

## NEWS SUMMARY.

The plague is still spreading through out Australia.

A fair in China are in a state of extraordinary quiescence.

The City of Mexico experienced a slight earthquake last week.

Plague has again broken out in Japan nearly all cases proving fatal.

Three persons were killed and two seriously injured during a windstorm at St. Paul, Minn.

Two men were killed and seven injured by the explosion of an engine on the Illinois Central at Dubois, Ill.

Germany's commerce with the world in all commodities, except the precious metals, amounted last year to \$2,186,944,000.

The London Express advocates the ostracism of Richard Croker in England in revenge for Tammany's attitude on the Boer war.

More "Boxer" outrages are reported sixty miles north of Tien Tsin, where a number of native Christians have been massacred.

The Sultan of Turkey will send to Crown Prince Frederick William, by a high Ottoman dignitary, the intiaz order, set in diamonds.

Hongkong police have confiscated large quantities of firearms and ammunition intended for distribution among the lawless classes in China.

The queen has issued a proclamation permitting trade between the South African colonies and the portions of the Orange Free State now occupied by the British.

Three warships will accompany President Roca of Argentina to France, and after a six weeks' stay in Paris Mr. Roca will come to the United States, landing at New York.

After writing a note of farewell to his former sweetheart, Harry Barrett, a prosperous Chicago business man and heir to an estate worth \$75,000, took carbolic acid and died.

Fifteen thousand Mohammedans, all weavers, met in Benares and endorsed a memorial to the India government against the plague rules, declaring that these were contrary to the laws of Mohammed.

The Secretary of the Interior has received information that the Indians on Tongue river, in Montana, are becoming restless, and that an incipient "Messiah craze" has made its appearance there.

Mr. Jones of Virginia has introduced a resolution directing the secretary of war to furnish information in connection with the Neeley disclosures in Cuba. It follows the Bacon resolution in the Senate.

In the British house of Lords the secretary for war, the Marquis of Lansdowne, introduced a bill to extend the powers of the volunteer act by providing that volunteers may be mobilized in any great emergency.

The present agitation in Spain because of increased taxes will subside, says former Minister Woodford, as soon as King Alfonso's subjects realize that the additional revenue is necessary to maintain the national honor.

The future for the fruit business in Porto Rico is bright. Frost is unknown in Porto Rico, and her fruit capacity has never been tested. Fruits have never been cultivated there because there has been absolutely no market.

The Supreme court of Nebraska has cited Edward Rosewater, of the Omaha Bee to appear June 5th and answer for contempt based on the publication in the Bee of four articles relating to the connection of Gov. Poynter and Judge Holcomb with the pending fire and Police Commission case.

Two hundred and thirty-five cases of the bubonic plague have thus far been officially reported in Sydney. Of these seventy-nine have proved fatal. A second death from the plague has occurred at Rockhampton, Queensland.

Mrs. Emma Nevada, the famous singer, is entertaining in Cleveland, O., a sister whom she met for the first time in twenty-eight years. Woven in with the story of the meeting of the two sisters is a pretty romance of the fulfillment of a dying mother's request, a trust which Mrs. Nevada discharged.

A semi-official government organ in Lisbon declares that the Delagoa railway bonds form part of the guarantee of a loan which the Paris committee of the Portuguese Tobacco company has granted to Portugal to pay the Delagoa award.

The state department knows nothing of the reported detention of American canned beef at Lourenco Marques, and a purpose on the part of the United States consul to make a protest against the action of the Portuguese authorities in this matter.

The English chancellor of the exchequer, Sir Michael Hicks-Beach, speaking at Bristol, congratulated the audience on the fact that "the cloud of war was fairly lifting and that there were streaks of light portending a glorious dawn."

Returning officers and men of the army, according to Yokohama advices, disagree with the optimistic views of the Philippine situation lately held by the press and the public, and say everything seems to point to a long and devastating guerrilla warfare.

## ST. LOUIS RIOTS.

Governor Stephens Lays Blame for Them to Cheap Politicians.

Riots of striking street car men still continue at St. Louis, and are beyond control of the police. Since the trouble began three persons have been shot and killed, sixteen wounded by bullets, and thirty-one otherwise injured. Governor Stephens, in a published interview, blames politicians for the lawlessness. He says:

"I am satisfied the trouble along the street car lines and the whole spirit of anarchy which I find prevails so largely in the city of St. Louis at present is being fomented and extended by a certain coterie of Democratic politicians, who hope by their course to in some manner make gains in the approaching party primaries. This element is sending speakers to meetings held to express sympathy for the strikers all over the city, and if not counseling disorder, it is at least materially encouraging it.

"These persons are responsible for the many effigies of myself and the police authorities which I find dangling from poles and trolley lines. It is as a result of their movements that I have received many letters threatening my life should I continue to do my duty and provide officers to keep the peace.

"I desire you to say further that if, as governor of Missouri, with all the power vested in that office for the purpose, I can put an end to the disgraceful—I may say abominable—condition that prevails in St. Louis, I shall employ every iota of that power. The first step would naturally be to call on the sheriff for assistance; the second to call on the military of the state. I shall not hesitate to perform either duty, if, after further conference with the duly delegated authorities in the city, I shall come to the conclusion that other and lesser means cannot restore the city to order.

"The cars are not running at night; they should be. The cars are not running on a number of the lines, and are not running in full complement on any of them; this cannot be allowed to continue. The shooting down of innocent citizens, the stoning of cars, the cutting of wires, the loading of lines with effigies, riot and disorder of every unlawful kind must cease."

## BOERS ARE MYSTERIOUS.

Keep British Guessing as to Their Plans—Vote on Continuance of War Being Taken.

What the Boers are doing is an absolute mystery. The embargo of news out of Pretoria is complete. Such shreds of information as the correspondents at Lourenco Marques have picked up do not illuminate the Boer designs and dispositions further than that the movement toward Lydenburg continues and that a referendum on the question of continuing the war is going on among the Boer fighting men. It may be a fortnight before the results of this singular vote are fully before the Transvaal government. If the English view of Boer discouragement is one-half right, the Boers will vote to quit.

## BIG MINING ENTERPRISE.

One About to Develop in German West Africa.

Cecil Rhodes, Alfred Beit and Julius Wernher, with other South African millionaires, are about to develop a gigantic mining enterprise in German West Africa. It is said that gold, silver, copper and lead have been found in abundance within 400 miles of Walvisch bay. One hundred thousand pounds will be spent in prospecting, and then, if the results warrant the outlay, \$2,000,000 pounds will be expended in constructing a railway.

## NEELEY'S DEFOCALCATION.

Inspectors Thus Far Charged up Against Him \$65,000.

According to information received from Havana, the authorities there are making progress in unearthing frauds against the postal revenues. A report has been received from Special Agents Seyboul and Williams, in which they charge Neeley with not accounting for stamps, moneys, property, etc., aggregating more than \$65,000. There are five counts in the charge against Mr. Neeley.

## MCLELLAN'S BOOM.

Candidacy of Congressman for Bryan's Running Mate Announced.

The candidacy of Representative George B. McClellan of New York for the Democratic vice presidential nomination is announced by his friends in congress. Among those who are urging Mr. McClellan's nomination are Representatives Stallings and Underwood of Alabama, Maddox and Tate of Georgia, Cowherd of Missouri, Bellamy and Norton of South Carolina, Ruppert, Chandler, Driggs and Fitzgerald of New York and De Vries of California.

## CORN FOR STARVING.

Kansas Sends 20,000 Bushels to Famine Sufferers.

A gayly decorated train of twenty-nine cars left Topeka, Kansas, Thursday over the Rock Island road carrying 20,000 bushels of corn to the famine sufferers of India. There was a big crowd at the depot as the train pulled out. A local band played and Assistant Attorney-General West made a speech. There was a liberal display of flags and streamers on the cars.

## NEGRO LYNCHED AT PUEBLO.

Murdered Two Little Girls and Seriously Wounded His Wife.

Calvin Kimblern, for the murder of two little white girls at the Fries Orphan's home at Pueblo last Sunday morning and the serious wounding of his wife, was lynched Wednesday morning.

The cold-blooded manner of the slaying of the children had wrought the people up to a high pitch of excitement, and when it was added by reports, whether accurate it is not known, that physicians who have examined the bodies of the dead children found indubitable evidence that they had been ravished, set the populace wild and resulted in the lynching. Kimblern was caught in Denver, and a mob of 1,500 men stayed up until 1:30 a. m., to meet the passenger train, when they took the negro from the officers and hanged him to a telegraph pole near the center of the town.

## CANNOT BOYCOTT CHINESE.

Sweeping Injunction Against Butte Labor Unions.

Judge Knowles handed down a decision in the United States court perpetually enjoining the labor unions of Butte now boycotting the Chinese. The injunction is very sweeping. It restrains all people from combining or conspiring to injure or destroy the business of the Chinaman, or from threatening, coercing or injuring those patronizing Chinamen. The defendants are forbidden to carry or haul transparencies or banners through the streets intended to injure the Chinamen, or from remaining about the Chinese business houses and soliciting people not to deal there. It is said the Butte Chinamen will ask damages for the loss of business already sustained.

## TO ABSTAIN FROM VOTING.

Democratic Union Party in Cuba Will Not Cast Ballot.

The organizing committee of the Democratic Union party of Cuba has decided to recommend that the members of the party abstain from voting at the coming elections. The party leaders contend that the election preparations are being carried out in such an unfair way as to make it impossible for the opponents of those in power to get a hearing. On the other hand, it is asserted that the real motive underlying this action is the conviction of the leaders of the Democratic Union party that, as the Spaniards will refuse to vote, the party has no hope of success.

## GRANT STATUE UNVEILED.

Gift of the G. A. R. to the Nation Accepted by Congress.

A statue of General U. S. Grant was unveiled in the rotunda of the national capitol Saturday. It is a gift of the G. A. R. veterans to the nation. Work of collecting funds for the statue was commenced in 1885. None but G. A. R. men were permitted to contribute, and no contribution of more than 15 cents was accepted. The ceremonies were witnessed by few save officials and members of the Grant family. Eulogies of the great soldier were delivered in both branches of congress by veterans of both the Union and Confederate armies.

The statue is surrounded by those of Jefferson, Hamilton and Lincoln, in a more honored position than is generally accorded.

## ST. LOUIS STREET CAR MEN ENJOINED.

An injunction directed against striking street car men of St. Louis who have been rioting for several days, has been issued. It commands the strikers to refrain from doing anything whatever, that will delay or obstruct the operation of mail cars in the gathering or distribution of the mails.

Everything prayed for in the petition was granted. The only point not covered in the injunction which the company would possibly have asked, is that the strikers be enjoined from all interference with the running of passenger cars.

## NEELEY ARRESTED.

Cuban Postal Embezzler Arrested at New York.

Charles F. W. Neeley, former chief financial agent of the postoffice department at Havana, was arrested by a United States marshal at New York on a warrant issued by the United States Circuit Judge Lacombe in a civil suit against Neeley by the United States. He is charged with the wrongful conversion of \$35,500. His bail was fixed at \$50,000. Neeley left Havana for Mexico as soon as he learned that his accounts were to be investigated.

Fighting Paper Continue in Germany. The recently organized printing paper syndicate in Germany having raised prices, the crown paper publishers have decided, in carrying out their scheme, to supply themselves, to construct co-operative factories.

## FIGHT TO THE FINISH.

President Kruger Says There Are No Thoughts of Surrender.

The Transvaal government has informed the correspondents at Pretoria that it has not considered and does not intend to consider unconditional surrender, but will fight to the finish. The foreign consuls have been informed that Johannesburg will be defended and the government announces that it will not hold itself responsible for injury to property resulting from the defense measures.

## KENTUCKY CASE SETTLED.

United States Supreme Court Dismisses Case for Want of Jurisdiction.

The United States supreme court has decided the Kentucky governorship case in favor of Governor Beckham, dismissing the writ of error from the Kentucky court of appeals.

The opinion was handed down by Chief Justice Fuller. It stated that the case was dismissed for want of jurisdiction for the reason that contests for state officers must necessarily be settled by the political branch of the government. That branch had acted in the Kentucky case when the general assembly took jurisdiction. There was no appeal from the assembly's decision, which was favorable to Goebel and Beckham, except to the tribunal of the people, which tribunal, the chief justice said, was always in session. He also said the case was purely a state case—that Kentucky was in the full possession of its faculties as a member of the Union, and that there was no emergency at this time calling for interference. Four justices dissented.

## AGUINALDO HEARD FROM.

Issues a Proclamation Regarding New Philippine Commission.

A proclamation purporting to have been issued by Aguinaldo, and dated May 4, from Polillo island, one of the Philippine group east of Luzon, is circulating in Manila.

It says the commission appointed by President McKinley was appointed without the authorization of congress, and that hence it cannot treat officially. It urges the Filipinos not to surrender their arms at the instigation of the commission and on promises which congress may not ratify, and also urges the Filipinos to enthusiastically welcome the commission when it arrives in the towns and provinces and ask boldly for the form of government they most desire, as the Americans permit freedom of speech. The proclamation closes with asking the Filipinos to strive for liberty and independence and again warns the commission against deception.

## IDAHO DEMOCRATS SPLIT.

Bolt from the Shoshone, Ida., County Convention.

The Democratic county convention of Shoshone County, Idaho, split over temporary organization and over half of the delegates walked out. Those remaining elected delegates to the state conventions at Lewiston and Pocatello.

A resolution passed denounces "the infamous permit system which denies to workmen their inherent right and manhood before being permitted to seek employment, and which deprives innocent men who have families to support the right to labor for their maintenance."

The bolters formed a separate convention, elected delegates and adopted a resolution commending Governor Stenmenberg for his course in the Coeur d'Alene strike.

## WILL NOT INTERVENE.

Secretary Hay Refuses Boer Envoys, But Declines to Intervene.

The state department has met the issue raised by the coming to Washington of the Boer delegation, by declining to intervene in behalf of the South African republics in the present struggle.

The conference of Boer delegates with Secretary Hay lasted about an hour. At the end of that time the delegates retired. They said they had no statement to make. The secretary informed them that the tender of good offices, previously made, was as far as this government could go.

## DEALING WITH NEELEY.

Congress Called Upon to Enact Law to Meet the Case.

In accordance with the request of Attorney-General Griggs, the judiciary committee of the house has considered means to deal with the Neeley case, the Cuban postal frauds, and like offenses arising in Cuba. The need of action was suggested by the attorney-general in a letter to Chairman Ray of the committee. A bill has been drawn looking to the extradition of Neeley, there being no treaty with Cuba.

## CUBAN EMBEZZLER CONFESSES.

One of the Conspirators to Loot Postal Funds Gives Away Plot.

W. H. Reeves, deputy auditor of posts for the island, made a confession at midnight and gave up \$4,500 given to him by Neeley, the financial agent of posts at Havana, to perform certain services the day he left. General Wood and the postal inspectors refuse to disclose the nature of the confession, barely admitting that a confession has been made. It is claimed that \$1,400 has been recovered.

## LEAVING PRETORIA.

Women and Children Being Sent Away from Boer Capital.

British horsemen, according to a dispatch from Lourenco Marques, are now close to the Vaal river, within forty miles of Johannesburg. The migration from Pretoria has begun. Women and children are being sent in trains to Machadodorp on the way to Lydenburg. Trains are arriving at Lourenco Marques filled with passengers, among whom are many Germans who are bound for Europe.

## ILLINOIS MURDERER CAUGHT AT SALT LAKE.

Samuel Moser, Who Killed His Family in Illinois, Attempted Suicide and Fell Into Hands of the Police.

Samuel Moser, who murdered his wife and children at Horton, Illinois, May 13, was taken into custody at Salt Lake and given into the hands of Illinois officers. Moser endeavored to commit suicide by shooting and end his misery, but his aim was poor and hardly produced a flesh wound.

Sunday morning at daybreak, Moser, wet to the skin and with blood streaming from his head, was found on Second South street by Officer Palmer, who took him to the station. He freely declared that he was the murderer, and that he had attempted suicide as a consequence. He said that he had gone down to the bridge over the Jordan at the intersection of Second South and Teuth West, stood on the bridge, shot himself and fell into the water. The wound, however, was sufficient only to slightly skin him, and he got out as quickly as he could.

While the police were loth for a time to believe the man's statements, looking upon them as the ravings of a mind diseased, a search of his dripping clothing revealed the fact that he had told the truth.

Moser's crime was a revolting one. He tells the story as follows: "I killed my wife, one son of seven years, another of five years and the baby of the family, aged eight months. I was alone during a portion of the day, my wife and children having gone to the Omish church, of which her father is one of the preachers. She came home about 6 o'clock and went into the cellar. I followed her down and shot her. Then I took my oldest boy into the bedroom and shot him. I called the next boy to me, told him to go into the pantry. I think it was, when I shot him also as he turned his back toward me. I could not do it with him looking at me, you know. Then came the baby. I took one shot at her as she lay in the bed, but I do not believe that I hit her the first time, so I fired twice more. Then I knew that she was dead.

"Then I went down into the cellar where the body of my wife was lying and covered it up with a piece of old carpet. I threw some clothes over the bodies of the children, leaving them where they fell, locked up the house and started away.

"I reached here Thursday morning. Last night I went down to the river, stood on the bridge, shot myself in the head and fell in. The cold water revived me and I crawled out. When I found out that the wound was not fatal, I concluded to try again, but could not find my pistol. So I wandered back up town."

Moser's mind is evidently unbalanced, and he was probably insane when the deed was committed. To the police he said he did not care what became of him, as he had nothing to live for.

## SAN FRANCISCO HAS PLAGUE.

Six Deaths Have Occurred—Energistic Measures to Prevent Its Spread.

The board of health has adopted a resolution declaring that bubonic plague exists in San Francisco. The health authorities say that while there are no living cases there has been six deaths during the past three months, and they have decided to take precautions against the development and spread of the disease. A force of physicians has gone through Chinatown to treat the Chinese with haffkine prophylactic, as a preventative against the plague.

When it became known in Chinatown that the board of health had determined to inoculate the residents of the Chinese section, groups of Chinese gathered on every corner and denounced the action of the board as outrageous. Some of the more wealthy of the indignant Chinese hurried their families into hacks and other vehicles, in an attempt to send them out of the district. Some of them succeeded in getting as far as the city limits, where they were stopped by the police.

Assistant Surgeon A. S. Lloyd, of the United States marine hospital at Chicago, has been ordered to San Francisco to assist in the work of preventing the spread of the plague if it should break out. Assistant Surgeon Ammas of Detroit has left Detroit for Honolulu on a similar mission.

## AMERICANS AMBUSHED.

Two Americans Killed and Three Wounded Near Aquasau.

Five hundred insurgents, half of whom were armed with rifles, ambushed eighty scouts of the Fortieth volunteer infantry in the hills near Aquasau, in the northern part of Mindanao. The Americans routed the natives, killing fifty-one. The American casualties were two killed and three wounded.

## Arrested for Committing Murder in Utah.

L. U. Reavis, a horse dealer, has been arrested at Redding, Cal., for complicity in the murder of an old man named Thomas Sandall at Layton, Utah, March 25, 1899. Reavis and a man named Haworth planned to rob a store in which Sandall was sleeping. They blew the old man's brains out and fled. Haworth was arrested at Portland, Or., last December. All trace of Reavis was lost until he was discovered at Redding, where he located eight months ago as a horse dealer.

## NORTHWEST NOTES.

William Patterson, a waiter, fell from a window in the Lexington hotel, Tacoma, Wash., last week and died soon after from injuries received.

William T. Wykes of Carbondale, Ill., has been arrested in St. Louis charged with the embezzlement of \$5,000 from the firm of Whitney & Co., of San Francisco.

John Collins who robbed the First National bank of Seattle of \$5,000 some weeks ago, has pleaded guilty to the crime. Lawrence Parker, his alleged partner, is on trial.

While a fire at the Addison mill, Tacoma, was in progress last week a stairway, which was crowded with people watching the fire, fell. Nine persons were injured.

Dr. J. D. Campbell, grand master of the I. O. O. F. for the state of Nevada has left Piocha forELY, Nev. The doctor contemplates visiting every lodge in the state before he returns.

Charles Pointer and Mattie Beecher, at Cheyenne last week, pleaded guilty to selling liquor to the Crow Indians. They were sentenced to sixty days in jail and to pay a fine of \$100 and costs.

Mrs. William Newton Wallace, Idaho, shot and killed a negro last week, while he was trying to force his way into her house. The man was a blind pencil seller. His name is unknown.

E. C. Morrison shot and killed his brother, M. B. Morrison, at their home two miles east of Edmonds, Wash., on Wednesday. The trouble grew out of a game of cards. The men began a pistol duel at 100 feet. Eight shots were fired, only one of which took effect. The murderer is under arrest.

Miss Ida Foss, a school teacher, aged 25 years, was shot and instantly killed at Hood River, Oregon, by Benjamin Wagnitz. He was jealous of Miss Foss and tried to stab her, but not being successful he secured a rifle and shot her. After carrying the body into the house he blew his own brains out with the rifle.

Col. I. N. Peyton of Spokane has been elected president of the Central Navigation and Construction company to succeed William J. Harris. This is the company that is building a portage road on the Columbia between The Dalles and Celilo and constructing steamers to run on the river. Two hundred thousand dollars additional has been appropriated toward completing the undertaking.

Rev. J. W. Brackenburg, pastor of the Methodist church at Prosser, Wash., found his eloping wife and her paramour at Spokane. The women came there with a man giving the name of Fred Dingle and the couple were arrested on a charge of adultery. The police say Dingle is Wilson, alias George Brown, a well-known crook. When Rev. Brackenburg faced his wife in jail she gave a cry and fainted.

Harry Simmons, who recently arrived at Leadville, Colo., from London to work for his brother-in-law, Thomas Crocombe, a well known mining man, committed suicide last week by firing a bullet into his heart. His little niece, a child of ten years, attempted to take the gun from him when she saw what he was doing, but he broke away from her and fired the fatal shot. He leaves a family in England. Despondency over sickness was the cause.

The search which United States Indian Agent Nickerson of Shoshone agency, near Lander, Wyo., has been conducting for several weeks for the two boys who ran away from the government boarding school at that place resulted in the finding of the body of the eldest in a gulch between Bull lake and Big Wind river. The boy had traveled over thirty miles and was still ten miles from home. It is thought the body of the other and younger boy will be found in the adjacent rocks, where he may have tried to shield himself from the storm.

The first case brought under the new Wyoming law which prohibits the bringing of sheep into the State without first notifying the State Board of Sheep Commissioners and have the sheep inspected was lost by the State. Davis Crawford a small owner was the defendant and it was shown at the trial that a number of large owners had driven sheep into the State in violation of the law and had not been prosecuted. This it is believed had considerable weight with the jury which promptly acquitted Crawford. This case was tried at Green River.

Walter Williams, deputy coroner at Denver, Colo., shot and killed William A. Downer, the proprietor of a bathhouse at 1539 Arapahoe street and then killed himself one day last week. Domestic trouble is given as the cause of the shooting.

The United States grand jury failed to find a true bill in the case of Postmaster E. S. Drury of Grand Encampment, Wyo. Drury was charged with opening letters addressed to another, but it was found the letters were for his partner in business.

Dick Oglesby of Helena, and Jerry McCarthy of Butte, fought twenty rounds to a draw last week at Walkerville, a suburb of Butte, Montana. Both are lightweights. The fight was pronounced the best ever seen there, both men being clever.