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NEWS OF THE WEEK

A Comprehensive Review of the Important Happenings of the Past Week Presented in a Condensed Form Which is Most Likely to Prove of Interest to Our Many Readers.

King Alexander of Serbia will not abdicate.

The Albany, N. Y., street car strike has been settled.

King Edward has ordered many reforms at Windsor.

Lawson's yacht Independence is being hurried to completion.

Germany is much afraid of America's commercial supremacy.

Turkey refuses to permit the entry of typewriters into that country.

The battleship Ohio was launched at San Francisco in the presence of President McKinley.

A fund is being raised for the destruction of sea lions at the mouth of the Columbia river.

The president told Governor Geer that he might visit Oregon before the expiration of his term.

The Union Pacific now controls the railroad situation from the Missouri river to the Pacific coast.

Mrs. McKinley is now able to sit up. No date has yet been fixed for the return of the presidential party to Washington.

Orders have been issued for a strike of fifty thousand machinists throughout the country. A prolonged struggle is expected in the Pacific coast shops.

The Shamrock II will be partially remodeled.

Peace reigns in the southern Philippine islands.

Civil officers have been appointed in Albay province.

A transport line may be established via the Suez canal.

An Ohio river boat was burned. Two lives were lost.

Three hundred firms have signed the agreement with machinists.

Ten cars were wrecked on a branch of the Southern Pacific near Albany, Or.

Nine miners are dead and three fatally injured from an explosion in a West Virginia coal mine.

The Chilean government has waived its objection to the Pan-American congress to be held in Mexico.

President McKinley has given up his tour to the Northwest on account of his wife's illness. Her condition is considered serious.

The Alaskan, the largest merchant steamship ever built on the Pacific coast, has been launched at the Union Works, at San Francisco.

The governor of New York has ordered 2,200 soldiers to Albany. All efforts to settle trouble between strikers and employers has thus far failed.

Although reports coming from South Africa are very meager, the indications are that the Boers are rapidly breaking down, owing to cold and lack of provisions.

A financial panic was narrowly averted in London.

The powers have protested against Turkey's postal measures.

A band of American brigands has been broken up near Manila.

The new Philippine tariff will probably go into effect June 1.

President McKinley has made his official entry into San Francisco.

Mrs. Nation's attorneys have set up the plea of insanity as a defense in the trial for joint smashing.

Edward A. Cudahy says he is willing to pay \$50,000 reward for the man who abducted his son, if necessary.

The president of the French company which owns the right of way for the Panama canal is in the United States to make an effort to sell the company's concessions.

The employes of every machine shop and factory in Seattle, numbering over 250, have walked out. They demand nine hours instead of 10 and a 12 1/2 per cent increase in wages.

Riot followed the attempt of the Union Traction Company, of Albany, N. Y., to resume the operation of its electric street railway system. One nonunion motorman was fatally injured and a car derailed.

Lacuna has promised to surrender his command.

A watchman in a Utah refinery stole \$15,000 in silver bullion.

The Chinese are astonished at the amount of indemnity demanded.

The congressional appropriation of \$3,000,000 for the extension of the rural delivery postal service becomes available in three months.

The Roman Catholic archbishop of Montreal has forbidden the members of that church from countenancing cremation in any way.

The public printer of Minnesota beat all records by issuing the laws passed by the recent legislature within two days after adjournment.

TORCH IN A COAL MINE.

Caused An Explosion Which Killed Six Men and Injured Many More.

Fairmount, W. Va., May 17.—Six miners lost their lives, five were fatally injured and three seriously injured in an explosion at the shaft of the George's Creek Coal & Iron Company, at Farmington, seven miles west of this city, on the main line of the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad this morning.

The George's Creek company, a Baltimore corporation, had invested fully \$1,000,000 in the mine, which is one of the best equipped in the Fairmount district. The mine was only recently put into operation, and about 125 men were employed, only 40 of this number underground. Of these, 15 were in a portion of the mine that has been worked for some time, and the remainder were working on headings, quite a distance away. One of the men in the rooms had smuggled a torch into the mine, as torches give a better light than the safety lamp prescribed by the company.

At 9:15 o'clock the miner fired a shot, and the smoke which was very dense, caught fire from the torch and spread to either the gas or dust, and the explosion resulted. Fortunately the mine did not catch fire to any extent. The explosion vented itself through the air shaft and almost demolished the building on the surface in which the fan was located. The men on the headings did not know there had been an explosion until notified. The air was soon turned in and in a short time the headings were cleared of foul gases and the work of rescuing the unfortunates commenced.

NORTHWEST TOUR ABANDONED.

President Will Return to Washington as Soon as Possible.

San Francisco, May 17.—Owing to the very serious character of Mrs. McKinley's illness, the president has definitely decided to abandon his contemplated northwestern tour and to return to Washington direct as soon as Mrs. McKinley is able to stand the journey. The gravity of Mrs. McKinley's condition has been known to the members of the president's immediate party for several days, but had been concealed in the belief that she would rally, as she had so frequently in the past when suffering from one of her periods of depression, and with a few days of absolute quiet and rest be restored to her normal condition. But her present illness has been attended with entirely new complications which have not yielded to treatment, and the president has concluded that it was time the public should be apprised of the true situation. He was also anxious that the citizens of the cities and towns along the planned route of his return trip, who have made such extensive preparations for his visit, should receive prompt notification of the circumstances which compelled his decision.

The strain which the president himself has undergone during the last few days has been very great. It has been a personal sacrifice for him to try to carry out his engagements here in order not to disappoint the people, but he has made it unselfishly and nobly, and it is still his desire to carry out the prearranged programme in San Francisco to whatever extent he can.

UTAH COUNTY BANKRUPT.

Gopher Bounties Completely Drained Treasury of Its Funds.

Salt Lake, May 17.—Gophers at 5 cents a head have brought practical bankruptcy to the county of Tooele, Utah. They multiplied so rapidly as to become a veritable plague, and enterprising men and school boys have profited so much by killing them and receiving bounty for their tails that the county commissioners not only have abolished the practice of paying bounty, but also have been compelled to cancel bids for the erection of a new county jail, because nearly all the treasury funds have been paid out for gopher tails. A few weeks ago the rodents became so bad that the county commissioners offered a bounty of 5 cents apiece for them. In a few days the school houses of the county were practically without pupils, nearly every boy, armed with traps and poison, being out in the fields and prairie hunting gophers. Men joined in the hunt. The little animals were slaughtered by thousands, and one day the county paid out \$800 in bounties. So great became the drain that notice has now been published abolishing the bounty, bringing an end to a very flourishing industry. The notice came too late to save the treasury, but in the meantime the county has been rid of a pest that was bringing ruin to every farmer.

Great Britain's Proposal.

London, May 17.—A dispatch to the Daily Mail from Peking, says that Great Britain submits an important proposal to the foreign ministers that China pay the indemnity out of her own native resources on a system affording her special facilities. The proposal entails no increase of the maritime customs.

Explosion of An Arsenal.

Pekin, May 17.—An explosion at the arsenal in Kalgan today wounded one German officer and four privates. Three German privates are missing. It is supposed that they were blown to pieces. The Germans generally believe that the Chinese intentionally committed the outrage, although evidence to substantiate this view is lacking. A thorough investigation will be made.

NEWS OF THE STATE

ITEMS OF INTEREST FROM ALL OVER OREGON.

Commercial and Financial Happenings of Importance—A Brief Review of the Growth and Improvements of the Many Industries Throughout Our Thriving Commonwealth—Latest Market Report.

Best creek cattlemen shipped from Pendleton 110 head of cattle to Puget sound.

The annual field day athletic contests of the Pendleton public schools will take place May 27.

Henry Brune from Rockland, sold 30 sheared yearling wethers at The Dalles for \$3.10 a head.

A bridge has been completed across the Sandy river near Leona. It is 233 feet long and 16 feet wide.

It is reported that the Golconda mine, situated in Williams creek district, has been sold for a good figure.

Jack Gordon and Pete Gagnou recently sold several quartz mining claims in the Greenhorn mountains to Gibb Leavitt for \$3,000.

Recently a piece of quartz weighing 25 pounds was picked up at the Mule Gulch placer mine, near Autonne. It is estimated to be worth \$2,000.

A clean up from 100 tons of Mammoth mine ore treated at the Virtue mill was taken to Baker City last week. The clean up amounted to \$1,100—two bars, one of the value of \$800 and another of \$300, an average of \$11 to the ton.

The North Powder Irrigation Company, which recently purchased the big Grayson ditch, south east of Baker City, has completed surveys for the extension of the ditch into the lower valley. The work of construction of the ditch will begin this week.

Newport will have a Fourth of July celebration.

The new school house at Marcola has been completed.

Timber claims on the middle fork of the Coquille are being rapidly taken.

Operations have been resumed at the Eureka mine, at Selma, Josephine county.

The telephone line being extended from Springfield to Waterville is completed to Thurston.

The Southern Oregon Oil Company, operating near Ashland, has purchased a boring plant.

The machinery of the Summerville creamery has been received and will be in place within a few days.

Eighty seven scalps of wild animals were presented for bounty in Jackson county in the month of April.

Contract has been awarded to the Athena Flouring Mill Company to pump water for the city for \$800 per year.

The Henry P. Smith farm of 199 acres, 1 1/2 miles east of Dallas, has been sold to an Oklahoma man for \$6,400.

The Ontario Warehouse Company is building a warehouse on the Short Line right of way. The building will be 50x70 feet, fire proof, and will be pushed to a speedy completion.

Portland Markets.

Wheat—Walla Walla, 59@60c; valley, nominal; bluestem, 61@62c. per bushel.

Flour—Best grades, \$2.90@3.40 per barrel; graham, \$2.60.

Oats—White, \$1.30@1.35 per cental; gray, \$1.27 1/2@1.30 per cental.

Barley—Feed, \$17@17.25; brewing, \$17@17.25 per ton.

Milletstuffs—Bran, \$17 per ton; middlings, \$21.50; shorts, \$20.00; chop, \$16.

Hay—Timothy, \$12.50@14; clover, \$7@9.50; Oregon wild hay, \$6@7 per ton.

Hops—12@14c. per lb.

Wool—Valley, 11@13c; Eastern Oregon, 17@20c; mohair, 20@21c. per pound.

Butter—Fancy creamery, 15@17 1/2c; dairy, 13@14c; store, 11@12 1/2c. per pound.

Eggs—Oregon ranch, 12 1/2@13c. per dozen.

Cheese—Full cream, twins, 13@13 1/2c; Young America, 13 1/2@14c. per pound.

Poultry—Chickens, mixed, \$3.50@4; hens, \$4@4.50; dressed, 11@12c. per pound; springs, \$3@5 per dozen; ducks, \$5@6; geese, \$6@7; turkeys, live, 10@12c; dressed, 13@15c. per pound.

Potatoes—Old, 90@1.10 per sack; new, 2 1/2c. per pound.

Mutton—Lamb, 4 1/2@5c. per pound gross; best sheep, wethers, with wool, \$4.25@4.50; dressed, 7 1/2c. per pound.

Hogs—Gross, heavy, \$5.75@6; light, \$4.75@5; dressed, 7@7 1/2c. per pound.

Veal—Large, 7@8c. per pound; small, 8@8 1/2c. per pound.

Beef—Gross, top steers, \$5@5.25; cows and heifers, \$4.50@4.75; dressed beef, 8 1/2@8 3/4c. per pound.

Toledo, O., police judge says drunkenness is a disease, not a crime, and dismisses all plain drunks that come before him.

An Omaha man claims to have made out of common earth, petroleum and two secret ingredients a cheap and plentiful fuel.

Earl Grey, of Great Britain, has a plan to secure control of all saloons and to discourage the sale of intoxicating drinks there.

SMALLPOX AT SKAGWAY.

No Doubt About It, Says Physician Who Made the Investigation.

Seattle, May 20.—Following are private advices received by mail from Sitka, Alaska, dated May 11:

Doctors Moore of Skagway, and Linhart, of Juneau, have been investigating the small pox epidemic at this place, and the former says there is no doubt of the prevalence of the disease, despite reports to the contrary. The doctors visited all the infected districts, and the Indian ranch, Russian town and the Indian mission. Dr. Moore was outspoken regarding existing conditions. He said there can be no question of the seriousness of the situation. Small pox, generally in a mild form, is prevalent, and owing to the uncleanly condition of the ranch, combating the sickness will be a difficult matter.

In Russian town there were but two cases, one serious. At the mission there were found over 30 children suffering from small pox. They have been treated in the hospital which is located considerable distance from the dormitories. Up to the present time there have been seven fatalities, all confined to the Indians. A rigid quarantine has been placed on the ranch, Indian policemen guarding all entrances to the infected quarters. Guards have kept visitors from the homes of the two Russians who are sick.

VICTIMS OF CANNIBALS.

Particulars of the Murder of Missionaries in New Guinea.

Vancouver, B. C. May 20.—Details have been brought by the steamer Moana from Sydney of the massacre of the missionary party in New Guinea. The report to the government resident of Thursday island is as follows:

"The crew of the Dido report the murder of the Rev. James Chalmers and Rev. Oliver Tomkins, of the London Missionary Society, by New Guinea natives at Debe, near the mouth of the Fly river. It seems they went ashore after friendly natives had warned them that a tribal war was in progress, and that their lives would be endangered. Despite this warning the missionaries, with six native converts, went ashore and attempted to hold a religious service. The natives blamed the missionaries for a reverse in battle, and killed the two white men and all their school boys. Part of their bodies were afterwards devoured by the cannibal natives. The captain of the missionary schooner Niue, from his vessel, saw the bodies lying on the beach with their heads cut off, but he was afraid to land. This report of the Dido's crew has been confirmed by a well known native missionary named Isai.

WON'T JOIN THE COMBINE.

Alaska Packers Association Will Stay Out of the Salmon Trust.

San Francisco, May 20.—The big salmon combine is off, so far as the Alaska Packers' Association is concerned. After days of negotiations between the promoters of the Pacific Packing & Navigation Company and the association's officers, a halt was called. President Fortman and Vice President Hirsch of the Alaska Packers' Association, say that they have refused to sell to the promoters except for cash, and that not being offered they terminated the negotiations. T. B. McGovern, one of the promoters, in an interview, said:

"We shall put this combine through without the Alaska Packers' Association. We had figured that with the options we have, if we could secure the association, we would control practically all the salmon in the world. There are, roughly speaking, 3,200,000 cases of salmon packed every year. Of this total the Alaska people put out about 1,000,000 cases."

Legality of the Blacklist.

Chicago, May 20.—Judge Baker has decided that it is legal for employers to maintain a blacklist. The plaintiff was a painter and can painter in the employ of the Libby Packing company and in February, in company with a number of other young women, went on strike because of repeated reductions in wages. Later the women tried to obtain work with other firms, but their applications were rejected on account of their having been strikers. Miss Condon brought suit as a test, and the court ruled that the various firms had a right to take protective measures against persons who had quit the employment of other firms without valid reasons.

Conger Favors Ship Subsidy.

New York, May 20.—Edwin H. Conger, minister to China, was the guest of honor at the third annual banquet of the American Asiatic Association, given at Delmonico's. In his address he dwelt upon the great possibilities in China, advocated the subsidizing of American shipping as a patriotic measure, and regretted that our new possessions in the Pacific were not connected by American cables.

Refused Medical Aid.

Chicago, May 20.—After lingering 12 days, during which time she suffered much pain, Mrs. Josephine Christensen, wife of Louie Christensen, both "Dowieites," and who with her 2-year old baby was frightfully burned in the Marquette avenue fire in South Chicago the morning of May 5, died last night. Mrs. Christensen refused medical aid to the last, and was the only one of those injured in the fire who died.

MRS. GAGE IS DEAD

AFTER NINE WEEKS' STRUGGLE WITH HEART TROUBLE.

Wife of Secretary of the Treasury Lyman J. Gage—Heart Trouble was the Result of Severe Attack of Grip—Mrs. McKinley is Slightly Improved, but by no Means Out of Danger.

Washington, May 18.—Mrs. Lyman J. Gage, wife of the secretary of the treasury, died at her residence, 1715 Massachusetts Avenue Northwest, at 9:30 o'clock last night, after an illness of nine weeks' duration. With her when the end came were her husband and her married daughter, and the attending physician. For a time before her death Mrs. Gage suffered much pain, but she maintained her bright and cheerful demeanor and was conscious to the last. Heart trouble, the result of grip complications, was the immediate cause of death.

A DAY OF IMPROVEMENT.

Mrs. McKinley Was Better, but the Crisis is Not Passed.

San Francisco, May 17.—President McKinley described the marked improvement in Mrs. McKinley's condition today as a transformation. But perhaps even the president of the United States may overstate the ease in his elation at the prospect of his wife's recovery. Certain it is, however, that Mrs. McKinley's condition last night improved to an extent that fairly nonplused the doctors, brightened the anxious and devoted husband and filled the city with joy and thanksgiving. The sinking spell that was feared in the early hours before dawn, when the tide flows out and the vitality of the world is at lowest ebb, did not come. There was a slight tendency in that direction, but that was all.

But it must not be assumed from all this that Mrs. McKinley has passed the crisis and is out of danger. The elation of today may have been only the crest of the wave after the trough of the sea. Mrs. McKinley is still dangerously ill, and it will be at least 48 hours before it will be safe to say the crisis has been passed. Her vitality is so low and she is so weak that a change for the worse would not be unexpected at any moment, and it is feared that she would not have the reserve strength to weather another sinking spell such as she experienced yesterday morning. Her mind was clear during her waking moments.

Telegrams continue to pour in from all parts of the country eagerly asking for news from the sickroom, and today the president received many messages congratulating him upon the reports of the improvement in Mrs. McKinley's condition. All the foreign ambassadors and ministers at Washington have sent messages of sympathy, doubtless by direction of the governments they represent.

The launching of the Ohio tomorrow was to have been a notable occasion. Great preparations had been made and an elaborate programme had been planned. Much of the programme, however, will now be curtailed. Miss Barber, a niece of Mrs. McKinley, in the absence of the mistress of the White House, will press the electric button which will sever the cord which holds the last stay, and as the ship begins to glide down the ways Miss Helen Desher, a relative of Governor Nash, will christen the ship with a bottle of champagne.

TUBERCULOSIS CONGRESS.

Assertion That Are No Infectious Diseases Created a Sanation.

New York, May 20.—The American congress of Tuberculosis and the Madico society opened the second day of their joint session with the reading of a number of addresses on topics connected with the general subject of tuberculosis. During the afternoon session one prominent physician read a paper in which he denied that there were any infectious diseases; smallpox was not contagious and certainly not tuberculosis. He argued that the real cause of the spread of disease was not infection, but fear, and scored the doctors. It was announced that a free annex for consumptives would soon be opened at the Home for incurables in this city.

The Father Riegel Murder Case.

Philadelphia, May 20.—The jury in the case of Jacob Wynn, charged with the murder of Rev. Father Riegel brought in a verdict of murder in the second degree. Father Riegel, who had charge of the Catholic church at Cheltenham, Pa., was found dead on a doorstep in the tenderloin district. Death was due to "knockout drops." Wynn and eight others who had been drinking with the priest were indicted. It was testified that Wynn bought the poison and placed it in Father Riegel's glass of beer.

Edwin F. Uhl Dead.

Grand Rapids, Mich., May 18.—Hon. Edwin F. Uhl, ex-assistant secretary of state and ambassador to Germany, under the Cleveland administration, died shortly after noon yesterday. He had been ill nearly a year, suffering from a complication of diseases, among them Bright's disease.

Edwin F. Uhl was born in 1841 near Avon Springs, N. Y.

LAUNCHING OF THE OHIO.

The Big 14,000-Ton Hull Slid Into the Bay With Perfect Success.

San Francisco, May 20.—On a platform, decorated with the national colors, which had been built around the prow of the big battleship Ohio at the Union Iron Works, in this city Saturday, were gathered the president and members of the cabinet, Governor Nash, of Ohio; Miss Desher, his niece, who was to christen the ship; Miss Barber, who was to act for Mrs. McKinley, and many uniformed officers of the army and navy waiting for the signal to start the big iron monster down the ways into San Francisco bay. Miss Barber, with her finger on the button, was looking intently at the indicator.

At 12:22 1/2, two and a half minutes before the tide was at its highest, the time set for the launching, there suddenly shot into the face of the indicator the word "ready." Miss Barber pressed the button. The last block fell away. At the same time, Miss Desher, a young lady of 17 years, let go the bottle of champagne suspended at the side of the bow by a red, white and blue ribbon, and as it crashed against the side she uttered the words, "I christen thee Ohio."

Released from its bonds the heavy hull of 14,000 tons of steel went plowing through the thick grease of its cradle. Slowly at first, then faster and faster, she slid down the ways, taking the flood majestically and piling up the water in great waves in front of her. The band crashed, whistles blew, and the multitude shouted. No ship ever given to the American navy has taken her initial plunge into the sea under more favorable auspices or in the presence of a more distinguished company.

The workmen of the ship yard, whom President McKinley addressed, presented him with a plate of burnished gold five by five inches in dimensions, surmounted by the eagle and shield of the American seal. The shield in the center is of California gold-bearing quartz and is flanked on either side by the American and California republic flags. At one corner of the plate is the seal of California and at the other the seal of Ohio. In the center is a miniature of the battleship Ohio and the following inscription:

"To commemorate the launching of the United States battleship Ohio. Presented to Hon. William McKinley, president of the United States, by the employes of the Union Iron Works, San Francisco, California."

The decorations around the border of the plate are of oak leaves, intertwined with California poppies.

THE CRISIS IS PASSED.

Mrs. McKinley Was Able to Sit Up—No Definite Date Fixed for the Start Home.

San Francisco, May 20.—Mrs. McKinley's condition was so far improved yesterday evening that she was able to sit up for a while. This welcome news was given out shortly after 5 o'clock. There were many callers at the Scott residence yesterday. There was a general feeling that the crisis had been passed, and that Mrs. McKinley would continue to gain in strength. No definite date has yet been decided upon as to when the president will start for the national capital, but it is hoped that Mrs. McKinley will be able to travel within a few days.

President McKinley is in receipt of cablegrams from the king and queen of England, President Loubet of France, and many other European potentates, inquiring as to Mrs. McKinley's condition.

Among the callers on the president was Calvin S. Titus, the first American soldier to mount the walls of Peking, who returned with the transport Sheridan, just arrived.

ANOTHER PROVINCE CLEARED.

Admiral Kempff Reports the Surrender of the Insurgent Mascardo and His Force.

Washington, May 21.—The navy department has received the following cablegram from Admiral Kempff at Cavite: "Captain Owen advises that the Urdanetta and Gardoquil received on board May 17 General Mascardo, 20 officers, 184 men, 266 rifles, at Binong bay and Morong. They are now in arsenal bound for Maricao, where the majority desire to surrender to the army. Others surrendered to Draper, marine officer at Olongapo. This is the last insurgent force in Zambales province. Gunboats resumed survey work."

Dangerous Derelicts Reported.

New York, May 21.—Two liners which came into port today, reported they passed dangerous derelicts, which, if met with in the night time, would certainly have resulted in disaster. These wrecks are drifting in the ocean lanes, which are now being daily traversed by liners. The government will be asked to send out one of the small gunboats to hunt for and destroy the derelicts.

Wrecked by a Washout.

Ellis, Kan., May 20.—Union Pacific west-bound freight train No. 11 was wrecked by a washed out bridge three miles west of Sharon Springs early this morning. Both the engineer and fireman were instantly killed. Two trackwalkers who were at the bridge had disappeared and it is believed they lost their lives. The engine and several cars went into the river, the engine and one car of cattle being entirely submerged.