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THE NEWS OF THE WEEK

Comprehensive Review of the Important Happenings of the Past Week Collected From the Telegraph Columns.

Returns from the Florida election give Bloxham, Democratic candidate for governor, a plurality of 25,000. A constitutional amendment abolishing October elections was ratified.

The telegraphers' strike on the Canadian Pacific has been declared off. A settlement was arrived at through a board of conciliation. The company agrees that all men will be taken back except those guilty of destroying property. It also agrees to recognize the Order of Railway Telegraphers and its members.

Seven men started in a skiff to cross the river from Canton, Mo., where they had been attending a political meeting. About fifty feet from the Illinois side the boat upset. John Reed, George Withrow and John Simms were drowned. All were in the government river service.

In a fog at Argentine, Kan., five east-bound Santa Fe trains were mixed up in a rear-end collision just outside the railway yards, the trains following each other closely. Several cars and two of the engines were wrecked, but miraculously enough no one was killed. Four persons were slightly injured.

A dispatch from Lowell observatory, Flagstaff, Ariz., announces that the astronomers of the observatory have discovered that the planets Mercury and Venus each turns once on its axis during one revolution of the sun, making the day just equal to the year on these planets. They find further that Venus is not cloud covered, as has been reported, but has about it a thick atmosphere, while Mercury has none.

It has been semi-officially announced in Constantinople that the Turkish government, after weighing the matter and consulting certain advisors, came to a decision not to admit the United States warship Bancroft through the Dardanelles, and therefore she will not be able to act as the guardship of the United States legation in these waters. The porte, it is said, also decided not to admit the guardships of Greece and Holland.

The British ship Kilburn, which has just arrived in San Francisco, reports the loss of two of her crew on the voyage from Newcastle. She was only nine days out when she ran into a storm. The two men were sent aloft to stow away the topsail, and while they were so engaged a violent lurch caused John Anderson, a Swede, to lose his hold, and falling he struck against John Harvey, an American, knocking him off the yardarm and together they fell. Anderson was thrown into the sea and drowned and Harvey struck on the deck, but died in a few hours.

The killing of Frank Hepburn, son of Congressman Hepburn, at Chester, Ark., is now attributed to a political conspiracy. The first report stated that a duel was fought.

Lee Ah Mee, a waiter, was shot and instantly killed by unknown assassins in San Francisco, as a result of a high-binder war. Another shooting affair occurred the same evening, but no one was killed.

Three dead bodies have been taken from the Chicago river, and men are at work dragging the stream for more. The remains are those of infants and had been in the water for some time. The doctors assert that they had all been drowned, and it is thought that they have been the victims of a baby-farmer.

A fatal collision occurred on the Southern Pacific railway, half a mile south of Green's station, Oregon, resulting in the death of John McGonigle, of Portland, fireman, and A. N. Toy, a brakeman. Five others were seriously injured. The collision was due to a conductor's carelessness in mislaying his papers and orders.

Cases of poisoning from eating smoked whitefish continue to be reported from Wisconsin. At Merrill, in that state, Albert Radloff and another man died of poisoning. Twenty-five cases in all are reported from that town. Twenty additional cases are reported from Brotherton, on the east shore of Lake Winnebago, some of whom cannot recover. Milwaukee has also received her share, and fifty people have been poisoned in Oshkosh. The news is causing a panic among fish eaters and dealers.

For the third time in six months the Sonora stage has been held up, near Cloudman, Cal. Two masked men suddenly appeared on either side of the road and covering with shotguns the driver, ordered him to "hold up." He was then ordered to throw out the mail sacks and told to drive on. The mail sacks were rifled of registered letters and left on the road where they were subsequently found by the postmaster of Cloudman. The amount secured by the robbers is unknown, but is believed to have been large.

Thousands Are Homeless.

Three-fourths of the city of Guayaquil, Ecuador, has been reduced to ashes by a fire which raged for twenty-four hours, sweeping everything in its path. Some estimate the financial loss at upwards of \$50,000,000. Many lives were lost in the fire, and 35,000 people are homeless. Two thousand houses, including every bank in the city, of which there are five, were burned. It is impossible from the present food supply there to feed all the victims, and the suffering will undoubtedly be great.

Chicago Day Celebrated.

Chicago day, the anniversary of the great fire twenty-five years ago, was celebrated in that city chiefly as a political holiday. Republicans and Democrats celebrated separately, each party having its own big street parade, as well as monster gathering indoors. Practically every factory and store in the city was closed, also the board of trade and banks. From early morning the streets were jammed with cheering thousands, struggling to gain some point of vantage.

An Overzealous Parson.

The Rev. Lang, an evangelist, who had been holding a revival at Seward, O. T., during one of his sermons declared "that all women who dance are immoral." A storm broke at once, and Lang was chased to the Santa Fe station by fifty enraged church members. At the station he was beaten almost to a jelly by two farmers and a number of women. Subsequently he was rescued from a coat of tar and feathers by a train crew.

Crime of a Madman.

Albert Bray, aged 39, of Noblesville, Ind., a farmer and a very religious man, cut the throats of his wife, 9-year-old son, Carl, 2-year-old daughter, Edna, and himself. The wife and children died without a struggle. Bray, with a gaping wound in his throat lived for some hours without regaining consciousness. Bray crushed the skulls of his victims with an ax after he had cut their throats.

She Fought a Burglar.

Miss Ella Emerson, 16 years old, of Fruitvale, Cal., battled with a burglar who tried to chloroform, gag and bind her, and after a desperate struggle, she succeeded in making her escape by leaping through an open window and dropping to the ground, a distance of twelve feet.

Du Maurier is Dead.

George Du Maurier, artist, novelist, and author of "Trilby," died in London. His end was painless. He passed away surrounded by his friends. For days he has been hovering between life and death, at intervals conversing with friends regarding his work. Upon one occasion a friend at the dying man's bedside referred to the success of "Trilby" as a book and a play, whereupon Du Maurier replied: "Yes, it has been successful, but popularity has killed me at last." The immediate cause of his death is given as heart trouble.

For the Good of the Cow.

Instructor Winterhalter, of the agricultural college at the university of California, is making a comprehensive dairy report which will cover practically the entire state. The work is being done under the supervision of Professor E. W. Hilgard, who is advocating the use of the Babcock tester to discover disease in cows. Professor Hilgard says the report will show the value of such tests and suggest methods of recompensing the dairymen for the loss of cattle.

Freight Thieves Captured.

Secret service agents of the Chicago & Northwestern railway have arrested in Chicago the members and stopped the operations of the most skillful as well as successful gang of freight-car pilferers with whom the railroad detectives of that city have had to deal with in many years. It is known thus far that five railroads have suffered through the operations of the gang, and it is believed not less than \$10,000 worth of property has been stolen within the last six months.

An Election Lynching.

The state election caused a murder and lynching at Mount Junction, Ga. Gus Williams, Populist (negro), struck a ticket out of a Democratic negro voter's hand. The Democratic negro struck Williams for his insolence, and Williams fired at his assailant, but missed his aim and shot and instantly killed Engineer Middleton, of the Central railway, who was an onlooker. Bystanders took Williams and lynched him and riddled his body with bullets.

Wheat is Advancing.

Manitoba wheat is advancing daily. At some points where competition is unusually keen as high as 67 cents has been paid to the farmer, while 60 cents is now the general price for No. 1 hard throughout the province.

Ten Were Drowned.

In a collision between the steamers Alexander and Emden, on the Hamburg, near Hull, the former sank, drowning ten of the crew.

A Lightship Founders.

It is reported in Queenstown that the Daunt's rock lightship, having on board a crew of eight men, has foundered.

SAD STORY OF BRUTALITY

Hungarian Woman Tortured On Farm Near Spokane.

ONE MASS OF CUTS AND BRUISES

Accused of Stealing Several Hundred Dollars From Her Employer and Then Beaten to Make Her Confess.

Spokane, Wash., Oct. 13.—Marie Kovaid, a Hungarian woman, unable to speak English, tells a story of brutality which is unparalleled in the city's history. She came to Spokane several months ago, and was induced to go to the farm of one Lombardi, living ten miles from town, to cook. When she reached the place, Lombardi compelled the woman to be his mistress, she says, and also the mistress of others about the place. Lombardi's barn was burned a few nights after the woman arrived, and he claims several hundred dollars in bills and silver were stolen. The woman was accused of theft by another man, whose name cannot be learned. To force the woman to tell the whereabouts of the money, Lombardi used a penknife to jab her in the face, and, according to the woman's story, he jumped on her stomach and brutally kicked her.

An unknown employe waked her in the middle of the night and forced her to go to the place several miles distant, and tried to make her tell where the money was supposed to be hidden. The woman had not stolen the money and says the last assailant abused her even more shamefully than the first. She is in such a condition that she cannot be moved from the house. Her head is one mass of cuts, and her body, from neck down, is black and blue. Her neck shows the marks of fingers, where one of her brutal assailants clutched her by the throat. The authorities so far have not moved in the matter. The woman was visited today by a reporter, who took her story, and the women of Spokane will probably take care of the case.

A MYSTERIOUS SHOOTING.

A German Count Killed, Apparently by Accident.

San Francisco, Oct. 13.—A dispatch from Monterey says that Count Ballestrem, an artist, was shot and killed last night by a man named Abiger, who lived with him. Abiger has been arrested. He says the shooting was accidental. It is said that both men are well known in Berlin.

Abiger is of good German family. He says he was preparing to go hunting just at dusk, and had a playful struggle with his friend for the gun. The weapon was discharged, and a load of birdshot entered Von Ballestrem's breast, killing him instantly.

The dead man's full name was Count Wolfgang von Ballestrem, and he came of a prominent German family. He served in the German army, and came to the Pacific coast about ten years ago. He spent his money lavishly, and it was soon gone. For a time he led a precarious existence, working as a housepainter and bootblack, and finally existing in the United States army, where he served as a private. Lately he said he had become reconciled with his family, and that he was receiving money from Germany. He went to Monterey a few months ago and lived with his friend Abiger. The latter's story of the shooting is believed by the police, but there are a few discrepancies in it. He says the shooting occurred at sundown, while neighbors say they heard the shot after 8 o'clock. Von Ballestrem's clothes were not powder burned, as they would have been had the shot been fired at close range.

HELD UP CONDUCTORS.

The Plan of Three Highwaymen in Council Bluffs.

Council Bluffs, Ia., Oct. 13.—The police have been assisting the officers of the motor company in an effort to discover three fellows, who have been holding up motor conductors with painful regularity, and getting all the money they carried with them. Many robberies of this kind have occurred within a few days. But the motor people and the police officers have kept the matter quiet until yesterday. The plan pursued by the highwaymen is for two of them to board a car together and take positions on the rear platform. When the car reaches the point where they want to tap the conductor, one of them reaches up and pulls the trolley from the wire. This shuts off the current, the lights go out and the car stops. When the conductor goes to the rear platform and is bending over the railroad trying to adjust the trolley, the highwaymen seize him, grab his money from the side pocket of his coat and jump from the train.

A Plot of Turkish Students.

London, Oct. 13.—An Athens dispatch says the governor of Mytilene has discovered a plot of Turkish students to bring about a general massacre of Christians and that four of the ring-leaders have been arrested.

Oil in Oklahoma.

Perry, O. T., Oct. 14.—Great excitement exists in the eastern part of this county and in Payne and Pawnee counties in the Osage Indian nation, over the discovery of oil in great quantities. It has leaked out that the Standard Oil Company has secured leases on thousands of acres and twenty other companies have purchased leases consisting of many thousands of acres. At Cleveland, a wonderfully rich flow of oil was found by a farmer, who was boring a well.

A Settlement In Sight.

London, Oct. 14.—It is learned that a conference yesterday between the Marquis of Salisbury, Secretary of State for the Colonies Hon. Joseph Chamberlain and British Ambassador to Washington Sir Julian Pauncefote, was most satisfactory. It is believed in highest quarters that at least the general principle of arbitration and settlement of the Venezuelan question will be decided upon with the United States before the end of the month.

For Stealing Turkeys.

Nashville, Oct. 14.—At Columbia, Tenn., Mary Moore, a white woman, worth \$50,000, and the owner of 600 acres of fine land, was convicted of stealing six turkeys from a neighbor and sentenced to one year in the penitentiary. An appeal was taken to the supreme court. This is the finale of a most remarkable career, unrivaled in the history of the criminal courts of the state.

Left the Track and Upset.

Chicago, Oct. 14.—An electric car on the Madison street electric line while going at a high rate of speed, jumped the track near Fifty-second street yesterday, crashed into a tree and then rolled over on its side in a ditch. Of the passengers on the car eight were seriously injured.

WHOLESALE JAIL BREAK.

Four Dangerous Criminals Escape From Vancouver.

Vancouver, B. C., Oct. 13.—A wholesale jail delivery this afternoon, whereby four leaders of a gang of safe breakers, who have been operating here for the past month or two, escaped. The escape was made about 5 o'clock, during the few hours the prisoners are allowed recreation in the yard, and it was not till half an hour later when Jailer Noth went to lock up before supper, that the escape was discovered. The men's names are: Abbott Smith, King alias Clark, McGarragh and Kelly.

Smith has already escaped once, and King had nearly got away, but fell inside of the jail fence instead of out. Smith and King had iron on, and Smith was also locked in his cell, but the iron was filed off and the lock of the cell wrenched. The escape was effected by cutting out a board in a cell to a hole in the yard. A confederate, who had been released a few days ago, evidently furnished a saw to the prisoners. While the cell lock and irons were being wrenched, one of the men spoke to the jailer about some medicine, and thus kept his attention. The men had a good start, and being desperate characters, and having some revolvers which were stolen recently and hidden away, they will doubtless make a hard resistance if followed. A description of the men has been sent all over the country, and the officers are scouring the outskirts of the city, but it is thought there is slight chance of capturing them.

Spanish Version of a Battle.

Havana, Oct. 13.—A meager report has been received of another important engagement between the Spanish forces under General Echague and Antonio Maceo, in which it is claimed the insurgents sustained heavy losses, and the losses of the Spaniards were admittedly severe.

The battle occurred October 8. General Echague reports that he found insurgents very strongly entrenched under Maceo himself on the heights of Gualitos, in Pinar del Rio. These heights were bombarded for three hours with all the means at the command of the Spanish commander. At the end of that time he took the heights by assault, and put many insurgents to death with bayonets, causing them a heavy loss. It is supposed they suffered a still further loss by a heavy cannonade which was directed at their retreat.

For Weyler's Removal.

Havana, Oct. 13.—The conservative Spaniards who are against General Weyler are asking for his removal on the ground that his continuing in office means the sure loss of the island. A large part of the Cuban element will be willing to accept home rule if another captain-general be appointed. There is a positive assurance from friends here to the effect that General Martinez Campos is willing and anxious to return to Cuba, but that he will not come until he brings the home-rule concessions with him. An understanding has existed between the reformists here and the government whereby President of the Cabinet Canovas will send Martinez Campos and the home-rule concessions if there is a surrender of some of the insurgent forces in the field, sufficient to allow the government to state to the public that the revolution is weakening, and that in itself means the final end of the Cuban revolution.

BRIEF PACIFIC COAST NEWS

A Resume of Events in the Northwest.

EVIDENCE OF STEADY GROWTH

News Gathered in All the Towns of Our Neighboring States—Improvement Noted in All Industries—Oregon.

A large buck deer that weighed 150 pounds dressed was killed near Lakeview last week.

The Milton Eagle says that many of the strawberry fields about Milton are producing the second crop of fruit now.

There was but one case to come before the grand jury in Josephine county at this term of court, and no indictments were found.

It is reported that the government will put in the harbor lights at Clatsop bay as soon as the location is determined upon. They will be four in number.

The Fort Klamath creamery made this season about 9,000 pounds of butter and four or five tons of cheese. During the season the supply of milk was from 250 cows.

A Linn county hopgrower has kept a strict account of all expenses attending the picking, drying and baling of his 18,000 pounds of hops, and the total cost figures up 3 1/4 cents per pound.

Two small boys, while trolling in the Rogue river, near Wedderburn last week, hooked and landed a 40-pound salmon. They hooked another one, which broke the line and escaped.

A party of elk hunters killed a six-point buck elk on the headwaters of Birch creek, in Umatilla county, last week, and took the carcass to Pendleton, where it was sold to a taxidermist.

The contract for building a mill for the Columbia Mining Company, on Fruit creek, in the Cable Cove mining district, has been let to the Gates Company, of Chicago, Ill., and machinery for the mill is on the way.

The poles for sixty miles of telegraph line have been landed at Warrenton by the Western Union Telegraph Company. Warrenton is to be made the base of supplies of the entire line from the Lower Nehalem to Goble.

The new drift of the B. B. C. Co.'s mine, at Riverton, Coos county, is reported in about 160 feet, and is being pushed steadily forward night and day. About eighteen tons of ore from the Gem mine is being crushed daily by the ten-stamp mill at Sparta. The Gem promises to become one of the best mines in Union county.

One day last week the 6-year old son of a German named Myers, who lives near Middleton, in Yamhill county, touched a lighted match to some hay at one corner of the barn, and the old German was soon without a barn, hay, a wagon and other articles of value. The little fellow said he had seen his father burn "slashings," and he thought he would burn one.

Washington.

The total enrollment of the Elm schools is 140.

Twenty carloads of sheep from Eklensburg to Chicago were shipped last week.

The lumber shipments of Washington this year are slightly over 20,000,000 feet, larger than for a like period in 1895.

The old Lake Shore Lumber Company's mill, at the south end of Lake Union, Seattle, burned last week. The loss was about \$2,000.

The payroll of the city of Spokane for September amounted to \$10,166.34. In order to get the cash the city was compelled to discount the warrants 1 per cent.

President Winter, of the Northern Pacific Railway Company, has, it is said, closed the deal for a site for a passenger station in Seattle, the purchase price being \$187,000.

The beach at Gray's harbor one day last week was lined for miles with a row of smelt about four feet wide and three to four inches deep, that had been driven in by the storm.

The law against killing quail in Washington expired last week. Theoretically, they have been protected for five years, but practically the little game birds have had a continual struggle for their lives.

The reports of the harbor and customs business for the month of September show Oriental imports amounting to \$350,855; Oriental exports, \$465,000; total foreign exports, \$815,855; total to all points, \$479,998.

A subsidy of 350,000 feet of logs has been pledged by the settlers, and work will be commenced on the removal of the jam in the Willapa river at once. The channel will be cleaned as soon as there is sufficient rise in the river to float the debris.

Competition among grainbuyers has raised the price of wheat up to 45 cents per bushel in Garfield one day last week, and thousands of bushels were sold at that figure. The amount of wheat disposed of since the price reached 45 cents is estimated at between 5,000 and 10,000 bushels.