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## EVENTS OF THE DAY

GATHERED FROM ALL PARTS OF THE TWO HEMISPHERES.

Comprehensive Review of the Important Happenings of the Past Week, Presented in Condensed Form, Most Likely to Prove Interesting to Our Many Readers.

King Menelik will welcome American capital in the development of Abyssinia.

Secretary of War Taft holds that tariff concessions will largely make the Philippines.

Ex-Secretary of the Navy Whitney is seriously ill and his condition shows little improvement.

The Lewis and Clark fair bill has been introduced as an amendment to the urgent deficiency bill.

The attorney general shows that the bill to amend anti-trust laws would injure instead of aid commerce.

The present British parliament, which has just opened, may witness the downfall of the Balfour ministry.

The president's salary is insufficient to meet the needs of his office. An effort will probably be made to increase it.

Russia cannot make how Japan can reject her concessions.

The house has decided to allow no extra mileage for the extra session.

W. K. Vanderbilt, Jr., made a mile in less than a minute in an automobile.

Secretary Hay does not think war would greatly affect the markets in this country.

Brazil will send a war vessel to the 1904 fair if there is no objection on the part of the United States.

Los Angeles congregations have united in prayer for rain on the parched lands.

Newark, N. J., has a municipal laboratory which is turning out anti-toxin in such quantities as to hurt the Chicago trade.

Government engineers are positive in the belief that the only permanent relief for the Columbia at the bar is the extension of the jetty. There is now funds available for 9,000 feet. If the present Congress does not make provision for a continuance of the work, the pause in the jetty extension will cause great loss.

Pope Pius is in ill health.

A Japanese warship is reported to have fired upon a Russian steamer.

The British ambassador at St. Petersburg has been informed that Russia will make concessions to Japan.

The supreme court of Minnesota has quashed the bribery indictment against ex-Mayor Ames, of Minneapolis.

General Taft is now secretary of war. President Roosevelt paid high compliments to Elihu Root, the retiring secretary.

The senate has requested the president to transmit Panama correspondence, if not incompatible with public interests.

The house committee on Indian affairs has decided to report favorably the bill relating to the sale of lands on the Grand Ronde, Oregon reservation.

Senator Ankeny is working hard to have Fort Walla Walla retained as a military post and it will be as a courtesy to the senator if it is not abolished.

France deems the Far Eastern situation very warlike.

Natives in Morocco are committing terrible atrocities on foreigners.

An alleged snubbing of Miss Alice Roosevelt has put society at the capital in a flutter.

The coroner's jury has returned a verdict of suicide in the Whitaker Wright case.

Russian troops are reported to be taking positions in Manchuria and on the border of Corea.

George A. Rose, defaulting cashier of a Cleveland bank to the extent of \$187,000, lost it all speculating in grain.

The senate will take the 1905 fair bill up as soon as the Panama debate is ended, and perhaps in the meantime.

One hundred and five bodies have been recovered from the mine in Pennsylvania where the recent disaster occurred.

Extreme cold weather prevails in Northern Michigan. Cattle were frozen stiff in the barns. All outside work is stopped. The thermometer registers 48 degrees below.

The powers say mediation between Russia and Japan is impossible. Russia first suggested it.

A cage and engine at a Victor, Colorado, mine got beyond control and 14 men rode to their death.

The National Good Roads association, at a meeting in Washington, adopted resolutions favoring the 1906 fair.

Roosevelt and Hanna are said to have reached an agreement by which the latter is not to be a candidate for president.

Rescuers at the scene of the great Pennsylvania mine disaster had to be rescued. Few bodies have yet been recovered.

## COLD RAIL SNAPPED.

Colorado Flyer Ditched While Running Forty Miles an Hour.

Kansas City, Mo., Feb. 3.—The Colorado flyer on the Missouri Pacific railway was derailed near Miller, Kan., today while running at the rate of 40 miles an hour.

The engine and the rear car, a Pullman, alone remained upright on the track. The baggage car, mail car, smoker and a chair car were thrown into the ditch, turning over and were badly shattered. One person was killed and 13 injured, one seriously.

The wreck was caused by the snapping of a rail, due evidently to the severe cold weather of the past week. Physicians reached the scene promptly and a relief train was hurried from Olaton, starting east with the injured during the afternoon.

At the time of the accident the train was two hours late and was making up time. It had no orders to stop at Miller and went by at full speed, being derailed on the outskirts of the town. The engine and tender passed over the defective rail safely.

The front trucks of the mail car jumped the track and crashed into a freight car on a siding. The baggage car followed, pushed the mail car at right angles across the track and both the forward cars served to block the smoker. The chair car following the smoker partially telescoped the smoker and the latter was rendered into kindling wood. The Pullman remained on the track and aside from a severe shaking up the passengers in that car were uninjured.

TIPS TRAIN OVER.

Gale Causes Wreck in Colorado in Which Five People are Hurt.

Denver, Feb. 3.—A special to the News from Idaho Springs, Colo., says:

A passenger train on the Colorado & Southern railroad, which left Denver this morning for Georgetown, was wrecked by a gale, two coaches and a combination baggage and express car being blown over and badly damaged. The engine and tender remained on the track. Four of the train crew and one passenger were injured.

The train had come to a standstill about 1,500 feet from the station in Georgetown, being unable to proceed further because of the wind. While waiting for the wind to subside, the cars were lifted from the rails by the wind, and forced over on their side. The passengers and crew were thrown with great force against the sides of the cars, but were able to escape through the doors and windows.

It was several hours before the news of the accident could be sent to Denver, as the telephone and telegraph wires were prostrated by the wind. A special relief train, sent from the latter city, encountered poles and wires strewn over the track in many places and with difficulty reached its destination. The severely injured were taken to a hospital in Georgetown for treatment.

MANY PERISH ON DESERT.

Bodies of a Score of Men Found on the Sands in Nevada.

Salt Lake, Feb. 3.—The bodies of between 20 and 30 men, who perished from thirst while attempting to cross the desert between Moapa and Los Vegas, Nev., have been found within a few weeks, according to advices received from the latter place.

The men, it is believed, were mostly tramps who attempted to make the long journey on foot without sufficient supplies of food and water to carry them across. Many of the bodies found were without clothing, and it is believed that the victims had gone insane from thirst and had wandered about in a nude condition in search of water.

Some of the victims are supposed to have used water from "Dead Man's Well," which is located almost in the center of the desert. The water from this well, while temporarily alleviating thirst, is sure death to those who drink it.

Jimenez Has Lost All.

Washington, Feb. 3.—According to information received at the state department, all the ports of Santo Domingo are now in the possession of the Morales provisional government, which succeeded the government of General Woesy Gil. The Jimenez revolution seems to have been stamped out, though there has been no diplomatic recognition of the Morales government.

United States officials in Santo Domingo have entered into relations with it, this step being necessary for the protection of commercial business.

For Greater Corps of Engineers.

Washington, Feb. 3.—Secretary Root sent to the senate today a report of the general staff relating to the increase of the engineer corps of the army, together with the draft of a bill whose passage he recommends. The bill proposes that the corps of engineers, when increased, shall consist of one chief of engineers, with the rank of brigadier general; 12 colonels; 18 lieutenant colonels; 36 majors; 40 captains; 40 first lieutenants and 38 second lieutenants.

Mississippi Town Wiped Out.

Greenville, Miss., Feb. 3.—Fire at Hollendale destroyed every building in the town except two dwellings; loss \$200,000. The fire started in a negro restaurant and a high wind fanned the flames to such proportions that the volunteer fire fighters could not stay its progress.

## HAPPENINGS HERE IN OREGON

WITH BARK ON.

Big Fir Sticks Sent to St. Louis to Reproduce Fort Clatsop.

Rainier—The Wilson Case lumber company has shipped four cars of lumber for the Oregon state building at the St. Louis fair. The order is a peculiar one in that the bark is left on one side of each stick of timber.

Some of the timbers are 40 feet long, with two faces 10 inches wide and one face 7 1/2 inches, while the fourth face is round, with the bark still clinging to it. The palisade timbers are 11 feet long, with one 10-inch and two four-inch faces.

It requires 17,000 feet of these slabs to enclose the grounds around the building. The building and enclosure will be a reproduction of old Fort Clatsop and the stockade surrounding the fort.

This is probably the only consignment of the kind ever shipped from the state, and Mr. Leeper, the manager, says that it will probably be the last. A great deal of trouble was experienced in getting trees that were not too large and that would run the same thickness from which to cut the timbers, to give the right curve on the round side. Another difficulty was experienced in getting trees on which the bark was still firm.

The sap is now up and the bark peels off very readily. This is not commonly the case, but this winter has been so mild that the sap raised much earlier than usual. It will be hard for St. Louis people to understand that when these trees were cut eight degrees farther north than the city of St. Louis, and in a country where the thermometer has not registered zero in 40 years, and while the weather was so warm here that the sap in the trees was up on the 15th of January and at the same time in St. Louis the thermometer was 22 degrees below zero.

NOT ENOUGH FLAX RAISED.

MILL WILL BE BUILT WHEN THE ACREAGE REACHES 1,000.

Salem—Thrashing flax seed out of the straw and spreading the straw in fields to rot is now in progress at Eugene Basse's flax establishment at this place. Twenty men are engaged at the thrashing house and 15 men and boys are employed to spread the straw on a field just east of town. Two hundred tons of straw will be spread out evenly over 60 acres of land and left exposed to the weather until it has rotted enough for the scutching mill. It will then be put through a scutching mill, which will turn out clean flax fiber. The fiber will be stored away to await the building of a linen mill.

The erection of a linen mill here in the Willamette valley is delayed only by the lack of a supply of fibre, said Mr. Basse. "It won't do to build a mill to run two or three months in the year. We must have enough fibre to keep a mill running the year around. That will take 4,000 acres of flax. Whenever we can get that we will have raw material enough to operate with and a mill will be built."

Mr. Basse has 260 acres of land leased for flax raising purposes, and the farmers of this vicinity will put in about 100 acres more this season. Mr. Basse thinks the amount should be increased this year to 1,000 acres and in a year or two increased to 4,000 acres.

Albany Mills Start Up.

Albany—The Bannockburn woolen mill company has started the big Albany woolen mills in operation. Work was commenced on fine cloth for suitings. The mills had been idle for some time and many men were thrown out of employment thereby. When the Bannockburn company purchased the mills they were immediately leased to the Oregon City company, which closed the plant down at the end of three months. Albany people were apprehensive lest the mills would not be put in operation again soon.

Telegraph to Wallows.

Elgin—Arrangements are about completed for a telegraph line from here to Lostine. It will be used in connection with the telephone wire. It will be worked on a duplex system, both circuits being on one wire, and will be directly connected with the Western Union office here. Residents of Wallows county are now anxious for a railroad. All freight hauling has to be done by wagons, and the roads are not of the best.

Biggest Plant in the West.

Hillsboro—C. T. Rogers, of Detroit, Mich., and one of the largest manufacturers of condensed milk machinery, has arrived here, and will superintend the installation of the new machinery for the big Hillsboro plant. Mr. Rogers says that this plant will be the largest west of the Mississippi river and that no plant in the world will have a more modern equipment.

Nugget Worth Forty Dollars.

Grants Pass—A \$40 nugget has been brought in from the Jewell, Moore & Hayes, placer on Oscar creek. This mine is one of the most noted producers of heavy pieces in the entire mineral district and Oscar creek, only a small stream, has become widely famous for the nuggets taken from it.

Opp Mine Resumes Operations.

Jacksonville—The Opp mine, located two miles west of Jacksonville, and which has been idle for more than a year, was started up last week by the owner, J. W. Opp, and the mill is being run day, night and Sunday on ore that is producing good values.

## WAR IN A MONTH.

Colombia Determined to Have a Force on the Isthmus.

New York, Feb. 2.—This cable dispatch was received here last night from an official source in Bogota, according to the Sun:

"The government is helpless in its efforts to prevent war. In less than a month from now 10,000 men will be on the isthmus."

This information confirming rumors cabled from Panama yesterday that Colombia intends organizing and sending an expedition against Panama, comes as a surprise, in view of the changed attitude of the Colombians who had apparently accepted the inevitable and depended on General Raphael Reyes, the special envoy to Washington, to save what he could from the wreck, says the Sun.

General Reyes was to have sailed yesterday for Barranquilla on the steamer Valencia, but for the second time he deferred his departure. General Pedro Nelipino and Dr. Lucas Cabellero, colleagues of General Reyes on the Colombian mission, sailed on the Valencia. The story continues:

On seemingly good authority it is said that General Reyes remains here because his negotiations with the state department at Washington have not been completely broken off and that he has a tentative promise from this government that Colombia will be taken care of with a pecuniary balm for her injured feelings.

No comments could be solicited from General Reyes at the Hoffman house last night on the threatening dispatch from Bogota.

STOCK HAS WINTERED WELL.

Baker County Has Had Very Favorable Weather So Far.

Baker City—Stockmen are congratulating themselves on their success in wintering their sheep, horses and cattle so far this winter. The weather has been very favorable. While it has been cold there has been no severe storms or blizzards.

Feed, while expensive, has been plentiful. Most of the ranchers raise their own hay, and while it is worth big money, the cost to the rancher who owns his own hay land is comparatively light. The man who has to buy hay to feed range stock is not so well off this year.

Mile of Macadam Road.

Jacksonville—The Jacksonville board of trade has undertaken to secure the building of a mile of macadam road on that section of the Jacksonville-Medford road from this place to the junction of the Medford-Central joint roads. A 20-foot width turnpike will be thrown up, the material for which will be gravel from Jackson creek, the channel of which adjoins this road. In removing the gravel for the road a straight deep channel will be made for the creek, to prevent floods from injuring the roadway, as has occurred.

Work on Irrigation Ditch.

Pendleton—C. G. Morey, principal of the Umatilla public schools, was in Pendleton last week. He is authority for the statement that 50 men are employed on the irrigation ditch being run from the Umatilla river, about a mile above Umatilla, to a point of 15 miles or more below. The ditch is to be run through the little town of Irigoin, which has derived its name from the first syllable of irrigation and the last syllable of Oregon.

RUSSIA LEAVES IT TO JAPAN.

War Is Said to Depend Entirely on Two Eventualities.

Paris, Feb. 2.—It is understood here in best informed diplomatic circles that Russia's reply to Japan will be conciliatory, but will differ in no essential manner from her attitude already declared.

The French government has been informed of every step taken by Russia in reaching a decision, but the full tenor of her reply has not yet reached the foreign office. The Ganalos quotes a higher authority as follows:

"Russia will not declare war unless she is attacked by Japan. This is the will of the czar and the fundamental base upon which negotiations will be continued. At St. Petersburg it is believed Japan, despite her belligerent attitude appreciates the madness of engaging in war."

"Russia is ready to give satisfaction to the legitimate claims of the Japanese on the condition that her interests are safeguarded. At this hour war depends upon two eventualities, an attack by Japan or a local incident in Corea necessitating military intervention."

No Gold Coins in Vaults.

Washington, Feb. 2.—For the first time in many years the treasury finds itself without any gold coin in its vaults. It is explained that this condition is the result of an unprecedented demand for gold certificates during the time when the mints have been fully employed in coining Philippine silver and subsidiary silver for the United States. The increased demand for gold certificates which could only be issued for gold coin in the treasury came about through the needs of the large banking institutions.

Wants Canteens in Use.

Washington, Feb. 2.—Rear Admiral R. D. Evans, commander in chief of the Asiatic squadron, writes to the navy department that desertions in his command have been reduced to a minimum. He says the worst drawback to discipline has been the excessive use of alcoholic drinks. Admiral Evans recommends the establishment of canteens in the navy, where beer and light wine may be sold to the men, to be taken with their meals.