

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.

Admiral Evans took an auto ride and is feeling much improved.

The boycott of Japanese goods by Chinese has extended to Australia.

The supreme court of Illinois declares the new local option law valid.

Pensacola street car strikers stoned the car barns and several arrests were made.

Lieutenant General Linevitch, who managed the Russian retreat from Mukden, is dead.

Representative Raynor, of Maryland, says it is time to curb the power of the president.

The independence league of New York is practically bankrupt and its creditors threaten suit.

King Edward says of the dead premier: "He was a faithful servant of his country. I am truly sorry he has gone."

The Illinois democracy has instructed its delegates to vote for Bryan and use all honorable means to secure his nomination.

General Manager Gruber of the Great Northern, estimates that the damage to that road by the bursting of the Hauser lake dam was about \$75,000.

Los Angeles will take about 3300 men of the battleship fleet on a tour of the city. Then they will have a barbecue luncheon and see the wild west show.

Widespread rains are causing great joy to California farmers.

It is reported that threats have been made on the life of Abe Ruef.

Sudden warm weather is causing great damage in Alaska from floods.

Four million oysters were destroyed by striking fishermen at Cancale, France.

A bunco man who has been robbing women has been arrested in Oakland.

Four masked robbers held up a fashionable club at Hot Springs, Ark., and got away with \$10,000.

All the regular army troops in the vicinity of Seattle will participate in the welcome of battleships at that port.

Mrs. Beulah Hawkins of Los Angeles, has now been asleep 78 days, and there is apparently no change in her condition.

Eight consecutive witnesses in the Ford bribery trial testified that Gallagher paid them money to vote for the overhead trolley franchise.

Roman Catholics of the United States will raise a fund of one million dollars to educate candidates for the priesthood and aid poor parishes.

An attempt was made to assassinate ex-Supervisor Gallagher, of San Francisco, by blowing up his house with a bomb. No one was injured.

Russian forces have repulsed the Kurds who had surrounded.

Saloon forces were generally successful in the recent local option fight.

Two dry kilns of the Seaside Lumber Company were destroyed by fire. Loss \$20,000.

A St. Louis councilman has been convicted of bribery and sentenced to two years in the pen.

Partners in an Idaho mine quarreled and fought a revolver duel, in which one was killed.

Kansas courts have quashed indictments against H. H. Tucker, the oil company swindler.

The house has ordered an inquiry into the paper trust and a commission has been appointed.

Minister Wu Ting Fang says he had nothing to do with starting the boycott against American goods.

Superior Judge Cook, of San Francisco, has asked to be excused from trying the California Safe Deposit cases.

T. J. Ryan of San Francisco, testified that part of \$500,000 used in the crooked ferry deal, went to politicians.

Florida republicans held two separate and rival conventions, each one electing delegates to the national convention.

Two more bodies have been discovered in the ruins of Chelsea, Mass., making the total deaths by the fire 15.

A movement has begun to release Harry K. Thaw from the insane asylum.

The second trial of Tiley L. Ford for bribery has begun in San Francisco.

A Los Angeles woman has slept for 78 days and shows no sign of waking.

CALM OF TERROR.

President Alexis Has Cowed Hayti by Wholesale Murder.

Port au Prince, Hayti, April 21.—While there have been many arrests of natives suspected of sympathy with the late revolution, and political prisoners continue to be brought in in batches from interior points, there have been no more public shootings here. Indeed, the government denies that any more executions have taken place. This, however, is incredible, in view of the fact that many prisoners are known to have been dragged from their beds at night and that all trace of them has been lost.

In the executions of March 15 last President Nord Alexis achieved the double purpose of obliterating as many of the foes as he could lay hands on, and striking terror into the hearts of those who were beyond his reach. Since then his name and that of his ferocious lieutenant, General Jules Alexio Colcoz, who personally directed the shooting of the prisoners, including some of his own blood relatives, are mentioned only in whispers. All Hayti trembles before them.

Alexis has made the significant statement that, if he is not permitted to end his term of office unopposed, he will, rather than submit to deposition, write his name on the scroll of fame in the blood of such a massacre as Hayti has not seen since the days of Dessalines, once known as Jean Jacques.

No one doubts his ability to carry out this threat, which is understood to be intended as a deterrent not only to revolutionists, but to any attempt at foreign interference in the affairs of Hayti.

Destitution prevails on every hand; ragged soldiers swarm the streets begging piteously, and even officers, bedazzled in dingy gold and silver lace, beg cap in hand and are profuse in thanks for a dole of 5 cents. The soldiers beg because their pay, when they get it amounts to less than 30 cents a month, and what else they are able to secure is small. A general receives 200 gourdes a month, equal to about \$27, so that in order to live he must add to his income as best he may. Similarly all government officials who are paid in the debased currency are expected to recoup themselves in some manner.

TWELFTH BODY FOUND.

Death List at Chelsea Grows—Large Relief Fund Needed.

Boston, Mass., April 21.—Many thousands of people today walked through the ruins of the fire which one week ago swept through Chelsea. It was an orderly crowd, and the militiamen and policemen on guard had no difficulty in handling it. Many of the church societies had big out-of-door meetings in the public squares and parks.

One more body was found today in the ruins. It is believed to be that of Captain Benjamin F. Knowles, a Grand Army veteran. This makes the 12th body thus far found in the ruins.

The general relief committee, in a statement today, declares that 13,000 people were made homeless and that 10,000 of these need not only temporary aid, but must be rehabilitated, at least to the extent of absolutely necessary housekeeping equipment, which will involve the expenditure of fully \$400,000.

ITALY SHOWS HER TEETH.

Sends Big Fleet to Threaten Turkish Ports.

Rome, April 21.—An Italian squadron, under command of Admiral Gernet, will set out for the purpose of making demands in Turkish waters. The squadron comprises 11 warships and includes the battleship Regina Elena, commanded by the Duke of Abruzzi. Altogether, the vessels will carry 5095 men and their objective point will be Asia Minor, some 700 miles away. It has been decided, if it is deemed necessary, also to occupy a small port until Turkey sees the error of her way and gives full satisfaction. More energetic measures may thus be avoided.

The difficulty between the two nations arises from the refusal of the Turkish government to permit the installation of Italian postoffices.

Navy Wants 6,000 Men.

Washington, April 21.—Anticipating favorable action by congress on the proposition for 6000 additional men for the navy, of whom 3000 may be obtained prior to July 1, instructions have been given to resume recruiting, which was suspended some weeks ago, at which time the full quota had been attained. The department is anxious to take advantage of the willingness of young men to enlist, and the advertisements will be through publications which reach available young men.

Honor Grant's Memory.

New York, April 21.—Commemorating the 80th anniversary of the birth of General U. S. Grant, a memorial service was held tonight in Metropolitan temple, at which Secretary of War Taft, Andrew Carnegie and ex-Secretary of the Treasury Leslie M. Shaw made addresses, and Grant Post of the G. A. R. presented a national flag to the church. This is the church at which General Grant during his residence in this city attended worship.

PROCEEDINGS OF CONGRESS IN BRIEF

Friday, April 26

Washington, April 24.—Arguments in favor of the president's program for four battleships consumed most of the session of the senate today. Piles of Washington, opened the debate, declaring that the Asiatic situation affecting the Pacific coast was a menace to that section, as war clouds might quickly rise there over some clash between Americans and the Japanese. He wanted a fleet kept in the Pacific.

This, he declared, was a measure of peace, and not of war. He came, he said, from the section of the country that must be the storm center of any conflict in the Pacific ocean. The people of the Pacific were in favor of four battleships. He sent to the vice president's desk a statement of a vote of 162 editors attending a meeting in New York, which, he said, showed 126 in favor of the four battleships and the president's policy for naval expansion.

While he had never been one of those who feared war, it should not be denied, he said, that there was on the Pacific coast a peculiar condition, and the time was coming when the people of this country would have to face that condition. The Pacific coast, he added, had by its opportunities attracted many Asiatics, who had been reared in a different way from the people of the United States. There was a possibility of a clash between these people and those of the Pacific coast.

Washington, April 24.—The business of the house proceeded today at a rapid gait, despite the fact that the democrats forced six rollcalls. Over 1900 pension bills were put through, the largest batch of the session.

A bill was passed providing for the protection of life on navigable waters during regattas and marine parades. There also was discussed at length the Burleson resolution demanding the report of the Commissioner of Corporations on the cause of fluctuations in cotton. The vote on that measure will be taken tomorrow.

Thursday, April 23

Washington, April 23.—After one of the hardest fought legislative battles of this session, the house of representatives, late this afternoon by a vote of 247 to 8, passed the Fulton land-grant resolution without amendment. Prior to the vote on final passage, Fordney's amendment was voted down, 43 to 227. The resolution will go to the president by the end of the week and will promptly be signed by him.

Immediately thereafter steps will be taken to initiate suit against the Oregon & California Railroad Company to secure forfeiture of the unsold portion of its grant. For the time being, it is understood, no proceedings will be undertaken against lumber companies and other purchasers from the railroad.

Washington, April 23.—As the senate was about to conclude consideration of the naval appropriation bill today, Senator Piles, of Washington, proposed an amendment increasing from two to four the number of new battleships to be authorized.

A spirited debate occurred on the amendment for the restriction of the purchase of materials for the construction of the battleships and submarine boats to those of domestic manufacture.

Amendments to remove that restriction from the bill were defeated. Hale estimating that since the investigation of the steel trust some years ago the price of steel armor had been reduced from \$550 and \$600 per ton to \$416 per ton.

Wednesday, April 22

Washington, April 22.—President Roosevelt will veto the naval appropriation bill, should the senate, as did the house, fail to make any appropriation for the two battleships which are authorized in the measure. The prompt announcement of this fact to senate leaders today is regarded as responsible for the announcement by Hale that he would propose an amendment appropriating \$7,000,000 toward the construction of those ships.

The president stated his position on this point with unusual emphasis and suddenness today, upon learning that the bill as passed by the house was simply a "paper" provision for naval increase. Authorization of the ships was made, but no money carried to make the provision effective. Such legislation as this, the president made known to his numerous congressional callers, was a travesty as to effectiveness, as well as bearing all the earmarks of legislative ricketydom intended to make ridiculous his campaign for the greater navy.

That the president's quick and vigorous action is to be effective is evidenced by the action of Chairman Hale, of the senate naval committee, in announcing that at the proper time he will propose the \$7,000,000 amendment.

Tuesday, April 21

Washington, April 21.—Against a united democracy, which denied the sincerity of the republican majority, the house today, by a vote of 184 to 110, passed Speaker Cannon's resolution providing for an investigation of the paper trust and, in pursuance of its provisions, the speaker announced as the committee of six who

will conduct the investigation Mann (Ill.), Miller (Kan.), Stafford (Wis.), Bannan (O.), Sims (Tenn.) and Ryan (N. Y.)

Fitzgerald created laughter by referring to the speaker as "the whole business" in the house. He said that he had told some people, who had written him about wood pulp, not to waste their time on the white house, as the president had in a degree recently lost his influence with the house.

"We will stand by the president to the last ditch," he humorously remarked, "and I expect we and the president will go into the last ditch together."

The McCall campaign publicity bill today was unanimously recommended to the house for passage by the committee on election of president, vice president and representatives in congress. Though introduced by a republican, it had the undivided support of the democratic members of the committee, and of national publicity law association.

Washington, April 21.—The reported purpose of the president to send the fleet of battleships now on the Pacific coast around the world, was the basis of a discussion in the senate today when the naval appropriation bill was taken up for consideration.

Defending the policy of sending the fleet of battleships to the Pacific ocean, Senator Lodge said great good is already resulting from the long cruise and it is teaching the fleet how to maintain itself away from shipyards, by making repairs through its own mechanics on board.

Monday, April 20

Washington, April 20.—It is the present intention of the house leaders to bring up the Fulton land-grant resolution for consideration in the house tomorrow or Wednesday, and the belief is general that it will pass without amendment. It is now evident that the democratic filibuster will continue to the end of the session, but inquiry discloses that the democrats are generally favorable to the resolution and will not undertake to make it a party measure.

Representative Fordney, the leading representative of the lumbermen, promised last week to withdraw his objection to the resolution, but today he declared his purpose of making a fight, as he said the house committee had decided to table Mondell's resolution. The committee has reached no such determination, but intends to report this resolution so that the house can give it fair consideration. If Fordney opposes the Fulton resolution on this ground he will get little support.

Washington, April 20.—After consideration of less than two hours the senate committee on naval affairs today reported the naval appropriation bill to the senate. It carries \$111,546,549, an increase of \$7,578,031 over the amount passed by the house.

On the battleship construction program the senate committee adopted the policy of the house, making no change in the provision for two vessels. The president's message advocating the construction of four battleships was not considered, as it was known that the committee was unanimously opposed to that program.

Increase of 29 per cent in the pay of the officers of the navy and civilian professors and instructors at the Naval Academy, and of 19 per cent in the pay of the enlisted force, \$3,552,969; increase of the pay of professors of mathematics, constructors' corps and civil engineers' corps to equal that of officers of the same rank in the medical and pay corps, \$16,450.

For public works additional appropriations were made as follows: Norfolk, Va., \$200,000; Puget Sound, \$140,000; Pearl Harbor, Hawaiian Islands, for naval station and drydock, \$1,000,000.

Saturday, April 18

Washington, April 18.—Criticism of lavish entertainment by rich American diplomats in order to establish a social standing abroad was heard in the house today in the course of the consideration of the diplomatic and consular bill. The occupation of Dorchester house, London, by Ambassador Whitelaw Reid, and a similar display of wealth in Berlin by Ambassador Tower, were particularly emphasized in that connection.

As one means of counteracting the effect of their ostentation it was urged by many that America should own its legation buildings.

The charge that Emperor William based his objections to Dr. Hill as Ambassador to Berlin solely on that gentleman's lack of fortune was repeated by Longworth of Ohio. He made a strong plea for the maintenance by the government of suitable legation buildings at the various foreign capitals.

The diplomatic bill was passed under suspension of the rules. It carried an aggregate of \$3,520,253.

After having been in continuous session since April 8 by resorting to the process of recessing from day to day, the house at 6:15 p. m. adjourned until 12 tomorrow, when eulogies will be delivered on the late Representative George Smith of Illinois.

FLOOD TAKES FOUR LIVES.

Thousands Homeless, Circus Wrecked and Railroads Blocked.

Fort Worth, Texas, April 20.—Another rise of three feet in Clear and Westford forced thousands of persons to flee from their homes in East Fort Worth today. So far as known, four persons have lost their lives. At least 3000 persons have been rendered homeless and all streams are still rising.

The railroad service is badly crippled. Five hundred delegates to the State labor convention are weather-bound here. A cloudburst in Parker and Palo Pinto counties last night will probably send the Brazos and Trinity rivers two feet higher and these streams are now higher than in 25 years.

North Fort Worth, Mineral City and Cleburne are almost completely inundated. Engineer Long and his firemen were found dead under their engine today. Their train left the track in a washout a mile north of Cleburne. Crops over a large area have been destroyed and the estimated loss will reach over half a million dollars.

Cleburne, 20 miles south, was struck by a wind storm of tornado proportions, followed by a torrential downpour of rain that literally flooded the city. Within 20 minutes after the storm broke last night the two bayous that run through Cleburne had left their banks, flooding 500 or 600 houses. A circus whose tents were pitched in the western portion of Cleburne was completely wrecked. Two lions escaped, and prowled about town for an hour, throwing the people into a panic.

FLEET REACHES SAN PEDRO

Voyage From San Diego North One Continuous Ovation.

Los Angeles, April 20.—Los Angeles sent more than 100,000 of its citizens to the ocean side today to welcome the American battleship fleet, which steamed into San Pedro Harbor, 23 miles away, in the full radiance of a mid-summer sun, and dropped anchor at 3:30 p. m. The 16 fighting vessels and three auxiliaries, leaving San Diego shortly after 6 o'clock this morning, had steamed up the 100 miles of surf-beaten coast in single column formation, 400 yards apart and in full view of thousands of persons who gathered at every vantage point.

With the Connecticut leading and with Rear-Admiral Charles M. Thomas on the bridge, the long line of ships pointed within the breakwater at San Pedro bay just half an hour behind their scheduled hour of arrival. The Connecticut, Kansas, Vermont and Louisiana took berths within the sheltered portion of the harbor, where they are to remain the full seven days of the fleet's visit, while the other 12 ships of the second, third and fourth divisions reached out into the open sea in a line nearly two miles long.

STRIKERS REFUSE TERMS.

No Hope for Settlement of Chester Streetcar Trouble.

Chester, Pa., April 20.—All hope of an early settlement of the street car strike, which began in this city last Monday, disappeared late tonight when the motorman and conductors of the Chester Traction Co. refused to return to work on terms offered by the company. The state police have the situation well in hand and there was no serious disturbance during the day.

The traction company resumed the running of cars within the city limits this afternoon. They carried no passengers. Traffic was suspended at 7.

A committee of the strikers went to Philadelphia today and hired a number of buses, which will be placed in service, the purpose being to compete with the traction company.

Mayor Johnson at 6 p. m. gave permission to saloonkeepers to open their places, contrary to the advice of Deputy Superintendent Lumb, of the state police.

Must Protect Own Children.

Helena, Mont., April 20.—Holding that it is the duty of parents to safeguard their child when in known places of danger, the supreme court today reversed the decision of the district court of Silver Bow county in the suit of Harrington against the Butte, Anaconda & Pacific Railway, which had awarded damages for injury to a child. Allowing unattended children in such places is defined as prima facie neglect, a new principle so far as Montana courts are concerned, the matter having been left to the jury.

Admiral Evans Improving.

Paso Robles Hot Springs, Cal., April 20.—The seventeenth day of Rear-Admiral Robley D. Evans' stay at Paso Robles Hot Springs shows the old warrior to be much improved, and it is evident that his treatment at the big Kurhaus is proving successful. Past Assistant Surgeon P. E. McDonald this morning made the following statement: "Admiral Evans continues to gain strength gradually. He sleeps well and his appetite is improving."

Warships for Anacortes.

Washington, April 20.—To gratify the wishes of the people of Anacortes Wash., who will be unable to see any of the Atlantic fleet while in Puget Sound, the navy department has decided to send two cruisers to that port for two days' stay.

RUSSIANS IN A TRAP

Forces Surrounded by Hordes of Angry Kurds.

FLOODS CUT OFF ASSISTANCE

Russia Pours Troops and Supplies into Trans-Caucasia to Crush Rebellious Tribes.

St. Petersburg, April 21.—The latest news received here of the boundary war—that a Russian detachment had been penned in and was calling for reinforcements—has aroused the anxiety of the foreign office. It shows that the entire population of this district, composed of well armed and warlike tribes, is rushing to the support of the brigands who have been attacked. The situation may become still more serious if the Kurdish bandits who inhabit Russian territory, encouraged by the retirement of the Russian troops, join their Persian kindred and threaten the Russian communications.

Associated Press dispatches setting forth the grave situation of the Russian detachment in Persia are fully confirmed tonight by official reports. Grand Duke Nicholas Nicholavitch departed quietly from here today for the Crimea, traveling incognito in a reserved compartment of an ordinary coach, instead of private car. The trip ostensibly is for personal reasons and, it is said, will be of short duration, but the Grand Duke's departure just previous to the imperial family reunion for the Easter festivities and to the marriage of Grand Duchess Marie Pavlovna to Prince Wilhelm, of Sweden, is considered an indication of a more important object.

Despite diplomatic denials, Russia continues to forward reinforcements and munitions of war to the Caucasus. An American traveler returning from that territory recently says that he saw train after train loaded with soldiers, proceeding in a southerly direction, and the railroad to Kars is so swamped with military stores that it is unable to accept private freight.

TRAIN WRECK KILLS 41.

Fire Consumes Bodies of Victims—Injured Wait for Hours.

Melbourne, Australia, April 21.—Two trains from Ballarat and Bendigo, respectively, collided late last night at Braybrook Junction, about eight miles from Melbourne, 41 persons being killed and 60 injured.

The Bendigo train, with two heavy engines, crashed into the rear of the Ballarat train. Five cars of the latter train were wrecked. The wreckage took fire and was almost completely consumed. Many of the bodies were unrecognizable when recovered.

The Bendigo train suffered but little damage, but the two engines were piled on top of the rear coaches of the other train. Terrible scenes followed, many of the injured being caught in the wreckage, and were with difficulty rescued. It was a long time before doctors and nurses arrived on the scene and in consequence intense suffering prevailed among the injured.

SULTAN YIELDS.

Allows Establishment of Italian Post-offices and Settlements.

Rome, April 21.—The threatened trouble between Italy and Turkey apparently has ended as a tempest in a teacup and, for the present at least, there will be no demonstration by Italian warships in Turkish waters. Indeed, it now seems likely that the incident will produce a better feeling between Constantinople and Rome, leading to an agreement by the two countries on many differences which heretofore have been the cause of not a little friction.

The Turkish government has given its permission to Italy to establish postoffices in the Turkish cities where the other powers may have like institutions, and in like manner has met the Italian demands with regard to other questions that have been subjects of dispute.

Sheriff Sued for Reward

Spokane, April 21.—A novel suit for \$12,000 from sheriff Shoemaker, of Helena, Mont., has been started by Detectives McPhee, Macdonald and Briley of Spokane. These detectives captured Ed Frankhauser and Chas. McDonald, who held up the Oriental limited train at Rondo, Mont., last September, securing \$40,000. The robbers escaped from the Helena jail a few weeks ago and the detectives held that Sheriff Shoemaker, having thus caused them to lose the reward offered, should pay it himself, and are suing him.

Disarming Moros.

Manila, April 21.—Detachments of the Twenty-third and Twenty-fifth Infantry, with the constabulary and armed launches assisting, under command of Major Finley, are engaged in disarming the Moros on Basilan Island. The troops are distributed around the coast, co-operating in a series of closing-in movements and seizing all arms.