

NEWS OF THE WEEK

From All Parts of the New World and the Old.

OF INTEREST TO OUR MANY READERS

Comprehensive Review of the Important Happenings of the Past Week in a Condensed Form.

Botha rejects the English peace terms.

A blizzard swept over the Missouri valley.

The late Oregon legislature cost \$2,000,000.

Convicts in a Kansas prison mine went on a strike.

High circles in Russia are alarmed by the student riots.

Minister Wu spoke in Chicago on the civilization of China.

Other secret treaties between Russia and China come to light.

The will of General Harrison was filed for probate at Indianapolis.

The British gunboat Plover is ashore in the Yangtze river below Kin Kiang.

Extensive improvements are to be made at the state fair grounds at Salem.

The expenses of the Washington legislature exceed the appropriation by \$290.

Oregon horses for the army have made a hit with the Quartermaster's department.

Eight soldiers and customs officials were killed by an avalanche near Lake Como, Italy.

Baker City will add \$500 to the state's appropriation for a mineral exhibit at Buffalo.

Commissioner Hermann has reversed his decision in the Warner valley land case in favor of the settlers.

With a pick provided by outside friends, three prisoners confined in the city jail at Guthrie, O. T., made their escape.

Fire destroyed the Jenks Shipbuilding Company's plant, at Port Huron, Mich., entailing a loss of over \$175,000, partially covered by insurance.

Madisonville, the county seat of Hopkins county, Ky., suffered a fire loss of \$125,000 to \$150,000. Two tobacco factories were among the buildings destroyed.

Fire destroyed the leather and harness factory of the Startzman Milliken Company, Baltimore, entailing a loss of \$125,000, and did \$50,000 damage in the adjoining building, occupied by the Ferris-Neoth-Stein Company, shirt manufacturers.

Fifty Chinese passengers of the steamer Belgian King, which arrived at San Diego, Cal., from Hong Kong, have been refused a landing by Collector of Port Bowen, pending an investigation by the officers in charge of immigration. They are alleged to be students and merchants, but their credentials are questioned.

Fire at St. Louis caused \$100,000 damage.

Natives of Marinduque want civil government.

Orders were issued for dispatching regulars to Manila.

Morocco will be compelled to pay the American claims.

Natives of Tutuila ask that Tilley remain their governor.

Trias, an influential Filipino general, surrendered to the Americans.

Several girls lost their lives in a factory fire at St. Joseph, Mo.

Fighting occurred between students and Cossacks at St. Petersburg.

Fourie's commands escaped from the British net near Bloemfontein.

Loomis protests to Venezuela against further interference with Baiz.

Oregon hopgrowers are contracting this year's crop at 11 cents per pound.

Many were rendered homeless by fires at Memphis, Ind., and Bismarck, Mo.

A department of public instruction has been established in the Philippines.

The Manchurian agreement is likely to disrupt the concert of the powers.

Oil deposits near Ashland, Or., will be developed. California capitalists have invested \$25,000.

John O. Rider, inventor of the Remington rifle, died at his home in Newark, O., of heart disease, aged 74 years.

The St. Louis Steam Forge & Iron Works, better known as McDonald's Forge Works, were destroyed by fire, loss, \$100,000.

The plants of the Paragould Roller Mill Company and West Rogers Planing Mill, at Paragould, Ark., were destroyed by fire. Loss, \$250,000.

The lumber yards and saw and planing mill plant of John B. Ransom & Co., in West Nashville, Tenn., were destroyed by fire. Loss, \$140,000.

Lieutenant General Miles, who inspects in Cuba, has arrived at Havana with his party from the United States.

Nelson O. Whitney, professor of railway engineering in the university of Wisconsin, died suddenly at Madison, Wis., of heart disease, aged 43 years.

The Baltimore & Ohio railroad has ordered 105 new engines.

Florida is now thronged with visitors from the northern and western states.

In the United States regular army Spanish is spoken fluently by 304 commissioned officers, French by 224 and German by 136.

Besides King Edward there are 73 heirs to the British throne without going outside of the group of Victoria's direct descendants.

VICTIM OF LIVE WIRE.

One Fireman Killed, Three Others Badly Hurt.

PITTSBURG, Pa., March 19.—During the progress of a fire today at the corner of Duquesne Way and Fort street, one man lost his life and three others were badly hurt. The property loss will be fully \$50,000, well insured.

The fire broke out in the boiler room of the Hiram W. French Company's hair felt factory, just opposite the main exhibition building. Through some confusion, no alarm was turned in for some time, and it was fully 20 minutes after the fire was discovered before the engines reached the scene.

From the felt factory the flames jumped across the street, and in a very short time the exposition building was burning fiercely. All the firemen could do was to prevent the flames spreading. After hard work, this was accomplished, and machinery with its valuable contents, saved.

The main building was a complete wreck.

Two lumber yards adjoining the felt factory soon succumbed. Gallagher & Banker lost 1,000,000 feet of lumber, and Henry Henk 350,000 feet of valuable hardwood. Three small dwellings near the lumber yards were destroyed, but, so far as known, all the inmates escaped.

William Miller and his fellow firemen were victims of a live wire. The intense heat melted the network of wires running in every direction, and one of them in falling struck a trolley wire, the other end crossing the brass nozzle of the hose held by Miller and Snyder. Both men fell as though they had been shot. Sheckler and Griffith, in going to the rescue, were also caught, and were badly burned. When the prostrate men were reached, Miller was dead, and two of the others unconscious.

AMERICAN CONSUL ARRESTED.

Impressed by Venezuela Without Adequate Cause.

PORT OF SPAIN, Trinidad, March 19.—News has reached here that the United States consular agent at Barcelona, Venezuela, Ignacio H. Baiz, has been arrested by Venezuelan officials and imprisoned without adequate cause. This is the second time he has been treated in this fashion within the last five months, and he will resign unless protected by the Washington government. It appears that several sums of money have been forced from him by Venezuelan officials under threat of imprisonment.

The protests of Mr. Baiz to Washington seem to have met with no response thus far. Three months ago Mr. Loomis, the United States minister at Caracas, made a demand upon the Venezuelan government for an apology for the first outrage, but this communication was quite ignored.

STATE OF SIEGE PROCLAIMED.

Result of Russian Riots Promoted by Students.

ST. PETERSBURG, March 19.—In consequence of the riotous disturbances following the demonstrations promoted by university students the government has proclaimed a state of siege at Odessa, Kiev and Kharkoff. It is reliably reported here that a student died at Kharkoff from injuries sustained in the disorders of March 4 in that city. Eight hundred students of the University of St. Petersburg, virtually all remaining here, met last Friday and resolved not to attend further lectures. The police subsequently arrested 16. Four hundred students of the technological school entered the courtyard of the institution to hold a meeting, and the police inscribed their names. The mining academy is already entirely closed.

It is reported that Count Tolstol, who ever since his communication has been loudly cheered whenever he has made his appearance, is taking an active part in the disturbances at Moscow, where the situation is complicated by a strike of the operatives of several large factories.

Explosion on Ship.

New York, March 19.—The steamship New York reached her dock at 10 o'clock tonight, after a passage in which an explosion of an ammonia tank caused loss of life and much damage to the vessel. Her shaft was also broken. As a result of the explosion, 15 men were overcome by the fumes of ammonia on Thursday last, and seriously prostrated, two deaths following. Both victims were buried at sea. Several others were confined to the ship's hospital for some time, and one was still in the hospital when the ship docked.

Trial of Alleged Revs. Begun.

Constantinople, March 19.—It is officially announced here that the trial began at Salonica, March 11, of 19 Bulgarians, accused of belonging to the revolutionary committee at Sofia and fomenting disorder in Salonica, Monastir and Kosovo.

Nine New Cases of Bubonic Plague.

Cape Town, March 19.—Nine new cases of bubonic plague have been officially reported in Cape Town during the last 48 hours. Six of these were colored persons, and three Europeans.

Reward for Rescue of Explorers.

Reward, March 19.—The municipal court, of Venice, offers a prize of 20,000 lire to anti-Italian or foreign navigators who may rescue Count Franco Quirini and the Norwegian sailor who disappeared from the exploring party of the Duke of Abruzzi during his Arctic expedition in the Stella Polare. A reward of 5,000 lire is offered to any one who furnishes definite news as to the fate of the missing men.

OREGON STATE NEWS

Items of Interest From All Parts of the State.

COMMERCIAL AND FINANCIAL HAPPENINGS

A Brief Review of the Growth and Improvements of the Many Industries Throughout Our Thriving Commonwealth.

Ashland—Construction of the Ashland freight depot has begun.

Pendleton—Young men of Pendleton have organized a cornet band.

La Grande—A large fruit cannery will be established at La Grande.

John Day—The Sheep Gulch mine, near John Day, has resumed operations.

Salem—The O. R. & N. Co., whose docks were washed away, contemplate replacing them.

Eugene—Many offers are being received for Eugene school bonds, which the district will sell to the amount of \$25,000.

Summerville—It is reported that the complete outfit of new machinery for the creamery at Summerville has been ordered.

Weston—Two quarter sections of fine farming land, one and one-half miles south of Weston have changed owners. The price paid was \$13,500.

Quartzburg—Quartzburg will soon be connected with Prairie City by telephone. The wire has been stretched nearly the entire distance.

Clatsop—The Elk Creek toll road, in Clatsop county, is almost completed, and will soon be open for travel. One bridge remains to be put in.

Gold Beach—Gold Beach is now in telephone communication with the outside world. The line has been extended across the river from Wedderburn.

Eugene—A bridge on the Elmiria mill route, about eight miles west of Eugene is in a dangerous condition. It will be rebuilt as soon as the water recedes.

Ashland—S. H. Calhoun, of Ashland, has exchanged 160 acres of land near that place for a like amount of land in Klamath county belonging to G. H. Palethorpe.

Baker City—Mr. C. McEndry, who owns placer claims on Pine creek, on the Burnt river slope, has been exhibiting in Baker City a gold nugget which weighs \$107.

Pendleton—Frank Frazier is making plans for a horse parade at Pendleton early next May, similar to the one last May. All kinds of well-bred horses will be allowed to take part.

Ashland—Inquiry of lumber dealers at Ashland shows the fact that while improvements have been going on steadily all winter, building will take on a fresh impetus with the opening of spring.

Milton—High water in the Walla Walla river washed out the underpinning at the Milton end of the bridge near Brown's mill, and considerable work was necessary to repair the damage.

Sumpter—The Sumpter Valley railroad will commence work on the remaining three miles of road to the new town in a few days, and trains will be running from Baker to Whitney soon. Whitney will be the terminus of the company at present.

Eugene—Sheriff W. W. Winters rounded up a gang of 11 hobos in the woods beyond the river opposite Eugene and took them to the city jail. Residents beyond the river had complained that many of their chickens were missing. At the camp of the hobos preparations for a big chicken dinner were going on.

PORTLAND MARKETS.

Wheat—Walla Walla, 55½@56½; valley, nominal; bluestem, 59c per bushel.

Flour—Best grades, \$2.80@3.40 per barrel, gram, \$2.50.

Oats—White 44@45c per bushel; gray, 42@43c.

Barley—Feed, \$16.50@17; brewing, \$16.50@17 per ton.

Millstuffs—Bran, \$16 per ton; middlings, \$21.50; shorts, \$17.50; chop, \$16.

Hay—Timothy, \$12@12.50; clover, \$7@9.50; Oregon wild hay, \$6@7 per ton.

Butter—Fancy creamery, 22½@25c; dairy, 18@20c; store, 11@13c per dozen.

Eggs—Oregon ranch, 12½c per dozen.

Poultry—Chickens, mixed, \$3.50@5; hens, \$5@5.50, dressed, 11@12c per pound; spring, \$4@5 per dozen; ducks, \$5@6; geese, \$6@8 per dozen; turkeys, live, 9@10c; dressed, 13@14c per pound.

Potatoes—45@55c per sack.

Mutton—Gross, best sheep, wethers, \$4.75; ewes, \$4@4.50; dressed, 6½@7c per pound.

Hogs—Gross, choice hewer, 5@5.25; light, \$4.75@5; dressed, 6@7c per pound.

Veal—Large, 7@7½c per pound; small, 8¼@9c per pound.

Beef—Gross, top steers, \$4.50@4.75; cows, \$4@4.50; dressed beef, 7@8c per pound.

Hops—12@14c per pound; 1899 crop, 6@7c.

Wool—Valley, 14@15c; Eastern Oregon, 9@12c; mohair, 21@23c per pound.

HOP SITUATION.

Old Crop Sold and New Crop Being Contracted in Yakima Valley.

NORTH YAKIMA, Wash., March 20.—The hop crop of 1900 has been sold, and contracts are being made for the output of Yakima for the coming season. Buyers from Portland are here clearing up the remainder of last year. They report only 4 bales of the crop of 1900 on hand. The last sales ranged about 14 cent although some have been made at 15 cents a pound. The indication are favorable for a good crop this year. All the yards are being cleaned and put in shape. Estimates place the Yakima acreage at 2,400, yielding an average of 1,600 pounds.

One of the most important items for the introduction of the hop men is the introduction of the Yakima variety, Senator A. Heimlich, of the State Brewing & Malting Company conducted a series of experiments last season, and demonstrated that the imitation of the celebrated Bohemian hops could be made.

Yakima. The hops were cured with out artificial heat or sulphur, as were used in making a choice of Yakima beer. It is claimed that such hops sell in Seattle for 54 cent a pound.

The Yakima crop for 1901 is placed at from 18,900 to 20,000 bales of 50 pounds each. Contracts are being made at 11 cents for all that can be produced. None but small growers, however, are selling at any price. The season and none will be planted for other crops. Growers state that hops may be produced and prepared for market for 8 cents per pound. When sold at 11 cents they make fair profit.

Higher this fall; hence those having large yards are not anxious to contract the coming crop for less than 15 cents.

OUTLAWRY IN THE PHILIPPINES.

Methods Pursued by Tagals to Terrorize Peaceful Natives.

WASHINGTON, March 20.—The records in the cases of 34 Filipino natives, charged with various offenses against military discipline in the Philippines, including murder, treason and other crimes, were received at the war department today. The records make plain the methods pursued by the insurgents to terrorize the native inhabitants of the islands, and show cases of atrocities committed upon the latter, which they declined to comply with the demands of the exactions of the so-called Filipino government.

In one case nine insurgent sympathizers, fully armed, seized in the night a family of five persons and the murder of innocent Philipinos by an insurgent lieutenant, a native wife was seized, bound and made to sit down while a soldier "held his head with a knife cut his throat." The murderer was condemned to be hanged. Most of the other cases were the murder of innocent Philipinos by alleged soldiers and officers of the insurgent army, several of whom are described as notorious bandits and outlaws. The most atrocious, according to the records, is that of Eusebio Rojas, who was sentenced to be hanged, by a lieutenant of the insurgent army in the command of Alejandro. Rojas claimed to exercise summary justice over the lives and property of the natives who did not bear arms against the United States, and conceived it to be his duty to murder peaceful and law-abiding people living within his so-called military jurisdiction.

Iowa Falls, Ia., March 20.—The machinists and boiler makers employed at the Burlington, Cedar Rapids & Northern shops, in this city, have walked out, and will not return to work until the differences between the employes and officials are adjusted. This action follows the arrest of a local union member, and it is reported it will be followed by the men at Estherville, Watertown, Albert Lea and other division points.

Fifteen Cars Wrecked. Freight train No. 58 was badly wrecked at Newaukum station, three miles south of Chenails, at 1 o'clock. Fifteen cars were wrecked and a pusher engine turned over on the side. There were no fatalities. A wrecking train is now at work, but the track will not be cleared until early tomorrow morning. Passengers on the train bound in both directions were transferred tonight.

An Engagement in Panay. Michael Walsh, a force commander, by Captain Shanks, of the Eighteenth Infantry, has had an engagement with the followers of Diocino, a noted Tagal leader, in Capiz province, island of Panay. Two of the rebels were killed and three, including Diocino, were wounded.

MEETING OF THE ENVOYS. Little Accomplished by the Ministers at Pekin.

PEKIN, March 20.—Little was accomplished at today's meeting of the foreign ministers, on account of the delay of the various governments in agreeing to the conclusions reached in the matter of indemnity claims. No minister is allowed full liberty to act being ad referendum. The court ceremonial on the reception of ministers was the subject of conversation, but nothing definite was decided upon.

Storm in Porto Rico. San Juan, Porto Rico, March 20.—A heavy storm prevails here. Two inches of rain fell last night in two hours. The wind is blowing 31 miles an hour from the northwest. The rain ceased at daylight, but the wind still continues. The railroad is tied up in serious washouts. Telegraphic communication with the north and west shores is partially interrupted. The damage done by the storm is undoubtedly more severe in the interior.

Shot by Desperadoes. Red Rock, Okla., March 20.—Albert Bateman was shot and killed at 8:30 o'clock tonight by two desperadoes in his store of Swartz & Co. The desperadoes were robbing the store, when Mr. Bateman, who is the manager of the Foster Lumber Company's yard at this point, happened to step in, and, taking in the situation, opened fire on them, wounding one of them in the arm. Both the robbers opened fire on him, and he fell, pierced by two balls. The robbers secured \$250, and made their escape. Officers from Ponca and Perry have started in pursuit.

A New Canal Treaty. Washington, March 20.—Secretary Hay had a long conference today with Senator Morgan respecting Isthmian canal matters and the advisability of reopening negotiations for a treaty with Great Britain on the subject. The secretary is losing no opportunity of acquainting himself with the views of senators on this subject, and the conference today is only one of nearly a dozen he has had on the same subject with leading senators and representatives since the adjournment of congress.

MUST RELEASE BAIZ

Other Secret Treaties Between Russia and China.

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NEGOTIATIONS OFF

Botha Rejects the Peace Terms Offered Him.

LONDON, March 21.—Joseph Chamberlain, the colonial secretary, informed the house of commons that General Botha has rejected the peace terms offered him. General Botha, Mr. Chamberlain said, conveyed the information in a letter to General Kitchener, in which he announced that he was not disposed to recommend the terms of peace General Kitchener was instructed to offer him to the earnest consideration of his government. General Botha added that his government and its chiefs officers entirely agreed with his view. The issuance of parliamentary papers on the negotiations is delayed. General Botha's refusal to accept the peace terms offered him is commented upon with an evident sense of relief. The idea that Lord Kitchener initiated the negotiations instead of General Botha, as had been supposed, is unpalatable to British press. The Daily Mail, under the editorial caption, "Our Rejected Suit," asks why the government instructed Lord Kitchener to sue for peace after the murder of the peace envoys, and concludes as follows: "Let the utmost, and let further reinforcements be prepared for they may be needed; but, above all, let us have no more 'negotiation.'"

Bruce-Hamilton at Wepener. Mafeking, Basutoiland, March 21.—General Bruce-Hamilton's force, which is sweeping over the southeast portion of Orange River colony, has reached Wepener, where the troops found heavy stocks of grain and cattle. They carried away as much as possible, but destroyed 3,000 bags of grain. The houses at Wepener were found to be intact.

Recruits for South Africa. Ottawa, Ont., March 21.—The 1,000 men recently recruited for police service in South Africa will leave here Sunday next and will sail from Halifax the 26th.

Mounted Maxim Gun. Cape Town, March 21.—The military authorities here approve the new invention of a Maxim gun mounted on a motor car for immediate service.

SKAGWAY-JUNEAU CABLE. Advertisements for Proposals Being Prepared.

WASHINGTON, March 20.—Now that the war department has funds available, it is the purpose to push work as rapidly as possible on the telegraph cable from Skagway to Juneau, Alaska. This cable, approximately 125 miles long, is to be laid by contract with funds made available at the last session of congress. In his last annual report to the secretary, the chief signal officer, Brigadier-General A. W. Greely, strongly recommended the laying of such a cable, saying there was a pressing need for a cable between these