

EVENTS OF THE DAY

An interesting collection of items from the two hemispheres presented in a condensed form.

The Jefferies-Rublin fight is postponed.

Another insurgent band has been broken up.

A state of siege has been proclaimed at Madrid.

Guns were used in a saloon raid at Winfield, Kan.

Pett Dewet is at the Cape trying to bring about peace.

Civil government has been established in Pampana province.

General Davis will conduct the Carman-Carranza investigation.

Charles M. Schwab is to be president of the new Morgan steel company.

Floods at La Paz cost many lives and destroyed property worth \$1,000,000.

An address of loyalty from the city of London was presented to King Edward.

The headless and mutilated body of a man was found in the rear of a Columbus, O., saloon.

Pensions for Oregon Indian war veterans have been left out of the substitute bill in congress.

The ameer of Afghanistan has written an extremely sympathetic letter to Lord Curzon, on the occasion of the death of the queen.

Otto W. Meyersburg, formerly president of the Wells & French Car Company, of Chicago, is dead at his country home, Alma Seta, Cal., at the age of 53 years.

Frank Crawford, aged 16, was shot and instantly killed by his brother Charles, aged 14 years, at Balmage, W. Va. Frank objected to Charles going out hunting.

From an ash barrel that had been consigned to a dump at Plainfield, N. J., Colonel Julian Scott, the well-known artist, has rescued a death mask of Napoleon.

Margie McClure, convicted of assisting in the wreck of the Rutland, Vt., Merchants' National Bank, was sentenced to seven years in the county house of correction.

Fire in the five-story block in Boston occupied by William H. Blood & Co., shawls, cloaks, etc.; Creed & Co., fancy goods; Edward Butler & Co., linings, and M. H. Palaski & Co., embroideries, caused a loss of \$150,000.

Mrs. Nation got a chilling welcome in Chicago.

The rebel general, Malbas, was killed at Sibugan.

A severe snow storm is raging in Indian territory.

Spain is passing through another critical period.

Eight officers and 70 men surrendered at San Miguel.

Thousands have died from the plague in Western Siberia.

Lincoln day banquets were held in many Eastern cities.

Rioting students in Madrid were dispersed by the police.

The British squadron cruising in West Indian waters, will call at Havana.

The civil court in connection with the coming royal Spanish wedding was signed.

The Taft commission has gone to Northern Luzon to establish provincial governments.

A minority stockholder in Erie railroad seeks to restrain the company from carrying out Morgan's deal.

Tenders for \$11,000,000 exchequer bonds were closed in London. Twenty-five millions were applied for. The average price was \$97 5/8.

At Helena, A. J. Kelly and George Handschut were convicted of stealing three calves and were sentenced to 14 years each in the penitentiary.

The annual meeting of the Agrarian Association of Tax and Economic Reformers, at Berlin, adopted resolutions in favor of increasing agricultural duties.

The contest between Billy Smith and Owen Zeigler, at Erie, Pa., was stopped at the end of the 10th round, church people demanding the sheriff to enforce the law.

Members of the crews of the German battleship Kaiser Wilhelm II and the Russian cruiser Askold got into an altercation at Kiel and the Russians fatally stabbed three Germans.

The annual meeting of the executive board of the United Mineworkers is in session at Columbus, O. The board devoted most of its time to the discussion of matters not considered by the national convention at Indianapolis.

Queen Victoria had 73 children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Lord Roberts is the first man ever entitled to wear the Garter, the Victoria Cross and the order of St. Patrick.

Thirty-five prominent American sculptors will contribute to the embellishment of the grounds and buildings of the Pan-American exposition at Buffalo, N. Y.

British business men think the influence of a male ruler will prove beneficial.

The consequences of the disturbances in China are being seriously felt in the silk and tea trade.

Mrs. Lillie Rich, a sympathizer of Mrs. Carrie Nation, sued a Wichita, Kan., saloon keeper for \$10,000 for selling liquor to her minor son.

A. W. Pratt and S. H. Jamper, of South Dakota, before the industrial commission gave agricultural statistics showing the prosperity of South Dakota farmers.

OUR LAWMAKERS.

Doings of Importance at the State Capital—Bills Passed.

Two Railroad Bills Killed.

The house after spending nearly another half day in consideration of railroad bills, disposed of two more Wednesday. One of these measures was Poorman's fellow-servant bill. It was debated at length, and although even its opponents admitted it had good points, it was defeated by a vote of 31 to 22. The other railroad bill which was disposed of, and which met a similar fate, was a bill of Harris to fix the liability of railroad corporations for injuries. But 19 votes were cast in favor of this bill.

No Holiday at Salem.

Washington's birthday, February 22, is a legal holiday, but it is not a legislative holiday unless the legislature by specific act chooses to make it so. Inasmuch as Washington's birthday happens this year to fall on the 40th day of the session (the usual day of sine die adjournment) it is probable that business will be proceeded with much as usual. The constitution of the state does not limit the sessions to 40 days, but does limit the total compensation of each member to \$120 at \$3 per day; therefore, few legislators can be expected to be so self-sacrificing as to work long for nothing.

Bills Passed.

The senate Wednesday passed the following bills: Senate bill 79, to correct the description of the boundary of Wheeler county; senate bill 145, to provide for hotel and boarding house keepers; by Hunt, regulating street railways in Portland; senate bill 73, to enact the Torrens system of registration of land titles; senate bill 172, to regulate insurance companies; senate bill 31, to provide for the election of road supervisors; senate bill 137, to create the office of county auditor of Multnomah county; senate bill 217, to amend the charter of Sherwood; senate bill 216, to fix the salary of prosecuting attorney in the seventh judicial district.

The house Wednesday passed bills as follows: house bill 27, providing for a uniform system of mine bell signals; house bill 146, making it a crime to remove or interfere with mining location marks; house bill 127, regulating the supply of water for irrigation purposes.

The Senatorial Vote.

The joint vote for senator Wednesday was: H. W. Corbett, 32; Binger Hermann, 29; George H. Williams, 1; R. D. Inman, Democrat, 26; W. E. Robertson, Democrat, 1; absent, 1.

License Bill Defeated.

Senate bill 16, for the licensing of stationary engineers and firemen was defeated Monday.

Woman Suffrage Defeated.

An effort was made in the house Monday to reconsider the vote by which senate joint resolution 71, for woman suffrage, was defeated. The vote for reconsideration was lost, 28 to 21.

Law Without Governor's Signature.

Governor Geer Monday filed the barber Sunday closing bill without his signature, thus completing the proceedings necessary to make it a law. As it bears an emergency clause, it went into effect Monday and will make barbering on next Sunday a crime.

Passed Both Houses.

The following bills have passed both houses: House bill 2, relative to school libraries; house bill 91, to prohibit barbering on Sunday; house bill 208, appropriation for legislative expenses and deficiencies; senate bill 12, providing for sale of school lands; senate bill 15, exemption of earnings of judgment debtors; senate bill 17, fixing fees of witnesses in Douglas, Jackson and Josephine counties in criminal actions; senate bill 95, fixing salary of judge of Clackamas county. Incorporation bills, Sheridan and Whitney.

Signed by the Governor.

The following bills have been signed by the governor: House bill 3, amending Albany bridge act; house bill 4, appropriating \$45,000 for Oregon agricultural college; house bill 25, appropriating \$47,500 to Oregon state university; house bill 180, for payment of scalp bounty warrants; house bill 224, relative to Portland tax law; house bill 257, relinquishing ground to United States for postoffice at Salem; senate bill 8, relative to licenses on state fair grounds. (A law without governor's signature); senate bill 19, to pay expenses of Indian war veterans to Washington; senate bill 89, to submit initiative and referendum; senate bill 104, removing incline at Cascade locks; senate bill 11, to authorize Portland to levy a special tax; incorporation acts for the following places: Roseburg, Canyonville, Silverton, Elgin, Summerville, Baker City, Antelope, Dallas, Sumpter, Myrtle Point, Medford.

The Vote for Senator.

The vote for senator Monday stood: Corbett 30, George H. Williams 23, William Smith 25, Binger Hermann 6, not voting 1, absent or paired 3.

Aid for Orphanages.

The house committee on corporations Wednesday rendered a favorable report on the bill by Holcomb providing state aid for all orphan asylums of not to exceed \$10 per annum per inmate.

Fox Clerk Sword Fund.

In the house Wednesday Eddy introduced a concurrent resolution providing for an appropriation of \$262 for the completion of the Captain Clark sword fund.

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MAILED AS FRIENDS

Filipinos Warmly Welcome American Commissioners.

WHEN ON THEIR FIRST TRIP NORTH

Judge Taft and His Associates Have Gone to Bacolor to Organize a Provincial Government—Bulacan Will Next Be Visited

San Fernando, Province of Pampanga, Island of Luzon, Philippines, Feb. 14.—Bacolor and all the towns adjacent to the railroad, which names are historic on account of the fierce battles of the earlier periods of the American occupation, turned out to welcome the United States Philippine commission as it proceeded northward, on its first trip to organize provincial governments. At every station, including the hamlets where the train did not stop, there were bursts of music from the native bands and cheers for the American commission and the partido federal. The crowd at Malolos, the former seat of the insurgent government, was smaller, in proportion to the population, than at the villages. At all the stops addresses were delivered by the natives, and responses were made by Judge Taft, the president of the commission; Professor Worcester, General Flores, Chief Justice Arellano and Dr. Tavera, president of the Federal party. The natives repeatedly declared the people were beginning to understand the purpose of the Americans, adding that the commission's acts showed its promises would be kept.

Judge Taft told the people of the towns in Bulacan province that a provincial government will shortly be established there. The American party alighted at San Fernando, passed under an arch of welcome and was greeted by the military and hundreds of children waving American flags and singing "Hail Columbia." The entire American party was then driven to Bacolor, capital of the province of Pampanga, where they will be cordially entertained tomorrow, and until applying the provincial government to Pampanga, there will be a public discussion of the laws enacted.

General Grant received information that a band of Tarlac insurgents is approaching for the purpose of harassing the people of Bacolor. He has sent scouts out after them.

UNCONDITIONAL SURRENDER.

Eight Officers and Seventy Men Give Up the Fight.

Manila, Feb. 14.—An insurgent colonel, Simon Teodon, seven insurgent officers and 70 men, with 60 guns, have surrendered unconditionally to Captain Coles, of the Thirty-fifth regiment, at San Miguel de Mayumo.

In a fight at Sibuyan, Batangas, the rebel general, Malbas is reported to have been killed. Six insurgent officers and 20 men were captured.

Marikina is the scene of an immense peace meeting of the Federal party.

The Women's Peace League met at Judge Taft's house today. Senora Poble attempted to introduce a resolution requiring the release of the imprisoned insurgents. Mrs. Taft and other ladies spoke on a resolution urging the insurgents to surrender. This was adopted instead of Senora Poble's.

BOILER-MAKER'S GOOD LUCK.

Bonds Mine in North for Quarter of a Million Dollars.

Port Townsend, Wash., Feb. 14.—A mining deal was consummated here today of more than usual interest, owing to the amount involved, and that it transfers a man from the ranks of poverty to affluence. Erick Molander, a boiler maker, of this city, who had invested his earnings in Mount Sicker, B. C., mining property by hiring claims staked for him on extension of Tye and Lenora claims, has bonded his holdings to London and Paris investors for \$500,000. The papers were made out and signed today. Molander spent last season at Nome, but failed to make his fortune. He returned on the steamer Charles Lane, and when her boilers gave out and the vessel was in danger of swamping, he repaired the boilers so that the steamer, with 300 passengers, reached port in safety, and for which he was presented with \$500.

Silk Weavers Locked Out.

Scranton, Pa., Feb. 14.—The strike of the 4,000 silk workers in Scranton has resulted in a lockout. The mill owners and managers today declared they will not reopen their mills until the girls are willing to resume at the wages which were offered nearly two weeks ago and in which there was a concession of 25 cents a week to each employee. The strikers are determined to stay out until their demands shall be granted. They have a shed all silk workers in the country for moral and material assistance, requesting them to strike if the mills at which they are employed handle material from the Scranton mills.

Telegraphed 200 Miles.

London, Feb. 14.—Professor John Fleming, lecturing at Liverpool yesterday, said he had signed Marconi's permission to make the first mention of the fact that on the first day of the reign of King Edward VII Marconi accomplished the astonishing feat of sending wireless messages between St. Katherine's, Isle of Wight, and the Lizard, 200 miles. Perfect communication has since been established.

Mexican Embassador.

San Diego, Cal., Feb. 14.—Word has been received from Ensenada that Salvador Saloria was arrested there Saturday, charged with having embezzled \$2,650 of the Mexican government's money. He was municipal treasurer for the northern district of Lower California, a post he had held for the past three years, and the money he is alleged to have embezzled was in his custody in that capacity. Saloria is said to have enjoyed the utmost confidence of his government and all who knew him.

RIOTING IN MADRID.

State of Siege Proclaimed in the Spanish Capital—Many Arrests Were Made.

Madrid, Feb. 15.—Music on the public squares and a general holiday had been arranged as today's programme of the Asturias-Borbon marriage festivities, but all this has been abandoned on account of the attitude of the populace.

With nightfall, every approach to the Puerta del Sol was jammed with the idle populace. Insulting remarks were hurled at the police and civil guards. A trumpeter sounded a charge, which was made with swords drawn. Heads were not spared, many persons were injured, and there were numerous arrests. The scattering crowds sought the shops and hotels. All the front doors of the Hotel de Paris were smashed in, a great crowd assembling in the streets. The police and guards charged into the streets, but the dispersed throngs quickly reassembled.

As was anticipated, the funeral of Don Ramon de Campamor, was attended with serious disturbances. The weather was beautiful and enormous crowds gathered along the route taken by the funeral cortege. Considerable disorder marked the passage of the procession, but the troops stood at strategic points and prevented any very formidable outbreak until the end of the city was reached.

Altogether some 30 arrests were made during the day, including a military officer, whose arrest resulted in a protest by his brother officers, the matter being referred to the captain-general.

The authorities have warned the newspapers to abstain from the publication of news or comments calculated to fan the present agitation.

MURDEROUS ASSAULT.

Razor in the Hand of a Man Crazy With Liquor Nearly Causes Death.

Seattle, Feb. 15.—Mad with the effects of liquor and at the time infuriated by the thought that his companion had robbed him of a sum of money, James Flood attacked James Dorey with a razor in a room in the Globe hotel at 10 o'clock today, and by the narrow margin possible a murder was averted.

Both men had been out on a spree all night and had just entered their room, when suddenly Flood turned upon his roommate and accused him of stealing \$50 of his money from a coat pocket.

Dorey denied it. Flood whipped out a razor, and made a slash at the astonished Dorey. A gasp an inch deep and the full length of the fleshy part of the arm was cut. Terrified beyond measure, Dorey screamed frantically for help. Proprietor Hewitt came in and tried to make peace. In his mad fury Flood turned upon him with murder in his eyes, but did not succeed in cutting him. Flood was overpowered.

WILL BUILD LIGHTERS.

Government to Use Them for Service on Alaska Coast.

Seattle, Feb. 15.—Major Rubien, in charge of the United States quarter-master's department here, has received instructions from the department at Washington to invite bids for the construction of one seaworthy tug and two 40-ton lighters, to be used in hauling government supplies at Nome and St. Michael.

The boats will be finished in time for use this season in the north. The bids will be closed on Saturday night, as the work will probably be a rush order. The tug will be 80 feet long, 17 feet beam and four feet draught. The amount of business done by the government in the north warrants building the craft instead of depending upon private contractors.

Brakes Would Not Hold.

Butte, Mont., Feb. 15.—One of the Northern Pacific freight trains while hauling supplies to the Alice mine on top of the hill, got beyond control of the brakes, and ran away. As a result William Fidler, brakeman, is dead, and the following are injured: John Cahill, brakeman, bruised, not serious; John Harden, engineer, may die. The train was working up the steep grade of what is known as the Hill Line, leading to the mines at Walker, and with lumber and other supplies.

All at once the wheels began to slip, and when the air was applied the brakes refused to hold.

Earthquake Near Cadiz.

Malaga, Feb. 14.—There was an earthquake shock today at Grazalema, 40 miles from Cadiz. It was accompanied by loud rumblings. The inhabitants became panic-stricken and many buildings were damaged.

Blizzard in New York.

Syracuse, N. Y., Feb. 15.—Northern and Central New York are many feet deep in the worst blizzard of the winter, and in some respects in recent years. Over a territory extending from Rochester to Utica, and from Watertown to Ithaca, the ground is white, although it is not exceedingly cold, and the fine snow drifting makes traveling dangerous. In the cities snowplows and shovel gangs are keeping the streets open for traffic.

The Danish Islands.

London, Feb. 15.—The Copenhagen correspondent of the Daily News says: "The crown prince of Denmark opposes the sale of the Danish West Indies to the United States. At a meeting of the representatives of the budget committee and a syndicate that desires to develop the islands, a compromise was agreed upon to the effect that if the matter is not settled with the United States before March 4, the budget committee is to reject the sale and to support the schemes of the syndicate."

Robbed of \$3,000 Worth of Jewelry.

San Francisco, Feb. 16.—Mrs. P. H. Osmond, of Seattle, who arrived in this city on the Oregon express this morning, has reported to the police and railway officials that she was robbed during last night of \$3,000 worth of jewelry. She stated that the gems were in a leather bag which she wore around her neck, but that they were taken while she was sleeping. The police officers have arrested a man on suspicion.

Earthquake in Tennessee.

Nashville, Tenn., Feb. 16.—Quite a severe earthquake shock was felt at 6:15 o'clock tonight at Union City, Tenn. Houses rocked and windows and crockery rattled. The wave lasted several seconds.

Castly Engines.

Memphis, Tenn., Feb. 16.—A slight earthquake shock, lasting about 20 seconds, was felt here this evening.

Hanged Themselves.

Genesee Idaho Feb. 18.—Two farmers living north of town committed suicide last night. Ivor Larson, aged 50, and Ole Otness, aged 78, hanged themselves, without any apparent reason. Larson stopped on the way home from town last evening at the home of a neighbor named Tweed. The suicide of Otness was equally queer. He hanged himself in Larson's barn. The coroner held an inquest over both bodies this afternoon.

IS IN CAPE COLONY

Dewet Engaged a British Force Near Philipstown.

CROSSED ORANGE RIVER AT SAND DRIFT

The Inniskillings Charged the Enemy Who Left Five Killed and Six Wounded—Ten Boers Were Captured.

London, Feb. 16.—The war office has received the following dispatch from Lord Kitchener:

"Pretoria, Feb. 15.—Our troops are now engaged with Christian Dewet's force north of Philipstown, which we held, Dewet having crossed the Orange river at Sand Drift, apparently moving west."

"French, 27.—From a point 25 miles southeast of a village, states that a large force of the enemy is being driven on the Pretoria front. Their efforts to break back having so far been frustrated. The Inniskillings charged the enemy, who left five killed and six wounded on the ground. Ten Boers were captured, and there was a large capture of wagons, carts and cattle. Our casualties were one killed and five wounded."

The Evening News prints a dispatch from Cape Town, dated Thursday, February 14, which says:

"The government here is advised that Christian Dewet and ex-President Steyn entered Cape Colony and occupied Philipstown. The British attacked them yesterday and drove them out of the town with loss."

Cape Town, Feb. 16.—A Boer commando crossed the Orange river yesterday, in the Philipstown district. It is reported that Dewet was in command. Van Wykswel was occupied Monday by 300 Boers who were retreating from Calvinia. The Boers are reported in force 24 miles west of Carnarvon. A Boer convoy of 65 wagons and 45 prisoners has been captured north of Amsterdam.

Boers Near Cape Town.

London, Feb. 16.—It is reported from Cape Town that the wife of Comandant Botha left Pretoria with a military escort to endeavor to get her husband to surrender.

The Boers tried unsuccessfully to destroy a culvert near Cape Town. Severe fighting ensued, the Boers leaving three killed and 23 wounded. The British lost one killed and two wounded.

Boers Worsted at Aberdeen.

Cape Town, Feb. 16.—Fighting is reported to have taken place near Aberdeen Friday and Saturday last, the Boers being worsted.

CHICAGO HOTEL FIRES.

Attempts Were Made to Burn Four Structures—Robbery During the Excitement.

Chicago, Feb. 16.—Flames were started simultaneously on four floors of the Palmer House this afternoon, and 45 minutes later were discovered on two floors in the Great Northern hotel.

Two men supposed to be hotel thieves were seen to run from the Palmer house. During the excitement, \$500 worth of jewelry was stolen from one of the rooms of the Great Northern. About the same time, a blaze of light was discovered in the Sherman house. Another fire of suspicious origin had been discovered only 24 hours before. The fire convinced the police that an organized gang of incendiaries is operating in Chicago. Good descriptions have been secured of the two men who were seen running from the Palmer house, and a number of detectives are at work on the case. The four fires, with the circumstances attending them, were:

Palmer House—Four fires started simultaneously in baskets of linen on different floors. Towels saturated with kerosene were found. The fire was extinguished by guests and employees. Two suspects were seen, but allowed to escape. Damage nominal.

Great Northern Hotel—Simultaneous fires were discovered on the 11 and 12 floors. Odor of kerosene on H floor. J. S. Friest, of New York, reported that \$500 worth of jewelry had been stolen from his room. Damage of \$1,500 by fire and small panic among the guests.

Sherman House—The blaze was on the upper floor and was attended with little commotion. Damage, \$100.

Hotel Grace—Fire of suspicious origin discovered in a linen closet. Damage nominal.

The most dangerous fire in the Palmer house was on the fifth floor. It was extinguished at personal risk by John M. McWilliams, Jr., a senior at Princeton university. The police agree that all the fires were incendiary and tonight every important downtown hotel was guarded by a detail of officers in plain clothes, watching for the men suspected of having started the fires. These officers, as well as the hotel managers, have the theory that the fires were started by some disgruntled hotel employee who wished to satisfy his grudge and was able to do so through his intimate knowledge of opportunities.

Car Jumped the Track.

Pittsburg, Feb. 18.—A car on the Hamilton line jumped the track to night, at the corner of Sixth and Hamilton avenues, and toppled over against the curb completely wrecking the car and injuring 20 or more passengers four of them severely.

To Stop Cane Rushes.

New Haven, Conn., Feb. 16.—The Yale faculty has abolished the time honored custom of granting a holiday to the undergraduates on Washington's birthday. The action of the faculty has excited much discussion among the undergraduates, and an attempt will be made to have the day restored. February 22 is annually the date when the Yale sophomores wear high hats and carry canes for the first time, and when the freshmen "rush" the sophomores and "take" the fence.

Defenses for Port Orchard Dock.

Tacoma, Feb. 18.—The work of laying mines and torpedoes about the entrance to the Port Orchard drydock is soon to begin. A shipment of five cars of mushroom anchors has been received by the quartermaster's department, consigned to the United States engineer by the ordnance department of the army. They are to be used to hold down the gunboat mines and torpedoes.

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Found Dead on the Desert.

Tucson, Ariz., Feb. 18.—Geoffrey Wheatley, a well-known mining man and two Mexican miners were found dead in their tent, one mile from the mining camp of Schultz, 30 miles from Tucson. When found the parties had been dead for several days. Indian times point to death from cholera poisoning. Some believe that the Mexicans were being consumed by fire when the remains were discovered.

Indians to Move Back to Old Home.

Tacoma, Feb. 18.—Alaska Indians are going to move in a body back to the old village whence they came. When the white settlers found the Indians deserted their village and they had founded 200 years before and flocked to Juneau, where they lived ever since. They are now to return as the growth of Juneau has encroached on the land allotted for their use. Their old home is nearer their fishing grounds.

SPAIN IS AGAIN CALM.

But Martial Law Will Continue Throughout Carnival Week.

Madrid, Feb. 18.—The minister of the interior, Senor Urdago, in the course of an interview, asserted that calm reigned in the provinces and that if the same pacific behavior of the people continued after the carnival next week, martial law could be discontinued in Madrid and throughout Spain, except in Catalonia. Madrid remains perfectly calm, although the talk of the probable change of ministry after the carnival is very strong.

All the troops have been withdrawn, and the censorship is less vigorous, but no reference to the disorders of the past few days is permitted to appear. All dispatches are now revised and delayed. The streets are now guarded by only the ordinary number of police. The weather is bitterly cold and not conducive to mob manifestations.

There is not the slightest foundation for the statement circulated in the United States, on the authority of a news agency that the government had placed restrictions on the sending of messages regarding the royal wedding. Two persons were killed and several others wounded yesterday at Grenada.

The count and countess of Caserta arrived at Hendaya, France, today. They met with no special incident en route and continued the journey to Nice.

Cause of Disturbances.

New York, Feb. 18.—A special to the Times from Washington says:

The disturbances which General Weyler is now trying to quell, are not, it is said by persons familiar with the situation, of either Carlist or Republican origin, although both parties are no doubt active in trying to take advantage of the trouble. It is declared that the uprising is in reality an outbreak of the discontented. Those taking part in it comprise all classes of malcontents, and its causes are like those which brought about the French revolution.

Poverty has been increasing, the burden of taxation has been growing heavier, and the laboring classes are ripe for revolution. At the same time the ruling dynasty is unpopular. All these complications and a number of others have brought about a widespread feeling of unrest, and great events are looked for in Spain unless the incipient revolution is quelled.