

THE NEWS OF THE WEEK

Comprehensive Review of the Important Happenings of the Past Week Culled From the Telegraph Columns.

Japan, if necessary, can send 70,000 men to China.

Kentucky Populists nominated A. H. Cardin for governor.

Smallpox at Cape Nome is well in hand and decreasing.

Iowa Republicans remembered Minister Conger in their platform.

A workman was crushed almost to jelly in a Lane county, Oregon, saw-mill.

New Hampshire Democrats nominated Dr. Frederick T. Potter for governor.

King Victor Emanuel III, successor to King Humbert, has arrived at Monza.

In Germany, 3,650 officers and 20,000 men have volunteered for Chinese service.

Government will investigate the anarchist activity in the vicinity of New York.

Chinese imperial government is using diplomacy to check advance of allies on Pekin.

Sir William Vernon Harcourt, liberal leader, estimates the cost of the Boer war at \$400,000,000.

Edicts of the Chinese imperial government issued as late as July 2 ordered the Boxers to kill the Christians.

Ex-Governor Roger Wolcott, of Massachusetts, has accepted the appointment as United States minister to Italy.

It is strongly intimated that Oregon school land business is manipulated by officials for the benefit of a private graft.

Senator Foraker says the Democrats have as much show of winning congress as they had of carrying Oregon last June.

Navy department shares the general distrust that all was not well on the battle-ship Oregon when she went ashore.

The amount of gross gold in the United States treasury is \$431,170,764, the highest in the history of the government.

The government of Nicaragua has taken possession of the property of the Maritime Canal Company and removed the company's cars, rails and property to the interior from Greytown.

Crop reports from Yakima, Wash., and La Grande, Or., are rosy; grain is turning out poor in Yamhill county, Oregon, and farmers declare they will abandon it for stock raising.

John Clark Ridpath, the historian, is dead at New York.

Lightning killed stock and did other damage near Centralia, Wash.

A leak in drydock No. 2, Brooklyn navy-yard, has caused a great amount of damage.

The Tung li Yamun refuses to deliver messages in cipher to the ministers at Pekin.

Italian troops took the oath of allegiance to their new king at Rome among much enthusiasm.

It is officially announced that no citizen loses rights through the recent marking of the temporary Alaska boundary line.

Chinese troops bombarded Blagovestchensk, the capital of Amur, July 26 and 28. The Russians have burned several villages.

The Anti-Imperialistic League has written Senator Hoar a letter condemning him for his decision to support President McKinley for re-election.

The treasury department is sending out the new 2 per cent bonds issued to take the place of the old issue. Of the latter, \$320,680,000 have been surrendered.

An undated message received at Tien Tsin from Minister Conger confirms the previous report of his safety. The minister has provisions for several weeks, but is short of ammunition.

All late reports from Pekin agree that the attack on the legations has ceased. The Japanese minister writes under date of July 19 that the Chinese authorities are apparently disposed to negotiate.

In moving an address to the queen with reference to the assassination of King Humbert, Lord Salisbury declared that society is threatened by the depth of human villainy that is beneath its surface.

The fact that the ministers at Pekin are held as hostages perplexes the allies. It is feared that if the international forces advance the Chinese will, if defeated, retreat to Pekin and put all the remaining foreigners to death.

Inventory of the late vice-president Hobart's estate shows him to have been worth \$2,628,942.

The National Telephone & Telegraph Company, with an authorized capital of \$50,000,000, has filed articles of incorporation at Trenton, N. J.

Hon. H. E. Estee, justice of the United States district court of Hawaii, has appointed Walter B. Hailing, of Portland, Me., a nephew of Senator Perkins, of California, clerk of his court.

LATER NEWS.

Democrats sweep Alabama.

General Miles volunteers to go to China.

New parasite discovered which destroys army worm.

Prince Tuan and Li Ping Hong are in control of affairs at Pekin.

The allies were defeated in a battle with the Chinese at Peit Sang.

Transport Logan arrived at San Francisco with refugees from Tien Tsin.

Rich strike made in the Concord group of mines in Sumpter district.

The assassin who had designs on the life of Italy's new king was arrested.

The British are slowly closing in on President Steyn and General Dewet.

Good prospect for Southern Pacific railroad to build a line to Klamath Falls.

Russia and United States are negotiating to uphold the integrity of China.

Telephonic communications between German and French cities have been opened.

Ex-government officials claims reports of disease in Cape Nome section are untrue.

Japanese government prohibits the emigration of laborers to the United States and Canada.

Mrs. Carrie N. Walker, supreme commander of the Maccabees, died at her residence in Detroit, Mich.

Li Hung Chang has officially notified the consuls at Shanghai that the ministers left Pekin under escort August 3.

Dennis Coghlan, the wealthiest man in Toledo and Northwestern Ohio, is dead. His fortune amounted to \$15,000,000.

A collision occurred on the St. Louis Southwestern railroad, near Pine Bluff, Ark., in which five men were killed and two seriously injured.

The count of the population of Buffalo, N. Y., just completed at the census office is 352,219. The population in 1890 was 255,664. The increase is 37.11 per cent.

A destructive forest fire is sweeping the timber area between the Upper Geyser Basin and the lake in Yellowstone National Park. The line of fire is 10 miles long and spreading rapidly.

Chicago packers have been asked by the government to furnish 2,000,000 pounds of meats within 30 days for the American soldiers in the Orient. This is said to be the largest requisition ever issued by the government of the United States.

Fire at Ashland, Wis., did \$1,000,000 damage.

The United States again presents its claim to the porte.

A passenger was shot dead by train robbers in Colorado.

Germany is preparing to send another large body of troops to China.

Four men were killed and one mortally injured in a Missouri feud.

War department forwarding supplies for six months to China.

Chinese attack Tien Tsin after allies moved forward, but were repulsed.

Boxers and imperial troops fought together against Admiral Seymour.

General Chaffee has started for Pekin with the British and Japanese forces.

A fire at La Grande, Or., consumed property to the value of about \$25,000.

Chinese government orders that the ministers have proper escort to Tien Tsin.

Feeling against Boise, Idaho, water company may lead to municipal ownership.

Senator Teller says congress should be called to deal with the Chinese situation.

General Dewet is said to be so hemmed in that escape from the British is impossible.

The United States civil commission will take charge in the Philippines, September 1.

Naval officers are favorable to the construction of a drydock on the Columbia river.

Towne will announce in a few days whether he will stand as a candidate for the vice-presidency.

In the Philippines, a small American command, under Lieutenant Altstaetter, was captured.

A bridge near Edlyville, Or., collapsed, carrying down five persons, one of whom was killed outright.

A party backed by E. H. Harriman, the railroad magnate, is looking for copper on White river, Yukon territory.

Sheng says an imperial decree has been issued that there shall be free communication with the foreign ministers in Pekin.

In a decision at Albany, Or., Judge Boies held to the doctrine that it is the buyer's loss if he accept grain from warehousemen that belongs to storers.

The Russian war office has received a dispatch from General Grodekoff, dated Khabarovsk, announcing that Agnin had been taken by the Russians after a stubborn fight, and that the Chinese were being pursued.

Pol Plancon, the opera singer, sings a whole opera in admirable German without understanding a word of that language.

New York Chinese have issued a proclamation saying none of them are from the tribes involved in Boxer disturbances.

A ranch of 350 acres, with 200,000 chickens and an output of 30,000,000 eggs a year will be established at Manasquan, N. J.

THE BOERS SURROUNDED

Dewet's Escape Impossible Through British Cordon.

BOERS SHORT OF AMMUNITION

There is Also a Scarcity of Food Among the Burghers—Many Pretorians Have Been Sent Into Exile.

London, August 7.—A special dispatch from Pretoria dated Saturday says: "General Christian Dewet is completely surrounded near Reitzburg, and it is impossible for his forces to escape through the strong British cordon. The Boers say they will make a stand at Machadodorp. They are short of ammunition and food. General Hamilton, by the rapidity of his movements, prevents reinforcements reaching Commandant-General Botha.

"It appears that after the train carrying United States Consul Stowe and flying the Stars and Stripes was derailed at Honing Spruit south of Kroonstad, concealed Boers fired, killing 40.

"Many residents of Pretoria have been sent into exile for having behaved cruelly to British subjects before or during the war. The terms of exile vary, in one instance reaching 25 years."

Boers Make Another Capture.

London, August 7.—The Lourenco Marques correspondent of the Daily Express, writing Saturday, says: "Transvaal advices declare that General Baden-Powell was wounded during a recent engagement at Rustenberg, where the Boers, according to their account, took some prisoners and captured 324 wagons."

TRAINROBBERS KILL.

One Passenger Resisted Their Demand for Money.

Kansas City, August 7.—A Journal special from Salina, Kan., says: "The Union Pacific east-bound passenger train No. 4, which left Denver last night, was held up by two men several miles west of Hugo, Colo., 90 miles this side of Denver. The passengers in the Pullman sleepers were robbed of their money and valuables. An old man named Fay, a resident of California, who had been visiting Denver and was on his way to St. Louis, refused to surrender his valuables and fired a shot at one of the robbers, but missed him. Thereupon the robbers returned the fire, one shot entering Fay's mouth and coming out the back of his head, killing him almost instantly. The robbers stopped the train, jumped off and escaped.

The robbers got on to one of the sleepers near Limon, and after the train had started the men made a noise at the door. The conductor, thinking they were tramps, opened the door to put them off. The robbers, who were masked, pointed a pistol at his head and ordered him to lead the way through the coaches. All of the passengers were asleep, and the conductor was ordered to wake them one at a time. The frightened passengers were told to keep quiet or they would be killed, and at the same time were asked to hand over their money and valuables. The robbers obtained about \$100 in cash and a number of gold watches and pieces of jewelry. The robbery took place a few minutes before 1 o'clock this morning.

Paris Cab Drivers Strike.

Paris, August 7.—Four thousand cab drivers have gone on a strike, demanding a lower rate for renting vehicles. There have been no disturbances, but the Republican guards protect the cabs. A fire at the headquarters of the Caimlee Cab Company at St. Ouen this morning destroyed all the cabs and 15 horses. Ten persons who were assisting the firemen to put out the flames were injured.

Wrong Man Killed.

New Orleans, August 6.—Last Friday, when the mob riots were at their height, a negro, supposed to be Burke Jackson, was taken away from the police and shot to death. It now develops that he was not Jackson. Jackson was later captured at Iola, Miss., and today was returned to this city and lodged in jail.

Missionaries From China.

San Francisco, August 7.—The transport Logan arrived at midnight, 39 days from Manila, via Nagasaki and Yokohama. She is understood to have on board a number of refugee missionaries from China, but no one will be landed until after the vessel is inspected by the quarantine officer.

Confederate General Dead.

New Orleans, August 7.—General York, a Confederate soldier, died at his home in Natchez, Miss., today, aged 86.

Hot Day at Detroit.

Detroit, August 7.—This has been the hottest day of the summer in Detroit, the thermometer registering 96 degrees.

Chicago, August 7.—Heat today caused two deaths and several prostrations. It was 94 in the shade.

Four Injured in Collision.

Columbus, O., August 7.—An electric car struck a large wagon filled with a fishing party, on High street, tonight and six persons were injured. The more seriously hurt are: Julian Rose, Boston, Mass., variety actor, leg fractured; Fred Geffeller, spine injured and elbow split; C. E. Fuller, two ribs broken; Carl Ellbert, had wound in back of head.

Our foreign trade continues to show great increase.

SIX ARMORED CRUISERS.

Plans Will Be Ready for the Bidders in November.

Washington, August 6.—The secretary of the navy has issued to shipbuilders a circular calling for bids for the construction of six armored cruisers, three authorized by the act of March 3, 1899, and three by the act of June 7, 1900. Those authorized by the former act are to be sheathed and coppered. Two classes of bids are called for regarding the first three, one for sheathing and coppering and the other without it, the department reserving the right to adopt either form of construction.

The plans will be ready for distribution to the bidders November 8. No bid will be considered which propose to furnish vessels of less than 13,400 tons trial displacement for unsheathed vessels, and less than 13,800 tons trial displacement for sheathed, or less than 25 knots speed and a bunker capacity of 2,000 tons. The maximum time allowed for completion is 36 months for each vessel, with penalties of \$300 a day for each day in excess of that time for the first month and \$600 for each subsequent day. For deficiency of speed not below 20 knots the vessels will be accepted at a reduced compensation of \$50,000 for each quarter knot to 21½ knots, and \$100,000 per quarter knot down to 20 knots.

The vessels will have twin screws, and be fitted throughout with the most modern machinery. The main batteries will consist of four eight-inch breechloading rifles of 45 caliber length, and 14 six-inch breechloading rapid fire rifles of 50 caliber length. The secondary battery will consist of 18 three-inch breechloading rifles, 12 three-pounder guns, four one-pounder automatic guns, four one-pounder single shot guns, two three-inch field guns, two machine guns, six automatic guns and two submerged torpedo tubes.

The limit of cost of each of the three ships authorized by the act of 1899 is \$4,000,000, and each of those authorized by this year's naval bill, \$4,350,000.

NINE PERSONS INJURED.

Piece of Iron Weighing a Ton Crashes Through a Roof.

New York, August 6.—Three persons were seriously injured and six others badly cut and bruised today by the falling of five heavy pieces of structural iron from the top of a 12-story building in the course of construction at Broadway and Walker streets. Fannie Cohen, 17 years of age; Morris Beichner, 16 years of age, and David Waldemann, 19, were so badly injured they had to be taken to hospital, and six others were painfully injured. All will recover. All of the injured persons were employed by M. Goldberg & Co., pocket-lock manufacturers, who occupied the upper two floors of the five-story building on Walker street, directly in the rear of the building in course of construction.

Four heavy iron girders, each weighing over a ton, were being hoisted to the top of the high building. They were being swung around to the top of the building when they slipped out of the chains. Three of the heavy girders crashed through 11 floors to the basement, and the fourth struck at the second floor. Over 100 workmen were at work in the building, but they escaped injury. When the big boom of the derrick was released from the girders it swung around and struck a 14-foot iron upright, snapping it off and throwing it over the side of the building. This piece weighed over a ton. It crashed through the roof of the Walker street building, where 30 people were at work on the top floor. They were buried in the debris. Those who were not badly hurt made a rush for the fire escape, leaving a number of women who had fainted and the injured persons lying helpless on the floor.

Alfred Norton, foreman in charge of the iron workers, was arrested on a charge of criminal neglect and arraigned in the Center street court. He was paroled until tomorrow.

Hunting for a Lost Son.

St. Louis, August 6.—Christopher and Margaret O'Neil, traveling with their five children in search of an 18-year-old son, Charles, who disappeared from his home in Pittsburg, Pa., more than a year ago, are stepping here for a few days. The members of the family, who are traveling overland in two wagons, have covered 617 miles since they left their home in Pittsburg, last April. Mrs. O'Neil says their journey will not end until their son is found.

Cut in Wages.

Joliet, Ill., August 6.—It is reported that a straight cut of 15 per cent has been ordered in wages by the American Steel & Wire Company. The reduction, it is said, will effect every employe. No official information can be obtained here, although it is understood the order went into effect yesterday. About 2,000 employed in local mills are concerned.

Gale in United Kingdom.

London, August 6.—A severe gale is raging throughout the United Kingdom. Channel traffic is suspended, causing much inconvenience to thousands of excursionists who wished to take advantage of the August bank holiday. Rain and wind have done much damage in the provinces. Several small vessels have gone ashore, and many others have been obliged to seek refuge in the harbors.

Forest Fires.

Los Angeles, Cal., August 6.—Great forest fires continue to burn in the Sierra Madre mountains. A report from Camp Starbuck says that although the fire does not threaten the camp as much as it did a week ago, there still remains much work for the fire fighters to do. Unless the flames are soon checked a large area of the San Gabriel forest reserve, in addition to the 15 or 20 square miles already devastated, will be laid waste.

CHARLES D. LANE ON NOME

Declares the District All Right for Practical Miners.

TOO MANY INEXPERIENCED MEN

Ten Thousand in the Camp Who Should Not Be There—Thinks Government Should Provide Transportation.

Seattle, August 8.—"Nome is all right for the practical miner, but it contains about 10,000 people at this time who have no business there," says Charles D. Lane, the California millionaire mining man. "None," Mr. Lane resumed, "is all I believed it to be and perhaps more. There is plenty of gold there and the camp will demonstrate the truthfulness of my assertion. I came away on business and expect to return just as soon as possible. So many inexperienced people being in the district is bound to result in disastrous consequences. Many of them are broke and discouraged. They cannot get away."

"Do you think the government will provide them transportation back to the states?"

"If the government wants to do the right thing it certainly will."

"How is the smallpox situation?"

"It is not at all serious. Seattle could have as many cases and nothing would be thought of it. There are a few cases of smallpox at Nome, but they are of the very mildest form. There has been but one death from the disease, and of the total number who have had the smallpox there is not a pitted man in the lot. There was no sense in such a scare."

Mr. Lane spoke of his own operations in the camp, saying he had completed the Wild Goose railway, which runs from Nome City to the mines on Anvil Creek, a distance of eight or nine miles. It is now in operation, handling both freight and passengers.

"As to mining," Mr. Lane said in conclusion, "that has been greatly retarded owing to a lack of water. Up to the time we left there had been but little rain, though we had a shower or two while we were en route to Dutch harbor, and these rains may have extended to Nome. I think there will be more or less of a rainfall at Nome this month, and if it comes in sufficient quantities the gold output of the district will yet be considerable. In any event, my faith in the camp as an ultimate gold producer is unshaken."

FOUR KILLED, ONE HURT.

An Old Fued Fought Out at a Picnic in Missouri.

Farmington, Mo., August 8.—Four men were killed and one fatally wounded in a shooting affair between William Dooley and his four sons on one side, and the four Harris brothers, on the other, Doe Run, one of the mining towns of St. Francois county, as the result of a feud. William Dooley, Jess Harris, James Harris and John Dooley were killed, Frank Harris was fatally wounded, and Mary Littrell, a young girl, was struck just above the ankle with a rifle ball.

A few days ago the Harris boys sent word to the Dooleys that they would be at Doe Run and intended to run the Dooleys off the grounds. Just how the shooting began is not clear. All the Harris boys except one, Bill, were shot. One was killed instantly. Three of the Dooley boys, who were unhurt, came to Farmington and gave themselves up. They are in jail.

Battle With Moonshiners.

Paul's Valley, I. T., August 8.—As a result of a pitched battle, with moonshiners near Johnson, 20 miles from Paul's Valley, one deputy marshal was wounded slightly and another, Schrimpscher, of Paul's Valley, is missing. The outlaws escaped in the darkness. It is believed Schrimpscher followed the band and was killed. Reinforcements were sent from here today.

The outlaws are a part of a band that was raided near Center a few days ago, when five of its members, together with a still and a quantity of liquor, were taken. The leader, named Tice, a veteran Arkansas distiller, and other members of the gang escaped. After four days' pursuit they were located by a posse of deputies in a deep ravine near Johnson. A demand to surrender was answered with a volley of bullets, and shots were exchanged for over an hour. The deputies surrounded the outlaws' position to await daylight, but the latter escaped during the night.

Heavy Thunder Storm.

Plattsburg, N. Y., August 8.—The severest wind, rain and thunder shower ever experienced in this section broke over this city tonight. The Lake Champlain Yacht Club held its annual race meet here today, and tonight the fleet anchored in the bay near Hotel Champlain, at Bluff Point. The storm struck the fleet, and many of the yachts were dragged from their moorings. The Valhalla, owned by W. B. Kingsland, of Burlington, Vt., was blown onto the lake about half a mile, when it capsized. Mr. Kingsland's son, a man of 20 years, who was on the yacht with his father, was drowned. The father managed to cling to the dingy and was later rescued.

Quarters for Refugees.

St. Petersburg, August 8.—A telegram from Khabarovsk says: About 6,000 persons—railway officials and their families—have arrived here from Chirbin and other points, having received orders from government officials to embark on steamers. Among them are 44 wounded and 33 on the invalid list. The Chinese Railway Company has been given 5,000 rubles for ambulance purposes and for the construction of quarters for other refugees.

FIGHT AT PEIT SANG.

The Allied Forces Lost 1,200 in an Engagement With Chinese.

Washington, August 8.—The following cablegrams have been received at the navy department:

"Che Foo, August 8.—Bureau of Navigation, Washington: There is a British report, unofficial, of an engagement at Peit Sang, Sunday morning, from 3 to 10:30. Allied loss in killed and wounded, 1,200, chiefly Russians and Japanese. Chinese are retreating."

"TAUSIG."

"Che Foo, August 8.—Bureau of Navigation, Washington: Official report, believed reliable, says about 16,000 allies heavily engaged the Chinese at Peit Sang, daylight, 5th.

"REMEY."

Peit Sang is the first railroad station about six miles northwest of Tien Tsin, en route to Pekin. Tausig, who signed the first dispatch, is in command of the Yorktown, which is at Che Foo.

Interest in the Chinese situation was intensified this morning by the receipt of two dispatches from naval officers at Che Foo, repeating unofficial but apparently reliable reports of active and extensive hostilities between the allied forces and the Chinese on the line between Tien Tsin and Pekin. The dispatches indicate unmistakably that the relief column has started in earnest, and that it is meeting with determined opposition. Although neither of the naval dispatches mentions the presence of American troops in the reported engagement, it is generally assumed at the war department that at least a part of General Chaffee's small army took an active and aggressive part in the affair.

According to the information in possession of the war department, the town of Peit Sang is at the head of tidewater on the Pei Ho, between 11 and 12 miles by road beyond Tien Tsin. It is a village of mud huts of considerable size, but not walled. The river at this point is not navigable by anything larger than a good-sized steam launch, and it is thought that the troops probably reached there in small boats towed by the naval launches. The country along the river between Pekin and Tien Tsin is a low alluvial plain, almost impassable for wheeled vehicles in the wet season, and under quite a high state of cultivation. It presents no natural defensive features, and the war department knows no strategic reason why the Chinese should have made a stand there, rather than at any other of the dozen villages east of the walled town of Tung Chow, where is stored an immense amount of provisions upon which the city of Pekin would have to depend in case of siege.

Stevadores Strike.

Baltimore, August 8.—All the union stevedores in Baltimore, numbering about 2,500, went on a strike today because the steamship agents refused to agree to employ no more non-union men. The trouble began several days ago. This morning the leaders of the union presented to the agents an agreement binding them to employ union men exclusively, which the agents unanimously declined to sign. The strike was then ordered and promptly obeyed. A large number of non-union men are at work today, and as yet there have been no attempts on the part of the strikers to interfere with them.

Canadian Pacific Strike.

Winnipeg, Man., August 8.—The strikers met today and passed resolutions asking people not to patronize the Canadian Pacific trains, excursions, etc. A committee was appointed to wait on the caterers, requiring five trains, is to be held Thursday next, asking that it be cancelled. Other railway orders express strong feeling in favor of the strikers, and all have recently had secret meetings. The company has issued a circular stating its side of the case. This has been sent to provincial points, and will not be made public until tomorrow. Officials are silent.

Arrest on Account of the Shah.

Paris, August 8.—The French police have arrested, at Abbeville, Auguste Valette, a dangerous anarchist, who is supposed to have been the instigator of Salson's attempt upon the shah of Persia. Valette left Paris immediately after the crime. He and Salson will be confronted. Today the police tried to discharge Salson's revolver, but not one of the five cartridges exploded, because of the way in which he had filed the hammer.

Guardian for Charles Hoyt.

Claremont, N. Y., August 8.—The appointment of James O. Lyford, of Accord, as guardian of Charles H. Hoyt, the playwright, was made in the Sullivan county probate court today. Mr. Lyford will assume management of all Mr. Hoyt's business affairs, and will endeavor to preserve as much as possible of Mr. Hoyt's personal estate, the monetary value of which is a matter of conjecture.

Hot Days in Chicago.

Chicago, August 8.—Nine persons died and a score were prostrated as a result of the heat here today. The mercury reached 93 degrees in the government office this afternoon. The wind was stifling. The weather office says the hot weather will continue indefinitely.

Anarchist Riot in Chicago.

Chicago, August 8.—An anarchist riot occurred this afternoon at the corner of Twelfth and Halstead streets, in which 25 people were bruised in a struggle with 45 policemen. Five persons were arrested, among them being Mrs. Lucy Parsons, widow of Albert R. Parsons, who was executed November 11, 1887, in Chicago for aiding and abetting the bombthrowing in the Haymarket riot. She was charged with disorderly conduct and resisting an officer. Her bail was fixed at