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EVENTS OF THE DAY

Epitome of the Telegraphic News of the World.

PERSE TICKS FROM THE WIRES

An Interesting Collection of Items From the Two Hemispheres Presented in a Condensed Form.

Boers have retired from Senekal.

British storm and took the town of Bethlehem, Dewet retreating.

The empress dowager again holds the reins of government in China.

Three men were killed by the explosion of a boiler at an oil works in Astoria, Oregon.

The total casualties of the British, as a result of the Boer war, up to date are 48,188 officers and men.

St. Louis street car strikers again have their business running in opposition to the Transit Company.

The French ship L'Aquitaine has sailed from Toulon with 850 infantry and artillery for China.

New York tailors are again planning a big strike. Contractors are violating agreements made several years ago.

Dr. Charles F. McDonald, the organizer of our postal money order system, died at Hamilton, Ontario, aged 71 years.

Southern negroes may go to Hawaii. Plantation owners of the island will make them good offers with a view to dispensing with the troublesome Jap laborers.

A plot to assassinate President McKinley has been frustrated. It was concocted by a group of Spanish and Cuban conspirators who had headquarters in New York.

George A. Morse, an aged and absolutely helpless patient in the Agnew's insane asylum, at San Jose, Cal., was slowly boiled to death in a bath in the men's ward of that institution. He was placed in a bath tub, and after the hot water was turned on the attendant left the room for a towel, forgot his patient, and did not return until the incubic was fearfully burned.

A serious fire is raging on Bull mountain. Railroad creek and Pompey's Pillar, on the north side of the Yellowstone river, Montana, is extending east to the Mussel Shell river, and is sweeping the range like tinder, as everything is dry. A late report says that 20 head of horses belonging to Ramsey, of Billings, were burned. Vast flocks of sheep are in great danger.

Tien Tsin is hard pressed by 80,000 Chinese.

Cubans are pleased at the withdrawal of American troops.

St. Louis street car employes have renewed their strike.

Chinese imperial troops are defending the foreigners in Pekin.

Chinese do not want religion and no amount of war can make them accept it.

Battleship Oregon will not be sent to Taku again unless absolutely necessary.

It is said America is to have 11,000 men in the force of 100,000 to be used in China.

The steamer Rosalie arrived at Seattle from Lynn canal, with \$600,000 in Klondike gold.

American trade will be injured if the powers decide to make war on the Chinese empire.

The Oregon must remain in dry dock 90 days. She has arrived at Chefoo and will go to Japan at once.

Li Hung Chang is again urging the powers to intervene and establish a strong government in the Chinese empire.

George Horrick, is held at North Yakima on a charge of killing a squaw on the reservation. He claims self-defense.

Rumor is current that the Chicago & Alton, Kansas City Southern and Union Pacific railways will be amalgamated.

Dr. Henry D. Cogswell, a well-known philanthropist and prohibitionist, is dead at San Francisco, aged 80 years.

Commissioner of Patents Duell is said to be out for the nomination for governor of New York on the Republican ticket.

Japanese laborers in Hawaii are discontented. Plantation managers have conceded everything asked for and still they are not satisfied.

The converter and billet mill of the Illinois Steel Company at Joliet, Ill., resumed operations and nearly 1,000 men were put to work.

Russian, French and German admirals at Tien Tsin are said to have expressed themselves as unfavorable to Japan's being given a free hand.

Roy C. Gage, of Company C, Third regiment, O. N. G., in their annual encampment at Salem, was drowned in the Willamette river while bathing.

During the last 13 years the population of Germany has increased 14 per cent, but the number of doctors in the German empire has increased no less than 56 per cent. If this ratio is kept up, any statistician can foresee the time when every German will be a doctor, and the whole German population, having no patients on whom to practice, will have to migrate to fields where physicians are a shade less common.

LATER NEWS.

American athletes were successful at the Paris tournament.

An all day fight between the Boers and British at Platkop resulted indecisively.

The Russian minister at Pekin is said to have been boiled to death by Boers.

Nine houses were entirely consumed and many others damaged by fire at Dunsmuir, Cal.

A German paper says the seizure of Kiao Chou has caused the present trouble with China.

Fire at Durant, I. T., wiped out the greater portion of the town, causing a loss of \$100,000.

All foreigners have been removed from the town of Wa Chou, China, and are safe at Shanghai.

United States Senator John H. Gear, of Iowa, died at Washington City of heart disease, aged 75 years.

A large part of the business district of Prescott, Arizona, was burned, causing a loss of \$1,000,000.

The steamer City of Topeka arrived at Seattle from Lynn canal with gold dust \$750,000 and \$1,000,000 in gold dust from Klondike.

Twenty square miles of forests were burned by a fire started by a firecracker near Grab Gulch, Cal. The loss will be hundreds of thousands.

General rain has fallen over nearly all India during the past few days and the prospects are that crops have immensely improved. The famine area has generally been benefited.

Eight-hour shifts for all underground men at the United Verde mine and an increase of 15 per cent in wages for miners in certain portions of the mine were announced at Jerome, Ariz.

Advices were received from Sydney that tribal wars are raging at the Solomon group. There has been a fierce battle between the Marian (Boys) and Malata tribes. The losses on each side were heavy.

Dynamite was exploded under a Transit car in North St. Louis, and four passengers were injured. A suburban car, the only one in line in the city, accidentally ran into a strikers' bus wagon and injured 12 occupants, two seriously.

Judge Thomas Ayer, of the United States court of appeals at St. Louis, has handed down an opinion declaring that John P. Reese, the Iowa Miner's Union official who was sentenced to imprisonment in Kansas for violation of a strike injunction, was illegally restrained of his liberty, and granted a writ of habeas corpus releasing him. Judge Ayer ruled that the lower court erred in including Reese under the injunction.

William Ables, an old resident of Tacoma, committed suicide.

Rich gold strikes have been made on the Koyukuk, some claims staked out yielding \$4 to the pan.

Robbers held up an Illinois Central train near Paducah, Ky., blew up the express car and secured \$10,000.

The empress dowager has ordered the suppression of the Boers and the protection of the legations at Pekin.

A Pullman car was turned upside down near Redding, Cal., the nine occupants were all more or less injured, but none fatally.

Thirty-six bodies, horribly disfigured, have been recovered from the hull of the steamship Saale, recently burned at Hoboken, N. J.

County Commissioner Campbell, of Spokane county, Wash., was killed by an O. R. & N. passenger train near Latab, Idaho. He was crossing the track in a buggy.

A flood of gold is pouring in from Alaska. The receipts of the government assay office at Seattle in the fiscal year were \$13,630,326. This month's receipts may exceed \$6,000,000.

The Chinese government is sorry for the recent outbreaks, but holds the powers blamable. The empress dowager says the attacks on Tien Tsin were the result of the bombardment of Tien Tsin.

Savages of the Caroline islands attacked a shipwrecked British crew, seriously wounding two of the British, and were only driven off when an American cattle dealer came to the rescue of the British.

On the Baltimore & Ohio railroad, a deliberate attempt to wreck the Washington express, bearing \$3,000,000 in gold to the subtreasury in New York, came very near being successful at Folson, a short distance outside of Philadelphia.

The general freight agents of leading Western roads have formed an arrangement for the pooling of business. Joint agencies are to be established at Kansas City, Omaha and St. Paul. A joint agent will be placed in charge of the traffic at each of these cities.

Colombian revolutionists, under General Juan B. Gonzales and Simon Chaux, have captured the city of Popayan, a capital of the department of Cauca. On the march to Popayan the revolutionists took all the cities near the Ecuadorian frontier, including the Puerto Tunico.

Robert Fitzsimmons will meet both Sharkey and Rubin next month.

Gold hunters in Russia are governed by arbitrary laws, one of which compels them to turn over all gold they may find to the imperial treasury, which pays the miner at a standard rate. This law may seem tyrannical, but it has no inestimable advantage—no gold digger in Russia can tell extraordinary romances about the richness of his claim when the official figures are there to stop him.

TRAPPED BY BOERS

Another British Force Falls Into Dutch Hands.

THE CAPTURE OF NITRAL'S NEK

Lord Roberts Reports the Casualties Heavy—Another English Defeat North of Pretoria.

London, July 14.—Lord Roberts reports to the war office, under date of Pretoria, July 14, as follows:

"The enemy, having failed in their attack upon our right rear, as mentioned in my telegram of July 9, made a determined attack upon our right flank yesterday, and I regret to say, succeeded in capturing Nitral's Nek, which was garrisoned by a squadron of the Scots guards, with two guns of a battery of the Royal artillery and five companies of the Lincolnshire regiment."

The enemy attacked in superior numbers at dawn, and, seizing the hills commanding the Nek, brought a heavy gun fire to bear upon the small garrison. Nitral's Nek is about 18 miles from here, near where the road crosses the Crocodile river. It was held by us in order to maintain road and telegraphic communication with Rustenburg.

"The fighting lasted, more or less, throughout the day, and immediately on receiving information this evening of the enemy's strength, I dispatched reinforcements from here under Colonel Godfrey, of the King's Own Scotch Borderers. Before, however, they reached the spot, the garrison had been overpowered, the guns and the greater portion of the squadron of the Grays had been captured, owing to the horses being shot; also about 90 men of the Lincolnshire regiment. A list of the casualties has not been received, but I think they are heavy."

"Simultaneously, an attack was made on our outposts, near Durdepoot, north of the town, in which the Seventh dragoons were engaged. The regiment was handled with considerable skill by Lieutenant-Colonel Low, and kept the Boers from driving off yesterday, after a short action."

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ENGLAND TAKES AN ISLAND.

Raises Her Flag Over Niu, in the South Pacific Ocean.

Vancouver, July 14.—The steamer Mowera, from Sydney today, brings news that Great Britain has added another to her island possessions in the Pacific. H. M. S. Porpoise in June planting the British flag on Niu or Savage island, situated 300 miles north-east of the Tonga group. The principal product is copra, of which 700 tons are exported annually.

The terms of the British protectorate over Tonga have been modified as a result of a conference between Basil Thompson, the British representative, and the Tonga king and chiefs, when an agreement was signed by which no treaty is to be made without Great Britain's consent. In case of the Tonga government being in need of assistance, it is to apply only to the British government and not to any other power.

Upon the return of H. M. S. Porpoise from Tonga, the commander reported that Falcon island, which disappeared in 1898, has again appeared. The shape of the returned island is like a whale's back, and it is considered to be a serious danger to navigation. Falcon island is said to owe its disappearance to the appearance of a submarine volcanic activity. Its location is south west of the Friendly islands.

Advices from Apia say that the little island of Niu, or Hope, has been completely devastated by a disastrous hurricane which swept away 300 houses. Thirty-eight natives were killed. The coconut crop was entirely destroyed and the natives are reported to be on the verge of starvation.

Bandits Attack Mexican Train.

Mexico City, Mexico, July 14.—A daring train robbery took place Tuesday night near Chihuahua, on the Mexican Central. After the train side-tracked to let a passenger train pass it, it was found that the spikes on the siding had been pulled out. The train was derailed and the train crew attacked by a dozen bandits. Many shots were fired. Meanwhile the passenger train arrived and the crew, taking in the situation, pulled back to Chihuahua with the crew of the freight train. With a force of police and rurales the passenger train returned to the scene of the hold-up. The robbers had broken into several freight cars and carried away booty. The police and rurales started in pursuit, and one robber was captured with some booty. Thus far this is the first train hold-up on record in Mexico.

A Marvelous Escape.

Acra, Gold Coast Colony, July 14.—Sir Frederick Mitchell Hodgson, governor of the colony, who recently arrived here, after having been besieged at Kumassie by rebellious tribesmen, and privations to which he has been subjected, in the course of an interview said he considered his escape the most marvelous on record. He attributed its success to the secrecy maintained concerning the route chosen. The carriers who accompanied him became so weakened by starvation that everything was abandoned and the party subsisted upon plantains. They endured great hardships. Fortunately the rains were not heavy. Had it been otherwise all would probably have succumbed. Lady Hodgson pluckily shared all the dangers and privations.

Furloughs Suspended.

London, July 13.—There is considerable comment here owing to an admiralty order suspending the further granting of furloughs to crews of the ships belonging to the channel and reserve fleets. The order is reported to be connected with the maneuvers of the French fleet in the channel.

Cholera in India.

Simla, July 13.—Cholera has appeared in severe epidemic form at Kohat, 25 miles south of Peshawar. Two hundred and seven cases and 77 deaths occurred among the Sepoys and camp followers between July 2 and July 9. The prospect for the monsoon is slightly more favorable.

The orders for General Wade to start for the scene of the threatened Indian uprising in Minnesota have been countermanded, as the secretary of the interior has received advices from the Rainy Lake region that affairs have quieted down and that there is no longer any reason to apprehend trouble from the Indians.

New Freight Transport.

San Francisco, July 14.—The new freight steamer Californian, with a capacity of 8,000 tons, has been chartered by the United States government to carry freight to Manila. The Strathgyle, a vessel of equal size, will also be loaded at once with stores for the Philippines.

Dynamite Under a House.

Williamsburg, O., July 14.—Unknown persons placed dynamite under one corner of the residence of Henry Wilson, just west of here, early this morning. The room above was wrecked by the explosion and William Wilson, a 10-year-old boy, was killed. Miss Kate Tucker was severely injured. The other occupants of the house escaped injury.

Suicide of an Old Illinoisian.

Chicago, July 11.—F. B. Gossitt, founder of La Grange, Ill., and one of the best-known men in this section, today committed suicide by shooting. He was 80 years old and was dependent from long illness.

Rail Mill Starts Up.

Milwaukee, Wis., July 14.—The rail reducing mill at the Bay View works of the Illinois Steel Company started up today, after being idle two weeks. Over 200 men are affected. The scale agreed upon is practically the same as last year's.

Italy Approves Commercial Treaty.

Rome, July 14.—The chamber of deputies today approved the commercial treaty between the United States and Italy.

Charged With Murder.

San Francisco, July 14.—Charges looking to the trial by court-martial have been preferred with Colonel Long against Captain Charles T. Baker, of the United States transport Sumner. The cause of the complaint is that Captain Baker caused the death of Henry E. Ryan by confining him in the "brig" or prison aboard ship, while he was ill. In consequence of this a charge of murder is preferred against Captain Baker.

ALLIES DRIVEN BACK

May Be Forced to Abandon Tien Tsin.

POSITION BECOMING UNENABLE

Li Hung Chang Will Remain at Canton Until International Troops Have Defeated Tuan's Forces.

London, July 16.—The scanty cable dispatches received today add nothing to the knowledge in London of the Chinese situation. It is stated positively from Canton that Li Hung Chang will remain there until the allied troops have defeated Tuan's forces, and will then go north to lend his powerful aid in arranging terms of peace, co-operating with Prince Ching, Yung Lu and the other pro-foreign viceroys. For the present Li Hung Chang considers that he can best control and direct the viceroys from Canton and also keep in check the turbulent province of Kwang Tung.

All the foreigners and missionaries have evacuated Wan Chau and have arrived at Ning Po. Large bodies of Boers appeared at Wan Chau and threatened to exterminate the foreigners and Christians. They also distributed banners, badges and inflammatory anti-foreign appeals.

The Tien Tsin correspondent of the Express, telegraphing under date of July 9, asserts that the Chinese are daily driving in the allies. They have mounted, says the correspondent, 12 fresh guns in advantageous positions, with which they are now keeping clear the streets of the foreign settlement, the incessant shooting rendering the neighborhood quite untenable.