

News of the Week

The 115th general assembly of the Presbyterian church convened at Los Angeles, Cal., on May 21. The delegates numbered about 700, Rev. Dr. Henry Van Dyke calling the assembly to order. Rev. F. Coyle of Denver was elected moderator to succeed Rev. Van Dyke.

The labor troubles between the Union Pacific company and its machinists, boilermakers, and blacksmiths, who have been on a strike at Omaha, Neb., since July 1, 1902, was ended on May 22, the railroad company conceding all the demands.

It has been discovered in the course of the investigation of the postoffice department at Washington that there is a shortage in the funds of the free delivery system. A. W. Machen, the superintendent of this branch of the service who was recently relieved, said the shortage was \$20,000, but the postoffice inspectors claim that it will amount to \$227,300.

Beginning with July 1 the headquarters of the rural mail delivery service for the midwest will be located at Omaha, Neb., according to recent advices from Washington.

A dispatch from Caracas, Venezuela, dated May 22 says: Mr. Harrison, the British commissioner of the mixed tribunal which is to pass on the claims against Venezuela, has arrived here. Herr Goetsch, the German commissioner, and Comte Perretti Della

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"Father, Dear father, come home with me now."

—With Apologies to the Minneapolis Journal.

Rocca, the French commissioner, have also reached Caracas.

A cablegram from The Hague under date of May 22 reports that the decision of the government of the Netherlands to station a warship permanently in the Dutch West Indies is regarded as disposing of the recurring rumors of the intended sale of the island of Curacao to the United States.

The permanent treaty between the United States and Cuba, in which is incorporated all the provisions of the Platt amendment, was signed at Havana on the afternoon of May 22.

Governor Mickey of Nebraska on May 22 issued his official proclamation for the observation of June 15 as the anniversary of the birth of the American flag.

A cablegram from Manila dated May 20 announces that the supreme court has decided that Messrs. Dorr and O'Brien, respectively proprietor and editor of Freedom, are not guilty of sedition. They were, however, convicted on the charge of libeling La-Garga, a native member of the Filipino commission.

Another Manila cablegram under the same date reports that two thousand native houses were destroyed by fire in Tondo, district of Manila. About 8,000 persons are homeless and are being fed and sheltered by the municipality. The damage is estimated at 2,000,000 pesos.

From Vienna comes the report that the revolt in Croatia is spreading to

every part of the kingdom and threatens to extend to Dalmatia. During a celebration at Agram on May 20 a fierce conflict with the police took place and many persons were wounded. It is said that in Croatia over 2,000 persons are under arrest on account of the disturbances.

Turtle mountain which recently caused so much destruction in the town of Frank, Canada, is reported as cracking and the people of the village have been warned to evacuate the place immediately.

It is feared that St. Petersburg, Russia, is on the verge of serious labor troubles. The approaching celebration of the bicentenary of the city is believed will witness almost a general uprising among the labor class and employers are asking for police protection during the festivities.

Michael Davitt, recently sent to Russia as the special representative of the Hearst service, reported on May 21 that an accurate list of the casualties shows 42 killed, 83 dangerously injured, and 500 seriously hurt, and over 2,000 families rendered homeless among the Jews in the recent outrages at Kishineff, Russia.

Miles Defends His Report.

General Miles is not in the least intimidated by the rebukes of the strenuous Teddy or the open hostility of the Corbin clique in the war department. In a letter to the Army and Navy Journal he defends his recent report on conditions as he found

them in the Philippines and asserts that he went there not on a pleasure trip, but by order of the president with instructions to give special attention to the discipline and supplies of the army.

We are quite sure that all right-thinking people will support the contentions of General Miles that there are no conditions in the Philippines that warrant cruelty or a departure from the honorable method of conducting warfare, and he places himself squarely on record as opposed to overlooking and condoning such depredations as have been made since the American occupation of the islands. He does not hesitate to say that certain officers were responsible for the acts of appalling cruelty that have been committed by soldiers and the men in the ranks he compliments highly. He makes the charge that soldiers have withheld fire when ordered to shoot prisoners; that they have protested against cruelty and urged their people at home to call attention to these crimes.

General Miles' letter to the Army and Navy Journal will not be pleasant reading for Secretary Root and others connected with the war department who have been laboring assiduously to keep from the American people all knowledge of the atrocities committed in the Philippines. It will now be in order to administer another reprimand to General Miles for "telling tales out of school," and the chances are that it will be forthcoming when the galloping Teddy returns from his junketing trip through the west.—New Orleans Daily States.