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THE NEWS OF THE WEEK

Comprehensive Review of the Important Happenings of the Past Week Called From the Telegraph Columns.

The Boers now claim to have 120,000 fighting men.

The army appropriation bill carries \$111,700,364.

Treaty between the United States and Trinidad has been signed.

Charles Lewis, of Lewisville, Or., killed himself accidentally while hunting.

Astoria, Or., is taking special precautions against the introduction of plague.

The anti-trust conference has declared in favor of the government ownership of railroads.

A press agent of the defunct Franklin syndicate believes that Miller made a million dollars out of the swindle.

Manufacturing, railway and ice harvesting interests have been greatly damaged by severe storms in New England.

Three well-known citizens of the town of Nanaimo, B. C., were drowned while on a hunting trip on Vancouver Island.

The United States government has 61 new naval vessels under construction, which will require in officers alone, 2,000 men.

Willis P. Sullivan, Mayor Pheasant's secretary, was chosen by the board of police commissioners of San Francisco to be chief of police.

Sam Beswick, an old and well-known character on the Chicago Board of Trade, died as a charity patient in the Baptist hospital of that city.

Mexican papers are giving much attention to the proposed construction of the Nicaragua canal. They believe it will benefit Mexican trade.

England is suffering from a severe blizzard. Trains are snowed up in all directions and street-car lines blocked and telegraph and telephone wires are down.

The Salvation Army celebrated the 20th anniversary of its establishment in the United States with the baptizing of Booth Tucker's baby. The ceremony took place in New York.

The Vladimir Vostock, one of the supply ships chartered by the government for the transportation of quartermaster's and commissary stores, arrived at San Francisco from Manila.

Patriotic women of Vancouver, B. C., have devised a means to aid the British soldiers in South Africa. Three thousand pairs of socks are ready for shipment, besides sweaters, caps and handkerchiefs.

The revolution in Venezuela, under the leadership of Hernandez, is said to be gaining headway.

The treasurer of Nez Perce county, Idaho, was arrested for depositing public funds in national banks.

Two hundred shareholders of the Panama Canal Company met in Paris and chose a new board of directors.

A bill appropriating \$150,000 for the enlargement of the postoffice building at Portland, Or., was passed in the senate.

After an overhauling at Mare Island navy yard, the Philadelphia will proceed to the island of Tutuila, one of the Samoans.

A branch of the miners' union has been formed at Cornucopia. This is noteworthy in that it is the first branch to be formed in Oregon.

During the last three months nearly 250 demented soldiers have arrived in San Francisco from the Philippines, and it is said 200 more are on the way.

The Corlies proposition for the government ownership of a Pacific cable was defeated by the house committee on interstate and foreign commerce, by a vote of 8 to 5.

F. O. Tait, amateur golf champion of Great Britain in 1896 and 1898, was killed during General MacDonald's reconnaissance at Koodersberg, being shot through the body. He had previously been wounded at Magerstontain.

The British ship County of Edinburgh went ashore near Manusan life-saving station, on the Jersey coast, near Point Pleasant. She is hard and fast aground, and it is expected to break up. The crew were taken off in the breeches buoy by the life-savers.

By an executive order, a certain portion of the peninsula in the district of Alaska, immediately north of the southern boundary, and embracing Camp Point Spencer, has been reserved for public purposes. The tract is located on the west shore of Port Clarence bay, comprising the peninsula on which is Point Spencer, and includes about four square miles.

French railroads have ordered 30 locomotives from Philadelphia.

A Leipzig newspaper warns German manufacturers may crowd them out of Russia.

A French court sent a man to prison for three months for insulting Queen Victoria in a pamphlet.

The queen of Italy has a handkerchief valued at \$30,000. It took several women more than 20 years to make it.

LATER NEWS.

The U. S. battleship Kearsarge has been placed in commission.

Senator Simon, of Oregon, introduced a bill appropriating \$250,000 to establish a mint at Portland.

Former Judge Wm. S. Vest, a prominent and wealthy citizen of Minneapolis, is dead in Los Angeles, aged 63 years.

Buller has surrounded the Boers at Colenso and compelled them to retire across the Tugela river. The British captured 100 prisoners.

It is said that Dr. Leyds had for his sole purpose in going to Germany, the establishment of a German protectorate over the Boer republic.

Voluntary requests for retirement from the navy have come in so rapidly since January 1, that forced retirements will not be necessary.

At Oakland, Cal., the largest cargo of lumber ever consigned to that port, is now being discharged. It consists of 1,200,000 feet of Oregon pine.

Dr. William Treacy, witness in the case of Senator Clark, of Montana, thought it a huge joke to offer a supreme court judge money for his honor.

The battleship Wisconsin, now building at the Union Iron Works, in San Francisco, is fast nearing completion. She will probably be ready for her trial trip before July 1.

A board of survey has inspected the United States hospital ship Missouri, now at San Francisco, and found that many repairs are needed. It will probably be two months before the vessel is ready for sea.

Manir Bey, envoy of the sultan of Turkey at Paris, has presented President Loubet with the insignia and grand cordon of the Order of Nichimiaz, the highest decoration in the Turkish empire.

Leaders in Polish national circles of Chicago say there is a secret National Polish League, which is extended throughout Europe and America, and that it has existed for 14 years for the purpose of freeing Poland by force of arms or any other method. They are hoping for war between England and the Czar.

Assistant Secretary Allen has been notified by the secretary of the treasury that the revenue marine service will be glad to participate in the war college exercises of the coming summer, and will detail several officers to attend. Secretary Root has not yet replied to the navy department's invitation for the army to take part in the course, but Assistant Secretary Allen understands military officers will be detailed.

Lord Roberts' forces have occupied Jacobsdal.

Terrific snow storms are raging in Northern Germany.

The house passed the legislative, executive and judicial appropriation bill.

General Kelley-Kenny's brigade captured a Boer supply train of 75 wagons near Jacobsdal.

A blizzard is raging in New York. Blinding clouds of snow are being whirled about by a strong northeast wind.

An armor plate trust, composed of 15 firms in the world, which practically monopolize armor plate, will be formed.

Will Burts, a negro, was lynched near Baskett Mills, S. C., by a mob of 250 men. He assaulted the wife of a planter.

Rear-Admiral Sampson has been offered and declined the presidency of the Massachusetts institute of technology.

Three men were caught in a snow slide in Colorado, near Silverton. Two were killed and the third saved his life by running.

The Abbott-Downing Carriage Company, of Concord, N. H., has made an assignment, with liabilities of \$200,000 and assets of \$600,000.

The strike situation at the island of Martinique is now calm. Several arrests have been made of strikers for interfering with men at work.

The body of Miss Esther J. Cullen, of Olympia, Wash., was found on the tide flats of that city. A complete air of mystery surrounds her death.

The Vermont State Federation of Women's Clubs is attempting to secure the appointment of women on the state board of penal and charitable institutions.

A band of Cree Indians, camped near Butte, Mont., bought a quantity of alcohol, and by mistake were given wood alcohol, three of the band dying in great agony.

The Owen brothers, two of the bandits who held up and robbed a Wells-Fargo express car at Fairbanks, Ariz., have been captured near Pearce, Ariz., by a Tombstone posse.

Pirates are causing much trouble in Chinese waters. A crew from a British gunboat had a lively fight with them near Chontou Chang, in which several pirates were killed and one sailor shot.

At El Paso, Texas, a mob of negro soldiers from Fort Bliss attacked the city police station with the object of releasing two of their comrades who had been arrested and during the fight one officer and one soldier was killed.

Captain Charles Loeffler has been doorkeeper at the entrance of the executive chamber in Washington for over 30 years.

The oldest consul of the United States in continuous service is Horatio J. Sprague, who became consul at Gibraltar in 1848.

The persons engaged in raising funds to buy a home in Washington for Rear-Admiral Schley have made another appeal for money.

GENERAL CRONJE ESCAPED

An Attack Upon the British Supply Wagons.

HOW ROBERTS' PLANS WORKED

Boers From Natal Are Reported to Be Moving to the Assistance of the Free State Forces.

London, Feb. 20.—It is now amply confirmed that General Cronje escaped. Every detail received, however, proves how admirable Lord Roberts' plans were conceived and were succeeding. But for the unexpected delay at Dekiel drift, which was almost impassable for wagons, the whole Boer force would have been surrounded. The delay of one day there gave them their chance for a hasty retreat. All the other movements of Lord Roberts were executed on time. Apparently General Cronje is retreating with the main army, and even if he shall escape altogether, he will probably lose all his baggage.

There is still something doubtful of about the capture of the British convoy. According to a Daily Mail correspondent with the convoy, which consisted of 200 wagons, each loaded with 6,000 pounds of ration and forage, and each drawn by 16 oxen, it was quite unexpectedly attacked by a commando supposed to come from Colesburg. The escort, consisting of 80 of the Gordon Highlanders, 40 men of the army service corps, and a few of Kitchener's horse, maintained a defense until the arrival of reinforcements sustaining insignificant casualties.

The Standard's correspondent at Jacobsdal, telegraphing February 17, says:

"An attack was made yesterday upon the rear guard of our main body by a force of 1,400 Boers, who were hurried up from Colesburg. They succeeded in capturing some of our wagons, but Lord Roberts did not delay his march to retake these. There were few casualties on our side."

The last of our supply columns arrived from Honey Nest kloof today, having met with no opposition on the way.

Specials from Ladysmith report an apparent movement on the Boers toward the Free State, presumably with the object of assisting General Cronje.

Bonded Warehouses.

City of Mexico, Feb. 20.—The president has issued a decree for the establishment of a system of bonded warehouses at ports of entry. Managers of warehouses may lend money on the goods deposited, as well as enjoy the usual privileges pertaining to this business in foreign countries, collect storage charges, etc. Exemptions of customs duties on the materials for the construction of the warehouses is granted for five years. Several banks here are interested in this business, and New York parties are expected to take a portion of the capital required. The business was projected some years ago, but was defeated in congress, but it is now certain to pass.

Steel Plant for Mexico.

Chicago, Feb. 20.—A special to the Record from Monterey, Mex., says: An American syndicate with a capital of \$10,000,000 will immediately begin the construction of a great steel plant in this city. The plans for the mammoth concern have been completed and the ground purchased for locating the several buildings. An abundance of high grade iron ore and coal is within easy shipping distance. The plant will make a specialty of manufacturing steel rails, and will be the first industry of the kind to be established in Mexico. It will give employment to about 4,000 men in the different departments when they are in operation. Several American capitalists in Monterey are heavy stockholders in the enterprise.

The Venezuelan Revolution.

Havana, Feb. 20.—General Ignacio Andrade, former president of Venezuela, who is now in Havana, said today:

"I left Venezuela for the good of my country, as it was claimed that I was the cause of the revolution. As the revolution continues, I can scarcely have been the sole cause. I confess that I do not know the precise cause of the war. By some it has been attributed to the division of the country into 20 states by congress. The revolutionists pretend to consider it unconstitutional, but they have themselves maintained that division."

Elephants Ran Amuck.

London, Feb. 20.—An exciting scene took place at the Crystal Palace, Sydenham, this afternoon. Two large elephants belonging to the circus ran amuck, killed their keepers and gored another man. There was a terrible panic in the audience attending the concert in the place. One animal was captured after great damage to property. The other escaped through the grounds, but was captured late this evening in the suburbs of Breckenham.

Fire in Denver, Colo., destroyed a four-story building. Loss is estimated at \$150,000.

Seven Stores Worth \$60,000, Burned. Clarksdale, Miss., Feb. 20.—Fire which started in the rear of Bacon & Capps' general store destroyed seven brick stores in the business portion of the city today; loss, \$50,000.

College Destroyed by Fire.

New Orleans, Feb. 20.—The St. Charles college, at Grand Coteau, together with a large and valuable library, was destroyed by fire today; loss, \$50,000.

BATTLE IN SOUDAN.

French Force Defeated Rabah, a Native Chieftain.

Paris, Feb. 19.—M. de Crais, minister of the colonies, has received a telegram from the governor of the French Congo, M. De Lamoignon, announcing the defeat in battle of Rabah, the principal chieftain of Central Sudan, by a French expedition under M. Gentil.

Rabah has long been the strongest opponent of the extension of French influence in the Soudan. It appears that he was strongly entrenched at Kouma, between French Congo and Lake Tchad. Kouma was defended by 12,000 men, with 2,500 rifles and three cannon. After a desperate fight, the French demolished the fortress. Rabah, who was wounded during the fight, fled six hours before its conclusion. The commander of the French expedition, however, admits that practically half of his own force was placed hors de combat. Forty-three Senegalese sharpshooters were killed, and four Europeans, including Captain Robillot, and 100 Senegalese were wounded. The commander of the expedition says in his report:

"We had altogether 320 rifles, so I thought it advisable to continue the march to Lake Tchad. Captain Robillot occupied a fortified cantonment at Tounia."

The commander of the expedition returned to Bangue to inform the governor of the defeat of Rabah. He reports that the result will be very important, as Rabah is completely demoralized by his losses, estimated at between 2,000 and 3,000 killed.

YAQUI PRISONERS.

Six Hundred of Them Will Be Distributed in Various Cities.

Austin, Tex., Feb. 19.—A dispatch from Manzanillo, Mexico, says that the Mexican gunboat Oaxaca has arrived there from the mouth of the Guaymas river with 600 Yaqui Indian prisoners on board. They were captured in the battle fought about three weeks ago near Mazocela. The prisoners will be taken to Guadalajara, and there distributed to the various interior cities. They will not be confined in prisons, but will be kept under surveillance for a few years, until they have become educated in the habits of the Mexican people with which they will be allowed to return to their tribe and impart their newly acquired knowledge to their fellow tribesmen.

When the Oaxaca left the Yaqui river the government troops were making good progress toward subduing the rebels. General Torres had divided his command, and the two armies were to advance into the Yaqui country from two different points. No official confirmation is obtainable as to the government's loss in the recent battles, but it is reported that there were over 400 killed and wounded. It is claimed that the Yaquis left 200 killed, about 300 wounded and 600 captured.

Bacon's Resolution.

Washington, Feb. 17.—Consideration of the financial matter having been concluded, discussion of the Philippine question was resumed in the senate today. McHenry, (Rep. La.), strongly opposed the permanent acquisition of the islands, and believed the United States ought to relinquish them as soon as the authority of this country had been asserted. Stewart, (Silver Nevada), took a pronounced position in favor of the admission of the products of any of the island possessions of the United States free of duty. The bill providing a form of government for the territory of Hawaii was read, but beyond that formality nothing was done with it.

Injured at Fires.

Chicago, Feb. 19.—Eight persons were injured, one fatally, in four fires that occurred late last night and early this morning in the residence portion of the city. In all about 35 lives were imperiled by the fires, and there were heroic deeds of rescue by the firemen. M. W. Littlefield, Mrs. M. W. Littlefield, Curtis Jamieson and Frank Hampden were overcome by smoke and rescued by firemen. The two small children of Mrs. H. E. Bump, sleeping on the first floor, were also overcome by smoke and rescued by their mother at the peril of her life.

The total loss will not amount to \$50,000. Most of the fires were caused by overheated furnaces.

Locomotive Exploded.

Topeka, Kan., Feb. 19.—Two men were instantly killed and three frightfully injured by the explosion of a locomotive boiler in the Santa Fe round-house this afternoon. The dead are: John Heustis, a boilermaker; Neils Lindin, fireman. The injured are: J. L. Beardsley, will probably die; Artie Saylor, bruised and badly shaken up, and Bert Shields, face cut and one eye injured. The explosion was caused by compressed air, which was to be used as a motive power in the "midget" locomotive, a small switch engine. Beardsley was letting the air into the boiler when the explosion occurred.

Calaveras Big Tree Grove Sold.

San Francisco, Feb. 17.—Robert Whiteside, of Duluth, Minn., has practically purchased the Calaveras Big Tree grove, having paid the company owning it \$1,000 for an option of 90 days. The price for the grove is \$100,000, and it consists of 3,800 acres. He has already purchased 5,000 acres of timber land west of the Calaveras grove and has bonded two other large tracts east and south of the big tree park. A joint resolution is pending in congress authorizing the secretary of the interior to open negotiations for bonding of the Calaveras county groves of sequoia gigantea for a government park.

If cakes and cookies stick to the pans in which they are baked, rub the pans with salt before using them again.

DEBATE IN THE HOUSE

Opening of Discussion on Porto Rican Bill.

INTEREST IN THE MEASURE

Preliminary Speeches by Payne, Dabzell and Richardson—Democrats Arranged Against the Measure.

Washington, Feb. 21.—The debate upon the Porto Rican tariff bill, which is to continue throughout the week, and possibly longer opened in the house today. On all hands it is agreed that this bill, although it applies only to Puerto Rico, involving, as it does, the question of the power to govern our new possessions outside the limitations of the constitution, is the most important measure which will come before this congress. Interest in the bill is intense among the members on both sides, and there is urgent demand for time.

The Democrats are solidly arrayed against the measure, and they will have powerful support from the Republican side in McCall (Rep. Mass.), and Littlefield (Rep. Me.), both able and forceful debaters. How far the Republican disaffection will extend, or whether it will endanger the bill, it is impossible to say at this time. Payne (Rep. N. Y.), floor leader of the majority, refused to agree that a vote should be taken upon a substitute to be offered by the minority. This substitute, which has not yet been framed, will be in substance the bill originally introduced by Payne, providing for free trade with Puerto Rico by the extension of the customs and revenue laws of the United States over the island.

The debate today lacked exciting features. It was in the nature of a long range bombardment before the clash of the contending forces in battle. Payne opened with a general argument in support of the bill, going largely into the material side of the situation, which the bill is designed to relieve. Richardson, the Democratic leader, joined issue upon the power of congress to enact the proposed legislation, and Dabzell (Rep. Pa.) backed up Payne with a constitutional and legal argument. All three were listened to with close attention.

TWO MEN PRESIDED.

Unusual Scene in the Kentucky State Senate.

Frankfort, Ky., Feb. 21.—The Democrats held a session of the senate, with President Pro Tem. Carter presiding, this morning, and adjourned to meet at 10:30. The Republicans had adjourned Saturday to meet at 10:30 today.

When the senate convened, both Carter and Marshall presided. The Republicans recognizing Mr. Marshall, adjourned after prayer, and led by Lieutenant-governor Marshall, the Republican senators left the hall. The Democratic senators, recognizing President Pro Tem. Carter, paid no attention to the Republican proceedings, and continued in session. The Democratic senate then adopted a motion, introduced by Mr. Allen, of Lexington, to reaffirm the former action of the senate by which Goebel was declared governor. This prevailed on a viva voce vote. Senator Triplett, anti-Goebel Democrat, voted with the Democrats for the purpose of making a quorum. The Democratic senators adjourned after adopting the Allen resolution.

The house Democrats will follow the action of the senate Democrats, ratifying the former proceedings in the Goebel and Taylor and the Beckham-Marshall contests. The house convened at noon. Speaker Trimble presiding. The Journal of the Democratic legislature, sitting at Louisville, was read. Hefkman (Dem.) demanded a roll call to ascertain the presence of a quorum. The Republicans did not answer to their names and only 53 of the 60 Democrats were present. The house adopted a resolution directing the custodian of public buildings to drape the legislative halls and statehouse with emblems of mourning, and to place the state capitol flag at half-mast, on account of the death of Governor Goebel. The contest matter was not taken up.

The Inter-Ocean's Suit.

Springfield, Ill., Feb. 21.—In the appeal of the Inter-Ocean Publishing Company against the Associated Press, the supreme court today rendered an opinion reversing the decree entered by the Cook county circuit court and the appellate court for the first district, and remanded the case to the circuit court, with directions to enter a decree as prayed for in the original bill filed by the Inter-Ocean Publishing Company, to restrain the Associated Press from suspending or expelling a petitioner from its membership and from refusing to furnish it news according to its contract.

Samoan Treaty Proclamation.

Washington, Feb. 21.—The president today signed the proclamation making public the Samoan treaty. The proclamation is in the usual form, save for the section relative to the exchange of ratifications, and recites the treaty in extenso.

Edwin Mayo Dead.

Quebec, Feb. 21.—Edwin Mayo, of the "Puddhead Wilson" company, dropped dead in the Chateau Frontenac today. Mr. Mayo and his wife were staying at the Frontenac. He was chatting with Edwin Varney, manager of the Academy, until about 2 o'clock. When Mr. Varney started to take his leave, Mr. Mayo arose to see him out, and suddenly fell back in his chair. He bled profusely from the mouth, and was dead before a doctor, who was called, could get to the hotel.

SAW HER OWN LEG CUT

Woman 83 Years Old Undergoes Surgical Operation by New Method.

Chicago, Feb. 21.—Mrs. Mary, in spite of her 83 years, watched her right leg near the hip joint operation proved successful, method by which the operation performed was of great interest to surgeons, and is said in professional circles to be a great step in surgery. Dr. Samuel Weber, member of the advisory staff of the hospital, had charge of the operation, which was said to be the first of its nature performed in America, and the first being performed in Europe. Weber made a study of the operation, and concluded that it might be employed for the amputation of lower limbs of patients who are unable to withstand the effects of anaesthetics.

The method consists in the injection of cocaine in the vicinity above the point where the controlling lower limb is from the spinal chord.

The patient had suffered a painful affection of the leg, and it became necessary to amputate. It was not in a condition to make of an anaesthetic safe, and she decided to try the method which proved successful in a Berlin hospital. The drug was injected into the vertebral cavity a short distance from the waist line, and soon she stated that she had lost all feeling in the lower limbs, while she was unconscious of what was going on, and the full use of all her faculties.

The limb was removed two inches below the hip, and after the use of the drug had passed away she said she felt well. The prospect of her recovery are good.

ALL AROUND CRONJE

The Boer General Hopelessly Surrounded.

London, Feb. 21.—A member of the cabinet told H. W. Lucy, tonight the war office had received a telegram announcing that General Cronje, hopelessly surrounded, was bent with anxious foreboding on the government's news was not satisfactory. The sole explanation of the government's withholding of news is that confirmation and details are awaited.

The situation, as disclosed by reports from the Free State, is tantamounting to the public eye. The elementary facts are that the Boers are trekking eastward toward the border with slow moving baggage trains, and that they are pursued by Kitchener with General Kelly-Kenny's division. General MacDonald, the Highlanders, made a forced march to Koodersberg and Sunday night 20 miles eastward. General Kelly-Kenny left Kimberley Saturday, going to the Modder river. Lord Kitchener is trying to outmarch and to catch the Boers, thus checking their advance, if possible, and driving them to the hands of MacDonald and his army.

THE EL PASO RIOT

Captain Loughborough's Report on Affairs.

Washington, Feb. 21.—General Kibben, commanding the department of Texas, has forwarded to the president-general a copy of the following telegram from Captain Loughborough commanding the troops at Fort Bliss, Texas, in regard to the troubles in the local authorities at El Paso, Tex. on the 17th.

"Through negligence or carelessness of noncommissioned officers in the barracks, arms racks were overturned last night and a number of rifles lost. One soldier was killed, a man and a woman were wounded, and two soldiers were held for drinks and disorderly conduct. Arm racks are now locked and the keys are in possession. All ammunition has been placed under lock and key. I have permitted any one to leave the barracks, I am co-operating with the authorities and will do everything in my power to bring the guilty to justice."

General McKibben adds that he has ordered an additional officer to El Paso, and that he will make a thorough investigation. He says further that \$25,000 is appropriated.

Drove Rebels From Rich Coast.

Oaxaca, Mexico, Feb. 21.—General Bravo's force of government troops driven back the Maya Indians taken possession of several important towns that were occupied by the rebels during the week. The rebels are great. An army officer with General Bravo's troops writes as follows of the country:

"All this vast territory which is now being reconquered contains a low wealth and an exuberant fertility of soil, which can raise everything the way of agriculture. Its forests are extensive and have all the products of the woods. The whole country is overwatered. There is an abundance of game, the singing birds, many splendid plumage, are everywhere. Deer and mountain turkey are the thousands.

Marching on Guaymas.

Austin, Tex., Feb. 21.—Information reaching here today from Ortiz, Tex., is to the effect that a courier has been dispatched after General Torres and Mexican forces. The cause of special messenger is that information has been received that the main body of 2,000 Yaquis are marching on Guaymas, with all its supplies, and inhabitants. There are only 100 men there in garrison.