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NEWS OF THE WEEK

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 Shamrock II will be partially remodeled.

Peace reigns in the southern Philippine islands.

Civil officers have been appointed in Albay province.

A transport line may be established via the Suez canal.

An Ohio river boat was burned. Two lives were lost.

Three hundred firms have signed the agreement with machinists.

Ten cars were wrecked on a branch of the Southern Pacific near Albany, Or.

Nine miners are dead and three fatally injured from an explosion in a West Virginia coal mine.

The Chilean government has waived its objection to the Pan-American congress to be held in Mexico.

President McKinley has given up his tour to the Northwest on account of his wifes' illness. Her condition is considered serious.

The Alaskan, the largest merchant setamship ever built on the Pacific coast, has been launched at the Union Works, at San Francisco.

The governor of New York has ordered 2,200 soldiers to Albany. All efforts to settle trouble between strikers and employers has thus far failed.

Although reports coming from South Africa are very meager, the indications are that the Boers are rapidly breaking down, owing to cold and lack of provisions.

A financial panic was narrowly averted in London.

The powers have protested against Turkey's postal measures.

A band of American brigands has been broken up near Manila.

The new Philippine tariff will probably go into effect June 1.

President McKinley has made his official entry into San Francisco.

Mrs. Nation's attorneys have set up the plea of insanity as a defense in the trial for joint smashing.

Edward A. Cudahy says he is willing to pay $50,000 reward for the man who abducted his son, if necessary.

The president of the French company which owns the right of way for the Panama canal is in the United States to make an effort to sell the company's concessions.

The employes of every machine shop and factory in Seattle, numbering over 250, have walked out. They demand nine hours instead of 10 and a 12½ per cent increase in wages.

Riot followed the attempt of the Union Traction Company, of Albany, N. Y., to resume the operation of its electric street railway system. One nonunion motorman was fatally injured and a car derailed.

Mrs. McKinley is much improved in health.

Lacuna has promised to surrender his command.

Shamrock II was beaten by Shamrock I in a trial race.

A watchman in a Utah refinery stole $15,000 in silver bullion.

The Chinese are astonished at the amount of indemnity demanded.

Twenty five thousand regulars will be returned from the Philippines.

A Russo-German tariff alliance against the United States is proposed.

The military governor of Bataan has been reprimanded by MacArthur.

Governor Nash and party are visiting the various interesting places in California.

Rear Admiral Schley will cut short his visit in London on account of sickness in his family.

Russia is standing steadfast for peace, according to an official statement received at Washington.

One mail clerk was killed and another injured in a wreck on an Illinois Central train in Louisiana.

A steamboat on the Mississippi river was wrecked near Chester, Ill. Two passengers were drowned and 22 deckhands are missing.

Unless the sultan of Turkey yields on the question of interference with foreign mail, the powers will present an ultimatum, backed by naval demonstration.

The congressional appropriation of $3,000,000 for the extension of the rural delivery postal service becomes available in three months.

The Roman Catholic archbishop of Montreal has forbidden the members of that church from countenancing cremation in any way.

The public printer of Minnesota beat all records by issuing the laws passed by the recent legislature within two days after adjournment.

During the year ending March 14, 1901, no less than 65 national banks, representing over $2,000,000 in capital stock, began business in Texas.

The production of tobacco in the United States is now about 725,000,000 pounds, of which about one half is consumed by our own people and one half exported.

Former Secretary John W. Foster says President Diaz is supreme in Mexico, but after his death will come the test of the ability of Mexicans to continue a republican form of government.

STRIKE NEAR REPUBLIC.

Nuggets Found by Woodchoppers on Granite Creek.

Republic, Wash., May 16.—Two wood choppers in the employ of Smith Bros., of this place, while getting out cordwood at a point on Granite creek, about two miles west of town, near the old saw mill, picked up some nuggets. One is worth $20. The men immediately abndoned work on the wood contract, and, selecting a spot close to the water's edge, sunk a hole about four feet square to the depth of three feet, at which depth they were on top of a decomposed bed rock, and in the course of this small amount of work, which took but a few hours, they had taken out nearly $100 in coarse gold. They did not try to save the fine gold, simply confining their attention to the large nuggets.

The men were greatly excited when Smith brothers appeared on the scene, and endeavored to get their assistance in staking some claims, but the men could not be induced to leave the joyful task of picking out the yellow chunks—they only having taken time enough to stake one claim. Smith brothers staked two claims above.

Great excitement prevailed throughout the town. There have been many reports of the finds on Granite creek here in the past, and colors can be obtained anywhre on the creek, but nothing like the present strike has ever been made in this section. Two hundred citizens left town tonight for the scene of the strike, and many claims will be staked by daylight.

ADMIRALTY SUITS DECIDED.

Two From District of Washington, and One From District of Oregon.

San Francisco, May 16.—Opinions were rendered today in the United States Circuit Court of Appeals in two admiralty suits from the federal court of the district of Washington, and one from the district of Oregon. The lower court was sustained in awarding the owners of the British ship Ravenscourt damages in $7,288.35, with costs against the American owners of the ship Columbia, arising out of a collision in Puget sound on January 22 of last year while both vessels were in tow by the tug Tyee.

The judgment for $12,000 for personal injuries awarded Charles H. Newman, a ship carpenter, was reduced by the appellate court to $6,000 and costs, on account of a permanent nature. This suit was brought against the master and owners of the steamer Homer on account of a collision of that vessel with the barkentine Blakeley in Seattle hrabor. Newman was employed on the latter craft.

A. M. Simpson and James Magee, owners of the tug Columbia, were allowed only the $1,000 awarded by the district court of Oregon for pulling the Grace Dollar off the beach at Coos bay in August, 1898, as it was shown that the tug encountered no more danger than in taking an ordinary tow, and hence could not be awarded salvage.

RICH STRIKE IN MINE.

Believed to Be the Best Ever Made in Eastern Oregon.

Baker City, May 16.—What is believed to be the richest gold strike ever made in Eastern Oregon was uncovered in the Little Giant mine, about one mile from Malheur City, in Malheur county. No asssay has been made, but samples of the ore exhibited in this city are so rich in free gold that it does not need an assay for even a novice to know that it is very rich. The samples are of beautiful nuggets as large as a pea, and so bright that the gold can be plainly seen at a distance of 15 or 20 feet. The ledge is about 12 feet wide and has been uncovered for a distance of 300 feet. The discovery of this rich ore has created a great deal of excitement here, and a number of prospectors have already started for the new diggings, intent upon locating extensions of this rich ledge it possible.

Alaska Lighthouses.

Washington, May 16.—The plans for the 12 American lighthouses recently submitted by Captain Langfitt to the lighthouse board, which were found too elaborate for the appropiration available, $400,000, have been slightly modified and returned with instructions to advertise for bids. Captain Langfitt desired to have these lighthouses built by day labor under his superintendence, but the board thought best to have the work done by contract, and ordered very extensive advertisements, in order to secure reasonable contracts with reliable parites.

Best Hop Contract of Season.

Salem, May 16.—The best hop contract of the season was filed today. By this instrument George L. Rose agrees to deliver to S. and W. H. Ramsey, of Seattle, 15,000 pounds of hops of the crops of 1901, 1902, 1903, 1904 and 1905, at 11 cents.

Large Timber Land Deal.

New Whatcom, Wash., May 16.—Peter Larsen, of Helena, Mont., president of the Bellingham Bay & Eastern Railway, has purchased for his company 10,000 acres of timber lands, lying in Whatcom and Skagit counties, and owned by ex-Secretary Alger and ex-Senator Hawley, of Ohio. The consideration is $155,000. The land contains between 200,000,000 and 300,000,000 feet of standing timber.

Warships Ordered Home.

Washington, May 16.—The navy department today sent orders to Rear Admiral Kempff, acting commander of the Asiatic station, to send home the ships Concord, Marietta and Cottine in the latter part of the coming summer. This is in pursuance of the policy announced some time ago of reducing the naval strength in the east. The Bennington, Petrel, Oregon, Newark and Brutus already have been ordered home, so that with these three ships there is a total reduction of the Asiatic fleet to 42 vessels.

NEWS OF THE STATE

ITEMS OF INTEREST FROM ALL OVER OREGON.

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

Bear creek cattlemen shipped from Pendleton 110 head of cattle to Puget sound.

The annual field day athletic contests of the Pendleton public schools will take place May 27.

Henry Brune from Rockland, sold 30 sheared yearling wethers at The Dalles for $3.10 a head.

A bridge has been completed across the Sandy river near Leona. It is 233 feet long and 16 feet wide.

It is reported that the Golconda mine, situated in Williams creek district, has been sold for a good figure.

Jack Gordon and Pete Gagnon recently sold several quartz mining claims in the Greenhorn mountains to Gibb Leavitt for $8,000.

Recently a piece of quartz weighing 25 pounds was picked up at the Mule Gulch placer mine, near Antoine. It is estimated to be worth $2,000.

A clean up from 100 tons of Mammoth mine ore treated at the Virtue mill was taken to Baker City last week. The clean up amounted to $1,100—two bars, one of the value of $800 and another of $300, an average of $11 to the ton.

The North Powder Irrigation Company, which recently purchased the big Grayson ditch, south east of Baker City, has completed surveys for the extension of the ditch into the lower valley. The work of construction of the ditch will begin this week.

Newport will have a Fourth of July celebration.

The new school house at Marcola has been completed.

Timber claims on the middle fork of the Coquille are being rapidly taken.

Operations have been resumed at the Eureka mine, at Selma, Josephine county.

The telephone line being extended from Springfield to Waterville is completed to Thurston.

The Southern Oregon Oil Company, operating near Ashland, has purchased a boring plant.

The machinery of the Summerville creamery has been received and will be in place within a few days.

Eighty seven scalps of wild animals were presented for bounty in Jackson county in the month of April.

Contract has been awarded to the Athena Flouring Mill Company to pump water for the city for $800 per year.

The Henry P. Smith farm of 199 acres, 1½ miles east of Dallas, has been sold to an Okalhoma man for $6,400.

The Ontario Warehouse Company is building a warehouse on the Short Line right of way. The building will be 50x70 feet, fire proof, and will be pushed to a speedy completion.

Portland Markets.

Wheat—Walla Walla, 59@60c.; valley, nominal; bluestem, 61@62c. per bushel.

Flour—Best grades, $2.90@3.40 per barrel; graham, $2.60.

Oats—White, $1.30@1.35 per cental; gray, $1.27½@1.30 per cental.

Barley—Feed, $17@17.25; brewing, $17@17.25 per ton.

Millstuffs—Bran, $17 per ton; middlings, $21.50; shorts, $20.00; chop, $16.

Hay—Timothy, $12.50@14; clover, $7@9.50; Oregon wild hay, $6@7 per ton.

Hops—12@14c. per lb.

Wool—Valley, 11@13c; Eastern Oregon, 17@0c; mohair, 20@21c. per pound.

Butter—Fancy creamery, 15@17½c.; dairy, 13@14c.; store, 11@12½c. per pound.

Eggs—Oregon ranch, 12½@13c. per dozen.

Cheese—Full cream, twins, 13@13½c.; Young America, 13½@14c. per pound.

Poultry—Chickens, mixed, $3.50@4; hens, $4@4.50; dressed, 11@12c. per pound; springs, $3@5 per dozen; ducks, $5@6; geese, $6@7; turkeys, live, 10@12c; dressed, 13@15c. per pound.

Potatoes—Old, 90@$1.10 per sack; new, 2½c. per pound.

Mutton—Lambs 4¾@5c. per pound gross; best sheep, wethers, with wool, $4.25@4.50; dressed, 7½c. per pound.

Hogs—Gross, heavy, $5.75@6; light, $4.75@5; dressed, 7@7½c. per pound.

Veal—Large, 7@8c. per pound; small, 8@8¼c. per pound.

Beef—Gross, top steers, $5@5.25; cows and heifers, $4.50@4.75; dressed beef, 8¼@8½c. per pound

A Toledo, O., police judge says drunkenness is a disease, not a crime, and dismisses all plain drunks that come before him.

An Omaha man claims to have made out of common earth, petroleum and two secret ingredients a cheap and plentiful fuel.

Earl Grey, of Great Britain, has a plan to secure control of all saloons and to discourage the sale of intoxicating drinks there.

A recent census of the population of Rio de Janeiro gives the city approximately 650,000 inhabitants.

England still holds the first rank among the nations of the world in the building of commercial ships.

All the blast operators in the Youngstown, O., district have posted notices granting their employes an advance in wages of 10 cents per day.

Physicians of Denver and other cities have organized to found a cooperative colony where consumptives of limited means may secure the best treatment.

TORCH IN A COAL MINE.

Caused An Explosion Which Killed Six Men and Injured Many More.

Fairmount, W. Va., May 17.—Six miners lost their lives, five were fatally injured and three seriously burned in an explosion at the shaft of the George's Creek Coal & Iron Company, at Farmington, seven miles west of this city, on the main line of the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad this morning.

The George's Creek company, a Baltimore corporation, had invested fully $1,000,000 in the mine, which is one of the best equipped in the Fairmount district. The mine was only recently put into operation, and about 125 men were employed, only 40 of this number underground. Of these, 15 were in a portion of the mine that has been worked for some time, and the remainder were working on headings, quite a distance away. One of the men in the rooms had smuggled a torch into the mine, as torches give a better light than the safety lamp prescribed by the company. At 9:15 o'clock the miner fired a shot, and the smoke which was very dense, caught fire from the torch and spread to either the gas or dust, and the explosion resulted. Fortunately the mine did not catch fire to any extent. The explosion vented itself through the air shaft and almost demolished the building on the surface in which the fan was located. The men on the headings did not know there had been an explosion until notified. The air was soon turned in and in a short time the headings were cleared of foul gases and the work of rescuing the unfortunates commenced.

NORTHWEST TOUR ABANDONED.

President Will Return to Washington as Soon as Possible.

San Francisco, May 17.—Owing to the very serious character of Mrs. McKinley's illness, the president has definitely decided to abandon his contemplated northwestern tour and to return to Washington direct as soon as Mrs. McKinley is able to stand the journey. The gravity of Mrs. McKinley's condition has been known to the members of the president's immediate party for several days, but had been concealed in the belief that she would rally, as she had so frequently in the past when suffering from one of her periods of depression, and with a few days of absolute quiet and rest be restored to her normal condition. But her present illness has been attended with entirely new complications which have not yielded to treatment, and the president has concluded that it was time the public should be apprised of the true situation. He was also anxious that the citizens of the cities and towns along the planned route of his return trip, who have made such extensive preparations for his visit, should receive prompt notification of the circumstances which compelled his decision.

The strain which the president himself has undergone during the last few days has been very great. It has been a personal sacrifice for him to try to carry out his engagements here in order not to disappoint the people, but he has made it unselfishly and nobly, and it is still his desire to carry out the prearranged programme in San Francisco to whatever extent he can.

UTAH COUNTY BANKRUPT.

Gopher Bounties Completely Drained Treasury of Its Funds.

Salt Lake, May 17.—Gophers at 5 cents a head have brought practical bankruptcy to the county of Tooele, Utah. They multiplied so rapidly as to become a veritable plague, and enterprising men and school boys have profited so much by killing them and receiving bounty for their tails that the county commsisioners not only have abolished the practice of paying bounty, but also have been compelled to cancel bids for the erection of a new county jail, because nearly all the treasury funds have been paid out for gopher tails. A few weeks ago the rodents became so bad that the county commissioners offered a bounty of 5 cents apiece for them. In a few days the school houses of the county were practically without pupils, nearly every boy, armed with traps and poison, being out in the fields and prairie hunting gophers. Men joined in the hunt. The little animals were slaughtered by thousands, and one day the county paid out $800 in bounties. So great became the drain that notice has now been published abolishing the bounty, bringing an end to a very flourishing industy. The notice came too late to save the treasury, but in the meantime the county has been rid fo a pest that was bringing ruin to every farmer.

Great Britain's Proposal.

London, May 17.—A dispatch to the Daily Mail from Pekin, says that Great Britain submits an important proposal to the foreign ministers that China pay the indemnity out of her own native resources on a system affording her special facilities. The proposal entails no increase of the maritime customs.

Explosion of An Arsenal.

Pekin, May 17.—An explosion at the arsenal in Kalgan today wounded one German officer and four privates. Three German privates are missing. It is supposed that they were blown to pieces. The Germans generally believe that the Chinese intentionally committed the outrage, although evidence to substantiate this view is lacking. A thorough investigation will be made.

Postal Orders.

Washington, May 17.—The postoffice at Dorena, Lane county, Oregon, has been moved seven-eighths of a mile to the northwest and John H. Kirk appointed postmaster. The office at Garrison, Linn county, Oregon, has been moved four miles to the west without a change of postmaster. A postoffice has been established at Funrman, Klickitat county, Washington, on the route from Pleasant to Dot. Mary E. Funrman has been appointed postmistress.

BAND OF BRIGANDS

AMERICAN DESPERADOES OPERATED NEAR MANILA.

The Leader Wore the Uniform of an Army Captain—Gang Had Committed All Sorts of Crimes—Federal Party in the Philippines Finds Little to Do—Captures of Insurgents Continue.

Manila, May 16.—Detectives and the police have broken up a band of American brigands who have been operating in the province of Pampanga, north of and not far from Manila. Three of the leaders have been captured and the others are being pursued. This band committed outrages, murder and rape at Bacalor, Pampanga province, and in that vicinity, and Sunday last they killed an American. The band sometimes represented themselves as American deserters and at other times as American soldiers. One of their number wore the uniform of a captain.

Since the main declared object of the Federalists—peace and American sovereignty—is nearly accomplished, the party's future is being discussed. Under the coming government to be composed of appointive officials there will be slight use for party activity outside of the municipal elections. The leaders hope the party will be considered as the semiofficial medium between the government and the masses. They are at present endeavoring to obtain the release of 1,000 prisoners who were convicted of purely political offenses, the contention being that they should have the same amnesty as those who were released when awaiting trials. The appearance of insular issues will quickly result in the actual formation of projected opposition parties.

Fifty insurgents were captured this week in Laguna bay region.

WANT QUARANTINE REMOVED.

Alaska People Deem It a Discrimination Against Americans.

Seattle, May 16.—The steamer Dirigo Captain Hunter, from Skagway and way points, with small pox news, but no small pox, arrived here this morning. The people of Southeastern Alaska are much exercised over the small pox scare, and are making strong efforts to counteract the effect of it on travel to Lynn canal and way ports. A public meeting under the auspices of the chamber of commerce at Juneau, was held with a view to taking action to have the quarantine removed by the government. This meeting, Captain Hunter says, was in progress when the Dirigo sailed from Juneau. The complaint that is being cried aloud thoroughout Southeastern Alaska ports is that the small pox scare not only injures passenger travel and business in general, but that it has the effect of seriously discriminating against American commercial interests for the reason that there is no quarantine against Canadian ships from Victoria and Vancouver. These ships run back and forth without embarrassment or quarantine restrictions of any sort.

COLLIDED WITH A TROLLEY CAR.

Two People Were Killed and Several Others Injured.

New York, May 15.—Of 26 young people who started from College Point, L. I., last night on what is locally known as a "starlight ride," two were carried home this morning dead, five are in the hospital, four were allowed to leave the hospital after having their wounds dressed, and every one of the remainder was more or less bruised. A collision with a trolley car caused the accident.

The merrymakers were on their way to a hotel 10 miles away, where they were to have a dance. They were all in one wagon, the bottom of which had been filled with straw. It was almost madnight when the reached their destination. When in front of the house the driver of the wagon tried to cross the track of a trolly line in front of an approaching car, but the car struck the rear end of the wagon. The vehicle was demolished.

The car itself was badly wrecked, but none of the 25 passengers was injured.

STRIKE IN SEATTLE.

Machinists Walk Out for Less Hours and More Wages—Every Shop Deserted.

Seattle, May 16.—The strike of all the union machinists in Seattle, which has been threatening for several weeks, is now a reality. Beginning with the walking out of the machinists of the Vulcan Iron Works, every bench in all the shops throughout the city is deserted. About 250 men are out.

The employers assert that they could not run their plants at a profit if they acceded to the demands for nine hours instead of 10, with a 12½ per cent increase in wages.

Confidential Clerk's Downfall.

New York, May 16.—E. L. Chetwood, confidential clerk for the past 18 years in the employ of Brown Brothers, bankers, was arrested today charged with being short in his accounts $20,170. He entered the firm's employ 20 years ago as a messenger, and for the last six years had been receiving teller. He had the confidence of the firm to such an extent that no bond was requried from him.

The Rope Trust.

New York, May 16.—An adjourned meeting of the shareholders of the Standard Rope & Twine Company was held last night, at which reports from the committee appointed at the recent annual meeting to investigate the company's affairs and place its contracts with the Union Selling Company were received. The report finds the contract an unfavorable one and recommends that efforts be made to secure its modification. The contract has two years to run.

SMALLPOX AT SKAGWAY.

No Doubt About It, Syas Physican Who Made the Investigation.

Seattle, May 20.—Following are private advices received by mail from Sitka, Alaska, dated May 11:

Doctors Moore of Skagway, and Linhart, of Juneau, have been investigating the small pox epidemic at this place, and the former says there is no doubt of the prevalence of the disease, despite reports to the contrary. The doctors visited all the infected districts, and the Indian ranch, Russian town and the Indian mission. Dr. Moore was outspoken regarding existing conditions. He said there can be no question of the seriousness of the situation. Small pox, generally in a mild form, is prevalent, and owing to the uncleanly condition of the ranch, combating the sickness will be a difficult matter.

In Russion town there were but two cases, one serious. At the mission there were found over 30 children suffering from small pox. They have been treated in the hospital which is located considerable distance from the dormatories. Up to the present time there have been seven fatilities, all confined to the Indians. A rigid quarantine has been placed on the ranch, Indian policemen guarding all entrances to the infected quarters. Guards have kept visitors from the homes of the two Russians who are sick.

VICTIMS OF CANIBALS.

Particulars of the Murder of Missionaries in New Guinea.

Vancouver, B. C. May 20.—Details have been brought by the steamer Moana from Sydney of the massacre of the missionary party in New Guiena. The report to the government resident of Thursday island is as follows:

"The crew of the Dido report the murder of the Rev. James Chalmers and Rev. Oliver Tomkins, of the London Missionary Society, by New Guiena natives at Debe, near the mouth of the Fly river. It seems they went ashore after friendly natives had warned them that a tribal war was in progress, and that their lives would be endangered. Despite this warning the missionaries, with six native converts, went ashore and attempted to hold a religious service. The natives blamed the missionaries for a reverse in battle, and killed the two white men and all their school boys. Part of their bodies were afterwards devoured by the cannibal natives. The captain of the missionary schooner Niue, from his vessel, saw the bodies lying on the beach with their heads cut off, but he was afraid to land. This report of the Dido's crew has been counfirmed by a well known native missionary named Isai.

WON T JOIN THE COMBINE.

Alaska Packers Assocation Will Stay Out of the Salmon Trust.

San Francisco, May 20.—The big salmon combine is off, so far as the Alaska Packers' Association is concerned. After days of negotiations between the promoters of the Pacific Packing & Navigation Company and the association's officers, a halt was called. President Fortman and Vice President Hirsch of the Alaska Packers' Association, say that they have refused to sell to the promoters except for cash, and that not being offered they terminated the negotiations. T. B. McGovern, one of the promoters, in an interview, said:

"We shall put this combine through without the Alaska Packers' Association. We had figured that with the options we have, if we could secure the association, we would control practically all the salmon in the world. There are, roughly speaking, 3,200,000 cases of salmon packed every year. Of this total the Alaska people put out about 1,000,000 cases."

Leagalty of the Blacklist.

Chicago, May 20.—Judge Baker has decided that it is legal for employers to maintain a blacklist. The plaintiff was a labeler and can painter in the employ of the Libby Packing company and in February, in company with a number of other young women, went on strike because of repeated reducrtions in wages. Later the women tried to obtain work with other firms, but their applications were rejected on account of their having been strikers. Miss Condon brought suit as a test, and the court ruled that the various firms had a right to take pretective measures against persons who had quit the employment of other firms without valid reasons.

Conger Favors Ship Subsidy.

New York, May 20.—Edwin H. Conger, minister to China, was the guest of honor at the third annual banquet of the American Asiatic Association, given at Delmonico's. In his address he dwelt upon the great possibilities in China, advocated the subsidizing of American ships as a patriotic measure, and regretted that our new possessions in the Pacific were not connected by American cables.

Refused Medical Aid.

Chicago, May 20.—After lingering 12 days, during which time she suffered much pain, Mrs. Josephine Christensen, wife of Louie Christensen, both "Dowieites," and who with her 2-year old baby was frightfully burned in the Marquette avenue fire in South Chicago the morning of May 5, died last night. Mrs. Christensen refused medical aid to the last, and was the only one of those injured in the fire who died.

To Remove Barrier From River.

Hong Kong, May 20.—The viceroy of Conton has signed a contract for the removal of the Macao barrier in the Canton river, constructed during the Franco-Chinese war, which has been a great obstacle to navigation. The viceroy has also squelched the native opposition to the construction of new wharves, pointing out that they are necessary to the interests of trade. The viceroy's action is creating a good impression.

MRS. GAGE IS DEAD

AFTER NINE WEEKS' STRUGGLE WITH HEART TROUBLE.

Wife of Secretary of the Treasury Lyman J. Gage—Heart Trouble was the Result of Severe Attack of Grip—Mrs. McKinley is Slightly Improved, but by no Means Out of Danger.

Washington, May 18.—Mrs. Lyman J. Gage, wife of the secretary of the treasury, died at her residence, 1715 Massachusetts Avenue Northwest, at 9:30 o'clock last night, after an illness of nine weeks' duration. With her when the end came were her husband, her married daughter, and the attending physician. For a time before her death Mrs. Gage suffered much pain, but she maintained her bright and cheerful demeanor and was conscious to the last. Heart trouble, the result of grip complications, was the immediate cause of death.

A DAY OF IMPROVEMENT.

Mrs. McKinley Was Better, but the Crisis is Not Passed.

San Francisco, May 17.—President McKinley described the marked improvement in Mrs. McKinley's condition today as a transformation. But perhaps even the president of the United States may overstate the case in his elation at the prospect of his wife's recovery. Certain it is, however, that Mrs. McKinley's condition last night improved to an extent that fairly nonplused the doctors, brightened the anxious and devoted husband and filled the city with joy and thanksgiving. The sinking spell that was feared in the early hours before dawn, when the tide flows out and the vitality of the world is at lowest ebb, did not come. There was a slight tendency in that direction, but that was all.

But it must not be assumed from all this that Mrs. McKinley has passed the crisis and is out of danger. The elation of today may have been only the crest of the wave after the trough of the sea. Mrs. McKinley is still dangerously ill, and it will be at least 48 hours before it will be safe to say the crisis has been passed. Her vitality is so low and she is so weak that a change for the worse would not be unexpected at any moment, and it is feared that she would not have the reserve strength to weather another sinking spell such as she experienced yesterday morning. Her mind was clear during her waking moments.

Telegrams continue to pour in from all parts of the country eagerly asking for news from the sickroom, and today the president received many messages congratulating him upon the reports of the improvement in Mrs. McKinley's condition. All the foreign ambassadors and ministers at Washington have sent messages of sympathy, doubtless by direction of the governments they represent.

The launching of the Ohio tomorrow was to have been a notable occasion. Great preparations had been made and an elaborate programme had been planned. Much of the programme, however, will now be curtailed. Miss Barber, a niece of Mrs. McKinley, in the absence of the mistress of the White House, will press the electric button which will sever the cord which holds the last stay, and as the ship begins to glide down the ways Miss Helen Deshler, a relative of Governor Nash, will christen the ship with a bottle of champagne.

TUBERCULOSIS CONGRESS.

Assertion That Are No Infectious Diseases Created a Sansation.

New York, May 20.—The American congress of Tuberciulosis and the Madico society opened the second day of their joint session with the reading of a number of addresses on topics connected with the general subject of tuberculosis.

During the afternoon session one prominient physician read a paper in which he denied that there were any infectious diseases; smallpox was not contagious and certainly not tuberculosis. He argued that the real cause of the spread of diseasae was not infection, but fear, and scored the doctors. It was announced that a free annex for consumptives would soon be opened at the Home for incurables in this city.

The Father Riegel Murder Case.

Philadelphia, May 20.—The jury in the case of Jacob Wynn, charged with the murder of Rev. Father Riegel brought in a verdict of murder in the second degree. Father Riegel, who had charge of the Catholic church at Cheltenham, Pa., was found dead on a doorstep in the tenderloin district. Death was due to "knockout drops." Wynn and eight others who had been drinking with the priest were indicted. It was testified that Wynn bought the poison and placed it in Father Riegel's glass of beer.

Edwin F. Uhl Dead.

Grand Rapids, Mich., May 18.—Hon. Edwin F. Uhl, ex-assistant secretary of state and ambassador to Germany, under the Cleveland administration, died shortly after noon yesterday. He had been ill nearly a year, suffering from a complication of diseases, among them Bright's disease.

Edwin F. Uhl was born in 1841 near Avon Springs, N. Y.

Transports at Auction.

Washington, May 20.—The transports that have been used between New York and the West Indies will be sold at public auction about July 1. Many business men of New York have urged the establishment of a transportation line by the government between New York and Manila. This will not be done, but it is probable that some of the transports now on the Pacific will make trips from Manila from time to time to New York and return, if the needs of the government seem to demand it.