



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.

Queen Victoria is dead at her Osborne house...

Verdi, the composer, is seriously ill.

The severest storm on record is reported from Alaska.

A strip of Benton county, Oregon, may be annexed to Linn.

A fire at Walla Walla destroyed \$25,000 worth of property.

The next Grand Army encampment will be held at Cleveland, Ohio.

The Venezuela government is trying to blackmail the asphalt company.

Speaker Reeder, of the Oregon legislature, has announced his committees.

A new pure food law is now being considered by the Oregon legislature.

A bill is before the Washington legislature for the abolishment of fish traps.

Ex-Congressman George W. Cowles, aged 78, is dead at his home in Clyde, N. Y.

A measure has been introduced in the Oregon legislature to increase the monument fund to \$20,000.

The senate has confirmed the nomination of James S. Harlan to be attorney-general of Porto Rico.

A new county, named Clearwater, will probably be created by this session of the Idaho legislature.

John H. Russel, a well known theatrical manager, is dead at the state hospital at Middletown, N. Y.

The governor of Idaho has recommended a memorial to congress asking for popular election of senators.

A measure is before the Washington legislature providing for the purchase of the Thurston county court house for a state capitol.

Rev. Charles E. Conrad, M. D., a noted missionary, died at Quincy, Ill., aged 81. He was in Calcutta during the Sepoy outbreak.

The revenue cutter Grant is to make a cruise along the coast near the United States-Canadian line to investigate the wreckage, of which so much has come ashore lately.

West Point cadets agree to abolish hazing.

Enraged Omaha citizens burned a pesthouse.

Germans contemplate a cable line around the world.

The naval appropriation bill provides for four new warships.

Astoria's big export sawmill will be located at Tongue's Point.

The term of duty in the Philippines may be limited to two years.

Minister Wu urges Americans to enter into trade with China.

Havana citizens petition congress to lower duty on Cuban products.

America's protests against Venezuela have been defied by that government.

The house will devote most of its time this week to the appropriation bill.

British ship Muel Tryvan foundered in English channel and 11 lives were lost.

T. W. Bartley, of Moscow, has been appointed fish and game warden for Idaho.

Anarchist plot to kill prominent Americans disclosed by member in a court trial.

Severe cold weather prevails in Cuba. There has been much suffering at Santiago.

Count de Leberasse and Baron de Rothschild fought a duel in France in which the former was wounded.

An Idaho bill for the repeal of the stringent law against gambling has been introduced in the house.

The Oregon legislature will be asked by the managers of the Spokane exposition to appropriate \$50,000 for an exhibit at the fair.

Two men, while rowing across Niagara river, lost control of their boat and were carried into the rapids. One of them was swept over the falls and drowned. The other was rescued.

All hopes for the recovery of Queen Victoria are gone and the announcement of her death is hourly expected. All members of her family are either at her bedside or going there as fast as steam can carry them.

Mayor-Elect Hurley, of Salem, Mass., will give his salary of \$2,500 to the poor.

Chairman Johnson and Secretary Walsh will keep national Democratic headquarters in Chicago open till 1904.

An experiment farm will be started 200 miles from Manila by the United States Philippine commission for the growth of all sorts of seeds and plants from this country.

DIAMOND SMUGGLER CAUGHT

Had Them Snuggly Hidden in the Pockets of a Belt He Wore Around His Waist.

New York, Jan. 21.—United States Marshal Alcott, of the Ferry district, has formally seized in this city \$17,000 worth of diamonds...

Ansenias was not arrested, but the diamonds will be held pending a decision of the Treasury department...

After separate articles, of an appraised valuation of \$11,000, which with 60 per cent duty added would make them worth \$17,000.

THE IRRIGATION MOVEMENT.

It Receives Strong Support From Secretary Hitchcock.

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WILL BE ON HAND

Farquhar's Squadron Ready to Move on Venezuela.

IF THE TROUBLE IS NOT SETTLED

Minister Loomis' Dispatches Tamped With—The Scorpion Will Remain at La Guayra, Where Her Presence is Necessary.

Washington, Jan. 21.—Nothing has been heard over night from Minister Loomis regarding the situation in Venezuela. Navy department officials deny that any instructions have been given to the North Atlantic squadron to move over from Florida to Venezuela...

The orders to the Scorpion to proceed to Guaymas from La Guayra have been countermanded, and she will remain at La Guayra, where her presence is regarded as necessary.

By direction of the state department, Minister Loomis has protested to the Venezuelan government against the exercise of censorship over any of its official communications...

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ANARCHISTS' PLOT.

Planned to Kill Prominent Americans Disclosed in Court Trial.

New York, Jan. 23.—Elias Masuras, a Greek, the complainant in an assault case, which came before Judge Kellogg, of Yonkers, N. Y., this morning, told a startling tale of a plot of Greek anarchists to kill prominent Americans...

On the stand Masuras said that in Greece he had been a member of an anarchist society. Some time ago it fell to his lot to kill a public man in the United States...

After reaching America, Masuras, according to his own story, went to Yonkers, and affiliated himself with a branch of the organization...

From the time he left the organization he claims he was annoyed and threatened by members of the society.

He remained firm in his determination not to obey the orders, however, and yesterday six of the men came here and begged him to return.

Masuras was apparently willing to tell more about the society, but Judge Kellogg adjourned the hearing and committed the prisoner to jail, pending further examination.

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PURPOSE BLACKMAIL

Venezuela Trying to Squeeze an American Concern.

ENGLAND WILL GIVE NO PROTECTION

Offers to Restore the Asphalt Property for One Million Dollars—Insurgents Gain a Battle.

Port of Spain, Trinidad, British West Indies, Jan. 23.—The arrivals today from Venezuela confirm the reports of the existence of a critical condition of affairs in that republic.

The Venezuelan minister asserts that the politicians at Caracas are making a determined raid on the Bermudez Asphalt Company.

He adds that they tried it before on a modest scale, squeezing \$80,000 out of the company, when United States Minister Loomis protested and stopped further action of this description.

The government, the minister also says, listened to reason then, but has now lost its head and offered to restore the property for \$1,000,000, although it is said to have been illegally taken by a dictatorial decree.

In addition, the assertion is made that if foreign governments permit the action of the Venezuelan authorities to pass without some protest, all foreign investors will be driven from South America, for the latter always claim they are being illegally plundered.

In this connection, the assertion is made that no former Venezuelan government would have dared to act as this one does toward Washington.

It is explained that the Venezuelan authorities are counting on the disinclination of strong nations to coerce weak ones.

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NEWS OF THIS AND NEIGHBORING STATES

Interesting Events and Gossip of the Past Week Reported From Cities and Towns in Washington, Oregon and Idaho.

OREGON.

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The Southern Pacific is storing ice at Ashland. The Dalles will purchase 500 feet of fire hose.

The Oregon legislature deficit foots up \$50,000. Machinery for the new laundry at Eugene has arrived.

The Grant county tax levy has been fixed at 25 1/4 mills. Coyotes are numerous in Coles valley, Douglas county.