

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.

Fire at St. Louis caused \$100,000 damage. Natives of Marinduque want civil government. Orders were issued for dispatching regulars to Manila.

Morocco will be compelled to pay the American claims. Natives of Tutuila ask that Tilley remain their governor.

Trias, an influential Filipino general, surrendered to the Americans. Several girls lost their lives in a factory fire at St. Joseph, Mo.

Fighting occurred between students and Cossacks at St. Petersburg. Fourie's commando escaped from the British net near Bloemfontein.

Loomis protests to Venezuela against further interference with Baiz. Oregon hopgrowers are contracting this year's crop at 11 cents per pound.

Mines were renewed homeless by fire at Memphis, Ind., and Bismarck, Mo. A department of public instruction has been established in the Philippines.

The Manchurian agreement is likely to disrupt the concert of the powers. Oil deposits near Ashland, Or., will be developed by California capitalists.

John O. Rider, inventor of the Remington file, died at his home in Newark, O., of heart disease, aged 74 years.

The St. Louis Steam Forge & Iron Works, better known as McDonald's Forge Works, were destroyed by fire. Loss, \$100,000.

The plants of the Paragould Roller Mill Company and West Rogers Planing Mill, at Paragould, Ark., were destroyed by fire. Loss, \$250,000.

The lumber yards and saw and planing mill plant of John B. Ransom & Co., in West Nashville, Tenn., were destroyed by fire. Loss, \$140,000.

Lieutenant General Miles, who intends to inspect the principal military posts in Cuba, has arrived at Havana with his party from the United States.

Nelson O. Whitney, professor of railway engineering in the university of Wisconsin, died suddenly at Madison, Wis., of heart disease, aged 43 years.

One fireman was killed and three others injured in a Pittsburg fire. Bids will soon be asked for construction of Skagway-Juneau cable.

There is no change in the Anglo-Russian railway dispute at Tien Tsin. Seventh infantry, stationed at Vancouver barracks, has been ordered to Manila.

Two men died and 15 were prostrated as the result of an explosion on a steamer. The South and Central American republics will enter the conference of American republics.

As a result of student demonstrations at several points, Russia has declared a state of siege. Highwaymen held up a Wichita car and robbed and shot the motorman. There were no passengers.

The American consular agent at Barcelona, Venezuela, has again been arrested by that government. Jessie Morrison, who killed Mrs. Castle at Eldorado, Kan., furnished a \$5,000 bond and will be released.

The employees of the Washington mine, at Oxford, N. J., have been fighting fire and black damp in the mine for several days. The Cleveland dry goods firm of Gavin, Parmelee & White was placed in the hands of a receiver. The firm's debts aggregate \$100,000.

Jim Harris was found guilty of murder in the first degree for killing J. H. Allen, a wealthy Ottumwa, Kan., merchant. This will mean a life sentence. Lieutenant August Newkirk Maher, United States navy, died at Vallejo, Cal., from apoplexy. He entered the naval academy from Kansas, and graduated in the class of 1889.

Robert Walsh, said to be the missing son of a prominent lumberman of Saginaw, Mich., was murdered in a quarrel in St. Louis in the course of a quarrel over the spoils of a robbery. John Enoch Pond, a member of the Berkeley high school, has been appointed the first naval cadet from the Hawaiian Islands. The appointment was recommended by Delegate Wilcox. Young Pond is the son of Lieutenant Commander Charles F. Pond, at Honolulu.

Arthur Bronson Townsend, the man thought to have attempted suicide in Montreal, is a member of a well-known New York family, wealthy, and a bachelor. He belongs to exclusive clubs, and for several months lived in the Brevoort House. His mother is in Paris.

Holland gave Wilhelmina a new crown costing \$20,000. A Chicago cattle company bought 443,000 acres of grazing and mineral land in New Mexico.

An animal heretofore unknown, resembling both the horse and the zebra, has been discovered in the Congo forests. New York commission merchants are sending representatives to Cuba to purchase products for shipment to this country.

THE PAN-AMERICAN

Arrangements Nearly Completed—Will Open May 1.

BUFFALO, N. Y., March 18.—It has been decided to open the Pan-American exposition May 1. At that time President McKinley and his cabinet are expected to be on their way to the Pacific coast. It is proposed to connect the president's train by telegraph with the temple of music. Direct telegraphic communication will also be established with the executive offices of the presidents of all the republics of the Western hemisphere and the governor general of Canada.

At precisely 2 o'clock, Buffalo time, they will all be requested to touch electric buttons in their offices, which will start pieces of machinery at the exposition. At the same time it is expected that each will transmit a message of greeting.

President McKinley, from his special car, surrounded by his cabinet, will start the great counting pumps, and will transmit over the wires a message of greeting. May 14 it is proposed to hold imposing dedicatory ceremonies when it is expected that Vice-President Roosevelt, Governor Oakes and a large number of national and diplomatic officials will be present. A day, probably between June 9 and 12, will be designated President's day, when President McKinley and his party, on the return from the coast, will be present.

Taft Commission's Plan.

New York, March 18.—A Washington dispatch to the Times says: The Taft commission has been ordered to forward to the war department its recommendations for the form of government to be adopted in the Philippines. This is in accordance with the original instructions, by the terms of which the commission was to prepare such recommendations whenever ordered to do so. The time has come, in the estimation of the president, when plans for the government of the Philippines may be submitted for his consideration. No intimation of the nature of the scheme has yet been received. The commission, it is declared, has not received any suggestions from Washington, but has been left entirely unhampered. It may propose any form of government it thinks fit.

Demand on Sultan of Morocco.

New York, March 18.—A special to the World from Washington says: The cruiser New York will stop at Tien-tsin on the way to Manila, and take on board Consul General Gummere, who will be conveyed to the nearest port to the Moroccan capital. The consul general is to demand that the sultan settle the claim of American citizens against his government. The New York will await the return of the consul general. The consul general could make the trip from Tangier on merchant vessels plying in those waters, but it has been the policy of the administration to impress the sultan by a naval demonstration in Moroccan waters.

India's Population Stationary.

Calcutta, March 18.—Complete census returns for the population of India as 294,000,000, an increase in the last decade of 7,000,000. Deducing the population of the Baluchistan, Shaikhs, Chion hills and Sikkim territory, enumerated for the first time, a net increase is shown of only 1.4 per cent, which is due to improved census methods. Thus, the population is for the first time stationary. Owing to two famines, mortality from disease and a great decline in the birth rate, the native states show excessive declines.

A CLASH IMMINENT.

Trouble at Tien Tsin Between British and Russians.

TIENTSIN, March 18.—The British and Russian are disputing over the limit of railway property in the Russian concession, and the guards of the two nations are in close proximity to each other. The British have been strongly reinforced, and trouble is imminent unless the Russians retire.

Warships in Venezuelan Waters.

Port of Spain, island of Trinidad (via Haytian cable), March 18.—The German second-class cruiser Vineta is reported to be making further investigation in regard to the matters in connection with the island of Margarita. The Italian third-class cruiser Dogali is here watching Venezuelan affairs and is ready to start at once to protect Italian interests in Venezuela if necessary. The United States cruiser Scorpion has arrived here.

Fire in Washington Hotel.

Washington, March 18.—At 3:53 A. M. today, electric light wires started a fire in the Merchants hotel, 485 Pennsylvania avenue, which spread rapidly, causing panic among the guests, several of whom jumped from the window. L. F. Henry, 48 years old, was killed. The injured are: Stephen Collins, proprietor of the hotel; W. B. Catchings, of Kentucky; John Scanlon, and W. B. Ketchum, of Connecticut.

Library for St. Louis.

St. Louis, March 18.—Andrew Carnegie has offered to donate \$1,000,000 for a new public library in St. Louis. The offer is similar to many others which Mr. Carnegie has made to cities throughout the United States and abroad.

Simplicity.

There is still now and then a man simple enough to go punning for an office without a barrel.—Detroit Journal.

British General Hesitates.

Pekin, March 18.—The Russians at Tien Tsin took possession of the railway siding, and armed sentries are now guarding it. General Barrow, second in command of the British forces, hesitates to act, apparently in the absence of General Gaselee, feeling sure that bloodshed would ensue. He had a long consultation today with Sir Ernest Satow. The Russians are jubilant. The American military line has been sold to a private company.

OREGON STATE NEWS

Items of Interest From All Parts of the State.

COMMERCIAL AND FINANCIAL HAPPENINGS

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

Ashland—Construction of the Ashland freight depot has begun.

Pendleton—Young men of Pendleton have organized a cornet band.

La Grande—A large fruit cannery will be established at La Grande.

John Day—The Sheep Gulch mine, near John Day, has resumed operations.

Salem—The O. R. & N. Co., whose docks were washed away, contemplates replacing them.

Eugene—Many offers are being received for Eugene school bonds, which the district will sell to the amount of \$25,000.

Summerville—It is reported that the complete outfit of new machinery for the creamery at Summerville has been ordered.

Weston—Two quarter sections of fine farming land, one and one-half miles south of Weston have changed owners. The price paid was \$13,500.

Quartzburg—Quartzburg will soon be connected with Prairie City by telephone. The wire has been stretched nearly the entire distance.

Clatsop—The Elk Creek toll road in Clatsop county, is almost completed, and will soon be open for travel. One bridge remains to be put in.

Gold Beach—Gold Beach is now in telephonic communication with the outside world. The line has been extended across the river from Wedderburn.

Eugene—A bridge on the Elmira mail route, about eight miles west of Eugene, is in a dangerous condition. It will be rebuilt as soon as the water recedes.

Ashland—S. H. Calhoun, of Ashland, has exchanged 160 acres of land near that place for a like amount of land in Klamath county belonging to G. H. Palethorpe.

Baker City—Mr. C. McEandry, who owns placer claims on Pine creek, on the Burnt River slope, has been exhibiting in Baker City a gold nugget which weighs 102.

Pendleton—Frank Frazier is making plans for a horse parade at Pendleton early next May, similar to the one last May. All kinds of well-bred horses will be allowed to take part.

Ashland—Inquiry of lumber dealers at Ashland reveals the fact that while improvements have been going on steadily all winter, building will take on a fresh impetus with the opening of spring.

Milton—High water in the Walla Walla river washed out the underpinning at the Milton end of the bridge near Brown's mill, and considerable work was necessary to repair the damage.

Sumpter—The Sumpter Valley railroad will commence work on the remaining three miles of road to the new town in a few days, and trains will be running from Sumpter to Whitney soon. Whitney will be the terminus of the company at present.

Eugene—Sheriff W. W. Withers rounded up a gang of 11 hobos in the woods beyond the river opposite Eugene and took them to the city jail. Residents beyond the river had complained that many of their chickens were missing. At the camp of the hobos preparations for a big chicken dinner were going on.

PORTLAND MARKETS.

Wheat—Walla Walla, 55 1/2 @ 56 1/4; valley, nominal; bluestem, 59c per bushel.

Flour—Best grades, \$2.80 @ 3.40 per barrel; granum, \$2.60.

Oats—White 44 @ 45c per bushel; gray, 42 @ 43c.

Barley—Feed, \$16.50 @ 17; brewing, \$16.50 @ 17 per ton.

Milwaukee—Bran, \$16 per ton; middlings, \$21.50; shorts, \$17.50; chop, \$16.

Hay—Timothy, \$12 @ 12.50; clover, \$7 @ 9.50; Oregon wild hay, \$6 @ 7 per ton.

Butter—Fancy creamery, 22 1/2 @ 25c; dairy, 18 @ 20c; store, 11 @ 13c per pound.

Eggs—Oregon ranch, 12 1/2c per dozen.

Poultry—Chickens, mixed, \$3.50 @ \$5; hens, \$5 @ 6.50; dressed, 11 @ 12c per pound; spring, \$4 @ 5 per dozen; ducks, \$5 @ 6; geese, \$6 @ 8 per dozen; turkeys, live, 9 @ 10c; dressed, 13 @ 14c per pound.

Potatoes—45 @ 55c per sack.

Mutton—Gross, best sheep, wethers, \$4.75; ewes, \$4 @ 4.50; dressed, 6 1/2 @ 7c per pound.

Hogs—Gross, choice heavy, \$5 @ 5.25; light, \$4.75 @ 5; dressed, 6 @ 7c per pound.

Veal—Large, 7 @ 7 1/2c per pound; small, 8 1/2 @ 9c per pound.

Beef—Gross, top steers, \$4.50 @ 4.75; cows, \$4 @ 4.50; dressed beef, 7 @ 8c per pound.

Hops—12 @ 14c per pound; 1899 crop, 6 @ 7c.

Wool—Valley, 14 @ 15c; Eastern Oregon, 9 @ 12c; mohair, 21 @ 23c per pound.

Russian secret police have arrested many literary men, lawyers and students for alleged conspiracy.

In consequence of emigration there is a greater preponderance of women in Norway than in almost any other country in Europe.

Congressman Linney, of North Carolina, is the only republican ever elected to congress who served as a private in the confederate army.

VICTIM OF LIVE WIRE.

One Fireman Killed, Three Others Badly Hurt.

PITTSBURG, Pa., March 19.—During the progress of a fire today at the corner of Duquesne way and Fort street, one man lost his life and three others were badly hurt. The property loss will be fully 250,000, well insured.

The fire broke out in the boiler room of the Hiram W. French Company's hair felt factory, just opposite the main exposition building. Through some confusion, no alarm was turned in for some time, and it was fully 20 minutes after the fire was discovered before the engines reached the scene.

From the felt factory the flames jumped across the street, and in a very short time the exposition building was burning fiercely. All the firemen could do was to prevent the flames spreading. After hard work, this was accomplished, and machinery hall, with its valuable contents, saved. The main building was a complete wreck.

Two lumber yards adjoining the felt factory soon succumbed. Gallagher & Banker lost 1,000,000 feet of lumber, and Henry Henk 350,000 feet of valuable hardwood. Three small dwellings near the lumber yards were destroyed, but, so far as known, all the inmates escaped.

William Miller and his fellow firemen were victims of a live wire. The intense heat melted the network of wires running in every direction, and one of them in falling struck a trolley wire, the other end crossing the brass nozzle of the hose held by Miller and Snyder. Both men fell as though they had been shot. Shaeffer and Griffith, in going to the rescue, were also caught, and were badly burned. Miller was dead, and two of the others unconscious.

AMERICAN CONSUL ARRESTED.

Imprisoned by Venezuela Without Adequate Cause.

PORT OF SPAIN, Trinidad, March 19.—News has reached here that the United States consular agent at Barcelona, Venezuela, Ignacio H. Baiz, has been arrested by Venezuelan officials and imprisoned without adequate cause. This is the second time he has been treated in this fashion within the last five months, and he will resign unless protected by the Washington government. It appears that several sums of money have been forced from him by Venezuelan officials under threat of imprisonment.

The protests of Mr. Baiz to Washington seem to have met with no response thus far. Three months ago Mr. Loomis, the United States minister at Caracas, made a demand upon the Venezuelan government for an apology for the arrest, but this communication was quite ignored.

STATE OF SIEGE PROCLAIMED.

Result of Russian Riots Promoted by Students.

ST. PETERSBURG, March 19.—In consequence of the riotous disturbances following the demonstrations promoted by university students the government has proclaimed a state of siege at Odessa, Kiev and Kharkoff. It is reliably reported here that a student died at Kharkoff from injuries sustained in the disorders of March 4 in that city. Eight hundred students of the University of St. Petersburg, virtually all remaining here, met last Friday and resolved not to attend further lectures. The police subsequently arrested 16. Four hundred students of the technological school entered the courtyard of the institution to a meeting, and the police inscribed their names. The mining academy is already entirely closed.

It is reported that Count Tolstoy, who ever since his excommunication has had his appearance whenever he has an active part in the disturbances at Moscow, where the situation is complicated by a strike of the operatives of several large factories.

Explosion on Ship.

New York, March 19.—The steamship New York reached her dock at 10 o'clock tonight, after a passage in which an explosion of an ammonia tank caused loss of life and much damage to the vessel. Her shaft was also broken as a result of the explosion, 15 men were overcome by fumes of ammonia on Thursday last, and seriously prostrated, two deaths following. Both victims were buried at sea. Several others were confined to the ship's hospital for some time, and one was still in the hospital when the ship docked.

Trial of Alleged Renegs Begun.

Constantinople, March 19.—It is officially announced here that the trial began at Salonica, March 11, of 19 Bulgarians, accused of belonging to the revolutionary committee at Sofia and fomenting disorder in Salonica, Monastir and Kossovo.

Nine New Cases of Bubonic Plague.

Cape Town, March 19.—Nine new cases of bubonic plague have been officially reported in Cape Town during the last 48 hours. Six of these were colored persons, and three Europeans.

Reward for Rescue of Explorers.

Venice, March 19.—The municipal court of Venice, offers a prize of 20,000 lire to anti-Italian or foreign navigators who may rescue Count Franco Quirini and the Norwegian sailor who disappeared from the exploring party of the Duke of Abruzzi during his Arctic expedition in the Stella Polare. A reward of 5,000 lire is offered to any one who furnishes definite news as to the fate of the missing men.

Troops Sail for Manila.

San Francisco, March 18.—The transport Indiana sailed for Manila today. She has on board the Twenty-eighth infantry, Major Yeatman commanding, and company D, Tenth infantry, Lieutenant C. N. Jones commanding. The squadron of the Fifth cavalry arrived today from Fort Myer, Va. They will sail for Manila on the Meade tomorrow. The squadron is made up of troops J, K, L and M, in command of Colonel W. A. Rafferty.

A Dangerous Complaint.

If you tell a woman she is good, she may thank you. Tell her she is pretty, and she will love you.—Chicago Times-Herald.

Decision on Eight-Hour Law.

Tacoma, Wash., March 18.—In the superior court today Judge W. H. Snell decided the state law making eight hours a day's work for all men employed in public works applied only to men employed by the day, and not to men working by the month or year.

Little Accomplished by the Ministers at Peking.

PEKING, March 20.—Little was accomplished at today's meeting of the foreign ministers, on account of the delay of the various governments in agreeing to the conclusions reached in the matter of indemnity claims. No minister is allowed liberty to act for his government, all the instruction being a referendum. The court ceremonial on the reception of ministers was the subject of conversation, but nothing definite was decided upon.

Storm in Porto Rico.

San Juan, Porto Rico, March 20.—A heavy storm prevails here. Two inches of rain fell last night in two hours. The wind is blowing 31 miles an hour from the northwest. The rain ceased at daylight, but the wind still continues. The railroad is tied up by serious washouts. Telegraphic communication with the north and west shores is partially interrupted. The damage done by the storm is undoubtedly more severe in the interior.

A New Canal Treaty.

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THREE LIVES LOST

Fire in a Boston Newspaper Building.

THE PROOFREADERS ARE THE VICTIMS

Upper Floors of the Advertiser Office Burned Out—Most of the Employees Escaped to an Adjoining Roof.

BOSTON, March 18.—Three lives sacrificed, nearly a dozen men more or less injured, and many thousands of dollars of damage were the results of a fire in the Daily Advertiser and Record's seven-story, gray front building in Newspaper Row tonight.

How the fire started is not known, but it was first seen in the pressroom. It spread to the elevator well, and darted to the top so rapidly that before the occupants of the two upper floors were aware that the building was on fire their rooms were filled with flames and smoke.

In the editorial rooms on the sixth floor there were but five men. All had to run for their lives. On the upper floor, occupied by the composing room, were 18 compositors and proofreaders, whose situation was most critical. Panic-stricken, they rushed for the windows leading to the fire escapes, and all but three of them succeeded in gaining the roof of an adjoining building. Long ladders were raised as quickly as the network of electric wires over the street would permit, but before a ladder could be placed in position the men had dropped through a skylight in the adjoining roof and reached places of safety. Except in the pressroom in the basement there was practically no fire in the building below the fifth story. No one was in the pressroom at the time the fire started except the fireman, who had not been seen up to a late hour. It took three hours of work to drown out the fire.

The three victims were suffocated before they had time to reach the fire escapes.

Late tonight the loss was estimated at \$150,000, with little insurance.

DEWEY IS INSANE.

Statement Made by Prisoners Lately Released.

BLOEMFONTEIN, March 18.—Prisoners who have lately been released by General Dewet say they think he is a madman. They aver that the terrible fatigues he has undergone, his anxiety and the intensity of his feelings have unbalanced his mind. Apart from this view of Dewet's mental state, some of his peculiarities are that he rarely sleeps within the bounds of his camp. He seeks rest outside with a few trusted followers. Thus the orderlies of his subordinate commanders are frequently unable to find him to receive orders. His secrecy is extreme. He absolutely imparts his plans to no one. Dewet repudiates the peace negotiations which are going on. He declares openly to the men that no terms except independence will satisfy him. A recent utterance attributed to him is that, after the British, he hated the Transvaalers. The whereabouts of Dewet were not at last two or three days is unknown, nor is it known whether President Steyn is with him.

AFTER HIGH DAWSON OFFICIAL.

Governor Will Charge Him With Criminal Libel.

SEATTLE, Wash., March 18.—Governor Ogilvie, at a meeting of the Yukon council, March 5, announced that he had been informed that at a recent banquet an official in a high position had declared that the governor and D. Matheson, a contractor, had worked together in carrying out a gigantic swindle. The governor said that he would collect evidence and charge the official with criminal libel.

Another charge was made at the same council meeting. The entire council was charged with blackmail by Mrs. McConnell, who conducts a hotel at Dawson. She says that the council and Mr. Matheson connived together to ruin her business, out of a desire for personal gain. Gold Commissioner Senker has filed a libel suit against Mrs. McConnell. The charges have stirred up a great excitement in the city.

MEETING OF THE ENVOYS.

Shot by Desperados.

Red Rock, Okla., March 20.—Albert Bateman was shot and killed at 8:30 o'clock tonight by two desperados in the store of Swartz & Co. The desperados were robbing the store, when Mr. Bateman, who is the manager of the Foster Lumber Company's yard at this point, happened to step in, and, taking in the situation, opened fire on them, wounding one of them in the arm. Both the robbers opened fire on him, and he fell, pierced by two balls. The robbers secured \$350, and made their escape. Officers from Ponca and Perry have started in pursuit.

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HOP SITUATION.

Old Crop Sold and New Crop Being Contracted in Yakima Valley.

NORTH YAKIMA, Wash., March 20.—The hop crop of 1900 has been sold, and contracts are being made for the output of Yakima for the coming season. Buyers from Portland are here cleaning up the remnants of last year. They report only 43 bales of the crop of 1900 on hand. The last sales ranged about 14 cents, although some have been made at 18 cents a pound. The indications are favorable for a good crop this year. All the yards are being cleaned and put in shape. Estimates place the Yakima acreage at 2,400, yielding an average of 1,600 pounds.

One of the most important items for the consideration of hop men is the introduction of the Bohemian methods of curing in the Yakima valley. Senator A. Helm, of the Seattle Brewing & Malting Company, conducted a series of experiments last season, and demonstrated that an exact imitation of the celebrated Bohemian hops could be made in Yakima. The hops were made in artificial heat or sulphur, and were used in making a choice blend of Yakima beer. It is claimed that such hops sell in Seattle for 54 cents a pound.

The Yakima crop for 1901 is placed at from 18,000 to 20,000 bales of 200 pounds each. Contracts are being made at 11 cents for all that can be produced. None but small growers, however, are selling at any price. No new yards are to be planted this season, and none will be plowed up for other crops. Growers state that hops may be produced and prepared for market for 8 cents per pound. When sold at 11 cents they make fair profit, but it is believed the price will rule higher this fall; hence those having large yards are not anxious to contract the coming crop for less than 15 cents.

OUTLAWRY IN THE PHILIPPINES.

Methods Pursued by Tagals to Terrorize Peaceful Natives.

WASHINGTON, March 20.—The records in the case of 34 Filipino natives, charged with various offenses against military discipline in the Philippines