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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.

Nan Patterson has been expelled from Pittsburg.

The czar is entertaining President Fallieres, of France.

Harriman is endeavoring to secure control of the Gould roads.

Governor Norris has cleared the Montana land board of fraud charges.

Hearst opened the Independence convention by denouncing the old parties.

The Interstate Commerce commission has decided that shippers may lump shipments in order to get a lower rate.

Two people were killed and two badly injured in a collision at New York between a train and an automobile.

Cotton growers of Mississippi have formed a combination to hold their product off the market until prices are right.

A forest fire in Santa Lucia mountains, California, has been extinguished after burning more than 100,000 acres of timber land.

Taft is reported to have become wedged in a telephone booth at Hot Springs, Va., and a carpenter was called to saw him out.

An important conference is being held by officials of the Justice department regarding action to be taken in the Standard Oil case.

The Ancient Order of Hibernians will meet in Portland in 1910.

Ruef accuses Burns of tampering with jurors and has started contempt proceedings.

Great Britain is already beginning to be sorry she entered into an alliance with Japan.

Roosevelt is planning a hunt in the mountains of Southern Oregon before he goes to South Africa.

The Italian cruiser Puglia is visiting California ports and will also call at Portland, Seattle and Vancouver, B. C.

J. C. Stubbs, traffic manager for the Harriman lines, says shippers are unfair in their opposition to rate increase.

A Los Angeles ragbuyer got \$1,500 in jewelry and diamonds in an old overcoat, where they had been placed for safekeeping.

The proposition to submit a constitutional amendment for state prohibition in Texas will probably carry at the primaries.

Adlai E. Stevenson, ex-vice president of the United States, is a candidate for the Democratic nomination for governor of Illinois.

W. F. Walker, who looted the New Britain, Conn., bank of more than \$500,000, was sentenced to not less than one year nor more than five years in the penitentiary on the first count, and five years each on three other counts.

Hughes will run again for governor of New York.

Furious anti-European riots are occurring at Bombay.

Sweden and Denmark are said to have formed a military alliance.

Cincinnati shippers have appealed direct to the president against rate increase.

England is preparing to press the claims of her citizens against Venezuela.

In a battle between Mexican troops and Indians 19 of the latter were killed and two soldiers slain.

A passenger steamer was sunk near Christiana, Norway, and more than a score of people drowned.

Eugene W. Chafin, Prohibition candidate for president, says if elected he would use the army to enforce prohibition.

All European Turkey is in revolt and has extorted a constitution from the sultan as terms of peace.

Heney is being called on for an explanation of \$30,000 paid him by the Contra Costa Water company for legal services in 1905.

Judge Grosseup says the decision of the Appeal court in the Standard case is practically final. The United States Supreme court is the only recourse.

Thaw has been deprived of the privileges of the jail in which he is confined.

LESSEN MINE DEATHS.

European Experts to Visit America and Conduct Experiments.

Washington, July 28.—In response to an invitation extended by the United States government in behalf of the geological survey, Great Britain, Germany and Belgium will send to this country next month their leading experts in the prevention of mine disasters, to aid in the inauguration of the work here. The negotiations were conducted through the State department.

The three experts are Captain Desborough, inspector of explosives under the Home office, Great Britain; Herr Meisher, head of the German mine service, and Victor Watteyne, engineer-in-chief of the administration of mines, Belgium. It is expected that the experts will reach New York about the end of August, and proceed to Pittsburg, where the United States Geological survey is engaged in erecting a plant for the purpose of conducting investigations into the cause of mine explosions.

In company with the expert in charge of the technologic branch of the survey, they will visit the fields of Pennsylvania, the coal fields of Illinois, Wyoming, Colorado, Alabama, West Virginia and Ohio, in order that they may learn the conditions under which coal is mined in this country.

Experiment stations for the prevention of disasters have been in operation for a number of years in each country represented by the experts, and there the death rate in the mines has been reduced to a minimum.

With the knowledge that mine accidents have been increasing and the death rate constantly becoming larger the United States government authorities are hastening to begin the investigations which it is believed will greatly reduce the loss of life. It is expected that the advice of the foreign experts will be invaluable.

LEVEE GIVES WAY.

Causes Heavy Damage to Farm Land on San Joaquin.

Antioch, Cal., July 28.—Last night at 2 o'clock about 200 feet of the San Joaquin river levee gave way on the fertile Jersey island tract located east of here, flooding the entire island, comprising nearly 4,000 acres. The loss will be about \$50,000, and fall principally upon the Jersey Island company, although there are many small farmers who hold leases who will lose everything, as their crops were all practically ready to harvest.

The Jersey Island company had 100 acres of the finest celery in the river section, estimated at 8,000 carloads, that would have been ready to harvest in about two months. There was also 500 acres of potatoes, besides other vegetables. Nothing will be saved.

Besides this direct loss, all the ditches used for draining the land will be ruined. Also thousands of young celery plants that were ready for planting are under water. It was intended to make this one of the largest celery fields in the state.

ENJOINS ADVANCE IN RATE.

Georgia Judge Grants an Injunction Against Southern Roads.

Mount Airy, Ga., July 28.—On application of the Macon Grocery company, and other merchants and mercantile corporations of the state, Judge Speer, of the United States court yesterday granted a preliminary injunction restraining the Atlantic Coast Railroad company, the Louisville & Nashville and the Nashville, Chattanooga & St. Louis, the Cincinnati, New Orleans & Texas Pacific and the Southern Railway companies from putting into effect the increased rates on shipments of staple products from Western to Southern points, which the railroads have given notice to the Interstate Commerce commission will take effect on August 1.

Judge Speer will hear arguments on July 29 at Mount Airy. The increase, if carried into effect, the petition alleges, will cost the shippers and purchasers in Georgia from \$500,000 to \$1,000,000 annually.

Speeches Strike High Note.

London, July 28.—Earl Grey, governor general of Canada, in an official report to the earl of Crewe, secretary of state for the colonies, on the celebration of the tercentennial of the founding of Quebec, says the speeches of Vice President Fairbanks, of the United States, and the representative of France, touched a high note of friendship and good will to Canada and the crown. Earl Grey also mentions the great satisfaction felt at the presence of the detachments of American marines in the review.

Coiners in Coal Mine.

Yusovo, July 28.—While clearing away the ruins of the explosion in the Ripovsky mine, which occurred early in this month and resulted in the death of nearly 200 men, the officers today found a set of counterfeiting tools and a quantity of spurious money. It is surmised that the counterfeiters may have been responsible for the disaster.

RESTORE OLD RATES

Railroads Accept Decision of Interstate Commission.

NORTHERN PACIFIC IS LEADER

Securities Put Up by Mill Men Now Released—Submit Only for Time Being.

Tacoma, July 25.—It is officially announced by the Northern Pacific Railway company today that consideration given by the transportation lines to the recent decision of the Interstate Commerce commission on the question of rates on forest products has terminated in an announcement by railway lines that rates recently fixed by the commission will, as soon as possible, be put into effect by the railways—not that they think the rates are just, but they submit for the time being to the Interstate Commerce commission's order.

No application for temporary injunction against the order will be made, nevertheless the railways expect to bring suit urging that the rates are unreasonable and asking a determination in the courts to that effect.

This determination cannot, of course, be had until final hearing and decision in court; in the meantime it is understood the only legal rate will be that fixed by the commission, and even should the suit be determined in favor of the railways in the end, that determination cannot be retroactive, and will operate only from that time on.

It is also announced that the railway lines will settle for past business on the basis of the commission's rate, and upon such settlements being made, the security up in protection of the suit before Judge Hanford will be released.

SHIPPERS DEMAND PARLEY.

Ask Presidents of Eastern Roads to Conference on Rates.

Chicago, July 25.—Shipping interests of the entire country, represented by a committee especially appointed at a general conference of the shippers held recently in Chicago, decided at a meeting here today to ask presidents of Eastern railroads to meet them to discuss the proposed increase in freight rates. It was the unanimous opinion of the committeemen that before beginning a fight it would be wise to bring about such a meeting with the railroad officials, at the same time asking them to put no advance into effect until after the conference had been held.

While action on the rate situation was in progress, a long protest and appeal to the Interstate Commerce commission was being formulated by the National Industrial Traffic league, composed of scores of influential manufacturing and shipping organizations, at Manitou Springs, Colo.

NEW WIRELESS RECORD.

Point Loma Station Talks With Fleet 2,900 Miles Away.

San Diego, Cal., July 25.—A. R. Rice, chief operator and his assistants, H. V. Keefer and C. H. Randall, at the Point Loma government wireless telegraph station, hold the record for long distance work today, having talked with Admiral Sperry's battleship the Connecticut last night or rather this morning at a little past midnight. The Connecticut answered the first call of the station, and after identifying each other the battleship stated that she was then in longitude 165 west and between 9 and 10 north latitude on her way to Auckland, N. Z., from Honolulu. A little figuring shows that the point is close to 2,900 miles from San Diego, the previous record for long distance work being 2,600 miles.

Steel Trust Prospers.

New York, July 25.—That there is a gradual, steady increase in progress in all lines of business was the opinion expressed by the presidents of the various subsidiary companies of the United States Steel corporation at a meeting here today. Mr. Corey said the reports of the steel men present were uniformly favorable. He said that about 56 per cent of the finishing capacity of the various plants controlled by the United States Steel corporation were now in operation and that additional capacity would be put in.

Headache Powder Fatal.

Monrovia, Cal., July 25.—Henry Canoll, 63 years of age, a merchant of this city, died suddenly at his home today. It is believed that a "harmless headache powder" hastened his end. He had suffered with heart trouble for some time and was a frequent user of powders which contained acetanilid, a strong depressant, in dangerous quantities.

HARRIMAN WILL FIGHT.

Starts Suit to Prevent Lumbermen Getting Reduced Rate.

Portland, July 27.—While the reduced transcontinental rates on lumber shipments from Oregon to the Middle West will go into effect on all lines on August 15, the Willamette valley lumber mill men have not won their final round, since the Southern Pacific company has opened fire from a new quarter and sued in the Federal court for an injunction against the Interstate Commerce commission's order cutting down the \$5 rate to San Francisco and bay points. The new attack by the Southern Pacific company will again check the lumber industry in the valley, as it clouds the future with uncertainty.

Temporary injunctions are regarded as very dangerous to business prospects, and especially so in this case. Although the railroads propose to give a bond to indemnify lumber manufacturers in event of losing the railroads' case in court, the alleged bond does not prove to be any protection to the lumber industry. No new lumber mill is going to start up and no old mill is going to resume business on the promise of a railroad company to reimburse the mill should a lower rate ultimately be made.

It is believed by well-informed lawyers that there does not exist more than one chance in 100 for the Southern Pacific company to win any important ground in the fight against railroad regulation as a result of its newest attack upon the validity of the Hepburn law. Should the company win this suit it would destroy the Interstate Commerce commission as at present created and organized.

DOUBT SULTAN'S GOOD FAITH.

People of Constantinople Accept His Trade With Stolidity.

Constantinople, July 27.—The momentous act of the sultan of Turkey in proclaiming yesterday the restoration of the constitution of 1876 has left the population of Constantinople unmoved. The aspect of the city is today perfectly normal and there have been no manifestations of satisfaction of any kind. The stolid fatalism of the Moslems, who for centuries past have been accustomed to a regime of personal rule and who are not used to political freedom, is thought partly to explain the apathy everywhere apparent.

Added to this is skepticism regarding the durability of the new era promised. Furthermore, past experience and the fact that the sultan conceded a re-establishment of the constitution under extreme pressure inclines the Turks to the belief that the concession is intended merely to surmount the present troubles and avert the threatened disruption of the empire, and that the earliest opportunity will be taken again to suspend the charter of liberty.

TOOLE UNDER CHARGES.

Waives Immunity and Denies Complicity in Land Frauds.

Great Falls, Mont., July 27.—On account of charges made in connection with state timber land in the Flathead valley district, an investigation has been in progress at Kalispell before Governor Norris, and land board and ex-Governor Toole, who was a member of the board when the sales under investigation were made. The charges are to the effect that the commission favored the big land companies by selling to them through dummies valuable timber land for less than it was worth. Several witnesses today testified that dummy names were used.

When Mr. Toole wished to take the stand attorneys for the complainants objected on the ground that to permit such testimony would grant immunity to any person so testifying. On behalf of the governor himself and the other members of the board, the attorney general waived such immunity. Mr. Toole emphatically denied the charges made by Prodrger, as did Mr. Galen, Secretary of State Yoder and Superintendent Harmon. Mr. McCrea also denied having made any such remark to Prodrger. The investigation will be continued and Governor Norris insists he will go to the bottom of things.

Girls Sold as Slaves

Corunna, Spain, July 27.—Dozens of young girls believed to have been destined for the white slave trade which is said to be flourishing in Cuba, were taken from the steamer Isla de Panay here today, prior to her sailing, ostensibly for Tenerife. Embarkation of many young women on the vessel aroused the suspicions of the authorities and a raid disclosed the presence of many girls stowed away like slaves once were in the African trade. Many of them had been bought from their parents.

Wool Market Reported Active.

Dillon, Mont., July 27.—The past week has been very active in the wool markets. Sales amounted to 250,000 pounds at prices ranging from 14 to 17½ cents. At Lewistown the buyers and growers have deadlocked over prices, and the greater part of the three million pounds will be consigned.

LANDIS IS REVERSED

Court of Appeals Annuls Great Standard Oil Fine.

GOVERNMENT IS TO TRY AGAIN

Judges Render Unanimous Decision That First Trial Was Unfair Result Is Surprise.

Chicago, July 23.—The United States Circuit Court of Appeals yesterday reversed and remanded for re-trial the case of the government against the Standard Oil company of Indiana, in which Judge Landis, in the District court, had imposed a fine of \$29,240,000. The government has 30 days within which to file a petition for a rehearing and it was announced that it will be filed within the allotted time.

The decision came as a complete surprise to the government officials, who believed the trial judge would be upheld.

Judge Grosseup, who delivered the opinion, left little of the contention that each carload at the 6-cent rate constituted a separate offense. Even the shipments, of which there were about 500, could not be so considered under the ruling of the court. The fine should have been based on settlements between the railroad and the oil company. Of these there were just 36. The maximum fine on this basis would amount to but \$720,000, and the minimum \$36,000—the latter figure being considerably lower than the \$223,000 which the Standard is alleged to have received as rebates on the shipments in question.

In the event that a rehearing is denied, the government may go to trial on the original indictment containing 1,462 counts—an action which Mr. Sims could be ready to take within two weeks—or upon any one of seven other indictments containing 4,442 counts.

UNCLE SAM AS RULER.

Kaiser's War Expert Sees This Result From European War.

Berlin, July 23.—Showing that a European war at this time would cost \$16,000,000,000 annually and would result in the United States becoming the undisputed leader of the world, General Blume, the famous military expert, today submitted a report, ordered by Emperor William, on the probable cost of an international fight.

If Germany were to fight another European power, General Blume says, it would cost the empire \$1,500,000,000 a year in direct outlay and entail a loss of \$2,500,000,000 annually to the in the paralysis of commerce.

General Blume declares that, owing to the delicate adjustment of European politics, the next war will involve at least four powers, and that his estimate of cost would apply to each. The financial drain would not result otherwise than in the world supremacy of the United States, he says.

FIRE AT PORTLAND.

Fire Chief Places Damage by Flames at \$500,000.

Portland, July 23.—Fire, supposed to have originated as the result of crossed electric wires, started in the upper floor of the five-story Abington building, 106½ Third street, near Washington, shortly after midnight last night, ruined that building, swept into the Van Schuyver building immediately to the rear, destroyed the upper two stories of that building, damaged the McKay building, for a time endangered the entire block and raged for an hour and a half before firemen finally succeeded in getting it under control.

The fire entailed a loss estimated at between \$300,000 and \$400,000. Both the Abington and Van Schuyver buildings were ruined. Fire Chief Campbell estimates the entire loss at \$500,000.

Robbers Get Wells-Fargo Money.

Reno, Nev., July 23.—The state police are today watching every station on the main line of the Southern Pacific on a lookout for two bandits who held up the stage coach between Likely and Alturas, in Modoc county, Cal. The men held up the stage late Monday night about five miles from Likely and secured a Wells-Fargo strong box containing \$28,000. The bandits evidently knew of the box, for they stopped the stage and ordered the Wells-Fargo agent, who sat on the seat with the driver, to throw down the box.

Fifty Japanese Killed.

St. Petersburg, July 22.—The Bourse Gazette yesterday published a dispatch from Harbin which recites an engagement with Korean insurgents on the Russo-Corean frontier in which it is reported 50 Japanese soldiers were killed. The insurgent losses are not known.