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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.

The trial of the Standard Oil in Ohio has commenced.

Ridicals are again in control of the Russian Democrats.

Snow has fallen for the first time this year at Minneapolis.

Taft will heal old feuds in Cuba before proclaiming amnesty.

General Funston will use considerable numbers of mounted infantry in Cuba.

The triple alliance between Germany, Austria and Italy is to be revived.

Sealing schooners returning to Victoria, B. C., all report the seal catch as light.

San Francisco police have captured the man who is believed to have been the leader in the Japanese bank robbery.

The Philadelphia manager of Armour's packing house has been arrested for the illegal use of boracic acid in hams.

Plans are on foot for the organization by various railroad companies of a gigantic refrigerator and stock car company.

The Columbus, Ohio, board of education has decided to adopt the simplified spelling so far as it is practicable in the schools of the city.

Frauds in the construction of warships have been discovered.

The negro race war continues in a small way in many Southern cities.

J. J. Hill has sounded a warning against the waste of national resources.

Mexican guides have murdered a number of prospectors in the mountains.

Governor Magoon will rule in Cuba under the terms of the constitution of that republic.

Cuban rebels have refused to give up their arms until the government troops are all disarmed.

It is said Mrs. Howard Gould will go to South Dakota and establish a residence when she will sue for a divorce.

A marriage has been arranged between the Grand Duke Michael, only brother of the czar, and Princess Patricia, niece of King Edward.

The new and powerful armored cruiser North Carolina has been successfully launched at Newport News. Exclusive of armor and armament the vessel cost \$3,575,000.

Reed Smoot declares he is neither ashamed of his religion or his state. He appeals to Mormons to concentrate their efforts to obtain land in preference to other forms of investment.

Panama and Colombia are quarrelling about their foreign debts.

Hill has leased large tracts of Minnesota coal lands to the steel trust.

Forest fires are causing great damage to forests in Southern California.

Gas explosion in Philadelphia kills eight men and does great damage.

The army forces are gathering at Newport News for transportation to Cuba.

Howard Gould and his wife are quarrelling about the management of Castle Gould, and may separate.

Two clerks wrestling on the fourth floor of a Cleveland department store fell from a window and were dashed to death.

The 18-year old son of a Chicago millionaire has been arrested for robbing slot machines and spending the money on chorns girls.

The St. Paul road has voted to issue \$150,000,000 of new stock with which to build a line down the coast from Portland to San Francisco.

The czar has returned to his gilded prison from his yacht, keeping a sharp lookout for bombs.

A great telephone system, backed by the Western Union Telegraph company, is being organized to fight the American Telephone and Telegraph company.

Roosevelt says the enlargement of the powers of the national government is the only remedy for the trust evils.

An emigrant steamer plying between Hoihow and Hongkong foundered. The captain and 60 passengers were lost.

The coroner's jury believes that Carey M. Snyder, whose body was found in the woods near Hillsboro, was murdered.

GERMANY REACHING OUT.

Establishment of Bank Part of Game to Get Control of Persia.

Berlin, Oct. 9.—The efforts of Germany to establish a bank in Persia are only a part of a very deep game being played now for the ultimate control of the Persian gulf by the German government. The statement that this bank will be purely commercial is one that causes amusement in diplomatic circles in Europe, where it is felt that the foreign office will have to take energetic steps to prevent the bank being established.

German influence in Teheran is very strong and cautiously but surely Germany is pushing its policy forward. First came the building of the German railroad to the shores of the gulf, and the intrigue that has since been taking place to secure the shah's permission to make Koweit the terminus. Then only a month or two ago came the establishment of a German line of steamships to trade along the gulf, a line heavily subsidized by the German government.

Now comes a proposal for the establishment of the bank. There is good authority for the statement that the Indian government is watching every move very carefully, but the English foreign office so far has remained supine.

LEAGUE FORMED AT HAVANA.

Promoting of Stable Government is Given as Object.

Havana, Oct. 9.—The preliminaries of an organization to be called the Good Government league of Cuba were begun this afternoon at a meeting of Americans, Cubans and others, at which resolutions were passed to the effect that the purpose of the association should be the "promoting of all legitimate means, the establishment of a permanent, stable and lawful government, competent to administer justice, insure democratic tranquillity, promote the general welfare and insure the blessings of liberty to all the inhabitants of the island."

It was declared that the league intended to adopt whatever means to this end were deemed wisest by a majority of the membership, which is intended to be representatives of all nationalities and sections, and not to be committed to any line of action until it is decided what is most conducive to the objects named.

While there was no expression to that effect, the movement generally is regarded as pointing eventually toward some more definite degree of American control or oversight in Cuban affairs than is vouchsafed by the Platt amendment.

FOURTEEN OFFICERS LET OUT.

Result of 4,596 Courts Martial During Past Year.

Washington, Oct. 9.—During the last fiscal year, according to the annual report of General George B. Davis, judge advocate general of the army, issued today, 4,596 trials by general court martial were held. Fifty of these trials were of commanding officers, 42 of whom were convicted and eight acquitted. Fourteen officers were dismissed by sentence. In four cases the sentences were commuted to loss of rank; in two cases resignations, "for the good of the service," were accepted in lieu of confirming the sentences, and in one case the sentence was disapproved.

About 50 per cent of the enlisted men convicted by general court martial received sentences involving dishonorable discharge and about 5 per cent of these sentences were awarded in view of previous convictions.

The trials by general court martial during the year showed a decrease of 204, as compared with the previous year.

Japanese to Control Railroad.

London, Oct. 9.—Dispatches from Tokio declare that the bonds of the South Manchurian railroad have been oversubscribed many times, but that there were no Chinese applications. Explaining this fact, the Pekin correspondent of the Times says that, although China was invited to participate, she did not do so because there were no funds and none could be had without a foreign loan. The railroad, therefore, the correspondent says, although nominally Chino Japanese, will be exclusively Japanese.

Ministry to Resign in Protest.

St. Johns, N. F., Oct. 9.—It was reported today that the ministry, following the recent example of the national cabinet, intended to resign as a protest against the temporary arrangement of Great Britain and the United States, by the provision of which American herring fishermen secure privileges contrary to the laws of New Foundland.

Accepts China's Word.

Shanghai, Oct. 9.—Sir Robert Hart, director general of the Chinese imperial customs, has issued a circular to the foreign colony here, saying that he has received assurances that his status with regard to Chinese customs will not be changed and that he is satisfied there will be no undue interference with foreign control of the customs.

TORNADOES GALORE

Sweeping Through New Orleans and Vicinity.

SIX KILLED; NINE MORE WILL DIE

Total Damage Is Over \$1,000,000—Crops Ruined and Hundreds of Buildings Destroyed.

New Orleans, Oct. 6.—This region was the center of cyclonic disturbances, at least three of which were tornadoes and caused the loss of six lives, with nine persons fatally injured.

The first tornado struck west Baton Rouge Parish about 6 o'clock, killing Mrs. T. Forel and her daughter, Mrs. White. Mrs. Forel's body was found in a field near her demolished house. Two children in Mrs. Forel's house were fatally injured and five more were injured in the collapse of a sugar refinery.

In St. James Parish one woman was killed and Mrs. E. Rebber and daughter, Mrs. John Meyer, and a negro were fatally injured. Fifteen buildings were blown completely down in this parish.

At Point Chataula, George Hawes and son and daughter were killed by the collapse of their house, and another child of the family was fatally injured. A negro was also fatally injured there, besides injuries to a dozen other persons.

The third tornado struck New Orleans about 8 o'clock. Although no lives were lost, property damage reached \$500,000 and about fifty persons were injured, one fatally. Fully 800 buildings were damaged, about 75 being blown flat. Most of the demolished buildings were negro cabins and it was here that nearly all the injuries occurred.

The path of the tornado through the city was about eight miles long.

The tornado here appeared at a distance as a cloud sweeping the surface of the earth. Its course was undulating, some buildings being skipped entirely as it bounded skyward. Frequently it demolished verandas and fences on one side of the street, while not an object on the other side was disturbed. The cloud occupied several minutes in crossing the city and hundreds of persons who saw and heard it approaching had time to run out of its pathway.

One exciting race was made by a street car, which was loaded with passengers on their way to work. At Marengo street the motorman threw on full power. The flying car was less than half a block past the roller skating rink when that structure went down. Another street car was derailed.

ANOTHER BIG MINE FIRE.

Fifteen Men Entombed By Gas Exploding in New Mexico.

Denver, Colo., Oct. 6.—According to a special to the News, 15 men are believed to have been entombed in the Dutchman mine at Blossburg, N. M., at 2:30 o'clock this morning, by an explosion which wrecked the walls and roof of the tunnel in which they were working. Only six men are positively known to have been in the tunnel at the time of the explosion, but the usual night shift numbers 15, and none of them have been located outside of the mine.

Rescuing parties have taken out four dead bodies, one of which has been identified as Jan Jenks, 40 years old. All but one of the night shift were Austrians, the exception being an American.

Firedamp has settled in the tunnel, making rescue work difficult. It is not thought that any of the entombed men can live with this condition prevailing. As yet no fire has been reported.

Palma Enriches a Rough Rider.

Wichita, Kan., Oct. 6.—C. A. Mosher, of Wichita, received a commission as a General in the Cuban Army and the next day he was asked to resign. His commission came directly from President Palma. He had in mind to raise a regiment of Rough Riders. Mr. Palma sent him a commission as a general, dating the commission back three months.

When Secretary Taft arrived in Havana, Mosher was asked to resign and a draft was sent to him for his salary since the date of his commission.

Rebels Capture \$125,000.

Ufa, Russia, Oct. 6.—An armed band numbering 40 men held up a mail train near the bridge over the Bjela river last night. After killing a soldier and wounding three others who were in charge of the mail the robbers decamped with \$125,000.

ST. JOHN SET FREE.

Not Sufficient Evidence to Hold Great Miners' Leader.

Grand Junction, Colo., Oct. 8.—Vincent St. John, ex-president of the Telluride Miners' union and prominently identified with the Western Federation of Miners, is again a free man, all charges against him having been dropped by the state.

"We were unable to verify certain evidence against St. John, and rather than go to trial with a weak case we decided to abandon further prosecution," is the way District Attorney Selig put it. District Judge Stevens promptly ordered St. John released.

St. John had been out on bonds under the charge of being responsible for the strike riot of 1900 at Telluride when a man named Burnham was killed. St. John, after leaving Telluride, went to Idaho. He was arrested for complicity in the assassination of ex-Governor Steunenberg, of Idaho, but later released and immediately re-arrested, charged with the murder of Burnham in Telluride, and brought to Colorado. He was placed in jail and a strong guard thrown around the jail to prevent what was alleged to be an attempt to rescue him.

Three weeks later the evidence did not appear to be so strong and he was released on a \$10,000 bond. His case dragged along until at this term of court the prosecuting attorney announced that he had not evidence upon which to hold him, and he was released.

LOSES MILLIONS ANNUALLY.

Congress Must Reform Second Class Mail Rate Law.

New York, Oct. 8.—The congressional committee which has been investigating the carrying of second class mail matter by the Postoffice department decided today to adjourn the hearing to Washington, where representatives of the Periodical Publishers' association will be heard on November 26. F. C. Madden, third assistant postmaster general, said:

"I think that beyond question the Postoffice department has established its case—namely, that the present laws regulating second-class matter are out of date and practically nullified by present practices beyond the control of the department as now equipped, and that a real and effective enforcement would be injurious to the publishing interests. There are now many persons enjoying the privileges of the second-class rates in violation of the intent and purpose of the statutes to the detriment of the postal revenues amounting to millions annually.

"From the hearings, the correctness of this is specially conceded by the publishers themselves. They seem to be substantially agreed that a reformation of the laws is imperative. Just what view the committee will take or what action it will propose, if any, no one at this time can say."

POLICE AT LOGGERHEADS.

Criminals Allowed to Go Unpunished in San Francisco.

San Francisco, Oct. 5.—It is charged by newspapers here that politics in the Police department is seriously handicapping the efforts of the force to apprehend the two murderous thugs who looted the Japanese Golden Gate bank, slew the vice president and pounded the cashier over the head with an iron bludgeon until he was almost dead. The department seemed demoralized over the struggle now progressing as to who shall head the detectives, and within 12 hours not an arrest has been made, nor is there the shadow of a clew to promise one.

Ed Wren, whom Chief Dinan wants to make inspector of police, appears to be unable to handle the situation, and matters in the upper office are at a standstill, with Acting Mayor Gallagher demanding Captain Duke to take command and infuse a mild solution of brains into the work, while Dinan is equally determined not to accept the program.

Moran Bros.' Bid Exorbitant.

Washington, Oct. 8.—The Department of Commerce and Labor today rejected the bid of Moran Bros. for the construction of a steel steam single propeller light vessel to be stationed at the mouth of the Columbia river. Theirs was the only bid received and the price asked was considered exorbitant. The department is willing to award this contract to Pacific coast shipyards, providing a satisfactory bid is received. Plans will be immediately re-advertised in the hope that other coast builders will compete.

Rumor Platt Will Resign.

Washington, Oct. 8.—It is reported in Washington that Senator Platt intends to resign his seat in the senate, partly because of failing health, but more particularly on account of the unpleasant notoriety he recently received on account of domestic troubles.

Channel to Stranded Vessels.

Pensacola, Fla., Oct. 8.—The Navy department will make an effort to save the war vessels stranded at the navy yard during the recent hurricane by dredging channels from deep water.

INSURGENTS DISARM

Pacification of Cuba Proceeds Without a Hitch.

MARINES GUARD LARGE CITIES

Guerrera's Troops Being Sent Home by Trainloads—Fighting Was Mostly by Gamecocks.

Havana, Oct. 4.—The alacrity with which the rebels are laying down their arms to the commission appointed to superintend that important phase of the termination of the revolution is the greatest surprise the provisional has yet encountered in the smoothly working program. This operation is now well under way in the vicinity of Havana, 700 of Guerra's men with their horses having already been entrained for Pinar del Rio, while one brigade marched to Guanajay today without a sign of disorder.

Hundreds of persons from Havana went out to Santiago de las Vegas and Rincon today to view the disarmament. They were disappointed at not seeing the rebels actually surrender their guns, but nevertheless they witnessed an interesting sight. As a concession to the men General Funston and Major Ladd permitted them to take their arms to Pinar del Rio, where most of the men joined the insurgent army. The rifles, however, were first counted by officers of marines under the direction of Major Ladd and the men will be required to surrender them before leaving the train at Pinar del Rio.

It is reported that some of Del Castillo's followers were reluctant to disarm, but all the brigade commanders have informed Major Ladd that all their men will disarm and disband when ordered to do so by General Del Castillo. Wednesday afternoon General Castillo gave Major Ladd an order directed to all his subordinate commanders and telling them to comply with every request made by the American officers. Major Ladd will work tonight to carry out the disbanding arrangements.

According to the testimony of an American named Harvey, a former Roosevelt Rough rider, who has been with the insurgents, the amount of actual fighting during this revolution was really very small. Harvey says that most of the fighting he had seen was between game cocks. About 10 per cent of Guerra's men carried fighting cocks tied to their saddles.

YELLOW JACK IN HAVANA.

Full Details Concealed and Health Officers Working Hard.

Key West, Fla., Oct. 4.—An opposition many times more serious than the insurrection in Cuba is awaiting Uncle Sam's army of intervention, according to a wireless message received here late tonight from Havana. The new enemy is yellow fever.

According to the dispatch ten new cases were reported today and dozens of suspicious cases are being closely watched. The first reports sent out, tending to minimize the extent of the epidemic, are now acknowledged to have been purposely toned down.

It is said that the American forces will find Havana in a much different sanitary condition from that which obtained under General Wood's rule. There is said to have been a decided lapse toward the old, inefficient condition under Spanish rule. Major Jefferson R. Keene, who left here tonight for Havana, expressed no surprise at the report of the serious condition of affairs, but declared that the sanitary department of the army of occupation is ready to meet the situation and will doubtless be doubly reinforced as soon as Washington can be acquainted with the real gravity of the situation.

Freight Steamers Tied Up.

Port Arthur, Ontario, Oct. 4.—A dozen big freight steamers are tied up at Fort William and entrances to the freight sheds and docks of the Canadian Pacific railway are guarded by police and members of the Ninety-sixth regiment. Six hundred infuriated strikers, mostly Greeks and Italians, surround the district, where 300 imported strike breakers worked all the afternoon unloading vessels. All the strikers are heavily armed and more than 100 shots have been fired, but no serious injury done.

Loss by the Gulf Storm.

Mobile, Oct. 4.—Prominent insurance men estimate the storm loss here at \$1,000,000. The total loss of life will not exceed 100.