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## HISTORY OF A WEEK.

### PEOPLE, PLACES AND THINGS OF THE WORLD.

News of Crimes and Criminals, Accidents, Fires, Etc., from North, South, East and West, Sandwiched with Minor Affairs.

**The Spanish Reply.**  
The Paris correspondent of the London Times says: "The Spanish Commissioners replied as follows:

It is impossible for us either to accept or refuse the conditions the United States impose. We do not desire to offend our friends, who would be obliged to expose to the risk of behold the humiliating spectacle of an American fleet bombarding European ports. We do not intend to furnish America with a pretext for the realization of an aim which are not in conformity with the stipulations adopted in the common agreement that terminated the war.

We withdraw because we do not feel we have the right to sign the abdication so imposed upon us.

**Expenses to See Heavy.**

The Navy Department has practically decided to abandon wrecking operations under existing contracts on the Spanish coasts. Cristobal Colon, Vizcaya and Almirante Oquendo, now San Santiago, which have been awarded to the Spanish Government, and to approve the recommendation in part at least of Naval Constructor Hobson and other officers who have been superintending the work of rescuing these vessels.

The Navy Department will send a cable dispatch to Capt. Cobly M. Chester, senior naval officer on the south coast of Cuba, directing him to concentrate the wrecking work for the present altogether on the Relia Mercedes, which is submerged in still water and capable of ready raising.

**Found the Money.**  
A special train, Alton, Ohio, says: "A large sum of money has been discovered at the late home of Oscar Osborne, who was murdered in Richfield a few weeks ago. It is said the murdered man had confided to a neighbor the hiding place of the money, and recently search was made for it, and a sum of \$10,000 was found. The theory is now advanced that the stray found about Osborne's neck was used to choke and strangle him to induce him to tell where the money was hidden. It is known that Osborne had secreted large sums somewhere about his place."

**Troops for Cuba.**

The first assignment of troops for the general occupation of Cuba, was made recently, in general orders issued by Gen. George M. Davis, follows: "The First and six troops of the Eighth U. S. Cavalry, and Third Georgia Volunteers, Cavalry, and Fifteenth U. S. Infantry, Puerto Principe, Brigadier Gen. Carpenter, U. S. A., is assigned to command the troops with headquarters at Matanzas."

**Smallpox at Manila.**  
The transport Manila, arrived at San Francisco, where she was bound for Manila, about twenty-five sick soldiers and sailors. The officers report that when the First left Manila there were 1,500 sick in the hospitals. Smallpox was prevalent, and physicians are dismayed at the progress of the disease. The daily average death rate was ten."

**To Be Court Martialed.**  
The Navy Department has decided to court martial Naval Constructor John F. Hanscom and Chief Engineer Lewis W. Robinson, of the League Island navy yard, Philadelphia, on charges of neglect in doing their duty, in failing to pay to be paid to laborers for working extra time in violation of naval regulations.

**Diamonds Fired.**  
There was a disastrous fire at Middleboro, Ky., on Shrewsbury Avenue. This town has been burned to the ground and nothing is left. The houses were owned by the Town Company and the Manchester Building Company, of Manchester, England. They are covered by insurance in London companies.

**Justice Forty-Seven Years.**  
Andrew J. Wright, aged 88 years, is at the bar of Justice. He served as Justice of the Peace forty-seven years, and was said to have held the office longer than any other Justice in the State.

**Gen. Lee's Mother Dead.**  
Mrs. Anna Marie Lee, mother of Gen. Fitzhugh Lee, died at the residence of her son, Gen. Lee, in the City of County, Virginia, as a result of her fall a few days ago.

**Say Arrested.**  
London special: A Frenchman has been arrested at Dover for attempting to enter the big gun turret on the admiral's yacht.

**England and France: C. to an Agreement.**  
The London correspondent of the New York Evening Post cables that a general and satisfactory arrangement has been reached between Great Britain and France on the Fashoda question.

**Instantly Slain.**  
Atlanta (Ga.) special: J. C. Hopkins, a physician, and R. R. Evans, a prominent citizen of Thomasville, the famous winter resort, had an encounter on the main thoroughfare and Evans was instantly killed.

**Mariad Women to Be Barred.**

The life insurance companies doing business in Canada have agreed hereafter not to accept risks on the lives of married women unless they happen to be the breadwinners of the family, or, in other words, unless they are the sole breadwinners. The decision has been come to with a view to checking the crime of murder for insurance.

**John Reed's Escape.**  
John Reed, the "Napoleon of the green goods fraternity," did not face charges of swindling in the Superior Court at Worcester, Mass. He was released from a Worcester jail late the preceding night, and the detectives have not been able to find any trace of him.

**Exploded in a Barracks.**  
An explosion near the rear entrance to the eastern barracks at Fort Wayne, near Detroit, resulted disastrously to four soldiers, who are now lying buried and bruised in the regimental hospital. They are all members of the Nineteenth Infantry.

**Japan's Case not Settled Out.**

The whole cabinet of Japan has resigned, the ministers being unable to agree upon the question of filling the portfolio of education. Thus the first attempt at party government in Japan has proved a failure.

### POSTOFFICES IN PORTO RICO.

Major Stuart's New Postal System of the Island Was Reformed.  
Major James E. Stuart, chairman of the Porto Rico postal commission, has gone to Europe to inspect the postal service. In discussing his mission, Major Stuart said: "There were ninety-six post offices in the island, including my assistants and a number of postal clerks, when we landed at Ponce. As soon as we landed we began obeying the Postmaster General's orders to establish a system of post offices by following the lines of the advancing army. As soon as a town was captured we elected the native postmaster, put one of our clerks in charge, introduced a money order and registered letter system, and so on. We had an up-to-date American post office system like stock four hours later. We have now about eighty offices, with all the modern arrangements, in full operation. Most of the postmasters are American citizens, but in unimportant interior posts we appointed native men. A native man is the proudest mortal alive, for, from being accounted the chief man of the community, he is looked upon as a sort of magellan."

### RICHL DISCOVERY OF GOLD.

Remarkable Strike Reported on Co'ope Reservation in Washington.

A message from the Republic camp on the north half of the Colville Reservation, Washington, says that the miners have crossed twenty-five feet of solid bedrock, and are still in the same. The news of the big strike has spread to the surrounding mining districts and the excitement is intense. Conservative mining men say that such an out-cue with such value—\$300 a ton—is unprecedented in the mining history of the country. The great claim, however, is a depth of a depth of 400 feet, and is nowhere less than five feet wide, and the width runs as high as 25 feet. Contrary to the general rule in gold mining, the ledge is the richest at the widest points. The mine is eighty miles from a railroad and the ore is freighted that distance over a mountain road and shipped to a Puget sound smelter.

### WERE TIRED OF LIVING.

The Themselves Together and Jump into the Lake at Cleveland.

The end of the Gloucester, Mass., fishing season is at hand, and with it is counted the profit and loss and the sacrifice of life.

The reckoning for the year is fourteen vessels a total loss and eighty-two men drowned in the pursuit of the fish.

The total loss is \$100,000. The

men say that the President's recent trip to China and Manchuria convinced them that the country is in favor of retaining all of the territory taken during the war. Up to that time, it is said, he personally favored expansion, but was in doubt as to what stand to take.

**BRITAIN IS WARLIKE.**

Naval Preparations Are Being Pushed with Great Activity.

England is preparing to strike France at all of her vulnerable spots simultaneously in the event of war being declared, and for several weeks will devote his time to visiting spots of historic interest. On Sunday the Emperor assisted in the dedication of the Church of St. Mary's, which is built on an historic site. Since he has built the holy place, the Emperor has been visiting the Holy Sepulchre, the tomb of David, the tomb of Rachel and the Garden of Gethsemane are among the thousand and one historic places upon which the Emperor's feet will tread.

**THE SITUATION AT VIRDEN.**

Soldiers Are Returning Home and Conditions Becoming Normal.

There have been no important developments lately in the coal mining situation in Virdin, Ill., and affairs are monotonously dragging on. The company's works are a standstill, and it is thought that no further miners will be made to improve large as formerly.

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**END OF THE EXPOSITION.**

Seventy-five Thousand Visited Omaha's Show the Last Day.

The Transmississippi International exposition has closed. The closing hours of the enterprise were the most brilliant of the entire fair.

Twenty-five thousand people crowded the grounds during the closing day. Up to the last morning 2,552,388 people had registered at the turnstiles, so the grand total will considerably exceed 2,900,000.

The exposition was a financial success, but none was attempted and, according to the Emperor, the fair was a success.

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**REVISION IS ORDERED.**

Court of Cassation Reaches Decision in Dreyfus Case.

The court of cassation at Paris has granted the application for revision of the Dreyfus court martial, but refused to order the retrial of the accused.

The two walked out to the end of the dock of the Cleveland Yacht Club, at the foot of Erie street, and, after trying themselves together with strips torn from a bed sheet, they jumped into the lake. The two Lehigh Railroad men were the victims of the act.

They at once dived into the icy water after the pair.

The man and woman had already sunk several times, but were finally rescued after a long struggle on the part of the rescuers.

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