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NEWS OF THE WEEK

In a Condensed Form for Our Busy Readers.

▲ Resume of the Less Important but Not Less Interesting Events of the Past Week.

Mrs. Alfred Vanderbilt has secured a divorce.

President Fallieres, of France, is visiting King Edward.

A Seattle woman sent her daughter for a doctor and then committed suicide.

W. T. Hamilton, the last living of General Custer's scouts, has just died at Butte, Mont.

The Presbyterian general assembly will seek a closer union of the Presbyterian churches.

Thaw has been declared still insane, but he will try to avoid returning to the Matteawan asylum.

Senator Slayden, of Texas, is opposed to the Seattle fair and says the country is tiring of expositions.

There is a desperate effort in congress to pass a currency bill by holding up the public building bill.

Fully a quarter of a million men employed in English shipbuilding yards have accepted a cut in wages.

More than 100 government meat inspectors held a conference in Chicago on the enforcement of the new meat inspection law.

The Oklahoma legislature has passed a law which provides for a penitentiary term for any employer who refuses work to a man because he is a member of a union. Pinkerton detectives are also barred from the state.

Peter Daly, the actor, is dead.

Good progress is being made on the Seattle fair buildings.

The Northern Baptist convention for 1909 will meet in Portland.

A statue of the late Senator Hanna has just been unveiled at Cleveland, Ohio.

Eastern railroads will resist the Interstate Commerce Commission's rates for accounting.

Thousands of people are swarming to the Puget Sound cities to see the Atlantic battleship fleet.

A Hoboken, N. J., justice of the peace says he married Anna Gould and Prince de Sagan before they left for Europe.

The airship White Wing, built by Baldwin, is making successful flights in New York. Baldwin was the inventor of the airship at the Lewis and Clark fair.

A Chicago woman brought back to life after being pronounced dead is sorry she was revived. She says her soul traversed a beautiful country in spirit land.

Crop failures in British East Africa is causing much loss of life among the natives. More than 40,000 deaths have been caused by starvation and the government is feeding 50,000 people.

Bishops in the Methodist general conference passed the lie.

France may have to recognize Mulai Hafid as sultan of Morocco.

The late Governor Sparks, of Nevada, was a great cattle breeder.

Before the battleship fleet leaves for the Orient it will be reorganized.

Inability to get a board of arbitration is continuing the street car strike at Cleveland, Ohio.

The Presbyterian general assembly wants congress to pass a law making Sunday an absolute day of rest.

Baron Takahira, Japanese ambassador to the United States, says critics of his people are hasty and that war rumors are unfounded.

Admiral Evans has called upon the president and received congratulations on the successful trip of the battleship fleet from the Atlantic to the Pacific.

The government has started a suit for a dissolution of the New Haven road's merger with the Boston and Maine and New England trolley roads.

In an address before the Bankers' club, of Chicago, Bryan said unless the people were assured their deposits were fully secured the government will have to start banks.

The Mexican government has started proceedings against Martin Jacoby, millionaire and head of a large mercantile house. He is charged with misappropriating between \$3,000,000 and \$5,000,000.

In a speech at Harrisburg, Pa., Bryan said he favored the direct primary.

Governor Sparks, of Nevada, is very low, and his physicians say he cannot live.

Major James F. McIndee is to succeed Colonel Roessler as government engineer at Portland.

Arbitration of the street car strike at Cleveland, Ohio, has been arranged, but some rioting continues.

MARK PACKAGES IN FULL.

Railroads Put Additional Burdens on Small Shippers.

Chicago, May 26.—Besides determining to increase freight rates 10 per cent, the railroads in the "official classification" territory have agreed to add considerably to the burdens of the shippers of package freight. At the same meeting at which the rate increases were decided upon, the representatives of more than 400 railroads agreed that after July 1 they will not receive for shipment any packages in less than carload lots which are not marked plainly with the name of the consignee, the station and state of destination.

It is estimated that this action will save the railroads in the territory east of the Mississippi River and north of the Ohio River to the seaboard, at least \$2,000,000 annually in loss and damage claims. On the other hand, it will cost the shippers of package freight probably as much, or even more, to perform the actual work required in marking the shipments as prescribed by the railroads. It is also stated by the shippers that it will make impossible any secrecy regarding the identity of the customers of any business house.

On the contrary, any business house may, after the new rules go into effect, station men at railroad warehouses and learn in detail about the shipments of competitors, to whom shipped and in what amounts. That this will have a tremendous effect upon this class of business is confidently asserted.

It has been the custom of the shippers to mark their packages with an initial or some hieroglyphic, the key to which is to be found on the bill of lading. It was the theory that this would save the time and labor of the shipper and throw a certain amount of secrecy around the conduct of his business.

WHOLE STATE STORM SWEEP

Texas Suffers Untold Damage From Wind and Rain.

Austin, Texas, May 26.—A terrific wind and rain storm swept Texas from the Panhandle to the Gulf early Sunday. The destruction to crops and vegetables, trees and shrubbery was the greatest reported in years.

In numerous places houses were unroofed and small villages and hamlets in many instances were inundated by the terrific rainfall which, in the space of four hours, reached seven inches in many sections. Austin was in the path of the worst of the storm, and for hours the streets were impassable for either man or beast, electric light and telephone connections were disabled beyond immediate repair and many houses were unroofed.

The agricultural sections of Central and Southern Texas have been immeasurably damaged, according to general reports received here, badly demoralized wire service occasioning slow and unsatisfactory reports from many sections that are known to have suffered from the storm.

OKLAHOMA TIED COMPLETELY

Muskogee is in Sorry Plight Without Heat or Light.

Muskogee, Okla., May 26.—Not a railroad in Oklahoma is in operation, as a result of the heavy rains and cloudbursts that have occurred in various parts of the state during the past three days. The last road to suspend operations was the Missouri-Kansas & Texas, which was forced to quit at noon Sunday, when the bridge on the main line at Eufaula went down.

To add to the disaster, the main supplying natural gas to the Indian Territory part of the state was carried away with the Clarksville bridge late Sunday, and the supply of gas for Muskogee and several other cities in the southeast part of the state has been entirely cut off. Officials of the gas company say it will be a week before repairs can be made so that the gas supply can again be carried. As natural gas is used for light and heat, business will be suspended. Elevators have been forced to stop running, and hotels and restaurants have practically been put out of business.

Scale is Agreed Upon.

Kansas City, May 26.—After more than six weeks of negotiations, the last details which have been standing in the way of signing the final agreement between the miners and operators of Kansas City, Missouri, Oklahoma and Arkansas coal fields were settled Sunday to the satisfaction of both sides.

Monday morning a joint meeting of the operators and miners was to be held, when the signatures of the proper officials were to be affixed to the scale and the agreement and the action ratified.

Sentence Four to Death.

St. Petersburg, May 26.—The court-martial of eleven revolutionists, including four women, which began a few days ago, has resulted in the sentencing of four of the accused to death and six to periods of penal servitude. One was acquitted.

COMPROMISE ON FAIR

Congressional Committees Agree on Seattle Appropriation.

SPEND \$650,000 FOR EXHIBITS

Washington Delegation Highly Elated at Result—Useless Expenses Are Stricken Out.

Washington, May 23.—The conference committee on the sundry civil bill yesterday agreed to give \$650,000 to the Seattle exposition. Fifty thousand dollars will be cut off from the expenses of the government board, which is reduced to three members, and uninteresting features of the government exhibit are eliminated. There was no cut in the appropriation for buildings or the Alaska, Philippine or Hawaii exhibits. The conference report will be agreed to today. The compromise is highly satisfactory to the Washington delegation.

GOVERNOR SPARKS DEAD.

Nevada Executive Killed by Overwork at Extra Session.

Reno, Nev., May 23.—"I don't fear death. I have done my best. I am tired and am ready to go. Good-bye."

Surrounded by his wife, three sons and a daughter, Governor John Sparks, conscious to the last, sank to death at 8:30 yesterday morning, after uttering the above words.

The illness which culminated in the governor's death was directly due to overwork and nervous strain attendant upon the extra session of Nevada's legislature late last fall.

Mr. Sparks was born in Mississippi, August 30, 1843, and came to this state in 1868, engaging in stockraising. He owned large cattle ranches in Nevada and Texas, as well as a large cotton plantation in Texas. He was elected chief executive in 1902 and again in 1906 by large majorities.

Lieutenant Governor D. S. Dickerson is now governor of Nevada. He came to Nevada eight years ago and went to work in a mine at Cherry Tree.

EXTRA SESSION CALLED.

Philippine Assembly Needs a Month More to Finish Work.

Manila, May 23.—The statutory time for the adjournment of the Philippine assembly having arrived with the work of that body incomplete, Governor-General Smith has called a month's extra session. Prior to the adjournment of the regular session, the radicals attempted to present a resolution favoring immediate independence, but were headed off by the conservatives under the leadership of President Osmena. It is believed that the attempt to present the resolution will be renewed during the extra session.

The Philippine commission has rejected the assembly bill providing for the teaching of the various Filipino dialects in the public schools, and has substituted a bill creating an institute for the study of these dialects.

Manuel Quescon, a member of the assembly, has been appointed delegate to the navigation congress, to be held at St. Petersburg. He will sail tomorrow, accompanied by his secretary, Theodore Rogers.

Sues to Recover Graft.

San Francisco, May 23.—Joseph A. Sullivan, a retired capitalist, who owns a block of stock in the United Railways Investment Company, today began a suit in equity in the superior court to recover the \$200,000 Patrick Calhoun, president of the United Railroads, is alleged to have paid, through Tiley L. Ford, general counsel for that corporation, to Abe Ruel for the purpose of influencing the supervisors to grant the company a trolley franchise. Interest on the above-named amount and costs are also demanded by the plaintiff. The complaint alleges that the suit is brought in the interest of all the stockholders of the corporation.

Conspirator May Hang.

Deer Lodge, Mont., May 23.—William Hays, a convict in the state prison here, was today found guilty of first-degree murder in killing Guard John A. Robinson in the course of the sensational prison break in March. George Rock pleaded guilty two weeks ago and was sentenced to hang June 15. Hays' defense proved he had not laid a hand on Robinson, but he was found guilty of conspiracy. The jury recommended hanging. Two others are charged and are yet to be tried. These are C. B. Young and Orell Stevens.

Eight Perished in Fire.

Chicago, May 23.—Although eight men are believed to have perished in the fire that destroyed the Wintermeyer box factory yesterday, only two bodies had been recovered at midnight, when the search was abandoned until tomorrow.

FAVORS BIG FLEET.

Great Lesson Taught by Cruise, Says Admiral Evans.

Washington, May 25.—Admiral Evans, in an interview with W. S. Meriwether, told of the results of the cruise of the Pacific and its benefits and the future policy and prospects of the American navy.

"What, in your opinion," he was asked, "is the most vital question affecting the navy today?"

"The shortage of officers and men, particularly officers," Admiral Evans replied. "We have not a battleship in commission today with a sufficient number of officers properly to look out for her battery. Those we have are excellent, but they are so overworked that they are giving way under the strain. Men can be trained for duties on shipboard, as has just been shown in the cruise of the Atlantic fleet to the Pacific, but not so with officers."

"In case of a sudden outbreak of hostilities, we would find ourselves seriously handicapped from this cause." The Admiral was then asked what was the chief lesson to be drawn from the cruise of the battleship fleet.

"There are two," he replied. "First, the absolute necessity for two fleets, one on the Atlantic and one on the Pacific; second, that we took the fleet to sea with one-third of the men untrained and arrived at the Pacific entrance to the Straits of Magellan and Magdalena Bay absolutely in condition to go into an engagement."

"What should be our future naval strength, and how distributed?"

"Forty-eight battleships with the necessary cruisers, torpedo-boats, submarines and auxiliaries. They should be distributed—24 on the Pacific and 24 on the Atlantic."

FIRE ON OLD VESSEL.

Sensational Naval Experiment Will be Tried by Navy.

Washington, May 25.—The most sensational naval experiment ever attempted by this country will take place today in Chesapeake Bay, when the monitor Florida will be submitted to bombardment by big guns and torpedoes to demonstrate the effect of modern projectiles upon the internal fittings and the structure of the fighting craft of the American navy.

The Florida is so constructed and fitted internally in such a way as to have practically the same strength of resistance as the latest type of American battleship.

At first it was proposed to put live sheep in the turret of the monitor, but this plan has been abandoned because it is believed the death of the animals would prove little as to the probability of loss of human life under similar circumstances. The plan to test the ability of the modern ship of war to withstand the heavy firing of the latest big guns has attracted much attention in official circles and it is looked upon as a matter of great importance by foreign officials at the embassies here.

PACIFIC MAIL IS PASSIVE.

Would Not be Benefited by Proposed Subsidy Clause.

San Francisco, May 25.—The progress of the postoffice appropriation bill, now in its last stages before Congress, is being watched with much interest in this city, especially with regard to the ocean mail subsidy amendment, agreed to by the conferees, but rejected by the House, which has asked for another conference on the measure. The proposed increased compensation to steamship lines directly affects the companies running vessels from this port to China, Japan, Australia and the Philippines.

When asked what would be the result should the subsidy amendment be retained in the bill, F. S. Samuels, manager of the Oceanic Steamship Company, said:

"Whether we will resume running vessels to Australia and carry the mails cannot be determined for a time. Australia and New Zealand have made other contracts for carrying the mails since we discontinued, and we do not know at present whether we could get that business again."

Adolph J. Frey, assistant to the vice-president and general manager of the Pacific Mail Company, the Japanese and China line, said there was little prospect of the Pacific Mail availing itself of any increased allowance, chiefly because of the difficulty of securing crews composed largely of Americans, as the law would require, at a rate of wages permitting of any profit.

Germans Angry at Frenchmen.

Berlin, May 25.—Denouncing Paris clubs as mere gambling resorts and clubmen as card sharps and blacklegs, the German court and press are declaring today that it is easy enough to see why Teuton members are unwelcome—they have something better to do with their time than to spend it at a gaming table. But for the comment by members of the Cercle de L'Union that Germans are regardless of French club custom, the black-balling of Ambassadorial Attache Hortsman might have been permitted to pass as a personal matter.

Franz Josef in Serious Condition.

Vienna, May 25.—Emperor Franz Josef has caught a fresh cold and general audiences have been suspended. The court physicians say they do not consider his majesty's condition alarming, but there is much uneasiness concerning him, owing to his age and continued ill health.

SEEN BY THOUSANDS

Atlantic Squadron In Sight Two Hours Off Astoria.

GET SPLENDID VIEW OF PARADE

Excursion Steamers Salute Warships as They Round Tillamook Head

—Colors Dipped in Reply.

Astoria, Or., May 21.—From every point of vantage on dunes and headlands between Willapa Harbor and Tillamook Head yesterday the patriotic people of the Pacific Northwest waved their welcome and farewell to the battleships of the Atlantic fleet as they steamed up the coast. Ten thousand throats cheered the imposing pageant of the nation's naval power; hats were flung high in the air and tears streamed down the faces of many spectators in an excess of patriotism, as the imposing file of monster fighting ships rounded Tillamook Head and came in sight of the waiting multitude.

It was a magnificent sight, such as the Oregon coast has never before witnessed. In the lead, flying Rear-Admiral Sperry's blue two-starred flag, was the Connecticut, the splendid type of the navy's latest fighting machines. The vessel that led the squadron on its historic voyage from Hampton Roads, with "Fighting Bob" Evans on the bridge, still stood at the head of the column, which was made up of the following ships:

First squadron, first division—Connecticut, Kansas, Minnesota and Vermont.

Second division—Georgia, Nebraska, New Jersey and Rhode Island.

Second squadron, third division—Louisiana, Virginia, Ohio and Missouri.

Fourth division—Wisconsin, Illinois, Kearsarge and Kentucky.

Accompanying the war vessels was the hospital ship relief.

As the fleet rounded Tillamook Head at 11:30 in the morning, the battleships, which were steaming abreast of each other in a straight line stretching to the horizon, swung into a single column, the flagship leading the van, and cruised within two miles of the surf, affording a splendid view to the spectators on shore. A fleet of excursion steamers crossed the bar early in the day and greeted the battleships off Tillamook Rock with a volley of whistles. Each vessel was loaded to its capacity with excursionists, and their cheers were added to the noisy salute. The mosquito fleet escorted the war vessels northward of the Columbia River, when they returned to Astoria. When the war vessels left the excursion craft behind, the battleships resumed their positions steaming to the north abreast of each other.

As the squadron steamed along in perfect order, each vessel dipped its colors in acknowledgment of the loud acclaim from the excursion craft.

BOMB WRECKS TENEMENT.

Black Hand Angered Because Efforts to Extort Money Fail.

New York, May 21.—The refusal of a wealthy Italian physician to comply with the demands of Black Hand criminals for money resulted in endangering the lives of 100 persons yesterday, when a bomb was exploded in the tenement house at 316 East Eleventh street. A number of persons were injured and the occupants of the house rushed into the street in panic, while doors and beams which had been twisted out by the explosion tumbled all around them. The lower part of the house was almost completely wrecked. None of the injured was dangerously hurt with the exception of Tony Lambarro, who was crushed by falling timbers and internally injured.

The explosion occurred when most of the occupants of the house were at breakfast. The bomb had been placed in the rear hall, under the stairs. The stairway was almost completely torn away, every door on the first and second floors was wrenched off, windows were blown out, and plaster and beams all over the house were shaken down. Lambarro was on the stairs when the explosion occurred. The others injured were struck by flying timbers in their apartments.

Big Deal in Oil Land.

Los Angeles, May 21.—The biggest oil deal in the history of California has been closed by the purchase of 1,200 acres of oil fields in the heart of the Coalinga district by the American Petroleum Company for the sum of \$2,000,000. With the exception of the Southern Pacific holdings this land represents all the undeveloped ground in the best part of the Coalinga field. Early operation and the production of an enormous quantity of oil are assured, as the American Petroleum Company is capitalized at \$10,000,000.

Italy Protests.

Rio de Janeiro, May 21.—The minister of Italy has delivered to the minister of foreign affairs a protest against the conduct of the coffee planters of San Paulo, who oblige Italian laborers to become naturalized citizens before they will employ them.