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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.

Four mail clerks were injured in a train wreck near Florida, Ga.

Work is about to begin in New York on a building for the various Irish societies.

New York hotel clerks have organized a strike under the name of the Greeners.

Dr. Emil G. Hirsch, in an address at Chicago, denounced Germany as a menace to the peace of the world.

Thirteen persons were injured, five seriously, by the derailment of a car on the scenic railway at one of Denver's amusement parks.

Mrs. Yerkes, widow of Charles T. Yerkes, intends to devote a portion of her \$10,000,000 estate to the erection of a hospital in New York.

A man disguised as a girl obtained employment in the St. Louis telephone office and was only discovered when he proposed to one of the girls.

First-class west bound ocean travel is at its lowest ebb at the present time. Four big liners have just arrived with their cabins practically empty.

That there is less graft and business dishonesty in America today than there was in Washington's time, is the opinion of Dr. E. H. McArthur, of New York.

American naval officers were banqueted at Lima, Peru.

A Frenchman has invented a wireless electric power system.

Mexico is devising ways for the reform of the public credit system.

The Hearst Independence league has decided to nominate a national ticket.

The sale of ex-Minister Conger's Chinese curio collection has realized \$26,533.

Japan has asked for a larger appropriation for the Tokio exposition in 1912.

Russian authorities have captured plotters against the life of Grand Duke Nicholas.

Fire for a time seriously threatened a large part of the business district of New Orleans.

A mortgage for \$225,000 has been foreclosed on the Yerkes home and art collection in New York.

A Columbia, Mo., man has just died who for the past 20 years has drunk at least a quart of whiskey a day.

The children of Eureka, Cal., have petitioned the forest service for the creation of a redwood national forest.

An attempt was made to burn the Soles hotel, at Muskogee, Okla., where about 100 delegates to the Democratic convention were quartered.

Railroad unions deny the necessity for wage reductions.

The Northern Pacific has reduced grain rates from Montana points to Chicago.

Senator Ankeny has given a banquet to a number of senators, at which he boomed the Seattle fair.

Early fruit and vegetables for shipment to the North have been damaged in Louisiana by a cold wave.

The Illinois Supreme court holds that a labor union's unfair list is in effect a boycott and can be enjoined.

The Pullman car company has leased orders to sell no liquors while the cars are passing through dry districts.

The cruisers West Virginia and Maryland are to undergo extensive repairs at the Mary Island navy yard.

Members of the marine hospital service have condemned a large part of San Francisco's packing house district. Changes will be made at once.

Consolidation of the large coal mining interests of Illinois and Indiana for the purpose of regulating the output and upholding prices is under way.

Russia discourages talk of war with Turkey.

The American fleet has arrived at Callao, Peru.

A number of Stanford students have been expelled for drinking.

Miss Dorothy Whitney, of New York, is to wed a Hungarian nobleman.

General Nelson A. Miles will make his home in Washington, D. C., hereafter.

Secretary of the Navy Metcalf will

TRAPS FOR TERRORISTS.

Russia Provides World-Wide System of Secret Service.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 23.—The skilled performance of the police in the roundup of the great band of plotters has won praise throughout the city, bearing witness to the thoroughness of the methods employed for fighting terrorism. The secret police are spending unlimited sums in bringing the terrorists to justice and have drafted agents of international experience who are thoroughly familiar with the by-ways of Western anarchism and who will introduce an improved technique here.

The police department has entered into relations with detective agencies abroad, and has organized an extensive service in all the centers where Russian emigrants congregate, particularly in New York, Paris and Switzerland, and are making a special effort to penetrate within the innermost councils of the Social Democratic and Social Revolutionary organizations.

In connection with the latest plot the men of the secret service were absolutely trusted by comrades of the revolutionists, who attended the meetings held in Finland, where the final plan for the assassination of Grand Duke Nicholas Nicholavitch and Jedsa Tscheglovitch, minister of justice, was elaborated. Two hundred plain clothes men were called in by heads of the police department and given precise instructions as to what action should be taken and apparently they arrested without error the persons involved. Thus far the police have failed to extract a confession from any of those arrested as to their identity, but several undoubtedly are members of aristocratic houses. It is certain that numbers of the conspirators have managed to evade arrest, and a careful watch is being kept for these.

BLACK HAND BUSY.

Threaten to Blow Up Government Powder Stores.

New York, Feb. 23.—In a letter signed "Black Hand" and addressed to Commander Brannstrom, in charge of the United States naval magazine at Iona Island, the threat has been made that the enormous stores of smokeless powder on the island will be blown up unless the married men discharged from employment on the island January 1, 1908, be put back to work at once. There are 3,000,000 pounds of smokeless powder and other explosives stored in the numerous magazines.

Secret service men are working to discover the identity of the writer of the letter. Printed by hand, the letter was mailed at the Haverstraw postoffice two weeks ago. It was as follows:

"If the married men that were discharged from Iona Island are not taken back again at once all the magazines on the island will be blown up. The writer does not fear death.

Black Hand." On January 1 between 30 and 40 men, who had been employed on the island, were discharged, owing to delay in forwarding funds from Washington to continue work. This delay was looked upon at the time as temporary, and it was understood the men would be taken back as soon as the money arrived.

Among the men discharged, most of whom were laborers, were many Italians.

Since the receipt of the letter every approach to the island has been guarded day and night by marines, it is said and the civilian employes have been kept under the strictest surveillance.

Iona Island is about seven miles south of West Point.

Will Bare Ruef's Secrets.

San Francisco, Feb. 23.—Every detail of the negotiations between the graft prosecution and Abe Ruef will be laid in the exhaustive affidavits to be filed in Judge Lawlor's court this morning by District Attorney Langdon, Assistant District Attorney Francis J. Heney and William J. Burns. Heney and Burns spent yesterday in preparing their affidavits, and while they would not discuss the contents of the documents, both said that the sworn statements would include every important detail of their relations with Ruef.

Repair at Puget Sound.

Seattle, Feb. 23.—The Colorado and the Pennsylvania, armored cruisers of the first class, arrived at the navy yard today for dry docking and repairs. The Colorado will be equipped with a new main battery of four eight-inch breech loading rifles. The two vessels will be followed by eight other warships which will be repaired by April 26.

Main Water Pipe Bursts.

Paris, Feb. 23.—The main water pipe of Paris, under Tuilleries street, burst last evening and converted the street into a torrent. The water flooded cellars in various side streets, extinguishing fires and stopping the dynamo in at least one large hotel, putting the building in darkness.

Russia Backs Down.

Copenhagen, Feb. 23.—It is understood in diplomatic circles that as a result of pressure from other powers Russia has abandoned her plan of fortifying the Aland Islands and that an en-

BUILD TO INTERIOR

Central Oregon Is Premised Rail Connections.

FROM SUMPTER TO PRINEVILLE

Line Up Hood River Valley May Be Extended Southeast to Connect With Other Lines.

Hood River, Or., Feb. 22.—If preliminary plans being promoted by wealthy capitalists of Salt Lake City, who own the Mount Hood Railway extending up Hood River valley and also the Sumpter Valley, running out of Baker City, materialize, Central Oregon may have a railroad in the near future that will open up its many resources. The project provides for an extension of the Mount Hood line through the mountains east of Mount Hood, and a party of surveyors is now in the field trying to locate a pass through the mountains. The work is in charge of Joseph A. West, chief engineer of the Sumpter Valley.

Early last fall a large surveying party headed by Mr. West was taken into the Central Oregon country from Heppner Junction to determine the feasibility of building a railroad on that side of the mountains and his report is said to have been favorable. The money power behind the proposed railroad is David Eccles, the millionaire sugar manufacturer and lumberman, of Salt Lake City. If the project is completed, the two roads will connect at some point in Crook county. By extension of the Sumpter Valley road south it would pass through Canyon City, Grant county, and also Prineville.

An extension of the Mount Hood road has already been commenced. A big gang of men with a steam shovel was put to work at law, the present terminus of the line, and will build as soon as it can be pushed through the six miles of road toward Mount Hood that has been surveyed and staked. This will be done to accommodate the rapidly developing fruit land in the Mount Hood settlement. It is admitted, however, by W. H. Eccles and Charles T. Early, president and manager of the Mount Hood road, that it may form part of the connecting link of the proposed new line. Officers of both roads recently went over the territory that would be tributary to the project and it is learned that it is considered most favorable. In addition to reaching many acres of fertile farm lands, millions of feet of timber, for which there is now no outlet, it is said, could be utilized.

TUNNEL UNDER RIVER.

Manhattan Island Now Joined to Long Island City.

New York, Feb. 22.—The first of the great system of tunnels and subways by which the Pennsylvania railroad will be enabled to run a train from Philadelphia under the Hudson river across Manhattan island and under the East river to Long Island City was completed today. The two ends of one of the four tubes connecting Manhattan Island with Long Island city were brought together under the bed of the middle of East river off Thirty-fourth street before noon today and steel rings comprising the shell of the tube were for the first time bolted in one continuous string from shore to shore. This tube was begun in August, 1908, and is 4,000 feet in length. Two other tubes will be completed within a few days and the fourth will be finished within three months, according to an announcement made by the company.

So accurate were the measurements of the engineers that the ends came together with a variation of only three-eighths of an inch.

Expect Evans to Recover.

Washington, Feb. 22.—While not yet formally advised by Admiral Thomas that he has assumed command of the Atlantic fleet, the officials of the Navy department are expecting some such announcement, on the basis of preceding reports on the condition of Admiral Evans. These reports are not regarded as indicating that the Admiral is suffering from any permanent incapacity, but that he is simply again a victim of rheumatic gout, which is directly the result of the injury he received at Fort Fisher in the Civil war.

Kentucky Still Deadlocked.

Frankfort, Ky., Feb. 22.—The ballot for United States senator in the joint session of the legislature today resulted as follows: Beckham, 57; Bradley, 65; Allen, 1; Blackburn, 1; Campbell, 4.

CHARGES ARE BLANDEROUS.

Fulton Denies Every Accusation Made by Heney.

Portland, Feb. 24.—In a long statement given to the newspapers of Portland for publication, Charles W. Fulton, senior United States senator from Oregon, answers in detail the charges made against him by Francis J. Heney, special prosecutor for the government in the land fraud cases, in a speech delivered in the First Congregational church in this city on the night of January 28 of the present year.

At that time Mr. Heney made the direct charge that Senator Fulton's long participation in crooked political and business deals in Oregon, notably in timber land frauds, had unfitted him to occupy the high office he now holds and announced a determination to oppose to the utmost the senator's candidacy for re-election. Mr. Heney further charged that Senator Fulton is the tool of the railroad interests at Washington and represents, not the people of his state, but the law-defying corporations in congress.

The specific charges made in the Heney speech are taken up one by one in Senator Fulton's answering statement and denied comprehensively and in detail as to every material fact. Senator Fulton does not mince matters in laying before the people of his state his defense. He strikes squarely from the shoulder and charges in the plainest terms that the accuser deliberately falsified in his Congregational church speech, which Senator Fulton points out to have been the climax of a campaign of malicious persecution and vilification begun more than two years ago.

Senator Fulton impugns the honesty of Mr. Heney's motives. Revenge and partisan politics, he says, are the basis of the graft prosecutor's enmity toward him, and Mr. Heney's obsession by an irrepressible ambition to stand in the limelight is given as an added incentive for what Senator Fulton calls the lawyer's utter disregard for the truth.

PRIEST IS SLAIN.

Anarchist Shoots Catholic Leader in Denver Church.

Denver, Col., Feb. 24.—Father Leo Heinrichs was shot and killed when administering sacrament at early mass in St. Elizabeth's Catholic church, Eleventh and Curtis streets, this city, at 6 a. m. yesterday morning. Kneeling at the altar rail between two women, Gasparaccio pressed the muzzle of a revolver against the body of the priest after receiving from him the consecrated wafer and shot the man of God through the heart.

The murderer was hurried to the city jail, and as threats of summary justice were made by many men in the crowd, which quickly gathered in front of the church, Chief of Police Melville Delaney called the reserve force of patrolmen.

"I just went over there because I have a grudge against all priests in there. They are all against the workman. I went to the communion rail because I could get a better shot. I did not give a damn whether he was a German priest or any other kind of a priest. They are all in the same class."

RETURN BY SUEZ.

Atlantic Fleet May Complete Its Trip Around the World.

Washington, Feb. 22.—Interesting and important news relative to the future movements of the American battleship fleet was made public at the conclusion of the cabinet meeting yesterday by Secretary McAdoo, comprising an invitation from the Australian government to have the fleet, or at least some of the vessels, visit that country, and Secretary Root's reply. This reply is the first authentic information of the movements of the fleet after its journey to San Francisco has been completed. After expressing the appreciation of the nation, the secretary says: "The eventual movements of our fleet have not been determined. While it is possible the vessels will return by way of Suez, I would be glad if some of them could be sent by the Australian route, but it would be premature to promise this."

Threat to Blow Up Docks.

Winnipeg, Manitoba, Feb. 24.—It has just come to light that certain Italians at Fort Arthur and Fort William attempted last week to blow up the huge Canadian Northern railway coal docks recently erected at an enormous cost. Following the custom of the "Black Hand" and similar blackmailing societies, they first sent a letter to the manager of the dock that they would blow him and his institution up unless he found them work, naively adding that an explosion would create plenty of work for the shovelers.

Snowstorm Costs \$25,000.

Chicago, Feb. 24.—The city has completed the task of clearing the business section of the snow that fell in the great storm of last week. Four thousand men were kept busy for four days and 28,000 wagon loads of snow were removed. The expense to the city was \$25,000.

AMERICA IS LOSING

Rebate Prosecutions Raise Rates to the Orient.

JAPAN CONTROLS ALL MANCHURIA

Provokes China by Her Aggression and Shuts Out Rival Nations — Powers May Protest.

Washington, Feb. 20.—Information from unofficial and individual sources evidencing the aggressiveness of Japan in Manchuria has been accumulating in the State department for some time. That this condition is irritating in increasing degree to China is also a matter of knowledge here. It is said with authority, however, that in no manner has the Chinese government brought the matter to the attention of the American government, and no report on the subject is looked for.

A remarkable explanation of the attitude of our government in this important matter is developed in a report of inquiry directed toward officials who cannot be quoted, but are in position to direct our policies. In effect, it is as follows:

"It is frankly admitted that America is losing her commercial foothold in the Orient. This loss, however, is charged to Japan. Rather it is seen to be the effect of the growing tendency toward international governmental regulation in the United States, an illustration of this, attention is called to these facts:

"Five years ago flour in barrels being shipped to the Orient from the Northwest, steel rails from Pittsburg and cotton in bales from Texas. The shipments were made possible because of an exceedingly low ocean freight arrived at by a railroad combination. This rate has been condemned by the courts as a conspiracy against trade and the development of this trade has been abandoned. The domestic rate as it is characterized, against the Standard Oil company, which is still with the largest Oriental trade of an American enterprise, is declared to have been diametrically effective in the Orient, while the tobacco and other goods trades are said to have been heavily injured through the operation of the railroad legislation here.

"From this point it seemed very likely government officials here coming with foreign matters, to view Japan commercial aggression in Manchuria with a greater degree of complacency than would be the case in the face of an urgent domestic demand for governmental assistance. Japan, it is said, without great difficulty, just everything she has done in Manchuria as sanctioned by the 'open door' policy initiated by the late Secretary Root and adhered to by the greater nations including Japan.

"While Japan may justify these things through the 'open door' policy, it has been charged that there exists evidence of her use of many methods and policies which might not bear the light of impartial investigation. Besides her claim to an equal footing with other nations in Manchuria, on the 'open door' basis, she has, it is asserted, obtained many valuable concessions through which her control of the road and telegraphic facilities is practically complete. This control is said to be used primarily in the interest of Japanese traders and to the detriment of all foreign competitors.

Michigan Trains Snowbound.

Detroit, Mich., Feb. 20.—At least passenger trains poked their plows through impervious snow drifts through Michigan, and into this afternoon ports from out in the state indicate that some of these trains are still snowbound. Traffic was completely stopped in some instances. The blizzard which swept down upon the lower portion of Michigan from the West yesterday afternoon still prevails with severity, and the snowfall ranges from eight inches in Detroit to 18 inches in the Southwest section of the state.

Brazil Continues Rebates.

Washington, Feb. 20.—The president of the republic of Brazil, to counteract the visit of the Atlantic fleet to the city of Rio Janeiro, has signed decrees authorizing the continuation of rebates on tariff charges on articles of American merchandise during the year 1908. The rebates which are continued apply to wheat, flour, condensed milk, manufactures of rubber, writing ink, varnishes, typewriters, refrigerators, pianos, scales and wireless.

Blizzard in Adirondacks.

Plattsburg, N. Y., Feb. 20.—A west storm of such severity as is unusual, even in this blizzard-prone region, is raging in Northern New York tonight, and is rapidly adding to the snow that covers the whole Adirondack region.