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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.

Taft leaders claim he will receive 704 votes on the first ballot.

Thaw will remain in jail because he hates the asylum attendant.

Leading English steel manufacturers deny the story of a new trust.

Suffragettes of all nations are to join in a monster parade in London.

The British Columbian government has decided to deport 1,000 Hindus who are paupers.

Rapid progress is being made on repairs to the Northern Pacific roadbed in Montana.

Utah democrats have instructed their delegates for Bryan, but paid a tribute to Cleveland.

Railroad commissioners of five states met in Chicago to decide on some uniform measure of doing away with the eadly grade crossings.

The plant of the Continental Oil company at Albuquerque, N. M., has been destroyed by fire. Nearly 100,000 gallons of oil were burned.

Over 50 Japanese women who have arrived at Seattle to meet intended husbands, will be detained until each individual case is investigated.

The British ship Haddon Hall and the German ship Hamburg collided in mid-ocean. Both were damaged, but were able to reach Montevideo.

Roosevelt threatens to intervene in Panama to secure a fair election.

The special senate committee has arranged the preliminaries to consider tariff revision.

The cars in the New York to Paris automobile race are encountering many difficulties in Russia.

Unofficial estimates place the population of Chicago at 2,140,000. The population in 1904 was 1,174,744.

Thugs entered a Spanish custom office and secured \$12,000 after killing the chief official and four assistants.

An unknown steamer has been sighted off the California coast south of San Francisco with distress signals.

New York is sending 78 delegates to the Republican national convention. Of this number 23 are millionaires.

Two hundred Japanese immigrants have been stopped at Seattle until they can show that they have a right in this country.

The New York legislature has passed a bill abolishing betting at race tracks. The measure was carried by one vote.

The steamship Lusitania has just crossed the Atlantic in four days, twenty hours and eight minutes. This is the best time yet made.

Cortelyou is mentioned as running mate for Taft.

Henry Watterson says Bryan will be nominated.

A daughter of Governor Cutler, of Utah, has eloped with a teamster.

The new Union Pacific bonds are being sold in London at a premium.

Governor Johnson, of Minnesota, says he is not seeking another term.

A high wind storm near Guthrie, Okla., resulted in the death of one person.

Floods have reached their height in Kansas City. Nearly all railroads are blocked.

Many persons were injured in Chicago by the collision of two heavily loaded street cars.

Republicans of the Thirteenth Indiana district have nominated Charles W. Miller for congress.

There were fewer deaths proportionately in New York last week than in any week of the city's history.

China has apologized for the recent killing of French soldiers on the Chinese frontier. France also demands the removal of the viceroy.

Senator Kittredge has probably been defeated in the primaries for senator from South Dakota. Governor Crawford is in the lead.

The recount on the mayoralty vote in New York is not one-fourth completed. Hearst has made a net gain of 135 votes.

Montana floods still tie up all railroads except one.

Women's objection to bonnets may split the Dunkard church.

A tornado did much damage in the vicinity of Mount Vernon, Iowa.

Great Britain is taking stern measures to choke out sedition in India.

A British steamer struck a rock off the Chinese coast and 80 natives were drowned. All European passengers and officers were saved.

IRRIGATION FLUME DESTROYED

Hood River Strawberries Perish for Want of Water.

Hood River, Or., June 16.—Giant powder was successfully used Saturday night in an effort to cause the growers composing the Farmers' Irrigating Company the loss of a large portion of their strawberry crop. Disgruntled laborers are suspected.

About 150 feet of flume on a hillside on the west side of Hood River was destroyed, and the water in the big irrigating ditch is shut off. As a result, the crop of two-thirds of the valley, about 400 acres, is without water until such time as the flume can be repaired, which will take at the least estimate three or four days.

The growers stand to lose at least 10,000 crates of berries, worth \$30,000, and if the flume cannot be repaired before Wednesday, the loss will be far greater. The damage to the ditch will not amount to more than \$500.

The point where the ditch was destroyed is high on a hillside. The members of the company state that it must have taken considerable work and three or four boxes of powder to produce such disastrous results. This is the ditch from which all of the water is taken to irrigate the big strawberry crop on the west side of the valley.

Although 25 men were hurried to the scene of the trouble as soon as it was known today, it is estimated that it will take three days, working day and night, to repair the damage.

The Hood River berry season is now at its height, and no water to sustain the plants and ripen the berries during the present warm weather will cut down the yield to almost nothing. For the past few days from five to seven cars of berries have been shipped daily.

An investigation started this afternoon by M. H. Nickelsen, secretary, and A. C. Staten, manager of the company, in an effort to determine if possible who the ditch destroyers were, developed the fact that the noise of the shots was heard two miles away from the spot where the explosion took place, and that it occurred about 11 o'clock. Beyond this, nothing is definitely known.

It is said, however, that the officers of the company have under suspicion several men whom they had in their employ last year, and to whom they refused to give work this summer.

SMALLPOX ON TRANSPORT.

Sherman Reports by Wireless and Must be Quarantined.

Portland, June 16.—Wireless dispatches were received Sunday by the Oregonian from the transport Sherman while at sea that there was smallpox on board. The Sherman is bound for Portland from the Philippines with the First Infantry, 585 men in all, under command of Colonel McGonigal.

Before the vessel reached Honolulu a navy man returning died of the disease and was buried at sea. Two days ago an enlisted man was taken ill with smallpox. The two men were in different parts of the ship, so the whole vessel is considered infected. This means that under the quarantine regulations each of the 1182 men on board must be vaccinated and quarantined for 14 days and the transport must be fumigated.

This process necessitates disembarking all the men, and owing to the lack of facilities at the Columbia River station, tents must be sent from some of the army posts of the district. Colonel Rogers, in command, fears that since the men have just returned from the Orient, camping out in this climate will be injurious to their health and he has requested the department to have the transport with all on board sent to the quarantine station at San Francisco. What will be done in this matter cannot yet be known. The First Infantry is en route to Vancouver, where it will be stationed, succeeding the Fourteenth Infantry, which was transported a few weeks ago to Manila.

Refuse to Cut Salaries.

Manila, June 16.—After many extended and apparently hopeless conferences, the Insular Commission and the Philippine Assembly have finally arrived at an agreement upon the general appropriation bill, which, it is believed, both the commission and the assembly will ratify. The compromise measure appropriates 16,800,000 pesos, the assembly making a concession of nearly 1,500,000 pesos. The commission declined to assent to the reduction in salaries and the consolidation of some of the bureaus as proposed by the assembly.

American Horse Wins.

Paris, June 16.—Thousands of Americans Saturday saw W. K. Vanderbilt's bay colt, North East, with J. Childs up, capture the Grand Prix de Paris, the blue ribbon event of the French turf, which this year was worth about \$72,000. Beautiful weather favored the running of this classic, and fully 150,000 persons gathered at Longchamps to witness the race, which marked the close of the Paris season.

Kaw River Falling.

Washington, June 16.—The Kaw river is falling, but the Missouri at Kansas City continues to rise slowly. The stage tonight was 30 feet, with a further rise of possibly one foot indicated during Monday, from water now in sight.

MORE FLOODS AHEAD

Heavy Rains Swell Missouri and Kaw Rivers.

TOPEKA PEOPLE MUCH ALARMED

Prospect Now Is That Water Will Go Higher Than Before—Heavy Rain in Kaw Valley.

Kansas City, June 13.—Unusually heavy rains fell yesterday in Kansas, Nebraska, Missouri and Iowa and the weather bureau predicts that the Kaw and the Missouri rivers will again reach the high stage on Wednesday night. At 5 p. m. the Missouri here had fallen .25 of a foot, but had risen .1 of a foot at St. Joseph and continues to rise there. The Kaw fell about six inches yesterday and was stationary last night. At Topeka the Kaw is rising rapidly.

The weather bureau predicts that the new flood at Topeka will exceed that of Tuesday. All of the tributaries of the Kaw are very high, and more rain is threatened. The crest of the new flood here will be reached Sunday night. A heavy downpour yesterday morning caused some additional trouble from flooded basements in the West bottoms, where the sewers were unable to carry off the excess. No further damage was experienced in the stockyards, Argentine and Armourdale, Kansas, and in Harlem, Mo., and none is expected.

The stockyards are still idle and the packing-houses were unable to continue working even if they had stock. The railroads, on the other hand, were in better shape, but schedules were still disarranged.

CANADA CLOSES DOOR.

All Japanese Immigration is Shut Off for One Year.

Vancouver, B. C., June 13.—The Canadian government has notified the government of Japan that the limit of immigrants allowed for one year has been reached and that no more Japanese laborers can be sent to Canada before January 1 of next year. This is in accordance with the understanding reached between the Laurier administration and Tokio last January, which provided that not more than 400 each year should be sent. Six hundred and eight had come up to the end of May, and more are arriving by every boat. It looks like a barefaced evasion of the arrangement on the part of Japan.

Japanese Consul Yada said tonight that even the 400 had not yet arrived, when the number of tourists and students was taken into consideration. As a matter of fact, Canadian officials assert, not more than 5 per cent of the new arrivals are exempt from the arrangement.

OIL TRUST FOUND GUILTY.

Rochester Jury Brings in Verdict in Rebate Case.

Rochester, N. Y., June 13.—Guilty as charged in the indictment, was the verdict brought in by the Federal court jury in the Standard Oil company case here at 6:30 o'clock this evening. The jury had been out since the noon recess.

Daniel J. Keefe, of Buffalo, who conducted the defense, moved for a new trial and it was arranged to have Judge Hazel hear arguments on the motion July 7.

The oil company was placed on trial June 1 for an alleged violation of the interstate commerce law in accepting a concession from the filed tariff on shipments of oil from Olean, N. Y., to Rutland and Bellows Falls, Vt. There were 40 counts in the indictment, each representing action on a car of oil. The maximum fine on each count is \$20,000, or a total for the whole of the shipments of \$800,000.

More Track Washed Out.

Missoula, Mont., June 13.—It was reported Thursday night that several miles of Northern Pacific track had been washed out near Sand Point, and there is little hope of opening up transportation between Missoula and Spokane for some time. Heavy rains last night delayed repair work west of here, and much of the work has been destroyed. An effort will be made tomorrow to run a train from Arlee and transfer passengers who have been stalled for several days at Dixon. The distance between the two points is 14 miles.

Dies to Save Czar.

Roval, June 13.—It became known here yesterday that a woman school teacher thwarted a plot to kill Czar Nicholas just after the ceremonies in the Gulf of Finland on the occasion of the king's visit. The woman had been picked by the nihilists to throw the bomb that would have killed the czar and his entire family, but she committed suicide rather than carry out the mandates of the secret order.

TWO BIG FLEETS.

Admiral Evans Wants 24 Vessels on Each Coast.

New York, June 12.—Rear-Admiral Robley D. Evans, who left for Lake Mohonk yesterday to spend the summer, said much of the criticism of the American navy was unwarranted. "Americans can go to sleep every night satisfied that, ship for ship, they have a navy able to hold its own against vessels of equal age," said he. "But we must have more ships if we want to keep on the safe side."

Asked his opinion as to the most formidable battleship, the admiral said:

"The ship that is to carry the battery that will win a fight must not be less than 25,000 tons. The 20,000-ton battleship is not big enough."

"Are you still in favor of a greater fleet?" he was asked.

"Indeed, I am," he replied. "We want 24 battleships on each coast."

KAISER IS DISPLEASED.

Regards Anglo-Russo-French Entente as Threat of War.

St. Petersburg, June 12.—It was learned here yesterday from a competent source that the recent meeting between King Edward and Emperor Nicholas at Reval and the rapprochement between Great Britain, Russia and France has been made the subject of grave representations on the part of Germany, who has met the threatened birth of a new "triple alliance" with a display of the "mailed fist."

After the announcement of the Reval meeting, Russia was given to understand at Berlin that the conclusion of a formal entente among these three powers would be regarded as a measure hostile in tendency or, to quote the exact term used by the informant of the Associated Press, was a "krisgesdroband."

Whether such a development was originally contemplated from the meetings between King Edward and King Edward and the emperor of Russia is not stated, but the immediate result of the representations made in Berlin was the publication of an obviously inspired article in the official Russia, which speaks warmly of the meeting between King Edward and Emperor Nicholas, but declares that the suggestion of new grouping of the powers at the present time was impossible.

BIG WHEAT CROP.

Rain Fell at Right Time for Farmers of Northwest.

Portland, June 12.—It is estimated by the traffic department of the O. R. & N. Co., from reports received throughout the inland empire, that the condition of the wheat crop at this time is even better than it was last year at the same period, and that there is every indication of a bumper crop of wheat in the grain areas of Oregon, Washington and Idaho.

In nearly every section of the interior country there have been rains at times when they would do the most good to the wheat crop. Sherman county prospects are excellent and Gilliam county is in good condition. The Morrow county crop is generally favorable, but rain is needed in the northern portion. A late cool spring is said to have had unfavorable results in the valley of the Powder river, but there will be some grain and hay. In the Grand Ronde valley, the Palouse country and around Walla Walla conditions are excellent. So far as heard Central Oregon will come to the front this year with good grain crops. The Crook county region gives favorable indications, and in higher altitudes where the late spring has held back crops the hot summer days are expected to bring everything forward rapidly from this date. It is believed Oregon will this year produce one of its not the greatest wheat crop in the history of the state.

Submarine Builder Invents Airship

New York, June 12.—Plans of the new style airship, invented by Simon Lake, the submarine boat builder, were made public yesterday, together with the information that preparations for the building of the ship were already fairly under way. The airship is to be constructed by one of the best-known students of aerial navigation. The new ship is to be a combination of aeroplane, dirigible balloon and helicopter.

Ancient Tower Totters.

Venice, June 12.—The campanile of Santo Stefano Church, a Gothic structure of the 14th century, which contains the tomb of the Doge Francesco Morosini, threatens to fall like the campanile of St. Marks, which collapsed in 1902. The question of demolishing it is under consideration.

Form New Steel Trust.

London, June 12.—According to the Iron and Steel Trades Journal, there has recently been effected a great combination in the British steel trade, with a capital of \$375,000,000.

Kansas Flood Falls Fast.

Kansas City, June 12.—The Kaw and Missouri flood, which has been exceeded in height only twice since the country was settled, is falling more rapidly than it rose. Owing to the Missouri's permitting free outlet from the gorged Kaw, the financial loss has been small, and within a week scarcely a trace of the inundation will remain.

KANSAS CITY FLOOD

Entire Lower Section of City Is Under Water.

EIGHT RAILROADS ARE TIED UP

Convention Hall Now Shelters 15,000 Homeless People—Worst Believed to be Over.

Kansas City, June 11.—All calculations of the weather bureau and river experts as to the duration and extent of the flood at the junction of the Kaw and Missouri rivers were upset yesterday by the continued rise of the Missouri river, due to heavy rains in Dakota and Nebraska. At 5 P. M. the Missouri river was 27.2 feet above low water, a rise of .2 since noon.

The Kaw has overflowed most of the railroad yards, the stockyards and the residence and manufacturing district of Armourdale. Ten feet of water is running through Kansas avenue, the main street of Armourdale.

The flood is the highest since that of 1903, but the water is more than seven feet lower than in that year.

Eight lines out of Kansas City are now tied up.

Convention Hall has been opened to shelter refugees. At least 15,000 persons have been driven from their homes.

The overflow is bound to cause trouble east of here as far as St. Louis, it is predicted, as it reaches into the Mississippi and north along the banks of the Missouri as far as Omaha.

Mines and Smelter Closed.

Butte, Mont., June 11.—A dispatch to the Miner from Great Falls states that the electrolytic smelter of the Boston & Montana, one of the Amalgamated Copper Company's mines, will be closed down for two months, during which time the Boston & Montana mines in Butte will remain closed unless arrangements can be made to handle the ore of the company at Anaconda. Five thousand men are affected by the shut-down.

The road between Great Falls and Helena, it is said, will not be repaired within two months. The only method of travel out of Great Falls at the present time is by stage.

Great Northern is Clear.

Spokane, Wash., June 11.—Great Northern officials announced yesterday that the whole main line is clear and ready for traffic between St. Paul and Seattle. The Montana Central branch is still tied up. Further washouts have occurred on the Northern Pacific west of Missoula, and that city cannot be reached from the west before tomorrow at best.

GOVERNMENT AFTER REBATERS

Southern Pacific May be Indicted for Violation of Law.

San Francisco, June 11.—The federal officers are maintaining the greatest secrecy concerning a hearing that was begun Tuesday afternoon by the federal grand jury that may lead to the indictment of the Southern Pacific railway on 250 counts for rebating.

The hearing was conducted by H. B. Duncan, of Washington, an attorney for the interstate commerce commission, and is the direct outcome of the evidence taken here last fall by Interstate Commerce Commissioner Franklin K. Lane. Three witnesses were called Tuesday, C. B. Seger, auditor of the Southern Pacific company; T. G. Brewer, freight claims agent, and Alfred H. Rising, chief clerk of the freight department.

The investigation started Tuesday has particular reference to shipments of pine box lumber from Verdi, two miles outside the state line in Nevada, to points in California at the same rate charged for shorter hauls within the state. Over 200 violations of the law in this connection are said to have been found out by Duncan.

Another violation of the law is said to be in reference to shipments of wool from California points to Stockton, Cal., at reduced rates and from there to other states at interstate rates.

Supply Ships Ready for Cruise.

Vallejo, Cal., June 11.—Orders have been issued by the authorities at the Mare Island navy yard for the departure of the auxiliary vessels of the Atlantic fleet from here before next Saturday, so that they can prepare at San Francisco to depart for the Orient next Monday. The refrigerator ship Culgoa left for the lower bay yesterday morning and the rest will follow this week. The Glacier, Arethusa and Panther are nearly ready to load supplies for the long trip across the Pacific. They will leave here today and tomorrow.

Hearst Continues to Gain.

New York, June 11.—William R. Hearst made good gains yesterday in the recount of the ballots in the disputed mayoralty election of 1905. The examination of the contents of 99 boxes during the day gave him a net gain of 53 votes. The ballots in 390 boxes have been examined and Hearst has gained 188 votes.