

THE TELEGRAPH SUMMARY

NEWS OF THE WORLD IN BRIEF.

A Complete Review of the Events of the Past Week—In This and Foreign Lands—Taken From the Latest Dispatches.

Orders have been issued for the building of several new French war vessels.

The grand duchess, Olga Alexandrovna, the youngest sister of the czar, has been betrothed to Prince Peter Alexandrovitch of Oldenburg.

Charles H. Rowan, the ex-matrimonial agent, has been found guilty at Milwaukee of an attempt to bribe United States officials by a jury. It is claimed he offered \$2500 to the officials.

John Henderson, the negro who outraged and murdered Mrs. Younger several days ago, after making a complete confession, was burned at the stake by a mob in the presence of more than 5000 persons at Corsicana, Tex.

The new battleship Illinois has returned from her builders' trial. Weather conditions were favorable. Behavior of ship and performance of engines, machinery and boilers under natural forced draught most satisfactory.

At Spellman, Ga., the body of Sherman Harris, a negro, was found recently swinging from a tree alongside the Spellman road six miles below town. Harris killed Sidney King, a merchant and farmer, in an altercation the day before.

King Edward has appointed the duke of Abercorn, Lord Wolsley, the earl of Mount Edgcombe and Earl Carrington special ambassadors to inform the foreign courts that Queen Victoria is dead and that King Edward has acceded to the throne.

The United States transport Buford has arrived at San Francisco from the Philippines. She brought 75 discharged soldiers and civil employes from Manila and 85 of the Twenty-seventh volunteers. On March 10 Private Gustav Zewer of Company I jumped overboard with suicidal intent. His body was not recovered.

Private George Cupples, Company D, Nineteenth infantry, was tried by court martial at Cebu, P. I., and found guilty of desertion in violation of the 47th article of war. He was sentenced to be shot. The president has issued an order commuting the sentence to dishonorable discharge from the service of the United States, with forfeiture of all pay and allowances, and confinement at hard labor for seven years in Bilibid military prison at Manila.

Speaker Frank A. Corbett of the Montana legislature is dying in Butte of nervous prostration without having signed the journal of the house proceedings and serious complications may result. The journal was taken to Butte by Secretary of State Hays and State Auditor Calderhead for signature but they were not allowed to see Corbett or get a signature, so they brought the book back.

At Stuart, Idaho, John L. Morrison was shot and killed by Daniel L. McGann recently. A difficulty had existed for some time between McGann and a Swede, Nelson Hether, concerning the possession of a piece of land. Hether had built a cabin and yesterday, accompanied by Morrison, who had championed the right of Hether against McGann, was hauling rails upon the tract and was assisted by Morrison in the work.

Two communications from Andrew Carnegie, which officially made public tell of the steel king's retirement from active business life and of his donation of \$5,000,000 for the endowment of a fund for superannuated and disabled employes of the Carnegie company. This benefaction is by far the largest of the many created by Mr. Carnegie, and is probably without a counterpart anywhere in the world. This fund will in no wise interfere with the continuance of the savings fund established by the company 15 years ago for the benefit of its employes. In this latter fund nearly \$2,000,000 of the employes' savings are on deposit, upon which the company by contract pays 6 per cent and loans money to the workmen to build their own homes.

Andrew Carnegie has offered \$50,000 to Kewanee for a library building there.

General Dewet's commando has been broken up at Senekal, Orange River Colony.

Prisoners who have lately been released by General Dewet say they think he is a mad man.

The Great Northern will start work immediately on its railroad to Republic. The final preliminaries have been completed.

Captain Bowman McCalla, now in command of the Newark in Asiatic waters, has been ordered home to take command of the new battleship Kearsarge.

Three women, followed by a crowd of a hundred men, completely demolished all of the property of a jointist at Connors Station, 15 miles west of Kansas City, Kan.

Captain James H. Dayton, now on special duty in connection with the court of inquiry to look into the grounding of the Dixie, has been designated to command the Newark, succeeding Captain McCalla.

An order has been sent to General Chaffee for the evacuation of China by American troops, leaving only a legation guard of 150 men. The troops will be removed from China the last of April.

Highwayman at Wichita, Kan., held up a late College Hill car and robbed

it. They shot Motorman Haggart in the head when he looked out upon them. They secured only \$10 in money, and not satisfied with that, took a watch.

Andrew Carnegie has offered to donate \$1,000,000 for the building of a new public library in St. Louis. The offer is similar to many others which Mr. Carnegie has made to cities throughout the United States and abroad.

The Russians at Tientsin took possession of the railway siding and armed sentries are now guarding it. General Barrow (second in command of the British forces) hesitates to act, apparently, in the absence of General Gaselee, feeling sure that bloodshed would ensue.

Andrew Carnegie, who, since retiring as an active figure in the steel world, has been able to devote his time exclusively to his other passion—the founding of libraries—has made his departure for Europe this spring memorable by the largest offer of that kind ever advanced. If New York will provide the sites and the maintenance he has promised to give \$5,200,000 to establish 65 branch libraries in this city. The offer was made in a letter to Dr. John S. Billings, director of the New York library.

Three lives sacrificed, nearly a dozen men more or less injured and many thousands of dollars of damage were the results of a fierce fire in the Daily Advertiser and Record seven story front building in Newspaper Row, Boston, recently. How the fire started is not known, but it was first seen in the pressroom, spreading to the elevator well and darting to the top so rapidly that before the occupants of the two upper floors were aware that the building was on fire their rooms were filled with flames and smoke. In the editorial rooms on the sixth floor there were but five men. All had to run for their lives.

Harvard and Yale have challenged Oxford and Cambridge for a regular set of track games to be held in New York during the early part of next July.

Andrew Carnegie has offered \$20,000 for a public library at Windsor, Ont., the city to furnish a site and to appropriate \$2500 annually for maintenance.

Seven persons were burned to death recently at Cascade, Quebec, as the result of an explosion of a coal oil stove in the house of John Gauthier, of Gauthier & Miller, merchants.

The prospects of peace are still considered hopeful. The Boer losses last month were 160 killed, 400 wounded and 1000 captured and surrendered. Owing to the heavy rains General French's transport difficulties are still unchanged.

New York, March 17.—The American line steamship New York, which left Southampton and Cherbourg on March 8, arrived in quarantine tonight and, although the officers reported no accident, it was learned from a passenger that there had been an accident on board in which 33 persons were scalded, one dying as a result of his injuries.

The health of Li Hung Chang is again a matter of grave consideration to the ministers of the powers. Mr. Rockhill, the American special representative, says he is a physical wreck and apparently in a state of utter collapse, although mentally as bright as ever. Mr. Rockhill would not be surprised to hear of his death any moment. The removal of Li Hung Chang by death or any other cause at the present moment would be very unfortunate.

John Bryant, a pioneer freighter in the days before the railroads, died at Kansas City recently, aged 77. He made no less than 68 trips across the plains to such points as Old Fort Union, N. M., Las Vegas, N. M., Santa Fe, N. M., Salt Lake, Chihuahua and once or twice to California. General U. S. Grant, who accompanied him on one trip with soldiers, was his personal friend. It is said that the first load of wool ever shipped into Kansas City was purchased in New York by Philip D. Armour and freighted by Mr. Bryant. It was in this way that Armour made a portion of the capital which he afterward invested in the packing business.

Oregon Girl Suicides.

Lagrande, Ore., March 18.—Blanche Bates, a popular and accomplished high school girl, aged 16, committed suicide here by taking carbolic acid. She secured the acid at a drugstore, returned home, entered the cellar and swallowed it, and then came into the house and told what she had done. All the physicians of the city were immediately summoned, but she died within 20 minutes after taking the poison. The only motive that can be ascribed for the suicide is a reprimand which she received last evening.

Nobbery at Spokane.

Spokane, March 18.—A masked man entered the New York Exchange saloon, 231 Sprague avenue, held up the proprietor and one man in the place, robbed the cash drawer, searched the pockets of the proprietor and made a successful escape. The whole proceedings did not last more than a minute, according to the story of the proprietor, Herman E. Meyer.

Uprising in Persia.

London, March 19.—The Vienna Neu Freie Presse reports a serious rising in Thersan, Persia, because certain reforms have been attempted by the shah.

Southern Soudan.

London, March 19.—A special dispatch from Cairo, Egypt, says a new Danish movement is said to have occurred in the southeastern part of Soudan.

It modestly was the fool killer most women would die of old age.

NORTHWEST NEWS ITEMS

BRIEFLY TOLD IN NOTES.

An Interesting Collection of Items From the Four Northwest States of a Miscellaneous Nature Gathered the Past Week.

WASHINGTON.

One hundred and eighty-two bills were passed by the seventh legislature. Two years ago the record was 149.

Governor Rogers has approved the general appropriation bill.

There were 773 deaths reported in Seattle in February and 52 births.

The Spokane Grain & Milling Company of Latah will immediately increase the capacity of their mill to 300 barrels per diem.

No clue to the whereabouts of Laura Morgan, the 16 year old girl whose mysterious disappearance has caused such a furore in Colfax, has yet been discovered.

Forty-four vessels, lumber laden, cleared for Grays Harbor for foreign ports, including ports in Hawaiian Islands, during the year 1900.

The value of these 44 cargoes is \$261,411.40.

A murdered man's body was found on the Indian reservation a few miles from Tekoa recently. His identity is still unlearned. He had a tattooed ring on wrist, woman's picture below and three stars above.

The governor has approved the bill appropriating \$25,000 for an exhibit at the pan-American exposition. A commission of 11 members is to be appointed by the governor, one of whom shall be the executive commissioner, with a salary of \$200 and expenses.

Nearly all the salmon canneries in the state and in southeastern and western Alaska are already beginning to make preparations for the opening of the fishing season. This, in the opinion of cannerymen, will be a banner year.

In the superior court at Tacoma, Judge W. H. Snell has decided the state law making eight hours a day's work for all men employed in public work applied only to men employed by the day and not to men working by the month or year.

The Washington State Sugar Factory, owner of the beet sugar establishment at Waverly has made contracts for 3000 acres of beets, and expects to contract for 1000 acres to be grown this season. The company contracts to pay \$4 per ton for beets showing 12 per cent sugar, and 25 cents for each additional per cent. On the basis of last year, this would aggregate \$5.25 per ton.

Exclusive of the \$350,000 appropriated to buy the Thurston county courthouse for a capitol building the total appropriations by the legislature were \$2,502,505; of this there was \$96,435.06 set aside to cover deficiencies, 27 bills to cover deficits being brought in. Aside from the general appropriation bill, six deficiencies and the capitol bill there were 11 other bills passed carrying \$1,700,000 out of the general fund.

IDAHO.

The winter term of the Troy public school closed last week.

Kendrick people will cooperate with Spokane in the homeseeker matter.

Senator Shoup has presented the Nez Perces library with 50 books.

Crozier & Schiffer of Nez Perces shipped 250 hogs to Seattle last week.

The annual meeting of the Inland Empire Teachers' association will be held at Moscow, March 28, 29 and 30.

An unknown tramp was killed on the railway near Nampa recently, as he was asleep with his head on the rails.

The last act of Mrs. L. Stevenson of Sandpoint before she was adjudged insane was to take a shot at her husband.

Moscow is gradually extinguishing its old warrant indebtedness, the old debt now outstanding not exceeding \$20,000.

Sam Mathews has been convicted of manslaughter for the killing of S. H. Tucker at Mineral on January 19 last.

Notwithstanding the very muddy condition of the road about 20 or 30 carloads of wood was shipped from Troy last week and several carloads of railroad ties.

A large force was at work last week packing apples at Troy for shipment to Butte, Mont. Apples now bring 7 cents for five tier boxes and \$1 for four tier boxes respectively.

Under the provisions of an act of congress presented by Senator Shoup and approved a few days ago, authority is given for the assignment of a retired army officer to instruct the Boise high school cadets in military tactics.

The governor has appointed ex-State Treasurer L. C. Rice as commissioner to the pan-American exposition at Buffalo. The law under which the appointment is made makes an appropriation of \$15,000 for an exhibit.

It is now a week since all trace of David Williams of Delta was lost. He was tracked over the mountains and back to Myrtle, where it is supposed he has fallen into some old shaft or prospect hole. Mr. Williams had been unwell for some time and it is believed that during a fit of temporary insanity he has wandered to his death.

A deed has been filed with the county auditor at Rathdrum or record in which the Northern Pacific Railway company transfers to the Humboldt lumber company 20 acres of timber land on the Priest river forest reserve. The consideration named is \$144,123, or over \$7 per acre. The deed contains \$144,000 in revenue stamps and embraces the largest transfer of land ever made in the county.

A child of J. E. Heith, living near Boise, was burned to death recently under distressing circumstances. The mother had thrown some ashes out in the yard and had gone some distance from the house. The child wandered near the ashes and its clothes took fire from some live coals. There was no one about and it was some time before a neighbor heard the screams of the little one and went to the rescue. The child died in a few hours.

The bill increasing the salaries of county commissioners, which has passed both houses, divides the county into three classes and the salaries as follows: First class, \$700 a year; second, \$500; third, \$300. The state was divided into the following county classes: First—Ada, Idaho, Kootenai, Latah, Nez Perce, Shoshone, Second—Bannock, Blaine, Bingham, Boise, Canyon, Elmore, Fremont, Oneida, Owyhee, Washington, Third—Bear Lake, Cassia, Custer, Lemhi, Lincoln.

The Red Clover Creamery company has been organized in Tillamook.

The third annual session of Oregon woolgrowers at The Dalles was well attended.

The Oregon legislature has reduced the weight of the bushel from 36 to 32 pounds.

Hood River fruitraisers are now closing out the last of their apple crop of 1900 and are busy setting out new strawberry plants.

Several hopgrowers in the vicinity of Wilsonville are awaiting return from last year's crop which they shipped to England on consignment.

Reports received from a thunder storm that prevailed in southern Benton county recently show unusual phenomena for storms in that section.

Early sown grain in the Wilsonville section looks remarkably well. Clackamas county farmers anticipate a good crop of cereals this year. Many, however, will engage in dairying, and will pay more attention to diversified farming.

The weather bureau at Portland announces that it is in receipt of several hundred reports on the condition of crops from various parts of Oregon, showing that fall wheat was never more promising at this time of the year. February was extremely favorable to the growth of grasses and grains, the rains during the last week only retarding spring plowing a little.

While searching for a suit of working clothing L. A. Eddings discovered his home at Pendleton had been burglarized during the absence of the family. The burglars took certificates of deposit for \$1200, \$900 on a bank at Vancouver, Wash., and \$300 on the Pendleton Savings bank. A quantity of wearing apparel was also taken, augmenting the loss \$100 or more.

MONTANA.

William Thomas lost his leg, but saved his life by jumping from the cars in Anaconda recently.

Harry D. Moore was appointed first assistant and W. F. Metler second assistant to the attorney general.

William Parker last season raised on 25 acres on his ranch a few miles west of Billings \$2600 worth of potatoes.

D. J. Arnold of St. Paul has just purchased of Bob Newmire of Big Timber 2000 head of lambs at \$2.75 per head.

Laws establishing the state board of health and providing for rigid meat and milk inspection were approved by the governor.

Governor Toole has reappointed John Byrnes state inspector of mines, and Al Ingraham commissioner for the soldiers' home.

Rufus C. Garland, son of a former attorney general of the United States, A. H. Garland, and a former resident of Helena, is dead at Fort Worth, Texas.

Governor Toole has approved the bill amending the gambling law, but says he has some misgivings and questions whether it will prove any more efficient in suppression of gambling than the old law.

Agent Smead of the Flathead Indian reservation says that the Indians at Dayton creek are in a fair way to die off rapidly with diphtheria; that seven have died in the past week and that many are very sick with the disease, and that it is spreading rapidly.

All employes of labor in Butte have received notification from the Butte Workingmen's union that, beginning with May 1 next, the hours of labor in Butte for common or unskilled labor shall be eight hours only, the pay still to be the same or not less than \$3 per day.

Final disposal was made of \$30,000 bribery money which was displayed by Fred Whiteside in the legislature two years ago and which started the Clark senatorial investigation. It was apportioned among counties for school purposes, in accordance with the bill passed at the last session.

The difficulty as to the failure of the late Speaker Corbett to sign the minutes of the house for the recent session was finally settled by Speaker Pro Tem Baker, who signed them by advice of the attorney general, who told him it was his duty to do so. This leaves it to lawyers to attack the validity of the bills by questioning his authority.

Fire was discovered in the roof of St. Peter's hospital at Helena recently and for a time there was great alarm. Fortunately the fire was in the roof and the patients were all removed from the threatened portion of the building with no great inconvenience. The property loss will be about \$6000.

The manufacture of the old phosphorus match will be prohibited in Switzerland after April 1.

STATUS OF CHINESE AFFAIRS

MANCHURIA, NOT TIENSIN

The Danger Point in the Negotiations—Powers Will Not Stand for Russia's Grasping Disposition—Will Make a Protest.

New York, March 19.—According to advices received from Washington, the diplomatists say that Manchuria and not Tientsin is the danger point to the Chinese situation. These gentlemen assert that Great Britain, Japan and Germany have given Russia to understand that they will regard with disfavor the signing of the Manchuria convention.

It is further stated that if the convention is signed a vigorous protest will be made by these powers, and should this not be effective more effective measures will be taken. It is well understood here that the conflict between the powers will precipitate the dismemberment of China, which the president and Secretary Hay are trying to prevent. Great Britain, Germany and Japan are suspicious of the St. Petersburg government, notwithstanding its protestations of good faith, and that government, it is believed, will abandon the convention with China rather than engage in war.

It is stated that the only danger in the situation at Tientsin lies in the antipathy of the British and Russian troops for each other. The London and St. Petersburg governments, however, it was said, will not allow any clash to occur in that part of China that might involve the two countries in war.

Both Sides to Withdraw.

London, March 19.—On the highest official authority the Associated Press is authorized to announce that the duality at Tientsin between the Russians and British over the construction of a railroad siding in territory claimed by both probably will be solved by the withdrawal of both the British and Russian troops from the ground in dispute.

Redemption of Revenue Stamps.

Washington, March 18.—The treasury officials are making preparations to carry into effect the war revenue reduction act, which becomes operative July 1, 1901, and with a view to giving the public all information on the subject possible at this time the internal revenue bureau today issued the following statement:

"All documentary and proprietary revenue stamps in the hands of purchasers on and after July 1, 1901, will be redeemed by the government under the provisions of the act of May 11, 1900.

"Such stamps should be presented for redemption by the owners thereof to the collector of internal revenue from whom they were purchased, who will supply the applicant with necessary forms and instructions for the preparation of his claim. It is probable that regulations will be prepared and issued providing for the redemption of imprinted documentary stamps without requiring the destruction of the checks or drafts on which they are imprinted."

Shirt Factory Burned.

St. Joseph, Mo., March 18.—The Noyes-Norman shoe factory and the Richardson, Roberts & Byrnes overall and shirt factory, Third and Farron streets, were destroyed by fire, causing the death probably of several persons. All the victims are girls and were employed in the shirt factory. Miss Louise Blondau, aged 20, is known to be dead. Florence Terry and Miss Mamie Berry leaped from the third story of the Noyes-Norman building and were caught by firemen in a net. They were badly burned. John Friede, a fireman, was severely injured. The fire is supposed to have started in the engine room, where a fireman had been using gasoline to clean machinery.

Compelled to Confess.

Constantinople, March 19.—At the first day of the trial of the Bulgarian committee of Sofia and of fomenting disorder in Salonica, Monastir and Kosovo, recently begun at Salonica, a sensation was created by a declaration by two of the accused that the confessions previously made by them were extorted by the use of the bastinado and by other ill treatment to which they were subjected while in prison. Now they deny the charges brought against them.

Tragedy at Chicago.

Chicago, March 19.—As a sequel to a chicken theft, Charles Rinck was shot and killed by Daniel Peters. Witnesses say Peters drew his revolver and fired four shots at Rinck, all taking effect. While the fatal shots were being fired Rinck's baby girl clasped her father's knees, too frightened to move. Her clothing was dyed crimson with the life blood of her father.

Explosion of Chemicals.

Cleveland, March 19.—A terrific explosion of chemicals in the laboratory of the National Carbon works partially wrecked the large brick building. Fire broke out immediately after the explosion, but was soon extinguished. Two men were caught under the debris. Both were rescued without serious injury. Loss, \$70,000; partially covered by insurance.

Nottingham is the richest town in England. It has established the only university college maintained by the municipality.

BIG FIRE AT ST. LOUIS.

Flames Spread Over a Territory Embracing Twelve Blocks.

St. Louis, Mo., March 19.—A fire originated in the icehouse of the Lemp Brewing company, or that of the Anheuser-Busch Brewing company, at the foot of Cherokee street, and, fanned by a stiff breeze, spread over a territory bounded by Zepp street on the south to Arsenal on the north, De Kalb on the west and the river on the east. This territory of six blocks long and two wide is covered by dwellings, lumber yards and repair shops, etc. From the icehouses, which were destroyed, the flames spread to a row of flats a block long on the east side of De Kalb street. These were consumed, with several lumber yards to the north. The lumber yard and the repair shop of the American Car Foundry company went up in flames next, and the United States arsenal, containing quartermaster's supplies, followed. A general alarm was turned in, but little could be done to stop the spread of the flames, which threatened the bottling and shipping buildings and cars of the Anheuser-Busch Brewing company.

The fire burned property estimated in value at \$1,000,000, between Zepp street and Utah street on the south and north and Kosciusko street on the west to the river. The stone wall at the arsenal stopped the spread of the fire northward.

TRADE REPORT.

New York.—Bradstreet's report for last week says:

The general situation was without important change, the events of the week appearing to accentuate heretofore prevailing conditions. Distributive trade and speculation in securities continue large in volume with prices rising in the more favored industries or drooping in those suffering from suppression. As types of these movements, the iron and cotton goods industries were pre-eminent and these two seem like opposite poles, so marked is the difference in trade in feeling and conditions. In most other industries the reports were quite favorable, notable in this direction being the lumber, leather and hardware and implement trades. Western and southern distributive trade reports are quite favorable and the reports of active demand for dry goods and clothing at the west contrast sharply with the reports of dull business and the receding prices of print cloths, bleached cottons and other fabrics at first hands.

Railway returns continued highly favorable, confirming reports heretofore published of activity in general shipping, and reports of a shortage of cars, a strange one at this time of year, come from Chicago and other large centers. Clearings are of heavy volume and in this, as in nearly all other branches of trade improvement, present records surpassing a previously recorded for this season of the year.

Conditions in the domestic iron and steel demand recall the boom of 1899, and it becomes more and more evident that an enormous consumptive demand discouraged by the high prices of a year ago, is now coming freely into the market.

Wool is in larger sale and foreign markets are quite strong. Eastern stocks are said to be small and declining and the situation is gradually readjusting itself.

The government report of wheat in farmers' hands pointing to 30,000,000 bushels less now held than a year ago, was regarded as a bullish feature and, counted with the light northwestern receipts, caused a rise, which was, however, taken advantage of to realize and the net change for the week is slight. Wheat, including four shipments for the week, aggregate 4,693,939 bushels, against 4,229,523 bushels last week; 2,727,450 bushels for the corresponding week in 1900, and 4,114,000 bushels in 1899.

From July 1 to date this season, wheat exports have been 141,316,806 bushels against 141,316,806 bushels last season.

Business failures in the United States for the week number 217 as against 205 in 1899; 233 in 1898 and 231 in 1897.

Canadian failures for the week number 23 against 33 last week, 28 in this week a year ago and 21 in 1899.

Wheat.

Tacoma.—Quiet and firm; bluestem, 58½c; club, 56c.

Portland.—Some Walla Walla wheat is being sold at 56½c per bushel and reports were in circulation that 57c was being paid in the interior. This is fully a cent above the export value.

Prices Paid Producers.

Poultry and eggs—Chickens, old, 90c per lb. live weight; ducks, \$4 per doz.; geese, dressed, 12c per lb; turkeys, live, 10@12c; dressed, 12@13c; eggs, fresh, 35@55c per case.

Vegetables—Potatoes, 75@90c per cwt; onions, \$3 per cwt.

Live Stock—Beef, live steers, 4½c; dressed, 8c; live cows, 3½c; dressed, 7½c; veal calves, dressed, 70c; mutton, ewes, 3c; wethers, 3½c; hogs, live, \$4.75 per cwt; dressed, \$7 per cwt.

Sheepskins—Shearings, 10c each; short wool pelts, 30@50c; medium wool, 50@75c; long wool, 75c@81c.

Hides—Green hides and calf skins, 50c per lb.; dry hides, butcher, 10@12c per lb.

The Spokane mills pay the following prices for grain delivered: Club wheat, 44c bulk, 45c sacked; bluestem, 47c bulk, 48c sacked; red, 43c bulk, 44c sacked.

There are probably a lot of women that will find heaven awfully fashionable.