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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.

The Taft commission is in Western Leyte.

There will be no strike on the Jersey Central.

The allotment of Chinese indemnity has been fixed.

An American party was almost entrapped in Leyte.

All arrangements are complete for the president's trip.

It is evident that Japanese will expect war with Russia.

The trial of an army scandal case has opened in Manila.

The crown prince of Germany will visit the Austrian court.

Moral crusade in Seattle is a personal war on Mayor Humes.

Twelve cents per pound has been offered for hops at Salem, Or.

Japan demands to know whether emperor will return to capital.

The burning of the negro Alexander at Leavenworth is being investigated.

Mrs. Nation was arrested for obstructing streets of Kansas City, Mo.

Many natives flocked to Capiz to hear form of provincial government explained.

Twelve thousand acres in Douglas county, Or., are to be prospected for oil and coal.

Co-operative method of marketing fruit was dealt a severe blow by California county.

Three Pennsylvanians were run down by a train and killed, and another injured.

Conduct of ministers of powers in postponing meetings causes much adverse comment.

Ann Arbor university dean of medicine acknowledges Student Hare has bubonic plague.

The stolen gold bars were found during the cleaning of the Kaiser Wilhelm der Grosse.

Captain J. G. Griffin, a Columbia (S. C.) railroad man, was shot, probably by Major B. B. Evans.

Commissioner Young, of 1905 centennial, would call on the Orient for both funds and attractions.

Washington pan-American fair commission turned down honorary members of women board of managers.

One of three Idaho men who fired on deputy sheriffs from ambush was killed. Trouble probably due to abolition of martial law.

Charles M. Pepper and Professor Edward M. Ross were speakers at the convention of the Academy of Political and Social Science.

Anton Pfanner, Forest Grove, Or., banker, who failed for \$40,000, and then mysteriously disappeared, has turned up in Switzerland.

The Taft commission has arrived at Ilo Ilo.

Both reopened peace negotiations with the British.

Aguinaldo will not be released until he secures Tino's surrender.

The war department is advised of the coming of a Cuban committee.

The United States will have cutters in Behring sea for protection of seals.

The transport Rawlins caught fire at Brooklyn, was filled with water and sank.

Governor Allen, of Porto Rico, says the reports are not true that natives of that island are starving.

Attorney General Blackburn holds that the Oregon law requires fishermen to secure two licenses.

An explosion in the Santa Cruz, Cal., powder works caused the death of one man and the serious injury of another. The cause of the accident is unknown.

A new process for making armor plate has been discovered whereby manufacturers may be able to furnish first-class material to the government for \$150 per ton.

Three gold ingots, worth \$22,750, were stolen from the steamer Kaiser Wilhelm der Grosse during her passage from New York to Cherbourg.

No clew to the perpetrators.

One of a band of roving gypsies, near Monaca, Ill., sold two girls, of whom he was guardian, to another man of the same band for \$500.

The girls objected to the sale, and a riot was almost caused.

Admiral Sampson receives \$3330 prize money.

J. P. Morgan organizes a department store trust.

The American claim for Chinese indemnity amounts to \$25,000,000.

Lord Kitchener reports the capture of Pietersburg, the Boer capital.

The Russian fleet returned to the French coast and saluted Loubet.

Four large Alaska transportation companies have been merged into two.

The Negro governor tried to start a rebellion, but could not secure a following.

The "Edinburgh Castle" public house, situated in the Strand, London, is to be hauled down, and the London county council has to pay \$22,500 as compensation.

Probably the smallest monarch in the world reigns over the Hindu vassal state of Bhopal, and governs a people of more than a million souls.

This dwarf is a woman, Dihan-Begum by name, but although she is about 50 years old, she does not appear larger than a child of 10.

FIELD GUN TESTS.

Will Be Made at Sandy Hook Next Month.

WASHINGTON, April 13.—Preparations are making for quite an extensive and important test of field guns at Sandy Hook some time in May. At present the army is not well equipped with field guns, compared with other nations, and the war department wishes to obtain the very best guns possible for the equipment of this important branch of the service.

POSTAL SERVICE IN PHILIPPINES.

Auditor Lawshee Found a Poor System of Bookkeeping.

WASHINGTON, April 13.—A letter from A. L. Lawshee, auditor of the Philippines, has been received at the war department, and certain portions of it have been sent to the postmaster general for his information. The letter relates largely to the methods of keeping accounts, which are not approved by Mr. Lawshee, and which have not been in accordance with the forms prescribed. Mr. Lawshee took four expert clerks when he went to the Philippines, and these are going over the accounts. It is said at the department that there is no intimation of any fraud, but a system of book-keeping in vogue which lacks the business methods necessary to secure the best results.

THE STOLEN GOLD BARS.

Steamer Officials Say They Were Taken in New York.

BREMEN, April 13.—In support of their belief that the gold bars reported missing from the specie room of the Kaiser Wilhelm der Grosse in transit between New York and Cherbourg were stolen at New York, the officials of the North German Lloyd Steamship Company point out that the specie room on the Kaiser Wilhelm der Grosse is situated behind the baggage room, and that the trunks of hundreds of passengers are piled up against the doors of the specie room. The officials of the company are satisfied that the gold was abstracted between the afternoon when the barrels containing the 2,000,000 marks were placed in the strong room and the following morning, when the passengers' baggage was stowed away. The officials are of the opinion that the thief allowed himself to be locked up in the baggage room after the gold was deposited in the strong room, and managed to take the booty ashore during the confusion of arriving passengers and the stowing away of the baggage.

TRANSPORT GOES DOWN.

Rawlins Catches Fire at her Dock in New York and Sinks.

NEW YORK, April 12.—Fire was discovered in the second hold of the transport Rawlins early today. The Rawlins was at the government pier, Brooklyn, and was to have sailed for Cebu today. The fire was under control after about two hours' work by firemen, but the immense quantity of water pumped through the port holes by the fireboats. She finally sank in the mud at her pier. The cargo, a large portion of which consisted of horse feed for army use, will prove a total loss. The damage to the transport is estimated at \$30,000, and the cargo at \$50,000.

Suicide of a New York Broker.

New York, April 12.—Benjamin Forst, a broker and member of the consolidated exchange, committed suicide today in the Hoffman House. After a night of meditation, spent no one seems to know where he went to the hotel at 5 o'clock this morning. A bottle which had contained carbolic acid was found in the room. Mr. Forst had outstanding debts at the close of business on the exchange yesterday, and this is believed to have been the cause of his suicide. Forst had lost more than \$20,000 in his stock dealings. In some quarters there was an impression that Mr. Forst was worth at least \$50,000.

German Officer Killed.

Berlin, April 13.—A dispatch from Pekin says that Captain Bartsch, of the Second Infantry (German), was found dead in the neighborhood of Pekin yesterday. An inquiry has been opened and the information so far obtained tends to show that the officer met with an accident. On the other hand, a dispatch from Pekin to the Lokal Anzeiger says Captain Bartsch was shot while riding near the Summer palace, and that his horse died.

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.

Hudson—A \$10,000 sawmill is to be established near the mouth of Rock creek just north of Hudson.

Cable Cove—Work has been resumed at the Goldbug mine, in Cable Cove district. Two shifts are employed.

Grants Pass—Prospects are favorable for the resumption of active work at the Pacific pine needle factory at Grants Pass.

Paisley—The Lake County Telephone & Telegraph Company is the name of a new company just organized at Paisley.

Coos City—The shaft at the Coos City mine is now down over 300 feet, and it is expected coal will be found in the next 100 feet.

Coos County—Work has stopped in one of the tunnels in the Beaver hill mine, Coos county, pending installation of new machinery.

Baker City—The Bonanza mine, in Baker county, is making preparations to install considerable new machinery. Some of the buildings will be remodelled.

Arlington—The Arlington Warehouse Company has made the purchase of about 7000 sacks of wheat stored on the Heppner branch at prices ranging from 43 to 45 cents per bushel.

Grants Pass—The Grants Pass Water, Light & Power Company has received 700 feet of seventeen-inch steel pipe, for an extension to a point above the place where the water is now taken out of the river.

Union—The Oregon Sugar Company will have 300 acres in sugar beets near Union this season. During the thinning and spacing time boys and girls will be employed to do most of the work. Six dollars an acre will be paid for this work. It is said good wages can be made.

Galle Creek—Operations have been resumed at Kuhl & Co.'s quartz mine, in Galle creek district.

Waston—This town will issue \$5000 worth of bonds to raise money to improve its water supply.

Eugene—Boy tramps are reported as being more numerous in Eugene than ever before known.

Grants Pass—Work has commenced on the Grants Pass-Williams telephone line, and will soon be in operation.

Baker City—During March, 93 coyote traps were turned in at Baker City at the office of the county clerk.

Wendling—Smallpox is very prevalent at the place, and county authorities have been appealed to. So far it is only in a mild form.

Corvallis—Benton county has issued a call for all warrants outstanding up to August 10, 1900, and same will be paid upon presentation.

Brownsville—There are now two brass bands in Brownsville. A new one has just been organized, known as the Brownsville Independent band.

Gladvale—There have been 41 cases of smallpox in and about this place, but no deaths as yet. Several cases are now in a very critical condition.

Athens—A man arrived at Athens on a new bicycle and was immediately arrested by request of Pendleton authorities. He had stolen the wheel from a store at that place.

PORTLAND MARKETS.

Wheat—Walla Walla, 56 1/2@57c; Valley, nominal; bluestem, 58c per bushel.

Flour—Best grades, \$2 70@3 40 per barrel; Graham, \$2 60.

Oats—White, \$1 25 per cental; gray, \$1 20@1 22 1/2 per cental.

Barley—Feed, \$1 50@1 57; brewing, \$1 60@1 67 per ton.

Millicuts—Bran, \$1 15 per ton; middlings, \$21 50; shorts, \$17 50; chow, \$18.

Hay—Timothy, \$12@12 50; clover, \$7@9 50; Oregon wild hay, \$6@7 per ton.

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

Wool—Valley, 13@14c; Eastern Oregon, 9@12c; mohair, 20@21c per pound.

Butter—Fancy creamery, 20@22 1/2c; dairy, 15@18c; store, 10@12 1/2c per pound.

Eggs—Oregon ranch, 13@13 1/2c per dozen.

Poultry—Chickens, mixed, \$3 50@5; hens, \$5@6; dressed, 11@12c per pound; springs, \$4@5 per dozen; ducks, \$5@6; geese, \$4@5 per dozen; turkeys, live, 10@12c; dressed, 13@14c per pound.

Cheese—Full cream, twins, 13@13 1/2c; Young America, 13 1/2@14c per pound.

Potatoes—50@60c per sack.

Mutton—Lamb, 10@11c per pound gross; best sheep, \$3; wethers, \$3; ewes, \$4 50; dressed, 7 1/2@7 3/4c per pound.

Hogs—Gross, heavy, \$5 75@6; light, \$4 75@5; dressed, 7c per pound.

Veal—Large, 7@7 1/2c per pound; small, 8 1/2@9c per pound.

Beef—Gross, top steers, \$5@5 25; cows and heifers, \$4 50@4 75; dressed beef, 7@8 1/2c per pound.

In 1800 Sweden had a population of 2,350,000 and at the present time, in spite of the large emigration which has given 1,000,000 people to the United States, the population is 5,150,000.

But one person is alive who sat in the house of commons when Queen Victoria came to the throne. It is Earl Fitzwilliam, who, when Viscount Milton, was elected a few months before William IV died. At the Diamond Jubilee there were several survivors of pre-Victorian parliaments.

M'KINLEY ON WHEELS.

Tour to Be Made by President and His Cabinet.

Washington Correspondence. President McKinley's tour to the Pacific coast and thence eastward to Buffalo, whence the return to Washington will be made, will be one of splendor. The train upon which he will travel will be most gorgeous and costly.

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Four Counterfeiters Sentenced.

Spokane, Wash., April 15.—Four counterfeiters were sentenced by Judge Hanford this morning in the federal court. James Moriarty was given 10 years, while Mike Williams and Mack McCleary got off with eight years each at hard labor in the United States penitentiary. Mrs. Ethel Wallace, the last member of the gang, was sentenced to one year. Moriarty and McCleary were partners of Arthur Spencer, the bogus Chinese inspector, in the daring jailbreak a few weeks ago.

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INDEMNITY CLAIMS.

Russia Heads the List With Ninety Millions.

BERLIN, April 16.—The correspondent of the Press hears tonight from an authoritative source that the Chinese indemnities for war expenses, exclusive of claims of private individuals and missions, have been fixed as follows: Russia, 260,000,000 marks (about \$90,000,000); France, 260,000,000 marks (about \$85,000,000); Germany, 240,000,000 marks (about \$80,000,000); England, 90,000,000 marks (about \$22,000,000). France will also present claims for the indemnity of the Italian mission.

The Amount Too High.

Washington, April 15.—The last advice to the state department from Mr. Rockhill contain further details respecting the amount of indemnities claimed from China by the powers. It appears that these claims have been much exaggerated in some statements, although the sum total is still far in excess of the amount of money it is believed here that China can raise. It is in the belief of the state department that the total claims should not be allowed to exceed \$150,000,000 or \$200,000,000. According to the information received here, the British claim, so far as formulated, is reasonable in amount, as compared with other claims. In fact, the United States and Japan represent, in these negotiations, the moderate element, whose desire is to prevent the imposition of charges that shall destroy the Chinese government and result in the division of the empire. None of the claims exceeds \$100,000,000, and even the largest is something less than this amount. This is believed to be the Russian claim, which is fixed at \$90,000,000. The German claim is flexible, ranging between \$60,000,000 and \$90,000,000, but is nearer the former mark at present, though it, doubtless, will grow. As already stated, the claim of the United States is \$25,000,000, and with these few totals, it will be seen that if the remaining powers are to be allowed a proportionate share, the aggregate will be beyond China's ability to pay, which has been tentatively placed at \$300,000,000. Nothing has yet been determined respecting the method of raising the indemnity fund, even after an agreement is reached.

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