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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.

Great scarcity of beef in Chicago causes high prices to prevail.

Seventeen of the finest paintings in Paris have been seriously injured by vandals.

A life-size bronze statue of President McKinley has been unveiled at Philadelphia.

The Russian douma has refused to make the necessary appropriation for a new navy.

The death roll from the explosion on the cruiser Tennessee has now reached six.

A Norwood, Mass., boy of 14 years has confessed to the killing of three smaller children.

Gas in a mine at Gladstone, Colorado, killed twenty rescuers of imprisoned miners.

O. H. P. Belmont is some better, although his physicians hold out small hope of his recovery.

A New York actress has secured damages for the sale of her photographs without her consent.

A new record for motor bicycles has been established at Buffalo, N. Y. On a race track ten miles were made in 9:40 3-5.

John Brandt Walker, leader of a great bear campaign in the New York stock market, has failed. At one time he had a fortune of \$3,000,000.

Brewers from all parts of the country are to meet at Chicago to plan a defense against the ever increasing wave of prohibition now sweeping the United States.

Because of washouts in Montana the Burlington road has canceled all Pacific Coast trains running in connection with the Northern Pacific until further announcement.

King Edward has started for Russia.

Sir Robert Hart predicts a great future for China.

Eight persons were killed in a collision on a trolley road near Annapolis.

Scandinavia, Neb., has been wrecked by a cyclone. Franklin also suffered much damage.

Mayor Busse, of Chicago, has been married a month, and his friends have just found it out.

Hearst has made a net gain of 105 votes so far in the recount of ballots for mayor of New York.

While O. H. P. Belmont's physicians have not abandoned all hope, there is little chance of his recovery.

A tornado in Nova Scotia killed two persons and injured a number of others. Much damage to property is reported.

The interstate commerce commission will be unable to give a decision on the Pacific coast lumber rate case before July 1.

The situation in Persia is steadily going from bad to worse, and it is believed the present shah will not rule much longer.

Japan says the revolt in Corea is now confined to the remote districts, and that in a short time the entire country will be pacified.

The crown prince of Serbia is accused of plotting against Montenegro.

English socialists oppose the proposed visit of King Edward to Russia.

O. H. P. Belmont is believed to be dying of an operation for appendicitis.

The Union Pacific will immediately issue \$50,000,000 in bonds for the building of new roads.

The Erie railroad will immediately reopen its shops, giving employment to several thousand men.

Governor Johnson, of Minnesota, says no one yet has the Democratic nomination for president.

A Los Angeles banker has been robbed of \$10,000 in jewels which he was carrying with him on a street car.

A number of clubmen in Los Angeles have been arrested because they were selling liquor without a license.

Indications are that Hoke Smith has been beaten by Joseph M. Brown as Democratic candidate for governor of Georgia.

Trainmen on the Nashville, Chattanooga & St. Louis railroad threaten to go on strike unless the company takes back some discharged men who belonged to the union.

C. J. L. Meyer, aged 77, first president of the Chicago Northwestern railroad, and worth at one time a million dollars, has applied for admission to the Milwaukee county, Wisconsin, poorhouse.

READY TO TRY AGAIN.

Peary is Anxious to Start for North Pole by July 1.

New York, June 9.—Confident of his ability to carry the stars and stripes to the north pole, Commander Robert E. Peary, who has planted the American flag nearer the coveted northern goal than any other living man, is in New York making active preparations for another Arctic dash in the hope of solving the mystery of the north, which for centuries has been the aim of daring explorers. The stanch steamer Roosevelt, which the Peary Arctic Club built for Commander Peary, and which carried him and his little party on his last northward journey, has been overhauled and put in better condition than ever for her expected battles with the ice barriers of the frozen north. The ship is tugging at her hawsers in the harbor of New York, ready to start when her commander gives the word.

Peary's present plans contemplate his departure from New York about July 1, but lack of sufficient funds to finance the expedition may prevent the start. In fact, unless \$25,000 is forthcoming by July the project will have to be abandoned. An auxiliary ship or collier will accompany the Roosevelt as far north as Etah, where Peary's coal depot in the last expedition was located. Etah was the winter quarters of Dr. Hayes' last expedition and is located about 70 degrees north latitude. A small party of sportsmen and scientists may go north as far as Etah on the auxiliary ship, returning with her about September 1.

Commander Peary has devoted nearly 20 years to efforts to solve the great problems of the north and already has put into the work all of his personal means, amounting to \$80,000.

ROAD AGAIN BLOCKED.

Month May be Required to Replace Montana Railroad Lines.

Butte, Mont., June 9.—The Northern Pacific east from Butte is again tied up by a new washout of 600 feet of track near Jefferson Island, a small station in the Jefferson River Valley, about 60 miles from Butte. Two steel trestles on the Great Northern are reported as having gone out, near Basin, 35 miles north of Butte, adding to the demoralization of that road.

Great Northern Railway officials will not venture an opinion as to when normal conditions will be restored, one official stating that in his belief a month's time would be necessary to put the Montana line of the Northern Pacific in proper condition. The Great Northern telegraphic service is completely demoralized, and the officials fear they have yet to learn of the real magnitude of the destruction wrought by the flood waters.

The barometer is higher than for several weeks. This would indicate warmer weather and with that the rapid melting of the snows in the mountains. As there now is lying from three to four feet of snow in the mountains it is feared the rush of waters will add to the damage already done.

HEARST'S GAIN NOW 123.

Recounting of 77 Ballot Boxes Completed in New York.

New York, June 4.—The recount of the ballots in the disputed mayoralty election of 1905 proceeded with expedition today before Justice Lambert, in the supreme court, and 29 ballot boxes were opened, which show a gain of 16 votes for William Randolph Hearst. Seventy-seven boxes have been counted since the recount began, and the total gain for Hearst is 123. Early today Hearst made large gains, which were materially reduced by the recount late in the day.

Supreme Court Justice Lambert, who is trying the case, has requested Governor Hughes to recommend to the legislature that a special appropriation be made under which the jurors who are hearing the evidence may be allowed extra compensation for their duties.

It has been learned that one of the jurors has lost his employment since the opening of the trial nine weeks ago, and that another's business has seriously suffered from neglect for so long a period. It is said that from \$5 to \$10 a day for each juror was the compensation suggested to the governor.

Tornado in Iowa.

Charles City, Ia., June 9.—A tornado struck this city Sunday, demolishing about 200 residences and barns. One man, W. R. Beck, is known to have been killed and four children are reported missing. The path of the tornado was about ten rods wide. It struck the city in the southwestern part, crossed the river and lifted the water almost clean from the river bed. It passed in a northeasterly direction, just missing the Charles City college buildings, and spent itself a few miles northeast of the city.

Bandits Rob Pay Train.

City of Mexico, June 9.—Word has reached this city that bandits attacked a pay train on the way to the Los Grandes mine near Balzac in the state of Guerrero. Of the escort of four men, three were killed and one wounded. Four thousand dollars was stolen. Rurales are in pursuit of the highwaymen. The mine belongs to an American company.

FLOODS CAUSE HAVOC

Montana Cut Off From Outside by Raging Rivers.

RAILROADS LOSE MUCH TRACKAGE

Great Steel Bridges Washed Out—Wires Down on All Sides—Deluge Continues.

Missoula, Mont., June 6.—At 5 o'clock last evening the flood situation in western Montana was growing more serious each minute. Helena is cut off from the outside world. She is without railway, telegraph or telephone communication. For a short time in the afternoon there was a telephone connection, and at the time it was learned that all of the streams in Helena and vicinity are overflowing, and that there has been much damage to farms and considerable loss of livestock.

The Great Northern's branch lines are out of service, and the main line in northern Montana is cut in several places. The first train started eastward out of Spokane over the Great Northern is now tied up. There is no communication either by rail or telegraph.

All streams continue to rise. The Big Blackfoot river is nearly its highest flood mark.

The Northern Pacific has lost several miles of track east of here during the day. At Bonita, Nimrod and Bearmouth the telegraph operators have been compelled to leave their posts, driven out by the rising waters. At Garrison nearly all the residents have fled from their homes and are camped upon the hills in the rain.

None of the dams on the river have given way, though the power dam owned by ex-Senator William A. Clark, above Missoula, is reported to be in a critical condition.

Yesterday afternoon the Northern Pacific released by wagon transfer 200 of the passengers that have been marooned east of here. They will be sent to Spokane on a made-up train.

The damage to the new roadbed of the St. Paul line between Missoula and Butte will not fall short of a million dollars, and it is becoming greater all the time.

The Northern Pacific has assembled on this division all of the piledrivers from the west that it can get; it has taken from its own western divisions and has borrowed from other roads. The fight against the water is being carried on by 10,000 men, but the water is gaining steadily, and the rain continues to fall in torrents. The Missoula river at this place is but a few feet below the highest mark ever registered. The expensive city bridges are in danger, and are guarded to prevent their use, so dangerous are they considered.

West of here the Northern Pacific has no trouble as yet.

At midnight the Northern Pacific has surrendered the fight against the water east of Missoula for the present. Unless the rain stops soon, there will be very little left of 150 miles of the most expensive road on the line. Two big steel bridges have been washed out, but it is not understood that they are destroyed.

The serious feature of the situation is the fact that the high water has extended west of Missoula, and is attacking the track between Missoula and the west end of the state. The Idaho division has sent a big force of men over to help in the fight on the west end.

CRUISER'S BOILER BURSTS.

Four Men Killed by Explosion on Tennessee at San Pedro.

San Pedro, Cal., June 6.—While the United States armored cruiser Tennessee was steaming at 19 knots per hour on speed trial off Point Hueneme, Cal., at 11:08 yesterday morning, a steam pipe in the starboard engine room burst under a 235-pound pressure, killing four men and injuring ten others—all of the men in the compartment at the time. Two of the injured will die.

The explosion, the cause of which is yet unknown, occurred only a few minutes after Admiral Uriel Sebree, Captain J. B. Howard and Chief Engineer Robertson had left the engine room on a tour of inspection. Four of the men were killed instantly, and two more are expected to die at any moment.

Boycott Is Spreading.

Fokio, June 6.—Two hundred thousand yen is now indicated as the size of the proposed present to Canton guilds if the boycott is discontinued. Meanwhile advices from north China and Manchuria state that, owing to the activity of the Cantonese emissaries, the movement is rapidly spreading throughout the north. The emissaries are working systematically and secretly. Their literature makes no mention either of the boycott or of Japan, speaking of "the national disgrace with reference to the country responsible," which the Chinese all understand means Japan.

Bringing Back the Meat.

London, June 6.—It is declared here today that 210,000 pounds of American meat that has been stored in London Glasgow and Liverpool was today re-shipped by fast steamer to New York to meet the continued shortage of meat in the United States.

TWENTY-ONE DEAD.

Tornado Sweeps Path Along Kansas-Nebraska Line.

Omaha, Neb., June 8.—The tornado which passed over Southern Nebraska and portions of Northern Kansas Friday evening was the most destructive and covered the most territory of any similar storm which has visited the state in many years. At least twenty-one persons are known to be dead, five fatally injured and a score of others more or less seriously hurt, some of them dangerously.

Additional reports received state that several persons were killed at the towns of Byron, Neb., and Courtland, Kan., which towns have been cut off from communication with the outside world.

At Fairfield more than forty buildings were more or less wrecked and some of them, including three churches, were demolished. The loss will exceed \$100,000.

In the vicinity of Hickley farm houses stood the brunt of the storm and one or more fatalities are reported, with a number receiving injuries, some of which will prove fatal.

Serious damage is reported from Byron, ten miles west of Chester, attended by considerable fatalities, but no details can be learned. All the bridges are out and communication by telegraph and telephone is entirely cut off.

A telephone message from Hardy, Neb., says the town of Courtland, Kan., just across the Nebraska line, was struck by the storm and that several casualties occurred, but lack of communication makes confirmation impossible today. Trains in all directions are abandoned because of washouts and destroyed roadbeds. At Geneva the storm wrought great destruction.

The storm has covered such a wide area and been so destructive wherever it touched the earth that it has almost caused a panic among the inhabitants. Hundreds of farmers drove into town seeking shelter, many of them being homeless.

END 33 DAYS' RAIN STORM.

Rivers Begin to Fall, but Communication is Stopped.

Missoula, Mont., June 8.—Saturday night at 6 o'clock the sun broke through the clouds after 33 days of rain and the rainfall, which had been lessening since morning, ceased. The rivers show a lower mark than they did 24 hours ago and there is hope that the worst is over. But there has been great damage and it may be days or weeks before railroad traffic is resumed to the eastward.

All day Saturday Missoula was cut off from the outside world. Not until night had there been wire communication and it consisted of a single line to the west and none to the east.

Saturday night and Sunday morning the high water reached its maximum, registering the highest mark ever known in this country. All of the city and county bridges are out and Missoula is divided into three districts, each of which is without communication with the outside. Three large residences in the city went down the river. Their occupants had been warned and were out before the flood struck. The big log-jam of the Blackfoot Company has been held in place and the great power dam owned by W. A. Clark is intact.

The damage to farms in the bottom lands will be great. The loss to the city and county will run far into the thousands and cannot be estimated until the water goes down. The outlook today is encouraging and it is believed the crisis has been passed.

MISSOURI ON RAMPAGE.

Continued Rains in Montana Cost 8 Lives and Much Property.

Great Falls, Mont., June 8.—Never before in the history of Montana has there been such a flood as has been sweeping down the valley of the Missouri River and its tributaries. Five lives have already been lost in the waters in this vicinity, and the damage to farms, railroads and industrial and commercial institutions will run into the millions. The river is at the highest point ever known since the first settlement of Montana and it is still rising.

Some of the smaller outside towns are in even worse condition than is Great Falls. At last reports Choteau was completely surrounded by water and all bridges were gone. A large part of Belt was partially under water and the people had taken to the high ground.

Canadian Bridges Go Out.

McLeod, Alberta, June 8.—The Canadian Pacific bridge at West McLeod was swept away Friday night. St. Mary's bridge, between here and Lethbridge, is a total wreck and the Canadian Pacific pumping station has been swept into the river. The bridge at Browket on the Crow's Nest line is expected to go at any time, and mail and freight and passenger traffic is at a standstill. Rain continues to fall in torrents. Farms for many miles around are inundated and houses have floated away, and the loss will be enormous.

Twister Strikes Oklahoma.

Durant, Okla., June 8.—A tornado which swept over a territory 12 miles west of Durant Saturday night destroyed a dozen farm houses and with a heavy storm of hail, which accompanied it, did damage estimated at \$150,000. A number of persons are reported injured, none fatally.

NEW PENNY POSTAGE

Two Cents an Ounce to Great Britain the New Rate.

BE OPERATIVE NEXT OCTOBER

Postoffice Officials Believe Increased Commercial Intercourse Will Be the Result.

Washington, June 4.—Postmaster-General Meyer announced today that an agreement had been reached with the British government providing for letter postage of 2 cents an ounce between the United States and Great Britain and Ireland, to become operative October 1, 1908.

The matter of "penny postage," as it is called in England, has been under consideration for some time, and as far back as last July President Roosevelt approved Mr. Meyer's course in urging a "restricted union with England."

On October 1, 1907, the Universal Postal Union, which governs the international postage transactions of the various civilized countries, reduced the rate of letter postage from 5 cents a half-ounce flat to 3 cents per ounce, and 3 cents each additional ounce, which is the present rate between the United States and countries with which we do not have direct steamship communication, but on mail on which we have to pay an additional charge to countries through which it passes in transit. Under the articles of the Universal Union, however, any two states can form a restricted union. Examples of restricted unions are those now existing which permit a 2-cent an ounce letter rate between the United States and Canada.

Postmaster General Meyer believes this reduction in the rate to the United Kingdom ultimately will result in an increase in receipts, because it has been found that a reduction in the letter rate resulted finally in increased revenue. He is also of the opinion that a lower postage will lead to a freer commercial intercourse. Manufacturers, he says, are increasing their sales in England and must rely to a great extent upon mails for orders and increase of trade.

"Further," he stated, "this will be a great boon to our adopted English-speaking citizens and their connection here, as it will enable them to keep up correspondence with their relations and friends in the old country at domestic rates."

PREPARES FOR EMERGENCY.

Heney Fears Enemies May Get Gallagher and Plans Accordingly.

San Francisco, June 4.—Convinced that the "higher-ups" have determined to kill former Supervisor James L. Gallagher, Assistant District Attorney Francis J. Heney announced yesterday that he will dismiss the case in which Abraham Ruef is charged with bribing former Supervisor J. J. Furey, because Gallagher's testimony before the grand jury led to the indictment.

The testimony of a dead man given before a grand jury cannot be used in future action. Repeated attacks on Gallagher's property with dynamite and continuous threats against his life have led Heney to take steps to prevent the loss of Gallagher's testimony through his death.

It is Heney's purpose to file a new information against Ruef in the same premises and call Gallagher as a witness at the preliminary hearing. If his testimony is taken in this way, it will be on record.

The necessity for such unusual methods is believed to be urgent by the members of the prosecution, who fear for their own lives as well as for that of Gallagher.

This probably will be the next procedure against Ruef in the graft cases, and it is proposed to take it as rapidly as possible, as the prosecution believes that the "higher-ups" are becoming more desperate every day.

Scores Perish in Tornado.

Wichita Falls, Tex., June 4.—Scores of persons are believed to be dead in the path of a tornado which is sweeping Texas today. Reports indicate that it is the most terrific of all the storms which have visited this part of the country in the last month. Communication from most of the damaged area is cut off. Wires are down and railroad tracks are blocked. Many small towns are known to have been struck by the twister, but no definite information could be obtained as to the extent of damage this afternoon.

Steamer Long Overdue.

Norfolk, Va., June 4.—The steamer Europa, which sailed for Hamburg, Germany, 45 days ago, bound in return for Norfolk, loaded with fertilizer, was expected to make the trip within 21 days. Nothing has been heard from her, however, in 41 days.