

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.

Renewed disturbances in Russia cause great alarm.

President Castro is threatened with revolution and foreign war.

The Japanese fleet has sailed from Borneo to meet the Baltic squadron.

Mrs. Chadwick has been sentenced to ten years' imprisonment. She has appealed.

An American warship will carry home the body of the late Senor Aspiroz, Mexican ambassador to the United States.

Russian officials believe now that the pressure on Linievitch has been relieved, the Japanese will next be heard from in front of Vladivostok.

President Roosevelt and President Diaz, of Mexico, may meet on the international boundary when the former makes his Southern trip early in April.

A report from Japanese sources says that a large part of Harbin has been burned. Great quantities of reserve supplies intended for the Russian army are also reported to have been burned.

The Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul has completed surveys to the Pacific coast, touching all the principal cities. Construction will commence at once and \$60,000,000 is placed as the amount of expenditures to put the line in working order.

Hostilities in Manchuria are suspended while the armies reorganize.

Thousands of locked-out workmen in St. Petersburg threaten an outbreak.

Santo Domingo may ask the United States to act as receiver for that country.

Castro's attitude continues menacing. France and the United States may combine to discipline him.

Violent storms throughout Oklahoma have caused four deaths and numerous injuries besides a heavy property loss.

Contracts for rock for the jetty at the mouth of the Columbia have been let and deliveries will begin next month.

The two big ocean liners Parisian and Albano collided while entering the Halifax, N. S., harbor, and both were badly injured.

A Pennsylvania oil authority says nothing has ever been seen to compare with the oil territory of Kansas and Indian Territory.

A man has confessed to pulling the spikes and rails loose from the Rock Island track in Iowa to see what would happen when a train passed.

Work on the Tacoma public building will be delayed another year in the hope of securing an addition to the \$300,000 already appropriated.

Jules Verne, the noted French novelist, is dead.

Santo Domingo may ask protection of the United States.

The Oregon City land office will be removed to Portland.

Mrs. Chadwick admits of debts amounting to \$750,000.

Senor de Aspiroz, the Mexican ambassador at Washington, is dead.

Peasant revolts in Russia are becoming widespread and soldiers object to shooting.

French bankers have agreed to make Russia a loan on condition that she make peace.

A consular dispute between Norway and Sweden may dissolve the union between them.

Venezuela refuses to arbitrate dispute with United States and diplomatic relations may be broken.

The president finds he has not the power to reduce the number of canal commissioners, though he may make any change in the personnel he may desire.

Terrorists have warned the Russian grand dukes that they will be removed.

Canadian shipbuilders have asked the government for a bounty of \$6 per ton for ten years on Canadian built ships to protect the industry against British competition.

The Philippines may be sold to Japan.

The United States has refused to aid foreign claimants against Panama.

The Baltic fleet has been seen in the Indian ocean sailing eastward.

Germany has angered Turkey by protesting against buying arms in France.

Twenty-four Chinese smuggled over the Mexican border at El Paso, Texas, have been arrested.

The president hopes to stave off foreign intervention in Santo Domingo until congress meets.

The eruption of Vesuvius is abating, there being only an occasional puff of light material and smoke.

The czar has again turned from the peace party and will continue the war.

The battleship Kansas will be christened by breaking a bottle of Kansas crude oil over its prow in the place of a bottle of champagne, as is the custom.

There is a movement in New York to erect at a cost of \$2,000,000 a building for a comprehensive exhibition of American and foreign art, and to provide a home for New York art societies.

Russian bureaucrats are being driven to make peace by terms dictated for a new French loan.

Would Federate with Canada.

Toronto, Ont., March 28.—M. Fillian, a member of the Dominican legislature, now here, says the sentiment in the British West Indies is strongly in favor of federation with Canada. "There are among us," said he, "hardly any but would be glad to see some scheme inaugurated for bringing the two more closely together. I think a union would be helpful to both." Mr. Fillian has seen Premier Laurier on the subject and is hopeful of good results, and will also interview the Ontario premier.

Ice Gorge Floods City.

Schenectady, N. Y., March 28.—The Mohawk river, which has been gorged with ice six miles west of this city, tonight overflowed into the Erie canal, which runs parallel to it here, tearing the embankment away for more than 200 feet. The canal was empty, but in less than an hour there was a rush of water which flooded the streets in this city adjacent to the canal, carried away boats from their moorings and rendered many houses uninhabitable. Some of the New York Central tracks are inundated, and traffic is suspended.

Aliens by the Thousand.

New York, March 28.—With a total for the last week of 26,000 aliens and with the prospects of at least 23,000 more to come in on the steamships arriving this week, it is probable that all immigration figures will be broken before the spring is ended. From all parts of Europe aliens are booked to arrive and the resources of the station at Ellis island will be taxed to the utmost. At the next session of congress Mr. Sargent will ask for an appropriation for the establishment of a display of the various states' resources.

HAY MAY MEDIATE

Suspected Purpose of Hay's European Trip.

OPINIONS OF THE DIPLOMATS

Whenever Hay Has Been Reported Ill, a Great Stroke of Diplomacy Has Quickly Followed.

Washington, March 28.—Several prominent diplomats in Washington believe that John Hay, secretary of state, during his trip to Italy, will make an effort to see what can be done in the way of mediation and settlement of the war in the Far East. The news from the Azores that Mr. Hay's health was improved, and that he expected to return to Washington by May 12 adds color to this theory.

The diplomats attach great importance to the news that Henry White, the new United States ambassador to Italy, was ordered to hasten his arrival at his post. Mr. Hay and Mr. White are warm personal friends, and the secretary has great confidence in Mr. White's adroitness in diplomacy.

It has been figured out in the diplomatic corps here that Italy is practically the only country of importance in Europe that might be expected to take part in friendly mediation without being suspected by either Russia or Japan of ulterior motives or hostile intent.

Mr. Hay has come to be regarded almost as a fetish by diplomats stationed in Washington. They recall that he frequently has been ill, confined to his house, and inaccessible to diplomats, and half a dozen times after these illnesses something of great importance has happened bearing on diplomatic affairs.

MUST GIVE SPAIN HER GUNS

Secretary Taft Calls on Cuba to Carry Out Terms of Treaty.

Washington, March 28.—Spain has never been able to secure from Cuba the ordnance left there at the termination of the Spanish-American war, and Senor Ojeda called on Secretary Taft today to learn the position of this government in the matter.

Under the terms of peace it was held that Spain was entitled to all movable ordnance in Cuba and Porto Rico, and in the latter case its claim had been recognized and the ordnance transferred. But in the case of Cuba there appears to be some difficulty in securing the recognition by the Cuban government of the obligation entered into by the United States.

Secretary Taft caused a cablegram to be sent to Minister Squiers in Havana instructing him to notify the Cuban authorities that the ordnance in question remains the property of Spain, that it was never possessed by the United States and should be returned to Spain.

Tornado Wipes Out Town.

St. Paul, Minn., March 28.—A report reached this city tonight that the little town of Lopsburg in the extreme western portion of the state had been practically wiped out by a tornado and that seven persons had been seriously injured. It was also stated that from two to seven were killed, but up to a late hour it has been impossible, owing to lack of telegraph facilities, to verify the latter statement. Lopsburg is a town of about 100 people.

Japanese in Front of Him.

St. Petersburg, March 23.—A dispatch from General Linievitch, dated March 21 says: "Yesterday Japanese cavalry detachments appeared in front of our advance posts. Behind the cavalry were infantry who halted at the village of Machantzy."

SINK AT DOCKS.

Damage to Ocean Liners in Collision Worse Than Thought.

Halifax, N. S., March 28.—The two ocean steamers, the Parisian and the Albano, whose 1,800 passengers were saved from possible death at sea after the collision between the two vessels off the harbor's mouth yesterday by a thrilling 15-mile race for shallow water, showed plainly today how serious was the accident, the Parisian resting on the bottom at her dock and the Albano's fore peak being full of water.

The Parisian, which came up the harbor at 6 o'clock last night with a gaping hole in her starboard side from the Albano's sharp prow, filled gradually during the night, and at dawn her engine room had been flooded, her fires extinguished, her lower deck was awash and her keel resting in the mud. A large part of her cargo is damaged by water, but the bulk of the mail, consisting of 400 sacks, was recovered in good condition.

The statements of the two commanders of the vessels as to the probable cause of the collision are conflicting, and the courts will be invoked to place the responsibility. Proceedings have been begun in the Admiralty court against the Hamburg-American company, owners of the Albano, and today that steamer was libelled for \$150,000 damages in behalf of J. & A. Allan, owners of the Parisian. Later it was announced that a counter suit would be brought by the German company.

STEP TO HOME RULE.

Census of Philippines is Completed—Legislature in Two Years.

Washington, March 28.—Secretary Taft today notified President Roosevelt that the census of the Philippine islands had been completed and published, and under the law of July 1, 1902, two years from this date the president shall direct the Philippine commission to call a general election for the choice of delegates to a popular assembly.

All legislative power on the islands will thereafter be vested in a legislature consisting of two houses, the Philippine commission and the Philippine assembly. The condition on which the election is to be called is that complete peace shall have continued in the territory of the islands not occupied by Moros or other non-Christian tribes. The popular election is not to extend to the Moro tribes.

Two resident commissioners to the United States will be elected when a legislature is chosen.

MEXICO ON GOLD BASIS.

President Diaz Issues Decree Authorized by Congress.

Mexico City, March 28.—President Diaz has issued a decree for the reform of the monetary system authorized by congress in December last. The decree establishes the 2-peso, or silver dollar, at a value of 50 cents gold, and the theoretical unit of the Mexican currency is defined to be the dollar or peso of 75 centigrams of gold.

An important feature of the decree is a provision for a reserve exchange fund, which, at first, will consist of \$18,000,000 or \$15,000,000, and may be increased. The original plan did not provide for the immediate establishment of this fund, but it is now deemed wise to start with one simultaneously with the beginning of the new monetary system.

The mint will be closed April 16 to the free coinage of silver and the new monetary system will go into effect May 1. The publication of the decree gives general satisfaction in business and financial circles. It assures business men against losses in importing.

Damage of \$1,000,000 is Done.

Pittsburg, March 24.—The crest of the flood was reached early today and the rivers are receding rapidly. It is estimated that the total loss to local industry since the flood began will exceed \$1,000,000.