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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.

South African colonies are about to form a federation.

An earthquake in Morocco caused great damage and killed about 100 persons.

The Eastern blizzard now extends over the entire Atlantic and Gulf coasts.

The national appropriation for military aeronautics has been largely increased.

An unknown steamer foundered off the Virginia coast and all on board are believed to be lost.

A political quarrel in Cuba between President Gomez and Vice-President Zayas was won by the latter.

A Chicago woman procured a divorce because she preferred to give her whole time to driving and horseracing.

The Oregon presidential messenger has reached Washington several days late, and his fine has been remitted.

A pit full of bones of extinct animals has been found in California and will be thoroughly explored by scientists.

John Barrett, director of the bureau of American republics, says the Panama canal will be an immense success financially, as well as in other ways.

Thirty-one new cases of cholera were reported in St. Petersburg in 24 hours.

August Belmont has been operated upon for appendicitis. He will recover.

Benoit Constante Coquelin, the greatest French actor of the age, is dead.

The deadlock in the Illinois legislature continues, though Hopkins is losing ground.

Mayor Rose, of Milwaukee, Wis., is determined to stick to his policy of open saloons.

It is said that President Roosevelt advises California to take no action on the Jap matter for two years.

The Spanish steamer Trinidad rammed and sunk an unknown Belgian steamer and eight lives were lost.

Ex-Senator W. A. Clark is reported to be at the head of a company who will manufacture the new explosive, Titanite.

The 200 clerks in the office of the treasurer of Cook county, Illinois, which is mostly Chicago, have struck for more pay for overtime.

Lake Michigan is so polluted with the sewage from the Calumet river that the new \$3,000,000 Southwest Land tunnel may prove useless.

Oregon's electoral messenger has not yet reached Washington, nor has the messenger from Montana. They will not be fined, as the returns have been sent by mail.

Wheat sells in Portland markets at \$1.09.

Attorney Jerome wants to prosecute the canal scandal case.

Chinese laundries are accused of spreading leprosy in Chicago.

The Oklahoma grand jury has found three true bills in their land fraud inquiry.

The Prussian diet has turned down several measures favoring election reforms.

Signals from five imprisoned miners near Pittsburgh have ceased, and they are given up for dead.

Governor Gillett has sent a special message to the California legislature against anti-Jap bills.

Captain Sealby, of the lost Atlantic liner Republic, was given a great ovation upon his arrival in New York.

A Japanese prince was secretly married to a Hungarian woman and now he and his whole family are in disgrace.

Floods in a California river carried three railroad restaurants out to sea, and the entire city of Santa Maria is in danger.

A woman in Burlington, Wash., drove out three burglars at the point of an empty revolver. Then she locked the door and fainted.

Jeffries, retired heavyweight champion pugilist, has signed a contract to appear on the vaudeville stage throughout the large cities of the East.

A bitter factional fight occurred in the United Mineworkers' convention.

The American battleships Maine and Missouri received a warm welcome at Havana harbor.

The mayor of Portland declares that the entire police force shall become a "moral squad."

A serious clash occurred between American naval officers and the police at Marseilles, France.

Rescued passengers and crew of the lost liner Republic heartily praise the bravery of the captain.

Montana farmers have lost their suit against the smelters to compel abatement of the smoke nuisance.

JEROME WILL PROSECUTE.

Federal Attorney Will Help Get Evidence Against New York World.

New York, Feb. 2.—United States District Attorney Henry L. Stimson made public tonight a letter, in reply to one written by District Attorney Jerome on the subject of beginning an action for criminal libel in the state courts against the publishers of the New York World because of published charges regarding the Panama canal purchases.

Mr. Stimson tells Mr. Jerome to go ahead.

Mr. Jerome had asked if action in the state courts on behalf of Douglas Robinson, the president's brother-in-law, would be an unwelcome interference with the actions begun under Federal jurisdiction.

Mr. Stimson answers this question negatively, but does not state that the Federal inquiries or prosecutions will cease if Mr. Jerome begins an action.

It is apparent that while the Federal authorities concede to Mr. Jerome the right to appear as the protector of Douglas Robinson's good name, they reserve to themselves the privilege of acting in defense of the reputation of "a gentleman who occupied the position of head of the War department" in any Federal jurisdiction where the case applies.

The reference to the "gentleman who occupied the position of head of the War department" probably refers to Elihu Root, who was the secretary of war under whom the negotiations were completed.

NOT PREPARED YET.

Governor-General Smith Gives Further Advice to Filipinos.

Manila, Feb. 2.—The Philippine assembly opened today with simple ceremonies, President Osmena presiding. The first business to come before the body was the annual message to the assembly of Governor-General James F. Smith, which read, in part, as follows:

"My last word to the Filipinos is that until the great majority and not a small minority of the citizens are prepared to make intelligent use of the franchise; until democratic usages and customs have permeated throughout the population, and become a part of the daily life of the people; until the power of unconscionable agitators and demagogues is broken; until education has created a just public sympathy that specious arguments and false doctrines cannot destroy; until a citizen has not only the power to judge but also the courage to act for himself, the best future of the islands lies with the land which has given the Filipinos freedom of speech; liberty of the press; freedom of worship; the right of the accused to meet witnesses against him face to face; the exercise of the franchise; free schools; autonomy in municipal and provisional affairs; the right to participate in making laws through the assembly, and many other rights, liberties and privileges not enjoyed by peoples which have had independence and national existence for hundreds of years."

Governor Smith deplored the growing gulf between the Americans and the Filipinos in the Philippines, and strongly urged that they draw closer together and act in unity for the best interests of both. His message sharply criticizes the municipal government of Manila and the municipal police force, the personnel of which, he said, was not equal to that of the house servants of the city.

The provincial government, Governor Smith pronounced to be entirely satisfactory.

The annual report on the revenues of the islands shows a decline of about a million pesos (about \$500,000) for 1908 under the figures of 1907.

Treat All Aliens Alike.

Sacramento, Feb. 2.—Governor Gillett made public tonight the text of a letter received today from President Roosevelt with regard to anti-Japanese legislation now pending in the California legislature.

President Roosevelt begins by quoting a letter from the secretary of state to Governor Gillett, in which Mr. Root said that he saw no objection to the passage of a law which treated all aliens alike in acquiring and transferring real property, but "To avoid conflict with the constitution of the United States, such statute should contain an expressed provision excepting from its operation any rights secured by treaty between the United States and foreign nations."

President Roosevelt then gives the text of a memorandum from Secretary of State Root, which, he says, has his cordial approval.

Chinese Laundry a Peril.

Chicago, Feb. 2.—Criminal action may be taken against Chinese laundrymen who sprinkle clothes by blowing water through their mouths. Complaints have been brought to the attention of Health Commissioner Evans that disease has resulted from this practice. These complaints come upon the heels of reports from Paterson, N. J., that a citizen of that place had contracted leprosy from a collar ironed by a Chinese laundryman.

Wheat \$1 at Walla Walla.

Walla Walla, Wash., Feb. 2.—For the first time in more than 20 years wheat today sold in Walla Walla for \$1 a bushel. The sale was made to the Jones-Scott company, who said this evening the wheat was No. 1 milling bluestem, and the price was paid because it was worth the amount in the market. The lot consisted of 1,000 sacks.

A WEEK WITH OUR STATE LAWMAKERS AT SALEM

Saturday, January 30.

Salem, Jan. 30.—District attorneys all over the state are interested in senate bill 117, by Smith, of Umatilla, which prohibits the incumbents of that office from engaging in private practice. It is understood that Senator Smith, who is a doctor, introduced the bill at the request of lawyers, who did not like to introduce the bill themselves, for fear of incurring the displeasure of district attorneys.

The purpose of Senator Albee's bill relating to hours of labor on public work is to make the eight-hour provision apply to employees of contractors or sub-contractors on public work. The present law, the act of 1907, applies only to persons employed by the state or county, and not to contractors or sub-contractors doing work for the state or county. Neither the present law nor the Albee bill (S. B. 131) applies to state institutions other than the penitentiary, for it has been found impracticable to put an eight-hour law in force in the asylum, or the mute, blind or reform schools.

Senator Bailey's bill regulating the hours of employment of females extends the provisions of the act of 1903 (amended in 1907) so that it applies to females employed by telegraph, telephone, express and transportation companies.

To give the governor and secretary of state joint authority with the state treasurer in the examination and approval of securities accepted by the treasurer from banks in which state funds are deposited, is the purpose of Senator Parrish's senate bill 144. At the present the treasurer is sole judge of the sufficiency of security, but is exempted from liability for any loss sustained by reason of the failure of any bank in which funds are deposited according to law.

Senator M. A. Miller's senate bill 128 proposes to amend the road law of 1903, by permitting the voters of a road district to vote a special tax levy at a special meeting called by petition.

Friday, January 29.

Salem, Jan. 29.—This promises to be the most extravagant legislature Oregon ever had at Salem, not only on account of appropriations, but also on account of new offices to be created and higher salaries enacted. There are bills for creation of no less than 200 new jobs, most of them at fat pay—political berths, for few of which the state and its subdivision shave any need.

War between Governor Chamberlain and salary logrollers in the legislature was declared today from the governor's office in a special warning message. The house replied by passing Multnomah's bill off an extra circuit judge and overriding his last session veto on four agricultural fair senate bills appropriating money for Eastern Oregon districts.

Five of the six senate bills of the 1907 session, vetoed by the governor and which were passed over his veto in the senate at this session, were passed by the house this morning, when they came up as a special order. Four of the bills provide for district agricultural societies in Eastern Oregon and carry appropriations of from \$1500 to \$2500 per annum each. The fifth measure permits the garnishment of the salaries and wages of state and county officials.

The most sweeping anti-trust bill that has been introduced in the legislature appeared in the senate today. It was introduced by Senator Bingham and is senate bill 161. It not only prohibits every form and shade of trust and combination agreement, but requires corporations to make an annual statement under oath that they have not made any agreements in restraint of trade or for the maintenance of prices or rates. It prescribes as penalties not only fines and imprisonments, but forfeiture of corporate existence and liability to repay all moneys received in violation of the anti-trust law.

Thursday, January 28.

Salem, Jan. 28.—Senator Bailey's motion for an amendment to the constitution permitting the legislature to amend a city charter with the consent of a majority of the voters of a city is looked upon by the anti-saloon people as an effort to circumvent the local option law.

Should the amendment be adopted any city that has become "dry" because it is in a "dry" county, could by vote of its people be made "wet" by an act of the legislature. This would practically set aside the local option, so far as cities are concerned.

The emergency tax law passed both houses today and provides that within five days the state board shall equalize the county assessments and levy a state tax at a uniform rate.

The bill carries an appropriation of \$5000 to meet the contingent expenses of the board, which may find it necessary in the process of its task to summon several of the county assessors to their assistance.

Certain Portland banks have renewed their old fight to restrict to them-

Oregon Man Honored.

Corvallis.—S. L. Kline has been selected to represent the state of Oregon as an aide at the inaugural ball, on the evening of March 4 next, which will be a great national reception to the president and vice-president-elect and their wives. One representative from private life has been selected to represent each state at this function, whose duties will consist in helping to introduce the representative people from this state.

selves the use of the word "Trust," in the titles of firms and corporations. A bill introduced by Senator Bailey, and now gone to the house, forbids any of the numerous abstract and mortgage and agency companies the use of "Trust" in their business. Instead they must use "Trustee."

A big fight is waging over an attachment bill which bankers are boosting in order to save themselves from attachment in case of money stringency. The opposite contention is that the bill would so seriously impair attachment of personal property as practically to make it impossible.

The senate judiciary committee received a severe scoring from Senator Abraham, of Douglas county, this morning when the committee reported adversely on Abraham's bill making it manslaughter to kill a human being by mistake for a deer.

After a prolonged argument yesterday the senate passed Hart's bill increasing the number of supreme judges from three to five, the act to go into effect upon approval by the governor, and the two additional judges to be appointed at once.

Wednesday, January 27.

Salem, Jan. 27.—The house committee on counties gave the Nesmith county bill a hearing this evening, and over 100 residents of the proposed new county were present to show their interest in the measure.

Opposition to Representative Bean's bill creating the office of state insurance commissioner and repealing the \$50,000 deposit law is led in the house by Representative Jaeger. This measure is known as the Clemens bill, and is intended to remove all obstructions so far as security is concerned that might prevent reliable insurance companies from engaging in business.

Originally the bill proposed the repeal of the required deposit of \$50,000, but it has been amended to reduce the deposit to \$25,000. At the same time it will be required that before any foreign insurance company can enter the state and do business it must file with the insurance commissioner a certificate from the insurance department of the state of New York certifying as to its financial soundness.

Passage of emergency tax bill was deferred in the house this morning by the objection of Campbell, who insisted that the bill should be printed before being rushed through. It was planned by the tax committees to put the bill through both houses today under suspension of the rules, but in the house the two-thirds majority could not be mustered. Passage is expected tomorrow without further delay. The bill carries an emergency clause and will go into effect at once.

Salem, Jan. 27.—The Marion county delegation suffered a big scare this afternoon when Senator Bailey's bill to remove the state fair to Portland came on for third reading. The bill was reached just before the noon recess but was not read. Senator Bailey had passed the word around that he had enough votes to carry the bill, and for a few moments the Marion senators were uneasy. During the noon adjournment a large number of Marion county people visited the senate chamber, but after a short canvass they found there was no danger of the bill passing, so they got over their scare.

Tuesday, January 26.

Salem, Jan. 26.—Speaker McArthur today introduced in the house a bill which provides that failure on the part of members of any state board or commission to attend two consecutive meetings of such board or commission, except on account of the serious illness of himself or his family, shall have forfeited his office. It is provided in the bill that in event of such delinquency the governor shall appoint other members.

Representative Couch's bill, extending from six months to six years the time in which suits may be filed against the earnings of judgment debtors, was favorably reported in the house.

The house today adopted a resolution providing that in the future when members of that body introduce a bill "by request," they shall be required to inform the house members at whose request, the measure is presented. This will enable the legislators to have a knowledge of the real interests behind such bills, many of which are introduced at every session.

Money sharks will be hard hit should a bill of Representative Farrell, introduced today, become a law. The bill invalidates assignments of wages for less than \$200, without the written consent of the employer and the assignor.

Fixes Boundary Line.

Salem.—Senator Chase has introduced a bill establishing the boundary lines of Coos and Curry counties. It fixes the line in the mountainous country between the counties, there having been much confusion over assessment of property lying on the summit of the ridge. The Chase bill makes the line follow section and quarter section lines, rendering the boundary definite.

Want Malheur Project Begun.

Ontario.—The universal interest felt in this section concerning the building of the Malheur government irrigation project will find expression Friday and Saturday of this week in immense mass meetings to be held at Nyssa and Vale, this county. A similar meeting was held in Ontario last Saturday, and was attended by nearly 400 landowners. At this meeting, many attending were already owners of good water rights under existing private contracts.

NICEST IN HISTORY.

Taft's Expressed Wish About Inauguration to be Fulfilled.

Washington, Feb. 2.—"I want the very nicest inauguration in history!" That's what W. H. Taft said to half a dozen headlines in the house of representatives on the occasion of his last visit to Washington, and it goes to show that folks don't know what they are talking about when they say that the president-elect is trying to dodge all the frills and fuss and feathers attending his induction into office.

Those members of congress with whom the president-elect talked have been doing missionary work to secure pledges of enough votes to insure the passage of the joint resolution authorizing the use of the pension office for the inaugural ball. Four years from now Washington will have an immense auditorium to hold the biggest crowd that ever gathered to honor a president. But this year it is a safe proposition that the ball will be held in the pension office and it will be a wonder.

The programme is divided into five important features and others of less interest.

First, the imposing military division of the pageant, which is being arranged on a big scale by Major-General J. Franklin Bell, who has been appointed grand marshal.

Second, the civic organization division of the parade, with Major Thomas P. Morgan, chairman of the committee in charge, as marshal.

Third, the great display of fireworks on the White Lot, just in front of the White House, in combination with the illumination of the streets of Washington throughout the downtown section, the dome of the capitol and the Washington monument, and a drill and display of pyrotechnics by the Republican Flambeau club of Minneapolis.

Fourth, the inaugural ball in the pension building, the biggest brick structure in the world.

Fifth, the forenoon parade of American veteran soldiers and sailors of the G. A. R., the United Spanish War Veterans and the Army and Navy Union, which will form the escort of honor for President-elect Taft and Vice-President-elect Sherman, from the White House to the capitol, where they will take the oath of office, preceding the big parade and other features.

The latest reports from the chairman of the general committee indicate that the inauguration of Taft and Sherman will be a record-breaker, both as to features and attendance, and that there will be many innovations.

HARRIMAN FORMS ARMY.

Discipline and Advancement Are Main Features of Plan.

Omaha, Neb., Feb. 1.—"The most difficult problem that confronts railway managements today is the education and training of the staff to fill positions."

This statement was made by Julius Kruttschnitt, director of maintenance and operation, of all the Harriman lines, in explanation, in part, of a new plan of railway organization which is being tried out on the Nebraska division of the Union Pacific road. Under the new scheme of organization, if it proves successful, all of the 100,000 employees will be transformed into an army, each member of which can aspire with hope to the highest position in the gift of the railroad for which he works. In fact, it is the purpose of the Harriman management so to train this vast army that each private will become fitted to fill the position next above him.

To accomplish these purposes Mr. Harriman has given his heads of departments carte blanche in the way of necessary expenditures, and his example in this respect must of necessity have great influence upon other railway managements.

STUDENTS ATTACK JAP.

Graduate From Tokio University Is Beaten by His Fellows.

Berkeley, Cal., Feb. 1.—Following the removal of agitation for anti-Japanese legislation by the state legislature, Kenji Kaneko, a graduate of the Imperial university at Tokio and a student at the University of California, was attacked by eight white students this afternoon and chased off the university campus. As a result of the incident, the Berkeley Japanese association, numbering about 1,000 members, has declared its intention of demanding that the Japanese consul general at San Francisco make representations to the American government through Ambassador Takahira in Washington.

Vice Consul General Takahashi, when seen at the Japanese consulate tonight, stated that the alleged attack upon a Japanese student at Berkeley had not been called to his attention. "It is a matter for the police court," said the vice consul general. "Even should it be officially reported to me I consider it too trivial to pay any attention to it."

Clash in Cuban Politics.

Havana, Feb. 1.—The first serious clash between President Gomez and Vice President Zayas over political appointments, which occurred when the proposal was made to appoint Ricardo Arnau chief of the secret police in place of Jose Jerez, has resulted in a victory for Senor Zayas, who, it is believed, presented an ultimatum that he would resign immediately if the appointment were made. Bad feeling exists between the men.

Blizzard in Northwest.

St. Paul, Feb. 1.—A blizzard is raging in the Northwest with 45-mph. an hour gale blowing. Telegraphic communication with the East was almost destroyed during part of the day. Trains are hours late.

RAGING BLIZZARD SWEEPS PRAIRIES

Middle West in the Grip of Blinding Snow Storm.

Drifts Block All Railroad Lines—Ice Breaks Telegraph Wires and Cuts Off All Communication—Rotary Plows Are Powerless—Cold Intense and Still Increasing.

Denver, Jan. 30.—From 11 o'clock last night until 1 o'clock today almost the entire country west of the Missouri river was cut off from telegraphic communication with the outside world as the result of a rain, snow and sleet storm, accompanied by a wind of almost cyclonic violence that swept over Colorado, Kansas and Nebraska last night, and then continued its work of destruction eastward.

In Colorado, where the storm has been raging for several days in the mountains and along the west slope, railroads are blocked by drifts which have rendered even the big rotary plows powerless, and big snowdrifts are reported from all directions. High winds are piling up the drifts in the mountains and adding to the difficulties of the railroads.

In the Telluride and San Juan districts of southwestern Colorado many mines have been forced to close because of the lack of fuel and supplies. A slide that wrecked a section of the Telluride Power company's lines put a dozen mines and mills in the Savage basin out of commission.

The Denver & Rio Grande and Moffat roads are having much trouble with drifts. Bitterly cold weather is reported from some points, Telluride reporting 16 below.

Passenger trains from the East on the Union Pacific, Santa Fe, Rock Island and Burlington roads are all late, and passengers report that the wind blew at the rate of 70 miles an hour across the Kansas and Nebraska prairies over which they came.

The storm started throughout Eastern Kansas and Eastern Nebraska last night with a thick fog. Later this turned to rain and then, as the cold wave and strong north wind swept across the Kansas and Nebraska prairies, the wires rapidly became coated with ice and one by one snapped under the burden. Apparently the storm increased in intensity as it sped across Missouri and Iowa, and this morning neither the Western Union nor Postal Telegraph companies had a wire working into Chicago from Denver. Neither company has any information regarding the extent of the storm east of the Missouri river.

The Gunnison branch of the Colorado & Southern railroad is practically tied up by the blizzard raging in the region of Alpine pass. This is also true of the Leadville branch. A passenger train on this line is reported to be stuck in the snow at Platt canyon.

WELCOMED AT PANAMA.

Taft Lands at Colon and Proceeds to Headquarters at Culebra.

Panama, Jan. 30.—President-elect Taft today made his trip across the Isthmus of Panama and everywhere was greeted with marked demonstrations of good will. With his party, Mr. Taft landed this morning at Colon and proceeded by special train to Culebra, where tonight he is quartered at the residence of Lieutenant-Colonel Goethals, chairman of the Panama Canal commission.

The reception by the Panama officials, both at Colon and Culebra was most cordial. Tomorrow Mr. Taft will visit the site of the Gatun dam. All members of the party are in good health.

Colonel Goethals, Joseph Blackburn, governor of the canal zone; Colonel C. W. Gorgas, chief sanitary officer, and other prominent persons immediately boarded the North Carolina from the tug Crystal and welcomed the president-elect.

The first person to shake the hands of Mr. and Mrs. Taft when they landed was Governor Melendez of Colon.

At Culebra the president-elect was received ceremoniously by President Obaldia's cabinet.

The president-elect will sail from Colon for New Orleans next Friday.

\$40,000 Fire at Kelso.

Kelso, Wash., Jan. 30.—Kelso is experiencing one of the largest fires in its history. The three-story and two-story Fidler and Gray buildings are a total loss, also the Kelso Journal plant, Robb & Master, grocers, Becker Millinery company, McDermott real estate company, Huntington & Jackson real estate company, besides about a dozen offices. At 14:45 a. m. the fire is still burning, but is well under control. The loss is estimated at \$40,000.

Train Stuck in Snowdrift.

La Crosse, Wis., Jan. 30.—Passenger train No. 23 on the Southern Minnesota division of the St. Paul road, running between La Crosse and Westington Springs, S. D., has been stuck in a snowdrift west of Jackson, Minn., since 10:30 last night. The train has many passengers, but, being a day train, carries no sleeper or diner. A relief train was started out last night, but failed to get through. Passenger train No. 3 on the La Crosse division of the same road was wrecked early today at Portage, Wis., but nobody was injured.