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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.

Chicago street railway men are to vote on a general strike.

There is an increase of tipping among English society women.

Indications point to Taft men controlling the Oregon republican convention.

New York's unemployed have formed an association and will hold a national convention.

The Union Pacific reports an increase in earnings, and is putting shopmen back at work.

The Interstate Commerce Commission is to investigate the proposed increase of freight rates.

A French mob tried to lynch a woman who had murdered many children, but was prevented by the police.

If the weather permits the battleship fleet will stop off Coos Bay on its way from San Francisco to Seattle.

A number of senators are preparing to denounce Roosevelt as a usurper because he claims supremacy over the army.

Methodists have called on Speaker Cannon to aid prohibition.

Heinze has been sued for the losses of the Aetna Bank, of Butte.

There have been several serious outbreaks in Ohio against the tobacco trust.

The man who blew up the Burlington train at Butte has proven to be only half-witted.

Prince Philip zu Eulenberg, once favorite of the kaiser, has been arrested for perjury.

Japan has issued a peremptory demand that China stop the boycott of Japanese goods.

Roosevelt denies the power of congress to restrict authority over the army and navy.

Kentucky continues to have trouble with night riders, who are burning tobacco warehouses.

The Ruef bribery trial is the scene of many threats and almost open fights among the lawyers.

California people have drawn up a memorial to congress asking for the promotion of Rear-Admiral Evans to the grade of admiral.

Senator Heyburn, of Idaho, wants the government to survey all unsurveyed lands in Idaho, Washington, Montana, Oregon and California.

Great Britain is considering an old-age pension.

Japan denies the report that the Korean emperor is to be banished.

Japan has filed another protest with China against the boycott of Japanese goods.

Emma Goldman, high priestess of anarchy, will give a series of addresses in Portland, commencing May 23.

The cashier of the Allegheny National Bank, of Pittsburg, has been arrested for embezzling \$429,000 of the bank's funds.

Great Britain's financial budget, just issued, shows conditions to be in such good shape that the duty on sugar is to be reduced.

The senate has confirmed the nomination of William R. Wheeler, of California, to be assistant secretary of commerce and labor.

President Gompers, of the American Federation of Labor, has written a letter to congress urging the passage of many bills of interest to labor.

While at San Francisco, Rear-Admiral Thomas, second in command of the Atlantic fleet, will preach at least one sermon in one of the leading churches.

Oklahoma enjoyed a holiday Thursday by proclamation of the governor, who asked the people to adopt resolutions calling upon congress to pass legislation providing for the selection of United States senators by direct vote.

Heavy rains at Madison, Ind., did much damage to property.

Many of New York's officeholders are facing trial on indictments charging graft.

Another uprising is reported in Peru. The last disturbance has been but just subdued.

The paper trust is accused of making publishers pay for speculations in Canadian timber.

Parkside real estate men are endeavoring to shield Ruef in his trial for accepting bribes.

Utah sheepmen will store their wool rather than accept the price offered by the wool combine.

Over 100,000 people from outside San Francisco will watch the arrival of the battleship fleet.

NONE SAY GOOD-BYE.

Venezuelans Show No Courtesy to Minister Russell.

Willemstadt, May 12.—W. W. Russell, the American minister to Venezuela, sailed from here today on the steamship Caracas for the United States, where he will spend his vacation of two months. The American minister arrived here from Puerto Cabello, sailing from that port yesterday afternoon after a visit to the United States gunboat Paduach. His departure from Puerto Cabello was signaled by a salute of 15 guns. That there is tension in the diplomatic relations between the United States and Venezuela was shown in the fact that none of the local officials was on hand to bid Mr. Russell good-bye.

Thomas P. Moffatt, the American consul at La Guaira, is still in that city without means of communication because of the plague, and it is feared without necessities of life.

It is thought that the United States may send a gunboat there for the purpose of transferring the consul, because at present there are no American interests requiring his presence.

President Castro's decree shutting off La Guaira may be prolonged indefinitely or until a full week passes without new cases of plague appearing. There is great distress among the unemployed, of which the number is large. Merchants in La Guaira are doing little business, and are no longer able to support the poor. An appeal has been made to the chamber of commerce in Caracas for help. A second relief train was sent to the isolated city yesterday with provisions. The death list is growing, and the whole town seems to be infected.

QUIET IN THE ISLANDS.

Basilan Moros Lay Down Arms Without Serious Trouble.

Manila, May 12.—The disarming of the Basilan Moros is progressing without serious trouble. The Lanao districts are quiet. The trouble against which the troops were recently operating was sporadic and neither general nor serious.

Major-General Weston, who has returned to Manila from an inspection of the entire district, reports that conditions are quieter than usual. He pronounces the recent operations to have been police rather than military.

The government is being urged to secure a loan for the purpose of installing an extended system of irrigation. The islands must purchase 10,000,000 pesos of foreign rice this year, making a total purchase, during the past ten years, of 100,000,000 pesos worth. It is believed that irrigation will restore the crops.

FLEET VISITORS VICTIMS.

Petty Swindlers Sell Bogus Tickets for Trips to Warships.

San Francisco, May 12.—The thousands who wished to visit the warship-today furnished a rich harvest field for a number of petty swindlers. Bogus tickets were sold without interference from the police by vendors who represented no launch company whatever. None but invited guests were taken on the flagship, although thousands bought tickets which they thought would enable them to board the Connecticut, and many of the excursion steamers did not land passengers on any warship, but merely cruised among them.

Because his indignant passengers demanded the return of their money when he failed to land them on the battleship Vermont today, Captain Henry Frisch, of the excursion steamer St. Helen, drew a revolver and threatened to shoot John Babcock, the spokesman of the protesting excursionists. Police Officer Charles Wodeking was on the dock when the trouble began, and he lost no time in disarming the steamboat captain.

Joaquin Miller is Coming.

Portland, May 12.—One of the picturesque attractions of the Portland Rose festival during the week June 1-6, will be the appearance here of Joaquin Miller, the "Poet of the Sierras." Miller is a native of Oregon, and when the request and invitation was sent to him by the festival management to take part in the spectacular street pageant "The Spirit of the Golden West," he readily accepted, agreeing to appear in some feature of the cavalcade that would be typical of the life, habits and customs of the early days of the Oregon pioneers, in the times in which he was a conspicuous figure. This parade will symbolize the advancement of civilization in the Northwest from the earliest days down to the present time. Many cities of Oregon will be represented by beautiful floats in the line of march.

Children in Factories.

Richmond, Va., May 12.—Dealing with the world-wide topic of children, their education, training and the evil of driving them under steam pressure at the wheel when their frail limbs and bodies are too weak to stand the terrible punishment and strain, the session of the National Conference of Charities and Corrections at St. Paul's Church tonight aroused the public to the importance of adequate laws to protect them from the evils of the factory work. Professor W. H. Hand, of the University of South Carolina, pointed out the imperative demand for compulsory education.

Dying by the Hundred.

Kiev, Russia, May 12.—A frightful epidemic of exanthematous typhoid is raging in the city prison. More than 200 deaths so far have occurred, and practically all of the inmates are infected. The authorities are withholding details.

HAULS DOWN FLAG

Evans Gives Up His Command of Atlantic Battleship Fleet.

BIG OVATION BY SAN FRANCISCO

Loved Admiral Says Farewell at Banquet Given in His Honor at St. Francis Hotel.

San Francisco, May 9.—Rear-Admiral Evans bade a personal farewell to the officers of his command at the banquet given last night in honor of the visit of the Atlantic fleet by the City of San Francisco. The banquet was given in the white and gold dining room of the St. Francis Hotel, where Admiral Evans and his family have been making their headquarters since the arrival of the fleet on Wednesday. It had been hoped that the commander-in-chief of the fleet, who hauls down his flag today from the truck of the Connecticut, might appear for a few moments, but it was not known until well along in the progress of the dinner that he was actually well enough to do so. The admiral was wheeled into the crowded dining hall amid spontaneous cheers, in which the officers and their hosts, the citizens of San Francisco, joined with equal enthusiasm. He was in civilian attire, as was also his son, Lieutenant Frank Taylor Evans, who wheeled the invalid chair.

Rear-Admirals Thomas, Sperry, Emory, Dayton, Sebree and Swinburne, the captains of all the ships, Governor Gillett, Secretary of the Navy Metcalf, Mayor Taylor, General Funston, of the army, and other notable guests crowded about the chair and shook hands with Admiral Evans, who had a cordial response to each in turn.

LOSES \$1,250,000 BY FIRE

Two Blocks in Atlanta, Georgia Reduced to Cinders.

Atlanta, May 9.—One million and a quarter dollars is the loss conservatively estimated tonight of a fire which early today destroyed two blocks of Atlanta business property. Tonight the fire is under control with ruined buildings in the district bounded by Forsythe, Nelson, Madison and Hunter streets. Late today the police and fire departments dynamited what was left of the ragged walls. How the fire started is a mystery. There was no loss of life and no injuries. The insurance on the property destroyed was placed at \$750,000. One of the heaviest losers is S. M. Inman, of Atlanta, who owned the entire block bounded by Forsythe, Mitchell and Nelson streets and Madison avenue.

The Terminal Hotel, one of the largest in the city, is a mass of bricks. It had on its register 200 guests when the fire started a block away. Every one escaped.

UNITE FOR DEFENSE.

Shippers Preparing for Titanic Battle With Railroads.

Chicago, May 9.—Commercial and manufacturing interests of cities from the Mississippi River to Maine, aggregating over \$1,000,000,000 in capital, are preparing for a titanic struggle with the Eastern railroads. The question of a general advance in freight rates is the issue. The gauntlet was thrown down by the railroads in the shape of a definite announcement that on July 1 and August 1 a general advance of freight rates approximating 10 per cent will be made east of the Mississippi River. The great shippers and manufacturers have lost no time in accepting the gauge of combat.

The first movement in arraying the commercial and manufacturing interests of the affected territory in a solid phalanx against the Eastern railroad systems was made yesterday by the Illinois Manufacturers' Association. It quickly was followed by the Chicago Association of America. The former is issued a call for a next conference to be held in Chicago next Friday of all the commercial and industrial organizations of the eastern section of the country. The meeting will map out a general line of battle.

Angers Stanford Faculty.

Stanford University, Cal., May 9.—On account of "Joshies" on Professor Clark and President Jordan contained in the 1909 "Quad," the Stanford book store today refused to sell the book, after making an agreement to do so with the manager of the book, D. W. Burbank. The manager of the book store refused to give any reason for his change of mind, but as the corporation is controlled by faculty members, it is understood that some of the stockholders prevented the sales as a means of retaliation for the Joshies on the faculty.

Will Make Lobbyists Register.

Guthrie, Okla., May 9.—Both branches of the Oklahoma legislature today agreed to the anti-lobbying bill, which provides that criminal action may be had on any lobbyist who does not first file his name and a statement of his business with the legislature. The bill is similar to a measure proposed by Governor Folk, of Missouri. Governor Haskell has said he will sign the bill.

TACOMA PLANS BIG TIME.

Wants to Outdo All the Other Cities Where Fleet Has Stopped.

Tacoma, Wash., May 11.—The local feet committee has made arrangements for the review of the 15 battleships in Tacoma harbor, May 27, and the consequent festivities that will make their stay of four days in this port the most memorable in the history of the fleet's cruise thus far. Preparations are being made for the entertainment of thousands of people all over the Northwest, who have made known their intention of attending the Tacoma celebration. This will conclude May 30 with a memorial day parade, having in line thousands of marines and sailors from the ships, members of the Grand Army of the Republic from every post in the state, with the uniform rank of the fraternal bodies.

There will be no lack of entertainment for visitors, who will have a fine opportunity to view the fleet from the high bluffs on which the city is built. Massed bands of the fleet, with numerous musical organizations of Tacoma and the surrounding country, will play military airs. These, with the New York Symphony Orchestra, led by Damrosch, in a four-day engagement, will give Tacoma the greatest assemblage of musicians ever got together in any city in Washington. In addition, there will be athletic contests, boat races between the crews of the various battleships, a grand illumination parade of the harbor craft, nightly illumination of the warships and Japanese fireworks.

ADJOURN IN TWO WEEKS.

Congress Leaders Prepare to Rush Through Business.

Washington, May 11.—Strong efforts will be made to have congress adjourn not later than two weeks from today. Representative Tawney announces that the committee on appropriations, of which he is chairman, began work on the general deficiency bill today, and he will try to report it by next Tuesday. This is the last of the big supply bills, and it will probably go through the house without much discussion.

The public buildings bill will be reported by the committee on buildings and grounds as soon as Chairman Bartholdi is sure of a right of way for it. It is conceded that this measure will be rushed through the house.

A leader in the senate, who is an important member of the finance committee, is quoted as saying yesterday that he believed congress would be able to adjourn on May 23. The only legislation which he thought probable, outside of the appropriation bills, are a child labor bill for the District and possibly a campaign publicity bill, and an emergency currency bill.

GATHER AT WHITE HOUSE.

Governors Confer With President on Conservation of Resources.

Washington, May 11.—History will be made at this week's White House conference on natural resources. For history-making conditions are remarkably favorable. Never before has a President of the United States conferred with all the governors of the states. Never before has the White House, with its long record of social and state functions sheltered a large convention called for the consideration of a great public issue. And never before has the whole broad question of the conservation of this country's natural resources been brought before a great deliberative body as the sole subject of its consideration.

The reception accorded to this project indicates that the people of the country expect definite results of a far-reaching character. After hearing from experts the conditions the country is facing, the members of the conference will themselves decide whether anything ought to be done, and what. Some have suggested the advisability of forming a great national organization to carry forward the plans originated in the conference. The probability is that, at the least, some basis will be laid for future cooperation between the federal and state governments in a vigorous policy of conservation, for one of the things which will be shown most forcibly at the conference is that neither the states nor the federal government can make satisfactory headway independently.

Serum for Pneumonia.

Brussels, May 11.—Dr. Bertrand, of Antwerp, claims to have discovered a serum which will cure pneumonia, and has delivered a lecture on the subject to the Medical Society of Antwerp. "I first satisfied myself of the efficacy of my serum," he says, "by experimenting on animals. Then trials were made this winter in the St. Elizabeth and Steyvenburg Hospitals, in Antwerp. Several of the patients had pneumonia in an advanced stage, and were also habitual drunkards."

Grover Cleveland Improving.

Lakewood, N. J., May 11.—That former President Grover Cleveland is improving, and that his condition today is more encouraging than it has been for the last few days, is the gist of a statement issued by Mrs. Cleveland from the hotel at Lakewood.

THRO' GOLDEN GATE

Big Battleship Fleet Coming 13,000 Mile Cruise.

HILLS BLACK WITH SMOKE

Practically Every First-Class Warship in American Navy Anchored in Spacious Harbor.

San Francisco, May 7.—The towering portals of the Golden Gate—heavy laden with the weight of centuries—into the harbor of San Francisco risen from the sea two years ago, the Atlantic battleship fleet steamed yesterday in a multitude unnumbered. It was a white ships that sailed from the Roads nearly five months ago, in the wake of the President's flag, to record-breaking cruise of more than 13,000 miles and three weeks of arduous target work behind the lines.

Yesterday the white four-starred blue flag of the San Francisco Navy, flying from the trim little gunboat York, fluttered the welcome of the fleet while the Governor of California, Mayor of San Francisco and a ple of 100 or more towns and cities voiced the greetings of the Pacific West.

The exciting thrill of possible venture lurk on the dimly seen horizon which marked the edge of the fleet from its Eastern base, but there was still the same sense of preparedness which elis with this self-reliant force of nearly 1,000,000 residents of the western country who greet for the first time upon a column of battleships.

Once inside the entrance of the bay, the heavy vessels of the Coast were joined by the cruisers of the entire Pacific fleet, the Navy of the Nation—all a few newly-commissioned or re-commissioned on the Atlantic and naval boats scattered in the bay, joined in a parade, which to the impressive beauty and strength of the forty-four vessels, ranging from 16,000-ton Connecticut and the sisters of her class, down to the torpedo boats no larger than the launch, passed through the Market-street ferry terminal, outlined in the fire of their illuminations, they lie in long lines awaiting the review of the navy on Friday morning.

The parade and maneuvers of the fleet, which occupied fully four hours and gave to the people a made black the hills of the mountains heights twenty miles, the most wondrous naval spectacle they have ever known. For, whatever may be the elaborate plans planned ashore in welcome the fleet, the ships themselves, sailing along in varying formations, really present the picture that is beautiful to see.

FREIGHT RATE WAR.

Harriman Declares It Will Be Lower Rates or Lower Wages.

Chicago, May 7.—The war which is raging between the rates and the shippers promises to be a bitter one.

In Chicago the fight against the advance in freight rates will be principally by the Chicago Association of Commerce, which represents nearly all the commercial interests of the city. The organization will meet today to plan opposition to the increase in the East and to pave the way for similar action when the rates go up all over the country.

It is said that E. H. Harriman declares it is either a case of lower rates or cutting the salaries of railroad employes. The railroads are sure that the increase, under the present tonnage, will net them \$200,000,000.

Troops Scare Insurgents.

Lima, May 7.—Closely pursued by government troops, the insurgents who rose last week at Chicla and neighboring towns and who are under the leadership of Dr. Durand, retiring into the interior. It is rumored here that a revolution is in progress in Cuzco, the capital of the department of that name, and that the insurgents hold the city government and have seized the arms and ammunition of the rifle clubs. Cuzco is an inland region east of the Andes and has a population of 30,000.

Departure Is Delayed.

Washington, May 7.—A change in the order governing the movement of the Pacific fleet, commanded by Rear-Admiral Dayton, was announced at the Navy Department yesterday by the operation of which the fleet will remain at San Francisco until May 15, when they will sail for a southern cruise.