

NEWS of the WEEK

Bunyan's "Pilgrim's Progress" was recently translated into Chinese...

A camel, with an ordinary load of 400 pounds, can travel twelve to fourteen days without water...

An Arizona editor has a neat way of expressing himself. Referring to a recent lynching in Skull Valley...

Dr. Lasar of the Hygienic Institute, Konigsburg, Germany, calls attention to the remarkable power of lemon juice in destroying the diphtheria bacillus...

An affecting incident occurred at Sioux City. George Denison, aged 8, and George Lewis, aged 12, were bathing when the former was attacked with cramps and screamed for help...

That there is true "sporting blood" in Central America is attested by the following advertisement spread across the top of a page of the Guatemala Herald early in June...

William C. Royal, a wealthy resident of Georgetown, Penn., who died on May 31 and whose will has been just probated, devised his entire estate, valued conservatively at \$50,000...

A discharged soldier recently returned from the Philippines tells a tale of a shirt which is too good to be lost. His company was returning from a long and tiresome scouting trip...

A German engineer has hit upon a very happy use for the phonograph instead of a guide at exhibitions. The new device will be used for the first time at the automobile exhibition at Berlin...

The Columbia River canneries have been making experiments in the canning of shad, and have been so successful in their efforts that a new fishing industry may be developed in the Northwest...

From Washington. Admiral Kempff's flagship, the Newark, has gone to the naval station at Cavite for the purpose of making some necessary repairs...

Seven assistant engineers have been sent to different places in the country to inspect material to be used in the construction of the revenue cutter Mackinaw...

In a Personal Vein. Frank Betz, a well known Wagnerian singer, died in Berlin.

The Republicans of the Fourth Tennessee district nominated John F. Gore of Gainsboro for congress.

Baron von Stumm Halberg, the distinguished German Conservative statesman, is suffering from cancer of the stomach.

Maj. James G. Lee, assistant quartermaster general, recently in charge of the quartermaster's depot at Chicago, has been placed on the retired list of the army.

A. H. Merrill, professor of elocution in Vanderbilt university, died at Tate Springs, Tenn. Prof. Merrill was forty-one years of age and was one of the compilers of the book "The World's Best Orations..."

Dwight L. Bell, aged sixty-one, died at the residence of his brother, Dr. Charles I. Bell, at Bridgeport, Conn., after a long illness.

Miss Estelle Reel, general superintendent of the Indian schools, is making preparations to visit the Northwest. She will inspect the Indian schools in Minnesota, Wisconsin, North and South Dakota and Michigan.

Forest fires which have been threatening in Michigan were all extinguished by a heavy rain.

One hundred persons narrowly escaped shipwreck off Narragansett Pier a few days ago.

A freight train on the Wheeling & Lake Erie road jumped the track at Deep River, W. Va., and two men were killed.

In a storm which passed over New York four persons were killed in Queensborough and two have small chance of recovery.

It is reported that several persons were killed and forty injured by the wrecking of a train east of Lake Charles, at Iowa station, of the west-bound fast passenger train on the Southern Pacific railroad.

A waterspout, which increased in size during the fifteen minutes it was in view on Lake St. Clair, from a mere thread until it looked to be 150 feet in diameter, frightened the residents of the St. Clair flats, Michigan, but did no damage.

Eleven persons were instantly killed and several others seriously injured in a grade-crossing accident three miles east of Slaton, Pa., by a passenger train on the Lehigh & New England railway crashing into an omnibus containing twenty-five persons.

Miss Benette Brady of St. Louis was robbed of \$5,000 worth of diamonds a few days ago.

Three former employes of the St. Louis Transit company have been arrested for dynamiting.

Robert Fresman, special agent of the treasury department at Fargo, N. D., was held up and robbed.

Gov. Lee of South Dakota has granted a requisition for Dan Finley, wanted in Butte, Mont., for horse stealing.

Thieves entered the postoffice at Morgan Park, Chicago, and, after securing all the cash and stamps on hand, made their escape.

In view of the fact that numerous sensational murders have been committed in Berlin of late, without a successful investigation by the police, a reorganization of the criminal division of the Berlin force has been ordered, and a special commission will be constituted to deal with murder cases.

From Other Shores. The khedive of Egypt, accompanied by a considerable suite, is enjoying his stay on the northern shore of the Lake of Geneva.

Lorenz Schweitz of Breslau has just been appointed to the post of public executioner for Prussia. He is a retired business man and well to do.

Latest reports of the coal experts from the United States, now in Mexico, show an increase last month of nearly 40 per cent over the same period of last year, this increase being divided between shipments to Mexico and Canada.

Enormous posters announced the coming of America's famous bandmaster, John Philip Sousa, to Munich. With his band of sixty-five musicians he did not disappoint the public, who listened with great delight to his characteristic music.

Whatever may be the reason, there is no doubt of the fact that the Geneva hotels are doing a very poor business compared to former years.

Princess Elizabeth of Bavaria, who is to marry, in October, Prince Albert, heir presumptive to the throne of the Belgians, is already very popular in Brussels, where thousands of her photographs, imported from Munich, are being sold.

The age reached by city trees is by no means an immaterial question. Prof. Mangin, in a lecture recently delivered at the Sorbonne, Paris, pointed out that there were 90,000 trees in the city of Paris, not counting those in the parks, cemeteries and school yards.

Domestic. Apple crop in Southern Iowa is a failure. George P. Leefeldt, Waukon, Iowa, is dead.

Earthquakes in California increase size of rivers. West Superior Wis. banks will not lend city money.

There was a \$40,000 blaze at Hudson, Wis., recently. Catholic sisters will open a school at Lead, S. D., next month.

Elmer Dayton of St. Cloud is reported missing at Manila. The glass works at Muncie, Ind., will resume work Sept. 1.

There was a \$1,000,000 fire at Glens Falls, N. Y., last week. Dwight L. Bell, a pioneer railroader of Bridgeport, Conn., is dead.

Milwaukee will try to secure Bryan and Roosevelt for Labor Day. Sidney Whittier of Springfield, Ill., shot and killed his sister-in-law.

William Beeman, a Wolf Creek, Wis. farmer, was killed by lightning. The new fast lake steamer will run direct between Buffalo and Detroit.

The abductors of little Hazel Peterson were caught at Waukegan, Ill. Vineyard owners in France shoot cannon at clouds to protect crops.

Cecil Rhodes is planning to have Chinamen work the South African mines. There are twenty-four cases of small pox among the Indians at Oberon, N. D.

One thousand families of the Russian sect, Mallakus, may come to Minnesota. Mrs. W. B. Upton of La Crosse, Wis., accidentally shot herself through the foot.

Soldiers sick in Manila number 5,129. Augustus L. Barber, New York, is dead.

The 10-year-old daughter of Henry McCann was drowned Saturday at Jims Falls, Wis. The White Star liner Cymric has arrived at New York. She was on fire in midocean.

Company A, First infantry, stationed at Fort Logan, Ark., is ordered to San Francisco. Companies C and D, First infantry, Kansas, leave for San Francisco, en route to China.

Charles Worth, son of a Standard Oil official, is missing from his home at Chadwick, N. J. The treasury statement shows an available cash balance of \$140,023,174; gold, \$74,588,276.

The state investigation committee finds irregularities in the Chicago elevator companies. Lady Seymour and Lady Pole-Carew passed through Winnipeg, Man., during the past week.

George T. Baker of Des Moines, Ia., announces that he will not be a candidate for secretary of state. Gov. Shaw of Iowa will appoint a United States senator to succeed the late Senator Gear immediately.

Robert S. Hughes, president of the Rogers Locomotive company, is dead at his home at Paterson, N. J. William H. Gravenhorst, the Netherlands consul, is dead from heart disease at his home in Brooklyn.

The Deutschland, the swiftest steamer, crosses the ocean in five days, eleven hours and forty-five minutes. Time-worn lightning rod swindle has recently been worked extensively in the neighborhood of Cumberland, Wis.

The taxable property of the State of South Dakota is much greater than last year, according to the assessment board. Eight million one hundred and sixty-two thousand dollars in gold bars were shipped from New York to England last week.

Rain has fallen over the greater part of Nebraska. Reports indicate that the corn crop will be nearly an average one all over the state. The defendants in the suit of the Missouri, Kansas & Texas Railway company are restrained from further steps toward consolidation.

There is a decrease of \$61,835, \$24 in the assessable, or one-fifth valuation of the real property in Cook county, Ill., as compared with last year. Italian societies in Chicago held a great demonstration in commemoration of King Humbert.

A fire at Glens Falls, N. Y., destroyed over \$100,000 worth of property. Among the property destroyed was the Glens Falls electric light and gas plant. It was announced that a big Salvation Army rally at Asbury Park that Mrs. Booth-Tucker was being roughly ill at her summer home at Spring Lake.

The consolidation of the street car companies of Dubuque, Iowa, into the Union Electric company, with a capital stock of \$1,000,000 has been effected.

TAKE SACRED CITY

ALLIES' FLAGS FLOAT OVER IMPERIAL PALACE.

Street Fighting Still Continues—Report That Empress Dowager Had Been Captured Is Not Confirmed—President and His Cabinet Decide to Reject Li Hung Chang's Application for Cessation of Hostilities—The Cause of This Action Is That There Is No Evidence of an Authority to Conduct Negotiations.

London, Aug. 23.—In the news that reached London this morning direct from China there is nothing to confirm the report that the empress dowager has been run to earth. The foreign envoys, according to the Shanghai correspondent of the Daily Express, are proceeding to Tien-tsin. The same correspondent avers that the sacred city was entered Aug. 15, two days earlier than Admiral Bruce reported. "The flags of the allies," says the Shanghai correspondent of the Daily Mail, wiring yesterday, "are now floating over the imperial palace."

Street Fighting. however, continues. Considerable assistance in the capture of Peking was rendered by 4,000 armed native Christians. The legations were enabled to hold out by purchasing ammunition from the Chinese.

American action in refusing to deal with Li Hung Chang in the peace proposals meets with unanimous approval at the hands of the morning papers. The Standard says: "We anticipate the other powers will take the same course, at any rate until Earl Li produces his authority to negotiate." The Chronicle says: "Mr. Conger has at last opened the eyes of the state department to the real character of Orientals."

APPEAL IS REJECTED. Cabinet Decides Not to Stop Hostilities.

Washington, Aug. 23.—The cabinet session yesterday practically opened the consideration of the momentous questions growing out of the capture of Peking and the war in China. Until yesterday's session the absorbing question had been the safety of Minister Conger and the legation at Peking. Now, however, that has given place to problems of a more intricate and far-reaching character, touching the very existence of the Chinese empire and the part which the American government is to take in the reconstruction of that country. The meeting yesterday was devoted entirely to the Chinese situation.

Secretaries Hay and Root, who have been most active in directing affairs, were absent from the city. The president having with him Secretaries Gage, Hitchcock and Wilson and Postmaster General Smith. Several questions were awaiting attention. First of all was the application of Li Hung Chang for the appointment of Conger or some other commissioner to negotiate for the cessation of hostilities. The decision arrived at was to reject the appeal, and a reply of this character will be sent to Minister Wu to be forwarded to Li Hung Chang. The moving cause for this action is that this government is at present very much

In the Dark as to whether there is any existing government in China. With the capital in the hands of the allies, the emperor and empress dowager fugitives in hiding, and the entire governmental fabric paralyzed, there is no evidence of an authority adequate to conduct negotiations and secure results which will be final and binding. Under the present remarkable conditions the United States will act with extreme caution in whatever steps it may take toward a solution of the pending problems. In the meantime there is reason to believe that the United States and all the other powers interested will keep

Their Armed Forces on the ground so that order may be maintained and at least a semblance of stable government brought out of the existing chaos. The reply of this government to the appeal of the viceroys at Nanking and Huan that no indignities be offered the emperor and the empress dowager is a formal acknowledgment of the receipt of the communication with a satisfactory assurance that no indignities would be offered the persons of their majesties. This reply is couched in the polite language of diplomacy, but it is understood that it does not in any way commit the government to

Refrain From Imposing on the emperor and empress dowager any penalty that subsequently might be decided upon in case it is proved that they were directly responsible for the recent atrocities. The cabinet had before it a message from Minister Conger received late Monday. The state department made public portions of the dispatch as follows: "Saved. Relief arrived to-day. Entered city with little trouble. Don't yet know where imperial family is. Except deaths already reported, all Americans alive and well. Desperate efforts made last night to exterminate us. Mitchell, American soldier, and a Russian and Japanese wounded; German killed. Advise Woodward, Chicago; Conger, Des Moines; Sims, Council Bluffs; Conger, Pasadena; Porter, Paris."

To Protect His Honor. Port Gibson, Miss., Aug. 23.—At Grand Gulf, a village eight miles from Port Gibson, Charles F. Wheelless, a leading merchant, shot and killed W. C. Williams and William Myson. A man standing near by was mortally wounded. Wheelless said the shooting was done to protect his honor.

Killed by a Street Car. Jamestown, N. Y., Aug. 23.—Gust Peterson of Sheffield, Pa., was run over by the street cars in this city last night and instantly killed.

SEVEN LIVES LOST.

Carelessness Causes a Terrible Accident.

New York, Aug. 23.—In a freight train collision at Kensico, N. Y., last night seven persons were killed and others are missing. Kensico is on the Harlem division of the New York Central railway about sixty miles from New York. At 8:30 o'clock last night while a freight train was standing at the depot, a second freight rushed into the rear end of it. The engine of the second train smashed the caboose of the first train and then turned over. Reports from the scene of the accident say that the engineer and fireman of the second train and the conductor and two brakemen of the forward train are dead under the wreck; that two others of the train crew are buried in the debris and others are unaccounted for. So far as can be learned the accident was caused by the engineer of the second train running past a block signal which was set against him.

RUSSIAN LOAN IN AMERICA. Syndicate of Insurance Companies Will Take It.

London, Aug. 24.—It is reported in Odessa, according to a dispatch to the Daily Express, that in consequence of the strain upon Russia's financial resources owing to the Chinese campaign a specially accredited representative of the Russian minister of finance, M. De Witte, has concluded, or is about to conclude an arrangement with a syndicate of all the great insurance companies in the United States for a loan of 300,000,000 roubles.

TWO DROWNED IN BIG WAVE. Peculiar Phenomenon Takes Place on Lake Michigan.

Chicago, Aug. 23.—A big wave swept over Lake Michigan, causing the waters to recede 100 feet from some parts of the shore. The Chicago river level fell four feet. Many people narrowly escaped. Two were drowned—Eugene Patterson and William Rider. Both were carried out and were unable to get back. The water went out about 5:30, leaving the shore bare for five minutes, and then came back with a mighty rush.

RANSOM YOUNG VENVILLE. Portland Man Held a Captive by the Filipinos.

Portland, Or., Aug. 23.—A fund of \$300 has been raised in this city for the ransom of Arthur Venville, the young apprentice who was wounded in Lieut. Gilmore's boat at Balor, Luzon, in April of last year. He is the only one of Gilmore's party not accounted for, and it is thought that he is held captive by the Filipinos. Venville's mother is a resident of this city.

MINERS SMOTHERED. Five Men Lost Their Lives in a Mine.

Isaquah, Wash., Aug. 23.—Five miners were smothered in the Isaquah Coal company's mines yesterday. A brush fire spread to the mouth of an air shaft, ignited the timbers, and the smoke was sucked down by the ventilator fan into the workings where eighty men were employed. Dominic Cassassos, Carlos Cassassos, C. M. Vowell, Ben Laws and John Ling were in a remote chamber and were overcome by smoke and black damp. The bodies were recovered.

Tams Bixby Resigns. Kansas City, Aug. 23.—A special to the Star from Muskogee, Ind. T., says: Hon. Tams Bixby, who for four years has been acting chairman of the Dawes commission, yesterday forwarded his resignation to the secretary of the interior. Mr. Bixby has been selected chairman of the Republican state central committee of Minnesota and resigns to take part in the campaign.

Spanish Treaty Signed. Washington, Aug. 23.—Minister Storer, at Madrid, informs the state department that a treaty of amity, commerce and navigation and general intercourse has been signed provisionally by the minister of state and himself. This practically marks the last step in the complete restoration of relations between Spain and the United States.

Wyoming's Launching. Washington, Aug. 23.—The Union Iron Works, San Francisco, have notified the navy department that the monitor Wyoming will be launched on Sept. 8. The same firm also announces that the Wisconsin will be ready for her preliminary trial trip on Sept. 15. She will go first to Puget sound to be drydocked and cleaned.

Arsenic Found in His Stomach. Chicago, Aug. 23.—Arsenic was found in the stomach of Edward Herrick, a commission merchant who died here suddenly. The widow was peculiarly associated by companionship with the sudden passing away of six persons, two of whom were her husbands and four others of her own blood.

Boiler Explosion Kills Three. Glenford, Ohio, Aug. 23.—By the explosion of the boiler of Holset's sawmill three men were killed and the owner of the mill seriously injured.

Fire at Monticello. Monticello, Minn., Aug. 23.—Fire destroyed the residence of Ald. Kelchill of Minneapolis on Pelican Lake. Loss, \$2,500; partly insured.

Six Lives Lost. Guthrie, Okla., Aug. 23.—Six men lost their lives by the caving in of a well. They were Howard Ellis, E. T. Shafforth, H. R. Wales, Jerome Hill, S. R. Stude and John Meade.

Caught an Anarchist. Buenos Ayres, Aug. 23.—The police of La Plata have arrested a man known as Carlos Ravesser, in whose possession were found numerous bombs. He is known to the police as an anarchist.

To Watch for Anarchists. Rome, Aug. 23.—The Italian government, through an agreement with the government at Washington, is sending about thirty police agents to the United States who will watch the Italian colonies for anarchists.

CITY IN MOB'S HANDS

CONFLICT WITH AUTHORITIES RESULTS IN BLOODSHED.

Mob Sought the Life of a Negro Charged With Assaulting a Little Girl—While the Mayor Was Urging the Mob to Disperse a Shot Was Fired. Others Followed and a Terrible Scene Ensued—Two Persons Were Killed and Several Wounded.

Akron, Ohio, Aug. 24.—In this city the heart of the boasted Western Reserve, a mob last night sought the life of a negro prisoner, and in a conflict with the authorities shed blood. Louis Peck, a colored man, was put in jail yesterday on the charge of criminally assaulting the little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Maas. The report that he had confessed spread rapidly and a mob gathered. Not believing the statement of the sheriff that Peck had been sent out of the city, the crowd sent committees through the county prison and city jail to search for the prisoner. This proving fruitless the crowd gathered in front of the city prison, where the mayor addressed them, urging them to disperse. Some one fired a shot, more followed, and in a few minutes there were terrible scenes. Two persons are dead from the shots, several badly wounded and at least one of the latter fatally injured. At 12:30 the mob, still bent on mischief, sacked a gun store and set fire to a business block.

At an early hour this morning riot-holds full sway in front of the city building in which is located the city prison. The mob, composed, mostly of boys, is still at work. Columbia hall has been burned to the ground and the city building is on fire. The fire department has been called out and is unable to do much work as one fireman has already been shot and the rowdies cut the hose at every opportunity. There is some chance of saving the city building. The trolley wires and some of the electric light and telephone wires in the center of the city have been cut.

Militia Called For. Columbus, Aug. 23.—Gov. Nash has just received a telegram from the sheriff of Summit county asking for militia to quell the riot at Akron. The famous Fourth regiment will probably be sent to the scene of the trouble.

GUARD FOR M'KINLEY. Policemen and Militiamen Will Protect Him in Chicago.

Chicago, Aug. 24.—President McKinley will have a body guard of 200 policemen under the command of Capt. Gibbons, and the same number of national guardsmen, detailed by Gen. Charles Fitzsimmons, at the reception to the nation's chief executive and other distinguished visitors to be given in Memorial hall by the G. A. R. next Tuesday afternoon at 4:30 o'clock. This arrangement was determined upon yesterday by Gen. John C. Black, chairman of the committee on invitation and courtesies. At the same time all the details for meeting the presidential party Saturday were completed and the line of march agreed upon for the escort to the headquarters at the Palmer house.

KEEPS OUT POLITICS. United Mineworkers Will Have None of It.

Indianapolis, Aug. 24.—John Mitchell, president of the United Mine Workers of America, said that the organization will take no partisan interest in politics this fall. He said: "Politics will be eliminated for the good of the organization, which is the most powerful labor body in the world. As a labor organization we have made our influence widely felt, and I believe that the only way in which we can keep the respect we now have, is in pursuing our present course."

ELECTRIC CAR WRECK. Several Persons Seriously Injured at Cleveland, Ohio.

Cleveland, Ohio, Aug. 24.—An electric car on the Cleveland & Chagrin Falls suburban line was wrecked near Chagrin Falls, the crew and twelve passengers being badly cut and bruised. Five persons were seriously injured. The accident was caused by a broken brake rod. The car jumped the track on a sharp curve while running at a high rate of speed. The trucks broke and the car plunged over on its side.

COMPROMISING LETTERS. They Will Be Published in Full by British Government.

London, Aug. 24.—Henry Labouchere's publication of the correspondence advising him of the seizure at Pretoria of compromising letters to Secretary Reitz is to be followed by the publication of the whole correspondence, which the colonial office says will be issued immediately, all the members of parliament involved having answered the official communication sent to them on the subject.

Severe Storms Near Brandon. Brandon, Man., Aug. 24.—This district has been visited by very severe electric storms. In several sections the crops are much damaged by hail. Several farmers lost valuable stock by lightning.

Condemned to Death. Pretoria, Aug. 24.—Cordau, the young German officer charged with heading the Boer conspiracy to capture Lord Roberts and kill the leading officers of the British garrison, was adjudged guilty of treason and condemned to death.

Insane Man's Awful Deed. Popular Bluff, Mo., Aug. 24.—Frank Wallace, a farmer living west of here, while insane cut his wife's throat with a razor and killed himself by drawing the blade across his own throat.