



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.

Ex-King Milan is dead. All the saloons in Topeka have closed. The pacification of Panay is complete.

The senate passed the naval appropriation bill. The Philippine tariff act has reached Washington.

There is no longer any doubt of the plague at Cape Town.

Bids for Manila harbor improvements will soon be advertised.

The disorders in Madrid and other Spanish cities continue.

The house voted to ask for a conference on the war tax bill.

Mrs. Nation says she is going on a world tour of "joint" smashing.

An order is being prepared for the organization of 10 new regiments.

The Mammoth has been added to the list of Eastern Oregon producing mines.

A ballot box was stolen and three were hurt in an election riot in St. Louis.

The Chinese plenipotentiaries will be excluded from meetings of the foreign envoys.

The new regiment of the Twenty-eighth Infantry is to be organized at Vancouver.

There is a lack of cordiality between army men and the Philippine commissioners.

Lloyd Griscom, United States secretary of legation and charge, at Constantinople, is coming home on leave of absence. He has not resigned, as had been reported.

The Ohio supreme court holds that the state supervisor of elections (the secretary of state) is the final judge of all controversies arising under the election laws of the state.

Senator Foraker has reported a bill providing that Hawaiian coins may be received at par for all government dues, and that when once so received, they shall not be again put in circulation.

The followers of General Maximo Gomez triumphed in the Cuban constitutional convention. The clause making him eligible to the presidency of the republic was adopted by a vote of 15 to 14.

Portugal, it is said, will send troops to aid the British.

A good vein of coal has been located near Pendleton, Oregon.

French troops in China disobeyed Count von Waldersee's orders.

Three lives were lost and four people badly injured in a Boston fire.

Dawet and Steyn have issued a proclamation saying they will enter Cape Colony.

La Grande, Oregon, farmers protest against alleged discrimination of army horse buyers.

An unknown man at Salem, Oregon, drove over an embankment and sustained serious injuries.

One British general was killed and another severely injured in an engagement at Orange camp.

Colonel Albert D. Shaw, former commander-in-chief of G. A. R., died suddenly at his home in Watertown, N. Y.

Professor Van Max Pettinkofer, the distinguished German chemist, committed suicide by shooting himself in a fit of melancholy.

Three men have been arrested at Manila, Iowa, for the robbery of a United States Express Company's safe. They secured \$40,000 in money and other valuables.

The condition of ex-King Milan, of Serbia, has taken a turn for the worse. Both his lungs are congested, the heart is very weak, and his malady has entered an extremely critical condition.

Kitchener reports that eastern movement of British troops has upset plans of Boers.

Coming marriage of Princess of Asturias greatly displeases the Spanish students.

Typographical Union No. 13, of Boston, will call a strike in every book and job office in that city in case the master printers refuse to sign the union scale at once. They demand that women typesetters shall be treated as "journeyman compositors," and receive the same wages as men for doing the same work.

Alfred Vanderbilt has given \$2,700,000 to his fiancée, Elsie French, as her marriage portion.

OUR LAWMAKERS.

Doings of Importance at the State Capital—Bills Passed.

License Bill Defeated. Senate bill 14, for the licensing of stationary engineers and firemen was defeated Monday.

Woman Suffrage Defeated. An effort was made in the house Monday to reconsider the vote by which senate joint resolution 71, for woman suffrage, was defeated. The vote for reconsideration was lost, 28 to 21.

Law Without Governor's Signature. Governor Geer Monday filed the barber Sunday closing bill without his signature, thus completing the proceedings necessary to make it a law. As it bears an emergency clause, it went into effect Monday and will make barbering on next Sunday a crime.

Passed Both Houses. The following bills have passed both houses: House bill 3, relative to school libraries; house bill 91, to prohibit barbering on Sunday; house bill 203, appropriation for legislative expenses and deficiencies; senate bill 12, providing for sale of school lands; senate bill 15, exemption of earnings of judgment debtors; senate bill 17, fixing fees of witnesses in Douglas, Jackson and Josephine counties in criminal actions; senate bill 95, fixing salary of judge of Clackamas county. Incorporation bills, Sheridan and Whitney.

Signed by the Governor. The following bills have been signed by the governor: House bill 8, amending Albany bridge act; house bill 4, appropriating \$45,000 for Oregon agricultural college; house bill 25, appropriating \$47,500 to Oregon state university; house bill 180, for payment of scalp bounty warrants; house bill 224, relative to Portland tax ley; house bill 257, relinquishing ground to United States for postoffice at Salem; senate bill 8, relative to licenses on state fair grounds. (A law without governor's signature); senate bill 19, to pay expenses of Indian war veterans to Washington; senate bill 89, to submit initiative and referendum; senate bill 104, removing incline at Cascade locks; senate bill 11, to authorize Portland to levy a special tax; incorporation acts for the following places: Roseburg, Canyonville, Silverton, Elgin, Summerville, Baker City, Antelope, Dallas, Sumpter, Myrtle Point, Medford.

The vote for senator Monday stood: Corbett 30, George H. Williams 23, William Smith 25, Binger Hermann 6, not voting 1, absent or paired 5.

Aid for Orphanages. The house committee on corporations Wednesday rendered a favorable report on the bill by Holcomb providing state aid for all orphan asylums of not to exceed \$10 per annum per inmate.

Bills Passed. The house Wednesday passed bills as follows: By Mulkey, to give old borrowers of school funds the benefit of same rate of interest as given to new borrowers; by Smith, of Yamhill, to amend the charter of Sheridan; by Masters, to reduce fees of witnesses and jurors in Douglas, Jackson and Josephine counties; by Porter, to reduce the salary of Clackamas county judge from \$1,200 to \$720, beginning in 1902.

The senate Wednesday passed the following bills: Senate bill No. 77, requiring that sentence of death be executed at the penitentiary, by the superintendent or a warden; senate bill No. 83, relating to the proof of writings; senate bill No. 86, to create the office of state bacteriologist, without pay; senate bill No. 85, relating to title of floating logs; senate bill No. 103, to authorize district and county high schools; senate bill No. 115, a substitute for the original, to fix the fees to be paid county clerks; senate bill No. 188, to amend the charter of Vernonia, Columbia county; senate bill No. 192, to incorporate Grass Valley; senate bill No. 108, to amend the scalp bounty law.

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Fu Clark Sword Fund. In the house Wednesday Eddy introduced a concurrent resolution providing for an appropriation of \$22 for the completion of the Captain Clark sword fund.

FATAL TRAIN WRECK

Of a Fast Mail Train on the Erie Road.

THERE WERE FIVE PASSENGERS KILLED

Among the Victims Were a Party of Soldiers on the Way to the Philippines—Hardly a Passenger Escaped Injury.

Greenville, Pa., Feb. 9.—Train No. 5, the New York-Chicago limited on the Erie railroad, was wrecked this morning within the town limits. Five passengers were dead when taken from the wreck, several are missing and there are many badly injured.

Hardly a passenger escaped without injury. The ill-fated train was composed entirely of vestibuled Pullmans, three sleepers, a day coach, combination smoker and baggage and mail car, and was drawn by one of the Atlantic type of engines. It was in the smoking compartment that death laid a ruthless hand, for not one of the 16 occupants escaped death or injury.

A party of soldiers, nine in number, on their way from Fort Porter, N. Y., to Fort Crook, Neb., in charge of Sergeant-Major Harry A. Hart, of New York, occupied a part of the smoker. Of the number three were killed and two seriously injured. They were under orders for the Philippines and would have sailed in a short time.

MOUNTAIN TOP BLOWN OFF

Terrible Explosion in a Mexican Mine Killed Eighty-seven Persons.

Chihuahua, Mex., Feb. 9.—Word has just reached here of one of the most terrible mining disasters that ever occurred in Mexico. An explosion in the San Andres mine, situated in a remote locality of the Sierra Madres, in the western part of the state of Durango, caused the death of 87 men, women and children, and injured many others.

The catastrophe was due to the explosion of several hundred cases of dynamite, which was stored in an underground chamber of the mine.

Electric wires connecting with the hoisting machinery passed through the room in which this dynamite was stored, and it is supposed that these wires became crossed, thereby causing a fire which set off the dynamite.

All of the killed and injured were located on the surface, most of them occupying residences right over the underground workings of the mine.

Among those who were killed was Herman Lutzman, the superintendent of the mine and all the members of his family.

At the time of the explosion there were several hundred miners at work in the lower workings of the mine, and, strange to say, none of them were seriously injured, although they were all severely shocked by the terrific force of the explosion. They rushed to the surface through one of the shafts that was not filled with debris and the sight that met their eyes in the almost complete destruction of the little village is indescribable.

The work of gathering up the fragments of the unfortunate victims of the explosion scattered over the mountain was begun, and they were placed together and buried in one grave. But few of the mangled remains were recognizable. Camps were sent to neighboring towns for surgeons to attend to the injured, and it was some time before they arrived.

The San Andres mine is the most celebrated silver mine in Mexico. It is valued at \$20,000,000. It has produced many millions of dollars worth of ore.

Wrecked at a Crossing. Pittsburg, Pa., Feb. 9.—The Pennsylvania limited express train ran into the rear of the Cleveland express on the Pennsylvania line at the Allegheny avenue crossing this morning, wrecking the engine of the limited and the rear sleeper of the Cleveland express. The passengers on the limited were shaken up but not injured. Only one passenger on the Cleveland express, Henry Lubling, of New York, was seriously injured, but several sustained slight bruises. Failure to flag the limited is said to have been the cause of the collision.

Shot His Fiancée. Oakland, Cal., Feb. 9.—In a frenzy of rage, because a he had broken the engagement, Bert Henderson, an employee of the telephone company in San Francisco, shot and seriously wounded his fiancée, Miss Emma O'Neil, late last night, then turned the pistol on himself, fired a bullet into his own brain and died almost instantly.

An Eight-Story Building Burned. Chicago, Feb. 9.—The eight-story building at Harrison and Canal streets, owned by Edwin Pose, of Boston, was burned tonight. The loss was \$75,000.

Serious Fire at St. Cloud. Minneapolis, Minn., Feb. 9.—A telephone message to the Times from St. Cloud, Minn., says a big fire is raging in that city. The fire started in the West hotel. It burned Debin Bros.' grocery store, Myers' laundry, the California wine store and the public library which was located in the hotel. Later reports say the opera house and livery stable and smaller buildings have been destroyed, and the flames are still spreading.

ARRESTED FOR ROBBERY.

Three Well-Known Men Were Trained Through the Snow.

Sioux City, Ia., Feb. 12.—Three men, believed to have been implicated in the theft last night at Manila, Ia., of a United States Express Company's safe, said to contain \$40,000, were arrested at that place this morning.

They were traced by their tracks in the snow. The men are John Jackson, John Stovall and Charles Hayes. All live at Manila, and are well known. Their reputations heretofore have not been bad. They stoutly protested their innocence. Mrs. Jackson, wife of John Jackson, was also arrested, but at a preliminary hearing, she was released. The three men are in jail, having been unable to furnish a bond, fixed at \$12,000 each.

None of the money or valuables, has been recovered. The safe that was stolen contained in the neighborhood of \$40,000. Two thousand dollars was in cash, and the remainder in drafts, checks and various valuables. While the robbery undoubtedly was deliberately planned, as the horse and wagon were in waiting in a convenient spot, it is not believed that the men knew they were making so rich a haul. They had no means of knowing the contents of the safe, only that it was used in carrying valuables.

The Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul train on which the safe was taken from Sioux City, arrived at Manila at 8:05 P. M. The Omaha train was late, and James Sturtevant, of Sioux City, the express messenger, did not hurry in unloading the goods and packages from his car. The express box, with other articles, was placed on a truck on the depot platform, and then Sturtevant and the baggage man went to the other end of the platform to get another truckload. When Sturtevant returned he noticed the articles on the truck were disarranged, and a glance showed that the iron box was gone.

There was great excitement, and no time was lost in spreading the alarm. Marshal Fearall hastily assembled a posse. Snow lay thick on the ground, and it did not take long to discover the tracks of two persons, who evidently had been carrying something heavy directly from the truck, as it stood on the depot platform.

They carried the safe a distance of about two blocks, and then loaded it into a wagon, which had been left there in waiting. The wagon was driven about a mile and a half out into the country, and there the safe was forced open and the contents abstracted. The men abandoned the safe and went their way on a new track. It was not difficult, however, to trace them, and this morning three arrests were made. The authorities say the shoes of two of the men under arrest fit exactly the tracks in the snow.

THREE LIVES LOST.

Result of a Fire in a Boston Brick Building—Four Others Badly Injured.

Boston, Feb. 12.—Three persons lost their lives and four others were badly injured in a fire in a four-story brick dwelling in Harrison avenue early this morning.

There is suspicion that the fire was of incendiary origin and two arrests have been made, Harris Levin and his wife Bertha.

Levin had a shoe store on the first floor of the building, and the arrests are made on the suspicion that naphtha or something of that kind caused the fire.

Men and women jumped from the burning building and firemen and policemen rescued others from smoke filled corridors and hallways.

The second-story was occupied by Daniel Hart, his wife, her sister and four children. They all jumped from a window. One of the children was badly burned and suffered internal injuries by jumping, and died. Mrs. Hart was badly hurt.

The third story was occupied by Daniel and Thomas Brennan. The latter escaped, but Daniel jumped three stories to a shed and suffered serious injuries.

The fourth story was occupied by Mrs. Frances Riley and Mrs. Barry. Mrs. Riley was overcome by the smoke and suffocated. Her body was discovered after the flames had been subdued. Mrs. Barry jumped from the fourth floor and is in a precarious condition.

Transport Ashore. Santiago De Cuba, Feb. 12.—The United States transport Rawlinson went ashore this morning on a coral reef around the wreck of the United States collier Merrimac. She arrived at daybreak, intending to embark the troops of the Tenth infantry for New York. The pilot attempted to pass on the wrong side of the Merrimac, and struck the hidden reef hard. Three powerful tugs pulled unsuccessfully all the afternoon in the attempt to float the ship. It will probably be necessary to rig elaborate blocks before she can be gotten off. She is in no danger, and the likelihood is that she is not injured.

Will Take Part in Inaugural Parade. The Yale undergraduates have decided to take part in the inaugural parade in Washington next March.

Mexicans Defeated Indians. Mexico City, Feb. 12.—The federal troops in Yucatan have had another battle with the rebel Indians who were strongly intrenched, but the Indians were unable to withstand the charge on their position, and fled in all directions. Many of the Indians would like to be released from the tyranny of chiefs who inflicted the penalty and torture, and commit many barbarities to infuse terror into their adherents.

REJECTS THE TREATY

England's Action on the Nicaragua Canal Project.

ALMOST EQUAL TO A FLAT REFUSAL

A Counter Proposal, Likely to Cause Extended Negotiations, Will Soon Be Presented Through Lord Pauncefote.

London, Feb. 11.—It has been learned that a reply will shortly be sent to the United States Nicaragua canal project. It will not comply with the senate's demands, neither will it be in the nature of a flat refusal, though for purposes of immediate construction it will be tantamount to such a refusal. It will consist mainly in a counter proposal or proposals, likely to necessitate extended negotiations. The nature of the proposal is not yet ascertainable. Lord Pauncefote will likely be the medium through which the answer will be sent and by whom the subsequent negotiations will be conducted. In British official opinion, it is likely that several months will elapse before the matter reaches a conclusion, by which time the Hay-Pauncefote treaty will have elapsed, on the basis of the senate's amendments. The British counter proposals are now formulating, and it is hoped an entirely new agreement, satisfactory to both countries, will eventually be reached.

Commented on in Washington. Washington, Feb. 11.—So far as can be ascertained, the administration has not had any intimation of the counter proposals the London dispatch says will be made in the matter of the Nicaragua canal project. There is a feeling of regret that the British government has felt constrained to adopt such a course, as the hope was entertained that the amendments to the Hay-Pauncefote treaty might have been accepted in the spirit in which they were made.

Senator Morgan when informed tonight of the new stand taken by Great Britain, said he believed that if Great Britain has decided to take the action stated, it would create resentment in the senate and among the people and distrust of the moves of that government. He hoped it might result in some action on the pending bill at this session. Senator Morgan, however, was not willing to say what action, if any, he proposed to take to bring about such a result.

One suggestion made tonight as a possible counter proposal by Great Britain was that in return for concessions made by her she might desire an open port on the Alaskan coast as an entrance into her gold fields in the Klondike.

MORE MEN FOR KETCHENER

Reinforcements for the South African Army—Boers Held Up a Natal Train.

London, Feb. 11.—Public attention has again been turned toward South Africa by the dispatch of reinforcements and the publication of Lord Roberts' dispatches. Rumor has been in circulation that Mr. Chamberlain had reconsidered his South African policy, and was contemplating a round table conference with John Morley and Sir William Vernon Harcourt, and the recall of Sir Alfred Milner.

The appearance of the bubonic plague at Cape Town seems likely to add to the difficulties of the situation. The authorities there have decided upon a wholesale extermination of rats. Should the disease spread, it will necessitate changes in the military arrangements.

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AT THE EXPOSITION.

States Are Alive to the Importance of Making Comprehensive Exhibits.

The different states and territories of the union are alive to the importance of the Pan-American exposition and all of them will be represented there in a befitting manner if present plans carry, as is almost safe to say they will. In some instances appropriations have been made for buildings and exhibits and there are now in various legislatures bills pending for appropriations.

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