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CURRENT EVENTS OF THE DAY

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

The Oregon state Sunday school union met in convention at The Dalles. The secretary reports that during the year 26 new Sunday schools were organized. There has been a loss from enrollments of last year of 228 scholars, 2,544 officers and teachers and 15,979 scholars.

At a special meeting of the San Francisco chamber of commerce the question of the advisability of annexing Hawaii was considered. A memorial was drawn up for presentation to both the houses of congress, urging prompt action looking to the annexation of the Hawaiian republic.

The administration has determined to solve the Behring sea question by branding all seal pups found on Pribilof islands this season. Instructions to this effect have been transmitted to Professor David Starr Jordan, the seal expert, who will soon leave San Francisco for Behring sea.

It has been decided at the admiralty to build a new yacht for the queen and the design has been submitted to and approved by her majesty. The new vessel, which will be built at the Pembroke dockyard, will, in general outline, resemble the great Atlantic liner. It will be 620 feet long, with only 50 feet beam, and be fitted with powerful engines, so as to have great speed.

Representative Crumpacker, of Indiana, has introduced in the house a resolution for a constitutional amendment providing that hereafter no noncontiguous territory shall be annexed to the United States except in pursuance of a treaty negotiated by the president, and carried in by two-thirds of the houses of congress and ratified by the legislatures of three-fourths of the states, and no contiguous territory except by treaty concurred in by two-thirds of each house, the vote of concurrence not to be taken into the house of representatives until two years have elapsed from the time of taking the vote in the senate.

Nine children have been killed and many others injured by the collapse of a church wall at Solino, in the province of Cuido Real.

George D. Ladd, an attorney, and one of the most prominent wealthy business men of Peru, Ill., committed suicide by shooting.

The estimate of Chicago's population by the publisher of the directory just printed is 1,828,000, an increase of 76,000 over last year.

Minnie Rose, aged 20, whose mind was unbalanced by the great tornado of last year, committed suicide at St. Louis by taking a dose of Paris green.

A dispatch from Bern says the federal council has refused to ratify the commercial treaty with Japan, owing to the prohibitive duty placed by Japan upon clocks and watches.

The Spanish government has signed a contract for a six per cent loan of \$5,000,000 to meet the expenses of the Philippine war. It will be guaranteed by the Philippine customs.

One of the most sensational tragedies ever enacted in Texas took place in the Methodist church in Pleasant Valley, Dallas county, in the course of the services. As a result Augustus Garrison and Frank Jones are dead and Thomas Jones fatally wounded.

The volcano Mayon has been in a state of violent eruption, and the flow of lava has done great damage in the province of Albay, particularly to the village of Libon, where the tobacco crop has been completely destroyed. There has been considerable loss of life.

During a thunder storm, lightning struck a convict camp near Dakota, Ga., and as a result four convicts are dead, 16 are dying and 20 escaped during the panic which ensued. The camp is at the lumber mills of Green Bros., and about 150 prisoners from the state penitentiary were at work there.

Several mysterious robberies have occurred on steamers touching at Hong Kong. The steamer Tayan on arriving there recently from Australia, reported that boxes containing \$25,000 in gold sovereigns had been stolen from her treasure room. A few days later \$5,000 in gold leaf was stolen from the treasure chest of the steamer Leosook while she was loading at Hong Kong for Bangkok.

On June 14 men from the United States cruisers Marion and Philadelphia were landed at Honolulu. While on march to the drill grounds on order brought an order, the battalion returned on board. This action was taken, it is understood, on account of a rumor to the effect that the Japanese cruiser Naniwa would land a force of men to take charge of the Hawaiian custom-house. The Japanese failed to act, and it is believed that Admiral Boardley's prompt action caused the captain of the Naniwa to change his mind.

A dispatch from Madrid says that on account of Senator Silva's recent bellicose speech and constant news of Spanish defeats from Havana province, a feeling is reviving there in favor of war with the United States.

The Union Savings Bank & Trust Company, of Tacoma, has closed its doors and went into the hands of a receiver, as a direct result of the recent supreme court decision deciding that large amount of the city's warrants are invalid.

The state statistician has directed the authorities of every town, city and village in Indiana to take a census of the tramps within the limits of its jurisdiction. The plan is to issue a secret order, and on the night named every official will be enlisted in the work of rounding up the tramps at the jails and listing their names, place of residence, age and occupation, if any. A similar plan will be carried out in adjacent states, the purpose being to secure an accurate count of the number of nomads, with the ultimate purpose in view of dealing with the tramp problem.

WEYLER WANTS MORE MEN.

Will Demand Sixty Thousand Additional Troops.

New York, July 5.—A dispatch to the Journal and Advertiser from Havana says: General Weyler will require at least 60,000 more troops to conquer the eastern provinces and hold them for Spain. Colonel Garamendi, a member of Weyler's general staff, and private secretary to the commander in chief, will go to Madrid this week, the bearer of confidential dispatches to Premier Canovas and the Spanish war department, in which the demand is made for 60,000 additional recruits.

All regular troops that can be spared from Pinar del Rio, the western trocha, Havana, Matanzas and Santa Clara districts, are being concentrated at Sancti Spiritus, where Weyler has directed the immediate organization of 14 columns, at the head of which he will try to drive Gomez across the new trocha and invade Puerto Principe province, where Callisto Garcia's forces are said to be massing.

Weyler expects a great pitched battle when he meets Garcia, the result of which may be the turning point in the war. Should Weyler's army meet with defeat, Spain will then be ready to listen to President McKinley's offers of intervention. If Spain wins, and Garcia is routed, Weyler will assume a magnanimous role, proclaim general amnesty, and offer the Cubans complete autonomy and full personal and political guarantees under the Spanish flag. Should these overtures be refused, it is predicted that the work of extermination will be waged to the bitter end.

El Comercio warns the government that agents of the American sugar trust are in Cuba buying up all the best plantations, and urges Weyler to prevent by special decree foreigners from buying or holding real estate here in future.

A syndicate of New York men is said to have representatives in Pinar del Rio, purchasing tobacco estates with a view to controlling the leaf market.

Acting on the British consul's advice, Miss Wilberforce, the English Red Cross representative, has abandoned her original intention and decided not to attempt to reach the Cuban lines. She will confine her work to the government hospitals in the cities and towns.

A Manzanillo dispatch reports that the Cuban chief, Jesus Rold, is dead.

THE FOREST RESERVE.

Rules and Regulations Prepared by Commissioner Hermann.

Washington, July 5.—Much attention has been paid recently by the general land office to the preparation of rules and regulations applicable to the government of the various forest reserves, and Commissioner Hermann has now formulated these for the approval of the secretary of the interior.

Prospecting, locating and developing mineral resources and forest reserves are permitted. Lands for schoolhouses and churches are provided and water for domestic, mining, milling and irrigation purposes are also allowed. Construction of wagon roads is authorized and the right of way across reserves for irrigating canals, ditches, flumes and reservoirs is permitted.

Meat lands of the forest reserves are subject to location and entry under mining laws in the usual manner. Makers of mining locations are authorized to fell and remove from their mining claims any timber growing thereon, for actual mining purposes upon their particular claim. Free use of timber is allowed to bona fide settlers, miners, residents and prospectors for minerals, for firewood, fencing, buildings, etc.

The New Treasurer.

Washington, July 5.—Secretary Gage has appointed a commission to examine the books of the present treasurer, B. L. Morgan and to count the money in the vaults. This is an enormous undertaking and will employ about 100 persons, including expert counters and their assistants, for about three months. Most of this time will be taken up counting the vast stores of gold.

Mr. Morgan's bondmen will not be relieved until the count is concluded and all the money in his charge have been fully accounted for.

Though Mr. Morgan received from his predecessor about \$700,000,000, he will deliver to Mr. Roberts about \$60,000,000 more than that sum.

Bad Accident at Chicago.

Chicago, July 5.—Five men were injured this morning by the explosion of the engine of an incoming suburban train on the Chicago & Northern Pacific railway, while the train was going at full speed between Morgan Park and One Hundred and Thirtieth street stations.

The injured are: John Fogg, engineer, terribly bruised and scalded; probably fatally; John Latawiec, fireman, crushed and scalded; will die. Three men, names unknown, residing at Blue Island, bruised; will recover.

The train was the suburban express, consisting of five coaches filled with passengers. The explosion was heard for miles. The engineer and fireman were thrown 50 feet. The cause of the explosion is unknown.

Henderson, Ky., July 5.—When an old trunk was opened in the home of Joseph Melton, in Union county, the father found his two little girls lying in it, smothered to death, Laura, 7, and Jennie, 5. While their parents were absent the children had been playing "hide and seek," with three other tots. While searching for a good hiding place the two evidently thought of an old trunk in the cellar, crawled into it and closed the lid. A spring lock made it an air-tight tomb.

Serious Floods in Roumania.

London, July 5.—A dispatch to the Daily Mail from Brail, the principal port of Roumania, says that 20,000 inhabitants of Galatz, in Moldavia, on the left bank of the Danube, between the confluence of the South and Pruth, with that river, are homeless, as a result of recent floods. Most of them are destitute also, and are camping in the streets, and are fed by the military. The Roumanian government boats are busy rescuing families still in danger. It is estimated that no fewer than 100 persons have been drowned.

THE SPANIARDS ARE TIMID

Trial of the Competitor Crew Again Postponed.

NO FUTURE DATE WAS SET

Officials Fear the Effect on American Relations of Passing Sentence on the Prisoners.

New York, July 5.—A Herald dispatch from Havana says: The trial of the Competitor crew did not take place on July 1, as had been reported. It may not take place for several months yet, unless the United States presses the matter. The authorities here hesitated to bring the men to trial for diplomatic reasons. They realized the fact that if the law of Spain means anything, and are not to be brought into disrepute, the sentence of the Competitor filibusters must be a severe one. On the other hand Spain does not desire to aggravate any hostile feeling which may already exist in the United States against her.

It was just about the middle of June that General Lee, by direction of his government, pressed here for an early trial. He pointed out that a long delay had already taken place and declared it unjust. To the consul's letter General Weyler sent a most indefinite reply. He began by excusing the "past delay on the ground that proceedings on the part of the prosecution had consumed much time, and now, he said, the lawyers who had been assigned to the prisoners had been given until the end of July to prepare the defense. In conclusion he stated that it was "impossible to say when the trial would be brought on." This means that it has been thought best to delay the trial indefinitely.

In the meantime the Competitor crew are languishing in prison. Some of them cannot stand the confinement much longer. They are not treated badly, so far as Spanish treatment of prisoners in Cuba goes. Americans cannot realize that the confinement of Cubans during these hot months means. When Melton, for example, was taken prisoner, he was a remarkably fine specimen of a man. Today he is broken down beyond recognition. His shoulders are bowed and his frame sagged to skin and bone.

Disease among Spanish troops in Santiago de Cuba has been so severe that when General Weyler ordered the move into the interior against the rebels, the only soldiers available were convalescents. All over the island disease among the Spanish troops is increasing at a fearful rate. Out of the thousand men in the Yagor battalion in Pinar del Rio, nearly 700 have been rendered unfit for service by malaria. The hospitals in Havana are crowded to overflowing.

General Ruiz Rivera is dangerously ill. The prisoner's doctors have performed a delicate operation upon him, and he is now in a critical condition. The Herald's correspondent in Matanzas reports a fierce engagement on Saturday last between Spanish troops and a large body of insurgents. Between 60 and 70 Spaniards were killed and wounded. The rebel loss is not known. General Melone, who was with a column of men, came to the assistance of the Spaniards and was badly wounded during the engagement. There are in the vicinity of Matanzas 2,200 insurgents well armed and equipped.

The rebel leader Guaracha captured and killed two Spanish spies near the city limits of Matanzas. The Herald correspondent reports that the Spaniards mached 17 pacificos, men and women, who had left Matanzas for a plantation to get food.

River's Condition.

Havana, July 5.—A press correspondent has had an interview with General Rivera, in San Ambrose hospital, to which he was removed from Cabanas fortress by the advice of attending surgeons. General Rivera expressed himself as satisfied with the medical and surgical attendance provided, as well as with the nurses. All he food supplied him is excellent. His meals are served from a restaurant near his own quarters.

Terrible Suicide of Three Men.

St. Louis, July 5.—Just west of Wellsville, there is a coal chute belonging to the Walash line. As passenger train No. 6 was dashing through this chute, Engineer Robinson saw three men lying with their heads upon the rail. He tried to stop his engine, but the distance was too short, and in an instant the men were ground beneath the wheels. A close examination of the bodies revealed the fact that the men must have been perfectly sober when they took their places beside the track.

Canovas Angry at Reporters.

Madrid, July 5.—Senator Canovas del Castillo, the Spanish premier, and the Duke of Tetuan have had a long conference on the subject of the latest news from the United States. The premier has notified the reporters he will not give them any news hereafter, on the ground that they publish it in a form calculated to influence the stock exchange.

Steel Mills Close Down.

Pittsburg, July 3.—As a result of the failure of the joint waste conference of the Amalgamated Association of Iron and Steel Workers and the manufacturers to agree upon a scale at the Youngstown conference yesterday, all the union mills closed down today, and between 75,000 and 85,000 men are idle.

Potatoes are sold at 8 pence apiece in Paris.

Washington, July 5.—The monthly comparative statement of the government receipts and expenditures shows that during the month of June receipts from all sources amounted to \$36,554,708, and expenditures \$22,954,694, leaving a surplus for the month of \$13,600,014.

Streator, Ill., July 23.—A mass meeting of miners today voted unanimously to go on strike now, and not wait for a general suspension order. As a consequence, no coal is being mined here, and nearly 2,000 miners are idle.

ENTITLED TO THE SEAT.

Senator Hoar's Report in the Corbett Case.

Washington, July 5.—The report prepared by Senator Hoar in the case of H. W. Corbett, claiming a seat from Oregon by appointment by the governor, has been printed for the use of the committee.

After reviewing the situation in the Oregon legislature, the report continues:

"It is clear, whatever may have been the nature of the organization of the legislature, that it had been dispersed and had come to an end before March 1, 1897, when the vacancy in the office of senator, by limit of the term to which Mr. Mitchell had been chosen, and which he had held for six years, occurred. Any choice or appointment made after that time must be a choice or appointment for less than six years."

"It is well settled, by a practice which has existed from the formation of the government, that the vacancies so occurring after the beginning of a constitutional term may be filled by the legislature. If that is true, they may be filled by the executive of the state during the recess of the legislature. The legislature is only authorized by constitution to fill such vacancies as might be filled by the executive by temporary appointment until the next meeting of the legislature."

"So, if the executive has no power, the legislature has no power. The executive may make a temporary appointment, and the legislature fill that vacancy when it assembles, or the office must remain vacant for the rest of the six years."

It has been said that a vacancy does not happen when it occurs by reason of the expiration of a certain term, or when the office has never been filled, but the report holds that this position is well taken, and says:

"When the term of a representative expires and the people have failed to elect a successor beforehand, which occurred very often when a majority was required for an election, the executive has always issued a writ of election."

IN A MURDERER'S CELL.

Bookkeeper Fiegel Arrested, Charged With Killing Isaac Hoffman.

San Francisco, July 2.—Theodore Fiegel is now in the city prison, charged with the murder of Isaac Hoffman, the wholesale clothing merchant, who was found dead in his Battery-street office with three bullet wounds in his head four weeks ago. Last afternoon a warrant was issued for the arrest of Fiegel, who has been bookkeeper for Hoffman, Rothchild & Co. At 5 o'clock Fiegel reported at the office of Chief of Police Clegg, and after being closeted with that official 20 minutes was taken to the city prison and booked on six charges, namely, one of murder, two of forgery and three of felony embezzlement. The murder complaint was sworn out by Henry Hoffman, brother of Isaac Hoffman. Fiegel will be arraigned on the new charges tomorrow. He had previously been out on bail on the charge of embezzlement, but has now determined to keep his bail and no further bail will be required.

After he was picked up this evening Fiegel became exceedingly nervous, and asked that he be left alone, requesting that a newspaper reporter bear him company until the arrival of his friends. The newspaper man chatted with the prisoner until first his friend Taylor and then his father came to cheer him up.

Robbed the Baker City Postoffice.

Baker City, Or., July 2.—An unknown party or parties entered the postoffice here last night and broke open the safe, securing about \$1,000, \$750 in gold, and \$250 in stamps, of 1, 2, 8 and 10-cent denominations. About 30 registered letters were taken, their value being unknown.

A sledge hammer, chisels, drills, and a brace and bits were used all night in the office except the drills. Two of the chisels were stolen from a tool chest at the St. Elizabeth hospital building, which is in course of construction. There is no clue to the robbers.

Ohio Democrats.

Columbus, O., July 2.—The Democratic state convention today indorsed the free and unlimited coinage of silver at the ratio of 16 to 1, without operation of any other law. A large gold chain with ornaments a crown of thorns and a clock indicating 10 minutes to 1 o'clock formed the centerpiece among the floral designs about the stage. Horace T. Chapman was nominated for governor. There will be at least six state tickets in the field.

Suicide of Mother and Daughter.

Owensboro, Ky., July 2.—Mrs. Fannie Wehmer and her daughter, Pauline, committed suicide by taking carbolic acid last night. Both were dressed in handsome clothes when found. Notes requesting that they be buried just as found were left on a table. They conducted a dyeing establishment, and were in comfortable financial circumstances.

Chicago, July 2.—The excessive heat

yesterday caused six deaths in this city, while a number of persons were prostrated. The strong wind tempered the sun's rays to a great extent, and many who felt the effects of high temperature sought a shaded spot and were rescued by the cool breeze that blew steadily from the southwest. Five persons seeking relief from the heat went bathing, and the excessive temperature of their bodies induced cramps and all were drowned.

Constantinople, July 2.—A collision took place in the Dardanelles between the German vessels Enebreck and Berthilde. The former sank almost immediately, and 14 of her crew were drowned, while a boat that was sent to the rescue of the Austrian gunship was capsized, drowning two.

Corvallis, Or., July 2.—At a meeting this afternoon of the board of regents, Professor Thomas M. Glavin, late of the state university of Washington, was elected president of the agricultural college and director of the experiment station.

STEAMER ADEN IS WRECKED

Tragedy of the Sea Enacted Off African Coast.

MANY PASSENGERS WERE LOST

All Told the Drowned and Missing Number Seventy-Seven Souls—Fifteen Persons Were Saved.

Aden, July 1.—The Indian government steamer Mayo, which was sent out in search of the missing steamer Aden, from Yokohama, April 28, via Colombo and Aden, from London, which was last heard of when leaving Colombo, June 1, for this port, has returned here and reports that the Aden was lost off the island of Socotra, at the Eastern extremity of Africa, on the morning of June 9. The Aden carried 84 passengers from China and Japan.

Eighty-lady passengers, nine children, two officers and a few of the Aden's crew succeeded in getting away from the wreck in a boat, but they have not been heard of since, and little hope owing to the bad weather which has since prevailed, is entertained of their safety.

The Mayo saved nine of the Aden's passengers and six of the crew just as the Aden was sinking. The survivors included 25 passengers, 20 Europeans and officers, and 32 of the Aden's crew.

Particulars of the Wreck.

London, July 1.—A dispatch to the Daily Mail from Aden, Arabia, says: Two days after leaving Colombo, the Aden was struck by a severe monsoon, with squalls, violent and incessant. Day by day the weather grew thicker and the passengers became more and more alarmed. At 3 o'clock on the morning of June 9, the vessel struck upon the Rasadeira reef, on the eastern coast of the island of Socotra.

The engine-room was instantly flooded and utter darkness ensued. Wild with panic, the passengers rushed from their cabins and fled terror-stricken to the upper decks in the scantiest clothing. The women screamed in agony, and in fright and confusion, but the men remained cool and retained their self-possession, and courageously assisted the officers and crew to do their best to save the vessel and to inspire calmness. But it was soon seen that the steamer could not survive the shock, and that the only chance for safety lay in the boats.

The storm continued to increase in violence. Great waves washed the vessel with terrific force. Daylight brought no relief and only served to reveal still further the awful situation.

Misfortune followed misfortune. A lifeboat was lowered, only to be swept away immediately, with three persons and the first officer, Mr. Carden. The gig was dispatched to the rescue with Mr. Miller, the second officer, but, to the despair of all, both boats were swept away.

The only remaining lifeboat was then lowered amid a scene of intense emotion. A cry of anguish broke from the lips even of the women when this gallant vessel, the Mary D. Hunter, Captain William Haggerty, the Jessie H. Freeman, Captain W. S. Porter, and the Fearless, Captain James McKenna, were frozen in the ice while trying to make a harbor. They were in no danger during the winter, but the letters state that during June, when the ice pack breaks up, the vessels will have a hard time of it, and the chances are that all will be crushed. If so, the lives of from 120 to 130 men would be in danger. The whalers were short of provisions, and the crews had to haul supplies from Herschel island over the ice on dog sledges to the vessel.

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Heavy Westward Traffic.

Denver, July 1.—The Denver & Rio Grande will require 52 special trains to move the Christian Endeavor business over the road the last days of the week. The Union Pacific reports 12 specials engaged over the lines from Chicago, and the demand for train accommodations at Ogden over the Central Pacific is said to be the heaviest in the history of the road. The Santa Fe reports eight special trains for the West.

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SHOT BY BOATPULLER.

A Fatal Ending to Fishermen's Quarrel Is a Certainty.

Astoria, Or., July 1.—A terrible shooting affray occurred last night between 8 and 9 o'clock, in a fishing boat, as the result of which Louis Spina is now lying at the point of death at St. Mary's hospital. Spina and Antonio Tonic, operate a fishing boat. After laying the net Tonic wanted to tie down and sleep, but Spina objected. A quarrel followed. Spina drew a knife and started for his boatpuller, but the latter picked up a Winchester rifle, and, warning the captain not to come, at him pulled the trigger. The ball struck Spina in the left groin, lacerating the intestines in a frightful manner. The injured man fell into the river and was rescued by the boatpuller, who hastened with all possible speed to this city and reported the matter to the sheriff.

Spina made a statement of the cause of the shooting and exonerated Tonic from blame in the matter. He said he was wrong in objecting to the boatpuller taking a rest, and that he attacked him. When he started for him, Spina says he was warned, but would pay no attention to the boatpuller. He also said the shooting was accidental, but it is likely he wished to shield his partner.

Tonic was lodged in jail, pending further investigation into the case. Spina cannot possibly live. Internal hemorrhage has set in, and death is immediately expected. Owing to the man's injuries, fully four feet of intestines had to be removed.

The men had fished together for the last four years.

THE EFFORT OF HIS LIFE.

Weyler Planning an Energetic Campaign Against the Cubans.

Chicago, July 1.—A Chronicle special from Jacksonville says: Weyler, while in Cienfuegos, made a request for 20,000 more colonial volunteers, with the intention of starting an active campaign. He has also demanded from Spain 40,000 more troops to reach Cuba by September 1. The rainy season will be drawing to a close then, and it goes to prove the assertion that he will make the effort of his life to conquer the insurgents.

The announcement that Gomez will begin active operations is verified. It is stated that a Spanish column had had an engagement with rebels under Solano, in the province of Matanzas. The insurgents are alleged to have been dispersed, with a loss of 15 killed and one wounded. A Spanish corporal was wounded. It is known that the "engagement" was simply an attack by the troops upon the beleaguered ranches on a raid, and that the 15 reported killed in battle were brutally massacred.

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