

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.

The Dean of Canterbury is seriously ill. Sandico, the Filipino general, surrendered. Aguinado will be removed to another prison.

Chinese troops in Mongolia and Shin Si have rebelled. The Chinese court is preparing for a removal from Peking.

The indemnity negotiations are likely to be long drawn out. A naval school will be established at Newport for petty officers.

A plot to assassinate the president of France has been discovered. Cecil Rhodes has entirely recovered and is now in good health.

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Opinion of Transvaal ex-President on the Situation. NEW YORK, April 8.—A dispatch to the Herald from Paris says:

An interview with Mr. Kruger appeared in the Matin. The ex-president of the Transvaal was seen in a modest little inn at Utrecht, where he is staying for the moment. His eyes have been very much improved by recent operations, and he can now dispense with spectacles. Sitting in front of a table with a Bible under his left hand, Mr. Kruger delivered himself of an important statement, to which further significance was given by the presence of the Orange Free State delegate, Herr Fischer.

Mr. Kruger began by announcing that Saturday next he proposes retiring into the country for complete rest. The little village of Hilbersum, not far from Utrecht, has been selected for his abode. Nothing has yet been decided regarding his trip to America. Mr. Kruger will undertake the journey if his strength permits and if there is any hope of gaining advantage for the Boer cause.

Pointing to the Bible, the aged president declared that the two republics are indissolubly united. "Herr Fischer," he said, "is fighting for the same cause as my heroic friend President Steyn. The two presidents and the two commanding generals, Botha and Dewet, will share the same fate."

On being questioned regarding the reliance he placed on the Boer official telegrams and statements in parliament, Mr. Kruger, half rising from his chair and declaring:

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COMMERCIAL AND FINANCIAL HAPPENINGS

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

Forest Grove—Six inches of snow fell near Forest Grove on April 5.

The Dalles—The Dalles council has ordered six more fire plugs to be installed immediately.

Nyssa—The citizens of Nyssa demand that the railroad company build a depot at that place.

Galls Creek—Operations have been resumed at Kubli & Co.'s quartz mine, in Galls creek district.

Weston—This town will issue \$5000 worth of bonds to raise money to improve its water supply.

Eugene—Boy tramps are reported as being more numerous in Eugene than ever before known.

Dusty—The school at Dusty has been closed again on account of a fresh outbreak of diphtheria.

Lincoln County—The Lincoln County Farmers' Association has decided to hold a county fair next fall.

Grants Pass—Work has commenced on the Grants Pass-Williams telephone line, and will soon be in operation.

Baker City—During March, 98 coyote scalps were turned in at Baker City at the office of the county clerk.

Baker City—Negotiations are now pending at Baker City for sale of the Pacific brewery to an Eastern buyer for \$40,000.

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Shipwrecked Men on Raft Forty Days Two Out of Twelve Survive.

LONDON, April 8.—The Singapore correspondent of the Daily Express wires a story of cannibalism at sea brought to Singapore by two survivors of the Novo Scotia bark Angola. The survivors were rescued six days after sailing from Madag. October 23 last. The correspondent says:

"The survivors—Johnson, a Swede, and Marticomu, a Spaniard—assert that the Angola struck a reef. Two rafts were built. The smaller, bearing five men, disappeared. The other, with 12 men, drifted for 42 days. The sailors ate barnacles, seaweed, and finally their boots, and on the 25th day two became insane and killed themselves. On the 26th a Frenchman killed the mate with an ax, drank his blood and tried to eat his brains, but was prevented by the others. Next day the Frenchman was killed while attempting to murder the captain. The survivors, all of whom were now insane, at the Frenchman's body. Cannibalism continued until only Johnson and Marticomu remained. On the 42nd day the raft stranded on Subi, or Flat Island, in the Natuna group, north-west of Borneo. Johnson and Marticomu were awfully emaciated. Friendly Malays sent them by junk to Singapore."

AGREED TO BY CANADA.

Will Examine All Cattle Destined for United States.

WASHINGTON, April 9.—As a result of negotiations between Secretary of Agriculture Wilson and the Canadian minister of agriculture, an agreement has been reached between the two administrations by which Canada shall have a first-class veterinary station in England to test for tuberculosis all British cattle shipped to this country via Canada. The Canadian administration wanted cattle to be admitted from Canada without tests, but by American experts. The department at Washington would not agree to this. Secretary Wilson said, however, that if Canada would send to England an agent who should have sufficient expert knowledge of the subject, the United States would admit cattle without tests. Unfavorably the cattle had been tested and found free of tuberculosis. This was agreed to by the Canadian minister. It is officially explained that about 10 per cent of the livestock in the United States are tubercular. Falsified tests of Britain have tuberculosis. The cattle on the continent of Europe are diseased so that this government will not permit the admission of any animals from there.

CLEARING THE HARBOR.

Collier Merrimac is Being Blown Out of the Way.

SANTIAGO DE CUBA, April 9.—Fifteen hundred pounds of dynamite were used yesterday afternoon in blowing up the forward superstructure of the sunken United States collier Merrimac, which has long impeded the entrance to the harbor. The explosion was heard plainly in the city, five miles away. Divers immediately descended and found a few feet of clear water over the forward portion of the wreck. Port Captain Irving will begin tomorrow to place mines aft, which he expects to explode in a week, thus finally clearing the harbor entrance.

Yesterday's incident was highly spectacular. Residents on Smith Key, adjacent to the wreck, left the island, fearing that their houses would be demolished. The overlooking hills were lined with people, and large numbers of pleasure seekers encircled the wreck at a safe distance. When the electric button was touched a pyramid of water arose 40 feet, and the wreckers watched at points all around the wreck and tons of dead fish. The launches and yachts returned to the city laden with souvenirs of the wreck.

Reduction of Money Order Rates.

Washington, April 8.—In addition to the arrangement with Canada, it is expected that a reduction of postal money order rates between the United States and the Dominion of Guyana and Cuba will be put in operation on July 15, next. The arrangement just signed between the postal administrations of the United States and Canada will take effect on that day, and negotiations are now in progress with the island mentioned, which are expected to be consummated in time for all three arrangements to be effective simultaneously. This means a reduction on all money order business between the United States, Canada, Cuba and the Philippines of from 1 per cent, the international rate which now applies, to three-fourths of 1 per cent, which is the domestic rate.

FATAL TRUCK WRECK.

Kansas City, Mo., April 9.—By the derailing of the engine and a number of empty freight cars being brought into the city this evening on the Kansas City Suburban Belt Line railroad line, four members of the crew were injured. William Prime, brakeman, had his skull broken and eyes scalded. He will die. The engine was demolished and 10 cars were reduced to kindling wood.

Ten Fresh Cases of Plague.

Cape Town, April 9.—In the last 48 hours 10 fresh cases of bubonic plague have been officially reported. Of these four are Europeans, and the others colored persons. The corpse of a colored man who died of the disease was found today.

America Must Pay Higher Duties.

London, April 9.—According to the St. Petersburg correspondent of the sheila Mail, import duties on Russian iron have been raised on all American iron, steel and machinery.

Manila Harbor Improvements.

Washington, April 8.—The division of insular affairs, war department, has received copies of the specifications and blue prints showing proposed improvement of the port of Manila authorized by the Philippine commission. The work includes about 150,000 cubic yards of riprap, 21,000 cubic yards of concrete, and rubble masonry in breakwaters, about 5,000,000 cubic yards of dredging and a pile of bulkhead 4700 feet long. The dredging will be in mud, sand and shells to a depth of 30 feet, the dredging material to be used for reclaiming land.

Southern Pacific Firemen Meet Death in Smash-Up.

OGDEN, Utah, April 10.—West-bound Southern Pacific passenger No. 1 was wrecked at Moon's Hill near Wells Nev. last night. Fireman Hickman, of Ogden, and Fireman Loder, of Wells, were killed, and Engineers Warner, of Wells, and Bridge, of Ogden, were seriously but not fatally injured. A broken truck caused half the train to leave the track, the two mail cars catching fire, cremating Hickman. Engineers Warner and Bridge were badly scalded. The mail cars were entirely consumed.

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Flood Scare is Over.

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Explanation of Her Attitude is Satisfactory to America, but Not to Japan—Latter Makes a Vigorous Protest.

ST. PETERSBURG, April 8.—The Official Messenger today publishes a detailed review of the negotiations conducted by the allied powers with the Chinese plenipotentiaries at Tien Tsin and Peking and of the negotiations that led to the presentation of the French draft of peace conditions, which consisted of 12 points, but which are not yet concluded. The Russian government then makes the following statement:

"While anticipating an early settlement of the questions affecting the mutual relations between the powers and China, the Russian government, on its part, considered it necessary to concern itself with the establishment of a permanent order of things in the Chinese territories along the borders of which the Russian Asiatic possessions extend for a distance of 8000 versts (5300 miles). To this end, provisional written conditions for a modus vivendi were agreed upon first between the Russian military authorities and the Chinese plenipotentiaries at Tien Tsin and Peking. With reference to the institution of a local civil administration subsequently, and after a careful consideration of all the circumstances, the Russian government, drew up the draft of a special agreement with China providing for the gradual evacuation of Manchuria, as well as for the adoption of provisional measures to assure peace in that territory, and to secure the recurrence of events similar to that which occurred last year, with the object of stirring up public opinion against Russia, alarmist rumors were circulated in the foreign press regarding the purpose and intentions of the Russian government. Falsified texts of a treaty establishing a protectorate over Manchuria were quoted, and erroneous reports were designedly spread of an alleged agreement between Russia and China. As a matter of fact, this agreement was never concluded, and the Russian government, as contemplated by the Russian government of Manchuria, which, in consequence of the alarming events of last year, were occupied by Russian troops. In order that the requisite military measures might be taken, it was imperative that the question should be settled one way or the other, it was impossible to lay down forthwith by means of a mutual agreement the conditions of the evacuation of Manchuria. According to news received, serious hindrances were placed in the way of the conclusion of such an agreement, and, in consequence, it was announced that the Russian plenipotentiaries in Peking were responsible for the gradual evacuation of the province, proved to be impossible. As regards the eventual restoration of the province to China, it is manifest that such intention can only be carried out when the normal situation is completely restored to the empire, and the central government established at the capital independent and strong enough to guarantee Russia against a recurrence of the events of last year. While the Russian plenipotentiaries in Peking organically maintains its present organization in Manchuria, to preserve order in the vicinity of the broad frontiers of Russia, and remains faithful to its original and