

NORTHWEST NOTES

A meteor, weighing 80,000 pounds, which fell in the vicinity of Everett, Wash., has been sent to the American Museum of Natural History, New York.

A dead body has been found on the plains east of Lander, and it is believed to be that of Geo. M. Scott, who disappeared recently while en route from Lander to Casper.

Fire in the Olson block at Butte, resulted in approximately \$100,000 damage to wholesale stock of the Passmore Paper company, the warehouse being flooded with water.

Jackson's Hole, in Wyoming, is experiencing the hardest winter in ten years. Many of the old ranchers are going to fall short of hay if the winter holds out much longer.

Byron Barrett of Butte, Mont., was struck by an interurban train at Milton, near Tacoma, and died in a hospital a few hours later, without regaining consciousness. He was well known among turfmen.

W. Foval, W. Livingston, R. Tracey and James Dunn escaped from the Seattle jail by prying down iron bars in their cells and climbing to the roof through the sky light. Dunn is an ex-convict and a dangerous crook.

County Treasurer Lakin, of Tacoma, received \$1000 conscience money last week, turned in by a man who asked to see him in his private office, and then passed over the roll of bills for another party whose name was not given.

A special from Cody, Wyo., says that R. C. Snyder, wife and infant son got caught in a blizzard on the plains and would have perished but for Thomas Hogg, who happened along and hauled them to the Sears ranch near Meeteetse.

A man named Kuhn has been arrested for the murder of J. H. Plunkett, a ranchman, near Troy, Mont. Kuhn is an old friend of Plunkett's wife and has been on the ranch for six months. Neighbors came upon the scene as the duel was in progress.

Over eighty million dollars is now invested in the new mining camps of southern Nevada. The Venture corporation, with its \$10,000,000 capitalization, is represented. Men like Schwab, Newhouse, McCormick, Rice, Farrell, Posey, Keith and Kearns are becoming more heavily interested every day.

Ten carloads of peanuts were imported from Spain to Colorado last fall cheaper than they could be brought from Virginia to Denver. The rate was \$1.25 a hundred pounds from Spain, which is a haul of about 6,000 miles, whereas the rate by rail from Virginia was at that time nearly \$2 a hundred pounds.

It is believed that Peter Brotherton has been lost in the storm between Meeteetse, Wyo., and the Dickie ranch, and that his body will be found when the deep snow melts. Brotherton led to go to the ranch, in which he had an interest. He spent one night at a ranch on the way, but left the next morning on horseback and has not since been seen.

Twenty thousand persons of all ages took part at Spokane Saturday in the greatest city cleaning movement ever known in a western community. It is estimated that 5,000 trees were set out during the afternoon. One syndicate planted 1,000 trees. The movement was planned and directed by the city beautiful committee of the 150,000 club.

Frank Kunkel died at St. John's hospital, Cheyenne, from a bullet wound received at Hartville. It is reported that he struck a bartender with a whiskey bottle and the latter shot him. Kunkel's assailant is under arrest at Hartville.

Dan Sullivan, a well-known athlete of Anaconda, will represent Montana at the Olympian games at Athens, a fund to send him there having been raised by the local Greek residents. Sullivan has distinguished himself in various lines of athletics.

One man was killed and three injured, one of whom may die, in a cave-in in the Bell mine at Butte. Robert McCauley was so badly crushed that he died soon after being taken to the hospital. John R. Lynch, his partner, is in a precarious condition.

Charles Erickson, employed in the Speculator mine at Butte, fell down the ore chute a distance of six stories and his companions went down to pick up his remains, when they were agreeably surprised to find that beyond a few bruises he had escaped uninjured.

A rich gold discovery is reported fifteen miles northeast of Beatty, Nevada. Assays at a depth of a foot are said to give a return of \$182. Strikers also reported at other points. Hundreds of prospectors are on the ground and a townsite has already been located.

SCORES CARRIED DOWN TO DEATH

Hotel in Germany Collapses While Guests are Seated at a Banquet.

Hardly a Family in the Village But Has Lost a Member, and, From Rejoicing, the Community is Plunged Into Mourning.

Nagold, Little Black Forest, Germany.—The Hotel Zum Hirsch fell during the progress of a festive dinner on Friday. There were 200 persons present, most of whom were buried in the ruins. At least fifty were killed and 100 injured were taken from the ruins, many of them in a serious condition.

The accident is attributed to carelessness on the part of those who were making repairs on the building, which had been raised five feet from the ground in order to give more space for the lower story. The work began early in the morning and was supposed to have been finished at noon. The keeper of the hotel invited the workmen and a large number of townspeople to a grand dinner. The company assembled in the middle banquet room and was drinking the health of the builder and landlord, when suddenly a crash was heard above. A score of those in the banquet room jumped from the windows and doors in time to escape when the house came down.

The town presents an indescribable scene of horror and grief. There is hardly a family but has lost one or more members.

RUSSIAN PRESS MUZZLED.

Prisons Yawn for Offending Editors in Czar's Domain.

St. Petersburg.—The first act of the government after the result of the St. Petersburg elections became known was to tighten the screws on the press. Some of the worst features of the old censorship have been restored. The papers must again submit copies of their editions before they are distributed, and the expedient of changing a paper's name when suspended has been forbidden. Likewise the device so practiced by Socialistic organs, as Verwaerts in Germany, in hiring a series of "prison editors."

The council of the empire has hurriedly adopted a law by 11 to 2 votes, punishing with a year's imprisonment the publication of false reports which affect the credit of the country at large.

MADE WAR ON MAYOR.

As Result Appointive Officers of Boise Are Fired by Council.

Boise.—There was a shaking up in the city affairs Thursday night when seven of the appointive officers were dismissed by unanimous vote of the council. Those whose heads were taken off were J. A. Beal, city clerk; Charles M. Kahn, city attorney; W. F. Lockie, police magistrate; M. S. Parker, associate police magistrate; Zenos M. Vaughn, city engineer; Charles H. Irwin, consulting engineer and George Holstead, pound master.

No reason was assigned for the action taken, but it arises from numerous causes which have been operating for some time. There has never been harmony between the mayor and the council.

OFFERS FORTUNE TO SERVA.

Queen Natalie Would Give Up Fifteen Million Dollars.

Belgrade, Servia.—The Stampa says it is reported from an authoritative source that former Queen Natalie of Servia, mother of the murdered King Alexander, intends to present to the kingdom of Servia all her properties in this country, valued at \$15,000,000, for the erection of a cathedral, provided the body of King Milan, her husband, and that of King Alexander are interred in it.

SPRING REVOLUTION BEGINS.

Santo Domingo Politicians Tired of Present Government.

Washington.—More trouble is reported from Santo Domingo in a cablegram received at the navy department Thursday from Commander Southernland of the Yankee, at Santo Domingo. He says: "A revolution has broken out at Samana. The Paducah is there. American interests are not involved. The Dubuque is at Monte Christi."

American Mining Congress to Meet in Denver.

Denver.—The board of directors of the American Mining congress announced Thursday the ninth annual convention of the congress will be held in Denver on Nov. 13 to 17 next. Simon Guggenheim and David H. Moffat have subscribed \$50,000 each to the fund for building an international mining temple in Denver on condition that the congress shall raise from \$150,000 to \$200,000 more for the purpose.

OVER ONE HUNDRED LIVES LOST IN TERRIFIC STORM

Hurricane Sweeps Over Tahiti and Neighboring Islands, Causes Wide Spread Destruction.

Honolulu.—The steamer Moana, which arrived here Wednesday, reports that 121 persons were drowned during the hurricane which recently swept over Tahiti and the neighboring islands. Of these victims one perished on Tahiti, ninety-one natives and four whites on the Poimotus and twenty-four natives and one white on the other islands.

Before the windstorm broke over Papeete the water rose steadily after a high tide to twenty feet above the normal mark and by 11 o'clock at night was wrecking wooden buildings and splashing between the American and British consulates.

At first no alarm was felt, but the continuation of the rise caused a panic. The wind blew in brief hurricane blasts every few minutes, tearing up trees and sending roofs flying through the air.

White signals for assistance were seen in Papeete from Leblloc, a white resident of Motua island, but it was impossible to render any help until morning, when the floating body of his wife was rescued from the top of a coconut palm.

Fears are entertained for the safety of the schooner Elmeo, with seven persons on board. The Dureggan reports a hurricane south of the Loyalty island on February 7. Thursday island experienced a hurricane on Feb. 22.

MAE DID NOT APPEAR.

Suit Against Senator Thomas C. Platt Dismissed.

Omaha.—The sensational suit filed by Miss Mae Wood against United States Senator Thomas C. Platt, William Loeb, secretary to the president, and former Postmaster General Wynne for \$150,000 damages, was called in court Wednesday and dismissed by Judge Kennedy because no one appeared for the plaintiffs. Miss Wood alleged that she had written a book entitled "The Love Letters of a Boss," which comprised a number of letters written to her by Senator Platt. She said that Platt, with the assistance of Wynne and Loeb got the letters from her and refused to return them.

Aeronaut Died After Landing.

New York.—Death in the waters of Bass creek, a small stream winding through the meadows along the south shore of Long Island, between Jones Beach and Amityville, ended the darling balloon ascot Wednesday afternoon of Paul Noquet, a French sculptor of note and an enthusiastic amateur aeronaut. Noquet apparently landed safely with his car and in fighting his way out of the meadows in the darkness had traversed about two-fifths of the distance from Jones Beach to Amityville, several miles, when he died. He had crossed thirteen or fourteen different islands and had swum or waded through the runlets between them.

CAUSES JUBILATION.

Victoria of Constitutional Democrats Causes Rejoicing.

St. Petersburg.—The victory of the Constitutional Democrats in the St. Petersburg municipal elections has caused intense jubilation in the radical press. The Molva calls it the blow in the face of the bureaucracy, and "its lackeys in the government, and a popular expression of disgust at the policy of blood and lawlessness which must find an echo throughout Russia and eventually force the government to resign."

Russo-Chinese Negotiations.

Pekin.—The Russo-Chinese negotiations appear to have reached a deadlock. At any rate they were dragging along slowly. M. Pokotloff, the Russian minister to China, and Tong, the Chinese commissioner appointed to negotiate an agreement with Russia regarding northern Manchuria, have conferred only two or three times during the past month. Russia has the upper hand because she holds nearly all the privileges she contends for, while demanding that China officially grant them.

Hazed Because He Was Poor.

Aldershot, England.—Four lieutenants, Hamilton, Dalrymple-Hamilton, Jolliffe and Harford, were placed on trial Wednesday before a court of inquiry which is making an investigation into the hazing of Second Lieutenant Clark Kennedy, who was severely maltreated by his fellow officers last month, because, it is alleged, he was too poor to meet all the regimental subscriptions. The court is composed of four generals and two colonels.

Stayed Too Long.

New York.—A scandal dating back to England's preparations for the Boer war was recalled to life on Wednesday in the arraignment of George L. Jordan, who disappeared in this city several years ago while buying horses for the use of the British army in the Boer war. Jordan has been arrested, charged with forgery in the first degree, having been indicted in 1892 for the forgery of a promissory note for \$20,000. He escaped arrest and the police supposed he had left this country.

STRIKE ORDER IN FULL FORCE

Complete Suspension of Mining Operations in the Pennsylvania Region

About 143,000 Men Are Idle as Result of Walkout, While at Least 17,000 Remain at Work to Prevent the Mines From Flooding.

Philadelphia.—There was a complete suspension of mining operations in the anthracite region Monday in accordance with the order issued last week by President Mitchell of the Mine Workers of America and the scale committee of that organization, with the solitary exception of the Oxford colliery, a small independent operation near Scranton, which employs about 500 hands, with a daily capacity of about 1,200 tons. This mine was kept in operation during the strike in 1902. Every other colliery was opened as usual and in readiness for the workers, but there was no response to the blowing of the whistles, other than the appearance of the engineers, firemen, pumpmen and others who preserve them from injury and who were exempted in President Mitchell's order.

There are 400 collieries in the anthracite region, employing 160,000 men and boys. Miners' officials estimated that 143,000 mine workers obeyed the order to suspend operations. This leaves 17,000 men who are permitted to continue at work to prevent the mines from flooding.

DOWIE DEPOSED.

Church Property Turned Over and Elijah is Now a Poor Man.

Chicago.—The open revolt against John Alexander Dowie, which took place Sunday, was followed Monday by the transfer of all the public property of the Church of Zion to Alexander Granger, whose dismissal had been directed by Dowie in a telegram from Mexico.

A warranty deed and a bill of sale were filed in the Lake county court at Waukegan, Ill., by W. G. Voliva, the present head of Zion, who was appointed by Dowie some months ago, by which all the lands standing in the name of Dowie and his wife are made over to Granger, for the benefit of Zion City and the followers of Dowie generally. Voliva holds from Dowie a power of attorney, and by virtue of it he has turned over to Granger everything portable in Zion City, even to the bed of Dowie.

All the officials of "Shiloh House," the Dowie residence, the horses and carriages, the machinery in the mills and everything in the name of Dowie outside of personal belongings of the residents of the town has been taken away from the control of the deposed "first apostle."

Folk at Jefferson Banquet.

Des Moines, Ia.—Governor Folk of Missouri was the chief speaker at the Jefferson banquet Monday night under the auspices of the Iowa Democratic club. Democrats of prominence from all parts of the state attended, and the gathering was one of the most notable ever held in the state under the auspices of this party. The banquet was preceded by an informal meeting of the members of the Democratic state central committee, but it was decided to take no action until after the Republican state convention.

Alleged Plot to Kill Spanish Royal Family.

Madrid.—The Spanish authorities have discovered an anarchist plot at Lebrija, twenty-nine miles from Seville, the notorious center of the black hands, to assassinate the royal family during the visit of King Alfonso, the dowager Queen Christina, and the sister of the king, the Infanta Maria Teresa, to Seville during holy week. The censorship prevents the sending of details regarding the conspiracy.

Proposition to Name the New Battleship New York.

Washington.—The suggestion that the projected 20,500-ton battleship which congress is expected to authorize at the present session should be named New York, involving the abandonment of that name for the armored cruiser which was the flagship during the Spanish war of the Atlantic fleet, the most formidable naval force ever gathered under the American flag, has caused some commotion in naval circles.

Los Angeles Claims John D.

Los Angeles, Cal.—The Express says: John D. Rockefeller expects to make his home in southern California. He has bought the Carmelita property in Pasadena, for which it is said he paid \$250,000, and has arranged to expend \$200,000 more before he enters upon its occupancy. The property, which formerly belonged to Mrs. Jeanne Sarr, was offered for sale ten years ago for \$25,000. Simon Reed bought it for \$26,000 and sold it to L. V. Harkness of the Standard Oil company for \$160,000.

CZAR MAKES FIRST MOVE FOR PEACE CONFERENCE

Great Powers Are Invited to Attend a Second Hague Conference Early in the Coming Summer.

Washington.—Unexpectedly the Russian government on Tuesday made another movement toward the reconvention of The Hague conference when Baron Rosen, the Russian ambassador, presented to Secretary Root a proposal for the reconvention of the conference at The Hague early in the coming summer, and indicated that the Netherlands government had assented to the proposal.

A casual review of the proposal discloses nothing that is calculated to arouse opposition on the part of the United States government, but unless the Algeiras conference has materially modified the views of certain of the European great powers, there is a notable disinclination to enter into any engagements that would further restrict the independence of action of a power in international matters.

MIXED RESULTS IN CHICAGO.

Citizens Voted Against Operation of the Street Railways by the City.

Chicago.—Under the result of the city election held Tuesday, in which the question of municipal ownership of the street railways was the vital issue, the city of Chicago can proceed to acquire and control the railways, but cannot operate them. At the same time the voters, while declaring that the city shall not proceed to operate the railroads, declared that as a question of policy it would be desirable for the city to do so.

The total vote cast on the question of municipal ownership was 231,171. Of this number 120,911 were cast in favor of municipal operation of the street railways, and 110,260 against it. In order to become binding the proposition to operate the railways should have received 138,703 votes. It therefore fell short of the required number by 17,792 votes.

NOT ALL ARE IDLE.

Some of the Soft Coal Miners Secure the Scale.

Pittsburg.—With the exception of one or two points outside of the Pittsburg district the strained situation between operators and miners in the soft coal fields of western Pennsylvania is hourly growing more pacific. Following the signing of the scale demanded by the miners, the mines of the operators who signed the scale resumed their operations, although in many instances with reduced forces.

In the Pittsburg district there were 18,000 miners working and 1,200 were idle. The independent operators met on Tuesday and decided not to sign the scale and not to work their mines non-union. The independent operators employ between 12,000 and 14,000 men and they are all idle.

House Passes Important Bill.

Washington.—By a vote of 202 to 26 the house on Tuesday passed the national quarantine bill. The bill places the control of all quarantine stations, grounds and anchorages under the secretary of the treasury, and directs that as soon as practicable after the approval of the act he shall select and designate such suitable places for them and establish the same at such points on or near the sea coast of the United States and on the Mexican border as in his judgment are best suited for the same in order to prevent the introduction of yellow fever into the United States.

Kansas City Goes Republican.

Kansas City, Mo.—The Republican city ticket, headed by Henry M. Beardsley for mayor, was elected on Tuesday. Mr. Beardsley's majority over Robert L. Gregory, Democrat, being estimated at 1,200. The issue of the campaign was restriction of public service franchise, both platforms endorsing the principle of municipal ownership. The gas company and the street railway company are both seeking extensions of franchises, and the incoming administration is pledged to insist upon adequate return for extension.

HEARST BILL KILLED.

Will Not be Able to Secure a Recount of the Vote.

Albany, N. Y.—The assembly on Tuesday practically killed the bill which would permit William Randolph Hearst to secure a recount of the vote cast in New York City for mayor at the last election when Geo. M. McClellan was elected on the face of the returns. The bill was recommitted to the committee on judiciary.

Rose Defeated in Milwaukee.

Milwaukee.—Sherburn M. Becker, Republican, was on Tuesday elected mayor of Milwaukee over David S. Rose, Democrat, who has for the past eight years been the city's executive head. The complete unofficial vote is as follows: Becker, Republican, 22,565; Rose, Democrat, 21,010; Arnold, Socialist Democrat, 16,720; Becker's political ally, 1,555. The common council will have 19 Republicans, a gain of 5; 16 Democrats, a loss of 7, and 11 Socialist Democrats, a gain of 2.

OVERTHROW OF CASTRO SOUGHT

Alleged Plot Being Laid in Europe and United States to Start Rebellion.

Castro is to be Expelled or Destroyed and a Native Venezuelan Statesman Installed as His Successor, the Work to be Accomplished by Mercenaries Backed by Powerful Syndicate.

New York.—The World says: "One of the largest merchants in New York declares that arrangements are being perfected here and in Paris and London for a division in Venezuela which will annihilate Castro and open up that country to American capital and enterprise.

"A number of rich New York merchants are said to be interested in the movement, which, the promoters declare, will involve the employment of 15,000 soldiers and the expenditure of \$5,000,000 in the campaign under which President Castro, if the plans do not go astray, is to be either expelled or destroyed, and a native Venezuelan statesman is to be installed as his successor.

"In this connection it is said that Castro, anticipating a successful revolution against him sooner or later, has converted some of his alleged \$4,000,000 fortune into cash and has sent it to America and France.

"The expedition is to set out shortly from Europe in three large steamships, which are already under contract. They are to carry about 5,000 volunteers, with the following quantities of arms and ammunition: Eight thousand Mauser rifles of the latest pattern, 24,000 rounds of cartridges, 500,000 shells, eight rapid-fire guns, 8,000 army belts, 1,000 officers' swords, 1,000 officers' revolvers, 3,000 machettes and swords, together with other supplies."

IDE IS GOVERNOR GENERAL.

Inaugural Ceremonies at Manila With Civil and Military Display.

Manila.—The inaugural ceremonies in connection with the induction of Henry C. Ide into the office of governor general took place Monday with civic and military display. Three thousand troops of all arms attended and the Marble hall of the Ayuntamiento, the official home of the governor general, was thronged with thousands of citizens of all classes, while army and navy officials, consular officers, Captain Shimamura and staff of the Japanese navy, all in full uniform, added brilliancy to an impressive scene. The oath of office was administered by Chief Justice Cayetano Arellano of the supreme court.

SHOT AS A HOLDUP.

Salt Lake Man Killed by Colored Waiter Through an Error.

Salt Lake City.—A. L. Coleman, a colored waiter at the Wilson cafe, shot and killed John P. Larsen, 634 South Fifth East street, manager of the C. O. D. Commission company, at 12:35 o'clock Sunday morning in the city and county building grounds. Coleman says that Larsen acted suspiciously and attempted to hold him up. The bullet fired by Coleman entered the dead man's right lung and, passing through his heart, killed him instantly.

PUNISHMENT IS DEATH.

Father John of Cronstadt Attacked in the Cathedral.

Cronstadt.—Father John Sargieff better known as Father John of Cronstadt, was attacked in the cathedral here Sunday while descending from the altar to administer the sacrament. His assailant struck at him with a loaded cane, but Father John dodged the blow, which smashed the cup. The man was arrested. The penalty for violation of the sacrament in Russia is death.

CHILD KILLED BY AUTO.

Lady Occupants Fainted and Chauffeur Ran Away.

Naples.—An automobile containing Mrs. Jannette Gilman, her daughter and a French chauffeur, ran over and instantly killed Giovanni Fara, 13 years old. The ladies fainted from fright and the chauffeur ran away. He was followed by carabinieri and arrested. The police seized the automobile. A threatening crowd of people surrounded the party, but the ladies were not molested.

Indiana Miners at Work.

Indianapolis, Ind.—According to advices received here there will be no general tie-up of the bituminous coal mines in Indiana. At Vincennes the Prospect Hill Coal company has announced that it will sign the 1903 scale, and the operators at Bicknell, it is reported, have signified their willingness to do the same. At Evansville the Diamond, Worsham, Newburg, Evansville, Banner and Sunny-side Coal companies in this county will sign the 1903 scale and get to work as soon as possible.