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NEWS OF THE WEEK

In a Condensed Form for Our Busy Readers.

HAPPENINGS OF TWO CONTINENTS

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

A slight earthquake was felt throughout Italy.

The sultan of Turkey shows signs of yielding to the powers.

China has sent a gunboat to investigate the affairs of the Isle of Pines.

Lincoln is said to have put down a mob in Manchuria after much bloodshed.

The University of Pennsylvania has taken the initiative in suggesting new football rules.

New York police authorities have doubled the number of police reserves, presumably in anticipation of a strike by ironworkers.

Heavy seas have swept away 100,000 feet of the east coast of Coney Island and the inhabitants are terror stricken lest more should go.

A terrible gale has swept the English channel. It is reported that the British battleship King Edward VII foundered during the storm.

Officials investigating the affairs of the 8th at the assay office have discovered evidence to show that Adams' defalcations extended as far back as 1903.

The United States sold to Canada last year exports to the value of \$166,000,000. This is more than 62 per cent of the whole of Canadian imports and but 11 per cent of the exports of the United States.

Oregon, Kansas, Texas, New Mexico, New York, Delaware, Pennsylvania, Utah and Maryland all have men in congress who would benefit their states by resigning, as their terms of usefulness have passed.

Henry Watterson says he wants no public office.

The British Liberal party has split on home rule.

Dowie has returned from his new colony in Mexico.

There is a growing disaffection in the St. Petersburg garrison.

Russian police have found letters telling of a plot to kill the czar.

Sarah Bernhardt will build and maintain a theater in New York, according to her manager.

Turkey is expected to offer no resistance to the allied fleet unless troops are landed, in which event a fight may ensue.

The large number of accidents in football games this season has aroused college authorities to take action against the game.

It is probable that in the reorganization of congress Ankeny and Fulton will secure chairmanships of important committees.

The management of the Rock Island railroad has decided to practically rebuild the entire system to secure a minimum grade.

Fifteen persons were injured and many others badly shaken up in a wreck on the Missouri Pacific near Leeds, Missouri.

The Russian minister of finance estimates that the expenditures for the coming year will be \$1,020,000,000 and the revenue \$1,027,000,000.

The powers may allow Austria to seize Macedonia.

A fire sale in Chicago did much damage to property.

A fresh mutiny has broken out on the Russian Black sea fleet.

More graft is being exposed in the insurance inquiry at New York.

Bulgaria is anxious to invade Macedonia, but is restrained by the powers.

Russian employers have united to fight the strikers, who have nearly rained them.

H-iron shippers have organized to fight rate discrimination and may form a state association.

The cashier of the Hayti, Missouri, bank has disappeared with \$18,000 of the institution's money.

A large colony of Boers is to locate in Venezuela. A grant of over a million acres of land has been made by President Castro.

Four prisoners in the Jefferson, Missouri, penitentiary, made a desperate attempt to escape. Two guards were killed, a third seriously wounded, and the prison gates blown up with nitro glycerine. The convicts were captured after a fight in which one was killed and one wounded.

The president has appointed H. J. Hagerman, of Rowell, N. M., as governor of New Mexico, to take effect January 1, the expiration of Governor Otero's term.

Balfour will resign as premier of Great Britain.

Missouri is continuing its fight against the Standard Oil.

Four Berlin banks have organized a bank to do business in Turkey and Egypt.

GREATEST HARVEST IN HISTORY

Present Year Was Record Breaker in United States.

Washington, Nov. 28.—"Walth production on the farms of the United States in 1905 reached the highest amount ever attained in this or any other country—\$6,415,000,000."

In the first annual report of his third term Secretary of Agriculture Wilson presents an array of figures and a statement representing products and profits of the farmers of this country, which he admits "dreams of wealth production could hardly equal."

Four crops make new high records as to value—corn, hay, wheat and rice—although in amount of production the corn is the only one that exceeds previous yields. In every crop the general level of production was high and that of prices still higher. Beside the enormous yield of wheat the secretary estimates that the farms of the country have increased in value during the past five years to a present aggregate of \$9,133,000,000.

"Every summer during the past five years," he says, "has registered an increase of \$3,400,000 in the value of the farms of this country."

Analyzing the principal crops for the year, the secretary says that corn reached its highest production at 2,708,000,000 bushels, a gain of 42,000,000 over the next highest year, 1899; hay is second in order of value, although cotton held second place during the two preceding years. The hay crop this year is valued at \$60,000,000. Cotton comes third, with a valuation of \$575,000,000; wheat, \$525,000,000; oats, \$282,000,000; potatoes, \$138,000,000; barley, \$58,000,000; tobacco, \$12,000,000; sugar, cane and sugar beets, \$50,000,000; rice, \$13,000,000; dairy products, \$50,000,000, an increase of \$54,000,000, over last year.

PLENTY OF MONEY.

Secretary of Interior Has Not Been Furnished Proper Figures.

Washington, Nov. 28.—When the secretary of the Interior and the Reclamation service reach an understanding as to the extent and condition of the national reclamation fund, it is expected that a number of new irrigation projects, including projects in Eastern Oregon and Eastern Washington, will be approved and placed under contract. But until there is a complete understanding, the present chaotic condition must continue, and inactivity will be the rule, save on projects that are actually under contract.

The great misunderstanding that now prevails is as to the amount of money available for use, and the restrictions under which that money may be expended. The Reclamation service has its own set of figures, but those figures do not coincide with the figures which have been furnished Secretary Hitchcock by the men in his own department, upon whom he relies. The secretary, confronted with very different financial statements, from sources which ought to agree, has concluded that neither is right, yet he is unable to figure out for himself just how much money he has to spend, and how much he has spent in the 3 1/2 years the reclamation law has been in force.

WRECK TAKES FIRE.

Fourteen Persons Lose Lives in Massachusetts Disaster.

Lincoln, Mass., Nov. 28.—Fourteen persons were killed, 25 were seriously injured, and probably a score of others cut and bruised in the most disastrous railroad wreck recorded in this state for many years. The wreck occurred at 8:15 o'clock, at Baker's Bridge station, a mile and a half west of Lincoln, on the main line of the Fitchburg division of the Boston & Maine railroad. The regular express, which left Boston at 7:45 o'clock for Montreal, by way of the Rutland system, crashed into the rear end of an accommodation train bound for points on the Marlborough branch, and which started from Boston at 7:15.

Of the dead, a dozen were passengers in the two rear cars of the Marlborough train. The other two were Engineer Barnard, of the Montreal express, and his fireman. No passengers on the express train were injured. Of those who lost their lives, a number were apparently instantly killed in the collision, while others were either burned to death or died from suffocation.

Pesthouse Was Burglarized.

Butte, Mont., Nov. 28.—A Great Falls dispatch to the Miner states that the people of Teton county are in a future over what is believed to be a threatened epidemic of smallpox as the result of burglarizing of the pesthouse. Several smallpox patients were confined in the detention house and the place has never been fumigated to the extent that it is believed that all danger of contagion is past. The people have been publicly warned by the health officials to be on the alert for any appearance of the disease.

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SIDETRACK TARIFF

Rate Regulation the Only Problem Before Coming Session.

CONCENTRATION OF ATTENTION

President Will Not Give Senate Any Excuse to Avoid Action by Debating in the Air.

Washington, Nov. 28.—For various reasons President Roosevelt will not urge congress at the approaching session to take up the question of tariff revision. He believes the railroad rate question is the most vital issue which confronts the people of the United States today, and he is therefore unwilling to bring to the front any other problem whose discussion would tend to postpone, if not defeat, legislation on that subject. He proceeds on the theory that the worst evil should be first cured. After four years' experience in the white house, and with a comprehensive knowledge of the methods resorted to by congress to defeat legislation which is distasteful, the president is fully aware that he would materially decrease the chances of getting rate legislation if he should make tariff revision an issue of equal importance with the regulation of freight rates. He is aware that the senate would quickly seize upon this opportunity and concentrate its attention on a tariff bill, not so much with any idea of modifying the Dingley tariff as to distract attention and sidetrack the rate bill before it reached a critical stage.

There is other legislation which the president hopes to have passed besides the railroad rate bill, but he is more anxious about that measure than any other, and he will concentrate his efforts to secure such a law as will, in his judgment, effectively check discriminations of all sorts. He wants a law which will apply the "square deal" rule to railroad business, and if his influence, backed by public opinion, can bring it about, such a law will be written on the statute books before the first session of the Fifty-ninth congress adjourns.

CANAL ENGINEERS DEPART.

Ridicule Reports They Have Changed Decision on Sea Level.

Washington, Nov. 28.—The five foreign delegates to the board of consulting engineers of the Isthmian Canal commission left for New York today, and will sail for their homes. They will meet again in Brussels during the first days of January. General Davis will go to that city as representative of the American members of the board, and will take with him the documents, which are not yet drawn up, and which then will have to be signed by the foreign delegates.

Speaking of published stories that they had reconsidered their first vote, one of the delegates made the following statement: "Whatever we have had to say will be found in the report which will shortly be in the hands of President Roosevelt. That we should change our vote on a subject to which for three months we had given the closest attention, and should change it merely because some parties are not contented with it, is a great absurdity."

Leave Isle of Pines to Cuba.

Washington, Nov. 28.—The Cuban government will be permitted to settle to its own satisfaction the existing trouble on the Isle of Pines. The State department has so announced. Of course, if American citizens were to be unduly persecuted or maltreated because of any exercise by them of their right of freedom of speech or assembly, this government will take steps to secure for them justice. But if those Americans on the islands place themselves outside the pale of the law by refusing to recognize the authority of the Cuban government, they will have to take the consequences.

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MAY LOSE POSITION.

Mitchell Likely To Be Displaced on Senate Canal Committee.

Washington, Nov. 27.—Apparently Senator Mitchell is to be deprived of the chairmanship of the committee on interoceanic canals when the senate reorganizes next month. This has not been definitely decided, but it is the consensus of opinion of arriving senators that Mitchell will have to relinquish his chairmanship in order that some active member of the canal committee can preside at its meetings this winter.

Congress must appropriate money early in the coming session for continuing work on the Panama canal, and must decide whether the canal shall be built with locks or at the sea level. This legislation, together with all other legislation pertaining to the canal and the canal zone, must be considered by the canal committee, and will be one of the most important topics to be considered. Because of its importance, senators believe the canal committee should have an active chairman, who can not only preside at committee meetings, but who can vote both in committee and in the senate, and who can furthermore take charge of canal legislation after it has been reported to the senate.

AMEND IMMIGRATION LAWS.

Sargent's Plan for Keeping Out All Undesirables.

Washington, Nov. 27.—Radical changes in the immigration laws will be made next year, if the suggestions of Commissioner General Sargent are put into effect. Mr. Sargent is anxious to have limits placed on the number of immigrants, and that persons who are either too young or too old to support themselves should not be permitted to disembark. This would not, however, apply to those who can furnish guarantees that they are on their way to relatives.

Mr. Sargent believes that by an arrangement with foreign governments the useless traffic of deportation of immigrants unfit to land here could be stopped. Before an immigrant is permitted to take passage for America, he should undergo an examination at the point of embarkation.

HITCHCOCK TO RESIGN.

Rumor That Western Congressmen Have Got His Scalp.

Washington, Nov. 27.—The fact leaked out tonight from a responsible source that at a recent cabinet meeting Ethan Allen Hitchcock, secretary of the Interior, expressed a desire to tender his resignation July 1 next. The same authority announces that Vespasian Warner, of Illinois, now commissioner of pensions, is to succeed him.

It is said the proposed change in the cabinet has been brought about by members of congress from western states, who charge that Mr. Hitchcock, in operations against land grabbers, has permitted his personal feelings to enter into the prosecutions. While this charge had been often repeated, it is said that the retirement of Mr. Hitchcock will be wholly due to the desire of the president to surround himself with younger men.

MILLION WOMEN FIGHT SMOOT.

Characterize Him as a Man Sanctioning Practice of Polygamy.

Philadelphia, Nov. 27.—A meeting of the executive committee of the National League of Women's organizations, formed two years ago to oppose the continuance in the United States senate of Senator Reed Smoot, of Utah, was held here today. Women from all sections of the country were present. It was announced that a petition would be presented to the senate asking for the exclusion of Mr. Smoot on the ground that "he is a member of a hierarchy whose president and a majority of the members practice and teach polygamy." The memorial will state that "Mr. Smoot has never raised his voice against these doctrines, and the Mormon hierarchy has broken its covenants which it gave to the United States when statehood was granted."

Summoned by Judge Hunt.

Helens, Nov. 27.—United States Judge Hunt today ordered Frederick A. Hyde, John A. Benson and other Californians to appear and answer on February 5 the complaint charging them with having fraudulently obtained a forest reserve scrip, under which 4,000 acres of Montana land was secured from the government. The government seeks to have the land returned to it. There are a number of Montana corporations and individuals who are also named as defendants in the bill of complaint filed.

Burton is Guilty.

St. Louis, Nov. 27.—Senator J. R. Burton, of Kansas, was Saturday night found guilty on all six counts in the indictment upon which he has been on trial for the past week in the United States Circuit court, charged with having agreed to accept and having accepted compensation from the Rialto Grain & Securities company, of St. Louis, to appear for the company in the capacity of an attorney before the Post office department.

Will Cut Forests and Crops.

Iban, Nov. 27.—Agrarian disorders have broken out in the Baltic province. A peasant meeting adopted resolutions to cut forest on private land and to appropriate crops. The governor general has issued a proclamation to the troops to fire on such offenders, and saying that the participants at such meetings will be court martialled and sent to distant provinces.

REFUSES TO CHANGE

Hitchcock Admits California Has Share in Klamath.

BUT CHARGES ALL TO OREGON.

Fulton's Plea for Umatilla Irrigation Falls on Deaf Ears—Secretary Denounces Malheur.

Washington, Nov. 25.—Secretary Hitchcock is now convinced of the interstate character of the Klamath irrigation project and acknowledges that California is to benefit by the work in contemplation fully as much as Oregon, but he is not willing to change his order charging the entire allotment to the state of Oregon.

When Senator Fulton again took up the matter of the Umatilla project with the secretary, he found Hitchcock holding the same views he voiced on the occasion of his previous visits, contending that Oregon's 51 per cent reserve fund has been appropriated and explaining that there are no funds available for construction of the Umatilla project.

Mr. Fulton maintains that, even if the secretary adheres to his determination to charge the entire cost of the Klamath work to Oregon, there is yet enough money in the reclamation fund to the credit of Oregon to build the Umatilla project. On June 30 last Oregon's restricted fund was practically \$2,500,000. Deducting \$2,000,000 allotted for Klamath, there was yet \$500,000 left, and it is Mr. Fulton's contention that since July 1, 1905, enough money has been received from disposal of public lands in Oregon to make the other \$500,000 necessary for the Umatilla project. The secretary is unable to state how much money Oregon has contributed to the fund since July, but will advise the senator when he ascertains the facts.

Notwithstanding that he denounces the Malheur project a "steal," and alludes to the operation of the wagon road people as a "graft," the secretary would not formally set aside this project, though admitting that he will not construct it. Nor will he permit the Malheur allotment to be used in part for the Umatilla project. He says Oregon has had her full share of reclamation money outside of the Malheur project, and is not entitled to the benefit of the money which is now credited to the project, but which is not being used.

TRY TO DAM SALTON SEA.

Large Force Working to Save Railroad from Destruction.

Los Angeles, Nov. 25.—Two hundred men, divided into day and night shifts, 20 teams hauling brush and sand, two plectrivers thumping away almost incessantly, two sternwheeler steamers carrying construction material and commissary stores from Yuma—these forces under Superintendent J. T. Tolin are engaged in the Herculean task of building a 600 foot dam across the west channel of the Colorado river four miles below Yuma, by which the California Development company hopes to bring Salton sea to a standstill and eventually restore the Salton Sink to a dry bed of evaporation of the flood waters that have wreaked such havoc there.

If the dam is a success, the Southern Pacific railway in time will be able to abandon its 15 miles of shoofly track east of Salton, and resume its main line. If the dam is a failure, 40 miles and perhaps more of shoofly may have to be built, the whole Imperial country may be deprived of its supply of canal water, and the Colorado river may be diverted through the River Padrones into Volcano lake, thence to find its way northward through the new river into the Salton Sea. What this would mean may be conjectured from the damage already done by the flooding of the great sink.

Final Agreements on Reports.

Washington, Nov. 25.—The board of consulting engineers of the Panama canal met today to add the finishing touches to the work and compare notes upon which to base the majority and minority reports which will embody the views of the members upon the sea level and lock projects. This was necessary because the foreign members of the board have arranged to sail for Europe on November 28, leaving the compilation of the preliminary reports in the hands of the American members, subject to their perusal and amending.

Three Big Battleships.

Washington, Nov. 25.—Three first class battleships of at least 18,000 tons displacement and 18 knots speed, three 6000 ton cruisers of 5,000 tons displacement, one gunboat of the Helena class and four other gunboats of light draft, two for use in the Philippines and two for service in the rivers of China, with additional torpedo boats and torpedo boat destroyers, are the principal recommendations of the general board of the navy in its program.

Hyde-Diamond Case Postponed.

Washington, Nov. 25.—The hearing by the Criminal court on the demurrer filed in the Hyde-Diamond case, in which fraudulent land transactions on the Pacific coast are charged, which was set for today, was postponed for two weeks.

BE GENEROUS TO PHILIPPINES.

New York Board of Trade Wants Restrictions Removed.

New York, Nov. 24.—Resolutions favoring abolishing American duties on Philippine products and repeal of the law to regulate shipping between this country and the Philippines were adopted today by the New York Board of Trade. The resolutions read in part:

"If the islands are our wards, they are not part of the United States and we should not make the mistake that what is good for the United States is good for the Philippines. Intense desire is evinced in the Philippines for the removal of our duties on their products and, insofar as such abolition would benefit them, we should generously grant them that advantage."

In urging upon congress the repeal of the shipping act, which will become operative on July 1, 1906, the resolutions declare that the act will reduce the facilities for commerce between the United States and the Philippines and materially enhance the cost of production of the United States or of American manufactures imported into the Philippines. The resolutions continue:

"There are no American ships in the trade between the Philippines and the Atlantic ports, and there would not be enough American tonnage to carry 125,000 bales of four annually imported at these ports. A great deal of it would have to come via the Pacific route and over transcontinental railroads, and this unnatural route affords the only competition to check the exorbitant rates to Atlantic ports made."

SMOOT WILL NOT RESIGN.

No Action on Senator's Case Likely Before January.

Washington, Nov. 24.—Senator Reed Smoot, who arrived here this evening, says most emphatically that there is no foundation for the story that he intends to resign from the senate, and he is at a loss to understand the source of the report. He is surprised to learn that the senate committee will reopen his case and give further hearings, but has no objection to that course. He furthermore declares his willingness to abide by any decision which the senate may make when it comes to a vote on his case.

It will probably be late in January before the committee on privileges and elections makes a report on the case. Hearings cannot be resumed before the first week in January. After their conclusion the committee will take some time to digest the great mass of testimony and it will be remarkable if it can report in January. Once the case goes to the senate it will receive prompt consideration, as it is a matter of the highest privilege and will be disposed of before legislative matters can receive consideration. It is expected the debate will occupy several weeks.

ELKINS PROPOUNDS IDEAS.

Offers Suggestions for Federal Regulation of Railroads.

Washington, Nov. 24.—The senate committee on interstate commerce today continued the discussion of measures relative to amending the railway regulations. Many ideas were exchanged, but there were no developments of importance. Senator Elkins, chairman of the committee, occupied much of the session in making suggestions and discussing propositions which he thought ought to be incorporated in any bill that may be reported. These suggestions were numerous and would mean a lengthy measure aside from regulation provisions.

Mr. Elkins did not bring forward the pooling proposition, but intends to present it later in some modified form, so that there may be freer traffic between railroads. One particular point brought by him looked to compelling trunk lines to afford better facilities to lateral lines and small roads which are compelled to use big roads to reach a market. The better management of the private car lines so as to meet the demands of shippers and amendment of the laws bearing on terminal companies and terminal charges also were suggested.

Says Castro is Only Bluffing.

Paris, Nov. 24.—Inquiry at the Foreign office today brought out the statement that the report that France accedes to President Castro's request to indicate what portions of the Venezuelan note to Mr. Taigny, the French charge d'affaires, are offensive, is incorrect. The officials say the president has heretofore been completely informed regarding the offensive features of the note and therefore the report that France will give further explanations is characterized as "a bluff intended to delay and confuse the situation."

Shanghai Oyster Men.

Pennsylvania, Nov. 24.—Having received numerous complaints that met have been shanghai'd for service on board oyster boats in Chesapeake bay and that some of them have been ill treated, resulting in two men losing their lives, Captain of Detectives James Donaghey, of this city, has applied to the authorities at Washington and to the attorney general of Pennsylvania for aid in investigating the report submitted to him by relatives of the victims.

Japan's New Big Gun Factory.

Victoria, B. C., Nov. 24.—An immense gun factory, with 20 large buildings, covering 83 acres, is being established on the Sumida river, near Tokyo by the Japanese military authorities where 4,000 men will be employed in making heavy ordnance.

UMATILLA PROJECT

Fulton Endeavors to Obtain Approval of Hitchcock.

HOLDS OREGON TO THE LIMIT

Did Not Know Half Klamath Tract Was in California Fill Senator Told Him.

Washington, Nov. 23.—Senator Fulton had a conference with Secretary Hitchcock today on Oregon irrigation matters. He was advised, as previously stated in these dispatches, that the secretary will not think of building the Malheur project under existing conditions, but was surprised to find the secretary unwilling to make any allotment for the Umatilla project. After some argument, the senator obtained a conditional promise from the secretary which, if fulfilled, will mean early adoption and construction of the Umatilla project.

At the outset the secretary stated that he had already allotted \$2,000,000 to the Klamath project, which he had charged up to Oregon. This amount is within \$465,000 of Oregon's restricted fund; in other words, is within that amount of 51 per cent of Oregon's contribution to the reclamation fund. The secretary, under the law, is obliged to expend this 51 per cent in Oregon, but he clearly showed to the senator that he is unwilling to give Oregon more than its 51 per cent. The senator told the secretary that the Klamath is not entirely an Oregon project. He pointed out that about half the land under that project lies in California, and further stated that Klamath trade, after the project is built, will go largely to California. He therefore insists that it is unjust to build the Klamath project entirely with Oregon funds, and demands that the \$2,000,000 allotment should be divided and at least half of it charged to California. If this is done, the secretary will have \$1,500,000 for immediate expenditure in Oregon, and only \$1,000,000 is asked for the Umatilla project.

The secretary said he did not know that the Klamath project included California as well as Oregon land. He had supposed it was entirely an Oregon project. He added that he could not allot \$1,000,000 for the Umatilla project unless it could be shown that the whole Klamath tract is not in Oregon. This, of course, is easy of demonstration, and Mr. Fulton will tomorrow obtain from the Reclamation service maps and letters showing the interstate character of the Klamath project. Racked up by these papers, he will reopen the case with Mr. Hitchcock, and it is hoped that the Umatilla project may then be authorized. No mention was made today of any engineering or other flaws in the Umatilla project, and it is assumed that nothing prevents its construction save "lack of funds," the original excuse, which has subsequently been denied.

JAPAN'S GREAT NEW NAVY.

Will Build Many Huge Battleships of High Speed.

Victoria, B. C., Nov. 23.—The Japanese admiralty has entered upon an elaborate scheme of naval expansion which is expected to be approved at the coming session of the diet. According to news by the Shawmut today, admiralty officials say Japan's best ships are beginning to be out of date, and larger ships with much heavier armament and higher speed will be built.

The Jiji Shimpo says the battleship of the future navy of Japan will displace 22,000 tons and have an armament of 14 12-inch guns and a speed of 20 knots, while the future cruisers will displace 15,000 tons and have a speed of 25 knots, but no official announcement has been made in this regard.

The five submarines recently added, built in America in sections, gave such success that the squadron will be increased.

Hungry and Bloodstained.

Tokio, Nov. 23.—An eye witness who left Vladivostok on November 18 reports that Nagasaki that food is scanty there, owing to the destruction of the storehouses, and that only sufficient barley remains to support the people for 20 days