

NEWS OF THE WEEK

Interesting Collection of Current Events in Condensed Form From Both Continents.

The natives of New Guinea are murdering Australian miners.

Federal and state authorities are again in a tangle in Kansas and a clash is expected.

The corn crop in Kansas is now said to be damaged 50 per cent by the prevailing hot weather.

Senators Quay and Morgan are to go to the Sandwich Islands to post themselves on the country and its possibilities.

The internal revenue office has issued orders to local collectors to seize tobacco prize packages under the provision of the new tariff law.

Over 100 tramps and harvesters took possession of a freight train on the Northwestern line, near Omaha, Neb.

The following is an extract from a private letter received in San Francisco from Manila, Philippine Islands: "Here things are in a frightful mess. Spanish dollars have been introduced at 10 per cent less value than Mexican."

Samuel Wolf, a Jersey City contractor, offered a dish of cream to the boy who would hold his arm the longest time in an ice cream freezer.

A letter received in Portland from Juneau, Alaska says: There are 500 people now at Dyea, waiting to get over the pass.

A non-union coal miner was shot and killed at Scottsdale, Pa., during a quarrel with striking miners.

The potter's Trenton, N. J., and the sheet iron workers of Phillipsburg, N. H., now threaten to go on a strike.

The monitor Puritan broke her rudder in New York and will be laid up for a month, and will cost about \$5,000.

George H. Walker, a Washington, D. C., lawyer and former correspondent, has been appointed assistant postmaster-general.

Four boys were drowned at Kansas City while in swimming, four in Winnepeg and two more at Boston, one of whom was 80 years of age.

Bluejackets from the warship Yorktown and Boston were stoned and beaten by Japanese at Kobe, Japan, and some of them were badly used up.

Andree's north pole balloon is reported to have been seen in several places recently, but each time away off its course.

Professor Arion, a professional high-wire performer, fell from his wire, a distance of 75 feet, while riding a bicycle at Ridgewood Park, N. J., and was killed.

The monthly statement issued by the director of the mint shows that during July, 1897, the coinage executed at the United States mints amounted to \$670,850.

A Missouri Pacific train ran into a freight standing on the main track at Yates Center, Kan., and Engineer Joseph Clown and Fireman Cal Rowan were killed.

Captain General Weyler has pardoned forty political offenders under death and other hard sentences, at the suggestion of the home government, and 1,000 Cuban exiles have been granted amnesty.

Assistant Secretary Howell has rendered a decision in which he holds that calfskins should be classed as "hides of cattle," and are therefore dutiable under the new tariff, but at 15 per cent ad valorem.

In the engagement of Chakdara the British troops suffered but slight loss, but the native loss was heavy.

Others see our faults as plainly as we see theirs.

RIGHT OF FREE SPEECH.

Governor Atkinson's Advice to the Miners' Committee.

Charleston, W. Va., Aug. 5.—Governor Atkinson has written to Messrs. Gompers, Sovereign and Ratchford, a committee on behalf of the striking miners who called on him to inquire concerning the injunction against them.

JOINING THE STRIKERS.

DeArmitt's Men Are Slowly Coming Into Line With Strikers.

Pittsburg, Aug. 5.—The strikers will continue to gain accessions to their number from the New York & Cleveland Company's men.

EASY ROAD TO CLONDYKE.

A Salem Man Claims One Could Be Quickly Opened.

New York, Aug. 5.—A special to the Herald from Washington says: There is a short and easy route to the rich gold fields of the Clondyke, according to a communication to the interior department, from J. M. O. Lewis, a civil engineer, of Salem, Or., who says he can open up at small expense a route from south of the Copper river by which the Clondyke may be reached by a journey of not much more than 300 miles from the coast.

The route which he proposes will start in from the mouth of Copper river near the 20-mile glacier, about 25 miles east of the entrance to Prince Williamsound.

From the head of navigation on the Chillina, Mr. Lewis says either a high road or a railroad could be constructed without great difficulty or heavy grade through what the natives call "Low pass," probably Scolai pass.

FIVE HUNDRED KILLED.

Awful Loss of Life by the Outbreak of a Volcano.

Chicago, Aug. 5.—A Chronicle special says: Five hundred reported killed up to July 1 is the record of the terrible outbreak of the volcano of Mayon, on the island of Luzon, one of the Philippine group.

The Turks Angry.

Constantinople, Aug. 2.—It is reported here that Lord Salisbury, British prime minister, has telegraphed urging the immediate withdrawal of Edhem Pasha, the commander-in-chief of the Turkish forces, from Thessaly.

Murdered His Son.

Boulder, Colo., Aug. 4.—H. C. Mellor, an old and respected resident of this county, shot and killed his son James, aged 25, at Quigleyville, today, in a quarrel over the right to use a certain field as a pasture.

A Long Hammer-Throw.

Albany, N. Y., Aug. 5.—John Flanagan, the champion hammer-thrower, surpassed all records today by throwing the 16-pound hammer 157 feet 4 inches.

Her Hundred-and-Third Birthday.

Morristown, N. J., Aug. 3.—Mrs. Christiana French celebrated her 103rd birthday at her home here today.

THE SEAL CONFERENCE

A Diplomatic Triumph for the United States.

WILL MEET LATE IN OCTOBER

A Permanent Agreement Will Probably Be Reached—A London Paper's Opinion.

London, Aug. 3.—Much satisfaction is expressed in official and mercantile circles at the prospective settlement of the seal question by aid of the Washington conference, especially as such an arrangement will remove a cause of hot discussion between the United States and England.

The conference will meet on the third or fourth week in October, the exact date being left to be determined by the arrival of the British experts from the sealing grounds.

The force of deputies was kept busy during the entire night. Every move was watched, and trouble seemed to be in the air.

The hearing of Patrick Dolan will be held tomorrow before Justice Semmins, of Turtle Creek. The miners' officials have retained attorneys, and the case will be fought to the end.

MEASURES OF RETALIATION.

San Francisco Outfitters Will Appeal to the Government.

San Francisco, Aug. 3.—Merchants of this city, who have profited by the Clondyke excitement are considering seriously the advisability of communicating with the treasury department in Washington and asking for retaliatory measures against the new Canadian tariff.

Since the news was published that the Canadian government had imposed a high protective duty on all goods coming across the border and would send a force of mounted police to collect the duty there has been a large falling off in purchases.

Greece Will Not Submit.

Berlin, Aug. 3.—The Post says Russia and Germany have counseled Greece to submit to the conditions imposed by the powers.

Killed by Lightning.

Louisville, Ky., Aug. 4.—William Sadler and William P. Parks, Garrard county farmers, were struck by lightning and instantly killed yesterday afternoon during a storm.

Expelled From Cuba by Weyler.

Havana, Aug. 4.—Captain-General Weyler has signed an order expelling from Cuba Edoardo Garcia and George Eugene Bryson, correspondents of New York newspapers.

GREAT MASS MEETING.

More Than Five Thousand Strikers at McCrea Schoolhouse.

Pittsburg, Aug. 4.—The mass meeting of miners at the McCrea schoolhouse today was the greatest during the strike, and probably the largest gathering of the kind ever seen in Allegheny county.

They came down to the schoolhouse with hands playing stirring airs and banners waving in the breeze.

A few minutes after the arrival of the Turtle Creek division the speakers arrived in carriages.

J. T. McCoy, a prominent member of the typographical union, extended the sympathy and financial support of the printers of the country, and said the organization made a per capita assessment for five weeks to be paid for the benefit of the strikers.

Two new camps were instituted this afternoon after the meeting. The one at Plum Creek is Camp Resistance, and the one at Sandy Creek will be called Camp Isolation.

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Whatever the immediate culmination of the strike situation may be, it is evident that Sheriff Lowrey considers the time a critical one.

While the ranks of the strikers at Turtle Creek were being augmented, parties of marchers were in the field to induce miners not to go to work.

At Oak Hill mine a demonstration was made, but no men were induced to quit.

Crushed to Death.

Salt Lake, Aug. 2.—A special to the Tribune from Cedar City, Utah, says: Mrs. Joseph Smith was instantly killed and Mrs. Amelia Webster badly injured in an accident today.

The father of the British navy, Admiral of the fleet, the Hon. Sir Henry Keppel, has just celebrated his 88th birthday.

Fisherman Drowned.

Vancouver, B. C., Aug. 2.—A fisherman named Ibbotson was drowned Monday at Green's slough near Ladners.

Mrs. Lease Will Reign as Queen.

Topeka, Kan., July 31.—Mrs. Mary E. Lease, the Populist orator, has been elected as queen of the fall festivities, a harvest demonstration.

Five Deaths From Flood.

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HURLED TO HIS DEATH

Professor McClure's Fall on Mount Rainier.

DEATH WAS INSTANTANEOUS

He Was With the Mazamas—The Body Was Found by a Searching Party and Taken to Tacoma.

Tacoma, Aug. 2.—Professor S. E. McClure, of Eugene, a member of the Mazamas society that made the ascent of Mount Rainier Tuesday, lost his footing while descending the mountain Wednesday and fell 800 feet.

Early Wednesday morning Professor McClure, Professor Baillie, Professor Mitchell, of New York, and Dr. E. Dewitt Connell, of Portland, started ahead of the main party, and arrived at the mountain top about noon.

Returning, they met the remainder of the party near the summit, and, arriving at Gibraltar rock, awaited their return.

They arrived at Camp Muir about 9:30, on their way to Paradise valley, and soon after leaving that point, lost their way.

Professor McClure ventured toward the edge of a cliff, and announced that he saw a large pile of rocks a few hundred feet distant, and thought he had discovered the trail.

Darkness had fallen, and the only light came from the snow, which rendered the members of the party only half visible.

It was nearly an hour before the trail to camp was found, and the members of the party, with the exception of Dr. Connell and a lady and gentleman from Oregon, started to come to report the accident.

A searching party was instantly organized, and under the direction of Dr. Nunn, of Portland, began the search for Dr. McClure's body.

Daylight broke about 3:30, and the body of Dr. McClure was found lying on a great pile of boulders, forming a great, forbidding shelf.

Professor McClure's body fell a sheer 300 feet, and bounded about 40 feet outward toward the edge of the cliff.

Professor McClure carried a heavy roll of blankets and his barometer, strapped upon his back.

Dr. Connell had remained on the mountain all night, to enable the searching party to locate the spot where the accident occurred by shouting to them through the darkness.

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Devastation Caused by Floods.

Berlin, Aug. 4.—Devastation caused by the floods in Sicily is widespread.

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MASSACRED BY NATIVES.

Fragile Fate of a Party of Australian Goldseekers.

Vancouver, B. C., Aug. 4.—The steamship Miowera, which brings information that another massacre has been committed in New Guinea points, their ranks have been terribly thinned by murder, starvation and fatal swamp fevers.

The remnant of these white pioneers went to Vanapa for a final effort to make their fortunes.

Many massacres had occurred in the same place previously, but the government has never attempted to punish the murderers.

Later news confirms the massacres which occurred 85 miles from Port Moresby. The entire settlement of natives and whites had their heads open by a large band of savages.

PETROLEUM LAKE IN ALASKA.

It Contains Coal Oil in an Unlimited Quantity.

San Francisco, Aug. 4.—While the whole world is excited over the gold discoveries in the North, sight has been lost of another discovery that promises to be of great value in the development of that section.

Some months ago a lake of almost pure petroleum was discovered and samples sent to Seattle for analysis.

The lake is of unknown depth, several miles wide and five or six in length, and the quality of the petroleum is said to be of the finest.

It is fed by springs and the hills surrounding it are said to be rich in coal and asphalt.

MESSAGES WITHOUT WIRES.

Inventor Marconi Talks of His New Telegraph.

New York, Aug. 4.—A special to the World from London says: Marconi, inventor of the "wireless telegraph," has just reached Soudan, where a trial of the inventoin will be made.

Cigarettes on the Rise.

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