

CURRENT EVENTS OF THE DAY

Comprehensive Review of the Important Happenings of the Past Week Cull'd From the Telegraphic Columns.

An Ottawa dispatch says the house of commons rushed the Yukon railway bill through committee in less than half an hour.

The Wolff & Zwicker iron works of Portland, Or., have received an order from the secretary of the navy to rush work on the three torpedo boats they are now building.

General Superintendent McGuire has announced that large gangs of men are at work all along the line of the Astoria & Columbia River railroad.

The Republican leaders of the house are pressing for an early adjournment, and it is said that their course meets the full approval of the president.

The construction of five modern dry-docks has been agreed on by the house committee on naval affairs.

Charles E. French, formerly a prominent citizen of Redlands, Cal., committed suicide by shooting himself through the heart.

A ledge of gold-bearing quartz has been found by men engaged in grading Seventeenth street, in San Francisco.

A patient at the Oregon State insane asylum, C. B. Chatfield, pushed an attendant, Arthur Moore, through a window and jumped out himself.

Two estimates of appropriations to meet the cost of the recent addition of two regiments of artillery to the army have been sent to congress by Secretary Alger.

The Washington state superintendent has refused to issue certificates to applicants in the recent examination on account of violation of the rules which prescribe that no communication shall be allowed during the time the candidate is writing upon the questions.

Benjamin Cluff, jr., president of the Brigham Young academy at Provo, Utah, has returned from a visit to the Hawaiian islands, where he went at the solicitation of United States Senator Frank J. Cannon.

Thirty-six carloads of ammunition have been sent to Tampa, Fla.

Dr. Tomas Estrada Palma, of the Cuban junta in New York, is quoted as saying: "I consider Mr. Quesada's presence at Vice-President Hobart's reception to the Belgian prince in Washington Tuesday a matter of great importance.

MORE ALASKA GOLD.

A Rich Discovery Reported Near the Yakutat Bay.

Portland, Or., March 17.—Albert J. Paul has just returned to Portland after spending two weeks prospecting in southeastern Alaska.

The discovery became known through the disagreement of a party that had gone over to locate all the choicest claims. The discoverer arranged with 10 other men to go with him and locate claims where he should designate.

Mr. Paul traveled over White pass, Chilkoot and five miles toward the summit of Chilkat pass.

The Canadian police are turning back all persons bound for the interior who have not at least 1,000 pounds of provisions—not 1,000 pounds of outfit, but of actual eatables.

The best route to the interior, in Mr. Paul's judgment, is the Dalton trail. He says it can be traveled at any season of the year.

A considerable number of men bound for the Klondike are going in over the Dalton trail. One party of 65 men, with 100 dogs, left the Humbert camp March 1.

THE MAINE VICTIMS.

House Considers the Bill for the Relief of Their Heirs.

Washington, March 17.—The house agreed today to consider the bill for the relief of the legal heirs of the victims and survivors of the Maine disaster.

New York, March 17.—A Press dispatch from Key West says: A shattered section of a submarine cable, containing seven conductors for setting off mines, is in the possession of the board of inquiry.

TRAITORS TO CUBA LIBRE

Three Insurgent Officers Court Martialed and Shot.

THEIR PLANS WERE DETECTED

Had Induced a Number of Privates to Join Them—Engagements in Pinar del Rio, Havana and Other Provinces.

New York, March 17.—The Herald's Havana correspondent says the killing of Colonel Alvarez, Lieutenant-Colonel Vicente Nunez and Major Espinosa was by order of General Roberto Bermudez, commanding the insurgent forces in Santa Clara province.

General Blanco has sent an official cable to the minister of war, congratulating Generals Pando and Varo del Reyes for their successful operations against the rebels at Sierra Maestra.

Havana papers announce without comment that the battleship Iowa will pay a friendly visit to Havana.

The Herald's Havana correspondent gives details of the attack on the Havana-Matanzas train by soldiers belonging to General Betancourt's army.

The train was attacked first while running between Jaruco and San Miguel, but the guerrillas were repulsed by soldiers in the armored car next to the engine.

Wreckers have recovered one of the battleship Maine's six-pound guns, and will proceed to take up the six-inch rifles in a few days.

HAVANA SESSION ENDS.

The Naval Court of Inquiry Goes Back to Key West.

Havana, March 17.—The Mangrove, with the court of inquiry on board, sailed tonight for Key West.

Captain Sampson hopes the court will be allowed to resume its sittings on the battleship Iowa, now near Key West, with the New York.

The greater part of the investigation that remains will consist, unless the court returns here, of a careful study of the plans.

The court has no prophecy to make as to the further duration of its sittings or as to when or where the findings will be promulgated.

Prisoners in the St. Louis jails are daily supplied with bologna sausage.

TWO FINE CRUISERS.

The Government Secures a Pair of Brazilian Vessels.

Washington, March 16.—A week's negotiations closed today by the triumphant purchase by the navy department in London of the two fine cruisers Amazonas and Admiral Abrenall.

The next question is how to get the ships home, and that has not yet been settled, according to the secretary of the navy.

The availability of the two Brazilian ships was first brought to the attention of the navy department by Mr. Lane, agent of the Nordenfeldt Company.

Senator Proctor visited the White House and up-town departments today, and his calls excited a great deal of interest.

The two Brazilian ships will be extremely valuable additions to the United States navy in either war or peace.

The coal capacity is 850 tons, giving her an effective steaming radius of 8,000 miles.

The bureau of ordnance of the war department opened bids today for a large supply of armor-piercing projectiles, and for 12,000,000 rifle ball cartridges.

The bidders for steel projectiles, varying in size from the 8-inch steel-capped shot to the 1,000-pound shot, were the Midvale Steel Company.

The bids for rifle cartridges were in two parts, 10,000,000 being standard metallic ball cartridges, with brown powder, and 2,000,000 new cartridges, with smokeless powder.

The bids were the same in each case, \$18.50 for the brown-powder cartridges, and \$27 for the smokeless powder cartridges.

The bids for shot, shell and cartridges will be considered, and the awards made within the next few days.

Osaka has been called the New York of Japan. With the manufacturing villages that cluster around it, it has a population of about a million.

THE HOLE IN THE MAINE

Everything Points to an External Explosion.

THE VIEWS OF AN EXPERT

Captain Peral's Arguments Refuted—Spanish Divers' Method of Work—The Court of Inquiry.

Havana, March 15.—It is impossible to send direct from Havana anything in refutation of Captain Peral's statement of yesterday regarding the views of the Spanish board of inquiry on the Maine disaster.

As to the hole in the Maine, the expert in question makes the most important statement that the Maine drew 28 to 30 feet at the time of the explosion, and had about 10 feet of water below her bottom.

The bodies recovered from the Maine have not been touched by fishes. Some of the fishermen in Havana testified that there were no fish inside the harbor, the waters being too foul for them.

Further, as to the alleged discoveries of Spanish divers reported to Captain Peral, five American divers have been working on the port side of the wreck on an average of seven hours per day.

Recently, to their own surprise, they brought up two cans of ammunition for the six-inch guns, not exploded.

The Spanish divers often go down only long enough to wet their suits, and then come up and hide behind a blanket on the barge, where they sleep or rest for a couple of hours.

The expert interviewed by the correspondent expresses the belief that the Maine was blown up by what is known as a Newport torpedo.

It would be singular if it should prove that the Maine was blown up by a torpedo in the invention of which one of her principal officers, Lieutenant Holman, bore a notable part.

All the foregoing statements came from the authority on which the court depended for much of its evidence, and is given to the correspondent without reservation.

Berlin, March 15.—The foreign office has instructed the inspired press to emphasize that Germany will aid Spain in case of war with the United States.

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WILL ACT AS ONE.

England and Japan Combine to Resist Russia's Encroachments in China.

New York, March 16.—A dispatch to the Herald from Tokio says: The Herald correspondent learns on unquestionable authority that Japan is a party to the negotiations now going on between England and Russia.

The Herald correspondent visited Marquis Ito today, and asked him whether the Japanese government would sell the cruisers Chitose and Sakagi to America.

The news of the last few days indicates a critical state of affairs elsewhere than on the Western continent, and we consider it only prudent to continue our provisions for the national defense.

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NEW REVENUE CUTTERS

The Senate Passes a Bill for the Construction of Eight.

Washington, March 16.—During the session of three hours today the senate passed a considerable number of bills from the general calendar.

The national quarantine bill was made the regular order, and will be taken up probably on Friday.

The proceeding in the house today were utterly devoid of public interest. The time was devoted to District of Columbia business.

MRS. THURSTON DEAD.

The Senator's Wife Expired on the Anita in Cuba.

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