

Cream of the Week's News.

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New York, Feb. 3—A seventy-five mile gale played havoc with the tugs and lighters sent out to aid the steamer Cavour which is stranded at Long Beach. Two tugs went down fifteen minutes after their crews had been rescued by a passing steamer.

Dover, Feb. 3—The terrible gale which has been sweeping the West coast of Europe is abating today. The steamer Marie Henrietta which has been drifting about the English channel since Friday was taken in tow this morning and proceeded to Ostend.

Montreal, Feb. 3—Canada, from North Western and Western Ontario to Halifax is in the throes of the severest snow storm of recent years. Railway traffic is paralyzed.

The Hague, Feb. 3—Official announcement was made today that Premier Kuyper had received England's reply regarding the peace overtures of the South African republics. The reply will be published tomorrow.

It is learned that England provisionally rejects the proposals but negotiations will be continued. It is believed that the reply hinted that the Dutch government should obtain authority from the fighting Boers or proposals from them and then apply again.

Helena, Mont., Feb. 3—The fifth annual convention of the Pacific Northwest Woodgrowers' Association, which opened in Helena today, promises to be the most notable gathering of its kind ever held in this part of the country. Upwards of 300 delegates and visitors are present from all parts of Utah, Wyoming, Idaho, Montana, Washington and Oregon. T. C. Power of Montana is the presiding officer.

Today was devoted to the reception of visitors and work of a preliminary nature. The real business of the convention will be taken up tomorrow and continue through Wednesday. A wide range of topics has been mapped out for discussion.

The reports to be presented by Secretary J. W. Bailey and other officers show that the association has made a gratifying gain in membership since the convention at Pendleton last year.

St. Paul, Minn., Feb. 3—Members of the Minnesota state legislature are gathering here in anticipation of the opening of the extra session tomorrow.

Although the specific purpose of the session, as set forth in the call of Governor Van Sant, is to consider the report of the state tax commission it is possible that the recent railroad developments in the Northwest may be taken up. It is this fact which will cause the proceeding to be followed with close attention.

Tonight the Republican members hold a caucus to determine, if practicable, upon some limitation of the duration and scope of the session.

Pittsburg, Pa., Feb. 3—Independent steel manufacturers of the central western manufacturing district are in conference here today to discuss the formation of an organization for the purpose of regulating prices by arbitrary agreement, and to provide a source of raw material outside of the United States Steel Corporation.

Raw material has been scarce recently, and the United States Steel Corporation, which is the largest maker of sheets, informed the independents, through the Carnegie Steel and other allied interests, that it would be unable to further furnish the outside concerns with sheet bars, as its own interests consume all the product not taken on long time contracts, which but few of the independents concerns have.

The outside concerns have small mills, mostly, which roll sheets from bars bought in the open market. The plan is to form a company and erect a great steel mill in the Pittsburg district. For the present the independents may decide to import steel bars from Germany to relieve immediate needs. Many firms are pledged to deliver contracts, which they are not in a position to fill, because of the steel shortage.

London, Feb. 3—Considerable interest is manifested in the fight between Jack Roberts and Will Curley, both of whom are known in America, which takes place tonight at Newcastle. The contest is for \$2,500 a side and the 126-pound championship of England. If Roberts is returned winner he will leave at once for America and challenge "Young Corbett."

Washington, Feb. 3—The Senate Judiciary committee this morning decided to report favorably the bill introduced by

Senator Hear of Massachusetts providing in brief against government by injunction.

Under the provisions of the bill any agreement combination or contract between two or more persons to do or to procure be done, or not to do or procure not be done, any action in contemplation or furtherance of any trade dispute shall not be deemed criminal nor indictable, and injunctions or restraining orders shall not be issued in relation thereto.

Drain, Or., Feb. 3—The General Merchandise store of Kent & Bridges was burglarized on Saturday night. Entrance was gained by prying open the rear door. Pocket knives, razors, watches and jewelry to the value of \$100 were taken. There is no clue to the burglars.

Washington, Feb. 3—Advises received from all parts of the country indicate that the convention of the North American Woman Suffrage Association, to be held in Washington the latter part of this month, will be the largest and most notable gathering of its kind ever held. Not only will there be a large representation from all of the states and territories of the Union, but delegates will also be present from several foreign countries.

Philadelphia, Pa., Feb. 3—Dr. Von Holten, the German Ambassador, and the ladies and gentlemen of the German embassy at Washington are in Philadelphia as guests of Mr. and Mrs. Clement Griscom.

The purpose of their visit is to attend the annual German American Charity Ball at the Academy of Music tonight, and for which arrangements on an elaborate scale have been completed.

Washington, Feb. 1—The Portfolio of the treasury department changed hands this morning, Leslie M. Shaw, of Iowa, succeeding Lyman J. Gage.

Shaw was sworn in by Justice Shiras of the supreme court.

New York, Feb. 1—There is a good deal of speculation in financial circles as to what Mr. Shaw, who assumes the treasury portfolio today, will do or under the law can do different from the policy pursued by Secretary Gage. Few of the experienced financiers believe Mr. Shaw will stop the bond purchases instituted by Mr. Gage, which now foot up \$90,000,000. Although the daily purchases have been small of late, it is not thought that Mr. Shaw will increase the price fixed by Mr. Gage simply to stimulate the offer of bonds. Nor is it believed that he will materially increase government deposits in national bank depositories. It is only by some of these expedients that the treasury department can in any way help the market. So from what can be learned here of Mr. Shaw's policy it is thought that it will follow in the identical lines pursued by Mr. Gage.

Nashville, Feb. 1—Nashville is decked out in its best bib and tucker in anticipation of the coming of Admiral Schley. The downtown streets are gay with flags and bunting and many strangers are in town. The party of distinguished guests will be met en route and officially welcomed. Upon arriving in the city Admiral Schley will be driven to the Tabernacle, where welcoming addresses will be delivered by Governor McMillan, Mayor Head and President Garrabrant of the Retail Merchants' Association. The two days' programme of entertainment will be formally ushered in tonight with a banquet, for which elaborate arrangements have been made.

Salem, Or., Feb. 1—Rev. Dr. H. J. Coleman today assumed the presidency of Willamette university in succession to Dr. Willis C. Hawley. Dr. Coleman comes from Troy, N. Y., where he was pastor of a leading Methodist Episcopal church.

Washington, Feb. 1—A telegram to the state department from the city of Mexico says that the Pan American congress adjourned sine die today.

Rome, Feb. 1—The Dowager Queen Marguerite today expressed her intention of visiting America this year. She will go to Niagara Falls, Yellow Stone Park, and perhaps California.

The Hague, Feb. 1—The British minister here had a conference with the Dutch minister of foreign affairs today. It is believed that the recent peace proposals made by the Dutch government were talked over.

Washington, Feb. 1—The program of the House next week includes the consideration of the Groat oleomargarine bill, the legislative appropriation bill and the bill for the abolition of the war tax. The last named will probably be railroaded through.

The Senate devoted the greater part of the day to consideration of the Philippine tariff bill.

Governor Taft resumed his testimony before the Senate Philippines committee this morning. Governor Taft said that in the most populous and richest provinces of the Philippines, roads are badly needed for both strategic and commercial reasons and this is true throughout the archipelago.

Governor Taft said there were between five and six million Christian Filipinos, about two million of the non-Christian tribes and about two million Moros. Christians, he declared, were the ones who were carrying on the insurrection.

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The mail boat Marie Henrietta has been drifting about the channel for twenty hours. Assistance is unable to reach her. She has many passengers aboard.

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