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NEWS OF THE WEEK

In a Condensed Form for Our Busy Readers.

A Resume of the Less Important but Not Less Interesting Events of the Past Week.

Spain and Belgium have arranged an arbitration treaty.

The Odd Fellows sovereign grand lodge will meet at Toronto next year.

The government is still paying five pensions on account of the Revolutionary war.

Sockeye salmon are plentiful in the Fraser river, B. C., but there is no market for them.

A Santa Fe train was derailed near Newton, Kansas. Several persons were injured, one of whom will die.

Minister Takahira, now at Washington, will be sent to St. Petersburg, and Baron Kaneko will probably succeed him in this country.

A landslide on Mount San Paolino, Sicily, buried a town at the foot of the mountain. The inhabitants had been warned and most of them escaped.

A paymaster's train on the Reading road collided with a milk train near Harrisburg, Pa. Pay checks amounting to over \$50,000 were scattered in every direction.

A dynamite bomb exploded in a New York tenement shook up the whole neighborhood. That nobody was seriously injured appears remarkable. The work was that of the Italian "Black Hand."

The president of Venezuela has snubbed a French diplomat.

Two men were killed and 43 injured in the Nevada railroad wreck.

Advocates of a republic for Norway are again coming to the front.

More earthquake shocks are being felt in Italy. Panic reigns among the villagers.

The bank of Nordstrand, Minn., a private institution, has closed its doors. It is capitalized at \$10,000.

Vandals visited the two Catholic cemeteries at Escanaba, Mich., and demolished the crosses on over 200 monuments.

President of Hull, of the Great Northern, in an address to farmers of Southern Minnesota, condemned regulation of railroad rates.

Franco-German negotiations relative to Morocco have been resumed and it is believed a definite arrangement is nearing completion.

The Odd Fellows' sovereign grand lodge is considering the erection of a \$1,000,000 sanitarium for consumptive members at Las Vegas, New Mexico.

Rebels in German South Africa surprised a convoy, practically annihilated its escort of German troops, captured thousands of cattle, 122 wagons, many rifles and a quantity of ammunition.

Germany has checked the outbreak of cholera.

New York primary elections are to be the scene of a warm contest.

A man in a dressmakers' convention at Chicago caused a panic until he was ejected.

Ohio Democrats say the tariff is not to be the chief issue of the campaign in that state.

While all points have not been settled, peace between Norway and Sweden is assured.

Anthracite coal operators will resist the demands of the miners and another great strike is looked for in the near future.

Sixty of the most elaborately equipped Pullman cars ever used west of the Missouri river have been put on the Union Pacific from Omaha to California and Portland.

President Paul Morton, of the Equitable Life, has discovered where nearly a million dollars of the policy holders' money has gone to pay bad debts. He will sue to recover.

The Japanese peace commission has started for Japan with the treaty.

Aeronaut Beachey has sailed his airship from the Lewis and Clark exposition grounds to the Vancouver barracks. On the return trip he was unable to reach the starting point on account of adverse winds, and a lack of gasoline for his engine.

Witte has arrived in Europe.

Roosevelt will visit New Orleans in October.

Anthracite miners are preparing to make new demands on operators.

CREDIT FOR CANAL EMPLOYEES.

Coupon Books Will Enable Panama Merchants to Do Business.

Washington, Sept. 22. — A new system of credit has been devised for the employees of the Panama canal and the isthmus and will be put into effect about October 1. The system will meet the needs of the employees and at the same time comply with the request of the Panama merchants to be put on an equal footing with the commissary stores run by the canal commission under the direct jurisdiction of the Panama railroad officials.

The system comprises coupon credit slips, which will be issued to canal employees in books containing credit respectively for \$2.50, \$5 and \$25 gold. The books are so made up that credits for from 1 cent to \$1 can be torn out as required and will be issued on demand up to a certain percentage of the wages due them.

The merchants will accept the slips under an arrangement which makes the four banks of Panama the clearing houses between the merchants and the railroad company. No liquors or tobacco are sold at the five government commissaries, which are located along the line of the road, and it has been decided to carry in these commissaries only such articles as shall be decided to constitute the necessities of life.

LAND FRAUD IN COLORADO.

Register of Land Office Is Arrested, Along With Two Others.

Denver, Sept. 22. — On the charges of perjury themselves to defraud the government of lands in Eastern Colorado, warrants have been issued by the United States district attorney's office for the arrest of Peter Campbell, ex-register of the United States land office at Akron; Percy G. Beene, county treasurer of Washington county, and D. W. Irwin, a real estate dealer of Akron.

Through the methods of these men it is alleged that the government has been defrauded of thousands of dollars worth of lands in Washington and Yuma counties. By various ways, it is stated, Campbell, Beene and Irwin obtained possession of land which had been abandoned by previous settlers and sold it to other settlers.

COMES DOWN WITH CRASH.

Bandstand Drops Load of People and Injures Many.

Belleville, Ill., Sept. 22.—Three persons were seriously injured and it is believed that nearly 200 were more or less painfully hurt by the collapse of a bandstand tonight during a carnival and street fair.

Seriously injured: Mrs. Damrich, Belleville, internal injuries; Frank Dietz, Jr., Belleville, internal injuries; Miss Bertha Schrieber, Belleville, injury to leg, sprained ankle and bruised about body, hands and face.

As soon as the excitement subsided and the injured were taken from among the mass of timbers, others who were on the carnival grounds attended them.

The accident was caused by people crowding upon the bandstand as a vantage point to witness a loop-the-loop exhibition. Hundreds took standing room on the stand.

DEMAND TREATY BE BROKEN

Anti-Peace Meeting at Tokio Demands Radical Action.

Tokio, Sept. 22. — An anti peace meeting held in Uryena park today was barely attended, owing to a heavy rain. The tone of the meeting was quiet. The approaches to the park were guarded by troops, but no guards were posted inside. Resolutions adopted at the meeting demand that the cabinet break the peace treaty or resign. It was decided to bring pressure to bear on members of the lower house to conform with the resolution, threatening not to re-elect those failing to so act. The resolution also demands sweeping reform in the administration of the police. An address to the throne was also adopted, but it has not yet been published.

Colorado Cuts Speed Record.

Boston, Sept. 22.—The officers of the armored cruiser Colorado, which put in here today for coal, report that in the recent trials over the new one-mile course near Rockland, M., the warship attained the fastest speed ever made by a naval crew. The cruiser made 22.2 miles an hour in a four-hour run to sea on Sunday, which is within 0.4 of the speed she made on her trial trip. On the Rockland test the ship carried her heavy armament, which was not on board during her trial trip, and she was run without a full firemen's force.

Keep Chinese at Home.

Marseilles, Sept. 22. — According to mail advices received here from China, the Chinese minister at Washington, Sir Shen Tung Liang Cheng, cabled his government asking that it prevent Chinese workmen from proceeding to the United States in order to avoid possible maltreatment. The advices say that the government declined to accede to the request.

PACKERS PAY FINE

One Is Nervous Wreck and Jail Sentence Is Remitted.

GUILTY OF ACCEPTING REBATES

An Aggregate Fine of \$25,000 Is Paid by Four Officials of Beef Trust.

Chicago, Sept. 23.—Four officials of the Schwarzschild & Sulzberger Packing company, of Chicago, were fined an aggregate of \$25,000 by Judge Humphrey in the United States district court here today. The fines followed a plea of guilty to indictments charging conspiracy to accept railroad rebates. The defendants were Samuel Weil, of New York, vice president of the company; B. S. Cusey, traffic manager; Vance D. Skipworth and Chess E. Todd, assistant traffic managers. Weil was fined \$10,000, the other three \$5,000 each.

With the entering of pleas the declaration was made that unless at least one of the cases is immediately settled the life of Samuel Weil, vice president of the company and one of the defendants, is in jeopardy. He is said to be a nervous wreck, and fears were entertained for his life if he had been allowed to continue under the stigma of an indictment.

While in Chicago the attorney general was apprised of the condition of Vice President Weil.

These four defendants were charged with unlawfully combining and agreeing to solicit rebates for the Schwarzschild & Sulzberger company from the Michigan Central Railway company, the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific, the Grand Trunk Western railway, the Lehigh Valley Railroad company, the Boston & Maine Railroad company and the Mobile & Ohio Railroad company. Charges were made that the defendants conspired with each other in presenting supposed claims for damages, which were in reality claims for rebates.

BAD FAITH TO CHINA.

Conger Condemns Failure to Build Railroad as Promised.

Des Moines, Ia., Sept. 23. — In an address before the Grant club tonight, ex-Minister to China Edwin H. Conger said that by the failure of the Americans to build the Chinese railway, faith had been broken with China, and America's good standing with the Chinese seriously impaired.

"We made a very serious mistake when we permitted our railroad concession in China to be relinquished," said Mr. Conger. "It will prove a sad blow to our future efforts to establish advantageous business relations with that country. It will set us back many years."

"When we were granted the concession, personally I made representations to the Chinese that the railroad would be built by the Americans who got the concession, assured them upon my honor that it was not secured for the purpose of exploitation, and that it would not be sold or relinquished. Now, however, it has been, and the business men of China feel that they have a right to look upon future business propositions from Americans with suspicion."

DISAGREE ABOUT FORTS.

Sweden and Norway Still Keep Question of Demolition Open.

Karlstad, Sept. 23.—The Swedish and Norwegian commissioners met in joint conference this evening after the holding of separate conferences during the day. The joint conference lasted nearly four hours and was then adjourned until tomorrow.

It is understood that the Swedish demands that the transit trade through both countries shall be secured against unjustifiable obstruction, and for the right of pasturing reindeer belonging to Swedish Laplanders in Northern Norway, have been amicably settled, but that the question of the demolition of the fortifications still remains open.

May Talk Politics.

St. Petersburg, Sept. 23.—A project for granting the Russian people, under certain limitations, the right of assembly for the discussion of political and economic questions—a reform second in importance only to the convocation of the representative assembly, and which was elaborated by a commission under the presidency of Count Agnief—is now practically completed, and after a final review by the Solskyoy commission on Saturday will be immediately laid before Emperor Nicholas. Its promulgation is expected soon.

Work Begun on Western Pacific.

Salt Lake City, Sept. 23.—Forty teams began work on the Western Pacific road 20 miles west of the city, and officials announce that 1,500 or 2,000 teams will be at work by October 1.

NO DELEGATE FOR ALASKA.

Legislators Who Visited Territory Will Propose New Scheme.

Washington, Sept. 20.—Those senators and representatives who visited Alaska this summer, including Speaker Cannon, were not favorably impressed with the idea of giving that territory a delegate to congress, but have outlined a substitute plan which they will bring forward next session. They propose treating Alaska as congress treats the District of Columbia, appointing a special committee in the senate and house to consider and handle all legislation relating to Alaska.

This will place Alaska matters in the hands of men directly interested in the territory and, it is believed, will produce better results than could be attained by a delegate. The committee was satisfied that no one delegate could intelligently represent the whole of Alaska, because of its vast extent and the varying needs of different sections, and congress would never consent to more than one delegate under any circumstances. If the plan of these men, which has the indorsement of the speaker, shall be carried through, a new committee on Alaska will be created in the next senate and house.

The congressional party which visited Alaska is also convinced that congress should do as much to aid railroad building in Alaska as it has done for railroads in the Philippines, and a movement will be put on foot to pass a bill next session under which the government will guarantee 3 per cent on bonds issued for the construction of Alaskan railroads. The special pressure at present is for a road from Valdez to Fairbanks.

FOUR TRAINS IN ONE WRECK

Twenty-five People Injured and One Man Killed in Nevada.

Reno, Nev., Sept. 20.—Twenty-five persons at this hour (1:30 A. M.) are reported injured and one man, George Wareman, is dead, as the result of a terrible head-on collision on the Southern Pacific road between two freight trains, followed by the rear-end collision between two passenger trains, at a point nine miles west of Beowawe, between 6 and 7 o'clock last evening.

The wreck, from the reports given out, was caused by one of the engineers on the freight trains running past his orders. An effort was made to stop the incoming passenger trains with success for the first section of No. 3, though a moment later the second section, said to be in charge of Engineer Ross and Fireman Tinville, plunged full speed into the first section.

The engineer and fireman are reported among the injured. Many more deaths are expected when complete details are in.

Physicians, nurses and supplies, in addition to three wrecking trains, are now either at the scene or rushing to it to render aid to the suffering. The office at Sparks will not give out any definite details. The railroad has just started a special train said to contain four badly injured passengers for the railroad hospital at San Francisco.

JAPAN SETTLING DOWN AGAIN.

Capital Returns to the Banks and Is Eager for Investment.

Tokio, Sept. 20. — Despite the fact that the ebullition of popular dissatisfaction over the peace arrangements continues unabated, there are indications that the business contingent is slowly sobering down. The capital intended for new enterprises, following the successful conclusion of the treaty of peace, is gradually coming into the banks as deposits in amounts which are likely to lower the rate of interest.

The profound disappointment which has prevailed has at least proved a benefit to the extent of saving the people from any feverish intoxication, resulting in bubble enterprises, like those which accompanied the close of the war with China. The moneyed class has resumed the attitude of frugality which guided its transactions during the war; the financial outlook is not so gloomy and capital is impatiently awaiting solid investments.

Count of Uncle Sam's Cash.

Washington, Sept. 20.—The count of the cash, notes, bonds and other securities in the treasury of the United States, incident to the transfer of the office of United States treasurer from Ellis H. Roberts to Charles H. Treat, was completed today, and found to agree exactly with the treasury books. The total of July 1, 1905, was found to be \$1,259,598,278. This total is an increase of \$462,672,839 over the amount transferred by D. N. Morgan, the outgoing treasurer, to Mr. Roberts, on July 1, 1897.

More Cases in Mississippi.

Jackson, Miss., Sept. 20.—A total of 11 new cases of yellow fever was reported from various infected points in the state during the last 24 hours, as follows: Vicksburg 6, Mississippi City 2, Natchez 2, Gulfport 1. No deaths at any point.

BETTER THAN GOLD

Vast Fields of Copper Discovered North of Valdez, Alaska.

ORE IS VERY EASY TO BE MINED

Ledges On Nabesca, White and Copper Rivers Extend for a Hundred Miles.

Tacoma, Sept. 21. — Henry Brantnaber, the noted copper mining expert, who arrived from the North Monday, on the steamer Victoria, and who is now a guest at the Donnelly hotel, brings news that he has discovered at the headwaters of the Nabesca, White and Copper rivers, Alaska, what he believes is the world's greatest copper district. Copper is there so abundant, he says, that it can be mined and transported by rail 230 miles to Valdez, and smelted at a probable cost of 5 or 6 cents a pound, thereby cutting in two the present average cost of copper production.

Mining men, already aware of Mr. Brantnaber's discovery, declare that it outweighs in importance the discovery of the Klondike and Nome placer districts. So important is it that Mr. Brantnaber and his associates will vigorously push development work, and within two years they expect to be producing daily 2,000 to 3,000 tons of copper ore running 10 to 30 per cent in metallic copper. When this is accomplished the industry will be only started. In connection with this development John Rosene and associates will push the building of the Northwestern & Copper River railroad, with the object of building it to the Nabesca copper district within three years. Rosene's railroad will first touch the Bonanza group of copper mines, owned by the Havemeyers, the New York sugar refiners, who are believed to be among the Eastern moneyed men who are backing Rosene in his railroad project.

Brantnaber says he found the Tanana river to be a glacial stream with half a dozen channels and everywhere very shallow. In many places on the upper reaches it spreads out four or five miles. Four expert copper miners with 40 tons of provisions were left on Nabesca creek with instructions to explore the region thoroughly for the next two years.

The ore is of the same character as Lake Superior copper ores. Nabesca copper is found in bands of greenstone in shot like shape, often carrying 10 to 30 per cent of metallic copper. There is also he says much copper on the White river where it is in a slab-like shape, and pieces were found running from two to four feet in width and two inches thick. These slabs lay in seas in the greenstone, making the most wonderful surface showing Mr. Brantnaber has ever seen in this or foreign countries.

Eight miles further up White river copper occurs in the same formations, nugget-shape, the nuggets running from a half ounce to two ounces. The formation, Mr. Brantnaber says, is about 500 feet wide, with vast quantities of copper lying at the foot of the hills, where the greenstone has become decomposed and the copper ore has washed down in ravines below. The gravel is full of native copper, which lies on the surface in plain view.

Mr. Brantnaber says that one year's vigorous development work will develop copper mines which can produce 2,000 to 3,000 tons of ore per day. The ore will be hauled by railroad to Valdez and reduced there by smelters. The construction of the railroad, he declares, will quickly make it the largest copper producing district in the world, the surface showing undoubtedly the most favorable that has ever been discovered.

The copper veins on Nabesca river are three to eight feet wide and seem very continuous. Mr. Brantnaber believes that both smelters and refiners will be built at Valdez within a few years, making that the largest city on the Alaskan coast.

Canada Under Ban.

Victoria, B. C., Sept. 21.—The belief is general here that the crusade against United States goods in China will be extended to those of Canadian origin. Simultaneous meetings are being held in all the cities of Canada where Chinese have gained a foothold, at which resolutions have been passed condemning the treatment accorded Chinese by the citizens and government of the Dominion and calling the attention of the Merchants' guilds in China to the same. The Halifax Chinese have set the ball rolling.

Many Murders at Baku.

Tiflis, Sept. 21. — The governor of Baku reports that there have been no disorders on a large scale in the town or in the oil fields, but there have been scattered cases of assaults and murder. The viceroy has placed the districts of Gori and Dushet under military administration.