

NEWS SUMMARY

Mrs. Cassie Chadwick has begun work in the penitentiary. She was set to work making button holes in shirts.

One person was killed and a dozen were injured when a car on the elevated railway in Brooklyn fell to the street.

Major-General Leonard Wood will succeed Major-General Corbin in command of the military division of the Philippines on February 1.

Ensign Wade, U. S. N., has been acquitted on all the charges in connection with the Bennington disaster, and has been restored to duty.

Joseph Brennan, an actor of St. Louis, was shot and probably fatally wounded in a quarrel in Chicago with Michael J. Walsh, also an actor.

The December report of W. C. Gorras, the chief sanitary officer of the Panama canal zone, says the sanitary conditions on the isthmus are excellent.

At a meeting of the city council of Santa Barbara, Cal., Mayor Thomas D. Wood tendered his resignation for the reason that the city council refused to change the time of meeting from night to day.

Major General Lisovski, who was said to be under sentence of death by the fighting section of the Socialist revolutionaries, was killed last week at Penza, Russia. The assassin escaped.

Lindsay Cooper, an aeronaut of Clarinda, O., traveling with a carnival show exhibiting at Wolfe City, Texas, fell from his balloon, a distance of 2,000 feet, and was instantly killed.

Kid Goog, a prize fighter, was killed in the second round of a three-round bout in a place known as George McFadden's club, in New York City. The man with whom he was fighting escaped.

Frank Frantz has been inaugurated governor of Oklahoma territory, succeeding Thomas B. Ferguson. He is 35 years old and was a member of the Rough Riders regiment in the Spanish-American war.

The ancient Catholic church at Tomoschic, Mexico, which was built by missionaries working with the Indians and was 183 years old, has collapsed and is a complete wreck. No body was injured.

Thousands of sheep are reported killed by the heavy storm on the ranges in the vicinity of Marysville, Cal. Some owners lost one-third of their flocks. But few lambs lived through the storm.

The Dominican government, in receiving the surrender of Monte Cristi, permitted the revolutionary governor, General Arias, to depart for Puerto Rico, and granted general amnesty to the other revolutionists.

Miss Helen Gould gave to an investigator an analysis of a sample of the week's mail received by her, showing the number of requests and what and how much they were for. The total asked for was \$1,500,000.

Reports received in Berlin from Alsace-Lorraine say that the inhabitants fear that war will follow the Algeiras conference and that this fear is having its influence on the banks and other institutions.

Mary Clark, the nine-year-old girl who was reported to have been murdered by Albert Jones, who lived with the child's mother near Mount Holly, N. J., has been found well and under the care of a good family at Millsboro, Del.

The populace of Odesa has been terror-stricken by an order issued by the governor general that all the pupils of the high schools must resume their studies January 25, and that the penalty for disobedience will be exile to Siberia.

J. C. Napier, the negro lawyer and banker of Nashville, who was recently offered the position of United States consul at Bahia, Brazil, called on the president last week and thanked him for the proposed appointment, but declined it.

Joseph Sitman, a sub-freshman, who left Jefferson Military college at Washington, Miss., on the 11th inst., is dead at Greensburg, La., and it is alleged his death was due to injuries received at the hands of a crowd of hazers at the college.

Senator Warner of Missouri, characterized as "supremely ridiculous" his boom for the Republican nomination for president, launched by Representative Bartoldt. He said he did not take it seriously himself, nor did he believe any one else did.

A cablegram from Kiev says the local revolutionists by a daring exploit have obtained the arsenal of the fortress. A number of men in military uniform appeared at the arsenal with forged requisitions, loaded two wagons with munitions and escaped.

FEW SAVED FROM ILL-FATED SHIP

The Valencia Goes to Pieces on the Rocks Near Cape Beale.

Only Fifteen of the Passengers and Crew Were Saved, the Dead Numbering 139.—The Greatest Loss of Life in the North-Pacific Since 1875.

Victoria, B. C.—Of the 154 people on board the steamer Valencia when she struck near Kianaway rock, five miles from Cape Beale, but fifteen were saved. Seven were passengers and eight were members of the crew. The dead number 139, the greatest loss of life in the North Pacific since the "Pacific" was lost in 1875. The Valencia, in whose rigging about thirty people were clinging frantically waving for assistance which could not be given when the steamed Queen left the scene at 11:30 a. m., broke up about 5 p. m. Wednesday, sweeping to death those few who had survived these terrible hours of privation, chilled and numbed to the limit of human endurance by clouds of spray which swept over them. The tug Lorne, which Mayor Morley sent at 11 o'clock at night after the sad news was brought by the Queen of men clinging to the rigging of the partially submerged vessel, and the blue jackets who went on her by order of Captain Parry of H. M. S. Egeria with surf boats to endeavor to reach the wreck, arrived too late as the sea had claimed all before the Queen reached Victoria.

In an interview at Bamfield Creek, Wednesday night, Boatwain McCarthy told the first detailed story of the wreck. He said the steamer Valencia had been going by dead reckoning and overran her distance. Soundings had been made three and four times an hour. The steamer struck at 11:45 p. m. Monday night, about midship, the first officer, quartermaster and a seaman engaged in sounding having ten minutes before got thirty fathoms. Reverse speed was ordered by Captain Johnson, but the vessel began filling. The captain then gave orders to have two of the seven boats lowered to the saloon deck rail. Instantly the passengers crowded to the rail and overcrowded the boats. During the excitement they cut whatever lines they could lay their hands on. The davits broke about the same time the lines were cut, and both boats were smashed at the sides of the vessel, capsizing the passengers and crew in them. The crew threw lines out and by means of Jacob's ladders succeeded in getting six of the passengers thrown out of the boats on board again. The boats when lost were mostly filled with women and children.

One very sad incident was witnessed. A lady and gentleman with a little girl tried to get in one boat. The father succeeded and the mother tried, to pass the child, but a wave struck her and washed the child from her arms. The child was lost before her eyes. One life raft was also lowered, but it was dashed to pieces. After this four boats succeeded in getting away from the ship all full of passengers. This left one boat and two life rafts. The captain, after consulting with the mate, asked McCarthy to take charge, which he did, and called for volunteers and the five sailors who reached shore in safety responded. The captain instructed them to pull along the beach and find a place to get ashore. They landed at 1:10 p. m. Tuesday and made Cape Beale lighthouse at 3 p. m. Before making Cape Beale they tried to get back to the vessel by the beach, but could not do so.

It is regarded as almost certain that the other boats have gone down and the occupants were lost. The Valencia left San Francisco about 11 o'clock on Saturday last and heard no sound or saw no light presaging danger. The officers were running by dead reckoning and were on the outlook for Umatilla reef lightship when the steamer struck. She was backed off after she struck, but the water filling the engine room, the fires were extinguished and the engine crew forced out of the room, although not before the Valencia had been driven hard on the beach.

OIL TANKS EXPLODED. Two Men Killed and One Painfully Burned on River Boat.

Portland, Ore.—The river steamer Regulator, belonging to The Dalles, Portland & Astoria Navigation company, was wholly destroyed by fire Wednesday after an explosion in which one of the steamer's fuel oil tanks had set fire to the craft. Two men who were working on the tanks were killed outright. Twenty-five other men narrowly escaped death. The monetary loss is \$40,000.

Flood Costs Millions. Weston, W. Va.—A heavy wind and rainstorm resembling a cloudburst passed over the southeastern portion of this state Wednesday, flooding Cherry, Holly and Elk rivers and carrying away bridges, houses and many million feet of valuable timber. In Richwood the water rose five feet in the houses. The water came up so suddenly that men, women and children had to wade waist deep out of their homes to the mountain top. The loss will be in the millions.

MONROE DOCTRINE LIES DORMANT AT PRESENT

France Informed by United States That She is at Perfect Liberty to Chastise the Venezuelans.

Paris.—President Loubet presided Tuesday at a cabinet council held in the Elysee palace, at which Premier Rouvier announced that he had received a communication from Ambassador Jusserand to the effect that the United States did not consider a French naval demonstration against Venezuela to be a violation of the Monroe doctrine. France, it is pointed out, thus has her hands free, but the situation is unchanged for the moment as the council will not take decisive action until the report of M. Taigny, the former charge d'affaires at Caracas, is received.

The foreign office has received confirmation of the press report that the dean of the diplomatic corps and other ministers at Caracas have unsuccessfully demanded explanations from the Venezuelan government with reference to their position after the Taigny incident.

STEAMERS COLLIDE IN FOG. One Vessel Sent to the Bottom, But Crew is Saved.

Boston.—The loss of the steamer Trojan, of the Boston & Philadelphia line in collision with the steamer Nachoochee, of the Savannah line, has been reported here by the Nachoochee, having on board the captain and crew of the Trojan. The accident was due to a fog. The Nachoochee struck the Trojan amidships and the latter went to the bottom within three-quarters of an hour, but Captain Thatcher and the crew of twenty-seven men of the Trojan were taken off by the Nachoochee. There were no passengers on the Trojan.

Chinese Welcomed in Washington.

Washington.—The Imperial Chinese commission sent to this country to study American government methods, arrived here Tuesday, visited the state department in the afternoon, and later took luncheon at the Chinese legation, and at night the party were entertained at the legation. The members of the commission were cordially greeted at the state department. Nearly all the members of the commission speak English fluently and several of them donned western clothing and started in "sight-seeing" through the city.

AVENGED BY WOMAN.

Mississippi Murderer Killed by Victim's Widow. Memphis, Tenn.—A special to the Commercial Appeal from Marks, Miss., says: W. R. Fairless was shot and killed Tuesday by Mrs. E. B. Whitten, the widow of a man whom Fairless killed several months ago at Essex, this county. Mrs. Whitten entered a store as Fairless was leaving. Seeing Fairless, she emptied her revolver at him, five of the bullets taking effect. He died almost instantly.

MARKET CLOSED TO SERBIA.

Movement Against Neutral Customs Union of the Balkan States. Vienna.—The closing of the Austro-Hungarian frontier against the importation of Servian cattle into Austro-Hungary is clearly an aggressive movement for the purpose of making Servia understand that Austria-Hungary is firmly opposed to the proposed neutral customs union of the Balkan states. Ninety per cent of the Servian cattle are marketed in Austria-Hungary.

Receiver Asked for Insurance Company.

Chicago.—A bill for a receiver for the National Life Insurance company of Chicago has been filed in the district court at Des Moines, where the company has \$1,700,000 on deposit with the state auditor. The bill was filed for A. L. Watson, a policy holder, who also asks that the Chicago company be restrained from transferring or disposing of funds. Dr. Watson alleges that promises made for the payment of gold bonds have not been fulfilled.

News of Dry Dock Dewey.

Washington.—Rear Admiral Dunlap, commandant of the naval station at San Juan, Porto Rico, under date of January '23, sent the following telegram to the navy department regarding the drydock Dewey: "Later information from Maine gives position of drydock Dewey at midnight, 20 inst., as latitude 23 degrees, longitude 44 degrees 6 minutes. Hosley reports that the Casar buried a seaman, dead of beri-beri."

Insurgents Hold Caucus.

Washington.—Thirty-four Republican statehood "insurgents" held a caucus on Tuesday in Representative Babcock's committee room and outlined their fight against the Hamilton bill. This is the largest number of Republican members that has been at an anti-joint statehood meeting, and Mr. Babcock, Mr. Mondell and other leaders of the fight against the Hamilton bill say it shows their strength is increasing as the struggle approaches.

THREE HUNDRED OF CREW PERISH

Brazilian Ship Meets With a Terrible Accident Off Rio Janeiro.

Explosion in the Powder Magazine Sinks the Ship in Three Minutes. Only One of the Officers Being Saved.

Rio Janeiro, Brazil.—The Brazilian gunnet ship Aquidaban has been sunk at Fort Jacarepagua, south of Rio Janeiro, as the result of an explosion on board. It is reported that 300 of her crew perished and that only one officer was saved.

The Aquidaban was of 4,950 tons displacement and 6,200 horsepower. She was built in England in 1885, at a cost of \$1,725,000. She had five torpedo tubes. Her crew numbered 350 officers and men.

Four rear admirals perished on the Aquidaban, which had been used for the accommodation of a number of supernumerary officers and men attached to the flotilla escorting the cruiser Barroso. The Barroso had on board the minister of marine and his staff, who were inspecting sites for a new arsenal. The explosion occurred in the powder magazine. The vessel sank in three minutes.

CRIME OF A JILTED LOVER.

Idaho Man Shoots Four People and Then Ends His Own Life.

Boise, Ida.—A sensational tragedy occurred here Monday morning. Henry Neubaumer, the principal in the affair, lies dead with a bullet through the head, fired by his own hand, and four victims of his maniacal design to kill are in the hospital. These are Q. L. Powell, aged 23, suffering from seven buckshot wounds, one of which is in the right lung. Mrs. Robert Gray, buckshot in the hip, ranging into the abdomen. Lafayette Gray, aged 21, son of the preceding, six buckshot, one in the abdomen, one in the right temple, right arm broken, and three fresh wounds. Lillian Gray, sister of Lafayette, 18 years of age, flesh wound in right arm and right side. The three first named are in a serious condition.

Neubaumer is a Klondyke mining man and is estimated to be worth anywhere from \$150,000 to \$500,000.

Until 1897 he lived at Caldwell, this state, pursuing the business of a blacksmith, and accumulated considerable property. He was a hard worker and also studious, and was highly respected. In 1897 he went to the Klondyke and prospered there. He was attached to the Powell girl, a daughter of John Powell of Caldwell, and furnished the money for her education. She had promised to marry him, but it had been put off from time to time. In November he came from Alaska to claim her. At that time he gave her some \$1,200 for trousseau. The time was set for the wedding, but the night before she left home with Lafayette Gray, coming to Boise and registering with him as man and wife. Neubaumer returned to Klondyke, coming back to Boise January 17, but kept well out of sight. From a great number of letters left by him it is evident he had carefully planned the crime.

Sailor Will Pacify the Baltic.

Riga, Livonia.—The military operations for the pacification of the Baltic provinces are proceeding actively under the direction of Governor General Sollogub, who is controlling the movements of 30,000 troops acting in different localities. The governor general estimates that the revolutionists number 20,000 men. In the opinion of the military authorities it will take two years to crush the guerrilla warfare. All the revolutionists captured are promptly court martialed and executed.

Ensign Wade Acquitted.

Washington.—Ensign Charles T. Wade, charged with responsibility for the explosion on the gunboat Bennington, in San Diego harbor, Cal., some months ago, has been acquitted by the court martial in his case. This action of the court was taken after a reconsideration of the case at the instance of the secretary of the navy, who was not entirely satisfied with the original finding of the court, acquitting the officer of the charges. Wade will proceed to his home and await orders.

Officers Winked at Hazing.

Annapolis.—Evidence was given Monday before the court martial tending to support the assertion that officers on duty at Annapolis have winked at hazing. Midshipman Claude D. Mayo, testifying in his own behalf, swore that Lieutenant C. P. Snyder, the officer in charge of Bancroft hall last September, had used language which was generally interpreted by the upper class midshipmen to mean that they should discipline the fourth class men by applying some of the usual hazing methods.

WILD PANIC IN CHURCH CAUSED BY CRY OF FIRE

Eighteen Colored People Killed and Nearly Two Score Injured in Stampede From Building.

Philadelphia.—A wild panic following a loud shriek of "fire," brought death to eighteen colored persons and injuries to nearly two score of others Sunday night in St. Paul's Baptist church on the west side of Eighth street between Poplar street and Girard avenue. The terrible rush to gain the street was of brief duration, and that more were not killed in the stampede probably was due to the fact that the church was not crowded. At the time the disaster occurred not more than 300 persons were on the second floor of the building, which, with the gallery, was capable of accommodating 600 to 700.

The fire was a trifling one and was extinguished before the firemen arrived. The smell of smoke added to the panic and despite the heroic work of the Rev. Johnson, pastor of the church, who tried in vain to allay the fears of the frightened worshippers, the terror-stricken people made a desperate rush to leave the church only to be choked up on the narrow stairway. Those in the rear leaped over the prostrate forms of those who fell, and when the rush was over eighteen lay dead on the first floor and stairs of the building. Death in nearly every case was due to suffocation or trampling.

FOREIGN CROP REPORT.

No Definite News Regarding Russian Winter Cereals.

Washington.—The foreign crop report for December shows that over large areas of Europe the prevailing characteristics were unseasonably warm weather and excessively humidity. Crops lightly sown have germinated finely and entered on the winter in strong, healthy condition. Late sowing of crops in Europe, however, was unusually extensive, and some anxiety is felt concerning them. In Great Britain the winter wheat area has been extended. The acreage, however, is still believed to be diminished as compared with last year. In France the wheat area is the average. In Germany weather conditions were unfavorable and there was no marked improvement. In Roumania the area under wheat is about 15 per cent short of last year. No important definite news regarding the condition of winter sown cereals in Russia is reaching the outside world.

HOLD MOUNTAIN PASSES.

Armenians Deal Out Death to Followers of Mohamet.

Elizabeth, Trans-Caucasia.—A courier has arrived here from Agdam with dispatches describing the reported attempts made by the authorities to get a convoy of provisions to the starving and beleaguered Mohammedans of Shusha, Trans-Caucasia. The convoy set out three times with a strong escort of troops, Mohammedan volunteers and auxiliaries, but was interrupted by the Armenians holding the mountain passes. The whole district around Ogdam is harassed by Armenians and others who are perpetrating horrible atrocities, not giving any quarter to the wounded or to women or children. The Mohammedans are greatly enraged at the attack made on the celebrated shrine of Karapetrem. After a savage conflict Armenian attackers broke and fled, leaving fifty dead or wounded.

Dowie Has Not Been Deposed.

Portland.—Charles A. Hoy, elder in the Christian Catholic Apostolic Church in Zion, who has jurisdiction of the affairs of the organization in Oregon, has received a telegram from Overseer John G. Excell at Zion City denying that John Alexander Dowie had been deposed as director of financial matters in Zion City. The telegram follows: "Absolutely no foundation for statement in press dispatches that Dr. Dowie been set aside in financial matters."

Officials Show No Mercy.

St. Petersburg.—Dispatches from Libau and Mitau show that Governor General Sollogub continues to act with merciless severity against revolutionists in Courland caught with arms in hand or convicted of participation in incendiaries or murder. Twenty-two more persons have been tried by drumhead court martial and shot near Libau. The troops are now advancing on Frauenburg, where the fleeing revolutionists have concentrated.

Officers Waking Up.

Chicago.—One burglar was killed and another fatally wounded at Des Plaines, a suburb of Chicago, in a battle between detectives of the Chicago & Northwestern railroad and five men detected in an attempt to steal from a repair shop of the railway company. The detectives had surrounded the shop and the fight began when the thieves attempted to escape with the plunder. The three men not wounded escaped after they had exhausted their ammunition.

WERE BURIED BY AVALANCHE

Six Men Meet Death in a Snowslide at the Mining Camp of Alta.

Awful Avalanche Came Down Upon the Men as They Were Sleeping, Sweeping Away the Houses and Burying the Victims Beneath Twenty-five Feet of Snow.

Sandy, Utah.—After many hours of frantic toil on the part of a large band of Alta miners, the bodies of the six victims who suffered death in the awful snowslide at the camp Saturday morning were uncovered and Sunday afternoon brought to Sandy, where they lie in the city hall awaiting funeral arrangements by friends and relatives. Following are the names, ages and, so far as has been ascertained, the places of residences of the dead:

Bennett, Albert, aged 25; came from Santaquin, Utah; history unknown Claybourne, George, aged 30; mother resides in Salt Lake. Erickson, John, aged 26, Riverton, Salt Lake county. Gray, John, aged 55; stranger from California. Murphy, Jerry, aged 45, miner, Park City. Powell, William, aged 18, Sandy, boarding house keeper.

Powell was in charge of the boarding house conducted in the camp by Mrs. John Matson of Sandy, his mother. Gray was a miner employed by the Columbus Consolidated Mining company. The remaining victims were strangers who had come to the camp seeking work.

In the dead of night, while all the victims were asleep, the avalanche rushed down the mountain side without a moment's warning, sweeping away the boarding house referred to and the saloon of Ross Ormburst, the adjoining building. Gray and Murphy were sleeping in the saloon; the other victims were in their bunks at the boarding house.

Armburst, the proprietor of the saloon; Lee Herrick and John Baker were sleeping in that portion of the saloon which escaped the heaviest portion of the slide, and by some freak of chance they escaped death, although they were hurled in from three to six feet of snow. Armburst, who says that when he was awakened he found himself out of his bed and entombed in a drift, was the first to recover himself.

Although clad in nothing but his night shirt, without even a pair of socks as protection from the icy drifts, Armburst probed the snow until he found Lee and Baker, who, though buried, were still alive, and assisted them in digging their way out. Then these three brave men, with only their night garments to protect them from the storm, which at that hour—2 o'clock Saturday morning—was raging fiercely, worked for hours in an effort to locate the other victims. All suffered greatly, and Baker's feet were badly frozen. Although the slide, which came from the Rustler hill, on the south side of the canyon, had traveled nearly half a mile before finding its victims, it seemed to spend its force at the point where the buildings were struck as the avalanche did not go farther across the flat. The rescuing force began work at 7 o'clock, and shortly before noon Saturday the last victim had been uncovered, the bodies being buried from ten to twenty-five feet in the hard packed snow.

JURY MAKES REPORT.

Husband and Wife Charged With Murdering Girl.

Wray, Colo.—The second coroner's investigation of the death of Miss Gerretje Haast, who was found dead on her ranch near here, late Sunday night concluded its work and ordered the arrest of G. J. Van Wyck and his wife on the charge of complicity in the murder of the girl. Mrs. Van Wyck is a sister of the dead girl. The latter had insured her life for the benefit of the Van Wycks.

TUNNELED THROUGH FLOOR.

Bold Attempt Made to Rob a Kansas Bank.

Topeka, Kan.—A bold attempt to rob the vaults and safes of the Merchants' National bank of Topeka was discovered Sunday. The robbers had commenced work in the basement and tunneled through eleven feet of solid rock to the floor of the vault, effecting an entrance. They had attempted to break the safe some time Saturday night, but their efforts had failed.

State Treasurer Short in Accounts.

Topeka, Kan.—E. E. Grimes, ex-state treasurer, notified Governor Hoeh Saturday that it would not be necessary to bring suit against him to recover any shortage found under his administration. He said he would waive the statute of limitation and if necessary the state can take the money from over his wife and children. Governor Hoeh says no one believes Grimes dishonest or that he benefited from the \$7,215 unexplained shortage.