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NEWS OF THE WEEK

From All Parts of the New World and the Old.

OF INTEREST TO OUR MANY READERS

Comprehensive Review of the Important Happenings of the Past Week in a Condensed Form.

Congress has not signed the Pekin protocol.

Secretary Root has returned from Cuba.

Kruger visited the French government officials.

Palace guards have been sent to arrest Prince Tuan.

Colonel Denby may succeed Conger as minister to China.

Nome is now completely shut off from the outer world by a barrier of ice.

A conspiracy to assassinate Lord Roberts was discovered in Johannesburg.

Governor Geer has issued certificates of election to Republican electors for Oregon.

Heavy fogs prevailed on Puget Sound, causing many minor accidents on both land and water.

The official vote for presidential electors in New Jersey was: Republican, 221,731; Democrat, 164,808.

The population of Texas is 3,048,710, against 2,325,523 in 1890, an increase of 313,187, or 36.3 per cent.

The population of Nebraska is 1,068,539, against 1,058,910 in 1890, an increase of 9,629, or .9 per cent.

Official returns show that the vote for president in Iowa was: Republican, 307,818; Democrat, 209,466.

The population of North Carolina is 1,803,810, against 1,617,947 in 1890, an increase of 185,863, or 17 per cent.

The Portland, Or., Chamber of Commerce urges an appropriation of \$4,000,000 for canal and locks at the dallas.

The population of Utah, as officially announced, is 276,749, against 207,095 in 1890, an increase 69,654, or 33.1 per cent.

An irrigation bill allowing more than \$1,000,000 to Oregon, Washington and Idaho will be introduced at the coming session of congress.

Signor Marconi has practically solved the question of ocean transmission by wireless telegraphy, and will soon be able to use his system across the Atlantic.

The population of Montana, as announced by the United States census bureau, is 243,329, against 132,159 in 1890, an increase of 111,170, or 84.1 per cent. The population in 1880 was 39,159, showing an increase of 93,000, or 237.4 per cent, from 1880 to 1890.

Floods and storms are causing great damage in the East.

A young man was fatally shot by robbers near The Dalles, Or.

Officers at Tien Tsin are in favor of destroying the Chinese fortifications.

Fire destroyed a cement plant near Easton, Pa., causing a loss of \$200,000.

United States geological surveyors are mapping Eastern Oregon mining districts.

The official vote of Indiana is as follows: Bryan, 309,594; McKinley, 336,063.

The official vote of the state of Virginia is as follows: Bryan, 146,179; McKinley, 117,151.

Sarah Bernhardt and M. Coquelin played their first night to a representative audience in New York City. They appeared in Kostand's "L'Aiglon."

Attorney-General Blackburn gives his official opinion that reading the Bible and repeating the Lord's Prayer are permissible in Oregon public schools.

The president has decided to appoint F. T. Bowles, naval constructor in charge of the New York navy-yard, chief of the bureau of construction and repair of the navy department, upon the retirement from active service next March of Rear-Admiral Hitchborn, the present incumbent.

A dispatch received at Berlin from Field Marshal Count von Waldersee, dated November 24, says the German expedition has hoisted the German flag over the great wall, which was reached November 22 by way of Hey Ling Cheng, after a difficult mountain march. The dispatch adds that the French had a severe fight with Boxers 30 kilometers south of Pao Ting Fu.

Horses to the number of 50,000 are to be purchased in this country in the next six months by agents of the British government for the use of Lord Kitchener's forces in policing the Transvaal and Orange Free State. This news has been announced by John S. Bratton, of St. Louis, who has supplied directly and indirectly to the British army in the last two years many horses suitable for cavalry use.

Dr. Leopold Kahn, the Arctic explorer, is certain that Lieutenant Peary is wintering at Fort Conger.

The yellow book on Chinese affairs published by the French foreign office shows close relations between France and the United States.

The will of Frank Williams, late of Johnston, Pa., makes a bequest of \$300,000 to the Lehigh university at South Bethlehem, Pa., for the benefit of worthy students.

LATER NEWS.

Boxers are active around Tien Tsin. The Guam typhoon was the worst in 40 years.

House Democrats will offer a new army bill.

Secretary Hay signed a canal treaty with Nicaragua.

The United States gunboat Monocacy will winter at Taka.

The Chinese court has lost confidence in Earl Li and Prince Ching.

Twelve hundred boxmen surrendered to the Americans at Vigan.

An Austrian field marshal criticizes the British army organization.

An American warship will make a demonstration against Morocco.

Six men were drowned in a ferry boat disaster on Spokane river.

Texas vote for presidential electors was: Bryan, 267,432; McKinley, 121,573.

University of Oregon defeated University of Washington in football by 43 to 0.

Fulton, Kentucky, was visited by a fire which destroyed 20 establishments and caused a loss of \$250,000.

A Sumpter, Or., miner was badly injured by the explosion of giant powder which he placed on a stove to thaw out.

Fred W. Buhnsell, for several years city editor of the Minneapolis Tribune, died at that city of cancer of the stomach.

The population of Indian Territory is 891,960, as against 190,162 in 1890, an increase of 701,798, or 368.3 per cent.

The population of Wisconsin, as announced by the census bureau, is 2,069,749, as against 1,686,880 in 1890, an increase of 382,869, or 22.6 per cent.

Two steamers collided on the river about 20 miles above Huntington, W. Va., sinking 30 coalboats containing 600,000 bushels of coal, entailing a loss of \$100,000.

Advices from Australia state that the volcano on Beach island, in the New Britain group, has again become active, causing a great upheaval on land and sea. Many natives have been killed.

The award of the Swiss government in the Franco-Brazilian boundary dispute gives Brazil 147,000 square miles of the contested territory. France gets about 3,000 square miles north of the Tuncu Huenac range.

There are 400 cases of smallpox in the city of Winona, Minn., and to prevent its spread the public schools have been closed and street-car companies compelled to stop their cars at the boundary of the infected district.

A typhoon swept the island of Guam, killing hundreds of natives.

The dowager empress is trying to induce the emperor to return to Peking.

The powers are debating on the wisdom of sending an ultimatum to China.

The official vote of Wisconsin follows: Republican, 265,866; Democratic, 159,385.

A laborer on a bridge near Grant's Pass was instantly killed in the collapse of the structure.

General Bates reports the capture of 83 Filipinos, six of whom murdered several persons last spring.

The Dutch of Cape Colony are becoming restless and loyalists fear there may soon be an uprising.

The population of Oklahoma is 398,246, against 61,834 in 1890, an increase of 336,411, or 44 per cent.

The population of South Dakota is 401,570, as against 328,580 in 1890, an increase of 72,990, or 22.1 per cent.

The population of North Dakota is 319,416, as against 182,719 in 1890, an increase of 136,697, or 74.6 per cent.

The population of Tennessee is 2,020,093, as against 1,767,18 in 1890, an increase of 252,913, or 14.3 per cent.

The population of New Mexico is 195,210, as against 18,93 in 1890, an increase of 176,277, or 27.1 per cent.

The United States auxiliary cruiser Yosemite sank in a typhoon at Guam, November 5, drowning five of the crew.

The population of Idaho, as officially announced, is 161,772, as against 84,385 in 1890, an increase of 77,387, or 91.7 per cent.

Two American privates were killed and three wounded in an ambush of ladrones near Malolos, Luzon. The insurgents escaped.

Bank robbers at Emden, Ill., completely wrecked the Farmers' bank with dynamite and got away with \$3,000 to \$4,000.

By an explosion of nitro-glycerine at Leesville, W. Va., 20 miles above Wheeling, four boys were killed and 14 wounded, of whom two will die.

The population of the state of Washington as officially announced, is 518,187, as against 249,390 in 1890, an increase of 268,797, or 48.2 per cent.

Germans seized a Chinese vessel and demanded treasure connected to an English company at Tien Tsin. The boxes of treasure had been landed and the Germans could not get them. The German flag was then hoisted on the vessel and her cargo confiscated.

Unsatisfactory rate arrangements with railroads may prevent the G. A. R. encampment in Denver.

The man who built the city hall of Denver is now selling cigars and tobacco at a stand in the corridor of the building.

Colonel Benjamin West Blanchard, once one of the most widely known railroad men in the country, died at his residence in Washington, aged 74 years.

FOR ARID SECTIONS

Bill to Provide Great Irrigation System.

\$1,000,000 FOR THE SEVERAL STATES

Oregon, Washington and Idaho Included— Will Be Introduced at the Coming Session of Congress

Washington, Nov. 29.—A bill for irrigation of arid lands is to be introduced and pushed at the approaching session of congress which will affect Oregon, Washington and Idaho, among other states. The most earnest advocates of irrigation feel that with the indorsement of the late irrigation congress they will be able to muster the solid support of delegates from all arid land states and hope in this way to secure some general legislation this session.

The bill already prepared provides that four practical reservoir sites and irrigation ditches shall be surveyed in each state by the geological survey, the secretary of the interior then to withdraw the land embraced in and surrounding the most suitable sites and ditches. He shall then let contracts for constructing reservoirs and ditches, to cost not more than \$1,000,000, in each state. Nine million dollars is appropriated by the bill. When the lands are irrigated they are to be subject to homestead entry, each entryman to pay \$2.50 per acre, and no individual to secure more than 80 acres. The reservoir and ditches are to be turned over to the settlers when most of the land irrigated is taken up.

It is possible, however, that this irrigation bill will be made a part of the river and harbor bill again, as it was two years ago.

D. H. Stearns, of Oregon, and Dr. R. J. Gobel, of Washington, delegates of the irrigation congress, called on the president today and solicited his support to some plan of governmental aid in an irrigation system for reclaiming the arid West.

PITCHED INTO A RIVER.

Train Wreck on the Cleveland & Pittsburg Road—Passengers Escaped.

Pittsburg, Nov. 30.—At 1:15 this morning the night express for Cleveland on the Cleveland & Pittsburg was thrown into the river two miles below Beaver. The scanty information at hand shows one man, Express Messenger Casey, of Cleveland, was drowned and four others badly hurt.

The accident occurred at a point where extensive fill-ins had been made, and it is supposed the high water had washed the fill from under the track and let the entire train of engine and five cars into the Ohio river. The officials say no passengers were hurt.

The excitement was indescribable. The passengers were compelled to force their way out from under the cars by breaking the windows and climbing to the banks. The express messenger is supposed to have been imprisoned by the baggage and drowned.

THE ISLE OF PINES.

United States Will Retain Possession of It—Siguenea Bay an Excellent Harbor.

New York, Nov. 30.—The United States will retain possession of the Isle of Pines, whatever the final disposition of Cuba, says a Washington dispatch to the Journal and Advertiser. It will be fortified and a strong garrison will be kept there. Lying south of the western end of Cuba, the Isle of Pines commands the western or Yucatan entrance to the gulf and forms an important outpost for the defense of the Nicaragua canal.

When Secretary Root visited Cuba he went to the island and recognized its strategic importance. The state department now holds that under the treaty of peace the title of the Isle of Pines passed to the United States. Secretary Root holds a similar view. The northern side of the island—that next to the Cuban shore—is admirably adapted for the purpose of the government. It is high, thickly studded with valuable woods and the climate is so healthy that prior to the war a health resort for pulmonary patients was established there.

Naval officers say that Siguenea bay, on the northwest coast, will, with but little dredging, afford an excellent and safe harbor.

Florida Murderer Shot by a Mob.

Lake City, Fla., Nov. 30.—Spencer Williams, a negro, was shot to death near this city today by a mob from Pensacola. Last night Williams shot and dangerously wounded City Marshal George and William Strickland, a business man of this city, while resisting arrest. As soon as the news of the shooting became known citizens armed themselves, and, forming a posse, followed the desperado on horseback and overtook him today in a swamp. The negro was literally shot to pieces, fully 200 bullet holes being found in his body. The body was brought into town and placed in front of the courthouse gate, where it was viewed by hundreds.

Newport Bank Has Funds.

Washington, Nov. 30.—O. P. Tucker, receiver of the German National Bank of Newport, Ky., has sent his report of the condition of the bank to the controller of the currency. It appears that there is sufficient cash on hand to realize to the depositors something over 90 per cent on their claims. The amount of the delinquency, as given by the examiner, agrees with his first estimate of the same—\$191,000.

End Was Peaceful.

St. Paul, Nov. 29.—Senator Cushman K. Davis, chairman of the committee on foreign relations of the senate, died at his home in this city tonight at 8:40 o'clock. He had suffered greatly during two months of sickness, and gradually sank away, being unconscious for several hours before he died, and so far as could be known, suffered no pain.

Tugs Going to Assistance.

Astoria, Or., Nov. 29.—A telephone message from South Bend says the tug Astoria reports that the British bark Postallloch, 35 days from Santa Rosa for the Columbia river, went ashore during a dense fog this afternoon on the north spit at the entrance of Willapa harbor. Seventeen men had landed and 13 were still on board. The sea was running very high, but there had been no loss of life.

WEST POINT SOLDIERS.

The New Law Places Them at a Disadvantage With the Regulars.

Washington, Nov. 30.—It has just been found out that the law which provides that a man who serves two years as an enlisted man in the regular army and then, upon passing an examination, can be made an officer, places the West Point men at a considerable disadvantage. The West Pointer is obliged to study four years, and to be a good scholar before he can become a second lieutenant, while the man who goes through by way of the ranks needs only two years' service. It has been a common happening for some young fellow, who has secured an appointment in West Point, after passing the competitive examination, to see a young man, whom he far outclassed in such examination, he credited with two years the best of him in the matter of years military service, due alone to the fact that he took his chances in the regular army. It is understood that such appointments will be held up as much as possible hereafter in order to give the increased membership at West Point an opportunity to become available for filling vacancies in the regular army.

THE ROOF COLLAPSED

Football Spectators Dropped on Red-Hot Furnaces.

TERRIBLE ACCIDENT IN SAN FRANCISCO

Men and Boys Were on Top of Glass Works Building When the Timbers Gave Way—Thirteen Persons Killed.

San Francisco, Dec. 1.—As a result of the most horrible catastrophe that ever occurred in San Francisco, 13 people were killed and 100 badly injured today, by the collapse of the roof of the Pacific Glass Works, on Fifteenth street. They fell through the roof upon the red hot furnaces and glass vats below. All were horribly burned, and it is feared that in addition to the 13 deaths already reported, there will be several more.

Down to a Horrible Death.

Two hundred people, all men and boys, had gathered on the sheet iron roof of the glass works to obtain a view of the annual football game between Stanford and the University of California. About 30 minutes after the game commenced there was a crash, plainly audible on the football grounds, and a portion of the crowd on the roof went down to a horrible death below.

The fires in the furnaces had been started for the first time today, and the vats were full of liquid glass. It was upon these that the victims fell. Some were killed instantly, and others were slowly roasted to death. The few who missed the furnaces or rolled off, together with workmen in the glass works, saved the lives of many who lay unconscious by pulling them away from their horrible resting places.

The police and fire departments were soon at hand, and every patrol wagon and ambulance in the city was summoned. They were not enough and express wagons and private carriages were pressed into service to carry off the dead and wounded. Many of the wounded were unconscious, while others were racial, shrieking with agony, to the hospitals.

The Southern Pacific railroad hospital was only two blocks away, and was quickly filled. About 40 wounded were taken there. Others were sent to St. Luke's hospital, the city receiving hospital, to private residences and other places. At the hospitals there was soon a shortage of surgeons and some of the wounded had to wait until help came.

Guam Needs Help.

Washington, Dec. 3.—The navy department has received the following cablegram from Admiral Remy: "Cavite, Dec. 3.—Official report from Guam just received. Following men drowned: Joseph Anderson, coxswain; Jacob Le Roy Mahaffey, apprentice, first-class; George Abel, seaman; William Frederick Davis, fireman, first-class; Frank Swanson, coxswain. Two bodies recovered were unrecognizable. Governor reports danger of starvation. Asks for 65,000 pounds flour, 30,000 biscuits, 1,000 sugar, 2,000 salt pork, 20,000 rice, all for destitute natives. Shall I send by our cruise? Brutus took ample stores for the present. Newark, Guam. "REMEY."

Chief of Police of Manila.

St. Louis, Dec. 3.—The Post-Dispatch today says: "Chief of Police John W. Campbell, of St. Louis, has been offered the position of chief of police of Manila under the civil government now in the course of formation, and has accepted."

THE DEAD NUMBER 18.

Growing List of Victims of the San Francisco Accident—Dead All Identified.

San Francisco, Dec. 3.—The terrible accident of Thursday, resulting in the death of 18 persons and the injury of four times as many more, has cast a gloom over the city. About the morgue today there have been crowds of anxious inquirers, relatives and friends of those who are known to have been victims of the accident. The dead have all been identified. The coroner's jury will be taken to view the remains and will also visit the scene of the tragedy. Until all the dead have been viewed by the jury, none of the remains will be permitted to be taken away from the morgue. All the hospitals are crowded with the maimed and injured and a large staff of physicians and nurses is at work.

Daly's Horses to Be Sold.

New York, Dec. 3.—The executors of Marcus Daly's estate will sell Mr. Daly's stable of thoroughbreds and breeding horses as soon as possible. These horses cost Mr. Daly over \$600,000. Among the stallions are Hamberg, Tammany, Bathampton, Isidor, Ogden and Inverness. Over 100 brood mares will be sold.

California's Vote.

Sacramento, Cal., Dec. 3.—The official figures on the presidential election for California, as compiled by the secretary of state, give McKinley 164,755; Bryan 124,955; Woolley 6,504.

Prince Tuan's Rebellion.

Shanghai, Dec. 3.—A missionary in the province of Kang Su reports that 10,000 of the troops of General Tung Fu Hsiang entered that province and joined Prince Tuan's rebellion against the emperor. General Tung has been obtaining supplies of the victory of Sze Chuen. The governor of Shan Si has wired a request to the Wu Chang viceroy to send him without delay eight quick-firing guns, and the viceroy has ordered the guns to be sent.

Conspirators Blown Up.

Pittsburg, Dec. 3.—A Morgantown, W. V., special says: State Mine Inspector James W. Paul, of West Virginia, says the recent mine disaster at Berryville, in which 14 lives were lost, was due to a conspiracy to kill the foreman of the mine. The conspirators had wired a request to the Wu Chang viceroy to send him without delay eight quick-firing guns, and the viceroy has ordered the guns to be sent.

Wyoming's Vote.

Cheyenne, Wyo., Dec. 3.—Official returns show the result of the election in Wyoming to have been as follows: McKinley, 14,482; Bryan, 10,164; McKinley's plurality, 4,318.

Campaign Against Sunday Theaters.

New York, Nov. 30.—The Actors' Church Alliance of America has begun an active campaign against Sunday theatrical performances, and its members promise to keep it up until actors have one day of rest in seven. It claims to have caused the arrests which have been made at New York theaters the past three Sundays, and it is now keeping an eye on the prosecution of these cases.

Stole Three Cars of Wheat.

Mound City, Kas., Dec. 1.—F. E. Wesser was arrested here today by a detective of the Chicago & Milwaukee road on the charge of stealing three car loads of wheat from the yards of the company in Des Moines, Ia. Wesser in some manner secured the bills of lading for the cars and got them to market, realizing \$1,600.

Smallpox in New York.

New York, Dec. 1.—Twenty four cases of smallpox were discovered today in a block on West Sixty-ninth street, near West End avenue. The sufferers were taken to Willard Parker hospital. The disease is supposed to have started in this city from a negro actor, who belongs to a Southern theatrical troupe.

Hawaiian Land Leases.

Honolulu, Nov. 21.—The Republican of today says: "Within 30 days suits will be filed on behalf of the United States to set aside all grants, sales and leases of public lands made by the territorial government of Hawaii since July 14, 1900. The Republican is in a position to state this as an absolute fact, despite the statements sent out from Washington to the effect that the department of justice denied that Attorney-General Griggs had instructed District Attorney Baird to institute suits to set aside all grants, sales, franchises and leases in Hawaii granted since September 28, 1899."

Newport Bankreckers.

Cincinnati, Dec. 3.—Robert Winstel, assistant bookkeeper of the wrecked German National bank of Newport, Ky., was arrested in this city at a late hour last night, charged with being an accomplice of Frank Brown, who was short \$106,000 in his accounts. Winstel was taken to Newport and locked up, bail being refused. Brown has not yet been apprehended.

Wrecked German National Bank.

Newport, Ky., Dec. 3.—The executors of Marcus Daly's estate will sell Mr. Daly's stable of thoroughbreds and breeding horses as soon as possible. These horses cost Mr. Daly over \$600,000. Among the stallions are Hamberg, Tammany, Bathampton, Isidor, Ogden and Inverness. Over 100 brood mares will be sold.

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