

CURRENT EVENTS OF THE DAY

Comprehensive Review of the Important Happenings of the Past Week Collected From the Telegraphic Columns.

Four men were drowned at the Cliff house in San Francisco.

A dispatch from Honduras says the revolution there has ended and the country is peaceful.

Two blacksmiths of Brownsville, Or., have invented a new machine for pulverizing clois. It has been tried, and it is said, works to perfection. They have applied for a patent.

Of the 114 Chileans who came on the steamer Victoria to Tacoma, only fifty will be admitted. The other sixty-four will be returned, orders from the secretary of the treasury to that effect having been received.

Judge Day, of Ohio, qualified as assistant secretary of state. Rockhill, whom he succeeded, will remain until Assistant Secretary Day becomes entirely familiar with pending negotiations. When it is expected he will be appointed to some foreign mission.

Harry Flynn was drowned in Lake Michigan, near Chicago, and 1,500 people saw him die and were unable to aid him. During the excitement which prevailed Albert Mattari, a spectator, dropped dead. It is supposed that heart disease was the cause of the second accident.

The O. R. & N. will send experts to the Seven Devils mining district to make estimates of the probable traffic of that region. The company is figuring on dividing the freight business with the Union Pacific. The construction of a sawmill near Riparia is a part of the company's plan.

The cabinet has decided to send one of the new gunboats now building on the Pacific coast to Sitka, Alaska, about July 1. Great activity in Alaska, growing out of the gold discoveries, has made the president and cabinet deem this step advisable for safeguarding American interests.

The recall of the forces from Crete has been received with resignation by the Athens public. The Delianis organs attack the government bitterly for appealing to Europe, but most of the papers accept this as inevitable and violently attack the Ethnikis Hetairia, asking it to render an account of its activities.

The steamer Rover, flying the American flag and plying between New Orleans and ports of Spanish Honduras, was fired on by a Nicaraguan man-of-war, while four miles from Puerto Corcoba, and narrowly escaped being hit amidships. It is said the man-of-war thought the Rover was aiding the Honduras revolutionists.

The Brussels exposition has been formally opened. King Leopold and the diplomatic corps were present.

Prince Bismarck was honored at Friedrichsruhe, Germany by a torch-light procession given by his townsmen.

The agricultural department crop report puts the condition of wheat at 80.2 against 81.4 last month and 72 on May 1 last year.

The interests of United States citizens at Puerto Corcoba, the seat of the revolution in Honduras, will be looked after by the cruiser Marblehead. The vessel is now on her way there.

A petition is now being circulated in New York and signed by bankers and business men, urging President McKinley to do all in his power to effect a speedy settlement of the Cuban insurrection.

Lewis L. McArthur, member of the legal firm of Brough, McArthur, Fenton & Bromough, of Portland, Or., and one of the prominent lawyers of the state, died in Walla Walla, Wash., of heart disease.

The supreme court of the United States has decided the Berliner patent case in favor of the Bell Telephone Company. The decision is against the government and has been pending since 1891. According to the decision the telephone company will control the patent for ten years.

Frank Barz, his two sons and a brother, Chris Barz, prominent Oregon farmers of Redfield, S. D., were asphyxiated in a well on their farm. Frank Barz was overcome by gas while at work in the well. The others descended one at a time in an attempt to rescue him, and all met the same fate.

The British ship County of Haddington, which has just arrived out of Cardiff, Wales, reports a terrible accident which happened last December, just as the vessel was getting away from the Columbia river, after letting go the tug's hawser. Four seamen were sent aloft to unfurl the main topgallant sail, and one of them named Edward Butt slipped and fell to the deck, breaking his neck and both of his legs, death being instantaneous. The body was buried at sea the same day, and the ship proceeded on her way, making a good run home.

Eli Mackay was run over and killed in the Southern Pacific yards at Salem, Or.

The steamer Nicaragua, which has just arrived in New York, brings the news of a disastrous earthquake in the islands of Guadaloupe and Montserrat, of the Leeward group, in the West Indies. One hundred people lost their lives, and the property damage is enormous. Twelve brick houses in Guadaloupe, and six in Montserrat were demolished, and scores of others cracked and smashed by the shock.

A dead body is lashed to the iron davits in the stern of the schooner General Siglin, which is being driven aimlessly about in the North Pacific ocean, 110 miles west of the Queen Charlotte islands, and directly in the storm track, as shown in the pilot chart of the hydrographic office for May. The limp form that hangs on the davits is the only thing aboard indicating the past occupancy of human beings. This was the news brought by the sealing schooner Willard Ainsworth, that has arrived in Seattle from a cruise to the north, and it places beyond doubt the fate of the General Siglin and those aboard.

TO SECRETARY BLISS.

Hermann Urges Suspension of Proceedings Against Sheeppensers.

Washington, May 17.—Commissioner Hermann, of the general land office, has submitted to the secretary of interior, a letter urging the suspension of legal proceedings growing out of the Cascade range reserve act. The letter says:

"It has been represented to this department that great hardships and loss has resulted to the sheeppensers of Oregon because of their exclusion from the grazing lands within the boundaries of the Cascade range forest reserve, created by the president's proclamation of September 28, 1893; that the large areas of grazing lands within said reservation have been used for years past as a general grazing ground, and the sheeppensers are dependent thereon for the support of their flocks during certain seasons of the year; that the suits instituted by the government against certain parties to restrain them from pasturing their sheep within the reserve are repressive and unjust, and relief is asked.

"A special agent of this office reports that Judge Bellinger, on the 18th ult., in the United States circuit court for the district of Oregon, overruled the objection to the amended complaint in the case of the United States vs. Tygh Valley Land & Livestock Company, sustaining his former decision therein (76 Fed. Rep., 693), against an implied license to use such lands for pasturage purposes, and recognizing the right of the government to sue to protect its property from threatened injury. The special agent states that the several cases brought against various persons, to which this ruling applies, will probably be at issue and ready for trial some time next month.

"In view of the legislation now pending in the United States senate respecting forest reserves in general and their management, and the authority therein to be given the secretary of the interior to regulate their occupancy and use," and the probable early action of the department on the subject, I think it would be wise to suspend, for the present, legal proceedings growing out of sheep pasturing within the Cascade forest reserve.

"I therefore respectfully recommend that the attorney general be requested to instruct the United States attorneys for Oregon to stay all proceedings in the above-mentioned cases until further orders."

A Ghastly Hebeaeral. Paton, Ill., May 17.—Frederick William Holman, who is to be hanged tomorrow for the murder of Mrs. Weikens Godes, on December 2, 1896, and held a dress rehearsal this morning, and was photographed on the gallows upon which he is to be hanged. He refuses to sell enough of the pictures to pay for sending his body to Grand Haven, Mich., and have it buried beside the remains of his wife. In addition to the murder for which he is to die, Holman is supposed to have killed other women. After being photographed, Holman released a speech, which he has prepared for the gallows.

Universal Stamps Impracticable. Washington, May 17.—The movement to secure the adoption of a universal postal stamp by the postal congress has collapsed. There were too many difficulties, the chief one being that of currency fluctuations in the way of adopting such a stamp, and the general committee, after considering the subject briefly, abandoned it as impracticable, and will make an adverse report to the congress.

Sacramento Calls Bryan. Sacramento, Cal., May 17.—The Troop Club, of this city, is making strenuous efforts to induce William J. Bryan to stop over one day in this city while en route to Oregon. A committee has been appointed to communicate with the Nebraska orator, requesting that he honor the capital city with his presence and address its people.

Cattle Train Derailed. Enfla, I. T., May 17.—A cattle train jumped the track a mile north of here this afternoon while running at full speed. The engine turned bottom up, and ten cars of cattle were derailed. An unknown negro boy was killed, and Peter McCarly, engineer; C. Over, fireman, and two other men were badly hurt. Fifty cattle were killed outright.

Seven Killed and Several Injured. Florence, Ala., May 17.—This afternoon, the night at the Pinkney, Tenn., or mines, about twenty-five miles from here, fell, killing seven men and badly wounding several others. Communication with Pinkney is cut off, and full particulars cannot be had. Physicians have left here for the scene.

A New Issue of Short Line Bonds. New York, May 17.—The directors of the Oregon Short Line & Utah Northern railroad today authorized the issue of noncumulative income bonds, series B, to the amount of \$15,000,000, in accordance with the plan proposed by the reorganization committee.

Done by a Firebug. Springfield, O., May 17.—The Fundenberg mills at New Carlisle were destroyed by fire shortly after midnight. Loss, \$20,000. It was the work of an incendiary.

The War in the Philippines. Madrid, May 17.—An official dispatch from Manila, Philippine islands, announces that the Spanish troops captured Ternate, and that fifty-seven insurgents were killed. The Spaniards lost twenty-five killed and 226 wounded.

Deportation of Convict Goods. London, May 17.—In the commons today, the bill to prevent the importation of goods manufactured in foreign prisons passed the second reading.

Forsyth Advanced. Washington, May 14.—The president today nominated Brigadier-General James Forsyth, in command of the department of California, to the vacant major-generalship caused by Wheaton's retirement last week. Forsyth, it is expected, will retire within a few days after his confirmation, leaving the way open for the promotion to a major-generalship of some other brigadier-general, which movement will probably end with General Brooks succeeding permanently to the place of major-general.

AT THE GATE OF THE PRISON

The Country Editor Knocked But Was Not Admitted.

WILL SOON BE ACCOMMODATED

He Made a Pressing Appeal to Be Locked Up in San Quentin Prison for Eight Years for Manslaughter.

San Francisco, May 17.—W. A. Sehorn, editor of the Willows Journal, today at San Quentin to be locked up for eight years for manslaughter.

"I have no warrant for your commitment," said Warden Hale, "and must refuse your request."

"I am locked up," was the reply. Sehorn waited at the prison till late in the evening, hoping he would not have to spend another day outside the walls. At last, he went to the hotel near the prison gates, there to remain until necessary papers for his incarceration are furnished.

"I have been found guilty of manslaughter," Sehorn explained, "and as the supreme court has affirmed the decision of the Glenn county court, I hastened here to surrender myself. My first obligation is to my bondsmen. They are all here in San Quentin's walls, and I am eager to begin at once to serve my time. It would look very natural for a man to state it off as long as possible, but in my case I can have no peace of mind till the punishment begins."

Sehorn was convicted of shooting and killing Dr. E. Putman, a druggist at Willows, two years since. Sehorn still maintains that he shot in self defense, or rather, with a strong conviction that he was defending his own life in shooting. Twice the jury disagreed. On the third trial, Sehorn was found guilty of manslaughter and sentenced to eight years' imprisonment. Last Monday the judgment was affirmed by the supreme court.

A BLOODTHIRSTY INDIAN. Killed Four White Men and is Looking For More to Shoot.

Eldorado Canyon, Nev., May 17.—An Indian called Ahvate shot and killed two teamsters of the Southwest Mining Company, named Lee Franzen and Ben Jones, on the road near the mines, and the mill this afternoon, and the mill this afternoon, and the mill this afternoon.

A Chinaman, just arrived, reports that Charley Monaghan, who lived alone on the bank of the river, was also shot dead in bed. It is feared that the Indian has several more victims who live alone on the route he probably took after killing the teamsters.

More Chinese for Nashville Exposition. Tacoma, Wash., May 17.—Collector Saunders today received directions from the secretary of the treasury to admit the remaining sixty-four of the 114 Chinese to the Nashville exposition, who were brought here three weeks ago on the steamer Victoria. The telegram from Washington says that this action is taken upon the urgent request of the Nashville exposition officials.

The first fifty of the lot were sent East last week, including the 261 recently admitted at San Francisco. This makes 375 Chinese already admitted for attendance at the exposition, in addition to a considerable number brought over by the Canadian Pacific line. The Chinese have certificates entitling them to remain in the country one year after the expiration closes, but, like the Chinese admitted on similar terms for the Atlanta exposition, it is considered doubtful if they can be collected and sent back when their certificates expire.

Explosion at a Fireworks Factory. Cincinnati, May 17.—There was an explosion at the powder mills of the A. L. Doe Fireworks Company, at Reading, O., this afternoon. Samuel Sherbolt was fatally injured. Frank Moore and George Buckenbruck were slightly injured. These three were the only ones in the building when the explosion occurred. The loss was only \$300.

Wants Damages for Torture. San Francisco, May 17.—Thomas Reynolds brought suit today to recover \$20,000 damages from Charles Herrold, Henry Leybold and William Reynolds. The suit grows out of the action of the defendants some months ago in hanging Reynolds up in a barn to make him confess to the burglary of Herrold's blacksmith shop on the San Bruno road. Reynolds was convicted by a jury and is now serving a term in the state prison.

Date for the Tariff Debate. Washington, May 17.—The senate committee on finance reached an understanding today by which it was practically agreed that the debate on the tariff bill should begin Monday, the 24th inst. Senator Aldrich will call up the bill Thursday of next week for the purpose of making a statement. There will be no further effort to get the bill up until the following Monday. This concession was made out of deference to the wishes of the Democratic members, and because of the delay in getting comparative statements in shape.

THE CASE OF CHAPMAN.

Allen Brought It Up in the Senate—An Alleged Victim by Hoar.

Washington, May 14.—In the senate today the sugar investigation of 1894 was recalled by the introduction of a resolution by Allen reciting the circumstances of the investigation, the refusal of Elverson R. Chapman to testify, his conviction in the courts as a contumacious defier, and the sentence of death toward his pardon. The resolution proposes that Chapman be brought to the bar of the senate to purge himself of contumacy as a prerequisite to pardon. Allen sought to secure immediate action on the resolution, but it went to the objection of Gallinger and Hoar. The latter criticized the resolution as giving away authority of the senate, and said he would propose an amendment with a view to having Chapman punished unless he purged himself of contempt without reference to the question of pardon. The consideration of the resolution will be in order tomorrow.

Morgan made a statement relative to his resolution on Cuba. He said the committee on foreign relations had considered the question of referring the resolution to a committee, and had not agreed. The committee desired, however, that the resolution go over till next session, in order to have a statement by Morgan before the senate at that time. On Morgan's suggestion the resolution went over.

A resolution by Butler, requesting the immigration and kinetoscope bills be referred, but went over on objection. The senate then took up the calendar and passed bills as follows:

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GOVERNMENT IS WAKING UP

The Condition of Americans in Cuba Revealed.

SENATE COMMITTEE REPORTS

American Citizens Destitute and Helpless in the Towns of the Pearl of the Antilles—Action Soon to be Taken.

Washington, May 15.—There was a sudden and violent outbreak of Cuban sentiment today at the capitol, and during the early hours the drift of opinion was strongly toward speedy and radical action by both congress and executive, but the senate committee, which was what of a reaction upon its becoming known that the president, while keenly alive to the situation, and anxious to learn everything possible that could guide his conduct of our Cuban and Spanish relations, felt that further investigation was necessary, and for the immediate present the question was not one of recognition of the belligerence or independence of the Cuban insurgents, but of relief for the American citizens, destitute and helpless in the towns of the Pearl of the Antilles.

The foreign relations committee, it should be noted, while agreeing upon the necessity of relief for the suffering Americans, is favorable to more radical measures, and a number of its members are earnestly desirous of instant action by the executive in aid of the insurgents, but have not succeeded in converting the administration to their views that present action is appropriate and imperative.

The event of the day was a report to their colleagues by a subcommittee which yesterday examined the state department's Cuban reports. This statement, though not given to the public, was so far disclosed in character as to give rise to a good deal of excited comment among senators and members.

The report, based upon facts presented by the United States consuls in Cuba, it is said, brings out in strong relief the destitution which exists not only among the Cuban people, but among Americans and pacificans now in the islands who were driven from their farms and into the towns by Weyler's orders, and are thereby prevented from supporting themselves.

For several days past, the subject matter of this report has been under discussion quietly among a few of the friends of Cuba in congress, and they have lost no opportunity of impressing upon the president their convictions that it is his duty, as the chief executive, to delay no longer in taking active steps to relieve the suffering and misery of affairs in Cuba. These representations, however, have not been sufficient to induce hasty action. The president is moving steadily and with all speed that safety and sound judgment warrant in the collection of facts touching the situation that exist upon the island today. To this end, Mr. Cahoun is now in Cuba, officially on another mission, but also charged with the observation of the conditions that prevail. When he has reported to the president and the latter has obtained the orders received at Yokohama and other agencies, on facts that cannot be questioned, he will be ready either to take himself, or to suggest to congress, such action as these facts warrant.

Meanwhile, he has under consideration the best means of affording relief to Americans suffering as a result of the conditions on the islands. The orders received at Yokohama and other agencies, on facts that cannot be questioned, he will be ready either to take himself, or to suggest to congress, such action as these facts warrant.

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