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In a Condensed Ferm for Our

Busy Readers. A Resume of the Less Important but Not Less Interesting Events

of the Past Week.

Lord Curzon threatens to resign the vice royalty of India.

Germany has assumed a more peace

ful tone toward France. The Japanese are said to be engaged

in a great turning movement. Generals Linievitch and Kuropatkin appeatr anxiousto continue fighting.

A heavy gale in the outskirts of New York wrecked several buildings under construction.

A foreign diplomat at Washington says Germany desires Russia to continue the Far Eastern war. Secretary Taft says trial by jury in

the Philippines could not be wisely adopted at the present time. A Danish training schooner and a British schooner collidedl near Copenhagen. The cadet ship sunk and car

ried 22 cadets with her. The president has been informed that M. Nelidoff, Russian ambassador at Paris, and Baron Rosen, the newly appointed ambassador at Washington, will be two of Russia's peace plenipo-

tentiaries. Reorts of strikes and demonstrations against the government pour in from all over Russia. Red flags fly from barricades in the streets of Warsaw and Cossacks and police charge the crowds, killing and wounding.

War fever in Sweden may overturn the present ministry.

Agitation has commenced for a separation of Hungary from Austria.

Ex-President Alexander, of the Equitable, has returned \$25,000 to the com pany.

Oyama's advance is making the Russian positions untenable, and monhs of labor will be lost.

The mining town of Ophir, near Auburn, California, has been entirely wiped out by fire.

He will then investigate the business methods of the various diplomatic posts of the United States in Europe.

The illness of Count Lamsdorff, Russia's miniser of foreign affairs, has brought peace negotiations to a stand-

Colombia is trying to sell the Gali-pagos islands to the United States. Dye works. Financial difficulties are given as the

The outbreak in Lodz, Russia, has spread to Warsaw, and other cities. Hundreds of men, women, and children have been kil ed The wounded will

Assistant Secretary of State Loomis has sailed for Europe. He will act as special ambassador of the United States and formally receive from the French government the remains of Paul Jones.

President Roosevelt has small hope of securing an armistice in time to stop the general engagement now imminent.

The feeling aroused by King Oscar's proposition to recognize the independence of Norway is causing much uneas iness in the Swedish capital.

The latest reports from Oyama show that he will soon have the entire Russian army surrounded. Several small engagements have proven victorious for the Japanese.

Paul Morton, chairman of the Equitable Life Assurance society, is preparing to make those who have accumulated millions from the society in a few years, disgorge.

France's reply to Germany's Morocco demands is unsatisfactory and negotiations are again deadlocked. A peaceful solution of the difficulty seems further off than before.

Castro has created several new custom house ports in Venezuela in order to dodge his creditors, who are to receive 30 per cent of the receipts of the regular ports of entry.

The czar has abolished offices in the Far Eastern territory.

The torpedo boat destroyer Perry, at Portland, has established a new record for fast time on the Columbia, having made 11 miles in 16 minutes. This is at the rate of 41 miles an hour.

Roosevelt will renew his efforts for an armistice.

The United States has been officially notified of Norway's separation from

Oyama's army is enveloping the Russians and they must retreat or surrounded.

A Rio Grande train was wrecked near Pinto, Colorado. No one was killed, but 29 passengers received painful injuries.

John Parmelee, of Chicago, left his entire estate of \$400,000 in trust for the purchase of fuel for the poor out of the income.

The wreck of the Twenteith Century Limited on the Lake Shore road cost 19 lives. A boy is suspected of having caused the disaster.

FAIR TREATMENT.

President Will See That Courtesy is Shown Chinese Exempt Classes.

Washington, June 27 .- By direction of President Roosevelt action has been taken by the administration which not only facilitates the landing in this country of Chinese of the exempt class, but will also eliminate from the Immigration bureau such administrative eatures as have been the subject of criticism by Chinese. It is the declared intention of the president to see that Chinese merchants, travelers, stu-dents and others of the exempt classes shall have the same courtesy shown them by officers of the Immigration bureau as is accorded to citizens of the

most favored nations. Representations have been made to the president that in view of alleged harsh treatment accorded to many Chinese seeking a landing in the United States, the commercial guilds of China have determined to institute a boycott on American manufacturers. The representations, backed by the authority of the American Asiatic society and commercial bodies throughout the country, induced the president to make an investigation of the situation with a view to remedying the evils complained of, if they were found to exist. The subject was discussed thoroughly with Secretary Metcalf, of the department of Commerce and Labor, who has super-

vision of the Immigration bureau. As the result of the inquiry orders haveb een issued to the diplomatic and consular representatives of the United States in China by the president himself that they must look closely to the performance of their duties under the exclusion law and see to it that members of the exempt classes coming to this country are provided with proper certificates. These certificates will be accepted at any port of the United States and will guarantee the bearer against any harsh or discourteous treat-

BIG FIRE AT NASHVILLE.

Department Store is Destroyed, with Adjoining Buildings.

Nashville, Tenn.; June 27 .- Fire in the retail shopping district caused damage estimated at between \$500,000 and \$600,000. The flames were located in the Palace, a big department store on the southwest corner of Fifth avenue and Union street. The fire spread rapidly and when it was at last under control the following damage had been

The Palace, occupied by Morris Bros., wholesale and retail millinery, and Jacobus Bros., owned by Norman Kirkman, burned. The Manix, sixstory building, occupied by Nashville Dry Goods company, owned by Norman Kirkman; burned.

Two three-story buildings being fitted up for Kress & Co., owned by Browne heirs; wrecked by falling walls and burned.

Others who sustained losses are Wright Bros., decorators; Cash Gro-cery store, R. W. Turner, Cumberland Baking Powder company; Alfred Steam

DATE IS PROPOSED.

Peace Meeting Will Take Place Early in August.

tions for the peace conference have taken an important step foward, and a proposal for the date of the meeting of plenipotentiaries at Washington has been submitted to Russia and is now under consideration. The exact date proposed has not been ascertained, but there is reason to suppose that it is some time during the first week or ten days of August, which is about the earliest period at which the Japanese representatives could be expected to reach Washington, allowing reasonable time for the acceptance of the proposal and the interchange of the nominations of plenipotentiaries.

The emperor's answer is not expected for a day or two, as the diplomatic mills of Russia grind slowly, and the foreign office, as one of the secretaries put it, "is not used to hustling American methods," but it is thought that the date will be satisfactory, as it will give ample time, for Nelidoff, the Russian ambassador at Paris, or other Russian negotiators to reach Washington, and there will be little preliminary work for them to do.

Valuable Furs from Alaska.

Seattle, June 27 .- Garrett Busch, pioneer in the fur trade of the Lower Yukon, is here with \$25,000 worth of skins he has brought out from Alaska. Busch went to Nulato on a prospecting tour in 1897, but went into the fur trade instead. He built his cabin from whipsawed lumber made by himself on the present site of Nulato and waited for the Indians to visit him. His prospector's supplies were traded for the first fur stock and the fur trade grew slowly until he now practically trols it. Nulato is an important post.

Blame the British Newspapers.

Rerlin, June 27.-Chancellor Von Bulow received M. Bihourd, the French ambassador, today. The newspapers continue to discuss the situtaion between France and Germany with heat. The North German Gazette declares that "in Premier Rouvier's note the republic adopts no decided stand to-ward a conference." An attempt is being made to shift the responsibility for the recent war panic to articles in the British press.

Russian Vessels are Raised. Rome, June 27 .- A Port Arthur dispatch, received from an Italian engineer who is engaged in raising the Russian ships sunk in the harbor there, says that three ironclads have been refloated.

OREGON STATE ITEMS OF INTEREST

TAX LAND IN RESERVATION.

One Hundred Thousand Acres in Kla-

math Subject to Ruling. Salem-The right of Klamath couny to tax 100,000 acres of land owned by the California & Oregon Land company inside the Klamath Indian reservation has been sustained in an opinion rendered by Attorney General Crawford. The land in question was formerly owned by the Oregon Central Military Wagon Road company, having on the list. been acquired by that company through a Federal grant to the state of Oregon for aid in building a military road. The owners of the land objected to having it assessed and taxed, giving as a is in the possession of the Indians and thereby of the United States, and is thereby exempt from taxation.

In his opinion Attorney General drawford quotes from two decisions of the United States Supreme court in cases involving title to this land. In each case the government was trying to defeat the company's title, but in both Oregon courts. cases the company won. The Supreme court held that the company's title is perfect and beyond challenge. Authorities are also cited to show that private property inside an Indian reservation s subject to the jurisdiction of the state for the serving of process and for taxation. In view of these adjudications upon the subject, the attorney general holds that the conclusion is irresistible that the lands are subject to taxation the same as any other private property. The opinion was rendered in response to a request from County Judge Baldwin, of Klamath county.

HOOD RIVER CHERRY CROP.

Shipments Will Reach Between 5,000 and 7,000 Boxes.

Hood River-The Hood River cherry crop, which is now being gathered and shipped, will amount to between 5,000 and 7,000 boxes. The crop is of good quality. The greater part of the crop has been bought up by a California buyer, who is paying 5c a pound for the fruit. He is putting up a strictly fancy pack, and is making shipments for the New York market.

The berry crop is nearing the final wind-up. Over 100,000 cases were shipped from Hood River this season returning to the growers \$140,000. The yield exceeded the early estimates by at least 40 per cent. It is believed by the shipping associations that as much money would have been realized with a crop of only 75,000 cases.

City Files on Water.

Eugene-A committee from the city ouncil drove to Vida, 20 miles up the McKenzie river last week to file on the waters of that river for power to operate a municipal electric light plant. At stuff to a fine growth. Some of the the city election in April, 1904, the corn in town is three feet high. voters decided that the city should own its electric light and water plants, and the council is now preparing to secure a site for the light plant. The franchise of the Lane County Electric com-

Belmont Group Reported Sold.

Sumpter-It is reported that Gilkey and Kershaw, owners of the Belmont group, in the Greenhorn district, have sold their property at a snug sum. The amount said to be realized is \$30,-000, with a holding still in the group on a share proposition. Neither Mr. Gilkey nor Mr. Kershaw could be seen, therefore the report could not be verified by them. This is the same property for which such phenomenal cleanaps have been made during the past three months.

Columbia Timber Purchase.

St. Helens-Ellis Jennings, who recompany of capitalists of Alabama, 280 place from the outlying mines. acres of choice timber lands located about three and one-half miles from St. Helens, on Milton creek, for \$8,-500, the highest price ever paid for timber lands in this vicinity. The timber is mostly yellow fir and cedar. The purchasers expect to erect a large sawmill on the property. Other large deals are now being negotiated for.

Cut Fir When Line is Finished. Dallas-The Dallas Oak mills are will continue to cut oak lumber until are owned in Salem and five in Rosenow running on full time. The mills the extension on the Dallas & Falts City railroad is finished, when it is understood the mill will be enlarged and will cut fir on a large scale. This mill is on the Falls City road and is already supplied with switching facil-ities and yard accommodations for a gine has arrived. Mr. Rockey will 50,000-foot mill.

Susanville's Good Crop Prospect. Susanville - Prospects for a good harvest this year in the immediate vicinity were never better and farmers are all making preparations for an un-usually big yield of hay and grain. All the stock on the ranges is doing finely and from present outlook there will be enough grass to last till far in the winter. It has rained constantly clover, \$11@12; grain, \$11@12; cheat, here since early in March.

Coal Find Near Cottage Grove. Cottage Grove-Cottage Grove men have discovered a good vein of coal somewhere near town, but are very backward about telling the location The specimens they brought in will burn with the best, and have the appearance of coking coal. A small per cent of the specimens brought in are slate, but not enough to cause much trouble.

LAND FRAUD CASES IN MARION.

Jury List Has Been Drawn, Composed Mostly of Farmers.

Salem-The jurymen who will serve at the July term of the Circuit court hours he was bombarded by questions in this county, when the land fraud cases will probably be tried, have been drawn from the jury list by Sheriff Culver, and Clerk Rowland. The panel is composed chiefly of farmers, comparatively few business men being

No arrests have yet been made in the land fraud cases, nor have the names of the indicted men been made public. It is understood, however, that the men charged with complicity in the state ceason for their position that the land land frauds are well known operators residing in Oregon and in the East, and that they can be easily taken into custody when wanted. Some of them have indicated their willingness to come to Oregon whenever called upon to do so, but it may be necessary to issue requisition papers in order to bring others to the jurisdiction of the

The jury at this term will also try Wright and Monte on the charge of passing rifles over the prison walls in 1902 for the aid of Tracy and Merrill in making their escape.

MERLIN PEACH YIELD.

Crop Both Heavy and Early, Reports Arthur Hussey.

Grants Pass - Arthur Hussey, of Merlin, reports the peach crop in that vicinity as heavier than it has been for a number of years past, and says several of the larger growers have had men employed for several days thinning out the crop. The Merlin district is a very favored locality for peaches, frost seldom catching them, and the soil being of a very productive nature. The largest peach growers of that district are A. C. Ford and Charles Dorey, although Henry E. Booth has a splendid orchard coming into bearing this year. The early spring all through the Southern Oregon country makes the crop an exceedingly early one this year, and Mr. Hussey reports that the Early Craw-fords will be ready for market about August 1 this year.

Cottage Grove Crops. Cottage Grove-The crops around town are in fine condition and some of the grain will outclass most yields heretofore made. Much of the fruit was damaged by the late frosts, however, and in some cases entirely ruined. Cherries are scarce. Strawberries are three boxes for 25c, and about off the pears and apples on the uplands, but the valley fruit here is almost ruined. The warm weather has brought garden

Tabo) Trade Stamps.

Eugene-Eighty-two business firms have signed an agreement not to adopt pany, which now supplies the city with lights, expires in about four years, when the city will enter the field.

present offered by a stamp firm which has located here. In a resolution which showed a fall of 1 franc and 8 canal. It was found after Mr. Wallace centimes within a week. The official left for Panama that there was a seririmental to good business methods. Five firms have already contracted for the stamps, but it is said that some of canceled.

Sawmill and Electric Drills.

Sumpter-A crew of men is now engaged at the Standard mine on the erection of a sawmill recently shipped there. The installation of the electric drills will also be made immediately. The Standard expects to be a heavy shipper of smelting ores to the smelter here during the present summer. Roads are now in pretty good shape again, and the result is that shipments sides near St. Helens, has sold to a are constantly being made to this

Motorists Need Licenses.

Salem-A number of owners of motor cycles and probably several owners of automobiles are liable to a fine of \$25 for failure to take out state li censes, as required by the act of 1905 for the regulation of the use of automobiles, etc. Thus far licenses have been issued by Secretary of State Dunbar to 144 owners of automboiles and 11 motor cycles. Of the 11 motor cycles five burg.

Open New Timber Tract.

Rainier-George Rockey has built a railroad to his camp, about one and a open about 300 acres of choice timber land.

PORTLAND MARKETS.

Wheat-Club, 83@85c per bushel; bluestem, 90@91c; valley, 85c. Oats—No. 1 white, feed, \$30 per

Eggs-Oregon ranch, 20c per dozen.

Butter - Fancy creamery, 17%@ 211/2c per pound.

.20; Oregon, new, \$1.50.

pound. 23c; valley, 26@27c -per pound; mo-hair, choice, 31@32 1/2 per pound. A FAIR WITNESS.

Judge Tanner Hides No Fact Favor ing Senator Mitchell.

Portland, June 25 .- Senator Mitchell had his day in the trial before Judge De Haven yesterday. The cross-examination of ex-Judge A. H. Tanner, who was turned over to the defense late Friday afternoon, was taken in hand by Judge Bennett. During the 31/2 from the attorney several admissions favorable to the senator were brought to the attention of the jury, causing s gleam of satisfaction in the aged senstor's eyes. There were those present who had anticipated a rough journey for ex-Judge Tanner, but they were doomed to disappointment. Judge Burnett handled the former business partner of his client with a velvety tongue, and only once or twice was caustic with the witness. When ex-Judge Tanner finished his redirect exto have his testimony stricken out. This was denied.

Ex-Judge Tanner passed through the witness, apparently holding nothing back. His testimony favorable to the defendant was given in the same distinct and positive manner as that given by him under direct examination. ingenious interpretation of some of the answers given under the questioning of Mr. Heney. Each time ex-Judge Tan-ner corrected his interrogator, and, once or twice, when Judge Bennett became overpersistent, the witness became curt in his denials of having an swered questions in the manner put to him by the attorney for the defense.

Mr. Heney announced that he would rest his case on Monday. Ex-Senator Thurston stated after the court was adjourned that he expected that the defense would be through by Tuesday evening. While nothing has been said by counsel for the defense, it is almost assured that Senator Mitchell will take the witness stand in his own behalf.

FRANCE HAS WAR FEVER.

Despite Minister's Denials, People Expect to Fight Germany.

Paris, June 26 .- For the first time since the Fashoda incident the French public is in the throes of the war fever. Whether it will result in anything serious depends on Germany's response to the French note on Morocco, but without considering the exact status of the market. There will be a good crop of diplomatic negotiations a considerable element of the public and press seriously discuss the possibilities of a resort to arms. Army circles are particularly active, and at the military clubs the officers are mainly engaged in making comparisons of the forces of France and Germany. While the financial leaders scout the idea of war, the spec- engineer and Mr. Shonts. the trading stamp system, which is at ulative element has been quick to seize association, it declares the system det- view is that the situation, while deli- ous difference between his ideas and danger or a crisis involving a rupture man Shonts of the commission. of relations. This is the government these are trying to have their contracts view, and naturally presents the most favorable aspect of the controversy. However, the ambassadors of the leading powers express impartial opinions fuly sustaining the view of the government.

It is pointed out in diplomatic quarters that the worst aspect of the Moroccan question does not present a casus belli. An analysis of the controversy shows that the sultan of Morocco invited the powers to a conference. Germany urges the powers, including France, to accept. Premier Rouvier's latest note shows the willingness of Generals Linievitch and Kuropatkin France to consider a conference, if Germany explains her purposes, but, even should France decline to accept these, refusal of the invitation does not con- On the contrary the commanders apstitute a causee for war.

Race Suicide Dying in New York. New York, June 26 .- Births in this city at the rate of one every five minutes are recorded by the Health department for the past week, during which period 2,011 were reported. It was announced at the department that the said to have practically decided that birth rate of New York has now risen the 16-inch gun, from which so much to about 31 per 1,000, and is higher than any other city in the United States. Five or six years ago, when partment to abandon the type is anticithere was so much talk about race suicide, the birth rate here was only 26 per 1,000. Last year the rate was 30 at Sandy Hook. The experiments, per 1,000.

Iowa Farmers May Lose Land. Sioux City, Ia., June 26 .- Proceedings which may throw open to settlement \$1,000,000 worth of Iowa's richest land have been started in O'Brien county by the government. Of the 322,000 acres in Iowa, included in the Paul railroad, about 12,000 acres are for the last 15 or 20 years,

3/4c per pound.
4c Hops - Choice, 1904, 19@21c per vent further trespassing of miners and mineral prospectors on these lands and Wool— Eastern Oregon, best, 19@ to eject those now conducting mining today. It will be officially inaugurated on the Fourth of July, when there will ing interests in the Wichita mountains, be great rejoicing all over Panama.

BLOW TO MITCHELL

Robertson Tells Vivid Story at Land Fraud Trial.

WAS ASKED TO COMMIT PERJURY

Senator's Former Secretary Tells the Court He Was Afraid to Face Tanner After Decision.

Portland, June 27 .- Harry C. Robertson, former private secretary to-Senator Mitchell, has told his story. The scene in the United States court room yesterday morning when Robertson took the stand was dramatic. Not a word told by the witness missed the ears of the defendant and the auditors amination ex-Senator Thurston moved present. Judge Tanner's testimony was a blow to Senator Mitchell. The testimony of Robertson was even heavier, for in many details it corroborates what Judge Tanner has already told ordeal better than his friends antici- the jury. The witness declared withpated. He was little short of a perfect out reservation that he had been asked to commit perjury so that Senator-Mitchell and Judge Tanner might evadethe necessity of appearing in court. He told of the stormy interview with the defendant when the latter found Several times Judge Bennett sought to that he would not be a tool and of his lead the witness, and once or twice the own fear of meeting Judge Tanner on attorney for the defense made his own his return to Portland from Washington because he thought that he would be too weak to resist Judge Tanner's attempts to get him to commit perjury. The witness stated that he delayed his visit to the senator's law partner forthis reason. It was this delay that resulted in placing in the hands of the government that particularly damaging 'burn this letter'' document of Senator Mitchell, a letter which was given to Robertson by Max Pracht to deliver-

DISAGREES WITH BOARD.

Chief Engineer of Panama Canal is Forced to Resign.

New York, June 27 .- John F. Walace, chief engineer for the Panama. Canal commission, has resigned his position under pressure from President. Roosevelt and Secretary of War Taft. This statement was made here today by Theodore P. Shonts, chairman of

the commission. Mr. Shonts declared that he was notat liberty to talk, and that the announcement would have to come from President Roosevelt direct. He declared also that the forced retirement of the chief engineer would in no way affect his (Mr. Shonts') position with the canal board, nor would it lead to a reorganization of the board. On the other hand, the rumor is strong thatthere will be a reorganization of the

board at an early date. The resignation of Mr. Wallace came after several stormy sessions of the canal board, and after several conferences between the president, the chief Disagreement was entirely over the policy to becate, does not present any aspect of those of President Roosevelt and Chair-

ANXIOUS TO FIGHT.

Linievitch Appears to Regret that End

of War is Near. Gunshu Pass, June 27 .- Many dispatches reaching here through the official paper, which is edited for the army, make the conditions under which the proposed peace is to be

reached very indifferently understood. In consequence of events at Washington a military initiative for an armistice has been expected, but although express the conviction that Russia is drifting toward peace, no action looking to an armistice has yet been taken. pear to regret that at the time when the army has reached its maximum strength it is likely to be deprived of victory.

Big Gun is Too Expensive.

New York, June 27. - The ordnanceexperts of the United States army are was expected, is not practicable as a weapon, and a decision of the War depated. Only one of these guns has been made so far, and that one is now while showing that the guns could dowhat was expected in one way, have nevertheless convinced the experts that as a weapon it is too costly.

Russia Apologizes to England.

London, June 27 .- Questioned in thehouse of commons today regarding the destruction of British vessels by Rusold land grant to the Sioux City & St. sian auxiliary cruisers, Premier Balfour said he was glad to be able to instill in the hands of those who pur-chased from the railroad. These farm-ment had been assured that the Rusers have been in possession of the land sian government disapproved of the actions of their cruisers and that orders had been transmitted to the Dnieper at-Jibutil, rendering quite impossible any repetition of the acts.

Pure Water for Isthmus. Panama, June 27. - The system of aqueducts which will give the isthmus a supply of pure water was inaugurated