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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 United States pension roll is rapidly decreasing.

Mulai Hafg has indicted a crushing defeat on the sultan of Morocco.

Hundreds of persons have been arrested in Kansas City for violating the Sunday closing law.

The Wallings have been released from jail and the Russian police admit they made a mistake.

The Western Union claims that a number of its striking operators at Chicago have applied for reinstatement.

The British freighter Queen Christina, bound from San Francisco to Portland, struck the rocks near Crescent City, Cal., and will be a total loss.

A number of indictments have been returned in New Mexico against coal mine owners charging them with having obtained their lands from the government fraudulently.

Minnesota's attorney general has been fined \$100 for contempt by a United States District court. The case will be appealed to the highest court and states' rights will receive a test.

Wheat may go to \$2 per bushel.

The German emperor is to visit England in pomp.

Kansas City theater owners will fight Sunday closing.

The Oklahoma legislature has settled down to business.

Prominent Pittsburg people are fighting the foodstuff trust.

The recent race riot in New Orleans was due to religious fanatics.

Bishop Potter has shocked Richmond by inviting a negro to dinner.

No new cases of the plague have been reported in San Francisco since October 16.

Joseph Chamberlain, leader of the house of commons, seeks to place his son in his place.

The value of stocks have shrunk \$3,000,000,000, but the whole country except Wall street, is prosperous.

Schwartzchild & Sulzberger, big Chicago packers, are to erect a packing house at Portland. The plant will cost \$500,000.

The Hague conference has ended.

The Ford jury is not yet complete.

President Roosevelt has killed a bear.

Governor Hughes, of New York, says he will not be a candidate for president.

In a battle between police and negroes at New Orleans one was killed on each side.

One man was killed and two badly wounded in a war between Chinese tongs at Philadelphia.

Small has given up the attempt to retain the presidency of the striking telegraph operators.

The steamer Tartar collided with the ferryboat which runs between Vancouver and Victoria. The vessel will probably be a total loss.

The United States signal corps has just won the Lahm cup by sailing a balloon more than 420 miles. The start was made from St. Louis.

Williamson's appeal to the United States Supreme court has been filed. He was convicted at Portland for complicity in the Oregon land frauds. Attorney General Bonaparte will personally argue the case.

The general condition of Emperor Francis Joseph is not quite so good.

Marconi's wireless system between Ireland and Nova Scotia is now open for commercial business.

Americans in the Philippines are anxious for Taft to make a declaration of the administration policy towards the islands.

Another suspect has been arrested in connection with the robbing of American mail of gold dust in Alaska.

The jury for the second Ford trial has not been secured. Indications seem that Heney will not call Ruef in the coming trial.

The Heinzes have been driven from the New York stock exchange on account of heavy losses due to an effort to corner copper.

Six police dogs are on their way from Belgium to New York. In many of the cities of the old country dogs are found a great benefit.

SMALL QUITS IN TEARS.

Striking Telegraphers Hiss Former Leader from Platform.

Chicago, Oct. 22.—Followed by jeers and hisses, S. J. Small, former president of the Commercial Telegraphers' union, left Ulrich's hall in tears Sunday afternoon. He did not get the vindication which he sought at the hands of the rank and file of the local union.

As Small left the hall he appeared broken-hearted and declared he had given up the fight for restoration to his former position. His successor, W. W. Beattie, of Washington, who was vice president of the organization, was formally recognized as the new head of the union. He announced that his policy would be an aggressive one.

When the meeting opened, President Small, who had been waiting in an ante-room for a chance to be heard, was invited to the platform. Hardly had he ascended the steps to the platform, when a number of strikers got up and left the room. The others hooted and hissed so that the words of the former president were drowned. In a pathetic way he appealed to the older members of the union saying that he had children and that they should not be disgraced by the branding of their father as dishonest without one bit of evidence and without a hearing.

This appeal, however, had little effect, although a great many of the strikers after the meeting had adjourned agreed that Small had been treated shamefully and at least should have been received with common decency.

It was voted to assess broker and leased wire operators two days' pay each week in lieu of calling them out on strike.

POLITE TO WOMEN.

Robber Makes Demands Only on the Men Passengers.

Salt Lake, Oct. 22.—The Murray stage, used for the conveyance of passengers on the line between Bingham Junction and Sandy was brought to a halt by a masked robber early this morning at Lovedahl. The driver and the male passengers in the coach were ordered down from their seats and when the robber faced them with drawn revolver they readily complied with his demand for money and valuables.

Only \$12 was obtained from the party, it was said today, but the driver, who had a considerable sum of money in his possession, managed to sequester it under the seat of the stage while his passengers were climbing down from their seats. The purse was overlooked by the robber.

The women passengers, of whom there were a number, were not molested. Satisfied that he had obtained everything of value that his victims possessed, the bandit, after permitting them to return to their seats, took a place alongside the driver and rode with the party to the end of the stage line, where he dismounted and escaped under cover of the darkness.

Crown Princes Korean Reception

Seoul, Oct. 22.—The climax of the festivities in this city in honor of the visiting Japanese crown prince was reached last night in a lantern procession in which 10,000 persons took part. It was witnessed by the crown prince of Japan and the crown prince of Korea, and their respective suites, from a hill near the residency. For several hours the city of Seoul, appeared to be interested by waving streams of colored fire. The procession was divided into sections corresponding to the various divisions of the city.

Prairie Fire is Raging.

Barneville, Minn., Oct. 22.—A prairie fire is devastating the northeastern part of Wilkins county, Minnesota, and three farms have already been wiped out. The damage thus far is estimated at \$50,000. Thus far all efforts to check the progress of the fire have been unavailing, but all the farmers in the vicinity tonight are plowing the country in an attempt to stop the flames.

Capture Mexican Bandit.

Mexico City, Oct. 22.—Special dispatches to this city report that the leader of the gang which last week stole \$15,000 worth of bullion from the precipitating room of the Kuanajuara Consolidated Mining & Milling company, has been captured after being wounded three times. With him was taken all the stolen bullion. In his confession he implicated 40 persons.

President is Snubbed.

Jackson, Miss., Oct. 22.—Declaring that President Roosevelt is a cruel bear-chaser, Governor Vardaman yesterday announced that he would not be in Vicksburg today to welcome the president to Mississippi. He will go to Memphis so that he may not be in the state at the same time as the president.

Hurricane in Norway.

Trondhjem, Norway, Oct. 22.—A violent hurricane has been raging over the province of Singmark since last Thursday. Many fishing boats are missing and up to the present time seven lives have been lost.

AID COAST SHIPPING

Government May Establish Line to Isthmus of Panama.

PACIFIC MAIL SERVICE IS BAD

Chambers of Commerce of Pacific Ports Asked for Data as to Prospective Business.

San Francisco, Oct. 19.—President C. H. Bentley, of the chamber of commerce, has taken up the task of providing the War department of the United States with all the information available in San Francisco that the department requires preliminary to considering the advisability of putting on a line of steamers to compete with the Pacific Mail between the isthmus of Panama and San Francisco and other Pacific Coast ports. A committee has been appointed by Mr. Bentley, with Captain William Matson as chairman, and including George D. Gray and James McNab.

This information has been asked for by Joseph L. Bristow, who was appointed a special commissioner by President Roosevelt two years ago to look into the steamship service between American ports, and is now under instructions by the War department to proceed further along the same lines.

"I am advised by the secretary of war," Mr. Bristow has written to the chambers of commerce of San Francisco, Los Angeles, San Diego, Portland, Seattle and Tacoma, "that, while the service of the Pacific Mail Steamship company has not been withdrawn, it is very unsatisfactory. He has advised me to make further inquiry as to the advisability of the government's establishing a steamship line between the Pacific Coast ports of the United States and Panama."

At first it was supposed that the inquiry would deal largely and to a certain extent exclusively with the question of how much freight could be provided by the government as a canal digger and in its capacity of furnishing supplies for the great naval and military plants to be located at San Francisco, and for the insular possession of the United States in the Pacific which move by sea. Now it is developed that the scope of the proposed governmental line of line of steamships is much wider.

Mr. Bristow has submitted a list of questions to the several chambers of commerce of the Pacific Coast regarding all sorts of freight that can be moved by sea. The questions run the complete gamut of the sea-carrying trade and include the following:

"Under neutral conditions, with rates fixed upon a basis of reasonable compensation for services rendered, would there be sufficient business between the Pacific and Atlantic ports of the United States to warrant the establishment of a first-class line of steamships to make regular schedule trips weekly from Pacific Coast ports to Panama?"

TEAR UP THE TOWN.

Ex-Chief Dinan Turns Crooks Loose in San Francisco.

San Francisco, Oct. 19.—The familiar game of applying crooked police methods to a desperate political situation is being energetically worked in San Francisco. The purpose is to discredit the present administration of the police department and thus to injure the candidacy of Mayor Taylor.

Behind the game, pulling the strings, is Jerry Dinan, the indicted chief of police, who saved himself from summary dismissal by resigning. His chief of staff is his bosom friend, "Kid" Sullivan, "king of the pickpockets."

The staff consists of the little army of crooks, men and women, whom Dinan allowed to stay here and "do business" if they "got right" with him through "Kid" Sullivan. "Word has been sent out for the gang to 'tear up the town,' and in consequence hold-ups, petty thievery and thuggery have increased to an alarming extent.

Keep Poor at Home.

Victoria, B. C., Oct. 19.—According to advices the Japanese government will organize a bureau of emigration and colonization. Recent action on the part of the government resulting from the protests from the Pacific coast have forced into liquidation 28 immigration companies. The government raised the indemnity which each company is compelled to furnish, from from \$5,000 each to \$25,000. Another circumstance having to do with their failure is the refusal to issue passports to Mexico and Peru.

No Tunnel Under Sea.

St. Petersburg, Oct. 19.—The Russian government has published an official denial of the statement that it designs a tunnel under Behring sea.

BATTLE ON STREETCAR.

One Man Killed and Three Injured Over Transfer.

San Francisco, Oct. 21.—As a result of trouble over a transfer slip on a Polk street car of the United Railroads system Saturday evening, one man was shot and killed, another so seriously wounded that death will probably ensue, and two other men less severely injured.

When the car left the ferry to pass out Mission street, on its way to Polk, it was packed with passengers, including men returning from work, and women and children who had been across the bay. The crowded condition of the car made it difficult for the conductor to collect fares and, when Polk street was reached, both he and the uncomfortably crowded passengers were in a condition of irritable nervousness.

The man who started the trouble, according to his own admissions to the police, was John Monger. He said that when he paid his fare, early on the trip, he had asked the conductor for a transfer. Brown was busy and told Monger to wait awhile. Monger repeated his request several times, and Brown failed to hand him the slip. Finally Monger concluded that Brown did not intend to give him the ticket, and struck at the conductor. The latter dodged the blow and struck back at Monger, striking him in the face and knocking him down.

It was at this juncture that the shooting commenced. At the same time some one threw off the trolley and the car came to a standstill. The stoppage of the car, coupled with the noise in the rear, led the motorman to believe that his mate was in danger and, revolver in hand, he pushed his way through the crowded passengers.

RAILROADS GAIN.

Reduced Passenger Rate in Nebraska Swells Earnings.

Omaha, Oct. 21.—Instead of the new two-cent railroad fare law having reduced the rates in Nebraska, it has actually increased the average rate per mile in this state, according to the report of the Union Pacific railroad, which has just been filed with the State Railway commission. And instead of the railroads having a fear of the two-cent law, they have been laughing in their sleeves over the diversion they have created by kicking against the passenger rates and drawing attention from the high freight rates charged in the trans-Mississippi country.

The annual report of the Union Pacific, which has just been filed with the commission, proves on examination to be a brief in behalf of the two-cent fare. Since the new law was enacted, the Union Pacific and other Nebraska railroads are charging full two cents per mile, as permitted by law. No excursion rates, no reduced fare, no commutation tickets of any kind and in fact nothing less than a straight two-cent fare ticket is sold in Nebraska. But the report which has just been made public shows that last year the average passenger traveled in Nebraska at the rate of 1.96 cents for each mile, a rate actually lower than that which is now charged by the railroads under the new law.

TAFT'S DELPHIC WORDS.

Says He Will Probably be Private Citizen in Two Years.

Manila, Oct. 21.—At a banquet given in his honor in this city Saturday night, Secretary of War William H. Taft made a most significant statement. He was referring to the fact that he had already visited the Philippines three times and in expressing his intention to come here again, he said:

"I hope in another two years to visit Manila again, but then I probably will come as a private citizen."

The significance of Mr. Taft's remarks in relation to the chances of his nomination for the presidency next year, did not seem to strike his audience. The secretary's speech was received with much enthusiasm by the representatives of the Filipinos present, when he declared the government was anxious and ready to help the business prosperity of the islands.

Mr. Taft devoted the day to an inspection of the schools of Manila.

One Killed, Ten Injured.

Chicago, Oct. 21.—One trainman was killed and ten other persons were injured in a head-on collision between two suburban passenger trains on the Chicago & Northwestern road near Grand avenue in this city last night. Walter Cushing, engineer of the north-bound train, was arrested and is being held pending an investigation of the accident. Harry Larson, killed, was fireman of the north bound train. The train crews all tell conflicting stories of the cause of the wreck, each engineer asserting that he had the right of way.

Valuable Quartz Stolen.

San Francisco, Oct. 21.—Some vandal stole from a cabinet at the mineral building at the University of California gold bearing quartz and other specimens valued at \$1,000. The faculty is searching for clues to the thief's identity.

ASSEMBLY IS OPENED

Secretary Taft Calls to Order First Session at Manila.

SERGIO OSMENA FIRST PRESIDENT

Members Swear Allegiance to American Government—Gomez Declares Against Politics in Legislature.

Manila, Oct. 17.—Secretary Taft formally opened the Philippine assembly in the National theater at 11:15 yesterday morning, in the presence of a large crowd of people.

At the close of his address Mr. Taft formally called the assembly to order. A short prayer was read by the only native Catholic bishop in the islands. The assembly then took a recess until 5 o'clock in the evening.

Upon reassembling at that hour the first business was the selection of a president, and Sergio Osmena, Nationalist, who formerly was the governor of the island of Cebu, was chosen. Senor Osmena is a young man and had no part in the revolution.

All of the assemblymen, including Senor Gomez, whose election is to be contested, were then formally sworn in. The oath included acknowledgement of sovereignty and allegiance to the American government. The afternoon session lasted three hours. The only business transacted was the selection of a secretary. The delegates showed they had no understanding of parliamentary law and procedure.

The principle feature of the session was an address by Senor Gomez, who declared against bringing politics into legislative business and asked the delegates to show their patriotism by forsaking party affiliations and legislating for the benefit of the Filipino people.

DEAD TOTAL 38.

Fontanet Explosion Injured 600 Besides Those Killed.

Fontanet, Ind., Oct. 17.—The latest estimate of the destruction wrought by the explosion at the Dupont powder mills is that 38 persons were killed, 600 injured, 50 seriously, and a property loss of approximately \$750,000 caused by a workman employed in the glazing mill. It was learned today that a "hot box," due to too much friction on the shafting causing sparks to be transmitted to some loose powder, was in all probability the cause of the terrible catastrophe. The employee, whose name is William Sharrow, and who is dangerously hurt as the result of the explosion, said:

"The explosion was caused by loose boxing on the shafting. The day before the explosion happened we had to throw water on the boxing when it became too hot. This time it got too hot and sent off sparks that caused the explosion."

HENEY WILL SUE.

Climax to Bitter War With Tiley L. Ford's Lawyer.

San Francisco, Oct. 17.—Francis J. Heney announced today that he intended to bring suit for criminal libel against Earl Rogers, chief counsel for Tiley L. Ford, the indicted attorney for the United Railroads. Mr. Heney will base his suit on an article published over the signature of Mr. Rogers, in which the statement was made that members of the prosecution had used undue influence upon C. W. Strange, a juror in the Ford case, who voted for conviction.

Mr. Heney came out in this morning's papers with an open letter asking Mr. Rogers either to supply the proof of his assertions or to retract. This afternoon Mr. Heney summoned Mr. Rogers before the grand jury, stepped out of the room and asked Mr. Rogers to lay his evidence before the jury. Mr. Rogers hedged and finally said that he believed the grand jury an unfair body and would not take advantage of Mr. Heney's offer. It was then that Mr. Heney declared that he would sue.

Sends \$5,000 to Fontanet.

Wilmington, Oct. 17.—Alfred G. Dupont, vice president of the Dupont Powder company, who married Mrs. Bradford Maddox in New York yesterday and who intended to take a long motor-trip on his honeymoon, was informed of the explosion at Fontanet immediately after his wedding. Mr. Dupont canceled his intended trip and wired \$5,000 to Governor Hanley at Indianapolis for the immediate relief of the sufferers. He authorized the governor to use any amount in excess of this sum if he finds it necessary.

Boxers Driven to Mountains.

Pekin, Oct. 17.—The Imperial Chinese troops detached from the Yang-tse Kiang valley cantonments because of the anti-missionary outbreak at Nan-Kang Sien have driven the so-called boxer rebels into the mountains on the borders of Kwang Tung. In an engagement at Chung Yi the troops killed 70 of the insurgents.