

Busy Readers. A Resume of the Less Important but Not Less Interesting Events

of the Past Week.

San Francisco car men have declared a general strike.

It is reported that Cuban insurgents are beginning to desert.

Secretary Root has arrived in Chilean waters on board the cruiser Charleston.

Trains are beginning to arrive at Valparaiso with provisions for the eirthquake sufferers.

Cuban rebels are recruiting their army up to 5,000 men, and preparing for an attack on Pinar del Rio.

A relative of Russell Sage, who was overlooked in his will, claims incompetence and will contest the will.

France thinks Roosevelt's spelling reform is a move to supplant French by English as the language of international diplomacy.

Iriving Long, aged 21 years, who had been released on parole from the California state prison, where he had been doing time for highway robbery, was sentenced to ten years more for breaking his parole.

A terrorist bomb has wrecked the home of Premier Stolypin, badly wounding the premier and his 3-year old son, and killing over twenty others, including the premier's daughter, aged 15, and several prominent officers.

One hundred and fifty looters have already been shot in Valparaiso.

The Cuban government is offering \$2 per day for volunteers for the army.

Wealthy people of Valparaiso are doing their utmost to aid their more helpless fellows.

Enthusiasm is increasing for a 20foot macadam road from Portland to Mount Hood.

Letters received in Chicago from London say that Paul O. Stensland is touring Europe.

A new comet, visible through a small telescope, has been discovered by the Kiel observatory.

The body of Admiral Train, who died at Chefoo, has arrived at Seattle, and been forwarded to Annapolis for burial.

A bogue baron who married a rich American girl in Manila has decamped

REVOLT GAINS HEADWAY.

Cuban Insurgents Capture Another Town From Government.

Havana, Aug. 24 .- Pino Guerrera, the insurgent leader in Finar del Rio, All Western Cuba Said To Be in today followed up the capture of San Luis, by taking San Juan de Martinez, the terminus of the Western railroad, and by threatening to wreck the railroad and all its property unless the MANY RURAL GUARDS DESERTING company ceases forwarding troops for the government.

Alarmed by these insurgent successes, the government has ordered from an American arms manufacturing company four rapid-fire guns and that these pieces be manned by ex-members of the artillery branch of the American army now here. If these guns prove to be effective, four or more additional guns will be ordered, and it is expected

that experienced gunners will be pro-cured in the United States to man them. The United States has not been asked to do anything in the premises.

is not much discussed here, and is regarded as a remote possibility, there

being general confidence that the government will be able to restore order in a short time. leader, General Quentin Bandera, to-

day in an engagement between rural guards and a band of his followers is regarded as dealing the insurrection a heavy blow.

adherence to the government to open rebellion. In this city the general attitude is one of loyalty, but there has been nothing which could be fairly dein defense of the government.

NOT ENOUGH MONEY FOR ALL.

Deficiency in Appropriations for Ma-

Washington, Aug. 24 .- Alter a month

neuvers in different camps throughout the country, but it appears that all is not satisfactory. In some cases more state troops than had been given in the schedule were sent into the camps and more expense was thus added. This caused a deficit in the allotment of funds, especially in the matter of pay for the state troops. The pay department of the army decided to pay the troops as long as the funds lasted, those who came last going unpaid. Another adjustment may be made after the

to make up the deficit el ewhere

REBELS ARE STRONG STORM FOLLOWED THE SHOCK.

Sympathy With Guerrera.

Government Forces Recapture One Town - Attack by Rebels on Pinar Del Rio Expected.

Havana, Aug. 25 .- Unofficial advices received from the western part of the province of Pinar del Rio are to the effect that the insurgent forces now concentrating west of San Juan de Mar-tinez de far more formidable and better supplied for camping and a long The subject of American intervention and aggressive campaign than had been supposed.

A prominent resident of Havana whose word is beyond question, has just returned from a three days' tour in The killing of the insurrectionary the vicinity of San Luis and San Juan de Martinez. He informed the Associated Press that Pino Guerrera's following in Pinar del Rio is now from 1,500 to 2,000 men. He said the idea of his Public opinion appears to vary sc- not having sufficient ammunition was cording to locality, from enthusiastic ridiculous, and that he is abundantly supplied with every possible necessity. The behavior of his forces is excellent. He said the insurrectionists had eight mules loaded with dynamite and scribed as a general rising of the people that lately they had received supplies from unknown sources. He positively declared that fully a hundred members of the rural guard had deserted and joined the insurrectionists since the trouble began, and that practically all Cubans in Western Cuba were sympathizers with the movement

Word has been received here from Santiago that General Jesus Rabi, with 2,000 veterans, will come to the Vuelta Abajo to help put down the insurrection. This, however, is not confirmed. The government's extra expenses since August 19 have been \$270,000.

Aside from slight encounters in the provinces of Havana and Santa Clara, nothing of importance has transpired here. The enlistment of rural guards and volunteers is going on very slowly, in the provinces, but in the city of Havana enlistments are somewhat better. The city council has appropriated \$50,000 for the support of the city militia, of which there are two divisions, the interior and the exterior.

The government expects that the steamer Mexico, which will sail from New York today, will bring eight rapid-fire guns, 10,000,000 cartridges

DEAD EXCEED 2,000 Earthquake, Fire, Wind and Lightning Terrified Valparaiso.

Valparaiso, Aug. 22 .- The loss of life by the earthquake of Thursday, August 16, probably will not be short of 3,000, while the property destroyed is estimated at \$100,000,000, and probably is far in excess of that sum.

Order is being maintained with the utmost severity by the military, police and armed citizens' patrols, who are empowered to shoot looters on the spot. The authorities are showing the utmost energy in the protection of property.

With the first terrible shock of the earthquake buildings collapsed, their walls falling with a tremendous noise. The inmates in many cases were unable to escape. The shock was followed almost immediately by a fierce storm, the wind prostrating the walls that had been weakened by the earthquake, and these broke trolley wires, which flashed incessantly. The second shock was even heavier than the first.

Five minutes afterward fires started n every direction, and immediately the whole town which had been momentarily in darkness, was illuminated by gigantic flames. The firemen made a desperate fight, though there was but little water, as most of the mains had been broken by the early tremor.

FOREIGN CAPITAL TO REBUILD.

Its Interests Are Large and Chilean Credit Is Good.

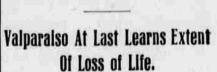
New York, Aug. 22 .- Quan Tonkin, Chilean civil engineer, who is now in New York, said last night:

"In Valparaiso local and foreign interests are so great that it is absolutely financial burden of rehabilitation will of water and robbery and pillage. not be thrown on Chile alone, but also on the numerous foreign interests, which include most of the nations of the world. Of the foreign interests I balieve the English will be the heaviest losers, especially the many English fire insurance companies that suffered such great losses in the destruction of San Francisco. However, it must be kept in mind that Chile enjoys very high financial credit, especially in the London market, where her bonds are quoted at 99% per cent. The external debt of Chile is about \$105,000,000, which has always been scrupulously served, and it takes only 21 per cent of the Chilean government revenue to serve this debt. The Chilean state railway alone represents nearly as much as the external debt, while the salt petre lands represent four or five times as much more."

KUROPATKIN IS NEEDED.

Disgraced General Has Full Confidence of His Soldiers.

St. Petersburg, Aug. 22.-Is General Kuropatkin, once the pride of the entire Russian army, war minister and fighter by nature, but whose laurels were trampled under foot by the vic-Pinar del Rio consists of 250 artillery-men and 150 guards. The inhabitants torious Japaneze at Liaoyang, in the earlier days of the fighting in Northern province of Havana. The would-be-as-Corea and Manchuria, to be vindicated. That is the question uppermost in the mind of every officer of the army tonight, and also the chief topic of discursion at the military clubs, on the question arising through the industrious circulation of a report that the czar has sent for the general and intends to place him once again at the head of the department of War. Such action would overthrow all ancient Russian traditions, but it is apparently necessary. Kuropatkin is the one man, and probably the only one in all Russia, who is in a position to reorganize the army. He is loved by the common soldier, who believes that he is the only officer of general rank who has their interest at heart. If intrusted with the task of bringing back the allegiance of the troops to the "Little Father," he could do it, and the knowledge that this is so is responsible for conspiring or conniving at insurrectionthe belief here that he is to come into his own again. Since his return from the front, a disgraced and broken hearted man, the of the Santa Clara insurgents. Had general has been in retirement at his General Gomez taken the field, it would mother's home, but it is generally expected that he will soon be back in the capital in his old position as minister leader. of war.



HALF THE POPULATION LEAVING

Steamers Carrying Thousands From Ruined City-Every Church, Hospital and Theater Destroyed.

Vaplaraiso, Aug. 23 .- Plaza de la Victoria as far as the plaza in the section called Las Delicias, fcur-fifths of the houses are completely destroyed by the erthquake, and the remaining onefifth are badly damaged. From the Plaza de la Victoria down to the custom house only about one-third of the houses sustained damage. The banks of the city and the customs warehouses were not damaged. With the exception of Espiritu Santo, all the churches in the city were destroyed, as were the hospitals and the theaters.

The number of dead is more than 2,-000. The office of the Havas agency, although seriously damaged, are still being used for the company's business.

The tragic scenes of the San Francisco disaster were reproduced here. certain the city will be rebuilt. The There was a fight against fire, the lack

The authorities are now beginning to get in provisions, and water again is being supplied. All the fires have been extinguished. The first shock lasted four minutes and a half and the second two minutes. Most of the houses were thrown down by the second shock.

Estimates of the damage range from \$25,000,000 to \$50,000,000. The Almendral quarter has been absolutely destroyed. The people are still camping on the surrounding hills and in the streets, and only today arej calm and courage returning.

The declarations are made that 80,-000 people will leave the city. The lack of food is not yet serious. Telegraphic communication was re-established with Santiago yesterday.

A number of steamers are engaged in moving the people of the city to points to the north and south.

TO KILL GOVERNOR.

Assassin Makes Attempt on Life of Cuban Official.

Havana, Aug. 23 .- An attempt was made this evening to assassinate General Emilio Nunez, governor of the

neuvers of State Troops.

of hard work, Assistant Secretary Oliver, of the War department, concluded that he had finally made a satisfactory adjustment of the many difficulties in apportioning the appropriation of \$700,-

000 for pay of the militia at the ma-

camps have finished their work, as and 12,000 Lee rifles. some camps may not use all the money The government force in the city of allotted to them and the funds can be Pinar del Rio consists of 250 artillery-It is possible that congress will be ask- of the city of Pinar del Rio are reed to make an appropriation to cover the deficit and the state troops pain most of them are armed and will assist next winter.

with his wife's jeweiry and most of cash.

A burglar who attempted to rob a millinery store in Baker City was put to flight by a frail woman with a pair of scissors.

The Southern Pacific is preparing to epend \$700,000 or more to turn the Colorado river back to its original Postal Department Arrests Operators channel and drain the Salton sea.

Roosevelt has given his approval to a new spelling reform which includes 800 words, and has ordered that it be adopted on all his official correspondence.

The rush of depositors to receive the first installment of their deposits in the defunct Milwaukee Avenue bank, of Chicago, overwhelmed 60 policemen who had been detailed to keep order.

Mutinous spirit is growing in the each. Russian army.

Heat in Chicago is causing many deaths and prostrations.

The czar has decided to immediately give land to the peasants.

Japan will investigate the killing of seal poachers by Americans.

Southern railroads have announced that they will obey the rate law.

Valparaiso is under martail law, and is fast recovering from the earthquake.

Cuban citizens residing in New York will ask Roosevelt to take a hand in affairs in Cuba.

A Jewish massacre is threatened at Liedlice, Poland, where the chief of police has been killed.

The Pan-American conference aims to make gold the universal money basis of the western hemisphere.

London papers predict the annexation of Cuba by the United States and say it is the only thing to do.

A St. Louis woman has married the wrong man through a mistake in sending letters by a marriage bureau.

San Francisco will erect a temporary wooden city hall to be used until the present structure can be repaired.

Cuban officials believe the insurrection has reached its limit.

The government has withdrawn negro troops from Texas garrisons.

GET-RICH-QUICK FIRM OUT.

of Fake Mexican Companies.

Chicago, Aug. 23 .- The operattions of the Tabasco-Chiapas Trading & Transportation company and the Lu Me Ha Mills company, Mexican invest-United States postal authorities. Henry D. Bushnell, president, and I. B. Miller, secretary and treasurer, were arrested and held in bonds of \$2,000

It is alleged by the postal authorities that the operations of Bushnell and Miller, which have covered a period of from innocent investors. The two com-panies were capitalized for \$2,000,000 ed large coffee plantations and owned several lines of steamers. The postal authorities declare that such is not the case, and that Miller and Bushnell have been paying dividends to investors ernment of Cuba."

from the money taken in for stock in the concern.

To Educate Russian Children.

St. Petersburg, Aug. 24 .- With a view to submitting to the next session election of senators by direct vote of of the council of the empire and the the people has been changed from Seplower house of parliament a bill for tember 5 to December 5. The convenuniversal primary education, the cabi- tion is to be held in Des Moines, Ia. plants the secretary again returned to inet, at a session held on Tuesday, decided that such a bill should be draft-

ed by a special commission. The ministry of public instruction submitted statistics showing that there are in the empire 12,736,000 children of school

age, of whom only 5,389,000 are receiving primary education. There are less than 90,000 primary schools in Russia.

Another Purchase of Silver.

of the mint Wednesday purchased 100,-000 ounces of silver at 67 cents an

cents.

ported to be loyal and it is said that the troops in resisting an attak on the part of the insurgents.

WHEN AMERICA MAY STEP IN.

Provisions of Platt Amendment for Keeping Peace in Cuba.

Wahington, Aug. 25. - The Platt amendment, as the legislation which defined the conditions on which the United States should withdraw from ment concerns, with offices at 16-20 Cuba and turn the island over to the River street, were stopped today by the control of the Cuban people was known, provided that a part of the new republic's constitution should contain certain provisions corcerning the future relations of the United State with Cuba. The third of these provisions

was as follows: "That the govenment of Cuba consents that the United States may interfive years, have netted them \$850,000 vene for the preservation of Cuban independence, the maintenance of a government adequate for the protection of and according to their literature operat- life, property and individual liberty for discharging the obligations and with respect to Cuba imposed by the treaty of Paris on the United States to be assumed and undertaken by the gov-

Date of Convention Postponed. Salem, Or., Aug. 25 .-- Notice has been sent out that the date of the interstate convention on the subject of The purpose is to adopt a plan of proceedure which shall result in twothirds of the states of the Union demanding that congress call a constitutional convention to draft an amend- good condition." ment providing for popular election of

San Francisco Gave First.

Washington, Aug. 25 .- San Francisco made the first American contribution Washington, Aug. 24 .- The director to the Valparaiso earthquake sufferers. partment today from American Minisounce to be delivered at New Orleans. ter Hicks, at Santiago, announced that failed, and in anticipation of a rush on dispatch adds, will Japan consent to the price paid last week was 66.62 a donation of \$10,000 had been received the place tomorrow an extra detail of the establishment of customs houses at from San Francisco.

Wilson Inspects Incognito.

Omaha, Aug. 22 .- Secretary Wilson, of the department of Agriculture, unattended, arrived at a local hotel late last night, and, without registering or disclosing his identity, early this morning drove in a closed carriage to the packing plants in South Omaha. After a short inspection of several of the this city, saying: "I am going to South Omaha, but I don't want my identity known. I have inspected all the packing plants and found them in all political parties asked to assist.

Police Will Keep Order.

Chicago, Aug. 22 .- Payment by Receiver Fetzner of a dividend of 20 per cent to depositors of the defunct Milwaukee Avenue State bank, ordered by A dispatch received by the State de-partment today from American Minis-positors in the institution when it until this is an accomplished fact, the police has been asked for to kee p order Dalny and Antung.

sassin was arrested. His identity is not known, but he is a white man and was well dressed.

A telegram to the government late tonight stated that Major Laurent, with his detachment of rural guards, fought Guerra and his 300 men for three hours completely defeating him, killing or wounding many of his followers and taking three prisoners. The dispatch adds that the rebels dispersed in all directions, being chased long distances. None of the rural guards were hurt.

General Jose Miguel Gomez, who was arrested Tuesday, was formerly governor of Santa Clara province and was the Liberal candidate for the presidency last year. He is expected to arrive in Havana early tomorrow. The government always suspected Gomez along with other Liberal leaders of ary schemes, but there was no definite evidence until it developed that he was planning to take the field at the head would have had an immense influence, as he is a strong, magnetic military

Uncle Sam for Banker.

Chicago, Aug. 23 .- A movement to secure more than 1,000,000 petitioners for the establishment of postal savings banks was started tonight by the North Side Turner society, many of whose members suffered by the collapse of the Milwaukee Avenue State bank. The plan contemplates that the National association of turners shall turn each one of its 37,296 members into a can-"I am going to vasser for signatures. Every candidate for congress throughout the country will be urged to state his attitude, and

China Will Open the Door.

London, Aug. 23 .- A correpsondent at Tokio, of the Daily Telegraph, re-ports that the United diplomatic representations of the United States, Great Britain and Japan have resulted in the court last week, will begin tomor- China promising to establish customs

United States senators.