boer invaders in Cape Colony.

The Boers captured the British outposts at Helvetia, taking 200 prisoners and killing 50.

In an altercation over a game of cards, a South Carolina sheriff and two other men met death.

The report that Germany is negotiating to purchase the Danish Antilles is denied in official Danish circles.

The empress dowager will not be allowed to have anything to do with the naming of the new emperor of China.

Fire in Kansas City, Mo., for a time threatened several business blocks, but was got under control with small loss.

Severe snow storms prevail in Colorado, Missouri, Iowa, Kansas and Nebraska. In places railroad traffic is badly hampered.

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STOLE MAIL POUCH

Michigan Robbers Secured Over \$100,000.

REMARKABLE CASE OF CARELESSNESS

Station Agent Left the Sacks Unguarded Over Night in the Public Waiting Room—Letters Strawn Along the Track.

Detroit, Dec. 31.—A mail pouch containing \$100,000 in negotiable paper and an unknown amount of money was stolen from the Michigan Central passenger station at Wyandotte, Mich., some time last night. The last mail for Wyandotte arrives at 10:28 on the Michigan Central, and owing to the lateness of the hour it is left at the station until morning. When the two mail sacks were thrown from the train last night, Night Operator Rich-ard threw the pouches under a seat in the corner of the waiting room. He then went to his home in Detroit. Today when Mail Carrier John McCleary came to the station for the mail sacks he missed one. About the same time George Bessey, driver of an oil wagon, reported at the station that a pouch, ripped open and empty, was behind an oil tank a short distance from the station. At about the same time two employes of the J. B. Ford Alkali works found a number of checks and opened envelopes strawn along the railroad track. Postmaster Johnson, of Wyandotte, was notified and went at once to the scene. The trail of the thief was marked along the railroad track by strawn letters, checks and drafts. Most of the mail was intended for the J. G. Ford Company, and a force of clerks was sent out to collect the letters strawn along the track. J. B. Ford, Jr., said he expected a draft today from New York for \$40,000. The draft did not come, and it is believed that the robber or robbers took it, with other valuable papers, from the pouch.

GALE SWEEPED COAST.

Havoc Wrought by Storm in English Channel—Many Wrecks Reported.

London, Dec. 31.—There has been a recurrence of storms and violent gales in the channel, and considerable damage has been done to shipping. Telegraph lines are down in many places. Vessels are seeking shelter in the harbors, and a number of wrecks have been announced. The gale is so furious in the channel that the Continental services were suspended this evening. Wales is said to have suffered the worst effect of the gale, both on land and sea, and everywhere the telegraph wires are much disorganized, and reports are therefore incomplete. Considerable damage to property inland is certain to be reported. Some 50 barges and sailing craft broke from their moorings in the Thames alone. At Oswestry a theater was destroyed.

The Hurricane is Increasing at Queenstown, where the observers say it is the fiercest storm in years. The Maria, laden with coal, sank at her anchorage. The mails are delayed.

In response to rockets from Eddy-stone light, Plymouth sent a dory with a lifeboat to assist what was reported to be a large steamer in distress in the channel.

Incessant reports of innumerable shipping casualties show that the gale was one of the worst known in many years. Probably several days will elapse before the full damage becomes known.

In addition to some vessels not yet identified, several have been wrecked or placed in great danger, the fate of some of the cross-channel steamers being in doubt. For instance, the Great Western Railway Company's steamer, plying between Milford and Waterford, is 12 hours overdue, and no tidings of her have been received. It would be impossible to enumerate all the minor casualties.

BLOWN TO ATOMS.

Dynamite Explosion Killed Six Men at a Railroad Camp.

Keyser, W. Va., Dec. 31.—By a dynamite explosion at Baker Camp, near Durbin, Pocahontas county, on the line of the Coal & Iron railway, now building out from Elkins, six men were killed and several others fatally injured. The accident happened yesterday while the men were at dinner. Some dynamite had been placed about the stove to thaw, and shortly after a terrific explosion wrecked the camp, killed three men outright and injured eight others, three of whom have since died. The three men were blown to atoms, legs, arms and hands and even parts of their bodies being found in different directions from the building in which they lived. The names are not obtainable tonight.

Minister Buck Coming Home.

Atlanta, Ga., Dec. 31.—A private telegram received here from Colonel A. E. Buck, United States minister to Japan, says he has sailed for San Francisco en route home.

Stage Fell Over a Cliff.

Ourray, Colo., Dec. 31.—In a runaway accident about three miles above the city the Red Mountain stage was overturned and six passengers precipitated over a cliff about 70 feet in height. Mrs. R. S. Hickey, a passenger on the coach, received serious and perhaps fatal injuries. The driver, John Bates, sustained a compound fracture of the right leg and many body bruises. Other passengers were more or less injured.

BROKE THROUGH ICE.

Drowning of Forty-nine School Children Near Foster, Iowa.

Davenport, Ia., Dec. 31.—A startling rumor is current here that 49 school children were drowned while skating on the river near Foster, Ia. It is impossible to confirm the report. A traveler who arrived at Seymour, Ia., 15 miles west of Foster, early today, states he left Foster late last evening and knew nothing of such an accident. Say Report is True.

Des Moines, Ia., Dec. 31.—Telephone messages by way of Oskaloosa and Ottumwa say the report of the drowning of 49 school children at Foster is true. The children were skating on a pond near the fair grounds and the accident occurred about 9 o'clock in the evening. Wire communication with What Cheer cannot be obtained at present.

No Particulars Obtainable.

Chicago, Dec. 31.—A special to the Record from Des Moines, Ia., says: At 2 o'clock this morning communication was secured with the mayor's office in Oskaloosa over the telephone, and it was stated there that information had been received from Ottumwa confirming the rumor that 49 children had been drowned in What Cheer, this state.

It was stated that the children had been skating on a pond near the fair grounds. There were only a few e-clocks. The tragedy occurred about 9 o'clock in the evening. Beyond this no particulars were known in Oskaloosa. What Cheer cannot now be reached by wire.

Through the office of a telephone company at Indianola it was learned from the Oskaloosa office that the Ottumwa office had learned that the rumor of the drowning of 49 children was true. No particulars could be obtained.

DAMAGES FOR LYNCHING.

After a Long Suit a Woman Gets \$4,000 for the Killing of Her Husband.

Chicago, Dec. 31.—Mrs. Lulu C. Jennings, now of Chicago, has just been awarded \$4,000 for the lynching of her husband in Ripley county, Ind., three years ago. The money will be paid over by the eight bondsmen of ex-Sheriff Henry Bushing, and is the result of a private settlement of the indemnity suit instituted by the widow three months after the murder. This puts an end to a case that has aroused attention all over the United States.

William Jenkins was one of five men lynched in September, 1897, for alleged complicity in the stealing of a horse from Lisle Levi, of Osgood, Indiana. Levi also was a victim of the mob. The men killed were Robert Andrews, Heine Schuter, William Jenkins, Clifford Gordon, a 17-year old boy, and Lisle Levi, an aged soldier.

There was a fight in which shots were fired at a deputy sheriff.

Jenkins, with the others, was arrested and taken to jail at Versailles, Ind. Mrs. Jenkins, suspecting that mob violence was brewing, walked from Osgood to Versailles at night and paced the streets till dawn, armed with a revolver. For several hours she waited under the window of her husband's cell, ready to challenge any who came to do him harm. Her fears being finally allayed, Mrs. Jenkins started for home. No sooner was she out of sight than a mob gathered. Dragging out the five men, the mob killed them in succession by beating them over the head with a market stock.

Mrs. Jenkins was compelled to flee to save her own life, coming to Chicago. Here she brought suit for \$5,000 damages against Sheriff Bushing's bondsmen before Judge Baker in the United States circuit court. The suit dragged along for three years and finally the bondsmen decided to settle outside of court.

Mrs. Jenkins, when compelled several months ago to go to Ripley county to attend the trial of the case, was protected by a body guard of government detectives. She will go to Versailles next week to get the \$4,000.

Found an American Diamond Mine.

Alamo Gordo, Dec. 31.—A prominent railway official here today received a box of 50 gems closely resembling and alleged to be diamonds found near Captain, the coal camp on the line of the El Paso & Northeastern railway company, 80 miles north of this place. The stones were found by J. J. Blow, formerly associated with the De Beers Consolidated company at Kimberly, South Africa, who has been secretly investigating the field for the past month, and a letter from him accompanying the shipment states that they are either diamonds or something so closely resembling the gem that they deceive him. They will successfully stand every crude test known. The gems will be sent away for final analysis.

Mother and Children Perished.

Brookville, Pa., Dec. 31.—Fire today destroyed the residence of Mrs. Harriger, and the mother and two daughters, aged 5 and 7, perished.

Burned to Death.

Chicago, Dec. 31.—One woman, Mrs. Mary Kennedy, was burned to death and two others and a child were seriously injured in a fire of mysterious origin at 224 West Monroe street. The injured are: Mrs. Mary Mason, face and body badly burned, may die; Mrs. Louise Hannon, overcome by smoke, will recover; Hannon, 7-months old child of Mrs. Hannon, overcome by smoke.

Contest Over Dead Miner's Fortune.

Seattle, Jan. 2.—A contest is on for letters of administration over the estate of Peter Grant McDonald, a Yukon pioneer who died at Dawson recently. Frank Buteau, the dead man's partner, and Colin McDonald, a brother-in-law of the dead man, are the rival claimants. The latter alleges that he represents the heirs, who live in San Francisco. The estate is estimated at \$15,000 to \$20,000.

PHILIPPINES TAXES

Commission Will Raise Revenue From Land.

THE SEDULA WILL BE ABOLISHED

Alejandro's Man Trying to Escape From Mount Arayat—Question of Coinage Laid Before Congress.

Manila, Jan. 2.—The Philippine commission has completed the preparation of a general municipal government bill. The provisions, in many respects, are similar to General MacArthur's order regarding municipal governments and authorizing elections, but they are much more elaborate, covering all details. The most notable new feature is the establishment of land taxation and the doing away with the sedula (or head tax) and taxation on people's occupations. A feature new to the Philippines is that the revenue from land taxes is to be expended where it is collected. The manner of holding elections and the duties of officers are prescribed. A decision in the San Jose medical college case has been deferred until Saturday.

General Frederick D. Grant wires that General Alejandro's men are trying to escape from Mount Arayat. Two of them were killed Sunday. There is no water on the mountain, and food is scarce.

An official report says the Fourth infantry and the Fourth Cavalry in Cavite province have captured 109 armed insurgents and taken possession of their camps at Anabo and Malagan. Captain Biddle, chief of engineers, has returned on the transport Meade from the island of Guam. He says the conditions there have greatly improved by the planting of trees. The Arthurs, a United States water carrying ship, laden with supplies, arrived there December 21, after a tempestuous voyage from Cavite, during which her boats were swept overboard. There is much suffering from hunger in the outlying districts of Guam, but no starvation. Two-thirds of the population are at Agaña, the chief city of the island and its vicinity.

THE MESSAGE A FORGERY.

Dispatch to Sprague Was Sent by Some One Enabled to Tamper With the Wires.

London, Jan. 2.—Since his arrival in London, Major-General Sir Henry Colville has received information tending to show that Lieutenant-Colonel Sprague actually received a forged telegram purporting to be signed by General Colville, dated Lindley, May 23, saying:

"I am badly in want of mounted troops. Come here at once."

The telegram was sent off three days before General Colville reached Lindley, and was the cause of Lieutenant-Colonel Sprague hastening there. One of the principal charges against General Colville is that, after appealing to the Yeomanry for help, he abandoned them to their fate.

"I never heard of this telegram," said General Colville, "until now. But it explains the mystery of my alleged message to Colonel Sprague. It was known at the time that some one was tampering with the wires near Lindley in the interest of the Boers."

General Colville reported himself at the war office today. General Sir Evelyn Wood, the adjutant-general, merely sent a subordinate to meet the general.

Magill's Sentence Commuted.

Springfield, Ill., Jan. 2.—Governor Tanner today granted a commutation of sentence to nine months in the case of George L. Magill, convicted in Chicago in April last of receiving deposits in his bank after it was insolvent, and sentenced to Joliet prison under the indeterminate sentence law. The petition for executive clemency was signed by some of the leading men.

President Wants England to Accept.

London, Jan. 2.—The Washington correspondent of the Daily Telegraph wires another interview with President McKinley, in the course of which he expressed a wish that the United States and Great Britain might continue in amity during the new century. Mr. McKinley, according to the correspondent, said he hoped for the acceptance of the amended Hay-Pauncefote treaty, and hoped to see the Nicaragua canal commenced thoroughly in his second term of office.

Paris Exposition Pictures Sold.

Paris, Jan. 2.—The Luxembourg Gazette has purchased several pictures displayed at the Paris exposition. Among these are Walter McEwen's "A Sunday in Holland," and Humphrey Johnson's "Portrait of a Woman," both from the United States section.

An Appeal for Funds.

The Princess of Wales has written to the London newspapers appealing for funds for the Soldiers' and Sailors' Family Association, to maintain the families of the men engaged in war.

BLIZZARD IN THE EAST.

Heavy Snowfall at Several Places Interferes With Railroad Traffic.

Denver, Jan. 2.—A blizzard visited Colorado last night, and has continued with varied strength throughout the state today. The temperature is falling tonight in most sections, and at several places the fall of snow has been quite heavy. Railroad traffic, though not seriously affected, has been interrupted. No great damage to livestock is reported.

Severe Snow Storm in Missouri.

Kansas City, Mo., Jan. 2.—A severe snow storm set in tonight, and the temperature is falling. Reports from Northern Missouri, Kansas and Iowa show the fall to be heavy. Winter wheat in many sections of those states, as well as throughout the West generally, has been greatly in need of a heavy blanket of snow, which will afford ample moisture as well as protection to the grain from severe freezing.

Furious Blizzard in Nebraska.

Omaha, Jan. 2.—A furious blizzard began in the eastern part of Nebraska at 8 o'clock this morning, continuing throughout the day, and tonight extends over the state. In this city the street car traffic is badly hampered. The wind is piling the snow badly.

THE MARQUETTE STATUE.

It is Now Discovered Not to Be a Likeness of the Famous Pioneer Explorer.

New York, Jan. 2.—According to the Washington correspondent of the Herald, the statue of Pere Marquette, in the statuary hall in the capitol, about which there was almost a religious war a few years ago, turns out not to be the statue of Pere Marquette at all. The statue was presented to the nation by the state of Wisconsin. Objections were raised to its installation in the capitol by persons of other than Catholic denomination, and for many months the authorities hesitated as to what they should do. They finally gave Pere Marquette a place with other prominent men.

A discovery has now been made of an oil painting of Marquette in Montreal, which indicates that the statue is as far from being an accurate representation of the famous explorer as day is from night. The painting in Montreal, it is said, is undoubtedly authentic, and was so covered with dust that no outline of the portrait could be had until it had undergone a careful cleaning. It is believed that this painting is the only likeness of Marquette in existence, and the face in oil is not the face of the Marquette in marble at the capitol.

A CONGRESS OF IDEAS.

That is What the Pan-American Exposition Will Be.

What a veritable mine of valuable information the Pan-American Exposition will be for business and professional people, mechanics, agriculturists, and in fact all who are engaged in the various vocations in life, besides affording the rarest entertainment imaginable. From this wonderful exposition of the achievements of the Western hemisphere during the nineteenth century, they will return to their homes and pursuits better equipped for their work. Those who would not avail themselves of the benefits to be derived from this unprecedented congress of ideas would find themselves outstripped by others who have wisely accepted the golden opportunity to familiarize themselves with what has made so much for progress. No one with a progressive turn of mind can afford to remain away from an exposition which will be so rich in its educational aspects and lasting in its pleasant impressions as the Pan-American.

Caught in a Prairie Fire.

Wichita, Kan., Jan. 2.—Gottlieb Stacker and his entire family, moving from Stillwater, O. T., to Rogers Mills county, were caught while asleep in their wagon in a prairie fire last night. A 17-months-old baby was roasted to death and a boy will die. A young lady will lose both limbs and no hopes are entertained of saving the mother's life. In their roasted condition, and with the eyes and hair of their horses burned out, they reached a dugout owned by Dennis Carr, a few miles south. The prairie fire was fanned by a wind traveling 60 miles an hour.

Shoshone National Park.

Washington, Jan. 2.—The entire Idaho delegation and Governor Steunenberg have united in protesting against the establishment of Shoshone National park on Snake river, which they unitedly recommended during the summer. They contend that the land proposed to embrace in the park is susceptible to irrigation, and would be worth many millions if irrigated according to a plan proposed by a company recently organized for that purpose. The matter is held in abeyance pending a report of a special agent of the department.

For an Immense Storage Reservoir.

Phoenix, Ariz., Jan. 2.—Arthur P. Davis, one of the most noted members of the government hydrographic bureau, has arrived from Washington to conduct soundings on the Gila river with a view to the construction of a dam that stream by the government of one of the biggest storage reservoirs in the world. The main purpose in view is the relief of 8,000 Indians whose water for irrigation has been diverted by white settlers.

OREGON STATE NEWS

Items of Interest From All Parts of the State.

COMMERCIAL AND FINANCIAL HAPPENINGS

A Brief Review of the Growth and Improvements of the Many Industries Throughout Our Thriving Commonwealth.

Condon is digging another city well. The Salem tax levy for 1901 will be 10 mills.

The Oregon Agricultural College has 406 students.

Dallas will refund its debt of \$2,500 at a lower rate of interest.

Pendleton water consumers will have to use meters after April 1.

The sheriff