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WASHOUT AT ARLINGTON SUSPENDS O. R. & N. TRAFFIC INDEFINITELY

ROOSEVELT WORRIES ABOUT JAPANESE WAR CLOUDS THAT REFUSE TO BLOW OVER

UMATILLA-SPOKANE RUN BLOCKED BY SNOW STORM

There is no telling when there will be a train thru from Portland. A washout at Arlington has suspended traffic on the O. R. & N. indefinitely.

There was no train from the West last night, but the train which should have arrived last evening came in this morning on No. six's time. The train due here this morning, is now stranded on the other side of Arlington, and passenger number one which passed thru La Grande yesterday forenoon, is on this side of the washout.

Delays on the O. R. & N. came in pairs yesterday, for while passenger number two was stranded near Pendleton, the thawing snow had washed out the tracks at Arlington in time to catch the east bound passenger, thus making a general tie-up.

Number one was late out of here yesterday but on reaching a point one mile east of Pendleton, it was held up until early this morning, as the thawing snow in the mountains had caused freshets to overflow the tracks.

At an early hour this morning, one and two passed each other at Pendleton. Reports from Arlington are meagre but trainmen on the east bound today affirmed that there was no evidence of an early restoration of traffic.

LEVEE BREAKS

(Scripps News Association)
Memphis Tenn., Feb. 1.—The levee north of the city broke this morning driving many from her homes. Water is two feet in the streets.

ICE CUTTING ON THE HUDSON

(Scripps News Association)
Catskill, N. Y., Feb. 1.—Ice cutting has proceeded on the Hudson river with steady progress since it commenced in January and the aspect of a full crop, if not an exceptionally large one, are excellent. The zero weather of the third week in January helped things amazingly and the ice men improved the opportunity to the utmost. The conditions in England are reported to be still better, every lake and river having been frozen with thick heavy ice.

ST. LOUIS, GETS THE RACE

(Scripps News Association)
St. Louis, Feb. 1.—There are already sixteen entries for the international balloon race which will be held here in October. The entry list closed today but so many inquiries have been made European aerobats as to conditions etc. that the closing date has been fixed for March 1st.

VAN DERBILT HORSES IN LONDON

(Scripps News Association)
London, Feb. 1.—Alfred G. Vanderbilt's horses all arrived for the International Horse Show. They number 26 all told and include his famous four-in-hand team Viking, Venture, Vogue and Vanity. Reginald Vanderbilt is also here but will not exhibit at the show.

WAIVE EIGHT HOUR DAY

(Scripps News Association)
Chicago, Feb. 1.—The engineers on the Western railroads have traded an eight-hour work day for a 10 per cent (\$3,500,000) increase in wages to take effect today. About 27,000 men operating locomotives and 32 roads will profit by the agreement entered into between the committees, which were in conference for three weeks. With the advance given to the switchmen a month ago the railroad corporations now have added approximately \$10,000,000 to their annual pay rolls. This will not be the end however, for today representatives of 50,000 conductors and other trainmen will renew their requests for substantial increases running into the millions.

GREAT SNOW IN THE NORTHWEST

(Scripps News Association)
St. Paul, Minn., Feb. 1.—The weather of 1907 will long be remembered throughout the northwest as the most terrible season the inhabitants have experienced in all their lives. The suffering throughout states along the Great Northern has been intense and the country has been on the edge of starvation and freezing to death. The coal dealers of the section have proved to be hand-to-mouth providers, and when the railroads have been covered with snow banks as high as the barns things indeed look dreary.

FIGHTS SCHEDULED FOR TONIGHT

(Scripps News Association)
Charley Neary vs. Dave Dasher; 10 rounds, at Milwaukee, Wis. Gus Bezenah vs. Jack Langdon. 20 rounds, near Cincinnati, Ohio.

GREAT TRAVELER

(Scripps News Association)
In performance of his duty as Grand Master of the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen, P. H. Morrisley has traveled 800,000 miles during the 17 years.

JAPANESE OVERHAULING BATTLESHIPS

(Scripps News Association)
Washington, Feb. 1.—The Japanese war cloud will not blow over. A member of the California delegation, who attended the conference Wednesday night, says that those present were greatly surprised at the President's serious view of the situation. This member says that he learned much he did not know before and states that the "situation is more serious than you would imagine." He continued "Mayor Schmitz of San Francisco may think that war with Japan would not amount to much but we are dealing with a proud brave people. War with Japan would be nothing like the war with Spain. When Japan strikes, she strikes quickly and without warning. We must not exhaust our resources in diplomatic preliminaries.

We must dispose of the San Francisco school question without going into the courts. We must do all that is possible to avoid war and if war comes it must not be our fault.

A DANGEROUS ELEMENT

London, Feb. 1.—Diplomatists regard the feeling of the common people of Japan, aroused as it is by their victory over Russia, as the most dangerous element in the present situation. Recent travelers say the late war has engendered the fighting spirit which the people demand to be satisfied. The Japanese people think that America is a mere pigmy beside that of Russia.

SECRETARY ROOT SPEAKS

Washington, Feb. 1.—Secretary Root is reported as saying that Japan is being sounded in her tenderest spot and national pride. The Japanese regard themselves the equal of any people on earth, particularly feeling themselves superior to the Chinese. Anything which tends to place them on a level with the Chinese in the eyes of the world they consider degrading and humiliating. Tact will be necessary to remove the impression in Japan that this country is not willing to treat her as well as the most favored nations.

The administration believes that the president of the board of education and superintendent of the public schools in San Francisco hold the solution of the problem in their own hands.

The President's cabinet discussed the Japanese situation two hours today. Secretary Root and Taft remained some time after the others had left.

JAP SHIP OVERHAULED

It was learned at the navy department that all Japanese battleships in the navy yards are being thoroughly overhauled.

ALMOST AN ULTIMATUM

Washington, Feb. 1.—It is learned today that representations which Ambassador Aoki made to Secretary Root, while polite, were really in the nature of an ultimatum. This government was informed that the Tokio government insists that their subjects be treated as those of the most favored nation, and that the acknowledgement of this principle is made a condition as a precedent to further negotiations. Japanese subjects at San Francisco must be accorded the same privileges as the subjects of Great Britain, Germany or any other first class power. This is the reason why the President sent for the San Francisco officials.

MORE PAY FOR 60,000 TEXTILE WORKERS

(Scripps News Association)
Phila., Feb. 1.—The 60,000 textile workers of this city were today granted 15 per cent increase in wages by the Upholstery Manufacturers Association. The increase is generally affecting all branches of the trade.

GIANT SMELTER FOR NEVADA

(Scripps News Association)
New York, Feb. 1.—President O. P. Posey of the Nevada Copper Mining and Smelter Company today completed arrangements for the erection of a huge smelter which the company contemplates putting up at Goldfield, Nevada. The smelter will be the largest one in the world and besides doing the company's work will take in custom ores. It will be able to deal with 5000 tons of ore a day.

BOYS ARE SCARCE

(Scripps News Association)
On account of the scarcity of half grown boys for work in the factories of Baltimore their places are being taken by young colored women.

ESTABLISHED BOUNDARIES

Salem, Feb. 1.—The senate has a bill appropriating \$2000 for the Umatilla-Morrow county agricultural fair—an increase of \$500 over the former appropriations and also a bill deferring the Umatilla-Wallowa and Union counties boundaries; and a bill for extending the portage railway to The Dalles, for final action this afternoon.

Practically the only business of importance before the house today is the fight over the Jackson bill for taxation of mortgages which was reported unfavorably by the committee on assessment and taxation without giving him a hearing.

This is the first of a series of bills by the tax commission endorsed by the state grange, and will place about \$5,000,000 taxable property on the state tax rolls. This is the first evidence of an alleged corporation fight against proposed measures to increase the taxation, which was previously charged, would materialize.

JURY IN THAW CASE COMPLETE

(Scripps News Association)
New York, Feb. 1.—Counsel on both sides had another conference this morning before opening the Thaw case. It is understood that the long confinement of the jurors who have been selected had so disturbed the routine habits that their healths are endangered. Immediately after opening the court, the examination of the talemens began. Scores of detectives are working to prevent any of the new panel of jurors, from being approached. Early this morning it appeared certain that the jury box would be filled this morning.

The hunt for the twelfth juror is tedious in the extreme.

The defense opposes peremptory challenges. The state is affording every facility to obtain a twelfth juror to which there can be no possible objection. Flash 4:15.—Thaw jury completed.

TROUBLE WITH THE DOUKHOBERS

(Scripps News Association)
Calgary, Feb. 1.—Some of the Doukhobers here are proving very unreasonable and it has become necessary to send a special missionary among them in the person of the Rev. John McDougall of Saskatchewan province. A strong majority is insisting on becoming naturalized and also insist on living a communistic life, and none other. The great part have settled down, but a remnant has proved so unyielding that arrangements are in progress by means of which they will be enabled to lead this life. Mr. McDougall is engaged on this work at present.



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