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TOLEDO OREGON

CURRENT EVENTS OF THE DAY

Comprehensive Review of the Important Happenings of the Past Week Culled From the Telegraphic Columns.

Three persons were killed on the Baltimore & Ohio railroad tracks near Chester, Pa., by a passenger train crashing into a wagon.

The Daily Mail laughs at the report of the Canadian expedition in Hudson's bay hoisting the British flag over Baffin's Land, to get ahead of the Americans, and declares that the territory has long been a British possession.

The first of the sealing fleet to return to Victoria was the Casco. She brought 1,064 skins, taken off the Japanese coast and Copper islands. She reports that the Calotta, with 1,400 skins, and the Director, with 1,000 skins, are close behind her.

Five men met a horrible death from black damp, the after-accumulation of a fire in the Jermyn mine near Rendham, Pa. The bodies were discovered by a gang of men who went down into the mine with supplies for combating the fire. Nobody knew of their deaths until the discovery of the lifeless bodies.

During the past month nearly \$5,000,000 worth of grain has left the Pacific ports for Europe. Besides this, 28 lumber vessels have sailed for foreign ports with cargoes valued at over \$200,000. As the month of August nearly equaled September, the export of grain and flour alone for the two months would easily run into the ten-million figures.

Baron von Stumm's organ, the Post, Berlin, published an article calling attention to the fact that 3,308 horses were imported from America during the first seven months of 1897, and insisting that this new import ought to be excluded. In the same article the Post claims America sends even greater numbers of dead horses to Germany in the shape of sausages.

Over 5,000 textile workers have been locked out at Loebau, Germany, and in its vicinity.

Commander Booth-Tucker has arrived in Denver to complete the arrangements for establishing a Salvation Army colony in the Arkansas valley.

Michael Simmonds, a railroad brakeman, aged 28, shot and tried to kill his sweetheart, Miss Jenny Long, aged 19, at Baltimore, and then committed suicide.

Rose the 19-year-old daughter of John Miller Murphy, died at Olympia, Wash. Her death was caused by an overdose of laudanum, taken to allay neuralgia pains.

Engineer E. Bennett Mitchell was killed and Fireman John H. Cawley seriously injured by the explosion of a locomotive on the Northern Central railway at Georgetown, Pa.

Secretary Wilson has secured an order from the postoffice department to attach the government frank to packages of sugar-beet seed to be sent throughout the country for analysis.

The latest news from Guatemala received here states that a price of \$100,000 has been placed on the heads of Prosper Morales and his aide, Manuel Fuentes. It is asserted that an order to this effect has been promulgated by President Barrios.

As a result of the breaking of a cable, three colored men who were being carried up in an elevator shaft of the Northwest Land tunnel, at Chicago, fell 95 feet to the bottom of the excavation. One of them was killed instantly, and the other two sustained fatal injuries.

Word comes from Kaslo, B. C., that three men who were out on the lake about 500 yards were drowned by the boat capsizing. A stiff breeze was blowing, and, as the boat reached the beginning of the swift undertow opposite Kaslo, the men tried to change positions, and the boat was overturned.

In a recent interview, Lieutenant Peary, who has just returned to Boston from the Arctic on the whaling bark Hope, said: "The 100-ton meteorite in the hold of the Hope fell from the skies hundreds of years ago, and has long been the source of iron supplies for the Esquimaux. I discovered it in May, 1894, and since that time have been trying to secure it and bring it to America."

The duel between Count Badeni, the Austrian premier, and Dr. Wolff, the German nationalist leader, has caused the wildest sensation. Count Badeni sent his seconds to Dr. Wolff, who accepted the challenge. The premier sent a telegram to the emperor, asking permission to fight the duel, and at the same time tendering his resignation. In reply he received not only permission to fight, but also the imperial approval. Count Badeni then made his will, after which he spent the evening at the Jockey Club and a pleasure resort. His wife and family knew nothing about the affair until the duel was over. It is thought that, as the premier has set example, with the emperor's approval, there will be a serious epidemic of duels.

THE PORTLAND STALLED.

Cannot Reach St. Michaels for Lack of Coal.

San Francisco, Oct. 4.—The revenue cutter Rush arrived from Unalaska today, bringing the latest news from St. Michaels and the Yukon that came to Unalaska from the north by the Alaska Commercial Company's steamer Bertha.

The Bertha left St. Michaels September 14. On the 13th the steamer C. H. Hamilton, belonging to the Chicago corporation, returned to St. Michaels and reported that she was unable to ascend the Yukon above the flats near Fort Yukon. Her passengers and cargo were unloaded at Fort Yukon, and were awaiting the arrival of the Alaska Commercial Company's steamers Margaret and Alice for transportation to Dawson City. These steamers, being of lighter draught, will get to Dawson City September 20.

At St. Michaels, despite the presence of over 300 persons, order prevailed, and the presence of the revenue cutter Bear was regarded as an additional guarantee to prevent any trouble. A number of the Hamilton's passengers were landed at Minook creek, where quite a big strike is reported, and where there are plenty of provisions for the whole party.

The Bear will remain at St. Michaels until the arrival of the Humboldt, with troops for the garrison.

The disabled steamer Eliza Anderson will remain at Unalaska until next spring.

The steamer Portland was at Dutch harbor when the Rush left Unalaska. Coal being scarce she was unable to continue her voyage to St. Michaels, but the passengers were sent north on the Alaska Commercial Company's steamer Bertha. The Portland will probably return to Seattle without proceeding to St. Michaels. The steamer frames and machinery she carried will be landed at Dutch harbor, and a new cargo of planking to replace that lost on the schooner Hueneme will be sent north, so that the steamer for the Yukon can be built at Dutch harbor during the winter.

The Rush reports that 12 British schooners took 9,339 seals, and three American schooners obtained 875 skins.

Provisions at Dawson.

Victoria, B. C., Oct. 4.—William Ogilvie, Dominion government surveyor in the Yukon country, arrived in Victoria this morning. He says there are provisions enough at Dawson for 4,000 people for the winter. When he left Dawson, July 15, there were 8,000 there, but if, as it is reported, many have left since then, the situation will not be so bad as feared. He says there is no use in trying to take in food with dog trains. Mr. Ogilvie will probably sail for Skaguay tomorrow morning on the steamer Quadra.

Inspector Wood, of the Northwest mounted police, who is in command of the force that will accompany Major Walsh, Dominion administrator of the Yukon, arrived here today. He states that Major Walsh and Hon. Clifford Sifton, minister of the interior, will arrive here tomorrow, and will leave immediately for the Yukon on the Quadra. Besides several more members of the mounted police, a number of halfbreed guides and dog drivers also arrived. Inspector Wood states that he has orders to go along the trail as far as possible, and then come back and report as quickly as he can. The party will travel by dog trains.

ATTACKED BY STRIKERS.

Edwardsville, Ill., Miners Roughly Treated.

St. Louis, Mo., Oct. 4.—Early today the miners in the employ of the Madison Coal Company at Edwardsville, Ill., while going to work were attacked by strikers, including 30 or more women sympathizers. The strikers threw stones and red pepper and beat their opponents with clubs. "Scotty" McAllison had his skull crushed, and numerous others were cut and bruised.

The miners fought as best they could with their tin dinner pails, and were finally allowed to go to work. After the attack the strikers and women formed in line and marched through the streets of Edwardsville shouting and singing. No arrests were made.

The strikers, more than 300, with the women, far outnumbered the workers, who were guarded by a force of deputy sheriffs on the way to the mine. T. W. McCune, a deputy sheriff, in the escorting posse, was disarmed and dragged to one side, where a crowd of irate strikers beat him until he was almost unconscious. Though heavily armed the sheriff's officers took their drubbing without making any attempt to use their arms. They were outnumbered ten to one, but they fought with their fists.

Had a shot been fired the consequences would have been fearful, as the strikers were frenzied.

Severe Storms in Cuba.

New York, Oct. 4.—A dispatch to the Herald from Havana says: Operations in the four western provinces of Cuba have been absolutely suspended during the last few days on account of a severe storm that swept over this end of the island. In the suburbs of Havana nearly 20 persons have been drowned by the floods, and in country districts many lives and much property have been lost.

OVER CHILKOOT BY RAIL

Company Formed to Put in an Electric Line.

WILL REDUCE COST OF TRIP

Is a Portland-Juneau Enterprise—Will Be Able to Carry the Outfits of 20,000 Miners a Month.

Portland, Or., Oct. 4.—Ample facilities for the transportation of freight and passengers over Chilkoot pass will be provided by a Portland-Juneau company, in time for the rush to the Yukon next season.

Articles incorporating the Dyce-Klondike Transportation Company were filed here. The objects of the corporation are announced as follows:

"To conduct a general transportation business from the headwaters of Lynn canal, Alaska, to all points in Alaska, and in British North America, and to carry freight and passengers.

"To acquire, build, locate and operate tramways, bridges, wagon roads, sawmills, etc.; to navigate the Yukon river and its tributaries from St. Michaels to Dawson City, and to purchase, build and operate all manner of vessels between Portland, Seattle, Tacoma, Juneau, Dyce, Skaguay and St. Michaels. Capital stock, \$250,000."

Although the announcement of objects is made to cover a wide field, the company's present attention is directed solely to providing means for the transfer of Klondikers and their outfits over the most difficult portion of their journey, which is from the steamer at Dyce, over the pass to Lake Lindemann. Construction is already begun, a wharf being well under way at Dyce, and the work of putting up a 5,000-foot cable tramway at the pass itself being started. The company announces that it will be ready for business by February 1, by which time it will be in shape to handle, if necessary, the outfits of 20,000 people a month, doing the work at a reasonable figure.

Members of the company make the following statement:

"The trip from Dyce to Lake Lindemann has been made by a man with an ordinary outfit, amply provided with packers. We do not propose to lessen this time very much, but we do propose to take over a very much larger tonnage than could otherwise be taken in the same time. When finished, our cable tramway, which will be quite similar to those used at some of the big mines on mountain sides, will extend from Sheep Camp to the summit, cutting off a distance of four miles as at present traveled. Our immediate attention, however, will be directed to the most difficult part of the ascent, a stretch of about 5,000 feet, over which we shall be ready to operate by February 1. We shall use the water fall of the Dyce river to convey electric power to our plant.

"Though the short period that is allowed our company for preparation gives us time only to overcome the worst difficulty of the trip, yet we have ample means to do more as may be justified by the progress of business. When this route is open it will be possible for any number of people to go from here to Dawson with their outfits at less than half the cost of the trip via St. Michaels, without an outfit, at the same time saving 20 days.

"From Portland to Dawson via Chilkoot Pass the distance is only 1,700 miles; via St. Michaels it is 3,700 miles. It takes five weeks at least to make the trip via St. Michaels, and not over 15 days is required by the pass when the lakes and rivers are open. Another important saving of time is in the fact that one can get over the Chilkoot and land supplies at Dawson two months before the first steamer gets up the Yukon from St. Michaels, which is usually not before the middle of July. The St. Michaels route is open but four months of the year, while the Chilkoot will practically be open all the year around when our line is completed. We do not advise the trip being made before February, however.

"One of the delays heretofore encountered in the overland trip is the necessity of building boats at the lake. Ten days is usually required for this, though it was much longer this year, owing to the rush, and the price was prohibitive to a great number of travelers. This company will be able either to furnish boats, or lumber for them, or it will transport to the summit any 'knocked-down' boats included in the miners' outfits. It has never been possible heretofore to take a boat over the pass, except by piecemeal, which doesn't pay.

"A most important part of the work we are doing is the construction of a wharf at Dyce. It will have 200 feet frontage and the approach will be 1,700 feet in length. Any steamer will be able to dock at this wharf, thereby saving the heavy expense and great loss of time to both passengers and steamship people, of lighterage, as at present. Had it not been for work already done by Juneau people it would have been almost impossible to have completed this work in time for the early travel next season."

About \$10,000,000 in gold is now concealed in the teeth of people in the world.

ROCK ISLAND HOLD-UP.

Neither Passengers Nor Train Crew Escaped the Bandits.

El Reno, O. T., Oct. 4.—Bandits robbed the south-bound Rock Island passenger train and all its passengers at 11 o'clock this morning, five miles south of Minco, in Indian territory.

The trainmen were completely surprised, and were not prepared to offer any resistance when five masked men came upon them at the lonely siding. The place is uninhabited, and the only persons in the vicinity at the time were four section men. The section men flagged the train, the robbers having compelled them to do so. The bandits were hidden in a brush pile, and jumped out as soon as the train had taken the siding.

Under the pressure of Winchester and ugly looking six-shooters, the trainmen, express messenger and all of the score or more of passengers were made to leave the train and stand in a line, hands up, on the prairie. While three of the robbers covered the badly frightened crowd with their guns, the other two coolly and carefully robbed them, passing from one passenger to another down the line. The bandits secured about \$300 in cash and such other valuables in the way of watches, pins and jewelry as were in sight.

Jim Wright, of Minco, showed a disposition to resist, when the bandits ordered "hands up." They shot one of his ears off to prove to his satisfaction that his bravery was ill assumed. Wright's hands then went up. No one else was injured.

The passengers and trainmen having been thoroughly plucked, three of the bandits turned their attention to the express and mail coaches, the others standing guard over the helpless crowd on the prairie. The registered mail pouches were quickly rifled, but the through safe in the express car resisted all the force and ingenuity of the road agents. When the messenger had convinced the bandits that he could not open the strong box, they resorted to dynamite. Several heavy charges were exploded, but the safe proved bandit-proof, and, though badly battered, its contents were saved to the company.

Having taken forcible possession of everything they could carry away, the bandits mounted their horses and rode off toward the west.

At Chickasaw, the next station, a posse of citizens was hurriedly formed. These citizens set out in pursuit of the gang, and officers have been dispatched from El Reno and other points in this section. It is hardly possible that the bandits can be overtaken in the prairie country, and they will probably be able to reach the Wichita mountains.

THE WOODFORD NOTE

Mediation Tendered, But Not Forced Upon Spain.

Chicago, Oct. 4.—A Washington special to the Times Herald says:

It is now possible for the Times-Herald to give, not the exact text of the famous Woodford note to Spain, but a fair statement of its substance.

This now celebrated and much-discussed document simply expressed on the part of the United States the hope that the war will be brought to a close as speedily as possible. There is no date fixed when the consummation is to be reached, but the interests of Spain no less than the interests of the United States and the interests of humanity and of the world at large are reasons why the war should be ended with the least possible delay. And with that in view, acting as a friend of Spain, because of the great stake which the United States has in Cuba, financially and otherwise, because of the annoyance to which the United States has been put by maintaining a patrol and preventing the sailing of filibustering expeditions, and because civilization opposes war, the United States tenders to Spain its good offices to act as a friend between the mother country and her rebellious colonists, in the hope that she may be able to effect a settlement and bring the warfare to a close.

This is all there is in the note. There is not the faintest suggestion of this government forcing upon Spain her good offices, if she does not care to voluntarily accept them, nor is there an intimation that the war must be brought to an end within a certain time or that Spain must answer this note within a fixed time.

Sickening Tragedy.

Carrollton, Ia., Oct. 4.—The slaughter of a mother and her six children occurred at the home of John Boecker, a farmer, living eight miles northwest of here, last night. Boecker, the fiendish husband, completed his bloody work by sending a bullet into his own head, inflicting a fatal wound. The family were prosperous Germans, and, as far as is known, had lived happily. No motive for the tragedy has been disclosed. Boecker's victims are his wife and six children—Caroline, aged 14; Christine, aged 9; Henry, aged 8; Lizzie, aged 6; John, aged 3, and an infant. All are dead but Henry, and the latter cannot recover from his wounds.

Jumped From a Window.

San Francisco, Sept. 29.—Henry Joyce, 65 years old, while temporarily insane, jumped from a second-story window of the county hospital today and received such injuries that he died two hours later.

BRIEF PACIFIC COAST

A Resume of Events in Northwest.

EVIDENCE OF STEADY GROWTH

News Gathered in All the Neighboring States—Important Noted in All Industries.

A 48-pound salmon was landed at Marshfield troller.

A Yamhill county man picked 100 pounds of hops in one day.

Over 900 acres of flax were raised in Lynn county this year.

Seafarers' cannery, at The Dalles, putting up 1,000 cases of salmon.

Southwest Oregon Reporter names of a new paper at Langdon county.

An Oregon grizzly bear—500 pounds was killed on Gates in Lane county.

A farm near Pendleton, which sold four months ago for \$3,000, last week resold for \$8,360.

A young man named James H. sheepherder, accidentally killed himself near Long Creek.

A peach weighing one and a half pounds, and measuring 1 1/2 inches circumference, is a Douglas production.

The completed assessment of Clatsop county for 1897 shows a valuation of \$3,098,740, as against \$1,012,505 last year.

Notices have been posted on the ferry at Marshfield notifying shippers that the prices of salmon had been reduced to 25 and 10 cents.

A Lane county fruit grower has had seven carloads of pie fruit, farm, placing it in from one to ten cans, principally the former.

Another shipment of Walla Walla beef cattle was made from Elgin week, consisting of 450 big ones. One of the animals tipped the beam at 1,740.

The Oregon Telegraph & Telephone Company is surveying a route for a phone line from Monroe to sunny on the main line between Harney and Junction.

Mr. N. Humphrey, of Lane county, has up to the present time dried 100 pounds of prunes from his own orchard, and expects his entire crop to amount to about 107,000 pounds.

A contract has been awarded to a levee across Lost river along Klamath county, for \$2,490. The crochments of the waters of Lake have made the construction of levee necessary.

A colony of immigrants, 22 in number, have just come out from Nebraska with the intention of locating in country. They shipped all their outfit, including a number of sheep. They are now looking around Goshute county.

The body of the tramp who was killed by a train at Huron, was buried by coroner. It was not identified. That was found on the body was a dead spoon and four or five pounds of potatoes in a sack. The coroner estimated the young man as being about 30 years old, five feet seven inches in height, having dark brown hair, blue eyes as never having been shaved.

The Salem fruit dryers are in care of no less than 1,750 tons of prunes per day, or 105,000 pounds every 24 hours. This gives a direct output of 35,000 pounds daily, and the company expects to handle 750,000 pounds of green prunes this season. Just as soon as the prune crop is in the dryers will start on apples and that are offered will be bought. The year 6-year-old prune orchards are turning returns to the owners ranging the way from \$600 to \$1,000 per acre.

Washington.

The city council of Spokane has passed the tax levy for that city at 13 1/2 cents.

The shingle mill at Machias was destroyed by fire; also 1,500,000 shingles.

A 350-pound bear was killed a mile above Dudley, in Walla Walla county.

A band of 4,000 sheep was recently purchased at North Yakima for shipment to Chicago.

Wm. Orr, of Walla Walla, was instantly killed by the breaking of an electric light pole.

There is a regular stampede of seekers to the new discoveries in vicinity of Mt. Baker.

The Bank of Garfield, having failed into voluntary liquidation, will close its doors January 1, 1898.

A boy named William Hutton accidentally shot his arm off while playing in Bucooda of heart failure.

A new public library has been opened at Walla Walla. The directors purchased \$400 worth of new books.

Since January 1, 274 articles of legislation, representing a total of 256,691,600, have been passed in Seattle.

Farmers' institutes have recently been held at different points in Washington, conducted by officials of the state agricultural college.