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WEEK'S DOINGS

General Review of Important Happenings Presented in a Brief and Condensed Form.

Sir William Harcourt, a noted British politician, is dead.

A third attempt has been made to wreck the battleship Connecticut.

Trinidad, Colo., reports that it can relieve all distress caused by the flood.

The September receipts of the St. Louis fair amounted to about \$2,500,000.

The Russians have temporarily checked the Japanese advance east of Mukden.

The czar may block the plan for the immediate reorganization of the Russian army.

Postmaster General Payne continues in a dangerous condition. His life hangs in the balance.

Russians made a raid on junks carrying supplies to Oyama and destroyed a number of them.

It is reported that General Basilio Munoz, leader of the Uruguayan revolutionists, has been shot by his former followers.

Considerable loss of life and property was occasioned by fire in the artillery and ammunition magazines at Sebastopol, Russia.

The Japanese have begun a general advance on Mukden.

The condition of Postmaster General Payne is very serious.

Mobile, Alabama, is having the warmest weather in its history for the time of year.

The Japanese have adopted tactics intended to prevent the return of the main Russian force to Mukden.

The Russian squadron at Port Arthur has made another attempt to escape, but were driven back. Another sally is expected.

Kuropatkin now realizes that he cannot go on to Harbin and the problem of wintering his troops is a serious one. The hope of the Russians is to defeat the Japanese at Mukden.

Souvenir Lewis and Clark dollars have been sent to President Roosevelt and member of congress who were instrumental in securing the appropriation to the Portland exposition.

A mail car from Paris to Havre, containing about 100 pouches of American mail, was broken into and 91 pouches opened and rifled of such valuables as they may have contained. There is no record of their contents or of the valuables abstracted.

W. J. Bryan is a grandfather.

Disease is claiming many Japanese soldiers.

The battleship Connecticut has been successfully launched.

The Russian cruiser Orel broke a cylinder on her trial trip and will be delayed six months.

The main Russian army has retreated from Mukden, leaving only a small force to guard the rear.

The Japanese army has captured Da pass. Practically no resistance was offered by the Russians.

A Puget sound tug just in from Alaska, reports having sighted a Russian gunboat at Unimak pass.

A dispatch from Constantinople says that the village of Ramsa, Armenia, was the scene of a massacre of Armenians by Kurds. Details are lacking.

Hops have advanced two and three cents throughout the Willamette valley and at North Yakima. Independence growers have received as high as 30 cents.

Heavy rains have caused serious damage to railroads in Western Texas, New Mexico and Northern Mexico. Several washouts are reported on the Santa Fe in New Mexico and on all roads trains are delayed.

Unofficial estimates by Japanese officers place the number of their sick and wounded soldiers at 45,000.

A Massachusetts justice fined an attaché of the British embassy and later found he had exceeded his authority. He has apologized.

Two more of the Billings, Mont., jail breakers have been captured.

United States custom officials at Portland believe that nearly 20 per cent of the Chinese population of that city are in this country illegally.

The Vancouver, B. C., police think they have in custody the leader of the three men who held up the Canadian Pacific train near Mission recently.

The Philippine islands will not be able to exhibit at the Lewis and Clark fair unless aid is given. Too heavy an expense at St. Louis is given as the reason.

CAUGHT BY FLOOD.

Twelve People Drowned at Watrous, New Mexico.

Las Vegas, N. M., Oct. 5.—Half the town of Watrous was destroyed by the flood and at least 12 persons were drowned.

Many persons were rescued from trees and housetops. The greatest damage was around the junction of Mora and Sapello creeks. The rock crusher, the great iron bridge and much track at Watrous were washed away.

The Gallinas river formed a new channel here. In the Gallinas canon, the dams of the Aqua Pura company broke, bringing a terrific flood on the city. The Montezuma-Hot Springs track went out in many places. Half a dozen bridges were destroyed and the Montezuma bath houses were partly carried away. The Santa Fe loss here is \$40,000. The Aqua Pura company's loss is \$15,000.

For two blocks on Bridge street every business house was flooded. The big Ilfeld brick store was ruined and the bridge undermined. Twenty merchants estimates their loss at from \$2,000 to \$4,000 each.

Gallinas park is under water and the trolley line cannot be repaired for two weeks. The race meet to have been held here next week has been declared off. One hundred thousand dollars will not cover the loss to the town and the railroad loss is equal to that of recent floods in Arizona.

TOWNS WASHED AWAY.

Rio Grande Cuts New Channel and Hundreds are Homeless.

Albuquerque, N. M., Oct. 5.—Reports from the floods in the Rio Grande valley above and below this city are coming in. The towns of Valencia and Los Lentos were practically washed away and several hundred families are homeless. The river swung to the east, cut a new channel, and poured a torrent through the two towns. No lives were lost.

The Barelaze suburbs of this city suffered the most in this immediate vicinity, about 50 houses being destroyed.

Ignacio Gutierrez, a commissioner of Sandoval county, telephoned that the damage at Los Cordales and Alameda, above the city, will amount to several hundred thousand dollars.

There is one passenger train from Southern California at Gallup and another from San Francisco at Winslow, while the other trains from California are held here. The local officials cannot say when the trains will arrive or depart, and the traffic situation is serious.

Many feet of track is reported gone at Ortiz, at Cerrillos, Waldo, Thornton and Bernalillo, and above and below this city at Rincon, Amarillo, N. M., and Isleta.

DROP INTO CELLAR.

Many People Injured at Church Corner Stone Laying.

Adams, Mass., Oct. 5.—While Right Rev. Thomas D. Beaven, Roman Catholic bishop of Springfield, was laying the corner stone of St. Stanislaus' Polish church, a floor collapsed, precipitating 150 persons into the basement. A dozen persons were injured, several seriously. Bishop Beaven and several of the priests assisting him were slightly hurt.

Some 7,000 persons attended the ceremony and about 200 were seated or standing on the floor which covered the newly made basement. Just as the bishop was about to lay the stone a section of the flooring, about 40 feet square, collapsed, dropping 12 feet, and carrying with it the bishop, the clergy and about 140 others.

In the confusion that followed many were trampled upon and half suffocated. Bishop Beaven was caught in the crush but was able to save himself from serious injury. He was bruised about the body and had his hands scratched.

Breastplates Will Not Be Made.

Rome, Oct. 5.—Some time ago the Russian government ordered 100,000 bullet proof breastplates of the type invented by Signor Benedetti. The latter recently started for St. Petersburg to supervise the manufacture of the breastplates, but was stopped at Munich by the Italian firm to which he had sold the rights to manufacture, and which objected to Signor Benedetti's intervention in the matter, and he returned to Italy. The firm had also undertaken to supply the Japanese government with 200,000 breastplates.

Gunboat Bit by a Mine.

Tokio, Oct. 5.—It is rumored that a Japanese gunboat hit a mine and sunk south of the Liao Tung peninsula. A portion of her crew reached an island and were rescued. The navy department does not deny the report, but says that the department lacks confirmatory information.

LOSS IS HEAVY

Flood Works Ruin in Colorado and New Mexico.

ALL RAILROAD ARE TIED UP

Thirty Blocks in Trinidad are Under Two to Four Feet of Water—Loss Will Be Very Heavy.

Trinidad, Colo., Oct. 3.—A terrific flood struck the city of Trinidad and the whole valley along the Las Animas river, today, devastating a wide section and causing a money loss which at present cannot be estimated, but which may reach several hundred thousands of dollars.

Every bridge in the city of Trinidad is out, the Santa Fe station is demolished, all of the railroads are tied up, and the telephone and telegraph services completely suspended. More than 30 city blocks in the residence and business sections were two to four feet under water along the river.

So far as known at noon no lives were lost, but there were many narrow escapes.

The flood was caused by the heavy rain which has been falling for two days. At 8 o'clock last night the storm assumed cloudburst proportions, and at 2 o'clock this morning the Las Animas river went over its banks.

At 3:30 it was impossible to get within a block of the river bed at any point, and Commercial street was flooded for three blocks in the heart of the business district. Meantime the electric light and gas plants had been flooded, and the city was in complete darkness.

Hundreds of citizens thronged the streets on the edge of the submerged district carrying lanterns and doing their best to provide those driven from their homes with shelter.

Warning of the flood was given when the river left its banks by revolver shots and the ringing of the fire alarm, followed by the blowing of all the locomotive and shop whistles in town. Citizens upon rafts made of sections of sidewalks paddled through the streets, rescuing families who were in danger.

The new Bacca hotel, a two story structure just reaching completion at a cost of \$20,000 on the river bank, was destroyed. The water then ate its way through 50 feet of the ground to the Santa Fe depot, which was carried away.

The city is divided by the Las Animas river, which is spanned by six wagon bridges. All of the bridges were washed out and many residents were unable to reach their homes or to communicate with their families, the telephone system being wrecked.

TO SETTLE WATER SUIT.

Effort is Being Made to Annex Part of Kansas to Colorado.

Pueblo, Colo., Oct. 3.—An effort at a solution of the Kansas-Colorado water suit is in progress, and if the efforts of those most interested in the case are successful a strip of the western portion of Kansas, about 150 miles wide, will be annexed to the state of Colorado, and the litigation now before the supreme court at Washington will be thrown out.

Politicians in both Kansas and Colorado are working for the passage of a bill through the legislatures of both states whereby the western portion of Kansas can be taken into Colorado. This, it is thought by those who have given the irrigation question much study, will solve the difficulty, and both states will be benefitted to a great extent. L. P. Worden, of Syracuse, Kas., and C. C. Kennison, of Garden City, Kas., a candidate for representative from that county are in Pueblo in the interest of the plan.

"It would settle the water question in Western Kansas forever and the suit now in the courts would be dropped as there would no longer be any reason for continuing it," said Mr. Worden today.

Both Mr. Worden and Mr. Kennison appeared before the government commission when it was in session here, and are thoroughly familiar with the situation. They say they are supported by practically every resident of Western Kansas.

Inventor Dies a Charity Patient.

New York, Oct. 3.—Once wealthy and with a host of friends among prominent and wealthy men in the country, Charles Y. Yeaton, the inventor, is dead at the home of incurables, a charity patient. Paralysis, from which he had suffered two years, caused his death. Yeaton invented a number of machines, among which was a type-setting machine, the first ever offered for sale. He enjoyed an intimate acquaintance with President Andrew Johnson, who offered him a diplomatic post at St. Petersburg.

British Steamer Stopped.

Chefoo Oct. 3.—The British steamer Yik Sang, trading in China seas, arrived today and reports she was stopped by a Japanese torpedo boat destroyer outside of the harbor of Chefoo. After 24 papers had been examined, the Yik Sang was allowed to proceed.

TO DEFRAUD NATION.

Iron Said to Have Been Put in Life Preserver Blocks.

Washington, Oct. 4.—An alleged conspiracy, which has been developed by officials of the department of commerce and labor and of the department of justice today resulted in the arrest at Camden, N. J., of J. H. Stone, H. C. Quintard, Charles W. Russ and James Russ, officers of the Nonpareil Cork works. They were apprehended by the United States marshal for the district of New Jersey, under an indictment found on September 29 by the United States grand jury at Trenton, charging them, under section 5440, of the revised statutes of the United States, with conspiring to defraud the government and prejudice the administration of the steamboat inspection laws by putting upon the market compressed cork blocks for use in making life preservers, each of which blocks contained in its center a piece of bar iron about six inches long and weighing eight ounces. The iron bar was inserted and concealed in the block for the purpose of increasing the weight to the legal requirement of six pounds of good cork for each life preserver. The men arrested will be arranged before the United States district court of New Jersey, to plead to the indictment.

Early in August, David Kahnweilers' Sons, manufacturers of life preservers in New York city, ordered from the Nonpareil Cork works at Camden, N. J., blocks of compressed corks for 1,750 life preservers. Eight of these corks are used in each preserver, and the United States law requires that the eight blocks shall contain six pounds of cork. When the cork blocks were delivered, it was discovered that eight of the blocks weighed only 5½ pounds.

Kahnweilers' Sons thereupon wrote the Nonpareil Cork works and that company replied that it would adjust the matter by sending to Kahnweilers' Sons some extra heavy blocks, one of which could be used in each life preserver, thus increasing its weight to the legal requirement. In due time the blocks arrived. They were so heavy as to arouse suspicion. One of them was broken, and imbedded in its center was found an iron bar six inches long, one inch wide and a quarter of an inch thick, weighing eight ounces. The Kahnweilers again wrote to the officers of the Nonpareil Cork works, demanding to know what they meant by putting iron in the cork blocks, and informing them that as Kahnweilers' Sons were obliged to put their names on each preserver, such a fraud would ruin their business.

According to the indictment a letter was received in reply suggesting that the Kahnweilers were foolish to make so much trouble about a small affair of that kind.

Further examination of the "extra heavy" blocks disclosed the fact that each of them contained an iron bar similar to that which was found in the first one. In all 261 of the extra heavy blocks were received by Kahnweilers' Sons. Kahnweilers' Sons communicated with Robert S. Rodie, supervising inspector of the steamboat inspecting service for the district of New York, and he reported the facts to acting secretary of the department of commerce and labor, Lawrence O. Murray. The investigation and indictment followed.

Two Hundred Homeless.

Albuquerque, N. M., Oct. 4.—The wild sweep of water, raising the Rio Grande to the highest point for more than a year, has made 200 people in this vicinity homeless. Barelaz, a suburb, is under two feet of water and many homes are abandoned. Alameda is threatened by the terrific pressure upon the dam, which it is feared may give way. The railroads have suffered greatly in the Rio Grande valley. The Santa Fe is at a standstill all through New Mexico.

Bridge Washed Out.

Lamar, Colo., Oct. 4.—The flood in the Arkansas river reached here today and washed out the north approach of the bridge over the river at this place. The bottom land on the north side is under water. The river is rising rapidly but no further damage is anticipated here. Telephone reports from Prowers, nine miles west of Lamar, show that the water there is at the highest stage known in 30 years. The entire Prowers ranch is under water and the residents were compelled to seek safety on the tops of their houses.

American Diplomat Fined.

New York, Oct. 4.—Arthur Dann Platt, American vice consul, has been fined 10 shillings, according to an American dispatch from Dublin, for furious riding on a motorcycle within the city limits. His case was heard in a police court.

CLOSE ON FORT

Japanese Steadily Advancing at Port Arthur.

SEVERAL POSITIONS TAKEN

Togo Will Withdraw Most of Squadron as Enemy's Ships are Almost Incapable of Resistance.

Chefoo, Sept. 30.—The news received from Port Arthur continues to show a steady, if slow advance of the Japanese upon the Russian fortifications. Day by day the remoter positions of the beleaguered fortress are being taken by the Japanese, and that its fall is only a matter of a short time is the general belief here. The number of Chinese refugees arriving here increases constantly, and this is taken to bode no good for the Russians.

The last of the Chinese to arrive from Port Arthur report a still further advance by the Japanese. They assert that several of the most important positions held by the Russians, farthest from the central fortress have been taken by the Japanese, the latter inflicting considerable loss upon the Russians. The Japanese had tunneled approaches to these positions and finally, with the help of mines, made their way within the fortifications. The Russians were taken by surprise and were able to offer little resistance. Finding they were unable to hold their own against the Japanese the Russians retreated, leaving their dead and wounded behind them.

When the Japanese attack was discerned by the other Russian forts they at once opened fire, and at last accounts this was still being maintained. It is considered doubtful whether the Japanese will be able to retain possession of their newly acquired positions. The greater portion of the Japanese fleet has returned to the Japanese base in the Elliot islands, the Japanese commander having become convinced that the Russian vessels within the harbor of Port Arthur are almost incapable of further resistance and of making any sortie into the open sea.

ACT OF VANDALS.

Oil Paintings of Czar at St. Louis are Mutilated.

St. Louis, Sept. 30.—When the Russian exhibit in the varied industries building at the world's fair was opened today it was discovered that several valuable oil paintings of Emperor Nicholas had been torn from the wall and mutilated by some unidentified person or persons.

Another portrait of the emperor, a handsome and valuable panel, done in colored silk, had been torn from its support and subjected to the greatest indignity. The oil paintings were torn and there were marks showing that the pictures of the emperor had been stamped upon.

The vandalism was reported at once to the exposition authorities, and an investigation ordered. Every effort is being made by both the exhibitors and the world's fair authorities to discover the guilty person or persons.

LAND FRAUDS ALL RUN DOWN.

Agent Greene is Sure Oregon Cases Will Result in Conviction.

Washington, Sept. 30.—Special Agent A. R. Greene, who has been Secretary Hitchcock's trusted lieutenant in running down land frauds in Oregon, is in Washington, conferring with the secretary. Discussing Oregon's affairs, Mr. Greene said:

"We believe we have finished up that land fraud business in Oregon. We have the men responsible held under indictment and it is a safe prediction that there will be some hot news out of Portland within the next month or two, when the trials commence."

After describing the methods of the fraudulent operators, Mr. Greene added:

The usual thing happened. One member of the gang did not think he was getting his fair share of the profits and gave the thing away.

Officer is Assassinated.

Geneva, Switzerland, Sept. 30.—Word has been received here that Colonel Bikoff, commander of the Russian guard on the Turkish frontier, has been assassinated. Colonel Bikoff recently helped the Turks in an attack upon Armenian revolutionists, in which an Armenian priest, bearing a white flag, was killed as he approached the Turkish troops. Following the attack upon the Armenians, Colonel Bikoff permitted the Cossacks, who had joined the Turks to pilage and mutilate the corpses of the Armenians.

Japan to Borrow Again.

Tokio, Sept. 30.—The government has decided to float another domestic loan of \$40,000,000, on conditions similar to the last. It is probable that the conscription law will be amended, increasing the service in the reserve five years, and making the regular reserve service total 17 years and five months. This means a large increase in the strength of the army.