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WEEK'S NEWS RECORD

A detachment of twenty men of the Twenty-fourth regiment, while engaged in repairing telegraph wires, at a point near San Jose, Nuevo Ecija province, Isle de Luzon, Philippines, were set upon by 200 rebels and were overpowered and scattered.

The bark Merom of San Francisco, owned by the Alaska Packers' Association, was driven ashore and totally wrecked on Kodiak Island in a gale. A sailor of the crew known as "Dutch Bill" remained on the vessel and went down with her.

The torpedo boat Dahlgren lies high and dry on the mud flats at the south end of Newport, R. I., harbor. The torpedo-boat T. A. M. Craven is in her slip at the torpedo station with ten feet of her bow bent to port at right angles. The two boats collided in a gale.

Advices from Dawson say that steamers bring word that the United States telegraphic system in the Yukon country will be completed from Nome to Tanana by Christmas. The line from Dawson northward to Eagle on the American side will be concluded a month hence.

The St. Louis police are looking for a man who is known only as "Jack, the oil thrower." A year ago he ruined scores of women's dresses by squirting oil on them, apparently from a syringe. His first victim this season is Mrs. Ida Schwartz, whose tan coat was ruined.

Gov. Beckham of Kentucky has approved the only election bill passed during the extra session. The bill goes into effect immediately. The law repeals no part of the Gobel law, but provides severe penalties for violation of election laws and otherwise throws safeguards around the voter.

John Bruce ran a locomotive into a flame-sheeted shed of the American Central Company's plant at Chicago, where his conductor, Edward Kitchen, coupled the engine to five cars loaded with oatmeal. A minute later the cars, with flaming roofs, were pulled out into the open, where they were saved by firemen.

An explosion of rubber cement in the shoe factory of Witchell Sons' Company, in Detroit, resulted in the death of one person and injury of eight others, four of whom were girls. The fire spread with such rapidity that the employees were compelled to jump from the upper stories. The building was completely gutted and will doubtless be a total loss.

George C. Beveridge, a resident of San Francisco and one of the owners of the famous Dolores mine of Mexico, brings news of a horrible tragedy enacted in the vicinity of his mine. A handsome young girl was abducted from her home by a man who was enamored of her and kept a close prisoner in a cave for three months. During that time ten men were killed because of her.

Tempted by the knowledge that thousands of dollars were within his grasp and fortified by an intimate acquaintance with postoffice methods, some one robbed the United States mail of the entire receipts for the day of station H, the "second general postoffice," at Forty-fourth street and Lexington avenue, New York. Such an occurrence is unprecedented in the annals of New York. Subordinate officials place the loss at from \$15,000 to \$40,000.

NEWS NUGGETS.

Sir Henry Acland, British scientist, is dead, aged 85.

Ex-Postmaster General William L. Wilson died suddenly at Lexington Va.

Galveston benefit in Drury Lane Theater, London, cleared \$6,500 for the fund.

Stories of the Dowager Empress Frederick's marriage to Baron Seckendorff have been revived and are not denied.

The London Times announces that Sir Alfred Milner will be appointed governor of the former South African republics.

The trunk of a man's body with head and legs severed has been found in a bag at Floating Bridge Pond, Lynn, Mass.

A dispatch from Shanghai states that Pao-ting fu was captured by the force of 7,000 allies sent from Pekin for that purpose.

A conference at Philadelphia resulted in an agreement to accede to demands by the mine workers' convention, which means the end of the big strike.

Lord Alverstone, more widely known as Sir Richard Webster, has been appointed lord chief justice of England in succession to the late Lord Russell of Killowen.

A conservative estimate of Florida's orange crop this year placed the yield at 1,000,000 boxes. An extra large yield will be had in Manatee, Hillsboro and DeSoto Counties.

Eight people were either burned to death or suffocated in a fire which partially destroyed the three-story-and-attic frame double tenement house 35 and 45½ Hester street, New York.

"King Oscar's illness," says a dispatch to the London Daily Mail from Stockholm, "has developed into a serious inflammation of the lungs. The crown prince has been appointed regent."

The family of the late John Clark of New York have engaged counsel to try to obtain for them the estate of his brother, Inlay Clark, who died a few years ago in Australia, leaving a fortune estimated at \$20,000,000.

John Hughes, postmaster at Cambria, Pa., shot and killed a burglar who broke into the office. There were two burglars, and when Hughes fired they ran. Later one of them was found dead by the roadside. His identity is not known.

He has destroyed the car sheds of the Indiana and Eastern Electric Railway Company at Gates Mills, O. A number of cars and other property was burned. Loss \$100,000; covered by insurance.

Widespread damage, as well as death to several and serious injury to many, was caused by a storm which swept over New York and vicinity. Three men were killed and six injured in the collapse of a building in Kearney, N. J.

EASTERN.

James Gordon Bennett is in New York after three years' absence in Europe.

Sophia Holmes, first colored woman ever employed by the United States, is dead in Washington.

Officials of the Panama Canal Company have arrived at New York and assert the canal will be built.

Copper plate engravers at Tiffany & Co.'s, highest-priced workmen in the world, have struck for recognition of their union.

The population of the State of Connecticut, as officially announced by the census bureau, is 908,355. In 1890 the population was 746,258.

The ocean steamer Waccamau, bound down, damaged two of the gates of the Welland canal so seriously that navigation was discontinued for two days.

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Undertakers in convention at Manitowoc, Colo., were stuck half way up Pike's Peak in a snowstorm.

The Topeka presbytery, in session at Kansas City, Kan., voted in favor of re-consideration of the confession of faith.

Sneak thieves stole a tray containing twenty-eight diamond rings, valued at \$5,000, were stolen from the jewelry store of Burt, Ramsey & Co., at Cleveland.

George Fenner, who raised the American flag over the City of Mexico when it fell, dropped dead on the street at Bucyrus, Ohio.

"George Hessler," under arrest at St. Paul, has admitted that he is John Bingham, wanted in Chicago for the murder of Gus Colliander.

The Presbyterian synod of Fargo, N. D., has elected Andrew Christy Brown, D. D., of Omaha, synodical missionary for North Dakota.

Dr. Orlander Longnecker of Dayton, Ohio, has been convicted in the United States Court at Cincinnati of using the mails for improper purposes.

Sister Baptista, a Sister of Charity, was accidentally shot and killed at St. Aloysius' School, in Helena, Mont., by John Nicholson, an 11-year-old pupil.

A head-end collision between a Colorado and Southern passenger train and a freight occurred near Littleton, Colo. W. J. Watson, engineer of the passenger train, was killed.

At El Paso, Texas, it is reported that the agent of the Wells-Fargo Express Company at Escalon, Mexico, disappeared, taking with him \$18,000 of the company's money.

The town of Herrick, Ill., was partly destroyed by fire. Nearly the whole business part of the city is in ashes. Loss is thousands of dollars, partly covered by insurance.

It is expected that within less than a year Chicago will be equipped with a pneumatic tube commercial package delivery service which will surpass anything which has yet been planned for the city.

Dr. S. C. Lawrence and J. R. Ritchie quarreled at Senath, Mo., over a bill for medical services due the former. A duel with knifey followed and Lawrence drove his knife into Ritchie's right side, inflicting a fatal wound.

Mr. and Mrs. Martin Sayers, an aged couple, were instantly killed by a Big Four train at Elyria, Ohio. They were driving across the track in a buggy and did not hear the train approaching until escape was impossible.

F. H. Parks, cashier of Breedon's grocery, 633 Sixty-third street, Chicago, was held up by three men, who secured a small amount of change from a pocket of his trousers, but failed to find \$500 in his inside vest pocket.

Ernst Ammon was held up by five men on the platform of a crowded North Clark street car in Chicago and robbed of \$75 and checks amounting to \$65. The robbers were pursued by a crowd of people for several blocks, but they escaped.

United States Deputy Marshal Taylor was killed in Pawnee, Ok. Taylor had arrested a desperado and was guarding him in a saloon, when someone slipped a revolver to the prisoner, who opened fire, the ball striking Taylor in the breast.

George Owintz, a member of a band that held up the train at Fairbanks, Ariz., four months ago, confessed in court and told the full story of the robbery. Six members of the band, it is expected, will be convicted upon Owintz' testimony.

The large department store of Burton Brothers burned to the ground at Sullivan, Ind. The building includes the Peo-

ple's Theater, and entails a loss of \$100,000, partially covered by insurance. The fire originated in the basement from an overturned candle.

The Dawes commission has finished its work of enrolling Cherokees at Bartlesville, I. T. The number of persons enrolled to this date are as follows: Cherokees, 17,562; Delawares, 824; doubtful, 2,336; rejected, 1,040. Rejected for want of jurisdiction, 488.

A father, mother and four young children were blown to atoms at Sells, Ark. While the family was at supper their home was wrecked by an explosion of dynamite. It is believed that a neighbor dispute over a homestead claim prompted the outrage.

The Prohibitionists of Douglas County, Kan., are in great trouble. It has been discovered that the messenger intrusted with the duty of filing the nomination papers became intoxicated and neglected his duty, and the Prohibition ticket will not be on the official ballot.

An east-bound passenger train on the Lake Erie and Western road hit a freight as the latter was taking a siding near St. Mary's, Ohio. Conductor A. L. Heath, of Lima, was made unconscious and may die of his injuries. All on board were severely shaken up.

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