

Weekly News Summary

A dispatch from Venezuela reports that the revolution against President Castro is gaining ground visibly.

The Marquis of Dufferin, formerly governor-general of Canada, died at his residence in Ireland, February 12.

The birthday of Abraham Lincoln, February 12, was very generally observed throughout the United States.

A dispatch from Berlin says that it is proposed to widen the Kiel canal, as it has already reached its traffic capacity.

It is stated that the Italian government has appropriated 36,000 pounds for the purchase of an embassy in Washington.

The son of President Roosevelt, who has been seriously ill at Groton, Mass., where he attended school, is on the road to recovery.

It is stated that since 1883, the United States government has expended close to \$150,000,000 in the construction of its navy.

The centenary of the birth of Victor Hugo will be celebrated in Paris with great brilliancy. A monument to the author is to be unveiled.

Among the army posts to be eliminated from the list is Fort Niobrara, Nebraska, according to the report of the army board in Washington.

The American, German and British claims in Samoa are to be laid before King Oscar of Sweden for arbitration and settlement.

Senor Lerma, the newly elected governor of Datan province, P. I., died after his election, on being called upon to account for \$4,000 in insurgent funds which he had received.

For the fourth time in its history, the house has adopted a resolution providing for the amendment of the constitution to allow of senators being elected by direct vote of the people.

London advices assert that once more General De Wett has eluded Kitchener's clever plan to catch him, by breaking through the cordon and escaped with the loss of but three men.

Dr. Mueller, former consul of the Orange Free State to Holland, is now on his way to the United States, bearing dispatches from the Boer delegates to President Roosevelt.

For the first time in the history of the French diplomatic service, a woman, Mlle. Jeanne de Villeneuve, has been appointed secretary of the French consulate-general in New York.

A report from Lord Kitchener at Pretoria announces that last week was the liveliest time that has been experienced in the war for several months past. Many captures on each side were made.

From English sources it is rumored that the Boer headquarters in Europe will be removed from The Hague to Geneva on account of friction between Mr. Kruger and his associates and the Dutch government.

It is reported from New York that the presidency of the United States Steel Trust company of that city has been offered to Lyman J. Gage, former secretary of the treasury, and that he would accept the position.

Admirals Sampson and Bartlett Cromwell have been placed on the retired list on account of their having reached the age limit of 62 years. Cromwell is now with his flagship, the Chicago, in the Mediterranean.

Professor Pearson, whose utterances in regard to the infallibility of certain portions of the Bible, caused such wide comment in church circles, has resigned as professor of literature at Northwestern university, Chicago.

It is announced that the famine outlook in India is very serious. No rain has fallen and the plague of rats in several provinces is assisting in the destruction of the crops. The relief work is being rapidly extended.

David Christie Murray, the novelist, proposes that the British erect on British soil a statue or other memorial of George Washington, "as a national recognition of the cause for which he fought and the present amity between the two nations."

By a recent decision rendered by the United States court of appeals at St. Louis, Mo., to the effect that court-martial of regulars cannot try volunteer soldiers, 200 military prisoners now confined in federal penitentiaries will be released.

The lower house of the Ohio legislature has passed a bill aimed at Christian scientists. It provides that any parent or guardian who shall wilfully deprive any sick child under 16 years of age of medical attendance, shall be subject to a fine or imprisonment.

The city of Paterson, N. J., was swept by a disastrous fire February 9, which caused a loss to property of more than \$10,000,000. Hundreds of people are left homeless. The cause of the fire is unknown. The city has been placed under military control for the protection of property.

The senate has adopted a resolution proposing an amendment to the constitution changing the date of the inauguration of the president and vice president from March 4th to the last Thursday in April, and that the commencement and termination of congress is to occur at the same time.

Germany has made public documents that contain the correspondence relating to the proposed efforts of the European powers to coerce the United States in the late Spanish-American war. These show that Lord Pauncefote asked for the intervention of the powers to restrain the United States in Cuba.

Admiral Walker, in testifying before the senate committee on inter-oceanic canals, said that he considered the Panama route the best, for the Nicaraguan route is too long and has too many sharp curves. It is also announced that Colombia will make all concessions necessary for the construction of the Panama canal.

A statement made by Lord Cranborne in London that the substance of the Anglo-Japanese treaty was submitted to the United States before closing, is exciting great speculation as to this government's attitude in the affair. It is said that the United States was invited to join the alliance, but declined to do so on the plea that it desired to keep a free hand.

England has formed a practical alliance with Japan for the preservation of China and Corea. The purpose of this compact is to prevent any disturbance of present conditions with regard to those governments and is intended as a check to Russian policies in the east. It is reported that Marquis Ito of Japan is the author of this treaty, which is very well received in Japan.

News has been received from Colon, Colombia, that on January 28 the liberals of the town of Barranquilla made an effort to capture the town. The attempt was frustrated and the liberals fled to the mountains. As a consequence of the attack, the government has issued a decree forbidding all liberals from walking on the streets of Barranquilla at any hour of the day or night. Barranquilla is a town of 18,000 inhabitants, and is situated on the left bank of the Magdalena river, 15 miles from its mouth.

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