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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.

Representative Huff, of Pennsylvania, is seriously ill.

Rockefeller has given another \$500,000 to the Rockefeller institute.

Chinese of San Francisco are organizing a boycott against the Japanese.

Trustees of Stanford university have set aside \$500,000 for the purchase of books.

The employment of union men as inspectors makes railroad managers indignant.

An earthquake lasting 20 seconds was felt at Marysville, Cal. No damage was done.

A runaway Brooklyn boy has just returned home after 20 years' absence. He is a millionaire.

Ice in Bering Straits has broken up and steamer traffic to the north will be more regular now.

The largest balloon ever constructed has just been finished at Danville, Ill. When inflated it is 150 feet high.

A German has just been arrested who, it is believed, was attempting to reach the kaiser to assassinate him.

Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, bitterly denounces congress for not passing the bills demanded by the laboring men.

A false alarm of a dynamite plot caused a panic in one of Chicago's schools.

Arizona democrats have endorsed Bryan and approved Foraker's stand on statehood.

West Virginia's democratic delegates-at-large have been instructed to vote for Bryan.

The Arkansas river is over its banks at several places in Arkansas and flooding bottom lands.

A severe wind storm has swept over Clay county, Kansas, but very little damage was done.

Tornadoes that swept Oklahoma northwest of Guthrie brought great damage to crops and farm property.

A gale of wind at Chicago preceded an electrical storm which did considerable damage in all parts of the city.

Dallas, Tex., is without lights or drinkable water. Residences in the devastated district have been robbed by looters.

Butte members of the G. A. R. have been aroused because one of the churches has been tendered to Emma Goldman for her lectures.

Dynamiters wrecked the big pipe line that conveys water from Bonita Mountains, New Mexico, to Carrizozo, N. M. Repairs are being made. This pipe line cost \$1,000,000.

Rear-Admiral Crowninshield, retired, is dead.

France and Germany have agreed on a plan for the pacification of Morocco.

Hearst is gaining in the recount of New York mayoralty ballots of the 1905 election.

A typhoon at Hankow, China, cost more than 1,000 lives and wrecked 500 junks.

A Columbus, Ohio, boy invented a machine with which he has made several successful flights.

San Francisco supervisors are checking up the city treasurer's accounts. He is alleged to be short \$37,500.

Johnson's managers predict his nomination for democratic presidential candidate on the second or third ballot.

A tornado which swept Alfalfa county, Okla., killed 14 people and injured many others, besides doing much damage to property.

The Belgian consular agent at Rabat, Morocco, has been maltreated by natives and his home government is likely to take energetic action.

J. C. Stubbs says our Oriental trade is threatened if the ruling of the interstate commerce commission regarding freight rates on western roads holds.

Mrs. Carrie Nation has been arrested at Pittsburg.

Chester, Pa., is having trouble with street car men.

Two cruisers and five torpedo boats have left San Francisco for Portland.

A company of militia is to be organized at Honolulu, the first for the islands.

Senator Bailey, of Texas, will go to the democratic national convention as a delegate.

Two Utah mining companies are fighting over a silver mine said to be worth \$1,450,000.

Senator Foraker is favoring Roosevelt for another term, as he dislikes him less than Taft.

WORK OF BOYS.

Youthful Robbers Confess to Holding Up Great Northern.

Great Falls, Mont., June 2.—The hold-up of the northbound Great Northern train at the stockyards, about a mile and a half from this city, was the work of three boys, who now occupy cells in the city jail. A fourth youth, who admits having assisted in planning the hold-up, but who took no active part, is also a prisoner. The quartet have made a complete confession to the police. The names of the four boys are: Albert Hatch, aged 15; William Randall, aged 17; Harry Rheams, aged 15, and George Cresswell, aged 16.

According to the story told by Randall, Rheams and Cresswell, the hold-up was planned and carried out under the generalship of Hatch, the youngest of the four, who is said to have turned the switch, ordered the engineer to back up and to have gone through the passenger coaches with the conductor, forcing the latter at the point of a gun to collect from the passengers. According to the other boys, it was also Hatch who shot William Dempsey and narrowly missed shooting Conductor Jack Hayes.

Rheams stated that Hatch, after they had left the scene of the hold-up, proposed that they cross Sun river to the Montana Central line and hold up passenger train No. 236 from Butte, which was due in two or three hours. Because he demurred, Rheams states, Hatch drew his revolver and threatened to kill him.

He was dissuaded from the second attempt at train robbery by the two youths who were with him.

The stories told by the boys, with the exception of Hatch, agreed in the main details. They state that the hold-up was planned two nights before, it being decided to rob the train the first dark night.

FEARS FOR SHIP.

Steamer Vaderland Is Reported Sunk With All On Board.

Paris, June 2.—A special dispatch to the Petit Journal from Brussels says that it is rumored the Red Star steamer Vaderland has been wrecked in the North sea in a dense fog. There are 1600 passengers aboard.

Lloyd's does not confirm this news, which, however, comes from what is usually considered a most reliable source. There were three collisions in the North sea today, and passengers on the Dover-Ostend mail packet declare that they saw a vessel cast away on the Goodwin sands.

New York, June 2.—No official confirmation could be obtained tonight in this city of the report of the wrecking of the steamer Vaderland in the North sea. The offices of the International Mercantile Marine, which controls the Red Star Line, and the offices of the Red Star Line company were closed. The Red Star steamer Vaderland was due to sail from Antwerp for New York May 30. According to schedule she would have reached Dover on Sunday, from which port she would be reported on her arrival. Up to a late hour Sunday night she had not been reported.

BIG RAIL CONTRACT.

Illinois Central to Spend \$1,450,000 for New Steel.

Birmingham, Ala., June 2.—Tangible evidence of generous propensities that prosperity is returning is given in the fact that the Illinois Central Railroad company, in connection with the opening yesterday of its new line between Chicago, Birmingham and Atlanta, has placed a contract for 52,000 tons of steel rails, to cost \$1,450,000.

The contract goes to the Tennessee Iron & Coal company, and is the largest order since the financial depression set in. Only one contract, that of the Pennsylvania, takes rank with it.

The official announcement that the Illinois Central has decided to ignore what remains of the financial depression is likely to set the pace for other large systems which have been withholding similar orders until conditions are fully normal.

This contract will enable the steel mills here to open additional plants and give immediate work to more than two thousand skilled men who have been idle for some time. In an indirect way it will start the wave of prosperity over the entire South, putting a large amount of money into immediate circulation and stimulating all sorts of business.

Cleveland Goes Home.

Lakewood, N. J., June 2.—Ex-President Grover Cleveland, who has been confined to the Lakewood Hotel for two months with an attack of rheumatic gout and acute indigestion, has sufficiently recovered from his illness to leave here today for his home in Princeton. The trip was made in John Hays Hammond's large touring car. Mr. Cleveland was accompanied by Mrs. Cleveland and Dr. G. Rowe Rockwood, who has been alternating with Dr. Joseph T. Bryant, the family physician, in caring for the patient.

Foot of Snow in Nevada.

Ely, Nev., June 2.—The heaviest snow storm since last winter was experienced here last night. Fully a foot of snow fell. The storm was general between Ely and Cobre. No damage was reported.

OPEN DOOR A FARCE

Japan Prepares to Hold Manchuria by Fortifying Herself.

BUILDS IMPREGNABLE FORTRESS

Port Arthur is Being Strengthened Into Second Gibraltar—Foreign Merchants Excluded.

Seattle, Wash., May 30.—According to a special to the Times from Vancouver, B. C., Japan has completely reversed the "open door" policy in Manchuria. With the arrival of the American battleship fleet in the Pacific and the possibility of trouble with the United States later on, Japanese statesmen are preparing for any emergency. Port Arthur, the former Russian stronghold, is being made virtually impregnable, while the fortifications at Daini, a seaport and railway terminus on the mainland, occupied by the Japanese, are being rushed to completion with feverish haste.

A clash with the powers over a continuance of the discriminatory policy now being carried out in favor of the mikado's subjects is inevitable. If Japan is compelled to back down, her surrender will bring its advantages. The Japanese are more curiously amused than alarmed over the proposed visit of the American fleet to the Orient.

These are the conclusions reached by G. C. Druce during a recent extensive tour through China, Japan and Korea. Mr. Druce is ex-Mayor of Oxford, England, and secretary of the Botanical Society of Great Britain. He is also curator of the herbarium of the University of Oxford.

"While the official classes are reserved, the Japanese people are not the least perturbed over the dispatch of the American battleships to the Orient," Mr. Druce continued. "Of course, everybody in the East, except the diplomats, associates the demonstration of American naval power with the Manchurian trade question. The famous open door policy advocated by all the white races is in reality a nullity."

FINE AND IMPRISONMENT.

Five Years in Penitentiary and Pay \$576,000, Ross' Sentence.

Salem, Or., May 30.—J. Thorburn Ross, president of the defunct Title Guarantee & Trust Company, has been sentenced to serve five years in the state penitentiary and to pay a fine of \$576,853, and to serve one day in the Multnomah county jail for each \$2 of the fine not paid.

Sentence was imposed by Circuit Judge George H. Burnett, after the motion of Ross for arrest of judgment and for new trial had been overruled. Appeal has been taken to the supreme court, and Ross has been admitted to bail in the sum of \$6000.

This is the penalty Ross must pay for the conversion of \$388,376 of state school funds deposited by State Treasurer Steel in the Title Guarantee & Trust Company Bank and paid out of the bank by its officers prior to the time the bank closed last fall. Ross was manager of the bank, and as such aided Steel in securing legislation which would enable the bank to get possession of the state school funds without paying interest thereon.

FLOOD WASHES OUT DAM.

Port Arthur, Ont., Loses Three Lives and \$500,000 Damage.

Toronto, Ont., May 30.—A special from Port Arthur today says the civic power dam on Current river burst yesterday, causing a disastrous flood. The loss of three lives and a money loss estimated at \$500,000 is reported. A Canadian Pacific freight train pulling into Port Arthur ran on the submerged tracks and the engine was overturned. Engineer Savage, Fireman McBride and brakeman Inmann, who were on the engine, were pinned under the wreckage and drowned. The Canadian Pacific Railway Company will be the heaviest loser, several miles of its tracks having been washed away.

The freshest was due to heavy rains. The power house, the Canadian Pacific railway bridge and the pavilion at the park were swept away. A number of families living near the dam are missing.

Tornado in Kansas.

Topeka, Kan., May 30.—A terrific wind storm of almost the proportions of a tornado, which passed over the southern part of Lowell County Thursday night, killed one man and injured 22 persons, seven of them probably fatally. The storm traveled from the southwest and was 150 yards wide. It took everything in the path and scattered a number of houses, barns and small buildings over the prairie. The property damage will amount to thousands of dollars, and the damage to the growing crop is large.

Epidemic of Suicide in Russia.

St. Petersburg, May 30.—There has been an epidemic of suicides in St. Petersburg that has lasted for three months. The average number of deaths has been 85 a month.

FLIES WITH OWN WINGS.

Frenchman Beats All Records With Aeroplane in Italy.

Rome, June 1.—Leo de la Grange, the French aeroplane pilot, made a new experiment with his aeroplane here this morning, which was so successful that it filled the spectators with admiration. He surpassed his own record by flying for 15 minutes and 30 seconds, only then coming down because he received a signal to do so, and also because the motor of his machine cannot hold sufficient gasoline to operate it much longer than that.

During that space of time M. de la Grange made nine and three-fourths rounds of an established course in the military field, namely six kilometers, a little over nine and nine-tenths of a mile, at a velocity of 60 kilometers, or 37.2 miles an hour.

The aeroplane was first pushed forward by M. de la Grange's associates, and as soon as the motor was put into action the machine rose without difficulty, keeping from seven to ten feet above the ground. It moved smoothly and turned easily, the rounds of the course following each other without interruption, and not once did the aeroplane touch the ground. It was a marvelous exhibition, which would have won De La Grange a prize of \$5000 had it occurred in France. It at least confirms his possession of the Archdeacon cup.

ROBBERS GET CASH.

Great Northern Passenger Train Held Up at Great Falls.

Butte, Mont., June 1.—A Miner special from Great Falls, Mont., says:

The north bound Great Northern passenger train was held up this evening about one mile and a half from this city by seven masked men at 12:30 o'clock, the train being run onto a siding by the robbers, who fired a fusillade of shots up and down the train.

Wm. Dempsey, an Augusta rancher, was shot through the leg in attempting to escape from the train after it had stopped, and Conductor Hayes was compelled by the robbers to precede them in passing through the cars, he carrying a hat in which the passengers were invited to dump what cash they had about them. Most of them deposited from \$1 to \$10, and the booty of the desperadoes is not believed to be greater than several hundred dollars.

While the passengers were being robbed, several of the highwaymen stood guard at the doors of the cars to prevent the passengers from leaving.

The robbers finally jumped off the coaches and disappeared in the darkness. Rain is falling heavily, and the night is so dark that no trace of the robbers could be found, although posses were in pursuit within 20 minutes after the outlaws had left the train.

GOVERNMENT MAY SUE.

Great Area in Montana is Stripped Bare of Timber.

Butte, Mont., June 1.—A federal survey corps is engaged in running survey lines in the mountains near Philipsburg, Mont., to determine the amount of cordwood cut for the mines of Granite county, and the location of the ground from which the timber was taken. This wood was cut, it is claimed, from land belonging to the government, and it is intimated that suits may be begun to recover for about 700,000 cords of wood cut, approximating in value about \$1,000,000. The bulk of this wood was cut about 10 or 12 years ago, during the boom days of silver, and was used at the Bimetallic and Granite Mountain mines, owned by Charles D. McClure and his associates, of St. Louis, together with a few Montanans. The area of timber land stripped clean is 10 miles wide and 12 long.

Still Vigorous at 128.

St. Petersburg, June 1.—A veteran soldier, with the record of 80 years' military service, and whose age is declared to be 128, has been visiting St. Petersburg from the Tver district. This wonderful old man, Michael Budnikov, traveled to the capital to draw a prize of \$2500 in the lottery, and the czar had him at Czarskoe Selo as a feature of the festivities for the Swedish royal wedding.

Budnikov, whose breast is adorned with many medals for bravery and distinguished service, joined the Russian army in 1797.

Cholera Is Spreading.

Manila, June 1.—The cholera at Dagupan, 120 miles from Manila, is worse. Twenty-nine deaths are today reported, due to eating infected foods. The people are loath to clean up their surroundings, despite strenuous efforts on the part of the bureau of health.

GANG USE DYNAMITE

Ruef's Confederates Wreck Oakland Houses of Gallagher.

WOULD INTIMIDATE STAR WITNESS

Ex-President of Board of Supervisors Had Just Closed a \$25,000 Deal—Second Outrage.

Oakland, Cal., May 28.—Three large dwelling houses, built by James L. Gallagher, ex-president of the board of supervisors and the prosecution's star witness in the bribery-graft cases, at Perkins and Belmont streets, this city, were wrecked by dynamite tonight shortly before midnight. The houses were not yet occupied.

A heavy charge of dynamite, placed in the kitchen of the largest of the three houses, threw the building off the foundations and almost completely wrecked it. The houses were shattered, while many windows in the neighborhood were broken by the shock.

John Rollins, a watchman employed by the contractor building the houses for Gallagher, was sitting in a small shack near the houses at the time, and was thrown to the ground. He said to Captain of Detectives Peterson that he was through the three buildings shortly before the explosion occurred.

It is said that Gallagher was negotiating a deal today for the sale of the houses for \$25,000. Several weeks ago Gallagher's home in Oakland was blown up and badly wrecked at night while he and his wife and several friends were in the house and narrowly escaped serious injury.

FORT WORTH FEARS WORST.

Trinity River Rises Again and Conditions Are Serious.

Fort Worth, Tex., May 28.—With the waters of the Trinity river still near the summit of the banks another great volume of water began pouring from the west fork of that stream toward this city late last night. Early today the river is rising at a rate of six inches an hour, and with such conditions as already prevail, the outcome when the crest of this second rush of waters reaches this city cannot be foretold. That considerable additional property loss and suffering will result is considered certain.

A serious situation has developed here in regard to the city water supply. The mains are filled with black, muddy water, unfit for drinking even after being boiled. The city authorities declare it may be a week before they can restore the normal water supply. Meanwhile, those who can afford it are buying water from private artesian wells, and those who cannot are drinking the water that comes out of the mains.

Thirteen men, women and children were caught in the overflow in the Denton river. Their condition became so precarious that they were forced to hold the children upon their shoulders to keep them from drowning. They stood in water almost up to their necks for ten hours until rescued.

NORTH CAROLINA DRY.

Prohibition Sweeps State From End to End at Elections.

Raleigh, N. C., May 28.—North Carolina was carried for state-wide prohibition Tuesday by a majority estimated at 40,000 to 42,000 on reports received up to midnight.

The prohibition ticket carried 78 out of the 98 counties by overwhelming majorities. The prohibition ticket has carried 20 counties by majorities approximating 5,000. This calculation is partly based upon estimates and the prohibition leaders say that it is possible for the prohibition majority to reach 50,000. The election passed off very quietly, no disturbances of any importance being reported.

The total vote cast in the state was about 175,000.

Every large town in the state except Wilmington and Durham went prohibition.

Under the regulations of the prohibition bill submitted to the people there will be no manufacture or sale of intoxicating liquors in the state after January, 1909.

Refugees Swept Away.

Oklahoma City, Okla., May 28.—A special from Collier, Okla., near the Texas line, says that 14 persons who had taken refuge on an island formed between the new and old channels of Red river, were drowned late today, when the flood waters covered the place where they had taken refuge. Although weighted down with a train of ballast, the "Katy" railroad bridge went out at 9 o'clock last night. The river is over three miles wide and is cutting a new channel around the town.

More Plague Appears.

Willmstad, Curacao, May 28.—The report that the Port of La Guayra would be reopened in the immediate future is considered here to be premature, as it is unofficially stated that another case of bubonic plague has occurred there since the issuance of President Castro's decree.