

# 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.

Russia plans to restore prestige by gobbling Turkey.

An Italian cruiser set fire to a Guatemalan town in firing a salute.

The Russian fleet is coaling off Hainan island, which is Chinese territory.

The Russian government has ordered villages to pay for the damages done by peasant mobs.

Representative Pinckney and four others were killed in a prohibition riot at Hempstead, Texas.

Nan Patterson broke down on hearing the case opened against her and the trial had to be postponed.

Nebogatoff's squadron has been sighted and it is believed will join Rojstvensky before there is a naval battle.

Five thousand employes of the National Tube works, of McKeesport, Pa., have had their wages increased from 5 to 10 per cent.

Frank G. Bigelow, president of the First National bank of Milwaukee, has confessed that he stole \$1,450,000 and lost it in speculation.

The gasoline motor car, intended for the Southern Pacific for use between Portland and Forest Grove, is being tested on the hills at Denver and Cheyenne.

Joseph Jefferson, the eminent actor, is dead.

Secretary Hay's health is steadily improving.

Arbitration has been rejected in the Chicago strike.

Russia has increased internal taxes for war purposes.

Bryan predicts government ownership of railroads.

The New York building trades have adopted arbitration.

The battleship Oregon is to be sent to the Puget sound navy yard to be overhauled.

The transport Sheridan has arrived at Portland from Manila with the Fourteenth infantry.

The Chicago grand jury has subpoenaed a number of bank officials to testify against the beef trust.

The Southern Pacific and Santa Fe systems are fighting to secure control of the California fruit freight.

Delcasse has finally agreed to remain head of the French foreign office, which means resistance to Germany in Morocco.

It has been officially confirmed that the Russian fleet has left Kamranh bay, sailing northward, where Togo is awaiting it.

Chicago teamsters threaten a general strike.

Secretary Hay's health is much improved.

The Rock Island system is trying to obtain control of the Union Pacific.

Hitchcock has dismissed eight officials in the Indian service for corruption.

The Italian government is reported to have ordered a number of warships to Santo Domingo.

The Chicago beef trust grand jury has turned its attention to the investi-

gation of the sausage business.

Foreign Minister Delcasse, of France, threatens to resign because of the policy towards Germany and Japan.

Senator O. H. Platt, of Connecticut, is dead. Although sick for some time, his death came rather unexpectedly. He was 78 years old.

Japan boils with anger at the French violation of neutrality, claiming she has positive proof that the Russian fleet uses Kamranh bay as a naval base. Great Britain may be called into the trouble, and her Hong Kong fleet is in readiness to go to sea.

The Panama canal commission has purchased a number of big locomotives and cars for the railroad and will equip the line with new and modern rolling stock throughout.

The Japanese army is advancing northward, preceded by cavalry.

The teamsters' strike in Chicago may affect all department stores.

A run on a New York trading stamp store has caused its being closed.

The Union Pacific railway will build more gasoline motor cars and run them on all branch lines.

Irrigation committees of congress will tour the West and visit Portland.

Senator O. H. Platt is in a very serious condition, having had a relapse.

The strike in the Arkansas Valley smelter at Leadville, Colo., has been settled and work resumed.

Five miners were killed in an explosion in the Cabin Creek mines 30 miles from Charleston, West Virginia.

The beef trust has been caught in the act of sending witnesses away from Chicago who might tell too much.

The Great Northern has let contracts for the extension of its line from Sioux City, Iowa, to Ashland, Nebraska.

The State department says it has not received Minister Barrett's resignation.

Bonds have been sold for the extension of the Western Pacific railroad from the present terminus at Salt Lake City to Oakland.

Kalieff, the assassin of Grand Duke Sergius, has been condemned to death.

Troops fired on railroad strikers in an Italian town, killing and wounding many.

### Oyama Awaits Sea Fight.

St. Petersburg, April 25.—The news from Manchuria indicates that Field Marshal Oyama's plans await the result of the naval battle, it being too risky for the Japanese army to undertake serious operations while the outcome of the sea fight is in the balance. Should Admiral Rojstvensky reach Vladivostok and Admiral Togo still be able to protect the Japanese lines of communication, the general belief at the war office is that the Japanese will forthwith attempt to cut off and invest Vladivostok.

### Buffaloes Lose Their Range.

Missoula, Mont., April 25.—Thirty-five head of buffaloes were shipped this afternoon from Arlee by M. Miller, who sends them to a point in Oklahoma about 300 miles south of Kansas City. The animals are from the famous Pablo herd, the largest in the world. The animals shipped today were all adults and an exceptionally choice lot. The Pablo buffaloes are allowed to range on the Flathead reservation the year round, but the opening of the reserve will mean the disbandment of the famous herd.

### Narrow Escapes from Big Fire.

Pueblo, Colo., April 25.—Fire tonight almost totally destroyed the entire stock of Bergerman Bros.' store, one of the largest furnishing establishments in the state, and greatly damaged the building. The stock was valued at \$125,000, fully insured. The fire is supposed to have originated from a gasoline power engine blowing up. There were several narrow escapes from the flames, several women being carried from the building.

# RUSSIA IN TERROR

Massacres by Wholesale Feared at Easter.

## OFFICIALS WILL BE THE VICTIMS

Socialism Causes a Panic in Poland, Where Poles are Being Driven From the Factories.

St. Petersburg, April 25.—The news from Poland paints a picture of veritable terror before the expected storm. A letter received here reads:

"You know what happened at Warsaw, but you only know part of what is occurring throughout the country. All Poland is in a great conflagration of Socialism, terror of which is everywhere exciting a terrible panic. We expect at Easter a general massacre of the Russian government officials and the wealthy, and the blowing up of the Vistula bridge to prevent the arrival of troops from Russia.

"The police are doing nothing. They pretend to be blind and deaf to what is passing on around them. The existing regime is the cause of discontent, which is on the increase among the idle workmen driven from the factories and railroads because they are Poles. They say they will have vengeance."

A letter from Vilna says: "Work is impossible under the existing conditions. The government's endless commissions have accomplished nothing, and the landlords, workmen and peasants are convinced that open revolt and the bayonet are the only remedies. Easter may witness the inauguration of another insurrection like that of 1863, which began, as this may, with a Russian massacre."

Commenting on the above, the Russ declares the government must act promptly if awful carnage is to be avoided. The only thing to be done, it says, is to summon the moderates to give guarantees that the promised reforms will be realized.

### Big Storm Downs Wires.

Denver, April 25.—According to reports received late tonight, a heavy storm of rain and snow has practically stopped telegraphic communication to the Pacific coast. The storm reaches from Arizona to Montana. In Colorado, after raining for 24 hours, it began to snow tonight, and in some sections a blizzard is raging. No reports of the storm's effect on railroad traffic had been received at midnight, but serious interference with the operations of trains, it is believed, must have resulted.

### Poisoned Bullets for Police.

St. Petersburg, April 24.—In all recent attacks on the police and administrative officers in Poland, their assailants have used poisoned bullets and daggers. At the popular theaters and music halls performers are arousing great demonstrations by singing revolutionary verses. These are introduced as encores, which must be passed by the theatrical censor. Recently, the performers did not hesitate to lampoon the royal family.

### Japanese Accumulating Stores.

Yinkow, April 19, via Tientsin, April 21.—Few transports are now arriving at Niuchwaig. This contrast with the rush of traffic since the opening of the Liao river indicate that precautions are being taken against possible interference by the Russian Pacific squadron. Vast accumulations of stores have already been made along the Japanese lines of communication, assuring fall supplies to the armies in the field, even if the transport service is interrupted.

## PORTE IS MUCH WORRIED.

Afraid That Italy is About to Seize Tripoli and Benghazi.

Constantinople, April 25.—The Sublime Porte and the Turkish council of ministers is greatly wrought up over the report that Italy has her eyes on Tripoli and Benghazi in Africa, and is making ready an expedition to make good her claims of possession. This information comes from a trustworthy source.

It is known that the Turkish council of ministers has been for some time discussing the question, but the Porte's advisers are all at sea in the matter until the attitude of Great Britain can be ascertained. While Turkey has the troops to place in Tripoli and Benghazi to resist the forces of the Italian government, if it should try to take possession, it has not the means of conveying them to the African coast, the Italian naval forces standing in the way.

It is declared that Italy three years ago turned a covetous eye on Africa, but that the Turkish government's protests were backed up by England and the protest was received by Italy and recognized as valid. The fact that Great Britain has just entered into a secret treaty with France and Italy is the alarming feature of the situation from the Turkish standpoint.

It is said that the secret treaty with France allows her complete freedom in regard to Morocco and it is feared here that there is a secret paragraph that gives Italy the same freedom in regard to Tripoli. If this condition is found to exist, Turkey will be unable to oppose Italy in her action towards Tripoli.

## NEW YORK CRIME FIGURES.

Preponderance of Male Wildness is Very Marked.

New York, April 25.—Although the population of the county of New York has increased 140,870 during the past three years, there has not been a proportionate increase in crime, according to the annual report of District Attorney Jerome's chief clerk.

In the detailed reports of felonies there is no marked advance of figures as compared with former years. The average number of prisoners charged with felony who were confined in the city prison during the last three years was 176. This is the lowest average on record.

The number of indictments and complaints disposed of during the year 1904 was 5,039. Forty-nine per cent resulted in pleas of guilty. A little over 12 per cent of the prisoners were convicted by verdict. About 17 per cent were acquitted.

The classified list of convictions during 1904 shows a startling preponderance of male criminals. Only 169 women were convicted, as against 2,279 men. Of the 169 females, 126 were found guilty of larceny and three of manslaughter.

Of the 2,466 persons convicted during the year, 1,610 were natives of the United States. The others were divided as follows: Germany 182, Ireland 95, England 166, Italy 176, Russia 171, Austria 62, Roumania 17, Scotland 12, Sweden 13, Greece 5, France 14, Spain 2, other countries 51.

### Signal Men for Alaska.

Washington, April 24.—On May 15 60 signal corps men, under Captain Carl W. Hartmann, will be sent to Alaska to relieve the men who have been on duty there for two years. Their principal work will be in connection with government telegraph lines.

### Good Loads on Schooners.

Willemstedt, Curacao, April 24.—Gold estimated to amount to \$1,400,000 and sent by President Castro, of Venezuela, arrived here a few days ago in schooners and an Italian steamer for shipment to and deposit in New York.