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BRIEF NEWS OF THE PAST WEEK

Condensed Dispatches from All Parts of the Two Hemispheres.

Interesting Events from Outside the State Presented in a Manner to Catch the Eye of the Busy Reader—Matters of National, Historical and Commercial Importance.

Heny is now reported out of all danger.

Governor-elect Cosgrove, of Washington, is much worse.

Kaiser Wilhelm's last speech was prepared by his ministers.

A steamer blew up on the lower Mississippi river, killing 10 men.

Six missing Montana miners were crushed to death in a mine near Helena.

Harriman is reported to have secured control of the Wisconsin Central railway.

Wreckage from an unknown vessel is drifting ashore at Vancouver island, B. C.

Moritz Rosenthal, chief counsel for the Standard Oil, gets a salary of \$1,000 a day.

Admiral Sperry has refused to let the cows of the fleet land at Manila because of the recent outbreak of cholera.

At the inquest Mrs. Haas testified that she did not give her husband the revolver with which he committed suicide and knew nothing about it.

Officials of the Mare Island navy yard have received orders to repair the gunboat Bennington. This is the vessel on which the explosion occurred four years ago when 67 men were killed.

A gas explosion at Redding, Cal., injured four persons and caused an earthquake panic.

Russia will make an attempt to secure rights to make and use the Wright aeroplane.

Railroads are preparing to substitute telephones for telegraph in the dispatching of trains.

Los Angeles business men have petitioned the president to keep the battleship fleet in the Pacific.

The inquest on Haas failed to solve the mystery of how he got the revolver with which he shot himself.

German statesmen are trying to calm the agitation against the kaiser. Von Buelow is anxious to retire.

The official returns have just been compiled in Missouri on the presidential vote. Taft received 346,915 and Bryan 345,889.

Judgment has just been given on the Cook county, Illinois, for \$100,000 damages caused by the strike riots of 1894.

The Iowa supreme court has just decided that the football year ends with Thanksgiving. A trainer was suing for salary on a broken contract.

Pacific coast hopmen want higher tariff on hops.

English financiers are anxious to get Philippine railway bonds.

Germany doubts the kaiser's sincerity and the agitation to restrict his power continues.

The last edict of the dowager empress of China was an order for reforms to continue.

Admiral Evans has become president of a new steamship company with its home office in Los Angeles.

Governor-elect Shallenberger of Nebraska sustained a broken ankle while being initiated into the Shriners.

Co-education has been condemned at the university of Glasgow. There is too much flirting, say the college officers.

There is a bitter feud on in San Francisco between the police department and sheriff's office over the suicide of Haas.

Warlike Moros are gathering for an attack on peaceful natives. Five companies of infantry have been sent to disperse them.

A Ruff bribery witness committed suicide while on his way from France to Queenstown. He had been in Europe to escape arrest.

Peter von Vlissingen, the Chicago real estate man who confessed to forgeries, got away with more than \$2,000,000, according to investigators.

Taft will form an entirely new cabinet.

Prince and Princess de Sagan deny they intend to separate.

Two men lost their lives in Kansas City by a gas explosion.

Roosevelt gave a dinner to labor leaders, judges and government officials.

Heny is improving so rapidly that he expects to be back at work in a few weeks.

The new dowager empress of China has been forced by threats to submit to the regent.

OPENS FINE SUBWAY.

Boston Tunnel Cost \$10,000,000 and Takes Cars Off Surface.

Boston, Mass., Nov. 23.—What is claimed to be the most complete and perfect tunnel for passenger traffic to be found anywhere in the world has just been completed in this city, and will be opened for use during the week. It is known as the Washington street tunnel and is designed to relieve the congestion of the narrow and crooked streets of Boston's business section.

The tunnel will be used to carry the trains of the Boston Elevated railway company through the downtown section of the city. The old tunnel, known as the Tremont street subway, which was the first to be built in America, will be employed exclusively for the so-called surface car traffic. With both tunnels in use the downtown streets will be practically relieved of all street cars.

The new tunnel is 5,676 feet long. It is fireproof throughout. All the steel construction is protected by concrete from rust or fire. All the doors and ticket booths and escalator balustrades are encased in sheet bronze. The telephone offices and package rooms and electricians' rooms have tiled walls of masonry. The signs are of metal and the seats and benches of cement. There is not a bit of wood throughout the completely fireproof structure.

The tunnel was begun and finished with no disturbance to the traffic overhead.

To insure against the cutting off of the current at any time and thereby plunging the stations into darkness, three different sources of supply are arranged for, each independent of the other, and all so arranged that should the current be shut off from one source it is instantly supplied from another source automatically by an arrangement of the main switches.

The tunnel was built by the Boston Transit commission and leased to the Boston Elevated Railway company for 25 years from the beginning of its use. It is built through that section of Boston which contains the highest priced land, with due regard for the best feasible grade and alignment with respect to the narrowness and crookedness of the streets. Its cost, together with the cost of its approaches and equipment, is estimated at over \$10,000,000.

WHITE MAN UNSAFE.

Ex-Naval Official Makes a Startling Statement on Japan.

Ottawa, Ont., Nov. 23.—"There is no law for the white man in Japan. The treaty made between Japan and Great Britain counts for practically nothing since the time of the school trouble in San Francisco."

This strong and amazing statement was made by an ex-officer of the British royal navy, who has been employed for some years as a civil engineer by the Japanese government and who has just passed through this city on his way home to England.

The information which this gentleman has to give with regard to the indignities and inconveniences that he says are heaped upon white men in the mikado's kingdom should prove a surprise to those who have been accustomed of late years, at least, to regard the Japanese people as being possessed of most friendly feelings toward the people of Great Britain. According to the information he is able to furnish at first hand, no white man is at all safe in the ownership of any property in Japan unless he becomes a naturalized citizen of that country.

BIG PLANT RESUMES.

Huge Steel Works in Chicago to Re-Open in Full Blast.

Chicago, Nov. 23.—All in joy in South Chicago. The army of workers in the big mills of the Illinois Steel company is to have a real Christmas this year.

The exuberant and unrestrained glee and thankfulness were caused by an announcement today by officials of the company, which employs a large majority of the inhabitants of the town, that the shops would be running in full blast by December 1. By that time it is expected 12,000 men will be working in many departments of the immense plant.

About half of the workers in the mills have been unemployed for more than a year, since many of the departments shut down on account of scarcity of orders for steel rails and other products of the company. Many of the others employed since a partial reopening last summer have been working on a short schedule.

The re-employment of thousands of men means much also to the merchants of the suburb.

Shots Fired by Servians.

Budapest, Nov. 23.—The Austro-Hungarian patrols on the Serbian frontier are being strengthened in consequence of reports that Serbian troops recently fired across the Danube at a point near Zemedria on a party of Austrians.

NEWS NOTES GATHERED FROM VARIOUS PARTS OF OREGON

NO SCAB ON OREGON SHEEP.

Eleven Inspectors Unable to Find Diseased Animals in State.

Pendleton.—For two weeks, eleven inspectors under the direction of Dr. S. W. McClure, of the Federal Bureau of Animal Industry, have been searching the flocks of Oregon for trace of scabies or other sheep diseases, but so far they have not been successful. This shows that the campaign of eradication which was inaugurated less than two years ago was entirely satisfactory, and both Dr. McClure, who is the head of the animal industry in the Northwest, and State Sheep Inspector Lytle are delighted with the showing made.

Though not a single diseased sheep has been found so far, the work of inspection will be continued until every band in the state has been subjected to an examination. It is now believed, however, that no scabby sheep will be found, though early in the summer there were a few isolated cases in Lake and Douglas counties. These were treated as soon as discovered.

Though Oregon sheep were probably the worst infested with scabies of any state in the Union two years ago, Dr. McClure stated at that time that he would clean up the sheep of the state within two years, and this inspection seems to indicate that he has kept his promise.

Good Roads Meeting.

Albany.—A meeting was held last week in the Commercial club rooms to confer with Judge John H. Scott, of the Oregon Good Roads conference, for the purpose of selecting a date for a good roads convention to be held at Albany, December 1 was decided upon. E. W. Langdon, president of the Commercial club, presided and introduced Judge Scott, who made an address calling attention to the importance of the good roads movement. The following committee was appointed as a committee of arrangement: C. H. Stewart, H. H. Hewitt, J. N. Duncan, M. H. Ellis, C. C. Bryant, F. J. Miller, J. C. Hammett and P. A. Young.

North Powder Shipments.

North Powder.—One hundred and four carloads of grain and baled hay were shipped from North Powder in October, which is an increase over the same month in last year. There was a marked increase in cattle and horses, but the shipment of sheep was greatly decreased on account of lack of dipping facilities. Powder valley sheepmen are now driving to Baker City to dip, and are shipping from that point.

Has 50,000 Boxes of Apples.

McMinnville.—M. O. Lowndale's apple crop for this year is estimated at 50,000 boxes of marketable fruit. This yield of first-class apples represents faithful and painstaking attention to spraying and caring for the trees, one of the principal tenets of Mr. Lowndale's every-day religion. The small per cent of apples inferior in size and quality will be made into a fine quality of apple jelly at the farm.

O. R. & N. Officers at Baker.

Baker City.—General Manager J. P. O'Brien, M. J. Buckley, William McMurray and R. B. Miller, officials of the O. R. & N. system, spent one day last week conversing with Baker City merchants. While here the officials promised to build sidetracks for the new Stout flouring mill and also called attention to the new depot, to be erected soon, which is to be patterned after the Walla Walla depot.

Governor Can't Attend.

Salem.—Governor Chamberlain has announced that he will be unable to be present at the second conference of the governors to be held at Washington, D. C., December 8 to 13. Work that must be attended to prior to the opening of the legislature in January makes it impossible for the governor to go east at this time. He will appoint someone to represent him at the conference.

Conference at Washington.

Salem.—In response to a request from Gifford Pinchot that he attend the conference on the conservation of national resources, which convenes in Washington December 8, Governor Chamberlain will leave for the national capital the latter part of this month. He will return to Oregon about the middle of December.

Curry Coal Strike.

Gold Beach.—A three-foot vein of coal of good quality has recently been discovered on the Hume ranch, five miles from Wedderburn. Mr. Hume will put a force of men at work at once to develop the property, and if found in sufficient quantity will ship from Wedderburn.

Pay \$30,000 for Timber Land.

Roseburg.—A large land deal in Douglas county was made this week when local parties sold 881 acres of fine timber land to a New York syndicate, headed by John Ferris. The purchasers are speculators. The consideration is said to have been \$30,000.

Easterners at Philomath.

Philomath.—Horning Brothers have sold their sawmill and handle factory to Michigan capitalists. The new company is said to have ample capital. The dam at the mill is completed.

FREE LAND AT ROSEBURG.

Choice Dairy, Fruit and Timber Tracts to Be Opened to Public.

Roseburg.—On January 20, 1909, there will be thrown open for entry at the Roseburg land office 91,950 acres of dairying, fruit and timber lands, which will be withdrawn from the Umpqua forest reserve, and which are situated in Coos, western Lane and Douglas counties. The proposed railroad from Drain to Marshfield runs through a portion of this tract. The dairying and fruit lands will be subject to the homestead act, but the timber lands can only be taken under the timber and stone act. A peculiar feature of this opening is that squatters' rights will be recognized. After December 31, persons may settle on the land and prepare to make it their home. The rights of such persons will be recognized as prior to those who file on January 20. It is expected that there will be a rush for the choice tracts in this land when it is opened.

C. & E. Is Poor Pay.

Salem.—The Corvallis & Eastern's annual report shows a mileage of 140.38 miles, which is 1.42 miles less than shown by previous reports, this decrease being due to correction of previous errors. The capital stock is \$1,410,000, and the bonded debt \$1,410,000. The net operating revenue was \$68,287.10. Taxes to the amount of \$13,217.88, interest on funded debt \$30,400, and other miscellaneous charges were paid, leaving a net corporate loss of \$1,156.06. The stock is owned by E. H. Harriman, 14,097 shares; J. P. O'Brien, H. F. Conner and J. K. Weatherhead, each hold one share, making a total of 14,100 shares. The stock is held in trust for the Northern Pacific company.

Buy Land for Farming.

Baker City.—Believing that lands along the Sumpter Valley railroad from which the timber has been removed can be made into farm lands, John L. Rand, one of the leading attorneys of this city, and Frank S. Ballie, manager of the Columbia Gold Mining company, in the Sumpter district, have become interested in a project which will be of considerable importance to Baker county. They have interested several other people with them, and have formed what is known as the Sumpter Land company.

Road Operated at Loss.

Salem.—The Coos Bay, Roseburg & Eastern railroad has filed its annual report in the office of the railroad commission, showing a total of 31.56 miles of main line and spurs in operation. The capital stock is \$2,000,000, and the funded debt \$625,000. The cost of the road and equipment to date of report is \$2,900,221.95. The net operating income for the year was \$29,221.56, but payment of taxes and interest left a net corporate loss for the year of \$23,555.13.

Stock Over Sumpter Line.

Baker City.—Stockmen of the John Day and Burns country are pleased with the arrangement of the Sumpter Valley railroad, which permits stock to be shipped over that line in the future. Yards of considerable size have been built at Austin and will accommodate the large herds raised in the interior.

PORTLAND MARKETS.

Wheat—Bluestem, 95c; club, 91c; 8fc, 90c; red Russian, 88c; 40-fold, 91c; valley, 91c.
Barley—Feed, 82c per ton; brewing, 82c.
Oats—No. 1 white, 83c@81c per ton; gray, 82c@80c.
Hay—Timothy, Willamette Valley, \$14 per ton; Eastern Oregon, timothy, \$16@17.50; clover, \$12; alfalfa, \$12@12.50; grain hay, \$12.50@13.
Fruit—Apples, 65c@83c per box; pears, \$1@1.25 per box; grapes, \$1.40@1.65 per crate; quinces, \$1@1.25 per box; cranberries, \$10.50@12.50 per barrel; casavava, 2 1/2c per pound; Spanish Malaga grapes, 87c@75c per barrel; buckberries, 6c per pound; persimmons, \$1@1.25.
Potatoes—80c@90c per hundred; sweet potatoes, 1 1/2c@2 1/2c per lb.
Onions—\$1@1.10 per 100 lb.
Vegetables—Turnips, \$1.25 per sack; carrots, \$1; parsnips, \$1.25; beets, \$1.25; horseradish, 10c per lb; artichokes, 90c @ \$1 per doz.; beans, 10c@11c per lb.; cabbage, 16c@1 1/2c per lb.; cauliflower, 50c@81c per doz.; celery, 40c@75c per doz.; cucumbers, 42c per box; eggplant, 15c per lb.; lettuce, 75c@81c per box; parsley, 15c per doz.; peas, 10c per lb.; peppers, 10c per lb.; pumpkins, 16c@18c per lb.; radishes, 12c per doz.; spinach, 2c per lb.; sprouts, 9 1/2c@10c per lb.; squash, 16c@1 1/2c per lb.; tomatoes, 50c @ \$1.
Butter—City creamery, extra, 35c @ 36c; fancy outdoor creamery, 32 1/2c@35c per lb.; store, 17c@20c.
Eggs—Oregon select, 37 1/2c@40c; Eastern, 27c@32 1/2c per doz.
Poultry—Hens, 12 1/2c@13 1/2c per lb.; spring, 11 1/2c@13 1/2c; ducks, 14c@15c; geese, 11c@12c; turkeys, 11c@15c; dressed turkeys, 20c@21c.
Cheese—Fancy cream twins, 15c per lb.; full cream triplets, 15c; full cream Young America, 16c.
Veal—Extra, 8 1/2c@9c per lb.; ordinary, 7c@7 1/2c; heavy, 5c.
Pork—Fancy, 7c per lb.; large, 5 1/2c @ 6c.

NO MORE DELAYS.

Court Takes Stern Action Against Tactics of Ruff's Lawyers.

San Francisco, Nov. 18.—The trial of Abraham Ruff, interrupted by the shooting of Assistant District Attorney Francis J. Heney in the courtroom, will be resumed at 9 o'clock this morning where it was halted last Friday afternoon by the bullet of the assassin, Judge William P. Lawlor yesterday denied the application of counsel for Ruff for a change of venue to some other city or town in the state; denied also in quick succession the motions for a continuance of thirty days until public feeling subsided, for the dismissal of the jury and the empanelment of a new one, and finally ruled against the defense on the request made to interrogate the trial twelve as to whether any of them was prejudiced against the defense as a result of the tragedy in the courtroom.

Brushing aside all motion and technicalities interposed by the defense, the court announced that the trial would proceed this morning, and that it would countenance no further delays.

The action of the court followed the filing of 37 counter-affidavits by the prosecution, which in general terms denied many of the allegations made by Ruff and his counsel in their affidavits yesterday in support of their application for a change of venue, and set forth that no excitement or turbulence prevailed; that neither Ruff nor his attorneys were threatened with violence or their lives endangered, and finally, that no condition existed that would prevent the defendant from having a fair and impartial trial.

MOURN FOR EMPEROR.

Obsequies to Continue in China for Nearly a Month.

Pekin, Nov. 18.—An edict issued yesterday instructs Prince Pu Lun and Prince Pi to proceed to the western tombs and select a site for the grave of the emperor. There will be continuous obsequies at the palace for a period of 27 days. The obsequies began yesterday, and the function was attended by Dowager Empress Yohene and representatives of the various governmental departments.

The local press is beginning to publish details of the occurrences of Saturday and Sunday. Up to the present time it has said virtually nothing of the events at the palace and the promulgation of the regency. The new Dowager Empress Yohene will, great presence of mind arranged for the meetings of the grand council to be held in her private apartments. Here the plan that already has been discussed and decided upon was adopted without loss of time.

The councillors warned the prince that the regency was final, and in terms that were not open to misinterpretation they expressed the opinion that any opposition thereto would be promptly met and punished.

EMBLEM OF REVOLT.

American Flag Raised on Island of St. Pierre.

St. Pierre, Nov. 18.—The demonstration against the authorities here, which was begun yesterday, was continued today. The limited police force is unable to maintain order, but thus far no serious damage has been done.

The manifestation on the part of the populace is due largely to the school question. The people of St. Pierre demand free school in which religious instruction is given.

Two schoolmasters were taken into court, charged with having violated the laws in conducting free schools. They were convicted and ordered to pay a fine of \$200 each. The authorities ordered the schools closed. The action of the authorities inflamed the populace, which assembled on the streets and violently denounced the French government. Some one obtained an American flag during the height of the excitement, and with it the crowd marched to the government headquarters where a noisy demonstration was made.

OREGON WINS SUIT.

Mouth of Columbia River Declared to Be Part of State.

Washington, Nov. 17.—Valuable fishing grounds at the mouth of the Columbia river were declared to be part of Oregon by the United States supreme court yesterday, ending the boundary line dispute which has existed between that state and Washington for several years. In 1905 suit was brought by the state of Washington to restrain Oregon from disturbing the people of Pacific county, Washington, in the possession of their land.

The territory which was in dispute comprises low lying islands or promontories at the mouth of the river, chiefly valuable for fishing purposes. For years it has been mooted question whether this territory was subject to the Washington or the Oregon laws governing salmon fishing.

Millions Lost in Flood.

Port Elizabeth, Cape Colony, Nov. 17.—A terrific rain storm swept this part of Cape Colony and caused a heavy overflow of the Basakens river. Several lives were lost and the damage amounts to more than a million dollars.

EARTH UPHEAVES; 25 ARE ENGULFED

Frightful Disaster From Explosion of Gas in Brooklyn Street.

Men Buried Under Fifty Feet of Debris—Water Main Breaks From Force of Concussion, Adding to Horror—Spark Ignites Escaping Gas in Excavation.

New York, Nov. 21.—Twenty-five persons are believed to have lost their lives in an explosion of gas which tore up a great section of Gold street, Brooklyn, yesterday. It is definitely known that 15 persons were buried under the hundreds of tons of earth and timber thrown into the air, and ten more are reported missing. The exact number of dead cannot be determined until those working to recover the entombed bodies dig through 50 feet of dirt, rock and a tangle of pipes and timber.

The explosion occurred in a 50-foot deep excavation that had been made in Gold street, between York and Front streets, where a water main was being laid. The gas main sprang a leak recently, and in a manner unknown a spark came into contact with the escaping gas. Immediately there was a terrific explosion, which lifted the surface for half a block in both directions, and shot dirt, paving stones and debris into the air.

When the smoke and dust cleared away it was seen that the street had been opened from doorstep to doorstep over an area of nearly a block. The loosened earth and debris had fallen into the excavation, burying the score of laborers who were at work when the accident occurred. Great tongues of flame shot out of the crevices, and beside them geysers of water leaped into the air from a water main that had been shattered.

NOT IN SHOE.

Expert Gunsmith Says Haas Did Not Have Gun Long.

San Francisco, Nov. 21.—Chief of Police Biggy, whose resignation from the department may follow the outcome of the coroner's inquest into the suicide of Morris Haas, who shot himself in his cell at the county jail while guarded by several policemen, was shown yesterday to have been in personal command of the men who searched Haas.

According to Patrolman Charles F. Groat, who took the stand yesterday in the second day's session of the inquest, he rode to the jail handcuffed to Haas, in Chief Biggy's automobile with the chief and several detectives. There Biggy directed the search of the prisoner.

Should the jury find that Haas had the little derringer with which he committed suicide, in his shoe when searched, the fact will be taken as evidence to support charges of inefficiency which Detective William I. Burns declares will be brought against Biggy.

Captain Thomas S. Duke, who made the first search of Haas in the courtroom, produced Otto A. Bremer, a gunsmith, as an expert to prove that Haas did not have the weapon in his shoe when he shot Francis J. Heney. Bremer testified that if the derringer had been carried for any length of time in Haas' shoe the barrel would show rust. The derringer showed no sign of rust, and Bremer declared it could not have been carried next to the skin.

MAKES IMMENSE PROFIT.

Standard Oil Earnings Amounted to \$80,000,000 in 1907.

New York, Nov. 21.—For over five hours yesterday John D. Rockefeller, witness for the defense in the government suit to dissolve the Standard Oil company, faced an unceasing fire of questions from the federal counsel, Frank B. Kellogg, and when adjournment was taken until Monday the head of the oil combine was still being cross-examined on the charge that the company in its early days accepted rebates to the disadvantage of its rivals.

Mr. Rockefeller's cross-examination will probably not be concluded until late Tuesday, as Mr. Kellogg made it known that he would question Mr. Rockefeller on every detail of the company's business.

The enormous earning power of the oil combination was sharply brought out in yesterday's hearing, when Mr. Rockefeller, after stating that the Standard had paid dividends amounting to \$40,000,000 in 1907, said it had earned as much more, and that this was added to the company's surplus, which was stated by the government's counsel to be \$300,000,000. It was further declared by Mr. Kellogg that the company within the last eight years has earned nearly half a billion dollars.

Simon Leads Revolt.

Paris, Nov. 21.—A revolution has broken out in Southern Hayti. General Simon, ex-commander of the troops in the southern department, has seized the city of Les Cayes and the adjacent region. The telegraph line has been cut and government troops are surrounded by rebels.