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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.

Many desperate criminals infest San Francisco and Oakland.

The second trial of Harry Thaw for the murder of Stanford White has started.

Ambassador Aoki reiterated Japanese friendship in a farewell speech at San Francisco.

Strikes in New York for lower rent are being settled by concessions on the part of landlords.

Japanese spies are said to be making sketches and photographs around Port Townsend, Wash.

Haywood says the acquittal of Pettibone is a vindication for the Western Federation of Miners.

The Vancouver chief of police has refused to search Japanese for arms for fear of stirring up further trouble.

The three men entombed at Ely, Nev., by a cave-in in a mine December 4 have not been reached yet by the rescuers.

M. Harmand, ex-French minister to Japan, likens the situation between the United States and Japan to a mine which might easily be set off.

The jury has disagreed in the Powers case. The next trial is set for July 6. Powers is accused of complicity in the murder of William Goebel.

Rio Janeiro is preparing hospitality for the battleship fleet.

The governor has ordered out troops to suppress the Muncie, Ind., riots.

The countess of Yarmouth, Harry Thaw's sister, is suing for a divorce.

Witte and Kuropatkin have had a wordy controversy over the Russo-Japanese war.

Banks of the country have made a large increase in business for the year just ended.

Seven of the nine companies of United States infantry at Goldfield have been withdrawn.

Foraker denounces the method of holding Ohio primaries, while Taft men defend them.

A hospital ship will be equipped at the Mare Island navy yard which will meet the big fleet at Magdalena bay.

Judge Hunt has sent four Butte labor leaders to jail for contempt in connection with the telephone strike in that city.

Europe is anxiously watching developments between the United States and Japan. The next two months are considered critical.

The State bank of Rocky Fork, Colo., has suspended.

Asiatic labor is causing a crisis in British colonies.

Leaders of the Russian Revolutionary party have been arrested.

Rockefeller has given another \$2,000,000 to Chicago university.

Receivers have been appointed for the Seaboard Air Line railroad.

Vancouver, B. C., laboring men are bitter in their denunciation of Asiatic labor.

Recognizing the improved condition of finances in the United States, England has lowered the rate of discount on gold.

Rioting is in progress at Muncie, Ind., where a streetcar strike is on. The governor threatens to send troops if peace is not restored.

Russian police discovered a plot to kill the dowager empress. So sure were the conspirators that they issued invitations to the funeral.

Count Boni and Prince de Sagan engaged in a street fight in Paris. The count is Anna Gould's ex-husband and the prince has several times been reported engaged to Madame Gould.

Secretary Taft advocates free trade with the Philippines in sugar and tobacco.

Ambassador Aoki has started for Japan, confident of settling the immigration question.

The government has replied to the Standard Oil company, saying that its fine of \$29,240,000 is perfectly just.

All indictments against Colorado coal land grabbers have been quashed. The court could find no law applicable.

New York mothers have declared war on the nerve-racking initiations of the societies of private and public schools maintained by girls.

Federal troops at Goldfield will be reduced to two companies.

George Edward Adams, who stole about \$60,000 from miners while in the Seattle assay office, will leave prison worth a quarter of a million.

Roosevelt predicts Taft's nomination on the first ballot.

A blanket of snow covers the Dakotas, Iowa and Nebraska.

Lord Curzon has been persuaded to re-enter English politics.

JAPAN WOULD TAKE OFFENSE

Attempted Exclusion Will Provoke Insult, Says Aoki.

Paris, Jan. 7.—The newspapers continue to give much space to the American-Japanese situation. The papers print an alleged interview with Count Aoki, the retiring ambassador of Japan at Washington, in which he is quoted from San Francisco as saying Japan would consider as an offensive action any attempt on the part of the United States to exclude the Japanese, and take this as a text for long articles. Viscount Aoki's denial of this interview has not yet been published here. Lacking this denial, the Journal Debats thinks that in his interview Count Aoki has placed his fingers on the real danger spot.

"Japan refuses to admit that anywhere on the globe the Japanese are socially inferior to any other people," says the paper. "Japan claims to have won the absolute right to be treated as a great power everywhere, and under all circumstances." In the opinion of Eclair, if the two governments accede to the sentiments of the people and the logical necessity of the situation, a conflict would appear very imminent. "But Japan is without money. America is not ready, and we doubtless shall see both nations clamp their bits awhile longer."

The Gaulois believes that the friendly and tactful powers at Washington will prevent a break. It fears only that the American people may become excited. Baron Karuino, the Japanese ambassador to France, today gave out a statement that he was convinced that Viscount Aoki only meant that Japan would consider legislation offensive to Japan, as, for instance, if an exclusion act is proposed like the Chinese.

SOLDIERS CALLED HOME.

Hundreds of Japanese Leaving British Columbia.

Vancouver, B. C., Jan. 7.—Hundreds of Japanese, whose terms of service in the mikado's army had not been completed or who were on the reserve list of fighting men, have been called home to Japan.

Dozens of Japanese quit their work in Vancouver yesterday, and many more are coming into town today. Already they are securing passage on vessels outbound across the Pacific from Vancouver and Victoria. March 15 is given as the day when they must report ready for whatever duty is in store for them.

The gathering of the Japanese is being carried out with much secrecy. No less than 200 landed in a bunch this morning from a small American steamer, which slipped in and out of the harbor before daylight and neither entered nor cleared from the customs house.

Since Friday there has been a steady stream of the brown men from the logging camps. No Japanese in the city will admit the coming of the order for the return of the soldiers, but officers of the Asiatic Exclusion league declare that they have absolute information that this order has been received in Vancouver since the departure of the American fleet for Pacific waters.

CHICAGO TENANTS ORGANIZE.

Ghetto Residents Demand Reduction in High Rents.

Chicago, Jan. 7.—Five hundred residents of Chicago's ghetto formed last night a Tenants' union with the avowed purpose of forcing landlords of the district to reduce rents \$2 a month. Leaders of the movement advised the members of the new organization to refuse to pay the present rates which were declared exorbitant and to force the landlords to take all legal steps and pay all court costs in case the latter refuse to meet the demands for lower prices.

At present, it was declared, four rooms in a ghetto tenement cost \$12 a month, five rooms \$18 a month and six rooms \$22. A flat reduction of \$2 is sought. The movement will be modeled after the one in New York. It is the hope of its leaders that it may spread to laboring classes throughout the city. With this end in view a committee was appointed to confer with the Chicago Federation of Labor and seek the cooperation of that body.

Stock Show at Denver.

Denver, Jan. 7.—One of the biggest crowds of the year will be in Denver January 20-25, to attend the Denver Livestock exposition. During stock show week there will be held a grand horse fair, public sales of pure bred cattle under the direction of the National Breeders' association, the 11th annual convention of the American National Livestock association, the eighth annual convention of the Colorado Horsegrowers' association and the convention of the Colorado Graingrowers' association.

Wreckage Comes Ashore.

Providence, R. I., Jan. 7.—The washing ashore of a large amount of wreckage, including four hatches, and part of a name board which bore the letters "S I M" on Block Island today led the lifesaving crew at Sandy Point to the belief that a schooner went ashore somewhere between Long Island and Block Island last night. Special patrols from the life saving station searched the shore, but nothing was found to identify the vessel.

Work for 5,000 Men.

St. Louis, Jan. 7.—According to an announcement made today an aggregate of 5,000 men will be re-employed January 13 by many large industrial plants in East St. Louis, Ill., and vicinity.

NEWS ITEMS OF GENERAL INTEREST FROM THE STATE OF OREGON

ASK TIME ON RANGE TAX.

Wallawa Sheepmen Don't Want to Pay \$14,000 Until Next August.

Enterprise—At a meeting of the Wallawa County Woolgrowers, in this city, resolutions were adopted requesting the government to defer collection of range dues until after shearing, or about August 1. The sheepmen of Wallawa pay about \$14,000 for rent of ranges, and this would be hard to raise under the present scarcity of money. It was recommended that the present county bounty of \$1.50 a head on coyotes be continued, and 1 1/2 cents a head tax on sheep be levied to pay for it. There are 146,000 sheep being fed in Wallawa county this winter. Twenty-two sheepmen joined the state association and with the \$2 yearly dues and \$2 assessment on each 1,000 sheep sheared last June, the sum of \$257 was collected and sent to the state body.

ALBANY GOING A-BOOSTING.

Plans Forming for Excursion into Southern California.

Albany—Plans are progressing favorably for Albany's "boosting" excursion to Los Angeles. M. H. Gibbons, who is arranging the trip, stated that practically enough business men had signified their intention of going to assure the excursion. The party will leave Albany probably Feb. 10, in a special car, which will be decorated with appropriate banners, and everywhere in California literature will be distributed advertising Albany and Linn county. The party will make stops at Red Bluff, Sacramento, Oakland, San Francisco, San Jose, Bakersfield and Los Angeles and receptions will be arranged for it at each point. At Los Angeles the party will disband and its members will return whenever they desire.

Signs of Oil at Bonanza.

Bonanza—The possibilities of developing oil wells in this immediate vicinity are now more encouraging than at any previous time. In boring a well for a new live stable in this town a strata of black oil sandstone was struck and specialists have pronounced it an unmistakable sign of the existence of oil. Several other places in Klamath county, especially in that portion surrounding Bonanza, show signs of oil. The prospects are good and the development of the same may result in the discovery of one of the richest oil regions on this coast.

Warnings to Entrymen.

Lakeview—The numerous decisions rendered the commissioner of the general land office no longer leave any doubt in the minds of homesteaders as to what they must do if they expect to hold the lands in the Southern Oregon pine belt. In every case of contest where it was shown that the homesteader had failed to comply with the law in any particular, no matter how trivial, the decision has gone to the contestant and the homestead entry has been ordered cancelled.

Short Courses Popular.

Corvallis—Much interest is being manifested in the coming short courses at the Oregon Agricultural college. No pains have been spared to make the work this year more complete and extensive than ever before, and some of the best lecturers in the state are on the program. The new short courses begin January 7 and include instruction in general agriculture, dairying, horticulture, mechanical arts, and household science.

Gold Cane for Calbreath.

Salem—The medical staff of the Oregon state insane asylum last week presented Superintendent J. F. Calbreath with a fine goldheaded cane as a token of their esteem. Dr. Calbreath has served eight years as superintendent and has enjoyed very harmonious relations with his subordinates and with the board of trustees. His second term ended January 1, when he was succeeded by Dr. E. L. Steiner.

Colonizer at Klamath.

Klamath Falls—George L. McDonough, colonization agent of the Union Pacific railway, who is expected to arrive at Klamath Falls next week, is now in MacDoel, the new Dunkard town on the California Northeastern railway in Butte valley. He comes to Klamath Falls to become familiar with colonizing possibilities here. He will be accompanied by a Dunkard elder, D. C. Campbell, of Colfax, Wash.

Eugene Invites Visitors.

Eugene—The promotion department of the Eugene Commercial club has had notices printed and will hang them in every depot in the state, to the effect that strangers will be made welcome at the rooms of the club, and inviting any visitors to visit the city of Eugene. The cards state that the club has nothing to sell, but is anxious to be of any service it can to strangers.

Sawmill in Christmas Sock.

Marshfield—The new office building of the big planning plant of the C. A. Smith Lumber & Manufacturing company was opened and dedicated Christmas Eve. Festivities were held and many citizens attended. The office building is now completed and in use. The mill proper will be finished and ready for operation in February.

Wheat Moving Again.

Pendleton—Now that wheat has gone up to 70 cents in the local wheat market some of the growers are selling. For a time the price was down to 66 cents, and very little was being sold.

APPLE SHIPMENTS INCREASE

Railroads Give Out Figures Showing Oregon's Sale of Fruits.

Portland—More than twice as many apples were shipped out of this state during 1907 than in 1906, according to reports compiled by the railroads. The Southern Pacific and O. R. & N. lines have completed figures showing the cars of apples shipped from every point on the allied lines, and the total number of cars is a surprise. "Nearly all these apples were bought f. o. b. at the station nearest the orchards," said General Freight Agent Miller, of the Harriman lines. "This shows the fruit is in demand, and Eastern buyers come here in search of it. The prices this season are better than ever before. One station on our lines that never shipped an apple before this year sent away 40 cars to the East a short time ago. This indicates how the apple industry is going ahead. I predict it will only be a few years before apple growing will be one of the biggest activities of Oregon people."

Can't Use Wood.

Burns—The forest rangers of the Blue mountain forest reserve have fined several Harney citizens for cutting timber in the reserve without permits from the forest guards. The largest fine imposed was on B. A. Dickenson, who operates a sawmill about eight miles from Harney. He was caught taking timber from government land and fined \$300 for about 17 trees. The sawmill men have been making this a practice for years before the reserve was created, and thought it no harm to continue the practice. Last fall was the first time a forest guard has been stationed here to give permits for cutting timber for wood and other purposes. There has always been plenty of timber outside the reserve for wood and timber for building purposes until lately, when it was all secured by outside people, to be transferred in time to large timber companies.

Board Raises Teachers' Pay.

Oregon City—The teachers of the city schools will receive a substantial increase in salaries next year. This was assured at the annual meeting of the local district, at which a special tax of 3 1/2 mills was levied. The levy is 1 mill in excess of the recommendations of the board of directors, and the excess will be added to the salaries of the teachers, making the amount expended next year about \$10,000, in comparison with \$8,000 for the year just closed. The annual report of the directors shows the schools to be in a flourishing condition, and the financial report shows that the floating indebtedness is \$900 less than last year.

New Hospital Completed.

Chemawa—Frederick A. Erixon, of Salem, has completed and turned over to the Indian school the spacious brick hospital for which he had the contract. The contract price was \$19,978. The building is complete with steam heating, electric lighting, sewer system and the latest improved plan of ventilation. The building is well adapted for both sexes and is equipped with fumigating rooms and operating rooms, in addition to the dispensary, offices, etc.

Clyde Sayne Acting President.

Salem—The executive committee of the state normal schools has elected C. E. Payne, of the department of science at Ashland normal, to serve as acting president for the remainder of this year in the place of B. F. Mulkey, resigned.

PORTLAND MARKETS.

Butter—Fancy creamery, 35@37 1/2¢ per pound.
Veal—75 to 125 pounds, 8 1/2@9¢; 125 to 150 pounds, 7¢; 150 to 200 pounds, 5@6 1/2¢.
Poultry—Average old hens, 12¢ per pound; mixed chickens, 11¢; spring chickens, 11@12¢; roosters, 8¢; dressed chickens, 14¢; turkeys, live, 15¢; dressed, choice, 18@20¢; geese, live, 15¢; ducks, 14¢; pigeons, 11@1.50; squabs, \$2@3.
Eggs—Fresh ranch, candled, 32 1/2@35¢ per dozen.
Pork—Block, 75 to 150 pounds, 6@6 1/2¢; packers, 6@6 1/2¢.
Wheat—Club, 83¢; bluestem, 85¢; valley, 83¢; red, 81¢.
Oats—No. 1 white, 28¢; gray, 28¢.
Barley—Feed, \$27 per ton; brewing, \$31; rolled, \$30.
Corn—Whole, \$32; cracked, \$33.
Hay—Valley timothy, No. 1, \$16 per ton; Eastern Oregon timothy, \$22@23; clover, \$15; chest, \$15; grain hay, \$15@16; alfalfa, \$15; vetch, \$14.
Fruits—Apples, 75¢@82¢ per box; dearies, 75¢@81¢ per crate; pears, \$1.25@1.75 per box; cranberries, \$9.50@12 per barrel.
Vegetables—Turnips, 75¢ per sack; carrots, 65¢ per sack; beets 1¢ per sack; beans, 7@9¢ per pound; cabbage, 1¢ per pound; cauliflowers, 75¢@81¢ per dozen; celery, \$3.25@3.50 per crate; onions, 15@20¢ per dozen; parsley, 20¢ per dozen; peas, 11¢ per pound; peppers, 8@17¢ per pound; pumpkins, 1@1 1/2¢ per pound; radishes, 20¢ per dozen; spinach 6¢ per pound; sprouts, 8¢ per pound; squash, 1@1 1/2¢ per pound; tomatoes, \$1.50 per box.
Onions—\$1.75@1.85 per hundred.
Potatoes—50@55¢ per hundred, delivered Portland; sweet potatoes, \$2.75 per cwt.
Hops—1907, prime and choice, 5@7 1/2¢ per pound; olds, 1@2¢ per pound.
Wool—Eastern Oregon, average best, 13@20¢ per pound, according to shrinkage; valley, 18@20¢, according to fineness; mohair, choice, 29@30¢ per pound.

RUEF GOES TO JAIL.

Leaves Sumptuous Quarters for a Felon's Cell.

San Francisco, Jan. 6.—Quarters were arranged at the county jail today for Abe Ruef, the deposed boss of San Francisco, who, since his arrest eight months ago, has occupied a suite of rooms in a private house under a special guard. Sheriff O'Neil, the Schmitz politician, goes out of office on January 8, and his place will be taken by Larry Dolan, chosen at the last election. Judge Dunne, who refused to place Ruef in the county jail while O'Neil was sheriff for fear that O'Neil would allow the prisoner to escape, has ordered that Ruef be transferred from his parlor prison as soon as Dolan assumes office.

Ruef will join the assemblage of distinguished citizens who have moved from their homes on the heights to the branch jail. Ruef will occupy a cell near that in which ex-Mayor Schmitz resides. He will have as neighbors Louis Glass, the millionaire manager of the Pacific States Telephone company, who was convicted of bribery; J. Dalzell Brown, Walter J. Barnett and James Treadwell, the banker whose arrest followed the exposures of the rottenness of the California Safe Deposit & Trust company, and George D. Collicz, the tricky attorney who was brought back from Canada to face charges of bigamy and perjury.

Ruef has been allowed to order his meals as desired and has been living on the best in the land. He is far more than a mill on a mare, and he has been allowed a great deal of liberty as a result of the form of his imprisonment. All this will now be changed. Just what effect this will have on Ruef's refusal to testify without immunity remains to be seen. It is thought that a good taste of real prison life may cause Ruef to later his views.

FINE FOR EXPRESS COMPANIES

Neglected to File Data Asked for by Railroad Commission.

Lincoln, Neb., Jan. 6.—Alleging that the United States, the Adams and the American Express companies had failed to file the amounts of the salaries of the officers and the assets and liabilities of the concerns with the Nebraska State Railway commission, County Attorney Tyrrell today filed a penal suit in the County court, asking that the fine provided by the statute be imposed.

That the three express companies neglected to file the data demanded by the commission and January 1 was set as the final date for the appearance of the complete reports. The railway commission notified Attorney General Thompson of the delinquency and he directed County Attorney Tyrrell to begin proceedings.

The railroad commission law passed by the last session of the legislature prescribes a penalty of from \$500 to \$5,000 for refusing to furnish the information demanded by the commission. The laws direct that service be made upon the local agents of the corporations charged with violating the laws.

PETTIBONE FREE.

Jury Acquits Him of Complicity in Steunenberg Murder.

Boise, Jan. 6.—The end of the prosecution of the men charged with the murder of ex-governor Frank Steunenberg with the exception of the cases of Harry Orchard and Jack Simpkins, came Saturday with the acquittal of George Pettibone. Charles H. Moyer, president of the Western Federation of Miners, was formally released at 4 o'clock, and will return with Pettibone in a few days to Denver. The case of Orchard, the self-confessed assassin of Steunenberg, is in the hands of Prosecuting Attorney Van Dayn, of Canyon county. No statement as to the future procedure in that case has been made, but it will be called during the next term of court at Caldwell, when it will probably be finally disposed of.

Simpkins, a member of the executive board of the Western Federation of Miners, who is charged with complicity in the crime, is a fugitive from justice and the charge against him will stand.

Ask Carnegie to Help.

New York, Jan. 6.—An attempt to interest Andrew Carnegie in modern tenements in New York is one of the results of the rent strike which has been on for several days. It has been proposed that the city purchase a block or two in the thickly congested East Side and there build modern tenements which would be rented at a low price. There seems to be no prospect of the city being able to do this, at present at least, so leaders in the strike movement will try to get Mr. Carnegie to erect these buildings.

No News of Mount Royal.

St. John, N. B., Jan. 6.—Although it is four weeks since the Canadian Pacific steamer Mount Royal sailed from Antwerp for this port with 304 immigrants and a crew of more than 100, and nothing has been heard of her in that time, the officials of the line have not abandoned hope that she is still afloat. They are extremely anxious, nevertheless, and fear that the vessel is drifting about the Atlantic in practically a helpless condition.

Must Not Reduce Rates.

Sioux Falls, Jan. 6.—Judge Garland, of the Federal court, today issued a temporary injunction restraining the South Dakota Railway commission from reducing passenger rates from 3 to 2 1/2 cents per mile.

VESSEL MISSING WITH 400 SOULS

Steamer Mount Royal Long Overdue With Host of Immigrants.

Sailed December 7 From Antwerp for St. John, N. B., and Has Not Been Heard From—Steamer Hungarian, Also Overdue, May Have Gone to Her Aid.

Victoria, B. C., Jan. 4.—A private dispatch from Toronto says the C. P. R. has given up hope for the steamer Mount Royal overdue from Antwerp with 400 passengers.

No Word Received.

St. John, N. B., Jan. 4.—No word has yet been received here of the Canadian Pacific line steamer Mount Royal, which left Antwerp on December 7 for St. John, having on board 304 immigrants, mostly Italians and Jews, besides a crew numbering more than 100 men.

The Canadian Pacific officials in this city, while expressing anxiety regarding the vessel, stated today that they believed the steamer probably had met with some accident to her machinery which had caused her to drift far out of her course, and that she would be heard from in due time at some other port.

May Have Gone to Rescue.

London, Jan. 4.—The non-arrival of the Allan line steamship Hungarian, which sailed from Greenock, Scotland, December 14, and is now a week overdue at Portland, Me., leads shipping men to believe that she has fallen in with the Canadian Pacific liner Mount Royal, which is now long overdue at St. John, N. B.

BOYCOTT THE EXPOSITION.

Seattle Unions Disgruntled at Action of Committee.

Seattle, Wash., Jan. 4.—At a meeting of the Building Trades council last night, the assembly voted to call upon labor organizations everywhere in the country to lend support to opposition to the 1909 fair. Action was taken after the executive committee of the exposition had refused to incorporate in the building contracts a clause specifying that only union men be employed. J. E. Chilberg, president of the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific exposition, says: "After considering the demands of the union, the executive committee decided it could not discriminate. Money subscribed for the exposition came from all people. We do not object to union nor union men. We refuse to play favorites."

By the declaration of the open-shop policy, notices of which went into effect yesterday, causing the walking out of 160 employes in the metal works of this city. Seattle is facing a general strike which means that at least 5,000 men will become involved, and at least \$1,000,000 in building will be retarded before a settlement is reached.

INFLUX OF JAPS.

Fifteen Hundred Coming to Vancouver From Honolulu.

Vancouver, B. C., Jan. 4.—The unexplained arrival of 300 Japanese in Vancouver yesterday and the prospect of an influx of another 1,200 within the next month from Honolulu are the features of the Oriental situation in Vancouver. Why the 300 Japs came to Vancouver yesterday is a mystery. All the morning they poured in to town from the coast logging camps, and some even from the American side of the boundary line. The boarding house keepers of Jap town had a busy time housing them. Last night there was the usual crop of rumors that they came in view of possible trouble, and officers of the Asiatic Exclusion league are much perturbed over the event.

Yesterday it was announced that at least 1,000 Japanese would come from Hawaii during the next three weeks.

Cost of New Year Celebration.

New York, Jan. 4.—Men who are fond of figures say that New York's New Year celebration cost \$1,750,000. At one restaurant that night receipts were over \$20,000, 2,000 quarts of champagne being drunk. It is estimated that the diners around town made away with 42,000 quarts of champagne and 66,000 quarts of claret, not to mention the barrels of other drinkables consumed. Souvenir drinkers were out in force and every hotel and restaurant lost great quantities of glass and other ware.

Way to Prolong Life.

Chicago, Jan. 4.—Dr. J. C. Siebel, a physician of this city, announced today before the American Association for the Advancement of Science that he has discovered a method of generating energy within the human body. He asserted that electricity stored in the human body can be released and made to do the work of prolongation of life through the additional vitality supplied to the human body working as its own electrical generator.

All Lost Except Three

City of Mexico, Jan. 4.—Ramon Portas, second officer of the steamer Ibero, has arrived at Vera Cruz and reported that the vessel sank in a storm on the night of December 2, and all on board were lost except three.