

# 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.

Fire destroyed two piers and two steamers at Boston.

Utah will spend \$30,000 at the Lewis and Clark fair.

The Cody, Wyoming, bank robbers have been caught in Utah.

Pennsylvania oil men will build a large refining plant in Kansas.

All Panama canal commissioners took fees as Panama railroad directors.

Russian university students have demanded reforms and suspended study.

The president promises a thorough investigation of the Standard Oil company.

Threatening letters sent to the czar have caused martial law to be proclaimed at Tsarskoe-Selo.

The Indian appropriation bill, as reported to the senate, will contain no provision for church schools.

Russian cavalry made a raid around the flank and rear of the Japanese army and drove in all small parties.

Four men were killed and 14 others injured by an exploding boiler at the Provident Coal company, St. Clairsville, Ohio.

The Oregon land fraud trials are to be postponed until June. Attorney Heney expects more indictments when the grand jury reconvenes in April.

Nan Patterson is seriously ill with tonsillitis.

The powers have refused to allow Greece to annex Crete.

A report from Colon says that city is now free from yellow fever.

Three minor Russian officials have been murdered or assaulted by terrorists.

Russian terrorists have threatened the lives of nearly all of the imperial family.

The government has just contracted for 60,000 tons of coal to be delivered at Cavite, Philippine islands.

New York society women intend to build the Colony club on Madison avenue, New York, for women exclusively.

The United States Cotton Duck corporation in 1904 made a surplus of \$166,085, after paying interest on bonds.

Two members of the Panama canal commission are on their way home to make recommendations to the canal committee of congress for changes in the plans.

Special Attorney Heney has arrived in Washington and will make a report on the Oregon land fraud cases and assist in the Hyde-Diamond land fraud cases in California before the supreme court of the United States.

The czar is said to have decided to offer peace.

Japan will not agree to peace unless it is enduring.

The second trial of Nan Patterson has been set for March 6.

West Virginia senators accuse Governor White of boodling.

North Dakota has appropriated money for the Lewis and Clark affair.

A bill will be passed this session allowing Alaska a delegate in congress.

France will build a warship of the largest type to take the place of the one recently wrecked.

Women of Moscow have petitioned the czarina to ask the czar to make peace with Japan.

The parcels post treaty with Great Britain has been signed by the officials of both countries and will take effect April 1.

Governor Hoch, of Kansas, has approved the oil refinery bill and recommends other laws against the Standard Oil company.

The president has asked congress to increase the naval appropriation bill.

One woman was burned to death and 15 men and women narrowly escaped in a fire which damaged the Winton hotel, New York.

Jay Cooke, the great financier, is dead.

General Lew Wallace, author of "Ben Hur," is dead. He was 78 years old.

The annual weighing of mails on trains is now in progress on all railroads.

The New York board of aldermen has raised the fine for carrying concealed weapons from \$20 to \$720.

It is now conceded that J. Edward Addicks, of Delaware, cannot be elected United States senator.

It is probable that a decisive battle will be fought by the two great armies in Manchuria before a thaw comes.

The president has appointed Governor Brodie, of Arizona, to be assistant chief of the Record and Pension office.

Susan B. Anthony celebrated her 85th birthday and received greetings from women's clubs all over the world.

The Japanese are transporting the heavy guns used by them at Port Arthur to the north to turn on Kuropatkin's army.

Puter will not be prosecuted for his recent attempt to secure state lands near Klamath Falls fraudulently. The money paid by his dummies is to be returned to them.

Ex-Governor Boies, of Iowa, is seriously ill.

## RESERVES BREAK UP A CROWD.

Russian Revolutionists were Blocking Streets in New York.

New York, Feb. 21.—Police reserves were called out tonight to disperse a crowd said to be sympathizers with the Russian revolutionary party. Eight men were arrested, charged with parading without a permit, collecting a crowd and holding an unlawful meeting.

The trouble started when two policemen came upon a crowd cheering and applauding a speech made by one of their number. The police were unsuccessful in dispersing the people, and called for the reserves. It was said that a red flag was being waved and later a sergeant of police, who assisted in the raid, made the statement that on one of the men arrested was "inflammatory and revolutionary literature." This man's name was Albert Argentier, and the police found on him a subscription list for the Russian revolutionists, said to have been issued by the pro-revolution committee for Russia. All the men arrested said they were tailors and protested against being taken into custody.

## Strike Results in Better Wages.

Warsaw, Feb. 21.—The chemists' assistants here have struck, demanding shorter hours and one free day each week. A majority of the other strikers have resumed work, the only important branch still out being the ironworkers. The strike has resulted in a considerable general improvement in the condition of the men. They have secured higher wages and shorter hours. In the tanning districts the men secured the first increase in wages in 40 years.

# SERGIUS IS KILLED

Russian Grand Duke the Victim of a Terrorist Bomb.

## HAD BEEN MARKED FOR MONTHS

Missile was Packed with Nails, and Grand Duke's Body was Torn into Fragments.

Moscow, Feb. 18.—Within the walls of the far-famed Kremlin palace, and almost underneath the historical tower from which Ivan the Terrible watched the heads of his enemies falling beneath the axe on the famed Red Square, and within a stone's throw of the great bell of Moscow, Grand Duke Sergius, uncle and brother-in-law of Emperor Nicholas, met a terrible death shortly before 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon.

The deed was committed by a single terrorist, who threw beneath the carriage of the grand duke a bomb charged with the same high power explosive which wrought Minister von Plehve's death. The missile was packed with nails and fragments of iron, and its explosion tore the imperial victim's body into ghastly fragments, which strewn the snow for yards around. Every window in the great lofty facade of the palace of justice was shattered and bits of iron were embedded deeply in the walls of the arsenal, a hundred yards away.

The assassin belongs to the noted "fighting group" of the Socialist Revolutionary party, which has removed other prominent officials and long since passed sentence of death upon Grand Duke Sergius. The grand duke knew that he stood in the shadow of death. He was the recipient of repeated warnings and elaborate precautions were taken to insure his safety, but all the resources of the secret police and soldiers proved unavailing against an attempt almost exactly duplicating the procedure that caused the death of Minister von Plehve last July.

## ANOTHER CABLE IN ATLANTIC.

Clarence Mackay Announces That Bids Have Been Made for Laying.

New York, Feb. 21.—Another Atlantic cable is to be laid and bids for its laying have already been made. It is expected the new cable will be in operation during the coming summer. Clarence Mackay said today that no new stock would be issued on this cable, but that the cost has been met by the Mackay company, because of a desire to keep the reserve fund of the Commercial Cable company intact.

Mr. Mackay added that the first report of the Mackay company to the shareholders would be adopted within the next fortnight. The new cable will embody the latest discoveries in this branch of electricity.

## Part of Bridge Blown up.

Harbin, Feb. 21.—A party of Japanese and Chinese bandits destroyed the abutment of the railway bridge near Yaomin, 100 miles distant from here, early this morning, but the damage was repaired in a few hours. Frontier guards heard an explosion at 3:40 o'clock and found that a charge of gun-cotton had been exploded against the abutment. Two telegraph poles were also destroyed. An unexploded charge of gun-cotton was found 400 feet from the place where the explosion occurred. Traffic has been resumed.

## Blockade-Runner Captured.

Tokio, Feb. 21.—The navy department announces the seizure of the British steamer Sylvania, bound for Vladivostok with Cardiff coal. The place where the seizure was made is not stated.

## DOINGS IN CONGRESS.

Tuesday, February 14.

The usual three hours were given by the senate today to the Swayne impeachment trial. Only two witnesses were examined.

The senate today passed the agricultural appropriation bill and took up the District of Columbia appropriation bill.

The sundry civil appropriation bill was reported to the house and immediately thereafter the naval appropriation bill was taken up, with the understanding that eight hours shall be devoted to general debate and that the house shall convene at 11 a. m. each day while the bill is under consideration.

Wednesday, February 15.

The senate today continued but could not conclude, consideration of the bill making appropriations for the support of the government of the District of Columbia.

In the Swayne trial a number of witnesses were examined for the purpose of ascertaining if the judge was in the habit of traveling on passes.

The question of what the policy of the government should be with respect to the upbuilding of the navy was again threshed out in the house today. At the time of adjournment the navy appropriation bill was still under consideration.

Thursday, February 16.

Aside from two hours spent in routine business the senate today gave its entire attention to the Swayne impeachment trial. Two and a half hours of the time given to that case was spent behind closed doors.

Before taking up the naval bill, which occupied the greater part of its time, the house today entered an emphatic protest against the action of the senate in amending the agricultural bill. After considering the naval bill for the most of the day it was laid aside and several bills of minor importance were passed.

Friday, February 17.

The house today rejected all changes in the original statehood bill by sending it to conference without taking any action on it.

The senate today passed a bill appropriating \$9,940,000 for the District of Columbia, and the diplomatic and consular appropriation bill carrying \$2,156,000.

Only one hour was spent today on the Swayne impeachment trial.

Saturday, February 18.

After an hour spent as a court of impeachment the senate today took up the appointment of a conference committee on the statehood bill. The matter was finally postponed until Monday, when the special order of the day, the eulogies upon the character of the late Senator Quay, was entered upon.

The house passed the pension appropriation bill, carrying \$138,285,200. The District of Columbia appropriation bill was sent to conference, a bill was passed to prohibit interstate transportation of insect pests, carrying with it a fine and imprisonment.

Monday, February 20.

The house passed the naval appropriation bill carrying a total of \$99,914,359. The provision for two battleships as reported by the committee on naval affairs was retained.

Whether the senate conferees on the statehood bill shall represent the party that defeated joint statehood for Arizona and New Mexico or the party that fought for the retention of that provision was debated at length today, but no decision was reached.

The Swayne trial was taken up at 2 o'clock. Two witnesses were examined. After the provisions of the Florida statutes relating to suits of ejectment or disqualification of judges had been read it was announced that the case of the house managers was concluded. The preliminary statement for Swayne was not finished when the court adjourned for the day.