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RESUME OF THE WEEK'S DOINGS

General Review of Important Happenings Presented in a Brief and Comprehensive Manner for Busy Readers—National, Political, Historical and Commercial.

Dowie will turn over all his property to uphold Zion City.

Rebels are burning and pillaging many Russian towns.

The beef packers on trial at Chicago deny the charge of bribery.

A new railroad is to build 125 miles into the interior from Nome.

Emperor William, of Germany, has just celebrated his 47th birthday.

Castro has made an insolent reply to the joint note of the diplomatic corps.

Ohio may institute proceedings to oust the Standard Oil from that state.

The czar has proclaimed an alliance with Germany and hails the kaiser as brother.

Germany has no fears of war resulting from the Moroccan conference, believing the worst points have been passed.

M. Taigny, former Venezuelan charge d'affaires, has come to Washington to confer with the French ambassador to the United States before going home.

Facts have been given out by the Navy department concerning the trip of Admiral Clark around the horn with the Oregon which makes his glory greater than before. When he reached Rio Janeiro the department feared to order him further and he proceeded on his own responsibility.

Secretary Taft denies that the Philippines will be sold to Japan.

The discovery of 25 new stars is announced by Harvard observatory.

Thirty-seven persons were saved from the wreck of the Valencia, making the death roll 117.

A revolutionary agitation is now on looking to the establishment of a republic in China.

The president has made public evidence that the beef trust has bribed reporters in Chicago.

The Cuban senate has passed a bill appropriating \$25,000 for the purchase of a wedding gift for Miss Alice Roosevelt.

The Canadian government will be asked to provide a life saving station near Cape Beale, where the Valencia went ashore.

The largest telephone switchboard in the United States outside of New York and Chicago will soon be installed in San Francisco.

Chairman Shonts, of the Canal commission, has admitted that he still holds his old position as president of the Clover Leaf railroad and is drawing \$12,000 a year salary from that company.

The Wyoming Woolgrowers' association has adopted resolutions against the leasing of public lands, any reduction in the tariff on wools and hides and opposing the present charges for grazing stock.

General Joseph Wheeler is dead.

The revolt of Letts in Russia is hard to suppress.

The Chinese empress dowager is busy selecting an heir to the throne.

Japan has adopted a plan which will enable her to pay the war debt in a comparatively short time.

Forty more Chinese commissioners are coming to the United States to study American life and customs.

Congress will be asked to pass a law giving the secretary of the navy power to dismiss midshipmen he finds guilty of hazing.

President and Mrs. Roosevelt have sent out the invitations to the wedding of Miss Alice Roosevelt, which is to take place at noon February 17.

A resolution has been introduced in the senate authorizing the payment of the funeral expenses, amounting to \$547, of the late senator Mitchell.

An earthquake has been felt in New Mexico and Arizona. Not a great deal of damage was done, although buildings rocked and chimneys tumbled.

Castro says M. Taigny, the French charge d'affaires, violated diplomatic etiquette. He also claims Taigny was not representative of France when expelled.

France is not quite ready to whip Castro.

The government has opened its case in the trial of the packing trust at Chicago.

Serious anti-Jewish rioting occurred in Bessarabia during the celebration of Red Sunday.

A shipment of 1,000,000 salmon eggs to New Zealand has been made from Tehama, California.

The Chinese commissioners in the United States to learn our ways are making many friends.

The prosecuting attorney of Missouri is actively engaged in taking testimony against the Standard Oil company.

LOSS TO TRAINING STATION.

Apprentices in Irons Have a Narrow Escape from Death.

Newport, R. I., Jan. 30.—Seven buildings, connected with the United States naval training station at Coasters' Harbor island in this city were destroyed by fire tonight, causing an estimated loss of \$100,000. The buildings destroyed were the detention building, machine shop, paint shop, paymaster's storehouse, carpenter shop and two small storehouses.

One of the burned buildings contained all of the small boats and cutters used for practice purposes. All were destroyed. Several apprentices in single irons were confined in the detention building at the time the fire broke out. Physical Instructor Joseph Kirby liberated them by a heroic effort. When he reached the detention building he could not see the young prisoners on account of the smoke, but they answered his call. Supported by a line of men Kirby made his way to the spot where the boys were in confinement and passed them back one by one to the men behind him, and so out to the sea wall. In passing over the sea wall two of the manacled boys fell overboard, but were rescued.

For a time the famous old frigate Constellation, which is used as a practice ship at the station, was in danger of destruction, but prompt work on the part of the firemen saved the ship.

FRUIT RATE REDUCED.

Refrigerator Car Agents Reach Agreement on Reduction.

San Francisco, Jan. 30.—As a result of a conference between J. S. Leeds, representing the refrigerator car service of the Santa Fe road, and Robert Graham, Pacific coast representative of the Armour refrigerating service, reduction of rates on deciduous fruits from California to the Eastern markets is agreed upon. The reduction will take effect at the beginning of the coming season of the deciduous fruit shipping.

From Sacramento and Antioch to Chicago a reduction of \$10 per ear is made, and from the same California points to New York a cut of \$17.50 is made. From San Joaquin valley points, such as Stockton, Fresno, Sanford and Bakersfield, the rate to Chicago is reduced to \$70, and to New York from the same points to \$82.50, thus practically effecting an equalization of rates from points in the Sacramento and the San Joaquin valleys to Eastern points.

One of the most important features of this new compact is a clause providing that no rebates or other special concessions shall be granted to any fruit shipper in California, and that the reduced rates shall be strictly maintained.

RIOTING IN VLADIVOSTOK.

Loyal Troops Reported Far Outnumbered by Revolutionaries.

Shanghai, Jan. 30.—Desperate rioting is going on in Vladivostok, where the troops have again defied their officers, and such regiments as remain loyal are trying to capture the city. Meager details have sifted through, but these indicate that the present riots far eclipse in the number of men engaged those of two months ago, when more than 2,000 were killed and wounded. All the hospitals are filled with wounded men, while many others are lying uncared for in the snow covered streets. The rioters far outnumber the loyal soldiers, and are well supplied with arms and ammunition, but apparently lack competent leadership, and the latter are still in possession of the fortresses. The last report from the city places the number of killed and wounded at 3,000, but these figures are being added to momentarily as there is no cessation of hostilities.

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Ditched by Broken Rail.

Birmingham, Ala., Jan. 30.—The Frisco Limited, bound for Kansas City, which left here last night at 10:30 over the St. Louis & San Francisco railroad, was wrecked one mile north of Dora, about 40 miles from Birmingham, 20 minutes after midnight. The accident was due to a broken rail. The mail and baggage car turned over and the second class coach, carrying a number of negroes, was derailed. The express messenger and the postal clerk and several passengers were injured, none severely.

Nineteen Bodies Found.

Victoria, B. C., Jan. 30.—Organized searchers are making every effort to secure all the bodies of the victims of the Valencia disaster that can be found. Nineteen were recovered up to this evening, and with a calmer sea attempts will be made to land near the scene of the wreck and take the bodies on tugs, it being impossible to take the bodies over the difficult trails. The tug Lorne left tonight, taking a party to assist in the search.

Finds Ancient City.

Mexico, City, Jan. 30.—Count Maurice de Peregny, an old French archaeologist, has discovered in the Peten district of Guatemala an immense ancient city of the Mayas, which will take months to investigate properly. The explorer will return to this continent next year to complete investigation of the ancient city, whose ruins are of the utmost archaeological interest.

NEWS ITEMS OF GENERAL INTEREST FROM THE STATE OF OREGON

100 STAMPS AT GOLD COIN.

Extensive Preparations Made to Continue Operations.

Baker City—Dr. T. H. White, one of the three owners of the Gold Coin mine, has just returned from Portland, where he arranged for the addition of 100 stamps to their ten-stamp mill already in operation, and purchased a new hoist to be shipped to the mine at once. The machinery will all be made in Portland.

Since the favorable decision in the injunction case by the Circuit court, given the other day, the mine will be in full operation the balance of the winter.

Managing Owner James A. Panting, of the Gold Hill mine, in the Durkee camp, 26 miles southeast of Baker City, is here and reports that he has had a full force of men at work retimbering some of the tunnels and stopes, and that he has cut the main ledge ten feet wider on the lower levels. In doing this work he struck another stream of water in the mine, which will give him a sufficient supply to irrigate another 100 acres of the home ranch. He says the recent heavy snow storm will benefit both farming and mining interests.

No Longer Superintendent.

Salem—David E. Baxter, who was appointed county superintendent of schools in November by the county court of Wheeler county, is out of office. The county superintendent died, and the county court appointed Mr. Baxter to fill the vacancy. Attorney General Crawford held that the appointment was for the unexpired term, and that Baxter would hold office until 1908. Recently it was discovered that Baxter did not hold a first-grade certificate, and again a question came up as to Baxter's eligibility to hold the office. This time the attorney general held that unless Baxter could show a certificate as required by law, the office was vacant. The court notified Baxter to produce his certificate or give up the office. He resigned.

Many Men at Opp Mine.

Grants Pass—At the Opp mine, near Jacksonville, about 60 men are at work in and around the mine. All the machinery, even the sawmill, is operated by electricity. The company owns 240 acres covered with timber, and all the lumber for building purposes at the mine and the timbers used in the mine are cut by the sawmill. This is the first sawmill in this part of the state to be operated by electricity. All the main tunnels and drifts at the Opp mine are lighted by electricity. The company has just finished installing an air compressor and power drills.

Meat for New Railroad.

Arlington—Henry O. Busey has purchased a half interest in the meat business here from C. C. Clark. Although the contract has been let to a large Canadian firm to furnish the fresh meat for all the contractors of the Northern Pacific railroad now being built down the north bank of the Columbia river, this Arlington firm is providing the meat for the railroad men for 25 miles east and 20 miles west of Arlington. Several hundred dollars each week come into the coffers of this town for meat alone.

Fruit Pests Must Go.

Albany—Last week the orchardists of Linn county met at the courthouse and listened to the newly appointed fruit inspector explain the evils of the various fruit pests, and the means of eradicating them. Those present took home with them formulae for the destruction of every pest that blights Linn county fruit, and the crusade against vermin will begin immediately. The effort to rid Linn county of fruit pests will not stop with orchardists.

Contract Let for Ties.

Elgin—Another large contract for ties for the Wallows extension has been let by the O. R. & N. Co. to George Edwards, of Spokane. Mr. Edwards is equipping two camps and hiring men to commence work at once. His contract calls for 20,000 ties to be delivered by June. He has the privilege of accepting another contract for 30,000 more, if he so desires.

To Build Railway.

Salem—Articles of incorporation have been filed with the secretary of state for the United Railways company. The incorporators are W. D. Larrabee, M. H. French and J. White Evans. The road is to run from some point in Portland to Peak, in Washington county. The capital stock is \$5,000, divided into 50 shares of \$100.

Oregon Firms Dissolved.

Salem—Governor Chamberlain has issued a proclamation, as required by law, dissolving about 5,000 corporations that have not complied with the provisions of the corporation license tax law. Most of the companies have already gone out of business.

Subscribe Many Acres.

Echo—More than 6,000 acres of land have been subscribed to the Umatilla Waterusers' association. The executive committee has met and signed the articles of incorporation and the papers have been forwarded to the secretary of state.

State Loans \$61,200.

Salem—The State Land board has approved 44 farm loans amounting to \$61,200. The money loaned belongs to the state school fund and draws 6 per cent interest.

LAND TRADE IN DISPUTE.

Deal Involving 4,000,000 Feet of Lumber in Court.

Baker City—A land trade between Stoddard Bros. and Henry Hewitt is occupying public attention. Hewitt filed an action at law against the Stoddards, asking \$2,852 damages, because he alleges the defendants in that action cut sawlogs on his property. The Stoddard Brothers have come back with a crossbill in equity, alleging that they traded Hewitt a quarter section of land for a like amount of property in this county.

Under the agreement, they say, they were to build a railroad spur onto the land and cut the timber thereon, and Hewitt was also to cut immediately the timber on the land they traded him. The party securing more than \$1,900,000 feet of good sawlogs was to put up the difference to the other. They ask that Hewitt be forced to comply, as they have been under expense in building the railroad spur.

Visit Excites Speculation.

Baker City—It is reported on good authority that George L. Thayer, of Walla Walla, engineer for the Northwestern Gas & Electric company, who has been in this vicinity for the past few days, has been investigating a project for a mammoth reservoir at the Rock creek power plant, which at present furnishes the current for Baker City's lights. This reservoir would be used to furnish power for the plant during the dry season. Another report states a project is under consideration to cut Baker City off the Rock creek circuit, and that the company will use that plant for power for the mines and Bourne alone, and will use the plant being installed in South Baker to furnish power for this city.

Pays \$35,000 for Store.

Engene—The largest price paid for any one piece of Engene real estate in many years was when F. E. Dunn, a dry goods merchant, purchased from J. H. McClung the two story brick block and the lot on which it stands at Eighth and Willamette streets for \$35,000. The building is 70 by 120 feet and is occupied by a dry goods store, a book store and a drug store on the lower floor, and offices on the upper floor. It was built about four years ago by Mr. McClung. Mr. Dunn will move his stock of goods into the building.

New Industry for Gresham.

Gresham—The Gresham Trading & Packing company has begun work on a cold storage plant, which will cost between \$3,000 and \$5,000. The company intends to engage in an extensive packing business, and will operate largely in dressed meats of all kinds and the storage of all perishable products. It is the intention of the company to conduct a business aggregating about \$400,000 during the coming year, and it will be prepared for hot weather.

Sawmill Closes Down.

Albany—The big sawmills of the Curtis Lumber company, at Mill City, on the Corvallis & Eastern railroad, has shut down for a few days. It was stated the mills needed overhauling, and the deep snow in some portions of the Cascade mountains has interfered somewhat with the logging operations of the company and a shortage is the result. This condition is not expected to prevail very long.

PORTLAND MARKETS.

Wheat—Club, 70@71c; bluestem, 72@73c; red, 67@68c; valley, 73c. Oats—No. 1 white feed, \$27.50@28.50; gray, \$27@28 per ton. Barley—Feed, \$23.50@24 per ton; brewing, \$23.50@24; rolled, \$24@25. Buckwheat—\$2.50 per cental. Hay—Eastern Oregon timothy, \$13.50@14.00 per ton; valley timothy, \$9@10; clover, 7.50@8; cheat, \$7.00@8.00; grain hay, \$7@8.

Fruits—Apples, 75c@81 per box; choice, \$1.25@1.50; fancy, \$2@2.50; pears, \$1.25@1.50 per box; cranberries, \$13@13.50 per barrel.

Vegetables—Beans, 20c per pound; cabbage, 2 1/2c per pound; cauliflower, \$2 per crate; celery, \$3 per crate; bell peppers, 35c per pound; pumpkins, 1/2c per pound; sprouts, 6 1/2c@7c per pound; squash, 1 1/2@1 3/4c per pound; turnips, 90c@1 per sack; carrots, 65@75c per sack; beets, 85c@1 per sack.

Onions—Oregon, No. 1, \$1@1.15 per sack; No. 2, 70@80c. Potatoes—Fancy graded Burbanks, 70@75c per hundred; ordinary, 50@60c; sweet potatoes, 22@2 1/2c per pound.

Butter—Fancy creamery, 27 1/2@32 1/2c per pound. Eggs—Oregon ranch, 27@27 1/2c per dozen.

Poultry—Average old hens, 12 1/2@13c per pound; springs, 12@13c; mixed chickens, 11@12c; broilers, 13@15c; dressed chickens, 14@15c; turkeys, live, 15@16c; turkeys, dressed, choice, 17@20c; geese, live, 9@11c; geese, dressed, 12@14c; ducks, 16@17c.

Hops—Oregon, 1905, choice, 10@11c per pound; prime, 8 1/2@9 1/2c; medium, 7@8c; olds, 5@7c.

Wool—Eastern Oregon average best, 16@21c per pound; valley, 24@26c; mohair, choice, 30c.

Beef—Dressed bulls, 2@2 1/2c per pound; cows, 3 1/2@4 1/2c; country steers, 4@5c.

Veal—Dressed, 3 1/2@8 1/2c per pound. Mutton—Dressed, fancy, 7 1/2@8c; ordinary, 4@5c; lamb, 7@7 1/2c.

Pork—Dressed, 6@7 1/2c per pound.

PROPOSE LOCK CANAL.

Commission Favors Report of Minority of Engineers.

Washington, Jan. 29.—The Isthmian Canal commission met today and concluded its consideration of the report of the board of consulting engineers with respect to the type of canal that should be constructed. The commission has before it the majority and minority reports of the consulting board.

The commission adopted a report to the secretary of war. While no official announcement is made with reference to the commission's report, there is a good reason to believe that it has summarized the two reports and has recommended the construction of a lock canal, with 183-foot level, practically following the recommendations of the minority of the consulting engineers.

The commission did not formally sign the report. Governor Magoon is expected to arrive from the Isthmus at any moment, and will be with the commission at its next meeting. Chairman Shonts will go to New York tonight. It is expected that a meeting of the commission will be called shortly after his return, when the report will be finally put in shape for transmission to Mr. Taft.

There is reason to believe that the members of the commission are in full accord in their recommendations to the secretary of war, with one possible exception. One member of the commission is said to have expressed a desire to have read the commission's report, but it is not known whether he may desire to submit views on the type of canal to be constructed.

TULE LIFE PRESERVERS.

Found by Government to Stand the Required Test.

San Francisco, Jan. 29.—When the attention of Inspector of Hulle and Boilers Whitney was called to the charge of F. F. Bunker that the life preservers on the steamer Valencia were of seaweed, and were inferior, he said:

"The United States regulations allow the use of the tulle life preserver under certain conditions, specified in the report of the supervising inspector. There are two kinds mentioned that come up to the requirements. One is the Dunant's tulle life preserver, made in California, the other is the Le Duc life preserver, made in the East. These preservers are inspected at the factories and after they are placed on board ship. We have a man visit the factory here once a month or oftener. If the preservers do not show the required buoyancy they are rejected. Aboard ship the test is also made. The tulle preservers are required to have both ends bound with copper wire.

"Unofficially I may say that the tulle life preserver stands the test better than any of the others. We are required to try with 20 pounds, but to make sure the test is generally tried with 25 pounds. We know nothing here of the Valencia, because she was inspected at Seattle. I am sure, however, that she meets all requirements, because they have a well equipped office there."

COREA IN GOOD HANDS.

Morgan Says Japan Intends to Protect Foreign Investors.

San Francisco, Jan. 29.—Edwin Morgan, former United States minister to Korea, who arrived here from the Orient en route to Cuba, as minister to the republic, in an interview on Korean affairs, said:

"When I left Tokio Marquis Ito, the newly appointed governor general, was preparing to start for Seoul. He is in no sense a military governor.

"The people have feared that Korea was to be placed under harsh military government. The contrary is the case. Korea will have a better government than it has ever had, and I think the future of the country is very bright.

"In going over the foreign relations of Korea, Japan gave assurance to all of the treaty powers that existing foreign treaties would not be disturbed. This means that American interests in Korea will not be affected, and that American enterprise will continue to find a profitable field of activity in that country.

"American goods find a big market there, and mining enterprises conducted by Americans are being successfully worked."

Orders Mob Indicted.

Chattanooga, Tenn., Jan. 27.—Ed Johnson, the negro in search of whom a mob stormed the jail on Thursday night was today indicted by the grand jury in special session. It was announced by Judge McReynolds, of the Criminal court, that the negro will be tried immediately. According to the plans, it is understood that he will be tried on Monday, and, if he should be convicted, the execution will probably take place on Tuesday. The court also instructed the grand jury to indict every member of the mob.

May Close Puget Sound Yard.

Washington, Jan. 29.—Unless the senate inserts in the deficiency appropriation bill the item of \$175,000 asked for by the Navy department, it is probable that the Puget Sound navy yard as well as other navy yards, will be closed early in the summer. The department has expended almost the entire appropriation made for the present fiscal year, and will not have enough money to continue work until the new appropriation becomes available.

Mortality Among Pensioners.

Washington, Jan. 29.—In the past six months taps have been rounded over the graves of 26,006 pensioners of the Civil war, according to a statement of Pension Commissioner Warner just issued.

MUTINY REIGNS AT VLADIVOSTOK

Soldiers and Sailors Seize Guns and Capture Fortress.

Desperate Battle Between Loyal and Rebellious Troops—Latter Scattered by Machine Gun Fire—Cossacks and Peasants Join Undisciplined Reserve Troops.

St. Petersburg, Jan. 27.—That there has been a renewal of the mutiny at Vladivostok was confirmed by a dispatch from that city filed Thursday and received here late tonight. The dispatch indicates that the mutiny, which began last Monday, had not been subdued, and that the situation was far more serious than was the outbreak in November, as the mutineers include both sailors and artillerymen, who are in possession of the battery and are well armed with rifles and machine guns, as well as having heavy fortress guns.

General Mitschenko, who has been sent to deal with the mutineers, the dispatch adds, has no easy task, as the Cossacks given him are ill suited for capturing a fortified position. He declares that the promises of immediate transportation home for the men, with which the government ended the former revolt, are now scarcely effective. The mutiny is due to the reserve men, who are thoroughly undisciplined and are clamoring for their immediate transportation home.

ALL SIBERIA IN REVOLT.

Arsenal Sacked and Pitched Battle Fought in Fortress.

St. Petersburg, Jan. 27.—Reports from Trans-Baikal districts say that the Cossacks have joined the peasantry and expelled officials from office, forming a revolutionary government of their own. Estates are being ransacked everywhere in the district.

General Linievitch has telegraphed the Czar that sailors in Vladivostok have broken into mutiny and attacked and wounded the commander of the fortress. The outbreak was caused by the countermanding of an order to send them back to Europe.

Sailors invaded the armory, seized a quantity of rifles, occupied the battery and demanded the release of prisoners, when Commander Selivalov remonstrated. The mutineers opened fire on the commander and his loyal guards and a general fight ensued, in which the commander and others were wounded. A determined effort was made to suppress the mutineers, in which there was more firing and a determined battle was soon raging.

In the fighting it is said there were 200 killed and many others wounded. Cossacks have been sent to restore order.

IMPROVE TAX SYSTEM.

Moroccan Conference to Draw Up Rules—Harmony Apparent.

Algiers, Jan. 27.—Spain at today's session of the Moroccan conference presented the draft of a convention providing for a better return of taxation in Morocco, and also for the creation of new revenues. The conference after some discussion expressed the opinion that nothing should be proposed for Morocco which may modify the basis of the present organization of the country or be in contradiction of the habits of the Moroccan people regarding land taxation.

The conference decided that the work of drawing up the new rules shall be entrusted to the same committee which examined the question of the control of the trade in contraband arms, with the addition of Belgian, Russian and Moroccan members.

Herr von Radowitz, head of the German mission, and M. Revoil, chief of the French delegation, had a long private meeting today. Although the results were not disclosed, the meeting produced a distinct feeling of optimism among the delegates.

Germany Fears Socialists.

Berlin, Jan. 27.—Several members of the Prussian house of lords today interpellated Chancellor von Bulow regarding the government's proposed line of action against the Socialists. They asked whether the government thought the existing legislation adequate for opposing the Social Democratic plans which are hostile to the Fatherland. Count Eulenberz, in supporting the interpellation, predicted an open struggle with the Socialists. If the Socialists were let alone, he said, the downfall of the empire must follow.

Earling On Tour of Inspection.

St. Paul, Jan. 27.—President A. J. Earling, of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul railway, arrived in St. Paul this afternoon at 3 o'clock on his special train, and departed for the West at 3:30. Mr. Earling said his mission was to look into the matter of terminals for the Milwaukee road's Pacific Coast extension, and that he would inspect three routes which he had in view for crossing the mountains. He declined to say where these routes were located.

Investigate Abuse of Chinese.

Washington, Jan. 27.—Senator Tillman has introduced a resolution directing the committee on immigration to investigate charges of ill treatment of Chinese aliens traveling in the United States by officers of the immigration service.