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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.

A Montana forest ranger has been killed for a deer.

French troops have repulsed an attack of tribesmen near Ain Sfa, Algeria.

The Japanese ambassador to France denies that his country is after another foreign loan.

Carnegie would base the issue of paper money on the gold reserve instead of government bonds.

The Northern Pacific railroad will reduce grain rates from Montana points to St. Paul and Minneapolis.

Findlay, Ohio, was badly shaken by the explosion of a glycerine factory. Much property damage was sustained.

Hill told the Interstate Commerce commission that it means a loss of \$80 a car to keep the old lumber rate in effect.

Secretary Taft is having a rough passage across the Atlantic and his vessel will be a day or two late in reaching New York.

Goldfield mineowners have asked the government to dissolve the Western Federation of Miners and prosecute it as treasonable.

Liquor men propose to fight river and harbor appropriations by congress for dry states. They say two-thirds of the national revenue is derived from the liquor business.

England has just been visited by a severe storm.

The Colorado State bank, of Durango, has suspended.

The revolutionary agitation is growing in Portugal.

The Yaqui Indians are again on the warpath in Mexico.

The National Bank of Commerce, of Kansas City, will reopen.

Japan and Russia have combined to freeze China out of Manchuria.

The bridal gifts of Marshall Field's daughter were stolen in England.

The peace conference of the Central American republics has been concluded.

Scotchmen in London are again adopting the kilt as a regular wearing apparel.

The East has just experienced a great storm. Heavy snow fell and many wires are down.

Premiums are being offered for the new gold pieces without the motto "In God We Trust."

A petition to allow women to vote on municipal affairs in Paris was greeted with laughter by the council.

General Funston finds the Goldfield situation serious.

Commissioner of Indian Affairs Leupp says Indians are losing millions yearly in timber lands.

A house-to-house canvass at Monongah, W. Va., shows 18 still missing as a result of the mine disaster.

Plans are complete for re-organizing the Merchants' National bank at Portland and it is expected to open soon.

District Attorney Langdon, of San Francisco, also admits that the evidence of Ruef will be required to convict Calhoun.

The American Can company has control of the Pacific coast, having absorbed the United Can company, of San Francisco.

Goldfield mineowners have withdrawn their new scale and opened negotiations with the American Federation of Labor. The object seems to be to get this organization into a fight with the Western Federation of Miners.

D. L. Anderson, president of the Fochow university, who has just returned to this country, says China is on the eve of a bloody revolution that will mark her entrance into the parliament of the world as a power to be reckoned with.

The campaign against rats is being kept up vigorously in San Francisco.

The Michigan state treasurer is to be removed for putting funds in a rotten bank.

The great fleet of warships is all ready to start on its voyage to the Pacific.

The presence of General Funston at Goldfield is believed to have a good effect.

Bristol's nomination has been withdrawn from the senate as district attorney for Oregon.

ROOSEVELT AS A SAINT.

Russian Peasants Worship Picture of President

San Francisco, Dec. 17.—Americans think a great deal of President Theodore Roosevelt, but it has been reserved for the Russian peasants settled in Eastern Siberia to reverence the well known picture, which shows the gleam of teeth, as that of a saint. That they do so is asserted to be a fact by Alexander G. Denbigh, who arrived on the steamer Siberia, and is now staying at the St. Francis hotel.

"The people there are of the lowest class of Russian peasants, and know nothing about the outside world," said Denbigh. "In every house, no matter how poor it may be, there is sure to be an ikon of some kind, and if it is possible for the owner of the place, he also has a picture of a saint."

"The picture of our president has gone over the world, and can be found in many queer places. I remember asking one of my men from the Ural mountain district, who had never heard of Roosevelt, what picture he had in his tent. He at once told me that it was one of St. Peter—without the beard and with spears on. Curious to see such a picture, I went to the hut and found that it was a chromo of the president of the United States. The man assured me that he had the best of good fortune since he had obtained the picture of the 'holy saint.'"

MEXICO'S ANNUAL EXPENSE

What It Costs to Conduct Affairs of Southern Republic.

Mexico City, Dec. 17.—In congress yesterday the report of the minister of finance was read and the budget for the coming year was made public. The estimated receipts for the coming year total \$103,385,000, while the expenditures will reach \$103,203,842, leaving an estimated surplus of \$181,158. The total increase of this year's budget is \$6,595,275, the largest item in the increase being for \$1,367,589 for maintenance of the department of war.

The revenues for the fiscal year just ended total \$114,062,000, the expenditures \$100,208,132, leaving a surplus of \$14,077,989. The surplus of the previous year, \$29,049,081, and the falling off of the past year, was due to large surpluses spent in public works—\$17,208,608. Minister Limanteur maintained that the recent crisis in the United States would make itself felt in the coming year in Mexico, in that investments would be curtailed. Interest rates are higher, but this would only affect mining industries. He believed that in the end it would work for good rather than evil.

RELIEF FOR VICTIMS.

Committee Faking Contributions to Be Sent to Mononga.

Fairmont, W. Va., Dec. 17.—The permanent relief committee, headed by Governor Dawson, to provide for the widows and orphans in distress through the recent explosion at the mines of the Fairmont Coal company at Monongah, today prepared an appeal for funds that is being sent to chambers of commerce and kindred organizations all over the country. Contributions of clothing, toys for the orphans at Christmas time and similar donations are to be sent to W. H. Moore, mayor of Monongah, and chairman of the committee, looking after the temporary wants of the victims.

The appeal says that fully 250 widows and 1,000 children are left without any means of support. As near as can be determined, \$50,000 from all sources has been subscribed. The committee feels that a total of \$200,000 will be required to carry on the relief work. All checks should be made payable to the Monongah Mines Relief committee, J. E. Sands, treasurer, Fairmont, W. Va.

New Use of Epsom Salts.

New York, Dec. 17.—Announcement of the discovery of the new anaesthetic, according to the American today, will soon be made by the Rockefeller Institute for Medical Research. "The new anaesthetic is nothing else than plain, common salts, or, to give it its scientific name, sulphate of magnesia. It was discovered by Dr. Samuel J. Meltzer, one of the Rockefeller experimenters. Its greatest value is that it permits any sort of operation without any danger to the heart of the patient, as is the case with other anaesthetics."

Fiat Money Saves Life.

San Rafael, Cal., Dec. 17.—Stewart Dunbar, a prominent insurance broker of Honolulu, while on his way to meet a party of friends last night, fell through a cattle guard on the narrow gauge tracks of the Northwestern Pacific railroad and caught his foot so that he would have been crushed to death beneath an approaching handcar had he not ignited a clearing house certificate and used it for a danger signal.

Forty Lives Lost.

London, Dec. 17.—The gale along the British coast on Friday and Saturday, which was described by Captain Jameon, of the steamship St. Louis, as the worst in his experience, subsided yesterday. It was responsible for the loss of some 40 lives.

SHOWS PARTIALITY

Hill Give Canadians Better Rate Than Americans.

BENEFIT OF WINNIPEG MARKET

One Lumberman Says Trust Controls All of the Northern Pacific Land Grant Timber.

Washington, Dec. 14.—Washington lumbermen who appeared as witnesses yesterday before the Interstate Commerce commission, took particular pains to "rub it in" on James J. Hill, because of his threat to drive more lumbermen into bankruptcy. One witness brought out the fact that, while the railroads assert that the old rate on lumber from Puget Sound to Chicago, Denver and Kansas City was not compensatory, the Great Northern is today loading lumber at Vancouver, bringing it to Puget Sound, thence East through the United States and back to Canada, landing it at Winnipeg and more distant points, for 40 cents, the rate formerly in force on Puget Sound lumber shipped an equal distance in the United States. Another witness recalled Mr. Hill's assurance given Washington lumbermen at a banquet some time ago to the effect that his roads would never impose a rate on lumber that would be injurious to the milling industry of the Northwest.

The Oregon men closed their testimony by submitting further comparisons of lumber rates from the South and from the West to Chicago and Kansas City. Several witnesses testified as to the technical case of the Oregon and Washington lumbermen, according to the amount of output of their companies, the points of destination of their product and the prices paid for it. The rates which the Oregon and Washington lumber producers were forced to pay were offered in testimony and the assertion was made that these rates were such as to compel the producers of lumber in the Pacific Northwest to close their mills. Witnesses testified that they were unable to place their product on the market East of the Rocky mountains at a profit, and that they could not depend upon the local market in their territory to provide such a market as would enable them to maintain their business.

The line of cross examination indicated the purpose of the railroads to show that the rates were not exorbitant, but really were fair and equitable compared with the rates given producers of manufactured lumber in the yellow pine districts.

W. C. Miles, president of the Southwestern Lumbermen's association, testified that 90 per cent of the mills in his section of the state had closed since it became known the lumber rate was to be advanced, and those mills now have on hand 70,000,000 feet of lumber, for which there is no market. He said the Weyerhaeusers now owned all the timber lands of the Northern Pacific grant and virtually controlled the price within 100 miles of the road. They bought 1,000,000 acres for \$6,000,000 and sold one section of that for \$75,000 stumpage. He said they now controlled prices and emphasized the fact that the members of his association were anxious that the Interstate commission should open the Portland gateway to Washington lumber so that Southwestern Washington millmen could dump their common stock into Oregon and other Harriman territory.

No indication of an end of the hearing is in sight. Several other cases are pressing for hearing by the commission, but it is not likely that the pending cases will be concluded before the middle of next week.

Recover 320 Bodies.

Monongah, W. Va., Dec. 14.—The search in mines No. 6 and 8 of the Fairmont Coal company for victims of last Friday's explosion was suspended early tonight, partly because fire had again broken out in mine No. 8, and partly because practically every section of the two mines has been explored and it was not believed that further search along the same lines would result in the finding of more bodies. Three hundred and twenty bodies have been removed. Of these 71 were Americans.

Lowest Bidder on Canal Lumber.

Washington, Dec. 14.—The Olson-Mahoney Lumber company, of San Francisco, was the lowest bidder at \$124,372 for furnishing the Isthmian Canal commission with approximately 6,000,000 feet of lumber, ranging in sizes from 1x3 to 12x14 inches. The material is to be delivered at Colon or LaBoca. There were 21 bidders. It is expected that the Olson-Mahoney company will get the contract.

Will Continue 2 1-2 Cent Rate.

Montgomery, Dec. 14.—The Southern railway today agreed to keep in force the 2 1/2-cent passenger rate until the other state rate questions are settled.

WILL DO NOTHING.

Small Chance Congress Will Reform Currency

Washington, Dec. 16.—It can be stated on the highest authority that if the subcommittee of the house committee on banking and currency now dealing with the subject can have its way no effort will be made by the present congress to adopt legislation remedial of the present financial condition. All the energies of that committee will be directed toward the framing and passage of laws more general in character and which will be intended to preclude shrinkage of the circulation, entailing widespread financial distress.

The subcommittee held a four hours' conference today with its chairman, Representative Fowler, of New Jersey, at which the bill which the subcommittee has undertaken to draft was earnestly discussed, but no decision as to its precise character and scope was reached. It is not likely the subcommittee will be ready to report on the bill until after the holidays. Men high in the world of finance will be given an opportunity to appear before the committee to present their views on the proposed measure.

Much time will be spent in both the house and senate in considering the bill when reported, and it is the hope of the members of the banking committee that the finances of the country will have so adjusted themselves by that time that there will be no necessity for legislation looking to the correction of present conditions.

WOMEN IN TERROR.

Afraid for Their Lives Until Troops Arrived in Goldfield.

Goldfield, Nev., Dec. 16.—Delegations from the Woman's club, of Goldfield, and from the chamber of commerce, Merchants' association and Mining exchange called on General Funston this afternoon to acquaint him further with the conditions which have prevailed in Goldfield previous to the coming of the United States troops and the situation which led to the sending of Governor Sparks' dispatch to Washington asking that troops be sent here. The visit of these delegations doubtless was because of the efforts that are constantly being made to have the troops recalled.

General Funston said, after the conferences were over, that the statements were a revelation, especially those made by the women, who are wives of prominent citizens of Goldfield. The statements, he said, showed that for days the women of Goldfield had lived in a state of constant terror, until the coming of the troops though no instances of anything more than trivial annoyances were cited.

MAKE CANADA INDEPENDENT

Destiny is Union With United States or Monarchical Independence.

Ottawa, Ont., Dec. 16.—The independence of Canada is now being openly discussed and in a measure promoted before some of the most important public bodies of the dominion. Today the idea of Canada as a nation is looming large on the public mind, and it has in a very short space of time marvellously changed public sentiment in that regard.

Speaking before the Canadian club at Ottawa, J. S. Ewart, K. C., of Toronto, predicted that Canada would yet fill an independent position in the world. Then she would pursue either one of three courses—a union with the United States as an independent republic, a union with Great Britain as an independent monarchy with her own sovereign, or an independent monarchy with allegiance to the British sovereign.

Canadian opposition against the imperial government was directed not against the king, but against the colonial secretary, who is generally ignorant of colonial matters.

Bankers Go Scot Free.

Chicago, Dec. 16.—Five directors of the defunct Milwaukee Avenue State bank were freed today when Judge Windes held that the statute under which they had been indicted is unconstitutional. Michael A. Labuy, Josh Laster, Marcus Kirkeby, Frank R. Crane and E. L. Johnson are the men who profit by the decision. Paul O. Stensland, president of the bank, and Henry Herring, cashier, who were found guilty of embezzlement and are now serving terms in the state prison, will not be affected by the decision.

Buy Ties in Hawaii.

Los Angeles, Dec. 16.—The Santa Fe Railroad company has just contracted for 5,000,000 road ties in Hawaii, the biggest contract ever let for such material to be shipped by water. The shipments may result in the establishment of a freight steamship line between San Pedro and Honolulu. The Southern Pacific may also place similar orders in Hawaii.

Old Suit Cleared Up.

St. Louis, Dec. 16.—The decision of a jury in the Probate court today on an instrument of writing confirmed as the will of Solomon P. Sublette, a pioneer who died in 1857, and title to 208 acres of land in the southwestern part of St. Louis, valued at \$2,500,000, is cleared.

REPEATS DECISION

Roosevelt Says He Will Not Run for President.

LEAVES CLEAR FIELD TO OTHERS

Quotes His Statement of 1904 and Says He Has Not Changed His Decision.

Washington, Dec. 12.—President Roosevelt will not be a candidate for a third term. All doubt on this point was last night dispelled by the authoritative statement, from the White House, that Mr. Roosevelt still adheres to the declaration of renunciation made on the night of the election three years ago.

It appears that the president had been awaiting the call for the Republican national convention to afford the proper opportunity for making his position clear and unmistakable, thus leaving the field clear for other declared or receptive candidates for the Republican nomination. The president's statement follows:

"In view of the calling of the Republican convention, the president makes the following statement:

"On the night after election I made the following announcement:

"I am deeply sensible of the honor done me by the American people in thus expressing their confidence in what I have done and have tried to do. I appreciate to the full the solemn responsibility this confidence imposes upon me, and I shall do all that lies in my power not to forfeit it. On the 4th of March next, I shall have served three and a half years and this three and a half years constitutes my first term. The wise custom which limits the president to two terms regards the substance and not the form, and under no circumstances will I be a candidate for or accept another nomination."

"I have not changed and shall not change the decision thus announced."

WILL DISSOLVE MERGER.

Harriman Negotiating for Immunity From Prosecution.

Chicago, Dec. 12.—A dispatch to the Tribune from Washington, says: "Negotiations are under way between the attorney general and E. H. Harriman looking to an agreement by which the Union Pacific will abandon all its direct control of the Southern Pacific, in return for which the government will agree not to prosecute Mr. Harriman for violation of the anti-trust law and of the competitive clauses in the interstate commerce law. The negotiations have not actually been concluded, but they have reached a stage where it is believed an agreement will be entered into."

NEW YORK PAPERS' OPINIONS.

What Was Expected, But Third Termers Can't Be Silenced.

New York, Dec. 12.—Regarding President Roosevelt's announcement that he adheres to his determination not again to be a candidate, the New York papers this morning say:

Herald—Those who from the first have had full faith in the sincerity of Mr. Roosevelt's declaration that he would not accept a nomination will now say, "Why, of course." On the other hand, those who have argued that he could not decline if the convention should overwhelmingly demand him as a candidate will remark, "We shall see." And there you are.

Times—Mr. Roosevelt's statement is what those who respected him most and knew him best expected him to make. No different statement was possible.

World—So far as words go, President Roosevelt could not take a more positive stand. At this late day can he stop it? Can he turn back the tide? Suppose the Roosevelt shouters, as Governor Hoch, of Kansas, has threatened, ride over the convention like a herd of Texas steers, will he still decline? Will he be able to decline?

Steamers Dodging Texas Law.

Pensacola, Fla., Dec. 12.—Fearing that the vessels might be seized upon the judgment secured against the company by the state of Texas, the Standard Oil company yesterday ordered the steamer Captain A. F. Lucas and Bark No. 95 to proceed from this port to sea and not to come within three miles of shore until further orders were received. The vessels, both of which are among the largest of the oil carrying fleet of the company, had just returned from London, where they carried an immense quantity of oil.

Mrs. Longworth Ill.

Washington, Dec. 12.—Mrs. Nicholas Longworth, wife of Representative Longworth, of Ohio, a daughter of President Roosevelt, is ill at the White House, suffering from appendicitis. It was stated last night that Dr. Finney, of Baltimore, will perform an operation.