



EVENTS OF THE DAY

FROM THE FOUR QUARTERS OF THE WORLD.

A Comprehensive Review of the Important Happenings of the Past Week Presented in a Condensed Form Which is Most Likely to Prove of Interest to Our Many Readers.

Chinese officials are much dissatisfied with terms of the treaty.

Ohio river steamer overturned in a squall and 16 passengers were drowned.

Rebels in Colombia and Venezuela continue operations in hopes of getting help.

Latest passengers from Nome bring stories of threatened destitution there this winter.

Constitution-Colombia race was declared off temporarily on account of heavy winds.

Latest estimate of visible wheat in the United States shows a decrease of 1,449,000 bushels.

Steel trust has started up several plants, but strikers contend that they have lost no ground.

Colombian minister assures Secretary Hay that traffic is entirely undisturbed in that country.

British surprised two Boer laagers and killed 23 men, but were unable to follow up their success.

England demands prompt punishment of authors of Chinese massacre or she will not withdraw her troops.

Cervera, the Spanish admiral, is to be presented with a loving cup for kindness shown American prisoners during the Spanish-American war.

Germany will soon establish a colonial army.

The United States may send more warships to Colon.

An Ecuadorian force is preparing to invade Colombia.

Von Waldsee hopes to become chancellor of Germany.

General MacArthur has arrived at San Francisco from Manila.

The results of the gulf storm were not so bad as first reported.

Hayden, the embezzling treasurer of Swift & Co., cannot be found.

A force of Colombians invaded Venezuela, but were driven back.

San Francisco retailers have made a move towards ending the strike.

Kruger urges the British Nationalists to continue their efforts to secure peace.

Venezuelan officials blame the Colombian government for the present trouble.

The steel trust is landing non-union men at Monessen and will start up the mills there.

A Chicago trolley car collided with a passenger train, killing four and injuring 11 people.

Explosion of two cars of powder wrecked an entire train on the Southern Pacific near Glendale, Or.

The Alaska steamer Islander struck an iceberg and sank immediately, carrying down about 60 of the passengers and crew and \$250,000 in gold.

Both sides are making gains in the steel strike.

The Shamrock II is being put in order for racing.

There is little change in the San Francisco strike situation.

Crispi's remains were taken by a warship from Naples to Palermo.

A. J. Montague was nominated for governor by Virginia Democrats.

The gunboat Machias has been ordered to Panama immediately.

The German Crown Prince may be engaged to the Princess of Battenberg.

The fishing season on the Columbia has closed and the pack will be about 387,000 cases.

Over a dozen lives were lost by the burning of the waterworks crib in the lake at Cleveland, Ohio.

Chicago steelworkers who would not obey the strike order were put out of the Amalgamated Association.

River and harbor recommendations for the coming year are about the same as in the bill that failed to pass last winter.

Burglars who attempted to rob an Ohio bank were frightened away before they secured anything and are now surrounded in the woods near the town.

The Union Pacific Railroad has notified its employes that habitual drinking or even the mere frequenting of saloons will in future be considered cause for discharge.

A coal famine in San Francisco is imminent because of the strike.

Two men were asphyxiated and others nearly so in a Montana mine.

An advance of from one to two dollars a ton has been made in all finished steel products.

Krupp, the German gun maker, has a fortune of nearly \$50,000,000, an income of nearly \$14,000,000 and a pay roll of 80,000 persons.

Mrs. William E. English presented to the state museum a dead Jersey pig with one head and two bodies joined at the shoulders.

SERIOUS BATTLE IN COLOMBIA.

Engagement of July 28 Resulted in Heavy Loss on Both Sides.

New York, Aug. 17.—Details regarding the Venezuelan-Colombian conflict of July 28th have been received, and convey the first intimation that the battle was a serious one. The engagement was fought at Las Pallas, La Parada and Pirinos, and lasted 26 hours. The Colombian forces were compelled to retire, but not before 1100 men on both sides had been killed and wounded. Among those were General Rosendo Medina, of the Venezuelan side, and four Colonels. The army of 6000 invaders was divided into 23 regiments, some of which were of the regular Colombian army, commanded by government officers and using the army artillery.

Because of the strict postal, press and cable censorship exercised, the victories won by the rebels in several battles were until now given as mere rumors. A list of these battles was among the advices received by Dr. Resepio, July 10, according to insurgent advices. General M. Jose Castillo defeated the government troops under General Luis Velez at Palmira, taking many prisoners, arms and supplies. General Clodomira Castillo won a battle over a regiment that attempted to intercept his command in its march to Rio Haca. General Martin's troops had won several engagements and now practically control the Department of Tollma.

Two other battles with favorable results for the rebels took place at Canasas and Gatun, Department of Panama. Four battles have been fought during the last month in the south of Cauca which were also government defeats, though details are lacking.

Strength of Insurgents.

New York, Aug. 17.—According to the latest bulletin of the Colombian insurrectionists, a copy of which has just been received here, the rebels have a fighting strength of 28,000 men.

English Warships at Panama.

Victoria, B. C., Aug. 17.—H. M. S. Icarus, sloop-of-war, which has been ordered to England, will leave Friday morning. She will call at San Diego and at Panama, remaining at the latter point until the trouble there has been settled. H. M. S. Phaeton is now at Panama. H. M. S. Warspite, flagship of the Pacific station, whose commission concludes in January, will be succeeded by the first-class cruiser Grafagon.

The government is concentrating troops from the more remote provinces. Telegraph communication with coast points is interrupted, and hence nothing is known here regarding the situation at Cartagena and Barranquilla. General Alban has not yet returned to Colon, but is expected at any moment with reinforcements. Troops continue to patrol both ends of the Isthmus line at night.

Liberals' Chances Good.

Kingston, Jamaica, Aug. 17.—A large number of wounded men, belonging to the government troops, were taken to Kingston yesterday. This is regarded as an indication of the persistence of the rebel attacks.

The converted cruiser Namouna has been found to be practically useless, owing to the jangling attempt to mount heavy guns on board of her. The Colombian government is now negotiating for the purchase of the steamer Bernard Hall, of the West India & Pacific Steamship Company, Limited, of Liverpool.

The Darlen brought 40 passengers, who were obliged to leave Colon in order to avoid conscription. They say the chances of the Liberals' success seem better than ever since the commencement of the revolution. The British consul at Colon has entered a protest against Jamaicans being compelled by the Colombian government to fight against the rebels.

Guards are still kept on board the trains running between Panama and Colon.

Both sides are committing atrocities. In the attack made on the government troops Sunday, a few Interoceanic Colon, the rebels defeated the government force, and one of the latter was afterwards found shot in the abdomen, with both legs amputated. This was a reprisal for the torture by the government of political prisoners.

Raid Along Panama Road.

Colon, Colombia, Aug. 17.—Raids continue almost daily or nightly along the line, owing to the entire absence of military protection. Last night Matachin was again raided and cattle belonging to sympathizers with the government were stolen. Two women were kidnapped at Gorgon station Sunday night and the Chinese there were pillaged. On most occasions of this character, the Chinese are the chief sufferers. Consequently they are daily transferring provisions and merchandise to Panama, thus intensifying war and suffering all along the line. Armed guards consisting of about 50 men still accompany each passenger train.

Sheriff Stood Off a Mob.

Tuscaloosa, Ala., Aug. 17.—A mob of about 50 men entered the jail before daylight this morning, determined to lynch Henry Pratt, colored, charged with attempted assault on Sallie Dice, a little white girl. After some parleying, Sheriff Kyle worked his way to a closet, seized a loaded shotgun and told the mob that they must get him before they could get the prisoner. In the face of the loaded gun the mob left the jail and dispersed. It is rumored that the mob was also after a negro who was brought here from Coaling last night.

\$120,000 Fire at Berkeley.

Berkeley, Cal., Aug. 19.—Fire late last night in the engine room of Nicholas Bros. company's planing mills at West Berkeley destroyed three acres of buildings, lumber piles and finished products of the mills. John Everding's starch works, H. & Co.'s Eldorado Oil works, T. Hayward lumber yards and partially destroyed Everding's grist mill and his residence. The loss reaches \$120,000.

NEWS OF THE STATE

ITEMS OF INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS OF OREGON.

Commercial and Financial Happenings of Importance—A Brief Review of the Growth and Improvements of the Many Industries Throughout Our Thriving Commonwealth—Latest Market Report.

The water agate crop at Newport is of good size and quality.

The fruit driers around Albany will have their hands full this season.

A 30 foot steel tower has been ordered for the 400-pound firebell which was presented to the Athena hose company.

Jake Smith, who lives near Laylock creek, in Grant county, recently killed two rattlesnakes, one three and one half feet and the other three feet long.

Big forest fires are reported in the Florence Rock, Trail creek and Big Butte sections, of Josephine county. Some damage is being done to the timber.

The Owl and Elephant mines, in the Cable Cove district, have been sold to a Maryland syndicate for \$11,000. The new owners are going to run a tunnel in 500 feet on the vein.

The La Grande-Cove motor line is now assured and will be under construction this fall. It will extend through Island City, down the Grand Ronde river, direct to Cove. Its object is to further the interests of beet growing in a section believed to be especially adapted to it.

The new 90 horse power boiler is in place at the plant of the Athena Flouring Mill Company. It is a huge affair, made entirely of steel, and is composed of two plates, tubes and ends. It is encased in brick and will add materially to the value of the plant, which is up-to-date in every respect.

Threshing is now well under way throughout the Rogue river valley, and from all information that can be gathered the product of this year will be about one half a crop. The lightness of the yield this year is attributed to the lack of rain early in the season, considerable of the acreage having been out for grain hay.

This is the driest season the Blue mountains have experienced for many seasons. An unusually heavy snow fell during the past winter, and it was hoped the water supply would be ample; but the intense heat of early July melted it all very rapidly, and now the mountain streams are fed by springs alone.

A case of smallpox has been reported at Howell, in Marion county. Panthers attacked a band of sheep on the North Coos river and killed over 20.

A good sized porcupine, which had been killing numerous chickens, was slain in Moro, Sherman county.

Owing to the great number of buildings being constructed in Pendleton, contractors are having difficulty in securing enough carpenters to do the work.

As an example of how the old donation land claims in Polk county are being divided into small farms, the Grant 640 acre claim, which for many years yielded a living for a family of only five, now affords homes for over 60 people, and there is yet much waste land in the tract.

Pioneer Train Dispatcher.

New York, Aug. 21.—Samuel J. Gifford, who was the first telegraph operator on the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern Railway and despatched the first train ever run over it on telegraph orders, is dead at his home in Dunkirk, N. Y. After filling positions on the Erie & Lake Shore as a partner in the firm of Skinner & Gifford, which built large shops in Dunkirk for constructing engines and railroad fixtures, also built in 1875, and 1876 the Texas & New Orleans Railroad, now the Southern Pacific.

Iowa is Ready to Sail.

San Francisco, Aug. 21.—The battleship Iowa has taken on coal and ammunition and is expected to sail at once direct for Panama. The Ranger is now en route to the same port, but on account of her slowness, she will not reach Panama until after the Iowa arrives there. These vessels will protect American interests on the western side of the Isthmus.

Killed While Fighting a Fire.

Little Falls, N. Y., Aug. 21.—The Mohawk and Malone roundhouse at Herkimer was discovered to be on fire at 10:30 tonight. Watchman Gilbert and an engine tender named Deck, assisted by residents of the vicinity and members of the bridge building gang, attempted to extinguish the flames. While they were battling with the fire, a large quantity of dynamite stored in the building exploded with terrific force, killing Gilbert and Deck and four others.

Shells in Mail Went From Panama.

Colon, Aug. 21.—The postal authorities here say regarding the explosion on board the German steamship Croatia that the mail bag containing the two gun shells was mailed in Panama, and that the bag was admitted, in view of the formal declaration of German merchants that there were no explosives therein. No one was injured by the explosion, but considerable mail was destroyed.

WRECKED BY WAR.

MacArthur Says Philippines Are Pacified but Not Tranquilized.

Chicago, Aug. 21.—The following is a statement of General MacArthur, as regards the Philippines:

"War has wrecked the Philippines and laid waste whole districts. The people in many districts have relapsed into barbarism. The best conditions prevail in Northern Luzon. You may say that the whole territory is pacified, but not tranquilized, but it will not be many months before law and order are observed everywhere.

"While the conditions are not perfect, they are gratifying. A few groups of armed insurgents are still at large, but they will soon surrender, as their power is broken and they are not being aided by the natives. These natives have come to see that surrender does not mean death and they are coming in every week with their rifles.

"Throughout Northern Luzon the insurrection has been dead for some time, and there is freedom of movement. Still, a large criminal class there commits depredations on Americans and natives, though the latter suffer the most severely. The natives are earnestly seeking the establishment of civil government that they may root out these bands of criminals.

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CHINA WILL NOT RATIFY IT.

Earl Li Says the Proposed Manchurian Treaty is Not Acceptable.

London, Aug. 21.—According to a dispatch from Peking, Li Hung Chang recently called upon M. de Giers, the Russian minister and urged a settlement of the Manchurian question. The Russian minister replied that the indemnity had been settled and all were ready to sign the protocol. The two governments, he said, ought to determine the question in the interests of permanent harmony.

Li Hung Chang asked that Russia give the matter immediate consideration in order to avoid exciting suspicion on the part of the other powers and thus hindering other important matters.

M. de Giers said that the Chinese minister at St. Petersburg had already arranged the terms of a treaty which, out of consideration for the long friendly relations between the two governments, Russia was satisfied to accept, but China was not satisfied with it. This, he added, was not Russia's fault. Li Hung Chang said it was certain that China would not ratify the treaty that was previously proposed, to which other nations made strenuous objections. Mutual consultation and a radical change in the terms of the treaty were necessary.

Three New Destroyers.

The Whipple, Truxton and Worden Successfully Launched at Baltimore.

Baltimore, Aug. 17.—Three additions to the United States Navy were christened and launched at the shipyards of the Maryland Steel Company here this afternoon. They are torpedo-boat destroyers and will be known hereafter by the names of Whipple, Truxton and Worden.

The ceremonies attendant upon the launching took place in the presence of a large assemblage of handsome women and distinguished men, including government, state and city officials, officers in both army and navy, and civilians of prominence. When all was in readiness for the launching, Miss Isabella Truxton, of Norfolk, Va., took her place at the bow of the Whipple, and Miss Millie B. Worden at the bow of the Worden. As each boat in its turn slid from the ways into the waters of the Patapsco, the bottles were broken over the bows, the names spoken by the sponsors and the usual cheering and handclapping and waving of hats and handkerchiefs took place, accompanied by the din of steam whistles of the factories in the vicinity.

War Department Uneasy.

Washington, Aug. 19.—Some uneasiness is felt at the war department concerning the military posts at Mobile bay, especially at Fort Morgan, where the Eighth and Ninth companies of coast artillery are stationed. Fort Morgan and the military posts are on a sand spit about 13 feet above tide. No reports have been received at the department concerning these posts. The two batteries consist of about 106 men each.

The Floods in Arizona.

Tucson, Ariz., Aug. 17.—The Santa Cruz River has reached the foot of Congress street, overflowing the valley for a mile. Severe storms have visited Southern Arizona almost daily for the past 10 days. Railroads from Sonora and Bisbee, connecting with the Southern Pacific are paralyzed. A large bridge was washed away near Fairbank on the Arizona & New Mexico Railroad. A body was seen floating down the river, followed by a barge. A storm which was almost a cyclone visited Tucson this week, tearing off several roofs and demolishing the gas works.

Germany Will Send Warships.

Berlin, Aug. 19.—The South American difficulty is attracting much attention here. The German cruiser Vineta left Bahia, Brazil, August 12 for Trinidad, where she will await orders. The Tageblatt says the German cruiser Niobe is going to Caribbean waters after the autumn maneuvers, and will remain there permanently. It is also expected that the German cruiser Geier will go to the Caribbean sea.

BIG STORM ON GULF

WIND BLEW SEVENTY MILES AN HOUR AT MOBILE.

Various Reports of Drowning in the Bay—Communication Destroyed in All Directions—No Report From Fort Morgan, Where Two Companies of Coast Artillery Are Stationed.

Mobile, Aug. 19.—The tropical storm, which has been raging for several days past, is believed to have been the severest in the vicinity of Mobile. The wind blew at the rate of 70 miles an hour for some time. Various reports of the drowning of men in the bay have reached here, but it is impossible to confirm them, owing to the complete demolition of communication. The yacht Ariel, bound for Fish River with a party of Mobile people on board, is reported to have pounded to pieces on the wharf at Battles, on the eastern shore of the bay. Nothing has been heard of the crew. The pleasure yacht Mayflower, of this city with a party of prominent people on board, reported as lost this morning, has been heard from. All on board found refuge on Cat island, but the boat was wrecked.

Nothing has been heard from Fort Morgan. Two companies of coast artillery are stationed there. The barracks undoubtedly received the full force of the blow. No communication can be had with any of the islands in Mississippi Sound, just outside the bay, 40 miles below here. All the news concerning the fate of the islanders must come by boat, and this is anxiously awaited.

Logging camps and mills have suffered considerable loss by the breaking of booms. Sawlogs and squared timber drifted into Mobile all day, much of it coming up on Royal street, three blocks from the water front. Much damage was done in Mobile in the way of uprooting trees, unroofing houses and topping over chimneys. The power houses of the electric railway were flooded, and electric car service was shut down for several hours. All business in the wholesale district was suspended. Care had been taken to elevate lower floor goods upon temporary platforms and the grocer suffered little loss. The grain men were caught to some extent.

The tracks of the Louisville & Nashville Southern, and Mobile & Ohio pass through Commerce street, and were under water, traffic being stopped entirely. The Mobile & Ohio is operating trains from Whistler, 10 miles out, and the Louisville & Nashville received one train during the afternoon. A small schooner laden with resin for New Orleans overturned at the resin wharf.

Preparations are being made by the war department to make a further reduction in the military force in the Philippine islands. It has been decided to bring back the remaining artillery organizations in the Philippines.

TURNED OVER IN A SQUALL.

Ohio River Boat Lost With Sixteen Passengers—Happened Without Warning.

Paducah, Ky., Aug. 21.—The steamer City of Golconda, plying between this city and Elizabethtown, Ill., was struck by a squall during a storm about 7 o'clock last night, as she was en route to Paducah, and turned over in 10 feet of water, six miles above the city, as she was going into Cromwell's Landing. Sixteen people are reported drowned.

The disaster happened as supper was being served, and many of the 75 passengers were in the cabin. The wind struck the boat without warning, and there was no time for those on the inside to escape. Captain Jesse Bauer and Pilot E. E. Peck were the last to leave the boat and swim ashore. They saved several persons struggling in the water, left the survivors in a house near the river bank and came to the city. Captain Bauer, who arrived here two hours after the accident, said:

"The boat was struck ready to land, when the squall struck her and she listed. Several passengers who were inside jumped overboard and were caught by the boat. The women, all of whom were in the cabin, could not be reached. The boat settled down in 10 feet of water over a reef and two of the men who were in the cabin broke through the glass and were saved. The colored deck hands saved a woman, and I do not think she was the only woman saved. A yawl which had broken loose, was caught by some men struggling in the water and rowed to shore. We returned to the boat on this, but could find no signs of life and returned to shore."

The boat was valued at \$25,000. There is no way to determine the number or names of the dead until the boats books are found. Captain Peck places the number at 16.

General Joseph F. Knipe Dead.

Harrisburg, Pa., Aug. 21.—General Joseph F. Knipe, a hero of two wars, is dead at his home in this city. He fought through the Mexican war with General Scott, and in the Civil war he participated in all the battles in which the Twelfth corps took part, from Chattanooga to Atlanta. He afterward served as chief of cavalry in the army of the Tennessee. He was postmaster of Harrisburg during the Johnson administration and at the time of his death was connected with the state department.

Successful Wireless Telegraphy.

Nantucket, Mass., Aug. 17.—Communication by wireless telegraph has been established between this island and S. U. H. Shoal Lightship, and the system is working to the satisfaction of Commander J. D. J. Kelly, who has been in charge of the installation. Numerous messages have been exchanged between Flaconset and the lightship.

Large Cigar Plant Burned.

Richmond, Va., Aug. 21.—Fire today destroyed what is locally known as the J. Wright Company plant of the American Cigar Company. There were about 400,000 pounds of leaf tobacco in the building, owned by the American Cigar Company, and this, with the machinery, it is estimated was worth \$115,000. The building was immense five story structure covering 15,200 square feet, was entirely destroyed.

WASHINGTON GOSSIP.

Census Work Being Rushed—Further Reduction in Philippine Military Forces.

Owing to the necessity of completing a large part of the census work before congress meets, Director Merriam has been compelled to employ over 3,000 clerks, and to prevent waste of time certain clerks in some of the divisions have been detailed as inspectors.

Only a few of the letter carriers of the country have availed themselves of the privilege granted by the postmaster general, after several years of petitioning, to wear shirt waists during the summer season while on duty.

The huge lottery that Uncle Sam has conducted in Oklahoma for land taken from the Indians has brought to light a peculiar phase of the home-stead law. Judge Ryan, first assistant secretary of the interior, said that under the homestead law a married woman could not make entry for a homestead because she is not the head of a family. A single woman, however, can make an entry.

The second largest claim yet presented with the Spanish treaty claims commission was filed the other day on behalf of Francis Zeigler, of Havana. It was owner of a sugar estate of 2,970 acres, worth \$1,000,000, which was laid waste by Spanish troops in May, 1896. For this he wants \$722,47.

The postoffice department has issued an order that is designed to be of special advantage to business men. Those firms and business houses that have been in the habit of sending money order blanks to their customers free of cost with the special money order blanks in which the name of the payee or firm sending them out will be conspicuously printed in red ink.

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STEAMER SUNK

Islander Went Down Near Douglas Island.

SIXTY PEOPLE LOST

\$275,000 IN GOLD DUST ALSO WENT TO THE BOTTOM.

The Steamer Struck An Iceberg at 2 O'clock A. M., and Sank Immediately—Boilers Exploded by the Shock—Captain Was Last to Leave, and Was Afterwards Lost From the Liferaft.

Victoria, B. C., Aug. 20.—The steamer Islander, the crack passenger steamer of the Alaskan route, operated by the Canadian Pacific Navigation Company of this city, struck an iceberg off Douglas island at 2 A. M. on the morning of Thursday last and went to the bottom, carrying 55 to 60 souls, including passengers and members of the crew.

Some of the survivors arrived here this evening by the steamer Queen. They report that as the Islander went down her boilers exploded, causing the death of many who might have escaped. Captain Foote went down with his steamer.

There was \$275,000 in gold on the steamer, \$100,000 of which was carried by passengers. The description of the disaster by the survivors is heartrending. They say that the Islander struck an iceberg, and so severe was the shock that every door was jammed fast in the staterooms, and the ill-fated passengers, numbering 107, and the crew of 71 were forced to break through the windows to reach the deck.

Steward Simpson lost 10 in his department, and his description of the wreck is clearly given. He was awakened by the shock, and could not get out of his stateroom until he broke out a window. He reached the bridge, where the pilot was on watch, and, with the mate, ordered out the lifeboats. The vessel was then taking water fast, and the chief engineer reported the pumps unable to take care of the water. He also went below with an ax, broke down the lower stateroom doors, and stayed at this work until the water forced him to go to the upper deck.

By this time the ship's boats were loaded and had got away, and, while the officers were getting out the last life raft, Captain Foote called to all hands to clear the ship, as she was about to go down. This was the captain's last order, as at that moment the ship sank, and the captain, leaping clear of the wreck, was picked up by a life boat, which in some manner was overturned. The day was very misty, and all hands were forced to shift for themselves. The officers state that had the passengers not rushed the boats, the loss of life would have been small, if indeed, any at all, had been lost.

TRAIN BLOWN TO BITS.

Two Cars of Powder Exploded in Tunnel—Set Fire to the Forest.

Ashland, Aug. 19.—What is regarded as one of the worst wrecks in the history of the Southern Pacific Company's lines in Oregon took place at tunnel No. 7, six and one half miles north of Glendale, in the afternoon about 4:30 o'clock. Extra freight No. 2122, east, which left here at 9:30 this morning, composed of 20 cars, with three engines, was just emerging from tunnel No. 7, which is a short one on a sharp curve in the track, and about 100 feet long, when the train parted, the air hoses breaking. The sudden jar caused two rear cars loaded with dynamite to explode.