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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.

Strikes are breaking out in many Russian cities.

The judge who tried Nan Patterson says she is guilty.

The Russian fleet is said to be anchored south of Hong Kong.

Loomis and Bowen each have stated his side of the controversy to the president.

Japan is growing more angry with France and may involve her and Britain in war.

A fire in the heart of Vienna caused an explosion of celluloid which injured between 35 and 40 policemen, firemen and passers-by.

The Federal grand jury, sitting in Chicago, has secured all the innermost workings of the beef trust from the trunks seized a short time ago.

Government officials say there are already too many mints and the hopes of the Northwestern cities for mints or assay offices are not likely to be realized.

Statistics show that there has never been a president who did not take several vacations during his term of office. Washington was absent from the capital 181 days.

Recent arrests in Chicago have revealed the fact that hired sluggers are being employed by the Chicago unions engaged in the strike. A regular scale of prices exists.

The Chicago strike will be continued and extended.

Strikers are again breaking out in many Russian cities.

France is becoming alarmed lest Japan attack Indo-China.

The Japanese have pushed back the Russian left in Manchuria.

Secretary Morton says he has no intention of resigning from the cabinet at present.

The beef trust officials will appeal to Roosevelt against the prosecution's methods.

Tornadoes have struck several towns in Kansas and Texas. All were small and not much damage was done.

All charges against Colorado miners for participation in the Victor riot in June, 1904, have been dropped and the men released.

The president will not appoint a successor to the late Judge Bellinger for some time. This being a life position, he wants to be sure he has the right man when he is named.

The president has removed W. F. Matthews, United States marshal for Oregon, and appointed C. J. Reed. This action was taken at the request of District Attorney Heney, who was able to show that Matthews is too friendly with accused land fraud men.

Seven miners were killed in an explosion at Butte, caused by careless handling of dynamite.

The Chicago grand jury investigating the beef trust has secured Armour's secret code used in making rebates.

The financial loss at Snyder, Oklahoma, will reach \$500,000. Several more injured persons have been found.

Togo's fleet has been seen off the Pescadore islands, and it is believed a battle will occur near Hong Kong soon, as the Russians must fight before June or be caught by the typhoons.

The president has established a forest reserve in Wallowa county embracing about 300,000 acres of land, and will create several more in Oregon. Altogether nearly 10,000,000 acres will be placed in reserve.

Nan Patterson has been released from jail. It is not probable that she will be called upon to face another jury, as District Attorney Jerome believes his assistants have done their best and further efforts would be useless.

The Chicago Teamowners' association say they have the strikers beaten.

American employes in the Panama canal zone are leaving as fast as possible on account of yellow fever, and charge the officials with taking no steps toward protection of health.

France accuses Japan of bluffing on the neutrality question.

The Union Pacific is building six gasoline motor cars at the Omaha shops.

The Japanese have made the first move towards a new flank attack.

CONGER BACK FROM CHINA.

High Words of Praise for Condition of Chinese Government.

San Francisco, May 16.—E. H. Conger, ex-American minister to China, who was recently appointed ambassador to Mexico, arrived today on the steamer Siberia, from the Orient. Mrs. Conger accompanied him. It is Mr. Conger's intention to proceed almost immediately to the City of Mexico, unless he receives orders to the contrary. Mr. Conger said that diplomatic matters in China are in a satisfactory condition. To a question as to China's neutrality in the Russo-Japanese war, he said:

"China has always been disposed to maintain the strictest neutrality between the warring nations, and, although there has been considerable criticism from both Japanese and Russian sources, I believe that the Chinese government has never shown partiality one way or the other, but has always adhered strictly to the requirements of the international law."

Mr. Conger was asked concerning the periodic rumors of Boxer uprisings and replied:

"There is absolutely no truth in such reports. There is no danger of another Boxer outbreak. Of course, there are occasional troubles in the interior, but they arise from purely local causes which have no bearing on the presence of foreigners. There is no organized movement in China against foreign people. There never has been a time in the history of the country when the government was more ready or better prepared to put down any incipient organized effort that might be directed against resident foreigners."

FIGHTING MOROS.

American Troops Slay 300 Members of Outlaw Band.

Manila, May 16.—Fierce fighting has been going on the last few weeks on the island of Jolo, between the outlaw chief Pala, with 600 well armed followers, and troops under the personal command of Major General Leonard Wood. Pala's losses thus far are 300 killed, while those of General Wood are seven killed and 19 wounded. Pala and his remaining followers, in accordance with Moro tradition, prefer death to capture.

Pala was a noted slave trader and warrior when the Americans occupied the islands. Later he escaped with his followers to the island of Pala Sekar, near Borneo. One of Pala's leaders deserted and took refuge on the British settlement at Lahad. Pala, discovering his whereabouts, landed with a following and demanded of the British magistrate that he turn the deserter over to him. The demand was not complied with, and Pala ordered a massacre. Twenty-five persons, including several British, were killed.

BIDS ON PANAMA LUMBER.

Commission Extends Time Ten Days Upon Request.

San Francisco, May 16.—The efforts made by the commercial bodies of San Francisco to have the time extended for Pacific coast people for making bid to fill contracts for supplies of lumber for the Isthmian canal commission to be delivered at the Isthmus of Panama have been successful. Altogether 26,000,000 feet of lumber are needed immediately by the canal commission for use in the great works to be undertaken.

Recently the personnel of the commission was changed and the offices at Washington, D. C., were also removed from one place to another. In the confusion that resulted the coast cities failed to get blank proposals early enough to compete for the lumber orders, which alone amount to more than \$300,000 at a conservative estimate. A dispatch was received by Secretary Burks, of the chamber of commerce, from Washington, which said:

"Referring to poster circulars inviting bids for yellow pine and Douglas fir, to be opened on the 16th and 19th, inform bidders on Pacific coast that opening of May 16th postponed until 26th."

Bowen Arrives at Washington.

Washington, May 16.—Herbert W. Bowen, recently American minister to Venezuela, accompanied by Mrs. Bowen, reached Washington today from New York. Mr. Bowen, after leaving his bags at the hotel, went to the White house and left his card for the president. He spent the evening quietly at his hotel, where he received a number of friends. It is expected that the president will send for Mr. Bowen tomorrow and receive from him his statement concerning the charges which have been brought against Mr. Loomis.

Route of Irrigation Committees.

Washington, May 16.—June 1 a congressional party, formed of members of both irrigation committees of congress and others, will leave Kansas City on a personal trip of inspection of irrigation construction at El Paso, San Francisco and other California points; Hazen, Nev.; Ogden, Salt Lake and points in Oregon, Montana, Wyoming and Colorado. The trip will conclude July 4, in Denver.

TO GREAT BEYOND

Judge C. B. Bellinger Succumbs to Inroads of Malady.

DUE TO THE LAND FRAUD CASES

Hearing of Cases Occupied All His Time Since Last November—Mitchell Case the Climax.

Portland, May 13.—United States District Judge Charles B. Bellinger surrendered in his long struggle for life yesterday afternoon and passed peacefully away at 3:45 o'clock, surrounded by the members of his family and a few of his most intimate and long-time friends.

The outcome was expected and the family had been waiting for the worst during all of the day. The judge passed a restless and unsatisfactory night on Thursday and was much weaker when day dawned yesterday morning. During the morning he sank into a semi-conscious condition, and as the day lengthened into the afternoon the stupor became more marked, until it was impossible to rouse the patient to consciousness.

The death of Judge Bellinger can be traced directly to the Oregon land fraud cases, which have filled his time from the middle of November last. On Sunday, April 23, the judge worked all day on the decision which he was to hand down the following morning on the Mitchell plea of abatement. He went early to his office, and the weather being warm, worked in his shirt sleeves until noon, when he walked home to luncheon, returning again directly afterwards and working until late in the afternoon. The next day he also worked on the decision, and Tuesday, the day upon which it was delivered, he awoke with a fever and feeling ill. Judge Bellinger was born in Maquon, Illinois, November 21, 1839, and crossed the plains with his parents in 1847 and settled in Marion county. He was a veteran of the Modoc war. In 1863 he was admitted to the bar and served as clerk and official reporter of the Supreme court from 1874 to 1878. He was judge of the Fourth district circuit court from 1878 to 1880, and was appointed United States District judge for Oregon by Grover Cleveland in 1893.

SHORT NOTICE ON BIDS.

Canal Commission Allows the Coast but a Few Days.

San Francisco, May 13.—A great stir was created today among San Francisco merchants when it was ascertained that the Isthmian Canal commission will open bids May 16 and 19 for supplies, the contract prices for which will easily aggregate \$1,000,000. One commodity—lumber, rough and dressed—will call for the expenditure of more than \$300,000 alone. In all, 26,000,000 feet of lumber are needed at once. The other supplies range all through many lines, and in all instances the quantities demanded are large.

For several days the wires between San Francisco and Washington have been kept busy carrying dispatches from San Francisco asking for blank proposals. Wednesday last there were no lumber proposals in the city, and no one here knew what the commission wished to buy in that line, and consequently no bids could be framed.

Local merchants say the entire coast has been shabbily treated, and a loud wail has gone up. Today there was a rush for proposals to supply, among other commodities, steam pumps and pipes, hydrants and water meters, fire extinguishers, linen hose and hose reels, equipments for bridge gangs, railroad tools and supplies, foundry supplies, belting, roofing, wagons and so on through a list of hundreds of articles.

Both the chamber of commerce and the Manufacturers' and Producers' association have requested Major Gallagher, the purchasing agent at Washington, D. C., for the Canal commission, to extend the date for making the proposals.

Not Unjust, Says Cummins.

Washington, May 13.—Governor Cummins, of Iowa, testified today before the senate committee in interstate commerce, which is considering railroad legislation. He criticized the statement by railroad men that rates were low enough now, and the impression he said they endeavored to convey—that the object sought was to give power to the commission to fix rates. He said that there was nothing unjust in giving the commission the power which the proposed legislation would confer upon it.

Streator People's Narrow Escape

Streator, Ill., May 13.—A tornado struck Streator today, tearing down trees and barns. No one was injured, although there were many narrow escapes.

WILL OPEN FAIR.

Vice President Coming to Portland as Representative of President.

Washington, May 15.—Vice President Fairbanks intended to leave for his Indiana home last night to spend the next two months with his family, but he received word that the president wanted to see him, and called at the White house at 11:30 today. The president told him of his deep interest in the Lewis and Clark exposition and his regret that he himself could not attend the opening of it. He said, however, that the administration should be represented, and to his mind nothing would be more appropriate than that the second official of the nation should represent the president on that occasion. Mr. Fairbanks promptly fell in with the president's suggestion, and expressed his thorough willingness to go to Portland, and has now changed his plans so as to reach Portland the last week in May. He and Mrs. Fairbanks will be present and participate in the opening ceremonies. The vice president will make the principal speech of the occasion.

Being unable to get to Portland either at the opening of the exposition or later in the summer, the president has accepted the invitation extended to him by President Goode to press the button which will be the signal for the formal opening of the exposition, at 1 o'clock on the afternoon of June 1—that is, 1 o'clock Portland time, 4 o'clock Washington time. A special through telegraph wire will be run from the East room of the White house into the exposition grounds at Portland. At the Washington end will be the same gold key which President Roosevelt used to open the St. Louis exposition last year, and which former presidents used to open the Chicago, Buffalo and other expositions of times past.

KITTITAS ASKS IRRIGATION.

Reclamation Service Promises Attention to Its Project.

Washington, May 15.—The Reclamation service has received a resolution passed by the Commercial club of Kittitas county, Washington, asking that it make a careful and speedy survey and investigation of the feasibility of the construction of a high line canal for the purpose of reclamation and cultivation of about 100,000 acres of land in that county, which are fertile in the production of all kinds of hay, grain, fruit and vegetables, including sugar beets. It is urged that the irrigation of this large body of land will result in effecting storage of the water so used for lands below in the Yakima valley, for the reason that all the water so used naturally drains back into the Yakima river.

The Reclamation service states that it fully recognizes the great importance of the Yakima project to Kittitas county, and that a careful investigation to determine its feasibility from an engineering as well as from a financial standpoint will be made.

GOMEZ CUBA'S PRESIDENT.

Liberals and Moderates Will Hold Nominating Conventions.

Havana, May 15.—The national nominating convention of the New Liberal party will open tonight.

All indications point to the nomination for the presidency of Cuba of Jose Mignel Gomez, who was appointed governor of Santa Clara province by the government of intervention and afterward was elected to that position. The convention will be made up of 150 delegates, of whom 90 will be Nationalists. Maximo Gomez having positively refused to be a candidate, the only other prominent person mentioned is Governor Nunez of Havana province.

The Moderates will shortly hold a convention to nominate President Palma by acclamation for the presidency and Mendez Capote, former president of the senate, for the vice presidency. The election will take place in December.

Judge DeHaven Will Try Cases.

San Francisco, May 15.—United States Circuit Judge William B. Gilbert, presiding justice of the United States Circuit court of Appeals, has announced his intention of detailing United States District Judge DeHaven to the United States District court at Portland, Oregon, to take the place temporarily of the late Judge Bellinger of that court. Judge DeHaven will be requested to open the court on June 12, the date set for the trial of the land fraud cases, and proceed with the trial of the cases.

Valuable Relics of Pompeii Found.

Rome, May 15.—Excavations near Pompeii have resulted in the finding of a human skeleton and nearly four solid gold bracelets of beautiful design and set with emeralds, a pair of pearl earrings, two golden necklaces set with pearls and emeralds, and two emerald rings. The articles of jewelry, being from the Pompeian epoch, are of great artistic value.

OKLAHOMA TORNADO

Demolishes Town of Snyder, Killing Many Inhabitants.

HALF OF THE POPULATION GONE

Came at Night When People Were Asleep—Five Hundred Dead and Injured.

Oklahoma City, May 11.—Telephone reports from Hobart, Okla., indicate that the entire town of Snyder, O. T., was destroyed by a tornado. A train of doctors, nurses and other assistants is said to have left Hobart for Snyder.

The wires are reported down between Snyder and other neighboring towns and all communication is being received from Hobart.

Hundreds Dead and Injured.

Guthrie, O. T., May 11.—Late reports from Hobart, Okla., and Chickasaw, I. T., place the number of dead and injured in the tornado at Snyder, Okla., at 500.

The storm broke over the town at 11 o'clock at night, completely demolishing it, as near as reports can be obtained. The first news of the disaster was received at Hobart, by telephone, giving a bald statement of the tornado's having struck the town. The wires, both telegraph and telephone, then went down and no further news has been obtained directly from Snyder.

It is now impossible to reach Lawton, the nearest town to Snyder, and all the telegraphic communications are reported down between that place and Snyder.

Rescue trains have been started from Hobart and Chickasaw, which will arrive at Snyder this morning.

TRAIN STRIKES DYNAMITE.

Terrific Explosion Kills Fifty and Injures a Hundred.

Harrisburg, Pa., May 11.—An express train on the Pennsylvania railroad ran into a freight train in which there were two cars loaded with dynamite at 1:30 o'clock this morning in South Harrisburg, near the plant of the Paxtang Light, Heat and Power company. Three terrific explosions, that broke windows all over the city, followed, and the two trains were completely wrecked and took fire. It was estimated at 3 o'clock that 50 persons were killed and 100 injured, though these figures may be too small.

It is impossible to ascertain the exact number of fatalities, because the wreckage, in which many of the passengers and some members of the train crews are pinned, is still ablaze and unapproachable, and many small explosions occur continually.

When the first explosion occurred, bodies were thrown clear out of the berths in the sleeping car and landed down the railroad embankment, some even having been hurled into the Susquehanna river, which parallels the railroad at that place.

MAY FIGHT FRANCE.

Japan Accuses Her of Lending Active Aid to Russia.

London, May 11.—The news from Tokio is of the most alarming character. The outburst of popular indignation against France for her violations of neutrality is growing and already equals the bitter feeling that prevailed against Russia prior to the breaking out of the war. Should Rojstvensky now return to French waters, it is doubtful if the Japanese government could calm the populace, and hostilities must result. These would surely involve Great Britain in the war, and the outcome would be in doubt.

Diplomats here in London unite in characterizing the situation as extremely grave. France's attitude, while on the surface conciliatory, underneath is far from that, and the French official class seem determined to resent Japan's protests, claiming that French neutrality is on a standard by itself, and should not be compared with that of any other nation.

Millions from Alaska.

Seattle, May 11.—F. A. Wing, United States assayer, states that from information he has received from Alaska, and the Northwest Territory this winter, the output of gold from the northern country this year will total \$22,000,000, if not more. So far this winter he has not heard any unfavorable reports from any section in which mining is being carried on. From the Klondike alone Mr. Wing predicts an output of from \$10,000,000 to \$12,000,000, the balance coming from the American side.

Two Inches of Snow in Wyoming.

Cheyenne, May 11.—Southwestern Wyoming is covered with a heavy snow after the storm of yesterday and last night. The snow is over two inches deep on the level.