

EVENTS OF THE DAY

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.

Henry C. Payne, of Wisconsin, has been sworn in as postmaster general.

Children are trying to undermine and break up the Pan-American congress.

Trouble between the United States and Russia is brewing at Niu Chwang, China.

The condition of the pope's health is such that his death may be expected at any time.

A private company has laid a proposition before congress to build the isthmian canal.

Seventy-five hundred Cuban campaign medals will be issued by the navy department.

The Colombian government has purchased a small steamer and will convert it into a gunboat.

King Edward says the South African war is nearly over and an early declaration of peace may be anticipated.

A Pittsburg man, wife and three children were most brutally murdered. Robbery is supposed to have been the motive.

The Pacific coast senators and representatives on Chinese exclusion have concluded their work and will report the bill in a few days.

Sir Thomas Lipton is making arrangements for the building of Shamrock III.

Geo. H. Phillips, the former "corn king," went broke in the Chicago board of trade.

One man was killed and another severely injured by falling rock in a Montana mine tunnel.

Discussion has been had in the house regarding the opening of soldiers' homes to ex-Confederate veterans.

A Beaumont, Tex., bank president is under arrest for forging \$25,000 worth of notes and \$9,000 worth of stock.

The Chicago night schools, with 45,000 students and 200 teachers, have been forced to close for lack of funds.

Prince Henry, of Prussia, after visiting the United States, will go to England to attend the coronation of King Edward.

Mrs. Nation tried to enter another joint in Topoka with the intention of smashing the furniture, but was prevented by the owners.

It is claimed that Russia, before the death of Li Hung Chang, secured a concession of territory at Nan Hui, southeast of Shan Hai, near the Yangtze capes.

Owing to the large number of mistakes recently, the Clearing House Association, of New York, has made a rule fixing each bank \$1 for each "mistake" check.

A slight earthquake was felt at Saratoga a few days ago.

Two men were killed by accidental asphyxiation in New York.

A bill has been reported to the house to make more sure of the gold standard.

Fire in an Indian Territory coal mine was the cause of 14 men losing their lives.

Prince Henry, of Prussia, will leave that country on February 13 for a visit to the United States.

Chicago board of trade has sent a petition to congress asking for the reopening of the Schley case.

Bad forest fires are burning in Colorado near Buffalo Park and in the mountains south of Cheyenne mountain.

Elaborate preparations are being made for the fitting celebration of the pontifical silver jubilee of Pope Leo XIII.

A petition with 24,000 signers has been presented to the king protesting against the sale of the Danish West Indies.

Emperor William, of Germany, will have his yacht, being built in this country, christened "Alice," in honor of Miss Roosevelt.

The Cherokee, Choctaw and Chickasaw nations, in the Indian Territory, have petitioned congress for territorial government instead of tribal rule.

A family of seven perished in a Buffalo fire.

There are 900 cases of smallpox in London.

Coker has retired from the leadership of Tammany.

Mitchell may secure modifications of the Philippine tariff.

An extra session of the Minnesota legislature has been called.

The Cheyenne Indian troubles in Montana have been quieted.

The British coal ship Cleopatra, on the way from Scotland to Cape Town, was burned at sea. The crew was rescued.

It is said that an exchange of machines between automobilists has more fine points than even a horse trade.

Paris officers suppressed a special number of the newspaper Assiette Au Bourre, which depicted British atrocities in the Transvaal; cartoons objectionable.

Rural mail carriers are to be paid monthly.

Congressman McCleary may introduce a bill permitting national banks to loan money on real estate.

New York and London capitalists are erecting large hotels in the towns along the North Pacific coast.

Many Cuban shoe dealers are now ordering their goods from Haverhill, Mass., manufacturers. One large factory recently received an order to which was appended this foot note: "We do not understand well the English and we supplicate to you to dispense us any error you observe."

SCHLEY CASE IN CONGRESS.

Demand for Copies of Testimony—Probability of Action.

Washington, Jan. 18.—Secretary Long has written to the naval committee of the House stating that he had received many requests from libraries and other quarters for copies of the testimony in the Schley case. Mr. Long says this demand cannot be met unless Congress decides to print the testimony, and he suggested an edition of 500 copies for the Navy Department and a further edition for Senators and Representatives. The letter has been referred to Representative Heatwole, of Minnesota, chairman of the printing committee.

Representative Watson, of Indiana, chairman of the committee having charge of the Schley bills and resolutions, said today there is no purpose on his part to avoid consideration of the measures. He expressed the Presidential view that it is inadvisable for Congress to go into the question, but since these measures were referred to his committee, they would be acted upon on their merits. Mr. Watson said the committee feels that the members of the Maryland delegation and other friends of Admiral Schley first should reach an agreement as to what particular measure they want the committee to consider, as it would be impossible to go into all of the different plans proposed. Moreover, said Mr. Watson, it would be difficult for the committee to take intelligent action until it has access to the testimony taken by the court of inquiry, as it hardly would feel warranted in forming conclusions on the individual opinions of members unsupported by any knowledge of the testimony, except what is gathered from fragmentary publications on the subject.

JACK WADE CONFESSES.

Says He Fired Fatal Shot—Declared Shooting Was Accidental.

Portland, Jan. 18.—Jack Wade confessed yesterday that he fired the shot that killed James B. Morrow. The confession was voluntary and complete and exonerates Dalton so far as firing the shot is concerned. While Wade admits his guilt in this regard, he says the killing was accidental, and that he had no intention of shooting Morrow or any one else. Otherwise the stories of the two men tally fairly well. Wade has signed a written statement in which he admits he was the man who fired the shot, and says in this confession that he thinks it would be wrong to keep it back any longer. He asked for nothing and was promised nothing when he made his confession, doing it simply as a matter of justice to Dalton.

This is the confession, transcribed by Mr. Veazie, Dalton's attorney, who took the confession, read to Wade and then signed by him, after the attorneys had heard him tell his story: "I have known all along that there was no chance for me, and I have wanted to see Dalton punished too because he gave us both away. But I have thought it over and concluded it is right for me to tell the truth. I fired the shot, but I did it accidentally. I did not want to kill Morrow nor anybody, and would not have done it intentionally, even to save myself. I hope this will save Dalton. I am doing this because it is right, and not because I am afraid to die. I can't see anything in it for me. All is true. JACK WADE."

TEN WERE KILLED.

Explosion in a Coal Mine Leaves None to Tell the Tale.

South McAllister, L. T., Jan. 16.—Ten miners lost their lives in the explosion yesterday evening in mine No. 9 of the Milby & Dow Mining Company at Dow, L. T. The ten men who lost their lives were the only persons in the pit, and none were left to tell the story. All the bodies were recovered, and as none was burned, the conclusion is that death was due to asphyxiation. The explosion did not injure the shaft, which is a new one, and the fire that followed was put out before it did much damage. The sound of the explosion was heard plainly above ground, and rescuers were at work promptly. The explosion occurred at a depth of 240 feet. The condition of the mine indicated that the men might have made their escape. The bodies were found within a comparatively small radius. Most of the victims were men of families.

Will Develop Western Mines.

Dover, Del., Jan. 28.—The Western Mining Development Company, of Philadelphia, with a capital of \$1,500,000 to acquire mines and mining rights in Wyoming and Utah, and to develop the same, was incorporated here today.

More Men Needed in the Navy.

St. Louis, Jan. 18.—Rear-Admiral Crowninshield, Chief of the Bureau of Navigation, who was before the House naval committee today, pointed out the urgent necessity for an increase of men and officers in order properly to man the new ships. He advocated an increase of the enlisted force of at least 3000, and discussed with the committee plans to increase the number of cadets at the academy.

Chicago Inter Ocean Changes Plans.

New York, Jan. 15.—Geo. W. Hinman, editor of the Chicago Inter Ocean, who is in this city, announced tonight that he and several New York gentlemen, whom he declined to name, had today acquired full control of that paper.

Fine Business Block Burned.

Manchester, N. H., Jan. 16.—Fire tonight destroyed the Kennard block, the finest business structure in New England north of Boston, and seriously damaged adjoining property, entailing losses of \$500,000.

EXTEND THE ROAD

COLUMBIA SOUTHERN WILL BUILD 100 MILES THIS YEAR.

Additional Capital Stock for One Million Dollars for Branches to Ashwood and Prinville Also Extension of Main Line From Shanko to Bend in Southern Oregon—Engineers Now in the Field.

Portland, Jan. 15.—E. E. Lytle, May Enright and E. R. Deyoe have filed articles of incorporation of the Columbia Southern Railway Extension Company. The object is to build an extension of the Columbia Southern Railway from Shanko to



E. E. LYTLE.

President Lytle, of the Columbia Southern railway, which is about to extend its line 100 miles further south into central Oregon, was born in Pennsylvania in 1861. He learned the railroad business with the Pennsylvania railroad, and came to Oregon in 1889. He was agent for the O. R. & N. Co. at Touchet, Hood River and The Dalles until 1897, when he took a leading part in organization of the Columbia Southern railway company, and he has been at the head of that corporation ever since. Seventy miles of road are now under operation, and it is the most profitable line in Oregon, considering the mileage.

Bend, a distance of about 100 miles, with branches to Ashwood and Prinville. The amount of the capital stock authorized is \$1,000,000. The extension will consist of, first, a line from the present terminus of the Columbia Southern at Shanko to a general southerly direction, crossing Trout Creek and Crooked River, to a point on the Deschutes River, at or near Bend postoffice in Crook County; second, a branch up Trout Creek, via the Oregon King mine, to a point at or near Ashwood postoffice; third, a branch up the valley of Crooked River to Prinville.

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No Hope of Saving Austrian Miners.

Breux, Austria, Jan. 17.—The water in the Jupiter mine, which was suddenly flooded January 14, when the escape of 43 men, including the manager of the mine and two superintendents, was cut off, does not subside, and the hope of saving the men has been abandoned. The disaster was due to the overflowing of the River Billa near the mine. Precautions to prevent the flooding of the mine were taken too late. One engineer was saved. Subsequently nine men courageously went into the mine a second time, and never returned. Thirty-one of the victims were married.

Recoinage of Hawaiian Silver.

Washington, Jan. 18.—The bill for the recoinage of the silver coinage of Hawaii, introduced by Representative Hill, of Connecticut, was today favorably acted upon by the House committee on coinage, weights and measures. There is about \$75,000 of silver circulating in Hawaii, most of it in silver dollars.

Federal Building at Evanston.

Washington, Jan. 29.—The Senate committee on public buildings and grounds has authorized a favorable report on the bill for \$100,000 for a Government building at Evanston, Wyo.

Government Ownership of Telegraph.

Washington, Jan. 18.—Senator Harris today introduced a bill providing for the Government ownership of the telegraph lines of the United States.

Considered the Panama Offer.

Washington, Jan. 18.—In response to a call issued by Admiral Walker, chairman, the members of the Isthmian Canal Commission met today to consider the proposition of the Panama Canal Company to dispose of the property to the United States for \$40,000,000. All of the members were present. M. Lampro, the secretary general of the company, and M. Bouvier were called upon to explain certain details. It is expected that the commission will have completed its work and be ready to report to the President by next Saturday.

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ALASKA TO HAVE ONE OF THE LONGEST IN THE WORLD.

Port Townsend, Jan. 17.—Latest advices from Dawson were received today on the steamer Cottage City by Charles Berryman, who left the Klondike capital in the latter part of December. Berryman says there is a stampede on from Dawson to Henderson creek, near Stewart river, the scene of the latest gold strike. Gold was known to exist on this creek some time ago, and many claims were located, but later abandoned. But recent work has shown that the creek is rich, and it is yielding \$1.80 to the pan, and claims cannot be purchased short of fabulous prices. Berryman reports that several thousand men are on the creek. He says the gold belt extends a distance of 10 miles, and owners of claims refuse to consider propositions to purchase even interests in any of their holdings.

Preparatory work has been commenced on one of the largest and longest mining tunnels in the world near Juneau, Alaska. The tunnel will be about 8,000 feet long, and will be started on the beach south of Juneau and run into a mountain to tap a large number of claims in the Silver Bow basin, formerly owned by Charles D. Lane, who sold them to the Alaska Exploration Company. The Treadwell mine claims will be tapped by an upraise of about 800 feet. A large mill will be built on the beach where it can be operated the year round. It is expected that new veins will be tapped in running the tunnel, as the mountain through which it is to be driven is almost solid quartz. The tunnel and mill will cost in the neighborhood of \$2,000,000, and active work will be commenced March 1.

Robberies and holdups are said to be numerous in Dawson. The latest robbery was the holding-up of the Dominion saloon by two masked men, who secured \$1,400. Two men were arrested. One of them confessed, implicating the other.

BIG ALASKAN SNOWSLIDE.

White Pass and Yukon Road Blocked—Another Kich Strike Reported.

Port Townsend, Wash., Jan. 20.—The steamer Dirigo arrived from Skagway today, bringing 50 passengers, some of whom were from the Klondike. They report that considerable excitement prevails at Dawson over the striking of second bedrock on the Eldorado, on the bench claim joining No. 27. The depth of the second bedrock is 30 feet beneath the first, and when the gravel was reached near the bedrock it ran from \$1 to \$5 to the pan.

The White Pass & Yukon Railroad is blocked and passengers have to be transferred across a big snowslide which covers the track. On the night of January 9, there was a slide a mile and a half wide and 100 feet deep, covering the track to a depth of eight feet. It extends clear across the summit and as far along Lake Bennett as Pennington. Just as the Dirigo sailed, rotary snow plows were sent out, and it was expected the track would be cleared in a few days.

Circle City, once a leading mining camp in the North, is now deserted except by store-keepers, the population having stampeded to Good Pasture Creek, in the Tanana country, where rich gravel has been discovered. The pay on Good Pasture Creek runs from 10 to 20 cents to the pan. Pay dirt has also been struck on several tributaries of the creek, and about 200 claims have been located.

DANISH ISLAND PLANTERS.

Say Sugar Trade Will Be Ruined if the Sale Is Not Consummated.

St. Thomas, D. W. I., Jan. 11.—The following cablegram signed by a large number of the residents of the Danish West Indies, was sent from the Danish Island of St. Croix to the Minister of Finance and the Rigsdag at Copenhagen January 3: "Confirming the memorial to his majesty, King Christian, June, 1900, the undersigned planters, representing 28,000 acres out of a total of 50,000 acres, and merchants and other representatives of the Danish West Indies assert that if the American market is not secured by the sale of the islands, the sugar industry here will suffer severely and will have to cease in the near future, the prices for sugar now ruling being below the cost of producing that article."

Subsequent signatures secured to this message raised the ratio of representation to nine-tenths of the total acreage under cultivation.

Philadelphia Returns to Panama.

Colon, Colombia, Jan. 15.—The United States cruiser Philadelphia returned to Panama yesterday from La Tablas, whither she conveyed the commissioners who purposed to arrange an exchange of prisoners between the Colombian government and the Liberals. An exchange of fifty-eight prisoners was finally agreed upon, to take place on the island of Taboza, in the gulf of Panama, ten miles south of Panama.

Illinois Leaves Drydock.

Washington, Jan. 15.—The battleship Illinois has just come from the floating drydock at the New Orleans naval station, having successfully demonstrated the possibilities of that structure. It is expected that the Illinois will be one of the American warships present at the coronation ceremonies.

Twelve Perish in Yokohama Fire.

Yokohama, Jan. 14.—A fire in a wooden house here resulted in the death of 12 persons and the severe burning of 20 more.

NEWS OF THE STATE

ITEMS OF INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS OF OREGON.

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

The total indebtedness of Alsbury is \$11,731.17.

A syndicate has commenced boring for oil near Vale.

Interest in Josephine county mines continues unabated.

The Concord mine, one of the richest in Eastern Oregon, has been sold for \$300,000.