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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

The United States gunboat Machias is at Colon.

A large sugar beet crop is expected in Southern Washington.

Michael Berry, a noted Colorado burglar has been arrested.

Relations are still disturbed between France and Turkey.

Two men were killed while trying to shut off a new Texas oil gusher.

Colombians generally expect the revolutionary movement to succeed.

Shaffer says the move to settle the steel strike is without official sanction.

Englishmen are confident that Sir Thomas Lipton is going to win the America's cup.

Howard, who deserted the Americans to become a Filipino leader, has been captured.

Cardinal Gibbons was given a royal welcome on his return to Baltimore from Europe.

By the explosion of a bomb in New Jersey three men were seriously injured and several women and children slightly.

A vessel was stolen from a dock in Maryland and the thieves tried to escape with her. They were overtaken later.

Department of justice upholds the secretary of the navy in withholding the royalty on the Harvey steel-hardening patent.

The overhauling to which the various royal palaces of King Edward is being subjected, has disclosed vast treasures that have been hidden for years.

Lord Kitchener reports that a column sent into Cape Colony was attacked by the Boers and three officers and 65 men captured. One man was killed and four wounded.

Boers resumed activity in Cape Colony.

A German steamer and eight sailors were lost.

A gale wrecked a number of buildings in Jersey City.

A Tennessee Negro murderer was burned at the stake.

Turkey will not buy the quays of the French company.

Steel workers are willing to make concessions to end strike.

United States Attorney Evans, of Minnesota, died suddenly.

Nogales, Ariz., officials are implicated in a smuggling plot.

Striking machinists in Chicago ignore an order against picketing.

One hundred Filipino insurgents surrendered during the past week.

San Francisco iron workers' strike was settled in favor of the laborers.

The military force at Manila will be increased to prevent a possible uprising.

A movement is on foot for a general shut down of all shingle mills in Washington.

Venezuela will lay its case before the state department in order to ward off intervention.

Castle Rock, on the Columbia river has been sealed by a party of climbers from Portland.

Sir Thomas Lipton has arrived in New York.

The navy department has denied a request from Schley.

A coast survey observatory will be established at Sitka, Alaska.

Two men were arrested for passing the bills of a defunct New Jersey bank.

Fifteen persons were drowned by the capsizing of a French coasting vessel.

Murderer Nordstrom of Washington, has given up all hope of escaping the gallows.

A Colombian gunboat sank immediately after leaving Savanilla for Cartagena.

A change of one point in the course of the steamer Islander caused her to strike the iceberg.

The cable between Nome and St. Michaels is broken in several places and cannot be repaired.

An explosion in the tunnel being bored in Lake Erie for Cleveland's water works system, cost five lives.

The census bureau gives St. Joseph, Mo., as the healthiest city in the United States, and Portland, Oregon, as the second healthiest.

Winters, who stole the \$330,000 in gold bullion from the Selby Smelting Co., of Vallejo, Cal., was sentenced to 15 years imprisonment.

British public expenses are running nearly \$2,000,000 per week beyond last year.

A New York judge decides that insurance companies cannot be compelled to make good damages resulting from explosions.

Henry B. Dean, of St. Louis, claims to have found the secret of perpetual motion. He has been working on this great problem for 12 years.

NORDSTROM WAS HANGED.

Condemned Man Completely Collapsed and Was Strapped to a Gallows.

Seattle, Aug. 24.—Charles W. Nordstrom was hanged yesterday morning at 9:49 o'clock for the murder, on November 27, 1891, of William Mason.

From early morning the condemned man had seemed to fully realize his position, and while ministers and members of the Salvation Army prayed with him, he cried continually. Shortly after 9:30 Nordstrom was brought from the room in which he had been, just adjoining the execution room.

It required the assistance of four men to keep him on his feet.

When he was taken into the presence of the scaffold, he broke down completely. Crying in a childish voice and praying that his life be spared him, he collapsed entirely and fell to the floor.

Efforts to raise him and keep him on his feet were fruitless, and at last Sheriff Cuddehe ordered that a board be brought. To this Nordstrom was tied. It required four men to hold him while this was being done.

While being tied to the board, Nordstrom continued to cry in a loud voice. The six men who had held him raised his body on the board, and with great effort, succeeded in getting him on the gallows and onto the fatal trap. Here he was stood upright, four of the men standing on the four sides of the trap and holding him. Within two seconds after the condemned man was in place the trap was sprung and Nordstrom had paid the penalty of his crime. The trap was sprung at 9:49, and Nordstrom was pronounced dead at 10:02.

TO MEET WAR EXPENSES.

Columbia Gives Notice That It Will Make Forced Loans.

Colon, Aug. 26.—An official decree, dated Bogota, July 18, and addressed to the governors of the departments, was published today. It says:

"A new aspect of war, which seems to kindle anew with the help of foreign powers who threaten the frontier, places the government under the necessity of assuming a different attitude from that maintained hitherto, and forces it to proceedings which it has previously tried to avoid.

"It has been resolved: First, to suspend the payment of all accounts for war material pending, and to limit the expenses to the payment of the armed force and the administration; secondly, to proceed to appropriate all the necessary elements for the feeding, equipment and mobilizing of the army; thirdly, to levy forced and voluntary loans, according to circumstances, and to impose war contributions in order to meet the expenses of each department without depending upon the national capital.

"The governors are hereby amply authorized to proceed in these matters according to the requirements of the case, and each governor must assume the responsibility in order to save the situation within his territory."

TO PREVENT SMUGGLING.

Chinese Bound for Other Countries Will Not Be Allowed to Land.

Washington, Aug. 24.—The determination of the treasury department to take advantage of the authority given by the Chinese exclusion act to regulate the transit through the United States of Chinese emigrants bound for other countries was today officially brought to the attention of the Chinese legation. The occasion presented itself when an attaché of the legation called upon Assistant Secretary Taylor to lay before him a message received from the Chinese consul at San Francisco, conveying the information that Chinese destined for Mexico had been refused the privilege of landing at that port.

Mr. Taylor told the attaché that the department had become convinced that most of the Chinese who had gone into Mexico in the past two or three years had smuggled themselves back across the border into the United States. He therefore announced that hereafter the department would refuse landing permission to Chinese bound for Mexico unless it could be absolutely satisfied of their good faith.

Fast Train Wrecked.

Jacksonville, Ill., Aug. 22.—The fast Kansas City passenger train on the Alton road was wrecked at midnight at Prentice, a siding eight miles north of here, by running into a freight.

New Venezuelan Revolution.

New York, Aug. 26.—The Willemstad, Curacao, correspondent of the Herald says: There is excellent authority for the statement that a new Venezuelan revolution, led by Liberals, is being arranged. The leader of this revolution is now in New York. The political situation in Venezuela is more than serious. No one is allowed to leave the country without special permission. At the Ilimon river, where an American company employs 300 men, one morning only 15 were found on the premises.

The Gift of Chile.

New York, Aug. 24.—The Chilean training ship General Bageuino, with a number of cadets recently graduated from the naval academy at Valparaiso, is expected to arrive in New York within a few days. The cadets will visit Annapolis. They are bringing with them a bronze tablet, the gift of Chile, to be placed on the Washington monument.

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 Florence salmon cannery will start up next week.

Prunes are beginning to move in earnest at The Dalles.

The Jacksonville public schools will open September 2.

A race meeting will probably be held in Pendleton this fall.

The Klamath county wheat crop will not be as large as it was last year.

Hopgrowers at Woodburn complain of a scarcity of help to harvest the crop.

The wheat crop of Jackson county is turning out much better than expected.

The Sherman county Horse Fair Association will hold a fair at Wasco some time this fall to encourage the breeding of good horses of all kinds.

The first crop of alfalfa in Klamath has been cut and cared for. The second crop, which will be cut next month, promises to be much larger than the first.

The following schools in Polk county are without teachers, and in each case a good one is wanted: Concord, Lincoln, Bridgeport, and the primary department at Falls City.

The apple crop of the Rogue River valley promises to be a great income-producer during the present year. Not only is the yield a full one, but the quality is finer than usual.

From several sources comes the report that Bartlett pears will be scarce this fall. In many orchards the trees did not bear at all, while in others the trees seem to be drying up.

Owing to the delay in the receipt of the new text books, it has been decided by the board of directors of the Ashland public schools to postpone the opening of the fall term one week, or until September 9.

It is expected that the Southern Oregon district will ship 275 car loads of apples during the present crop year, and the fruit will all be first class.

The unusual demand for Oregon apples is created by the partial failure of the crop in the middle states and by the long season of drought in Missouri.

There is every prospect of a fair yield of hops in Polk county.

The Ager-Klamath Falls stage was held up and robbed of the treasure box.

The postoffice at Ruby, Douglas county, will be discontinued on August 31.

The log raft is still stuck at the entrance to the Westport slough, near Astoria.

Eugene has not had such a building boom in years as is at present being experienced.

The Polk county grain crop this year will be the largest harvested in several years.

The committees in charge of the Baker City street carnival, to be held September 3-7, report excellent success.

Portland Markets.

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

Flour—best grades, \$2.65@3.50 per barrel; graham, \$2.60.

Oats—Old, \$1.10@1.15 per cental.

Barley—Feed, \$1.50@1.55; brewing, \$1.50 per ton.

Millets—Bran, \$27 per ton; middlings, \$21.50; shorts, \$20; chop, \$16.

Hay—Timothy, \$11@13; clover, \$7@9.50; Oregon wild hay, \$5@6 per ton.

Butter—Fancy cream, 22 1/2c@25c; dairy, 18@20c; store, 11@12c per pound.

Eggs—17@17 1/2c per dozen.

Cheese—Full cream, twins, 11@11 1/2c; Young America, 12 1/2c per pound.

Poultry—Chickens, mixed, \$3.00@3.75; hens, \$4.50@5.50; dressed, 10@11c per pound; springs, \$2.50@3.50 per dozen; ducks, \$3 for old; \$3.00@3.50 for young; geese, \$5@6 per dozen; turkeys, live, 8@10c; dressed, 10@12c per pound.

Mutton—Lamb, 3 1/2c gross; dressed, 6@7c per pound; sheep, \$3.25 gross; dressed, 6@6 1/2c per lb.

Hogs—Gross, heavy, \$5.75@6; light, \$4.75@5; dressed, 7@7 1/2c per pound.

Veal—Small, 8@9c; large, 7@7 1/2c per pound.

Beef—Gross top steers, \$3.50@4.00; cows and heifers, \$3.25@3.50; dressed, 6 1/2@7 1/2c per pound.

Hops—12@14c per pound.

Wool—Valley, 11@13 1/2c; Eastern Oregon, 8@12 1/2c; mohair, 20@21c per pound.

Potatoes—\$1@1.10 per sack.

There are 649 1-3 millions of men and 633 2-3 millions of women in this world, giving the men a majority of 15 1-3 millions.

For the first time during his pontificate of 23 years Pope Leo recently entertained eight guests at luncheon in the Vatican.

George W. Ranck, one of the best known literary men of Kentucky, was struck and killed by a Louisville & Nashville train at Lexington.

BORDER SMUGGLING PLOT.

Gigantic Frauds Unearthed in Arizona—Many Customs Officers Arrested.

Washington, Aug. 27.—Probably the most important arrests ever made in connection with the smuggling of Chinese across the Mexican border into the United States were made yesterday in Arizona, when William A. Hoey, collector of customs at Nogales; B. F. Jossey, an immigrant inspector, and two Chinese were taken into custody by special agents of the treasury and secret service operatives. Other arrests are expected to follow within a day or two. It is said that with two or three exceptions, the whole customs and immigration administrations at Nogales are involved.

Some time ago an official of the treasury department, having Nogales as his headquarters, wrote to the department that he had reason to believe that the official force at that point was corrupt, and that Chinese, in large numbers, were being smuggled across the border for a consideration. A secret service operative was sent there at once, and plans laid to secure evidence against the persons under suspicion.

Several Chinamen were furnished with money and sent on to buy their way through the official cordon. This was accomplished without difficulty, the price demanded being from \$50 to \$200. The secret service men also arranged with one or two employees, whose honesty had been tested, to go into the collector's office at a certain time and demand a share of the money being received from the Chinamen, and to be admitted into the combination so that they might get their share of the proceeds of future deals. This was reluctantly agreed to, and considerable sums of money were handed over in the presence and full hearing of a secret service man who had previously secreted himself in a nearby office closet.

The officials soon found that Chinamen who presented a certificate marked with the letter "a" were allowed to proceed without question, while those having certificates that did not bear this cabalistic mark were turned back without ceremony. Later it was developed that the letter "a" on a certificate indicated that the amount demanded had been paid. Several Chinamen were sent through with the requisite "a" mark on their certificates made by one of the secret service men. The utmost care and secrecy was maintained from the first to secure positive proof against each man under suspicion.

The number of Chinamen who have bought their way into the United States through the alleged connivance of the Nogales officials is believed to have been large.

FLOODS IN PENNSYLVANIA.

Four Fatalities and Great Loss of Property Reported.

Philadelphia, Aug. 27.—Reports received in this city tonight state that the heavy rains which have fallen during the past week throughout the state have resulted in the most disastrous floods experienced in many years.

At Mauch Chunk the storm was attended by four fatalities. The Mauch Chunk creek is 15 feet above its normal mark, and the towns in Carbon county along its course have culverts and arches are destroyed, and the loss to the borough and to the property holders will be many thousands of dollars. Business is at a standstill.

At Wilkesbarre a landslide occurred along the Lehigh Valley Railroad. A washout on the Sunbury branch of the Pennsylvania Railroad delayed traffic several hours. At Shamokin, Tamaqua, Pittston and several other mining towns, many houses have been flooded and work has been suspended.

At Tamaqua the rain fell in torrents from 3 o'clock this morning until 3 o'clock this afternoon. The lines of the Central Railroad of New Jersey, between Tamaqua and Mauch Chunk and the Pittsville branch of the Philadelphia & Reading road are tied up, owing to washouts. The Schuylkill river and Panther and Walsh creeks at this point are overflowing their banks, and many bridges have been washed away. All the collieries in the Panther creek valley are flooded. Crops in the Catawassa valley are practically ruined.

Trade With the Philippines.

Washington, Aug. 27.—A continued increase in both the export and import trade of the Philippines is shown in a comparative statement compiled at the war department, giving the commerce of the islands for the seven months ending January 31, 1901, and 1900. The total value of merchandise imported during the seven months ended January 31, 1901, was \$17,999,167, as against \$12,674,705 for the same period in 1900, and the merchandise exported was \$12,617,359, as against \$8,305,530 for the 1900 period. This shows an increase of 42 per cent in the value of imports and 52 per cent in export values.

Gold Ore From Chile.

Omaha, Aug. 27.—Notice has been received at the local office of the American Smelting and Refining Company of a shipment of gold ore from Chile. It is the first shipment of South American ore to this smelting company's plant, and is in the nature of an experiment. The ore is said to be very rich, and if its treatment proves successful, the shipment will be followed by others on a large scale.

SUGAR BEET YIELD

SOUTHEASTERN WASHINGTON IS EXPECTING BIG CROP.

Said to be More Profitable Than Wheat Raising—New Enterprise is Growing Rapidly—Is Well Adapted to the Soil and Climate, and Avoids the Waste Incident to Summer Fallowing.

Waverly, Wash., Aug. 28.—Sugar beets in this district will have, from present indications, a crop nearly three times as large as that of last year. The harvest will probably yield about 16,000 tons of beets and 2,400 tons of sugar. Last year's production amounted to about 6,000 tons. The land this year devoted to sugar beets aggregates about 1,800 acres, 600 acres more than it did last season. The crop per acre will be about 9 or 10 tons.

The beets are doing well, but are in need of rain. A light rainfall would be very welcome to farmers, for unless in excess, it would not interfere with grain harvest, would lay the heavy dust in the roads and would clarify and cool the atmosphere, besides aiding beets and other kinds of vegetation. Farmers in this district are accustomed to rely on an August rainfall, especially those who cultivate beets, but no rain has fallen this month, except perhaps a local shower here and there. A large acreage is given to cabbages, onions and fruits, which would be benefited by moisture.

This year's progress in the sugar beet industry shows that the enterprise is well adapted to this part of the state, and that it is wisely conceived. The present is the third season of work with sugar beets. In the first year little was accomplished, for the industry was such an innovation that it did not catch at once the succeeding year a good gain was made and the practicability of the work demonstrated. What has been achieved so far this year may be taken as a true criterion for the future of the industry when the enterprise shall be fully established.

Farmers have discovered that there is much to learn in the culture of sugar beets. It has been necessary to modify the methods pursued in Europe and California to Eastern Oregon conditions of soil and climate. The practice of growing beets on high ridges shows itself not to be a good one, because of scarcity of moisture. The fact that no artificial fertilizing is done, or comparatively little, has made it necessary to alter approved methods of planting. Elsewhere beets yield the highest percentage of sugar when set eight or 10 inches apart. When further than this the beets overgrow and lose the proportion of saccharine matter that is in the smaller size. But in this district, experiment has demonstrated that best results are attained when the plants are from 18 to 24 inches apart. They may thrive more vigorously when still further apart, but this is yet to be proved. When the increased space is between the plants it is much easier to cultivate them and weeds, which are the bane of successful beet growing, are more readily eradicated. Besides, the moisture of the soil is more economically husbanded.

FACING STARVATION.

Terrific Situation in Zapata County, Texas—Range Water Has Failed.

San Antonio, Tex., Aug. 27.—Reports from Zapata county confirm the reports that the poorer class there are facing starvation. They must have immediate help in the way of food or the results will be terrible. Range water has failed, and cattle are too weak to travel and are rapidly dying. The country is literally burned up by drought. There is not a green thing to be seen except cactus plants. Zapata county is 50 miles from the nearest railroad, and whatever in the way of food is sent to the farmers in the famine stricken place must be hauled from Laredo, a two days' trip at best.

Mayor Hicks, of this city, has started a relief fund, and has already sent a small sum of money to Laredo to be used in buying food for the sufferers. Relief work will be continued here. Nothing has been heard from the War department in answer to a request for rations sent by Congressman Kleberg.

Found Gold in Town.

Baker City, Or., Aug. 28.—Reports have been received here of a great strike in Whitney, that has set that town agog. While excavating for the new city scales this morning the men struck a rich ledge of free gold ore.

The strike is said to be of the size of the famous Ketchikan strike in Alaska. The men are particularly excited, and people who own town lots are prospecting for ore. What will be done with the property on which the gold was found is not known, but it is reported that the owners proposed to do development work.

Town Struck by a Tornado.

Centralia, Ill., Aug. 28.—A tornado and cloudburst did thousands of dollars' worth of damage in Centralia last night. The Negro Baptist church was wrecked, and peach orchards destroyed. In the city the telephone and electric light systems were seriously damaged, and the streets were blocked by hundreds of falling trees. Many residences were damaged by falling trees. The rainfall was 1 1/2 inches.

BOLD ACT OF AN AMERICAN.

Captured a Deserter Who Was a Filipino Leader.

Manila, Aug. 28.—Pilcher's first dispatch from Mindoro tells how Lieutenant Hazzard, of the Third artillery, commanding a troop of Macabebe scouts, captured the American deserter, Howard, who, as leader of the Filipinos, had been annoying the Americans for many months. Ferguson, one of Lieutenant Hazzard's civilian scouts, disguised as an insurgent, with eight Macabebes, penetrated into the camp of Colonel Atienza, commanding 240 riflemen and 200 bolomen, at night, laced Howard, bound and gagged him and carried him away without disturbing the camp.

Insurgent Forces Captured.

Manila, Aug. 28.—Captain Harold L. Jackson, of the First infantry recently surprised General Lukban at Pamubiken in the mountains of the island of Samar. Three of the general's guards were killed, and Lukban was wounded, but escaped. His family was captured. A captain and a lieutenant were also made prisoners.

Ovation for Governor Taft.

Manila, Aug. 28.—Civil Governor Taft received at Aparri, province of Cagayan, the greatest ovation of his trip. He announced that Aparri would be a port of entry, and receive a large appropriation for the improvement of the harbor and Cagayan river.

BOERS IN CAPE COLONY.

Town of Oudchtern Threatened—Delarney's Counter Proclamation.

London, Aug. 28.—South African dispatches show that the Boers continue active in Cape Colony. Sharp skirmishing has occurred near Uniondale, a day's ride from the sea, while Commandant's Scheep's commando is threatening the important town of Oudchtern, 30 miles from the Indian ocean.

In Brussels it is asserted that Commandant General Botha has ordered the Boer commanders in the future to retain all captured British as hostages in case Lord Kitchener carries out the threats of his latest proclamation.

The war office has received the following dispatch from Lord Kitchener dated at Pretoria today:

"Delarney has issued a counter proclamation, warning all Boers against my latest proclamation, declaring that they will continue struggling."

ON THE SAFE SIDE.

Military Forces at Manila Will Be Increased to Guard Against Uprising.

Manila, Aug. 28.—Word was received that the insurgent colonel, Loree, with 17 officers and 13 men, surrendered yesterday to Captain Brown, of the Fourth Infantry, at Talisa. The surrender of numerous other small contingents during the week brings the total up to more than 100.

In the city of Manila there are now less than 1,000 effective soldiers, and it has been decided to increase this number by four companies of infantry. The official reason for the increase is that the guard duty is too heavy for the present force. As a matter of fact, however, there is a feeling that, although there is no apparent prospect of trouble, nevertheless, in the event of an uprising in the future, such as is always possible among the Malays, it would be better to have a sufficient body of troops available.

Another Touch of Summer.

Topeka, Kansas, Aug. 28.—Kansas was given another touch of summer today after three weeks of very moderate weather, accompanied by cool nights and occasional rains. The temperature in some places was recorded at 106, and at Topeka the mercury hovered around the 105 mark. The rise in the temperature was not predicted, and came wholly unexpected. Wichita recorded 104; Salina 105; Atchison 102. At Leavenworth there were several prostrations.

The Danish Antilles.

Copenhagen, Aug. 27.—A prominent politician in the councils of the ministry today told a representative of the Associated Press that a sale of the Danish West Indies, which was confidently expected, would be consummated before the close of the present year.

Cham's Illness a Pretext for Delay.

Rome, Aug. 28.—The illness of Prince Chun, brother of the emperor of China, who with a Chinese mission has arrived at Basle, Switzerland, on his way to Berlin to apologize for the assassination of Baron von Ketteler, the German minister at Peking, is, according to a dispatch received here today from Basle, a pretext for delay. Prince Chun having received orders from Peking not to proceed, as fresh complications have arisen with reference to the protocol.

Decline in Indian Famine Relief List.