

NEWS OF THE WEEK

In a Condensed Form for Our Busy Readers.

HAPPENINGS OF TWO CONTINENTS

A Resume of the Less Important but Not Less Interesting Events of the Past Week.

Bitter cold marked the incoming of the new year throughout the old world.

A British steamer has just arrived at New York with a cargo of 1,100 tons of European wheat.

The Oklahoma statehood bill will come before the senate immediately after the holiday recess.

Several torpedo boats escaped from Port Arthur and took refuge at Shanghai just prior to the surrender of the fortress.

Before surrendering Stoessel sunk the damaged warships in Port Arthur harbor. The Japanese severely criticize this.

Now that Port Arthur has fallen the bulk of the besieging army will be sent north, but some of them will go home. The army before Port Arthur is variously stated as being between 70,000 and 120,000 men.

If Senator Mitchell follows the inexorable rule of seantorial etiquette, he will not appear on the floor of the senate again until the courts have taken final action in the matter of the indictment against him.

The cotton mill strike at Fall River, Mass., continues with both sides determined not to give in.

The grind of the Federal grand jury goes on, and another report for the expectant public will soon be made.

Silver is growing scarce. The price has advanced, and the market is such that the consumer waits on the producer.

Chicago held memorial services December 30 in remembrance of the Iriquois theater disaster, the occasion being the first anniversary.

Preparations are being made at Vladivostok for the reception in the dry docks of any of the Baltic squadron that may need docking when the fleet reaches that port.

The London city police have arrested two members of an international gang which for two or three years is alleged to have been conducting extensive forgeries in £5 Bank of England notes.

Boston's submarine tunnel is open for business. The tube is a mile and a half long, and connects Boston and East Boston, running under the harbor. The cost was three million dollars. About three and one-half years was consumed in constructing the tunnel.

Owing to the crisis in Morocco, the French navy yards show great activity.

England is again enveloped in a heavy fog and all ships are detained at the mouth of the Thames, unable to proceed.

Admiral Kazankoff has been recalled as Russian commissioner in the North sea inquiry and will be replaced by Vice Admiral Doubasoff. Sickness is given as the reason.

The Montana agricultural exhibits at St. Louis are being packed for shipment to Portland. The mineral exhibit will leave Butte for the Lewis and Clark fair shortly.

Kuropatkin is absolutely certain that he will ultimately win over the Japanese, while the vice governor of Japan's national bank says Japan must win; that no sacrifice is too great.

The Japanese attempts to raise the

Russian cruiser Variag have been discontinued. It will be impossible to recommence work before spring, by which time the steel plates forming the hull will be useless.

The Colorado canvassing board has given certificates of election to two Republican senators, whose places were contested by Democrats. Democrats regard it as highly probable that Governor Peabody will be reelected by this action.

Prince Yildaroff has been reported as among the killed in a recent list sent to St. Petersburg.

The recent retirement of Rear Admiral Silas Terry has resulted in the promotion of Captain Joseph E. Craig to be admiral.

An officer from an English steamer just out from Vladivostok says no Russian torpedo boats have arrived there from Port Arthur.

Reports from points along the shore of Lake Michigan indicate that the damage resulting from the storm will aggregate \$500,000.

The president is presenting his ideas on railroad freight rates to congressmen personally.

An unknown steamer has been stranded in Hell's Hole, off Cape Hatteras, as a result of the storm raging along the Atlantic coast.

Two Japanese cruisers have been sighted off Hong Kong. It is believed they are scouting vessels from the fleet sent after the Russian Baltic squadron.

M. A. Meyerdorff, a special land agent, on the way to Portland to help in the land fraud cases, attempted to commit suicide at Denver.

Governor Pardee desires to have the Mission type of architecture exemplified in the construction of the California state building at the Lewis and Clark fair. The work will start soon.

Chinese warships are keeping a close watch on the Russian war vessels at Shanghai to prevent their escape or of the officers and men on them.

Vice Admiral Lord Charles Beresford will assume command of the British Mediterranean squadron May 1.

Several lives have been lost in Chicago as a result of the severe storm.

New Zion in Mexico.

Chicago, Jan. 4.—John Alexander Dowie, in addressing his followers in Shiloh temple, Zion City, today, gave definite confirmation of the report that he proposes to establish a second Zion City. The new Zion City will be located in Mexico, Dowie told his followers, and will occupy a portion of a tract of 1,000,000 acres fronting on the Gulf of Mexico. He announced that he expected to have the modern Zion City in full operation before January 1, 1906.

New Navy for Russia.

St. Petersburg, Jan. 4.—With reference to the report published in the United States under a St. Petersburg date that Emperor Nicholas has petitioned the expenditure of \$80,000,000 for rebuilding the navy, the fact is that Russia's naval program has not yet been definitely decided or promulgated. All that is positively known is that the plans cover a long period of years. The absolute necessity of a sea power is one of Russia's latest lessons of the present war.

Bay City Is Shocked.

San Francisco, Jan. 4.—This city experienced a number of earthquake shocks today. At 3:20 o'clock a severe shock, which lasted for six seconds, occurred. At 4:25 o'clock and a few minutes before 8 o'clock tonight other shocks were felt. The plate glass in a few buildings was shattered. One of the small towers on the city hall was twisted. Officials at the hall, however, say that the tower was faultily constructed.

IN HANDS OF JAPS

Port Arthur Gives Up After Fighting Eleven Months.

CAUSES GREAT JOY IN TOKIO

Stoessel Confesses He Fought Further Resistance Was Only a Useless Sacrifice of Lives.

New York, Jan. 3.—Port Arthur, whose hills for months have run red with the blood of the bravest of two warlike nations, has at last succumbed to the fierce tenacity of the Japanese attack. General Stoessel, most stubborn in carrying out the will of his sovereign, has seen the advance of the besieging army gain in momentum and energy, until to hold out longer would have been a crime against humanity.

The conditions of the surrender are not yet known, but in all quarters it is anticipated that they are such as an honorable soldier may accept from a brave and victorious enemy.

At 9:45 o'clock last night the commissioners completed signing of the capitulation agreement. Both armies had suspended hostilities five hours earlier. The city of Port Arthur will be occupied by the Japanese today.

The authorities at St. Petersburg, in the absence of direct official notice from General Stoessel that Port Arthur has surrendered, have not permitted the news to become public. Emperor Nicholas is in the south of Russia, and his ministers are for the time being in the dark as to what dispatches have been sent to him from the front. Tokio is the scene of rejoicing, people finding in the outcome compensation for all the sacrifice of life and money that was entailed in the ten months' siege.

To what extent the fall of Port Arthur will make for a restoration of peace is an open question. There is an encouraging note in the expression of Baron Hayashi, Japanese minister to London, of the "hope that in some way it will facilitate final peace."

Both in Paris and London it is believed that the squadron under Vice Admiral Rojestvensky, which started from Libau for the Far East three months ago, will have to retrace its way home, as an adherence to the original plans would invite disaster without probability of effecting a juncture with the warships at present in the harbor of Vladivostok.

HALL IS REMOVED.

Summary Action by the President in Land Fraud Cases.

Washington, Jan. 3.—President Roosevelt has directed the absolute removal of John H. Hall, United States district attorney for the district of Oregon. The action was taken at the request of Francis J. Heney, who has been conducting, as the nominal assistant of Mr. Hall, the land fraud cases in Oregon.

The announcement of this action was made by Attorney General Moody as he was leaving the White house after a conference with the president. Mr. Moody declined to say what the charges against Mr. Hall were, if any, but did say that it was for the good of the service to dispense with him, particularly in regard to the conduct of the land fraud cases now being investigated.

Two Cruisers Return.

St. Petersburg, Jan. 4.—A report that the cruisers Orel and Izumrud, of the second Pacific squadron, have been ordered to return is current here, but lacks official confirmation. If the report should prove true, Vice Admiral Rojestvensky may be obliged to await reinforcements from the Third Pacific squadron.

FIND THE TRUTH.

Denver Election Frauds to be Probed to the Bottom.

Denver, Jan. 4.—Stretching its hands so as to cast a shadow over every man and woman in any way implicated in election frauds in the city and county of Denver, on, before or after November 8, the supreme court has ordered an investigation so sweeping in its scope that every phase of the election may be scrutinized and everything that bears upon it in any way may be made known by judicial inquiry.

Alva Adams, Democratic candidate for governor, who appeared from the returns to have been elected, but who has declared that he does not want the office tainted with fraud, asked the court to open every Denver ballot box, but the order of the court goes beyond the mere examination of the ballots and provides for an investigation of the registration lists, the campaign expenditures, and, in brief, all election matters. Samuel W. Belford, attorney for Adams, and Henry J. Hersey, attorney for the Republicans, asked the court to make its order of such breadth that the court need not stop at anything in the investigation. The court said that was what it meant to do, and instructed the lawyers to agree upon the wording of the order, and present it to the court for approval.

Chief Justice Gabbert said that while the petition did not state facts entitling the petitioner to such an investigation as proposed, the court had decided that an investigation might end in discovering the guilty persons who were responsible for the commission of the gross frauds that had been revealed in the contempt proceedings. There must have been some persons behind the election officers and others who committed frauds, the court believed.

WHIP WIFE-BEATERS.

Washington Grand Jury Adopts the President's Suggestion.

Washington, Jan. 3.—The local grand jury in making its final report for the present term of the supreme court of the District of Columbia today recommended the establishment of whipping-posts in the district. The question has been much agitated ever since the president in his last annual message recommended corporal punishment for wife-beaters in the District of Columbia. The recommendation of the jury was as follows:

"The efficacy of establishing the whipping-post as a means of punishing wife-beaters and petty larceny offenses has been investigated by this body, and the majority of the members are of the opinion that it would prove very effective in reducing the number of these reprehensible crimes."

Island Under Water.

Vancouver, B. C., Jan. 4.—The rich bottom land farms of Westham island, at the mouth of the Fraser river, are all under water. Much property has been damaged, and many head of livestock drowned. Several breaks occurred in the dikes surrounding the island last night, owing to the extremely high tide, together with the rough weather, and the water streamed in on the farming lands all night and now a great portion of the island is covered to the depth of from three to four feet.

Coal for Russian Fleet.

Bombay, Jan. 4.—Russian agents here are endeavoring to purchase 100 tons of coal and to charter vessels to carry it. Up to the present no shipments have been made, but it is believed that the British steamer Henry Bolckow, of 639 tons net, owned by the Bombay & Persian steam navigation company, limited, of Bombay, has been sold to Russia. She has sailed hence in ballast for Saigon, French Cochinchina.