

# THE NEWS OF THE WEEK.

## Domestic.

The Standard Oil Company and the New York Central Railroad Company were indicted by the federal grand jury of Western New York for violation of the Interstate Commerce law.

J. B. Osbourne, socialist candidate for governor of Georgia, has been arrested for making a public speech without a permit.

Sixty policemen were overpowered by a rush of depositors at the Milwaukee Bank, Chicago.

One man was drowned and seven others were rescued in a severe storm off Atlantic City.

The telephone system in the downtown section of Chicago was crippled when 200 "hello girls" went on strike, defying a command that they pass through an alley for 300 feet to a rear entrance of the telephone building and ride to the operating-room on an elevator located there, instead of using the main entrance.

Senator Dick, of Ohio, favors the framing of the state platform by the convention in committee of the whole, all questions to be debated. No committee on resolutions, he says, should be appointed.

Traffic officials of all railroads and steamship lines operating in the territory south of the Potomac and Ohio Rivers have promised to comply with the provisions of the new rate regulation law.

Between 100 and 200 corpses were washed from their graves in Elmwood Cemetery, Kansas City, in the flood following an unprecedented rainfall.

Charges of peonage and cruelty are preferred against the South and Western Railway Construction Company of North Carolina.

In the hope of removing the cause of a recent serious attack of illness, an operation was performed upon Mrs. Reginald C. Vanderbilt at her country home, at Sandy Point, R. I. The physicians announced later that it was entirely successful, adding that it was not a serious one, though the effects of it might not wholly be overcome for a month.

One of the worst storms in recent years visited the military camp at Mount Gretna, Pa., blowing down tents and flooding company and regimental streets. At the boathouse of Lake Conewago the waters rushed down the mountain side making it difficult for women and children to escape. Many of the people were rescued by the soldiers.

Insurance commissioners and attorneys, representing several States, are meeting in St. Paul, and are preparing a uniform code of insurance bills which will be asked to adopt.

At Lincoln, Neb., Attorney General Norris Brown was nominated for United States Senator to succeed Senator Millard on the sixth ballot by the Republican State Convention.

Senator Beveridge made a speech at Portland, Me., in which he said that President Roosevelt is an important issue in the campaign.

M. M. Hench, of near Harrisburg, Pa., refuses to hand over \$2,000 to men who threaten to kidnap his 17-year-old daughter.

Louisiana sugar planters have imported 100 Porto Ricans as an experiment in labor on plantations.

A proposition has been made to tax all deposits in Chicago banks, amounting to \$600,000,000.

Mrs. Alice Roosevelt Longworth will unveil the McKinley statue at Columbus, O., next month.

Hon. T. M. Healy, an Irish member of the British Parliament, arrived in New York.

Jay C. Morse, a brother-in-law of the late Senator Mark A. Hanna, is dead.

W. A. McNaney, a New York lawyer, committed suicide.

After a stormy session the Illinois State Democratic Convention laid on the table Bryan's request for the resignation of Roger Sullivan as national committeeman and endorsed Bryan for 1908. It was a complete victory for Sullivan.

## Foreign.

A break in the British Liberal Cabinet is said to be imminent. War Minister Haldane is expected to retire, owing to the opposition to his army reform schemes.

Reported that Rockefeller a year ago offered Count Witte to advance Russia \$100,000,000 in gold in return for a concession to construct the Baltic-Black Sea Canal.

The Viceroy of Canton has been requested by the American consul general to suppress the boycott association for the hindrance of American commerce.

The new imperial loan for \$25,000,000 for famine relief, to be taken by the government's savings banks, was signed by the czar.

The indications are that Walter Wellman will not be able to start on his balloon expedition to the Arctic this year.

The Finance Minister of Russia declares the government has ample funds in sight to tide over the present year.

The Chilean government has appropriated \$4,000,000 for relief of the destitute. As all the cemeteries of Valparaiso were destroyed, the authorities are having difficulty providing interment for the dead.

# GENERAL MIN SHOT BY A GIRL

## She Misses Governor Kaulbars, But Wounds Herself.

### ANOTHER GIRL DROPS A BOMB.

#### General Min Had Been Marked for Death Because He Suppressed Moscow Riots—Hated for His Harsh Methods and Cruelties—Had Narrow Escape Before.

#### TERRORIST RECORD.

The terrorists are swiftly and secretly pushing their deadly campaign.

Young women are taking a fearless and active part in executing the terrorists' sentences.

General Min, commander of the regiment who suppressed the riots at Moscow, was shot and killed by a girl at the railway station at Peterhof.

The General's name had been on the terrorists' death list because of his cruelties.

Even men in his own regiment had threatened to kill him.

A girl dropped a bomb near the palace of Governor Kaulbars, at Odessa. Her hand was shattered; her mission failed.

St. Petersburg (By Cable).—Saturday's unsuccessful attempt on the life of Premier Stolypin, with its sickening slaughter of 32 persons, was followed Sunday night by another revolutionary outrage in which General Min, commander of the Semenovskiy Guard Regiment, and who, since his promotion to be a general, has been attached as a personal adjutant to the suite of the Emperor, was killed on the station platform at Peterhof by a young woman, who fired five shots into his body from an automatic revolver and then, without resistance, submitted to arrest. The capture of the girl was effected by General Min's wife, who held her until the arrival of an officer.

This was the third successive attempt on the life of General Min, who was condemned to death by the terrorists immediately after the Moscow revolt last December on account of the stern repression practiced by a battalion under his command, and especially for the wholesale execution of persons condemned by drumhead court-martial for being caught with arms in their hands.

General Min was returning from the capital to his summer residence, at Peterhof, and had just greeted his wife and daughter on the platform, when a young woman—almost a girl—approached from behind and fired two shots into his back and then three more into his body as it sank to the ground. Further shots were prevented by Madame Min, who threw herself upon the murderers and seized the hand which held the pistol. The woman did not attempt to escape, but she cautioned Madame Min not to touch a handbag which she had placed on the platform before shooting the General, explaining that it contained a bomb.

To the police the girl acknowledged that she had done the deed, saying she had executed the sentence of the fighting organization of the social revolutionists, but she refused to give her name.

#### CAUSE OF TYPHOID.

### Bodies of Thousands of Young Sparrows in Reservoir.

Three Oaks, Mich., (Special).—The cause of an epidemic of typhoid fever among the 1,000 inhabitants of this place was discovered when a member of the board of health climbed to the top of the waterworks standpipe and found the dead bodies of several thousand young sparrows, in various stages of decomposition, covering the surface of the water. Immediately the mayor gave instructions to empty the standpipe, scrub and paint it. Hundreds of sparrows nests have been built on a ledge that runs around the summit of the standpipe, and the young birds are supposed to have fallen into the uncovered standpipe while trying to fly. The cover made for the standpipe when it was constructed was never put on. There are now 21 cases of typhoid in the town.

San Francisco, (Special).—The board of supervisors has decided to build at once a temporary city hall to house all departments of the municipal government on the free library site, at the southwest corner of Van Ness Avenue and Hayes Street. The new building will be a frame, two stories high, costing about \$80,000, and will be rushed to completion. The supervisors expect to have the hall ready for use within three months. At the conference with the mayor, held Wednesday by the building committee, it was also decided that the permanent city hall will be built on the Van Ness Avenue site as a modern office building.

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# THE DRAGO DOCTRINE.

## Question Is Sent To The Hague Tribunal.

Rio de Janeiro, (By Cable).—The Intercontinental American Conference adopted, with a slight technical modification, the Mexican convention relative to the exercise of the liberal professions.

The resolution recommending the submission of the Drago Doctrine in the matter of the use of force or the collection of public debts to the Hague Tribunal was adopted unanimously. The preamble states "that no definite conclusion was proposed by this conference, composed exclusively of representatives of American countries, but that the principles in question should be passed upon by an assembly composed of representatives of all nations, as the principle affects the internal sovereignty and rights of nations. It further expresses the opinion that the declaration should be extended to cover all controversies having pecuniary origin."

The governments represented in the conference consider the point of inviting the second conference of The Hague Tribunal to consider the question of the compulsory collection of public debts, and in general means tending to diminish between nations conflicts having exclusively pecuniary origin.

In the committee on location of the next conference, Chile, demanding that precedents be followed, has strong opposition to Argentina's selection of Buenos Ayres. Chile is now compromising, owing to the bond of sympathy created by the calamity which befell that country last week, and Buenos Ayres' prompt tender of aid to the stricken city of Valparaiso. The report of the committee will adhere to the proposition for the choice of Mexico City for the next conference but it will be accompanied by a recommendation in favor of Buenos Ayres for the conference of 1910, the centenary of several of the South American republics.

From the Plaza de la Victoria, as far as the plaza in the section called Las Delicias, four-fifths of the houses are completely destroyed and the remaining fifth are badly damaged. From the Plaza de la Victoria down to the custom-house only about one-third of the houses sustained damage. The banks of the city and the custom ware-houses were not damaged. With the exception of the Espritu Santo, all the churches in the city were destroyed, as were the hospitals and the theatres.

The tragic scenes of the San Francisco disaster were reproduced. There was the fight against fire, the lack of water and robbery and pillage. The authorities are now beginning to get in provisions, and water again is being supplied. All the fires have been extinguished.

All dwellings which are safe will be fitted out for the occupancy of the homeless as rapidly as possible. Fugitives who fled to the hills for safety continue to flock back to the city, and the growing number adds to the responsibility of the authorities in caring for the victims of the disaster. It is estimated that 60,000 persons are dependent on the relief bureau and without homes.

Fully 100 ghoul and robbers caught looting and plundering have been shot. In many cases the offenders were publicly executed. For the most part the robbers were convicts released from the prisons when the building collapsed in the earthquake. The summary execution of those caught in the act has had a good effect, and the looting has almost ceased. The dead number more than 2,000.

Shiphord Of Homeless.

Hamburg, (By Cable).—A cable dispatch was received here from Captain Blass, of the Hamburg American Line steamer Thuringia at Valparaiso, confirming the reports that a great part of the city had been destroyed by earthquake and fire. He said:

"The shocks continue. The distress is extreme. Am giving help as far as possible. Have 300 homeless persons on board."

Earthquake In Germany.

Berlin, (By Cable).—A sharp earthquake shock was felt at Zaborze, near Kattowitz, Upper Silesia. Doors were forced open, pictures and mirrors fell to the floor and the frightened inhabitants fled into the streets. The walls of a number of houses were cracked.

Brazil Gives \$666,000.

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Postal Savings Bank.

Chicago, (Special).—A movement to secure more than 1,000,000 petitioners for the establishment of postal savings banks was started by the North Side Turner Society, many of whose members suffered by the collapse of the Milwaukee Avenue State Bank. The plan contemplates that the National Association of Turners shall turn each one of its 37,296 members into a canvasser for signatures. Every candidate for Congress throughout the country will be urged to state his attitude toward the inauguration of postal savings institutions, and all political parties will be requested to assist in the campaign.

Robbers In An Auto.

New York, (Special).—Four thieves traveling in an automobile robbed the postoffice at Westbury, L. I., of a quantity of stamps and escaped after an exchange of shots with citizens. Charles Rowland, a hotel employe, received a bullet in the arm. The robbers used dynamite in their operations, and the sound of the explosion aroused the town.

Cholera Reported In Berlin.

Berlin, (By Cable).—A child died here apparently of cholera. The authorities are making an investigation. The authorities say that an outbreak of cholera is improbable.

A "Baron" Arrested.

Berlin, (By Cable).—The Lokal-Anzeiger today announced the arrest at Hamburg of a man who described himself as "Baron Santos von Dobrowski-Donnersmark," but who is said to be a metal worker named Konrad, who married an American girl of good family in Manila May 4 last. The man is charged with having deserted his wife in Paris, taking with him her jewelry, valued at \$8,000, and a sum of money. His arrest is reported to be due to the American consul at Hamburg.

# HOSPITALS AND THEATERS GONE

## But One Church Left in the City of Valparaiso.

### FIGHTING FOR FOOD TO EAT.

#### Twenty-eight Bodies Found Under One Stairway—Wounded Are Without Proper Care—Four-fifths of Houses Destroyed in Wide Area.

Valparaiso, (By Cable).—The people are still fighting for food. The supply, although increasing, is insufficient. The wounded are without proper care. The army and navy are working heroically, but progress is necessarily slow. When the work of clearing the streets begins it will be necessary to tear down many buildings on account of the danger of some weakened walls falling. Twenty-eight bodies have been found under the stairs of the telegraph office.

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# PLEA OF EMOTIONAL INSANITY.

## Line Of Defense Agreed Upon By Thaw's Attorneys.

New York, (Special).—Harry Kendall Thaw's attorneys, after a somewhat protracted conference following a consultation with their client, decided to entertain a plea of emotional insanity. They also decided that Evelyn Nesbit Thaw will be the chief witness for the defense.

The arrangement, it was declared, was that the defense would base its case almost altogether on the testimony of Mrs. Harry Thaw. For this purpose the lawyers of the defense had her make the lengthy statement in affidavit form take the place of former Judge William M. K. Olcott.

According to one of the attorneys in close touch with the defense's lawyer, Clifford W. Hartridge will add to the emotional-insanity plea the claim that Thaw was suffering from this form of dementia when he shot White, but that he is sane now.

Thaw had a slight cold, but it was not severe enough to necessitate a visit from the prison physician. His wife visited him in the Tombs, accompanied by Miss May McKenzie, her chorus-girl friend.

Mrs. Van Rensselaer Cruger, one of the most beautiful women to visit the Tombs in years, was admitted to see Thaw. She was splendidly gowned, and her appearance created a sensation. A crowd waited for her reappearance.

Mrs. Cruger talked with Thaw for a long time. She was annoyed when asked the reason for her visit.

"Kindness," she drawled, "kindness purely. I assure you it was kindness." Mrs. Cruger explained that she had known Mrs. William Thaw, Harry's mother, a long time.

When Mrs. Cruger left the Tombs she faced a great crowd gathered to see her.

REFORM IN SPELLING.

Assumes The Role Of Nation's Schoolmaster.

Oyster Bay, (Special).—President Roosevelt has endorsed the Carnegie spelling reform movement. He issued orders to Public Printer Stillings that hereafter all messages from the President and all other documents emanating from the White House shall be printed in accordance with the recommendation of the spelling reform committee headed by Brander Matthews, professor of English at Columbia University, and financially backed by Andrew Carnegie.

This committee has published a list of 300 words in which the spelling is reformed. The list contains such words as "thru" and "tho" as the spelling for "through" and "though."

The President's official sanction of this reform movement is regarded as the most effective and speediest method of inaugurating the new system of spelling throughout the country. Not only will the printed documents emanating from the President utilize the reform spelling, but his correspondence also will be spelled in the new style.

Secretary Loeb has sent for the list of 300 words which have been reformed and upon its arrival will immediately order all correspondence of the President and of the executive force of the White House spelled in accordance therewith. As the spelling reform committee shall adopt new reforms, they will be added to the President's list and also to that of the Public Printer.

While the order to the Public Printer today does not contemplate an immediate reform in the spelling of official documents from the executive departments in Washington, it is regarded that more than likely the respective heads of the departments will fall in line with the President's ideas and have their official documents printed in the new spelling.

Handful Of Diamonds.

Winnipeg, Man., (Special).—Prof. Reuben Andrea, well known in Winnipeg and Portage, La Prairie, returned to this city with a handful of diamonds in the rough, which he asserts he discovered somewhere within the confines of the province. He took them to several local jewelers, who pronounced them stones of the first water. He has staked a claim and forwarded samples to New York.

FINANCIAL WORLD.

The bond market continues dull and narrow.

The cotton market is beginning to feel more bullish.

Books of the New Jersey Central will be closed from September 7 to the 24th.

Charles M. Schwab says that the Bethlehem Steel Company is now employing 20,000 men.

More general activity in the stock markets has stiffened money rates, but brokers are not heavy borrowers yet.

An old trader remarked that Pennsylvania was groaning under the weight of the unsold convertible bonds.

The Reading Company has shipped a little more anthracite coal this month than in the same time in August of last year.

A resumption of dividends on Tonopah Extension is expected.

Rumor has it that a number of big speculators who made a "killing" in Union and Southern Pacific are accumulating Pennsylvania stock and are operating solely on the expectation of a dividend increase.

The Interstate Commerce Commission has dismissed the complaint of Well Brothers, of Ft. Wayne, against the Pennsylvania Railroad. The complaint was alleged unjust rates on wool in the grease from Philadelphia to Ft. Wayne, Ind.

# TALK AMNESTY FOR THE REBELS

## President Palma, However, Hesitates To Issue Decree.

### INSURGENTS MIGHT TURN IT DOWN.

#### Situation Serious as Ever, and the Government Considering All Sorts of Means for Making Peace Without Bloodshed—The Insurgents Daily Gaining.

#### STILL SERIOUS.

The situation continues so serious that the enlargement of the government forces will continue indefinitely, as volunteers are not numerous.

President Palma and the cabinet have framed a decree of amnesty to the rebels, but hesitates to issue it, fearing that it will be futile.

Colonel Aguirre, reported head of the Cuban rebel Junta in New York, brands General Andrade, speaker of the House of Representatives, as a liar and coward and challenges him to a duel.

The insurgents are rapidly strengthening their forces and are gaining recruits in unexpected places.

Havana (By Cable).—The anxiety of President Palma to extend every possible opportunity for peace without bloodshed, and his desire to permit those who joined the insurrection under misguidance to repent and return to their homes unmolested, combined with the general wish to end a situation fraught with so much loss and suffering, has led to consideration by the President and his cabinet of a project decreeing a 30-day amnesty period, during which the insurrectionists are invited to lay down their arms and return to their peaceful pursuits.

It was proposed to issue the decree Monday, but persons close to the President strongly opposed the measure, and the matter was deferred, and may be relinquished.

General Montalvo, who is now acting secretary of the interior, on leaving the President, said that at present there was no intention to issue an amnesty. Font Sterling, secretary of the treasury, said the matter was not being seriously considered now, and other friends of President Palma, declared it would be an unwise move.

So far as actual conflict went Sunday proved to be a day of inactivity, but preparations proceeded without abatement. A fund of \$2,000 has been set aside by the treasury for defense and drafts on it are heavy and constant.

The situation is so increasingly serious that the enlargement of the army will not stop at any given number, but will continue indefinitely. While the number of men at present leaving their regular occupations to enlist for the war is small, employers are beginning to find that they will be soon confronted with a considerable scarcity of labor.

Many laborers are gathering in front of the bulletin boards, upon which are displayed the call for volunteers issued by President Palma Saturday night. They discuss the attractiveness of a soldier's life at such unusual pay, and as a result many resolve to enlist.

SCALED PEAK OF VOLCANO.

Officers Of The Perry Visit New Born Island.

Washington (Special).—The Treasury Department received a brief report of a visit made by the officers of the revenue cutter Perry a few weeks ago to the new peak which recently sprang up on Fire Island, one of the Bogoslov group of the Aleutian chain, about 60 miles west of the town of Unalaska, Alaska. The southern end of Fire Island consists of two long spits, from a half to three-eighths of a mile in length and about 15 feet above high water.

On the western spit the new volcanic peak has sprung up, rising abruptly from the water to a height of about 700 feet, and in shape greatly resembling a monster beehive, with a base of about 500 feet in diameter. From the numerous crevices columns of steam and sulphurous gases continuously arise from a cloud which is visible for more than 30 miles, although the surface of the new peak was warm and soft in places, the officers succeeded in reaching the summit. In recognition of the fact that the officers of the revenue cutter Perry were the first persons to visit the new peak they have named it Perry Peak.

Sheriff Took To The Woods.

Atlanta, Ga., (Special).—A mob of 1,500 men remained around the Lawrence home, near Copen Hill, all night intent upon burning at Dekalb County on suspicion of being the assailant of the Misses Lawrence. In the event he was identified by them, Arthur Reed, the Atlanta suspect, was seen by Miss Mabel Lawrence and declared innocent. The sheriff of Dekalb County, hearing of the formation of the mob, camped in the woods all night, and has not been located either by the mob or the county police sent to his rescue.

May Get Constitution.

Peking, (By Cable).—The Dowager Empress of China plans to summon a conference of high officials, including several viceroys, to discuss the adoption of a constitution. The Chinese commissioners who recently visited the United States and Europe and who have returned from their tours, recommend a gradual change to a constitutional government, taking 10 to 15 years to educate the people thereto.