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#### NEWS OF THE WORLD.

##### Boiled Down For the Edification of The Enterprise Readers.

##### LOVE FEAST OF THE MORMONS.

##### A Mighty Show of Apostolic Devotion—Russian Persecution—New Party in Britain.

SALT LAKE CITY, Oct. 5.—The second day's session of the Mormon conference was devoted to instructing the faithful in religious work. Apostle Merrill declared that he had been raised from the dead by the efforts of the priesthood, guided by the divine mercy of God. Apostle Thatcher dwelt on temporal affairs, stating he considered acquisition or wealth to be a God's blessing, provided the riches were used properly. He touched upon the labor problem, and called attention to the work of the church in bringing the down-trodden emigrants from abroad and establishing them in comfortable homes of their own in free America. President Woodruff made an interesting address, embracing many reminiscences of the experiences of the founders of the church. Referring to the charge frequently made that the great mass of the Mormon people are merely tools of the church leaders, he said he firmly believed any member of the presidency or apostles would willingly lay down his life for the gospel if God commanded. He gave figures showing the amount of money expended by the church in charitable work, and expressed the belief that God would soften the hearts of men and make it smooth sailing for the saints hereafter. Cannon spoke of the persecutions of the saints, and called attention to the fact that they had prospered in spite of all the efforts of their enemies.

##### READY FOR WAR.

##### Russian Persecutions of all the Non-Conformists.

LONDON, Oct. 6.—Poulney Bigelow, of the New York Canoe Club, who has been making a long canoe trip in Southern Europe, has returned to this city after a three months' absence. In an interview Bigelow says: "The situation of affairs in Russia, so far as an anti-foreign crusade is concerned, is more serious than reported. The anti-Jewish crusade is only a small portion of the general movement existing against foreigners in Russia. The Jews, perhaps, are the lightest sufferers. The Germans and Poles, all non-members of the Russian Church, are persecuted. These people, with those who have money invested in lands, factories, etc., are harassed and oppressed to a degree which renders business impossible, and the loss of their property is one of the inevitable consequences. There are 150,000 Russian soldiers on the Rumanian frontier, and the general result of the observations I have had with public and military officials confirms me in the belief that Russia is not only prepared for war, but anxious for an opportunity of declaring war."

##### THE COTTON RIOTERS.

##### Two Negroes Lynched and Five in Custody.

MARIANNA, Ark., Oct. 3.—After scouring the woods for a distance of about forty-five miles in search of the riotous cotton pickers, Sheriff Derrick's posse returned here yesterday. They brought with them three negroes, as expected. There is no truth in the reports sent out from Helena that nine men had been taken from the sheriff and lynched. So far as know, Ed Peyton, who was shot by the officers while in the cane-brake Tuesday, and Ben Patterson, who was taken from Deputy Mills, and lynched Wednesday night, were the only ones killed. Officers who arrived yesterday say that two more prisoners were in charge of the officers, who were to bring them over today, but they think it likely both of them will be lynched before they reach this place. Everything is now quiet at the scene of the rioting. Cotton picking is going on steadily.

##### A New Party in Britain.

LONDON, Oct. 6.—The trade unions and ultra liberals have been agitating the matter of organizing a new political party in the kingdom and steps looking to that end were taken at public meetings held last week. The platform of the proposed new party includes triennial parliament; the payment of salaries to members of parliament, as well as the reimbursement of election expenses on secret ballots; the legalization of the eight-hour day in all trades, wherein a majority of the workers do not object; the election of burgesses; the abolition of hereditary land laws and the nationalization of the land, and home rule for Ireland, Scotland and Wales. The movements is doubtless destined to play an important part in the immediate future of English politics.

#### SMUGGLING CHINESE.

##### United States Officers Convinced to Evade the Law.

NIAGARA FALLS, Oct. 4.—Not long ago the chief of police had received information that Chinamen were being smuggled across the border from Canada, being aided in so doing by some persons of influence on the American side. He put detectives at work, and this morning the officers arrested two men giving the names of Abram Abrams, of New York, and James G. Muldoon, of Toronto. Muldoon had in his pocket a letter from D. M. Pomeroy, deputy United States marshal at Lockport, conveying instructions as to how Chinese might be worked across the line into the hands of Pomeroy and another deputy named Weaver. The United States Commissioner Pound, of Lockport, and United States District Attorney Alexander, of Buffalo, are also implicated.

##### Walla Walla Shooting Scrape.

WALLA WALLA, Oct. 5.—The three victims of Saturday's shooting affair are still alive. Zorn and the old lady have a slight show to recover. Mrs. Zorn, who was shot in the right lung, is in a critical condition. Zorn, who shot himself in the mouth, apparently suffers but very little. He complains of a soreness in the back of his head. The bullet entered the roof of his mouth, but the doctors have not yet been able to locate it. It is thought to have passed under the brain. All three are at St. Mary's hospital, and a deputy sheriff is in charge of Zorn. There are no new developments in the affair, and particulars are as first reported. Zorn was on a spree and attempted to kill his divorced wife, her mother and himself.

##### The Cascades Railway.

SALEM, Or., Oct. 5.—Governor Pennoyer and State Treasurer Metchan have returned from the Cascades, where they inspected the work on the portage railway, and investigated the charges recently made against C. J. Farley, chief of construction of the railway. Governor Pennoyer says so far as they have examined into the charges they find them unfounded. Farley will complete the road without an extra appropriation. When asked about the progress of the work, Governor Pennoyer said: "The low water has delayed the work materially, but Farley informs me that the road will be ready for operation about next Saturday. The locomotive will arrive in about ten days, and then the railway will be in full operation."

##### Don't Like O'Brien.

TACOMA, Wash., Oct. 3.—A meeting of officers of the National Guard of Washington was held in Tacoma this afternoon. An organization was perfected, a constitution adopted and resolutions passed asking the resignation of Adjutant-General O'Brien. For a long time there has been much friction between O'Brien and the other officers, culminating in the personal encounter between O'Brien and Colonel J. C. Haines about two weeks ago. The other officers are nearly all against O'Brien. The resolutions recite that he has stood in the way of the advancement of the militia, which had been generously provided for by the state.

##### Trade Daughters for Wives.

PHILADELPHIA, Oct. 5.—News has come from the West that Colonel Forsythe, formerly of General Sheridan's staff, has just succeeded in winning the hand of the daughter of his old friend, Dr. D. Bache, of Philadelphia, also in the military service, and that Miss Forsythe, the colonel's daughter has become engaged to Dr. Bache. Each man has been a widower about the same length of time, and neither of the young women are much over 20 years of age. Colonel Forsythe served through the Pine Ridge campaign as commanding officer of the Seventh cavalry.

##### Counties Must Pay Up.

SALEM, Or., Oct. 3.—The state of Oregon is about to become plaintiff in a suit in which Baker county will become defendant. The state seeks the payment of taxes due from Baker county for the several years since and including 1873. Baker county owes \$12,245. This has accrued from year to year, each remittance to the state treasurer being a little less than the amount due. Malheur county owes \$400; Tillamook \$500, and Umatilla and Union small sums. Marion is charged with \$800. The sums are in dispute, and have been so for years.

##### Call For Mining Congress.

DENVER, Colo., Oct. 6.—A call has been issued for a mining congress to be held here November 18. Among the subjects to be discussed are protection of foreign capital, amending the mineral land laws, restricting new companies and free coinage.

#### BONDED RAILWAYS.

##### Report of Commissioner Taylor for the Past Year.

##### UNION PACIFIC POLICY INDORSED.

##### An Increase in Gross Receipts But a Fall in Net Earnings Owing to Competition.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 3.—The third annual report of Commissioner Taylor was handed to the secretary of the interior today. The report says of the railroad situation that for the past year there has been an increase in gross receipts, but a falling off in net earnings, owing to increased competition. The net earnings of the roads indebted to the government show a slight decrease over last year, but the roads are paying into treasury each year all that the law requires them to pay. Full and detailed statements are given, showing the financial condition of the companies. The statements of the bonded roads, for the year for which settlements were made, were:

Gross receipts	\$228,045,000
Net earnings	6,869,000
Government requirements	1,749,000
Paid in	1,616,000
Total debt December 31, 1890	112,513,000

The increase in the debts of the bonded roads is not owing to the failure of the companies to comply with the law. They pay yearly all the law requires them to pay. The trouble is the percentages, required by law to be paid, do not create a sum equal to the interest the government has to pay on the subsidy bonds. The commissioner endorses the policy of the Union Pacific in aiding construction of branch lines, which shall be tributary to the main stem. He says:

Were it not for the feeders the Union Pacific would yield no net earnings whatever, and the property would not be worth the amount of its first mortgage bonds.

The commissioner urges very strongly and at considerable length the great necessity for some action to be taken looking to a settlement between the bonded roads and the government. Regarding this he says:

I have little doubt of the ability of the principal bonded roads to eventually meet all their obligations to the government, but the sum of these debts is apparently beyond the possibility of payment in money at their maturity. Some plan for refunding must be devised in order to give them time. The course of the government should be that which a practical business man would pursue with private debt or in a similar situation.

The commissioner recommends that the department appoint a commission of not over three members and to be persons in the government's employ, to consider the situation, confer with the railway companies and report their conclusions to congress. If such an adjustment could be agreed upon as would secure to the government the moneys due it, and not seriously affect the business or credit of the railways, or burden the traffic and hinder the development of sections tributary to them, greater public good would be accomplished. Surely the magnitude of the interests involved in this controversy may well command the early attention of congress.

##### Whalebacks for the Pacific.

CHICAGO, Oct. 6.—A representative of the American Steel Company, manufacturers of the noted whaleback ships says that the whaleback Whitmore which made the transatlantic trip is now twelve days out from New York carrying material for the docks and shops the company propose to build at Everett on the sound. The company also proposes to establish a yard at some convenient point on the Atlantic coast, and expects before many years that the whaleback will revolutionize the water-carrying trade.

##### Portland Public Building.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 5.—Henry C. McLean, chief clerk of the architect's office in the treasury, has returned from the Pacific coast. He has not made any report upon the Portland public building site, although he has had a conference with Secretary Foster about it today. McLean is of the opinion that a high price is wanted for Portland real estate, and it may be deemed advisable to re-advertise for bids on account of the high holdings of the sites offered.

##### Steamer Arago Wrecked.

MARSHFIELD, Or., Oct. 3.—The steamer Arago, bound for San Francisco loaded with coal, is reported wrecked on the south spit. The latest advices from Empire City are that the passengers are all saved. There are no hopes of saving the steamer, as every sea carries her higher upon the beach. The tug Liberty is now at the wreck, also the life saving crew.

##### A New Cleveland.

NEW YORK, Oct. 3.—Mrs. Grover Cleveland has become a mother, the new-comer in the ex-presidents family being a daughter. The mother and child are doing well.