CURRENT EVENTS OF THE WEEK

Doings of the World at Large Told in Brief.

General Resume of Important Events Presented in Condensed Form for Our Busy Readers.

The new lift span bridge at Portland is thrown open to the public.

Karl Hagenbach, the animal show man, is not dead, as reported.

Aycona appeals to the people of the United States to protest against Diaz' alleged tyranny.

The railroad machinists' strike in St. Louis has been settled, the men dealy patriots had discovered the soreceiving more pay.

The commercial and labor organiza-tons are planning to drive "loan A tions are planning to drive sharks" out of Chicago.

Four girls were saved from the tide at Seaside, Or., by Captain Geo. H. Smith of the life saving crew.

Chief Justice White of the U.S. su preme court took the oath of office and, at the conclusion, kissed the Bible.

Adjutant General Lauck of California declares that state's entire coast is open to invasions of foreign enemy.

Senator James Frazier of Tennessee denies that he "whitewashed" Senator Lorimer of Illinois in the recent investigation.

Prosecutor Heney would block the attempt of F. P. Mays and Willard Jones, guilty of land fraud, to escape prison sentences.

Six hundred and eighteen school right in charging more or less complete children were marched from a burning acy to scare the country into bolstering up the program of military enthusiasts.

English Tories are bitter over their defeat and threaten reckless filibustering in parliament.

The leading hotels of San Francisco will allow women to smoke in any part 115,000. of the building, the same as men.

A boy at Salem. Ore., died of lockjaw but not the slightest evidence of infec-tion could be found upon his body.

Magnetic brakes, operated by wire-less, have been made entirely successful on the Canadian Pacific railway.

An aviator at Memphis, Tenn., reached an altitude of 9,364 feet, his aeroplane being coated with ice when he alighted.

Queen Liliuokalani of Honolulu now asks the territorial legislature for a lump sum of \$200,000 in full settlement of all claims against the United States.

A man from Okanogan, Wash., is in Pennsylvania to gather up 1,000 cats, to be shipped West to rid the farms and gardens of Okanogan county of rats and gophers,

Prisoners in the Lima, Ohio, jail assaulted their guards and four escaped. The 15-year-old son of the sheriff

WAR SCARE ONLY TRICK. Shipbuilders and Steel Trust Want Big Orders.

Washington .- Back of the war scare caused by Secretary Dickinson's confidential answer to the request of Congressman McLachlan of California is New York Central Power House setts coast and tonight four schooners the activity of the shipbuilding interests and the steel trust as an active factor in the agitation. A year ago correspondents of Pacific Coast papers were importuned by representatives of Pacific Coast shipbuilding concerns to urge the need of a fleet of submarines and the enactment of a law to provide that during the next ten years 50 submarines be built on the Pacific Coast.

This frank admission that the Western shipbuilding interests were largely responsible for the agitation which at that time was carried on to alarm the West coast people, was made to me when I sought to ascertain why so sudcalled defenseless position of the West

A meeting of some of the Pacific Coast senators and representatives had been called and a dinner had been given, one of the results of which had been the appointment of a committee of members from Washington and California to present to the president a

memorial embodying plans for submarines. These facts were given me by a rep-

resentative of a Seattle ship yard, working with whom, as he admitted, was the vice president of a San Francisco ship yard. About that time Secretary Meyer de-

livered an address at Philadelphia in which he advocated the building of battleships for one reason-that it gave business to the steel industry. Apparently Congressman Tawney is

These evidences point to activities by a ship yard to lobby and the advocates

of a large standing army. Secretary Dickinson hints at the need of a standing army of 450,000 men, instend of the present effective force of

The international importance of the acts of these war propagandists is shown by editorials in Japanese news-

papers, telegraphed to the state department here, citing the proposals to for-tify the Panama canal, increase the standing army and create a powerful Pacific fleet, as evidences to the Japanese that this country desires war with them

Strangely, the war scare comes at the very time when the peace society is in session here, as if the scare had been planned to offset the pleas for disarmament.

MEXICAN TROOPS LOSE.

Government Forces Nearly Annihilated by Insurrectos at La Junta.

El Paso, Tex .-- President Diaz' Mexican army has suffered a loss of 950 rifle and held them at bay until help reame. news from the scene of hostilities. The of them were taken to hospitals. All the windows in the building were blown in and the ceilings fell. the white flag there were only 50 able bodied men in the force that surrendered to the victorious revolutionists. La Junta is a small town on the exceed \$500,000. Mexico, Northwestern & Orient railroad. News of the battle and its result was sent out by railway employes. The telegraph wires were cut later. belonging to Mexican troops escaped greater part of the damage. into Texas and it is believed that the federals were annihilated. Reinforce ments should have arrived there last night or today if they were not de A Kansas man applied for a divorce feated, marching westward from the because his wife smoked cigarettes, Orient railroad station at Falomir.



Completely Wrecked.

Trolley Car Hurled on Top of Auto reported adrift and missing. By Blast-Children In Hospital Narrowly Escape.

New York, Dec. 19 .- Twelve persons were killed, two of them women, and 30 were injured in a double explosion of gas and dynamite in the new electric power house of the New York Central Railroad, shortly after 8 o'clock this morning.

The force of the explosion shattered hundreds of windows in the big hotels and apartment houses in the neighborhood of the railroad terminal, causing alarm among the guests. The dynamite blast picked up a northbound trolley car, lifted it in the air and sent it crashing down upon an automobile which was passing along the other side of the street. Four of the passengers were killed, and every one in the car

was injured. The railroad service was only temporarily interrupted. The new sub-station power house, where the explosion occurred, is at Fiftieth street and Lexington avenue, which is half a dozen blocks north of the Grand Central station.

The explosion partly wrecked the engine house near by and prevented the firemen from gtting their appar-atus into the street. Monsignors La atus into the street. Monsignors La Pette and Hayes and Fathers O'Connor, McQuade, Sinnott and Byrnes, of St. Patrick's Cathedral, hurried to the scene and administered the last rites of the church to the more seriously injured.

At the postoffice substation at For-tieth and Madison avenues, the explosion slightly injured several clerks and threw the mail all over the floor. In the New York Nursery and Child's Hospital ceilings were partly shaken down, and the windows broken, but fortunately none of the 300 children there was badly injured.

The power house, which is built of stone and brick, and is six stories high, took fire after the explosion, and the interior was practically burned out. Just what caused the double explosion may probably never be known. For-tunately for the thousands of commuters on the New York Central lines, the force of the dynamite blasts was directed in an opposite direction from the railroad tracks, otherwise the loaded incoming trains might have been wrecked.

Officials of the railroad learned that there were many workmen in the build-ing at the time of the explosion, and that but few of these had been accounted for. In the Bible Teachers' Train ing School, on Lexington avenue, directly opposite the power house, 125 women who were on their men and way to breakfast, were thrown to the men in dead and wounded in a battle floor by the blast. Many of the men at La Junta, according to the latest and women were injured, and several hospitals. FIRST BLIZZARD OF SEASON.

Terriffic Storm Sweeps Atlantic Coast -Life Savers Busy.

Boston, Dec. 17 .- A northwest blizzard last night and today brought disaster to shipping along the Massachuwere known to have been wrecked, another was in tow, disabled, one barge had foundered, and other barges were

The revenue cutter Gresham, which took aboard the crews of two sinking schooners and assisted other vessels, spent the entire day and most of the night undoing the havoc of the storm. Up to tonight no definite report of loss of life had reached this city.

The vessels which suffered from the storm included:

Schooner Thomas B. Garland, of Portsmouth, a total wreck on Great Point bar, Nantucket. The crew were rescued early today by the Coskata lifesaving crew.

Schooner Abbie G. Cole, of Machias, Me., stranded and waterlogged in Stone Horse shoal, off Monomoy point.

The crew were rescued by the Gresham this morning, when Monomoy point lifesavers found the seas too heavy to launch their lifeboats.

The two-masted schooner H. E. Ayer, taken in tow by the Gresham off Old Harbor.

British schooner 'S. A. Fownes, ashore off Monomoy Point. The Gresham took on board the crew late today.

Lumber-laden schooner Stephen G. Loud, abandoned 33 miles southeast of Boston light. The crew were rescued this morning by the steamer A. W. Perry and brought here.

At Portsmouth, N. H., the three-masted schooner Annie F. Conlon arrived today in a disabled condition, 21 days out from Phildadelphia.

The barge Maywood, one of, a tow of three behind the tug Margaret, foundered last night off Cape Cod, and the other barges of the tow, the Scranton tion of war between nations and su and Binghampton, are missing. One of the barges in tow of the tug Cumberland is also reported missing.

JAPAN HAS TROUBLES.

Will Strenghten Navy, Despite Her Heavy Indebtedness.

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General Hodges, commanding the De partment of the Great Lakes, says it would undoubtedly be easy for a for-eign power to invade the Pacific Coast, but he is certain Japan does not want war with any one at present.

A Spokane boy aged 17 died from the effects of raw alcohol given him by a trainman.

Roosevelt advised the students of Harvard to go into politices "for their own good."

A Kansas man applied for a divorce but it was refused.

The Supreme court of the United States has decided that a conspiracy under the Sherman anti-trust law may be a "continuing offense."

An Atlantic Coast liner with 300 passengers and a hold full of cotton took fire and was destroyed. The passengers and crew were saved.

Floods in Northern Italy are becoming serious and many villages are isolated.

Aldrich and Lodge intimate that they are willing to revise the tariff piecemeal.

Representative Tawney, of Minnesota, may succeed Ballinger as secretary of the interior.

Mexican rebels were routed in a stubborn fight in which they lost 70 tunnel from a house in Cutler street to men, while the government loss was 14, including two officers.

Representatives of the Mexican rebels have presented proofs at Washing-ton that their wounded and prisoners policemen were killed and the robbers were butchered by the government escaped. troops.

A mechanic attached to the government forces at Fort Stevens, Ore., has turely.

Canadians desire a permanent peace treaty with the United States. With-

Troops sent out from Jiminez, the join Navarro's forces marching from wonder. Chihoahua.

Today orders were issued throughout them and give an account of why they are in their possession.

Burglars, Trapped. Killed Police.

policemen last night in a pistol duel with five officers were tunneling to a vault containing \$100,000, according to information given out at Scotland The robbers had started the Yard. the vaults of the Henry Harris jewelry shop at Houndsditch and the boring was nearly completed. A policeman discovered the tunnel and summoned

Tremendous Earthquake Recorded.

Cleveland, O .- An earthquake similar Herr Zimmerman, were on board to that which wrought such havoe in invented a safety appliance to prevent to that which wrought such havoe in large guns from being fired prema- was recorded on the seismograph at St. was recorded on the seismograph at St. Ignatius college. The records of the two quakes are being compared.

The damage to the power house and other buildings has not been estimated, but it was stated that it will likely

The employes of the railroad have been unable thus far definitely to as sign the cause of the explosion, but it is believed a large quantity of dyna-There has been fighting near Ojiniga, mite stored in magazines close to the south of Marfa, Texas. Many horses substation was responsible for the

Wireless Stops Train.

Ottawa, Canada .- Drawing a train of twelve cars and rushing over the rails at a speed of forty-five miles an hour They left Chihuahus last Sunday for Falomir. Troops sent out from Jiminez, the railroad junction point for the road leading into Parral, have not been heard from They may at the throttle wide open, and the engineer standing in his cab, a mere spectator. heard from. They were attempting to like those present with him to view the

The brakes had been applied on the big locomotive and train of cars by a the state of Chihuahua by the Jefes of wireless wave of electricity. It seemed

Experiments with a wireless traincontrol system have been quietly conducted by the Canadian Pacific Railway company since last May, and this London .- Burglars who killed two long series of successful tests.

Balloonist's Body Found.

Bremen .- A fishing cutter has found in the North Sea the body of Lieuten ant Lange, pilot of the balloon Saar. The Saar and eight other balloons started in a race from Essen-on-the Ruhr, Rhennish Prussia, November 13. Seven of the balloons made safe landings the following day and later the Hessen descended in North Germany. The Saar never was heard from again, although the 22 German torpedo boats and other craft watched the North Sea for several days. Lieutenant Lange, Lieutenant Rommeler and a civilian,

Hebrews Are to Convene.

York .- Theodore Roosevelt New Mayor Gaynor, Oscar S. Strauss, Judge Josiah Cohen of Pittsburg, and Dr. David Phillipson of Cincinnati will ad-

inary expenditures.

two rules as effective in directing the mulgating the movement on behalf policy of the government:

First-To maintain the balance of revenue and expenditure in the general estimates and not to look to loans as financial resources.

Second-To maintain the program Country Wholly Unprepared for of annual redemption of the public debt by an amount of 50,000,000 yen or more

mitted itself to these principles. In the next six years 82,000,000 yen will vasion from foreign governments * be spent in supplementing and improv- sent to the house as a secret docum ing the navy.

Four Lives Thought Lost.

Nome, Alaska-Four lives are believed to have been lost in the wreck of the trading schooner Louise in the ice of Bering sea, off Cape Prince of Wales. Remnants of the wreck were found near the cape. The schooner villages and towns instructing all men having arms to come in and register and held it with ease. sailed from Nome several weeks ago with Captain Owens in command. With Captain Owens were Engineer Laborde and two passengers, Fred Rau and John Kelly. Nothing has been heard of them since they left gress. lemonstration was the culmination of a here and it is almost certain that they were lost.

Man is Impaled Like Fish.

Los Angeles, Cal.-When a streetcar struck his wagon on Broadway, J. H. Craig, an express driver, was thrown out and impaled upon a bale hook which hung beside his seat. The pronged tool caught him in the back of ships in the warfare of the future the neck, and, piercing the under side of his jaw, protruded from his mouth like a fish hook. The surgeons at the receiving hospital pronounced him seriously injured.

Tacoma, Wash .- Fire of unknown origin totally destroyed McCormack Bros. big department store here, causing a loss which will amount to up- Alberta, is here to sail on the En wards of \$100,000, with insurance one- of Britain for Ireland to engage in third that amount. The McCormack school teachers for Alberta and Sa treaty with the United States. With-in the last two years, nine disputes be-tween Canada and the United States have been disposed of by negotiations and agreements. Washington, Dec. 17.—Secretary of the Navy Meyer this afternoon assigned the Obsolete cruisers Boston and Con-eval militia, respectively.

was now needed was the concurre Marquis Katsura lays down these of the president and the senate in p the United States.

SECRET MESSAGE WARNS.

vasion by Foreign Power.

Washington-A report from the Wa He says the government has com- department showing how the au was inadequately protected against in and, after several conferences and hu ried telephone messages, was return to the War department because house could not receive a secret repo

> Members of congress who saw document before its withdrawals the report of Secretary Dickins points out that the country is when unprepared for war; that there is woeful inadequacy of men, guns a ammunition; that the army should recognized and that a council of a tional defense, with a secretary of w at its head, should be created by of

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