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WEEK'S DOINGS

Newsy Items Gathered from All Parts of the World.

OF INTEREST TO OUR READERS

General Review of Important Happenings Presented in a Brief and Condensed Form.

Fire at Kansas City destroyed property valued at \$100,000.

The Russians are offering fabulous prices to ships to make Port Arthur with supplies.

President Francis says the St. Louis fair lost \$1,000,000 by being forced to close on Sunday.

The Rio Grande is still rising in New Mexico. The river is now the highest in 20 years.

The Duke of Connaught, brother of King Edward, narrowly escaped death in an auto accident.

It is reported from St. Petersburg that five Japanese cruisers have been sighted off Vladivostok.

The New York Rapid Transit company's new subway will be opened to the general public October 27.

There is renewed anxiety regarding the condition of King George, of Saxony, whose difficulty in breathing and general weakness are marked.

The battle at Port Arthur is becoming fiercer than ever. The Japanese have succeeded in placing a mortar battery which has the range of the inner fortresses.

The Japanese are preparing for another assault on Port Arthur.

The Portland postal receipts for the fiscal year just ended show an increase of \$51,000.

Hiltchcock declares that the decision in the Benson case will not affect the prosecution of the land ring.

John Barrett, minister to Panama, is in Washington, where he will confer with the president about conditions on the isthmus.

A great battle is raging between Liao Yang and Mukden. The Japanese have again assumed the offensive and the Russian advance has been checked.

A terrible storm swept the Honduras coast the latter part of September which lasted for three days. Enormous damage was suffered. The banana crop is reported ruined.

Field Marshal Oyama is said to have ordered a retreat to Liao Yang and had it not been for General Nodsu the Japanese would have been defeated. Oyama is likely to be recalled and succeeded by Nodsu.

The steamship Swanley, from Hong Kong to South Africa, with 2,260 coolies, grounded in the China sea. After the ship was floated, several holes were found in her hull and it was necessary to land all her passengers with provisions for 10 days. Assistance will be sent them.

Germany and Russia are reported to have made a secret agreement.

St. Petersburg is confident that Kuropatkin will relieve Port Arthur.

Tokio has advised that three Russian ships at Port Arthur have been lost.

London war experts believe that the Russian advance is just what the Japanese want.

General Funston, in his annual report, urges an increase in the pay of enlisted men in the army.

Labor Commissioner Hoff, of Oregon, reports that the cost of living has increased 15 per cent in the past four years.

An officer who has just escaped from Port Arthur says there are plenty of stores yet untouched. The garrison now comprises 23,000 soldiers and 16,000 sailors.

The Baltic fleet has at last made what is declared by the authorities its actual start for the Far East. From other sources, however, it is said the fleet is unworthy and another postponement is expected.

A daring jail break has been frustrated at the Multnomah county jail. Five prisoners proposed to kill the jailer, but the plot was revealed by a man condemned to be hung, who is awaiting a decision of the supreme court.

Burglars gained entrance to a Silver City, Nev., store and secured \$2,300 in cash.

It is believed a peace treaty will be signed by Bolivia and Chile within a week.

The national 1905 fair committee will allot space and funds for exhibits this week.

Russian police have discovered that exiles are leaders in a movement to revive a reign of terror.

Robbers dynamited the safe of the Freedland, Ind., bank. It is reported that they secured \$20,000.

Tokio has advised showing that the Japanese losses are not nearly as large as reported by the Russians.

Rivers in New Mexico have again overflowed their banks, causing additional losses to railroad and other property.

Assistant Secretary of the Navy Darling will visit the coast in November and inspect the Puget sound and Mare island navy yards.

The first great American auto race, for the Vanderbilt cup, resulted in the death of one chauffeur and fatal injuries to a millionaire. An American won the race.

REGARD DEFEAT AS COMPLETE.

London Papers Agree That Kuropatkin Has Shot His Bolt.

London, Oct. 15.—The London papers have to rely mainly on official reports for news from the Far East, but the dispatches thus far received regard a complete Japanese victory assured, and editorialize from this point of view. Says the Daily Telegraph:

"General Kuropatkin has shot his bolt. It seemed to be speeding well toward the mark, yet missed it badly. He has suffered not merely a repulse but a disastrous defeat, while Japan's incomparable soldiers under incomparable generals have added another glorious page to the chronicle of war and proved that Oyama is still Kuropatkin's master in every branch of the art of war."

The Daily Graphic describes General Kuropatkin's move as a "gambler's throw," and considers the frank bluntness of his report to the emperor seems to speak the language of a man who has done his best with the bungling advice of some superior agency.

The Standard finds General Kuropatkin's dispatch full of tragic meaning, while the Daily News argues that the Russian dash southward was prompted by a desperate desire to relieve Port Arthur rather than to Viceroy Alexieff's malign influence, the end of which, in case of the fall of the fortress, cannot be far distant.

Spencer Wilkinson, in the Morning Post, discussing strategic possibilities, thinks the issue will turn upon which side shall first become exhausted by the protracted operations.

"Telegrams," he says, "do not yet reveal the final decision, but they certainly do not point to the scale turning in Russia's favor. It remains to be seen whether either army kept large reserves ready to throw in when it becomes apparent that the forces engaged have become exhausted."

COST OF FEEDING THE ARMY.

Commissary General Reports the Expenses Reduced to a Minimum.

Washington, Oct. 15.—The annual report of Brigadier General J. F. Weston, commissary general of the army, says the total cost of feeding the army during the past fiscal year was \$8,821,750. During the year the losses were \$418,650 in the Philippines; \$7,467 in the transports and \$129,853 in the United States, Alaska, Porto Rico and elsewhere.

General Weston says it is difficult and often impossible to prevent losses of perishable stores. General Weston urgently recommends the passage of a bill by congress to give authority to all officers entrusted with the disbursement of subsistence funds to hold restricted amounts of such funds in their personal possession. He says the exigencies of the public service require an open disregard of the restriction of the existing laws in cities where the treasurer or an assistant treasurer is located. He urges legislation authorizing the sale at public auction of accumulated subsistence stores in good condition.

General Weston says the problem of feeding the army in the Philippines was a difficult one, but "it has been successfully solved, and subsistence affairs in the archipelago are now run with system and economy."

The subsistence department, it is stated, was able to make a contract for fresh beef for the fiscal year, 1905, by which an annual saving of over \$140,000 was effected. The running expenses gradually have been reduced to a minimum, the report says, and a saving of more than \$40,000 made in wages of civilian employes alone.

Wreckage From Troopship.

San Francisco, Oct. 15.—The schooner Gotama, which arrived here early this morning from Kurile island, reports that on August 4, when 40 miles south southwest of Cape Curat, she sighted a mass of floating wreckage. She made out parts of a mast. Captain Macomber later succeeded in getting closer to the wreckage, and established that it was from the Japanese troopship Kinsui Maru, which was sunk by the Russians last April, when 200 perished. Entangled in the wreckage were a number of headless trunks.

Passing of Negro Roustabouts.

New Orleans, Oct. 15.—The passing of the negro as a roustabout, marking an epoch in steamboating on the Mississippi, was witnessed by a large crowd of people, who today saw 60 white men, sent here from Western and Northern cities, go to work at the steamboat landings in place of the colored men. For years the steamboat men have suffered from the strikes of negro roustabouts, who sometimes have demanded as high as \$150 a month.

Great Dockworkers' Strike Ends.

Marselles, Oct. 15.—The coal heavers who have been on strike for nearly two months have agreed to resume work on the employers' conditions. This brings the great dockworkers' strike to an end.

AT THE CANAL

Work at Panama Progressing Satisfactorily.

COMMISSION REVIEWS WORK ON

Cost of Excavating Material Has Been Reduced Nearly 30 Cents Per Cubic Yard.

Washington, Oct. 14.—Members of the Panama canal commission now in Washington called today by appointment to President Roosevelt. A short time afterward, John Barrett, American minister to Panama, had a conference with the president. The commission remained with the president about half an hour. As they left the executive office they said the visit was a "purely complimentary call" on the president and was without special significance. It is known, however, that they discussed with him the conditions on the isthmus of Panama which have arisen since the acquisition by this country of an American zone, and the differences between the commission and the government of Panama. What, if any, conclusions were reached was not disclosed.

The commissioners left with the president a memorandum giving in detail the work accomplished on the isthmus. Surveying parties are at work in the vicinity of Colon, making plans and estimates for an inner harbor; also at Gutun, surveying and boring at the various proposed dam sites in that neighborhood, and for a cut-off between Gutun and Tiger Hill. At Bohio the surveyors are making detailed surveys and studies and investigating the various damsites that have been proposed in that locality.

An engineering corps along the main line of the canal in the vicinity of Culabra is making surveys to determine the feasibility of straightening the lines of the French company and to determine the amount of material removed and to be removed in accordance with the different canal plans under consideration. Another engineering force is constructing a reservoir in the valley of the upper Rio Grande, which will furnish a minimum supply of 2,000,000 gallons of water a day for the City of Panama; also a distributing reservoir for the City of Panama at Ancon. It is also making surveys and estimates for a sewerage system for Colon and plans are being prepared for the construction of a harbor there.

The average amount of material taken out of the Culabracut has been from 1,000 to 1,500 cubic yards a day. This is with the use of old French machinery available. Three modern steam shovels, which are to be put at work on Culabra Hill, will increase the cut five feet.

In August, the unit cost of excavating material was cut to 50 1/2 cents a cubic yard, while during the time Major Black was in charge of the canal work the cost, according to the French methods of excavation, was 79 cents a cubic yard.

EXCHANGE IDEAS ON WARSHIPS.

Important Conference Attended by British Expert.

Washington, Oct. 14.—An important conference was held at the White House this evening by the president, Admiral Dewey, Secretary of the Navy, Mr. William White, formerly naval chief of the British navy, Admiral Capps, chief naval constructor of the United States navy, Rear Admiral Converse, chief of bureau of navigation, Rear Admiral Frederick Rodgers, Rear Admiral R. D. Evans and Commander Sims, inspector of target practice of the United States navy. The general subject of battleship construction was considered at the conference. Views being exchanged between Sir William White and the American naval officers.

The conference was called by the president, Sir William White being asked to attend. Sir William favored the construction of fighting ships and not those that could run away. This met with the president's approval. The idea found favor to have sold many of the gunboats and cruisers, purchased during the recent war, which are maintained at great expense, and whose complement of officers could be used advantageously on the new battleships.

Dewey Offers to Assume Command.

Washington, Oct. 14.—Admiral Dewey has again offered to assume command of the combined fleet in the Caribbean sea and direct the winter maneuvers. If his services can be spared from the presidency of the general board at that time Secretary Morton will certainly accept the admiral's offer. It is probable the admiral will leave in the Mayflower early in the new year and assume command of the fleet at Guantanamo. The fleet will reach Guantanamo between January 8 and 10.

Suffering in Mexico.

Denver, Oct. 14.—A News special from Albuquerque says: Seventy dwellings in San Marcial, 80 miles south of Albuquerque, have been wrecked by the floods of the past week, and there is great suffering and destitution there. The plight of the Mexican people in the surrounding valley is terrible, and hundreds must starve unless immediate help is furnished from the outside. Not only the crops and stores, but their lands are ruined.

Snow Falls in New York.

New York, Oct. 14.—The first snow of the season fell at Albany, Schenectady and a number of other places up the state today. It melted as fast as it fell.

LOSS IS \$800,000.

Fire Destroys Three Business Blocks in Winnipeg.

Winnipeg, Man., Oct. 13.—Fire tonight destroyed three of the finest business blocks in this city, entailing a loss of at least \$800,000. For a time the flames threatened to spread to adjoining buildings, and but for the splendid work of the fire brigade a much larger money damage would have been incurred.

The fire started in the new Pullman block, which was totally destroyed. The Ashdown Hardware company, on Bannatine street, one of the largest establishments of its kind in Canada, was next attacked by the flames. Many explosions were caused by powder and cartridges carried in the stock of the hardware company, but no one was injured. The Rialto block and the Great Northern telegraph office were also destroyed. There is no estimate of the amount of insurance.

The Woodbine hotel block and Dufferin block were also badly damaged. The chief sufferers in those blocks were the Slater Shoe company, the Gundy Music company, Calder's photograph supplies, and Raver's stationery stock and Connelly's drugstore. The electric light and power service was cut off owing to the fire, and all newspaper offices are in darkness. The Free Press office, in the rear of the Bullman block, escaped injury.

JAPANESE GUNBOAT LOST.

Hel Yen Strikes a Mine, and Nearly 200 Persons are Drowned.

Tokio, Oct. 13.—The Japanese gunboat Hel Yen struck a mine off Pigeon bay on the night of September 18 and foundered. It is officially stated that 197 men were lost. Those rescued managed to reach Chiao Pal island, from which they were rescued. Permission was today granted by the authorities to publish the details of the disaster.

The Hel Yen, which was engaged in guard duty off Pigeon bay, was missed by the fleet, and a search for the vessel was immediately begun. The petty officers and sailors found on Chiao Pal island reported that at dusk on September 18 a storm came up, accompanied by high seas. The Hel Yen endeavored to return to her base, when she suddenly struck a floating mine, which exploded under her starboard side amidships. The vessel began to sink, and an attempt was made to lower the boats. The boats were swamped and the crew jumped into the sea, where, owing to the heavy combers, they were quickly drowned.

The Japanese fleet carefully searched the patrolled locality, but failed to find any other survivors.

"An official announcement of the disaster, issued today, says: 'It is highly regrettable that no report in any form has been received of the fate of the other survivors. The sad event was made worse on account of the weather, which must have added greatly to the already awful result caused by the explosion of the mine.'"

CAUGHT WITH HIS MOLDS.

Secret Service Men Swoop Down on Counterfeiter at Work.

Seattle, Oct. 13.—United States Secret Service Agent Bell, of this city, today descended upon a counterfeiter's cabin in the woods nine miles west of Tacoma and captured H. N. Stone virtually in the act of manufacturing spurious United States half dollars, quarters and dimes. Mr. Bell was assisted in the raid by a deputy United States marshal, two Tacoma detectives and a special secret service agent who has been working on the case for two weeks.

One of the most elaborate outfits ever captured in the Northwest was seized together with the molds, which were discovered in a stove, where they had been placed to dry only a few minutes before. Stone confessed his guilt when confronted with the evidence, but maintained that he was only "experimenting" and had not actually put any of the counterfeit money into circulation.

The cabin in which Stone conducted his operations is located in a dense swamp, entirely removed from human habitation. It is conceded that it would hardly have been discovered had not the secret service officers secured a clew in Seattle, where a considerable part of the layout was purchased.

Many Greeks Assassinated.

Athens, Oct. 13.—The following semi-official statement has been issued: Hardly a day passes without assassinations of Greeks by Bulgarians being reported from Macedonia. This Sunday in the village of Brote, near Monastir, an orthodox priest was murdered while he was celebrating mass, and his wife was burned alive in her home. A Greek notable was also assassinated in the church. The object of these crimes is to terrify the Greeks into declaring themselves to be members of the Bulgarian committee.

Predicted China Would Profit.

London, Oct. 13.—The Times today publishes the summary of a letter alleged to have been written by Li Hung Chang shortly before his death, predicting that little harm would come from allowing the Russians to hold Manchuria, because it would lead to war between Russia and Japan, and then China, by espousing the winning side, would be able to recover Manchuria.

Russians Hold Railways.

Mukden, Oct. 13.—The battle commenced this morning along the line of the railroad with a terrific artillery fire on both sides. The railway line almost to Yental is in possession of the Russians.

DEATH LIST BIG

Twenty-Eight Killed in Missouri Train Collision.

SIXTY OTHERS ARE INJURED

Sleeping Passengers Hurled in Every Direction—Scene of Wreck on Down Grade.

Washington, Oct. 12.—Twenty-nine persons were killed and 60 injured by a collision of Missouri Pacific trains, three miles west of Warrensburg, at 4 o'clock this morning. The trains were the second section of passenger train No. 30, which left Wichita, Kan., for St. Louis last night and an extra freight train. Twenty-seven of the dead are in undertaking rooms in this city and the seriously wounded are in the railroad hospital in Sedalia.

The passenger train, consisting of two day coaches, a Pullman car and a caboose, was loaded with world's fair excursionists, from Southeast Kansas and Southwest Missouri. The regular passenger train, No. 30, had been cut in two at Pleasant Hill on account of the heavy load and an engine attached to the front car without a baggage car as a buffer.

The extra freight had sidetracked at Montserrat for the first section of No. 30, which carried signals that a second section was following. This was followed by passenger train No. 50, which the freight crew took for the second section of No. 30. The freight pulled out of the sidetrack, and three miles west met the second section. The impact telescoped the tender of the passenger engine into the front car, which was loaded with passengers, and it was here that the sacrifice of life took place.

The passenger conductor, E. L. Barnes, ran all the way to Warrensburg and broke the news of the wreck. Every physician in the town responded, and hundreds of citizens hastened to the wreck and assisted the wounded from beneath the timbers of the broken cars. Twenty people were killed outright and seven died before 8 o'clock. The dead were placed upon flatcars and brought to this city, and Dr. Bill, the coroner, immediately impounded a jury and stated an inquiry which is still in session. The afternoon was taken up in identifying the dead.

WORK ON TREATY.

New Chinese Exclusion Act is Now Being Considered.

Washington, Oct. 13.—Secretary Hay and Sir Chung Tang Liang Chong have at last begun to lay the foundation for a new Chinese exclusion treaty and it is expected the convention will be ready for submission to the senate at the approaching session. The treaty will, it is understood, replace all existing laws on the subject. It is the intention to continue in full force in the treaty the principle of the exclusion of Chinese coolies and the Chinese government itself is perfectly willing that this should be done. But the treaty will contain provisions regarded as much needed and earnestly sought by the Chinese government for many years, looking to a more considerate, liberal and kindly treatment of the higher class of Chinese seeking to enter our ports.

WILL DO OR DIE.

Kuropatkin Has About Faced and Will Assume Offensive.

St. Petersburg, Oct. 12.—A battle upon which the fate of this year's campaign in Manchuria depends seems only a few days ahead. Advice from the front are meager. All that is positively known officially is that General Kuropatkin has called the die at last, about faced his army and is marching resolutely against the enemy as if resolved to do or die. According to unofficial reports, Field Marshal Oyama, at the first sign of General Kuropatkin taking the offensive, began drawing in his line and concentrating upon fortified positions north of Liao Yang. According to the latest reports, which are contained in a dispatch to the Associated Press from Mukden, the Japanese outposts are being driven in all along the line.

Scandal Over State Funds.

Topeka, Kan., Oct. 13.—Governor Bailey today gave out an official report covering an examination of the state treasury and school fund accounts. The reports says: "This examination has developed shortages, irregularities and discrepancies amounting to many thousands of dollars in the 12 counties examined. In my judgment, the same conditions will be found existing in the remaining counties of the state, not only in the permanent school fund, but in the normal and agricultural fund."

Will Pass It Up to Emperor.

St. Petersburg, Oct. 12.—The strained relations between the foreign office and the admiralty over the question of contraband has reached an acute stage, according to high authority. Foreign Minister Larudorff is said to consider that he has suffered a personal affront under which he cannot rest, and purposes to raise the issue at the weekly audience with the emperor tomorrow and at the same time tender his resignation.

Stocassel Must Have Help.

London, Oct. 12.—The morning Post's Shanghai correspondent says it is stated that Lieutenant General Stocassel has reported that unless he is relieved before December he must surrender.