

**BOHEMIA NUGGET.**

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**EVENTS OF THE DAY**

An interesting collection of items from the Two Hemispheres Presented in a Condensed Form.

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

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

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

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

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

The employees of the Washington mine, at Oxford, N. J., have been fighting fire and black damp in the mine for several days. The Cleveland dry goods firm of Gavin, Parmalee & White was placed in the hands of a receiver. The firm's debts aggregate \$109,000.

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

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

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

Storms continue throughout the Lake region. Henderson, the negro murderer, was burned at the stake. Mr. Chapelle will remain in the Philippines for the present.

The Twenty-seventh volunteers have returned to San Francisco. England is sending foodstuffs to Pretoria to feed the Boers after the surrender.

Colonel W. J. Cliff, one of the most noted criminal lawyers in the South, is dead at Chattanooga. In the opinion of a large cattle dealer, prices of stock will never decline to the low level of several years ago.

The last convention of Oregon woolgrowers, at The Dalles, was the most successful the association has ever held. Henry L. Lessler, a lawyer, is dead at Kansas City, aged 77. He was for 13 years consul to the Falkland islands.

A passenger train was derailed near Solder, Kan., in which 11 passengers were injured. The express car caught fire. Carnegie announces his retirement, and gives \$5,000,000 for the pensioning of old and disabled employes of his company.

Alderman James A. Cherry, of Denver, was instantly killed by falling from the sixth floor of the Arapahoe building to the ground floor. The boiler of an engine pulling a coal train on the Lehigh Valley railroad exploded near Mud Run, N. J., and three men were killed.

Sherman Harris, a negro, was lynched at Spellman, Ga. Harris killed Sidney King, a young merchant and farmer, in an altercation. Charles H. Rowan, the ex-matrimonial agent, has been found guilty of an attempt to bribe United States officials at Milwaukee. He offered \$25,000 to the officials.

Joseph W. Sheldon, of Washington, has been appointed receiver of the suspended First National bank at Niles, Mich. Twenty thousand dollars of forged paper has been found. The 25th annual meeting of the Cattle Raisers' Association in Texas adopted a resolution recommending that congress provide an assistant to the secretary of agriculture to have charge of livestock interests.

Holland gave Wilhelmina a new crown costing \$20,000. A Chicago cattle company bought 443,000 acres of grazing and mineral land in New Mexico. An animal heretofore unknown, resembling both the horse and the zebra, has been discovered in the Congo forests.

New York commission merchants are sending representatives to Cuba to purchase products for shipment to this country.

**WILL REMOVE OBSTACLES.**

Colombia Wants Us to Control the Canal Route.

WASHINGTON, March 15.—Senator Martinez Silva, minister of foreign affairs for the republic of Colombia, and at present accredited as Colombian minister to Washington, had another conference with Secretary Hay tonight in connection with the Panama canal route lying within Colombia. It cannot be said that any formal negotiations are under way, or even open, but the presence of Silva here at this time gives assurance that there is any disposition on the part of the American authorities to take up the canal question with the Colombian government, the latter is now disposed to remove any obstacles on her part in the way of adoption of that route. It is recognized that there are three parties to any negotiations which would be undertaken—namely, the United States government, the Colombian government and the French company. The purpose is to see if there is any means of reconciling the interests and of disposing of all three parties. Dr. Silva said today that the French projectors had a concession which had been renewed for six years, but if the American government desired the Panama route, he said, there can be an arrangement effected to meet the requirements set forth in the recent report of the Walker commission.

**SAMPSON-SCHLEY CONTROVERSY**

Recurrence Likely Over Design of Medals for Santiago Heroes.

NEW YORK, March 15.—A special board from Washington says: Naval circles are deeply interested in the designs to be placed by the navy upon the bronze medals to be awarded to officers who distinguished themselves during the war and subsequently. Officers and men who participated in the battle of Manila received a medal, on one side of which was the profile in bas-relief of Admiral Dewey. Some of the friends of Rear Admiral Sampson urge that the medal to be given to officers who participated in the Santiago battle should have the profile of that officer. In order to prevent any controversy on the subject, Secretary Long has referred the matter to the board of awards, of which Assistant Secretary Hackett is chairman. None of the members of this board participated in the West Indian operations, with the exception of Rear Admiral Watson, who has taken no part in the Schley-Sampson controversy. In addition to awarding medals to the officers and men who served with distinction in the Santiago campaign, Secretary Long, in accordance with the authority granted him, will confer medals upon officers and men who participated in the Samoan, Chinese and Philippines campaigns.

**IS GERMANY LIABLE?**

She May Be Obligated to Pay for Damages in Samoa.

NEW YORK, March 15.—Germany's responsibility for the troubles that occurred in Samoa three years ago, and resulted in the killing of American and British officers and men and the partition of the Samoan islands will be determined by King Oscar of Norway and Sweden.

According to a special to the Herald from Washington, Great Britain and Germany have completed their briefs of the property claims filed by the subjects of each, which grew out of the military operations of the English and American forces. The state department at Washington has practically completed its brief. The document will not be made public until submitted to the royal arbitrator, but it is understood that while it does not directly mention the part Germany played in the Samoan troubles, there are pointed references to the activity of certain foreign agents. These references are to be reinforced by an attorney, who will be sent to Stockholm as the American representative. If the American contention should be established, Germany would have to pay damages to both Great Britain and the United States for losses sustained in Samoa. During the Samoan troubles, Great Britain acted in concert with the United States and was disposed to hold Germany responsible. Whether, after the change in the relations, she is willing to reassert the views then entertained, is a question that will be determined only when her brief is submitted.

**THE THIRTIETH RETURNS.**

Transport Hancock Brings Home a Regiment of Volunteers.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 15.—The transport Hancock has arrived from Manila with the Thirtieth United States volunteer infantry. There were in all 875 people on board, of which number 26 are army officers and 738 non-commissioned officers and men of the Thirtieth volunteers. The regiment is composed of men from Michigan, Illinois and Indiana, the Michigan men predominating. The Hancock also brought 72 prisoners and discharged soldiers, who were deported on a military order. Among the prisoners on the Hancock were two under life sentence—James Dugan, eleven-year-old boy who killed a comrade during a quarrel, and Ellwood Morgan, a negro. Forty-ninth infantry, who assaulted a Filipino woman. Brigadier General Campbell was among the cabin passengers.

Washington, March 15.—A postoffice has been established at Agate, Jackson county, Or., on the route from Tolo to Eagle Point. Jefferson F. Grigaby has been appointed postmaster. An office has also been established at Grant, Mason county, Wash., with John H. Bille as postmaster.

**Blizzard in Wisconsin.**

Milwaukee, March 15.—Reports from points in Eastern Wisconsin indicate that the worst blizzard of the season is prevailing. Glenwood reports all trains from six to eight hours late. New Richmond reports a foot of snow. Marinette sends a similar report. A Cumberland special reports that the blizzard in Northeastern Wisconsin is the worst in years. Grand Rapids reports all the roads blocked. Menominee reports six inches of snow and the worst storm of the season.

**OREGON STATE NEWS**

**Items of Interest From All Parts of the State.**

**COMMERCIAL AND FINANCIAL HAPPENINGS**

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

**Eugene**—A new opera house is to be built at Eugene.

**Athens**—Athens has elected T. B. Page school director and J. W. Smith clerk.

**Baker City**—The Baker City post office will have a stamp-cancelling machine.

**The Dalles**—The Dalles treasurer had an available cash balance March 1 of \$1,853.64.

**Eugene**—A large electric transformer has arrived at Eugene for the lighting company.

**Baker City**—Improvements to cost \$20,900 will be made in the Washburn Hotel at Baker City.

**Eagle Point**—It is reported from Eagle Point that early frosts have not injured growing wheat.

**Pendleton**—Water meters for the Pendleton water system have arrived and are being sold for \$10, \$15 and \$20 each.

**Gold Hill**—It is reported that a rich three-foot vein of gold-bearing quartz has been struck on the old Clock place near Gold Hill.

**Perry**—The Grand Ronde Lumber Company will start up its mill at Perry this week. About 4,000,000 feet of logs are on hand.

**Coquille**—Farmers on the north fork of the Coquille report hay scarce in that part of the country; but stock is in fine condition.

**Henderson**—The wagon bridge at Henderson station, which went out with the last freshet, is replaced and opened for travel.

**Foots Creek**—Several tons of ore from the Dixie Queen mine, in the Foots Creek district, are said to have yielded over \$100 a ton.

**Lakeview**—The old electric system for lighting the town of Lakeview has been discontinued, and will be replaced by the town plant.

**Eagle Point**—There is considerable anxiety over the proposed ditch from Fish Lake to the valley, fears being entertained that the company will take so much water out of the streams that there will not be enough left for irrigating purposes and to run the grist mill.

**Pilot Rock**—A painful accident occurred at the Warner sawmill, twelve miles south of Pilot Rock. Will Warner, while riding on a log carriage, was struck on the head, and while stunned leaned over in such a manner that a large piece of flesh was cut out of his thigh by the saw.

**Unity**—It is reported from Unity, on upper Burnt river, that there was a disastrous fire in that burg. James Payton's general merchandise store was totally destroyed, including quite a stock of goods. The building was practically new, two stories high, the upper story being used as a dance hall.

**Ashland**—A petition has been forwarded to Washington for the proposed free rural delivery route south of Ashland. The route reaches from Ashland eight miles to W. H. Shepherd's place, and returns via Emigrant creek. The number of families which would be served on this route is 125, and the number of people 498, and one postoffice, Baron, would be discontinued.

**Fort Klamath**—Melhase Bros., of Fort Klamath weighed 184 head of beef cattle last week at the Mitchell ranch and delivered them to George Kohlhagen of Roseburg. The average weight was 1252 pounds, from which was deducted four per cent, making the selling weight 1291 pounds. The price paid was 7½ cents, an average of \$45.93½. The total price paid for all was \$3,286.90.

**Wheat**—Walla Walla, 55¢56¢; Valley, nominal; bluestone, 57½¢ per bushel.

**Flour**—Best grades, \$2.80@3.40 per barrel; graham, \$2.50.

**Millstuffs**—Bran, \$16 per ton; middlings, \$21.50; shorts, \$17.50; ctop, \$18.

**Oats**—White, 44¢45¢ per bushel; gray, 42¢43¢.

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

**Butter**—Fancy creamery, 22½¢45¢; dairy, 18¢20¢.

**Eggs**—Oregon ranch, 12¢12½¢; per dozen.

**Poultry**—Chickens, mixed, \$3.50@4; hens, \$4.50@5; dressed, 11¢12¢ per pound; springs, \$4@4.50 per dozen; ducks, \$5@6; geese, \$5@6 per dozen.

**Potatoes**—45¢60¢ per sack.

**Dried fruits**—Apples, evaporated, 5¢6¢ per pound; sun dried, sacks or boxes, 3¢4¢; pears, 8¢9¢; prunes, Italian, 6¢7¢; silver, extra choice, 5¢7.

**Mutton**—Gross, best sheep, wethers, \$4.75; ewes, \$4@4.50; dressed, 6½¢@7¢ per pound.

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

**Yield**—Large, 7@7½¢ per pound; small, 8½¢9¢ per pound.

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

After careful and patient investigation the historical committee of the Society of California Pioneers has learned that January 24, 1848, was the exact date of the discovery of gold in California by James W. Marshall.

Black walnut came from a tree on the farm formerly owned by Abraham Lincoln in Harristown township, Macon county, Ill., were given to the members of the cabinet by the president to whom they had been sent from Illinois.

**THE PAN-AMERICAN**

Arrangements Nearly Completed—Will Open May 1.

BUFFALO, N. Y., March 18.—It has been decided to open the Pan-American exposition May 1. At that time President McKinley and his cabinet are expected to be on their way to the Pacific coast. It is proposed to connect the president's train by telegraph with the temple of music. Direct telegraphic communication will also be established with the executive offices of the presidents of all the republics of the Western hemisphere and the governor general of Canada. At precisely 2 o'clock, Buffalo time, they will all be requested to touch electric buttons in their offices, which will start pieces of machinery at the will exposition. At the same time it is expected that each will transmit a message of greeting.

President McKinley, from his special car, surrounded by his cabinet, will then start the great fountain pumps, and will transmit over the wires a message of greeting.

May 14 it is proposed to hold imposing dedicatory ceremonies when it is expected that Vice-President Roosevelt, Governor Odell and a large number of its national and diplomatic officials will be present. A day, probably between June 9 and 12, will be designated President's day, when President McKinley and his party, on the return from the coast, will be present.

**Taft Commission's Plan.**

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

**Demand on Sultan of Morocco.**

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

**India's Population Stationary.**

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

**A CLASH IMMINENT.**

Trouble at Tien Tsin Between British and Russians.

TIEN TSIN, March 15.—The British and Russians are disputing over the limits of railway property in the Russian concession, and the guards of the two nations are in close proximity to each other. The British have been strongly reinforced, and trouble is imminent unless the Russians retire.

**Warships in Venezuelan Waters.**

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

**Fire in Washington Hotel.**

Washington, March 18.—At 3:52 A. M. today, electric light wires started a fire in the Merchants hotel, 485 Pennsylvania avenue, which spread rapidly, causing panic among the guests, several of whom jumped from the window. L. F. Henry, 48 years old, was killed. The injured are: Stephen Collins, proprietor of the hotel; W. B. Catchings, of Kentucky; John Scanlon, and W. B. Ketchum, of Connecticut.

**Library for St. Louis.**

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

**Simplicity.**

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

**British General Hesitates.**

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

**THREE LIVES LOST**

**Fire in a Boston Newspaper Building.**

**THE PROOFREADERS ARE THE VICTIMS**

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

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

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

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

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

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

**DEWET IS INSANE.**

Statement Made by Prisoners Lately Released.

BLOEMFONTEIN, March 18.—Prisoners who have lately been released by General Dewet say they think he is a madman. They aver that the terrible fatigues he has undergone, his anxiety and the intensity of his feelings have unbalanced his mind. Apart from this view of Dewet's mental state, some of his peculiarities are that he rarely sleeps within the bounds of his camp. He seeks rest outside with a few trusted followers. Thus the orderlies of his subordinate commanders are frequently unable to find him to receive orders. His secrecy is extreme. He absolutely imparts his plans to no one. Dewet repudiates the peace negotiations which are going on. He declares openly to the men that no terms except independence will satisfy him. A recent utterance attributed to him is that, after the British, he hated the Transvaalers. The whereabouts of Dewet during the last two or three days is unknown, nor is it known whether President Steyn is with him.

**AFTER HIGH DAWSON OFFICIAL.**

Governor Will Charge Him With Criminal Libel.

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

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

**Decision on Eight-Hour Law.**

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

**A Dangerous Complaint.**

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

**Troops Sail for Manila.**

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

**VICTIM OF LIVE WIRE.**

One Fireman Killed, Three Others Badly Hurt.

PITTSBURGH, Pa., March 19.—During the progress of a fire today at the corner of Duquesne Way and Fort street, one man lost his life and three others were badly hurt. The property loss will be fully \$50,000, well insured.

The fire broke out in the boiler room of the Hiram W. French Company's hair felt factory, just opposite the main exposition building. Through some confusion, no alarm was turned in for some time, and it was fully 20 minutes after the fire was discovered before the engines reached the scene. From the felt factory the flames jumped across the street, and in a very short time the exposition building was burning fiercely. All the firemen could do was to prevent the flames spreading. After hard work, this was accomplished, and machinery hall, with its valuable contents, saved. The main building was a complete wreck.

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

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

**AMERICAN CONSUL ARRESTED.**

Imprisoned by Venezuela Without Adequate Cause.

PORT OF SPAIN, Trinidad, March 19.—News has reached here that the United States consular agent at Barcelona, Venezuela, Ignacio H. Balz, has been arrested by Venezuelan officials and imprisoned without adequate cause. This is the second time he has been treated in this fashion within the last five months, and he will resign unless protected by the Washington government. It appears that several sums of money have been forced from him by Venezuelan officials under threat of imprisonment. The protests of Mr. Balz to Washington seem to have met with no response thus far. Three months ago Mr. Loomis, the United States minister at Caracas, made a demand upon the Venezuelan government for an apology for the first outrage, but this communication was quite ignored.

**STATE OF SIEGE PROCLAIMED.**

Result of Russian Riots Promoted by Students.

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

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

**Explosion on Ship.**

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

**Trial of Alleged Rebels Begun.**

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

**Nine New Cases of Bubonic Plague.**

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

**Revd for Rescue of Explorers.**

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