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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.

Cuban officials believe the insurrection has reached its limit.

The government has withdrawn negro troops from Texas garrisons.

Harriman is gaining control of the Northwestern as well as St. Paul road.

The National Red Cross will receive funds for the relief of stricken Chilean cities.

The steamer Manchuria, which went on a reef in the Hawaiian islands, is rapidly going to pieces.

The town of Llaillai is reported to have entirely disappeared as a result of the Chilean earthquake.

Pat Crowe has given up his old life and engaged in newspaper work; so he has told the Omaha police.

Dowie has been trying to settle difficulties with Voliva, but the latter has declined the prophet's terms.

Mine gas in the coal mines near Mahanoy City, Pa., killed two miners, probably fatally injured five others and about a dozen were overcome.

The railroads companies convicted at St. Louis of giving rebates to the packers have taken an appeal to the United States Circuit court of Appeals.

An insurrection in Cuba is spreading in an alarming fashion.

San Francisco has raised \$10,000 for relief work in stricken Chilean cities.

Several more members of the dissolved Russian douma have been arrested.

It is reported that John D. Rockefeller will establish a home for aged chorus girls.

French secret service men have captured a supply of bombs intended for use on President Fallieres.

San Francisco bank clearings have passed Pittsburg and now stands sixth in the United States.

The state of Illinois will see that prisoners released from the penitentiary are provided with work.

The Pacific Mail steamer Manchuria went on a reef off Rabbit Island, in the Hawaiian group. The vessel will likely prove a total wreck. No lives were lost.

Word has been received at San Francisco that the government transport service will remain at the bay city. Plans for the erection of new docks and supply stations at Fort Mason have been approved and work will start within a few weeks.

Railroads have voluntarily reduced grain rates in Minnesota.

The governor of Warsaw has been seriously injured by a bomb.

Activity of the police frustrated a plan to assassinate King Alfonso.

It is said the sultan of Turkey has decided to recognize Leishman as an ambassador.

Many immigrants who would be refused admittance at a port of entry are being smuggled in through Mexico.

Bookbinders in the government printing office threaten to strike on account of the action of a foreman toward the men.

STORM FOLLOWED THE SHOCK.

Earthquake, Fire, Wind and Lightning Terrified Valparaiso.

Valparaiso, Aug. 22.—The loss of life by the earthquake of Thursday, August 16, probably will not be short of 3,000, while the property destroyed is estimated at \$100,000,000, and probably is far in excess of that sum.

Order is being maintained with the utmost severity by the military, police and armed citizens' patrols, who are empowered to shoot looters on the spot. The authorities are showing the utmost energy in the protection of property.

With the first terrible shock of the earthquake buildings collapsed, their walls falling with a tremendous noise. The inmates in many cases were unable to escape. The shock was followed almost immediately by a fierce storm, the wind prostrating the walls that had been weakened by the earthquake, and these broke trolley wires, which flashed incessantly. The second shock was even heavier than the first.

Five minutes afterward fires started in every direction, and immediately the whole town, which had been momentarily in darkness, was illuminated by gigantic flames. The firemen made a desperate fight, though there was but little water, as most of the mains had been broken by the early tremor.

FOREIGN CAPITAL TO REBUILD.

Its Interests Are Large and Chilean Credit Is Good.

New York, Aug. 22.—Quan Tonkin, a Chilean civil engineer, who is now in New York, said last night:

"In Valparaiso local and foreign interests are so great that it is absolutely certain the city will be rebuilt. The financial burden of rehabilitation will not be thrown on Chile alone, but also on the numerous foreign interests, which include most of the nations of the world. Of the foreign interests I believe the English will be the heaviest losers, especially the many English fire insurance companies that suffered such great losses in the destruction of San Francisco. However, it must be kept in mind that Chile enjoys very high financial credit, especially in the London market, where her bonds are quoted at 99½ per cent. The external debt of Chile is about \$105,000,000, which has always been scrupulously served, and it takes only 21 per cent of the Chilean government revenue to serve this debt. The Chilean state railway alone represents nearly as much as the external debt, while the salt petre lands represent four or five times as much more."

May Tie Up All the Building.

San Francisco, Aug. 21.—A general tie-up of building operations in this city on all the larger buildings is threatened as a consequence of the refusal of the contractors to grant the demands made by the hoisting engineers. Yesterday the hoisting engineers, who now receive \$5 a day, served individual demands for an increase of \$1 a day on all contracts, to take effect tomorrow. The contractors decided not to grant the increase asked for.

Storage Dam Is in Danger.

Phoenix, Aug. 22.—As the results of heavy rain in the Salton watershed, the work of the contractors on the government storage dam at Roosevelt performed during the past three or four months has been greatly damaged, and unless the water falls rapidly, everything in the way of construction, together with much of the machinery, will be washed away. Tonight the whole volume of the river was pouring through a channel 50 feet wide.

Police Will Keep Order.

Chicago, Aug. 22.—Payment by Receiver Fetzner of a dividend of 20 per cent to depositors of the defunct Milwaukee Avenue State bank, ordered by the court last week, will begin tomorrow morning. There were 22,000 depositors in the institution when it failed, and in anticipation of a rush on the place tomorrow an extra detail of police has been asked for to keep order.

CHINESE FOR CANAL

Commission Asks for Bids to Supply Coolie Labor.

WANTS 2,500 IN FIRST BATCH

Reserves Option of Calling for More at Will—Strict Terms for Their Return.

Washington, Aug. 21.—Specifications for bids to furnish Chinese labor for the construction of the Panama canal were issued today by the Isthmian Canal commission. The basis for bidding is, for 2,500 coolies, although it is made clear that the commission may call for such additional numbers of Chinese laborers as it may need should the experiment be successful, but the number shall not exceed 2,000 per month. All proposals must be received not later than 10 A. M. September 20, at which time they will be opened. The usual conditions regulating competitive bidding for government supplies are prescribed by the specifications.

Individuals, co-partnerships or corporations competent to fulfill the terms of the proposal will be permitted to bid, but the proposals must be accompanied by a certified check or by a bond for \$50,000. The bond of the successful bidder will be advanced to \$100,000, which will be forfeited if he should fail to enter into a contract. Proposals are to be expressed in terms of hourly wages, payable in gold currency, of the United States or its equivalent, for the labor of not less than 2,500 Chinese for a period of not less than two years, which may be extended.

Chinese laborers will be required to work ten hours each day. Overtime will be paid in excess of ten hours and for all the work upon Sundays or holidays at the rate of time and a half. The holidays recognized are January 1, February 22, July 4, November 3, Thanksgiving day, December 25 and the first and last days of the Chinese New Year.

Will Stay in Race.

Washington, Aug. 21.—Secretary Taft will decline appointment to the United States Supreme court bench and remain in the cabinet. He will notify the president to this effect early in September, as court assemblies for the autumn term in October. This determination upon Mr. Taft's part means that he probably will make his visit to the Philippines next winter. It also means that he will continue to be presidential timber until the nomination is made by the Republican National convention.

American Gold Mine Deal.

St. Petersburg, Aug. 21.—The newspapers here report that Americans are negotiating for the purchase of the Nerchinsk gold mines, which have been the cause of a great scandal in which several grand dukes were involved. The mines are supposed to contain quartz worth \$2,000,000,000 and the court camarilla is reported to be anxious to dispose of them, but the Americans have been chary of purchasing a concession which might be repudiated by parliament at any time that it so desired.

Poor Old Robinson Crusoe.

New York, Aug. 21.—A report reached this city today that the South American earthquake destroyed the island of Juan Fernandez, off the Chilean coast. It belonged to Chile, and on it were a penal settlement and a fort. This is the island made famous by Daniel Defoe, as the scene of the thrilling adventures of Robinson Crusoe.

HEAT SHRIVELS THE GRAIN.

Reports of Damage to Crops in the Central West.

Sioux City, Iowa, Aug. 21.—Hot winds the past two days, following a week of unusual torpidity, the maximum temperature being daily from 90 to 100, has created fear among grain men that widespread damage to the late grain and corn has been done. Today has been a scorcher, although there are indications tonight of a let-up.

From Western South Dakota, Western Nebraska and the northern central part of South Dakota and Southern Minnesota reports today are that late grains had been ripened so rapidly that the berries are badly shriveled. The greatest harm is expected in cornfields, which have not in ten years, according to reports a week ago, promised such abundant yields. Corn is in tender tassel, with kernel in the most sensitive stage of its life. Where moisture has been sufficient the damage will be light, but in the vast territory west and northwest from here it has been dry for two or three weeks and when the hot winds came the vegetation has been largely robbed of its power of resistance. Good authority places the depreciation in the corn crop as the result of the last week of fierce heat at from 5 to 10 per cent on the average, with much greater loss over various extensive regions.

PROPERTY LOSS IN MILLIONS.

Death Roll at Valparaiso May Reach Two Thousand.

Valparaiso, Chile, Aug. 21.—At 7:52 o'clock last Thursday evening Valparaiso experienced an earthquake of great severity, and during that night 82 shocks were felt. Most of the buildings of the city are either burned or damaged. The loss will be enormous, probably reaching \$250,000,000. Two thousand persons killed is considered to be a fair estimate of the casualties.

Vena del Mar, three miles from Valparaiso and having a population of over 10,000, Quiriqui, 225 miles to the southward, with a population of 25,000; Santa Limache, 15 miles to the northwest, with a population of 6,500; Quillota, 25 miles to the northwest, with a population of 10,000, and villages all around were destroyed. Most of the damage was due to fire, which started immediately after the first shock.

The whole population is sleeping in the hills, the parks or the streets. Food is very scarce. Milk costs two Chilean dollars, and it is almost impossible to obtain meat, even at high prices.

The railways are all destroyed. Rain, which began to fall immediately after the first shock, stopped an hour afterward. The nights are very cold and windy; the people sleeping in the open are suffering greatly.

The captain of a steamship which arrived from San Francisco says the situation here is worse than that following the disaster at San Francisco.

Storms in Pennsylvania.

Pittsburg, Pa., Aug. 21.—Reports received here from points in Allegheny and neighboring counties indicate that great damage has been done by a storm that passed over Western Pennsylvania late this afternoon and tonight. Telegraph and telephone communication was interrupted at many points, and it has been impossible to obtain full accounts. Railroads suffered from washouts and many delays resulted. Part of Suterville is said to be under water, which at some places is 15 feet deep. No lives are reported to have been lost.

Functions for Root All Off.

Santiago de Chile, Aug. 20.—One third of the city of Valparaiso was destroyed and 500 lives were lost by the earthquake. Quillota, Veno del Mar and Limache are completely destroyed. The functions arranged for the entertainment of Secretary of State Root will be abandoned on account of the universal mourning in Chile.