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EVENTS OF THE DAY

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

Cholera has broken out at Manila. A coal miners' strike in Virginia and West Virginia is probable.

A hardware trust has been formed with a capital of \$30,000,000.

A combine is being formed in New York which, if completed, will control the entire nickel output of the world.

The new Chinese exclusion bill contains a clause which will prevent China from participating in the St. Louis fair.

The Canadian Pacific freight sheds at Winnipeg were burned, together with all freight records for the past 22 years. Loss, \$150,000.

The senate passed the war revenue repeal bill.

The house has passed the rivers and harbors bill.

President Roosevelt will retire Gen. Miles in the near future.

The bill for the protection of the president has passed the senate.

The anthracite coal miners of Pennsylvania have demanded an eight hour day.

Another delay in the ratification of the Danish treaty by the Danish government has been brought about by the opposition.

Large holdings in the Rock Island have been purchased by the Harriman interests and now that road will not be extended to the coast.

An inventory of Collis P. Huntington's estate shows it to be worth about \$29,000,000.

William J. Bryan celebrated his 42d birthday by moving onto his farm near Lincoln, Neb.

Anthracite coal miners of Pennsylvania are on the eve of another strike. The trouble is over the wage scale.

Governor Brady of Alaska, has asked congress to appropriate \$100,000 with which to represent Alaska at the St. Louis exposition.

A resolution has been introduced in the senate thanking Rear Admiral Kempff for refusing to join the allied forces in the bombardment of the forts at Taku, China.

It is understood that the president is considering the appointment of ex-Senator Wolcott, of Colorado, to succeed Secretary of the Interior Hitchcock, who will retire from the cabinet.

Fire on the Hoboken, N. J., waterfront caused a loss of \$1,000,000.

Ex-President Cleveland celebrated his 65th birthday on the 18th inst.

First Assistant Postmaster General Johnson has resigned on account of poor health.

Joseph H. Manley has been offered the position of first assistant postmaster general.

The senate is working on the measure for the protection of the president against anarchists.

King Edward has made arrangements to feed 500,000 of the poor of London during coronation week.

The state asylum for deaf and dumb at Jackson, Miss., was totally destroyed by fire. Loss, \$40,000.

Prince Henry has landed on German soil.

The senate has passed the ship subsidy bill.

The house is working on the rivers and harbors bill.

In a collision at Milwaukee between a passenger train and street car 10 persons were injured.

A life saving crew and seven men it had rescued from a stranded vessel were drowned at Cape Cod.

Two children were burned to death in a fire at Galena, Kan.

When Flour was a Dollar a Pound. Only a few years ago flour sold for \$1 a pound in parts of Montana, and other provisions were higher. Butter reached \$1.75 in Virginia City. When provisions were forced too high by speculators, there was a raid and living necessities, especially flour, were taken to a common depot and the "corner" busted. These stories, and many others that afford more pleasant reading, are found in Wonderland for 1902, published by the Northern Pacific Railway. This book carries hundreds of beautiful Western scenes in perfectly printed illustrations that the costly magazines might be proud of. Send to Charles S. Fox, St. Paul, Minn., for the book. He sends it free, but 6 cents postage is necessary.

Governor Taft, testifying before the house insular committee, denied reports that Filipinos are cowardly.

The Pennsylvania management contemplates a new union station for Chicago, to cost, with terminal facilities, \$10,000,000 to \$15,000,000.

William Hoey, for many years general superintendent of the Adams Express Company, committed suicide at New York while temporarily insane from illness.

REFORMERS BACK OF IT.

Revolution in Southern China is Serious and Spreading Rapidly.

Victoria, B. C., March 25.—According to the advices received by the two Oriental shippers which arrived here today, the reformers are at the back of the big revolution in South China, which is a widespread and serious movement. Coincidentally, reports come from Kansu and Mongolia, in the northwest, of outbreaks fomented by Tung Fu Hsien, an ex-Boxer, aided by Mongolian princes. The Nang correspondent of the Shanghai Mercury says that 10,000 rebels have massed at that city to move on Kwang Si towns.

From Shanghai comes news of excitement over the decision of Germany to maintain her garrison there, which means that France, Britain and Japan will also be obliged to have garrisons there, and Shanghai will become an international garrison town.

The Shanghai Mercury says that before his death, Li Hung Chang, surrendered full privileges to Russia in Manchuria, and the negotiations now going on are said to be a blind to hoodwink rival powers. The Mercury says that had Li not died, his adhesion to Russia's policy would have involved China in war.

Anxiety at Washington.

Washington, March 25.—The situation in Southern China is attracting the anxiety of the state department officials, who are in no mood to become again involved in that quarter of the world. The latest advices to the department from the seat of trouble were contained in a cablegram received here from United States Consul McWade, at Canton, dated March 18, saying: "Viceroy reports rebellion in Kwang Si almost crushed." This is not borne out by the press advices of later date, hence the anxiety of the officials.

Chinese Rebels Capture a Town.

Hong Kong, March 25.—The rebels have captured the prefectural town of Kan Chow, in the province of Kwang Tung, and have seized the arsenal and granaries. The mandarins of the garrison fled and appealed to Canton for reinforcements. The viceroy of Canton replied that it was impossible further to deplete the Canton garrison, and urged General Ma to make the utmost efforts to put down the rebellion.

STRICKEN FROM THE BILL.

House Committee Rejects Clause Prohibiting Employment of Chinese Sailors.

Washington, March 25.—By an almost unanimous vote the house committee on foreign affairs struck out of the Mitchell-Kahn Chinese exclusion bill the paragraph prohibiting ships flying the American flag from employing Chinese sailors, under \$2,000 penalty for each offense. This provision has proved one of the chief sources of controversy over the bill. The senators and representatives from the Pacific coast states regard this provision as the most important.

The main argument leading to striking out the provision was that the American ships on the Pacific compete with English and Japanese lines, and that the latter ships would indirectly receive a great advantage in continuing the employment of Chinese at \$7.50 per month, whereas the American ships would have to pay about \$30 per month for white sailors.

Representative Kahn, of California, has talked with Speaker Henderson as to the exclusion bill when it reaches the house, and it is understood that while Mr. Kahn considers the sailors' clause most important, he will not insist upon it to the extent of jeopardizing the entire exclusion measure.

Cholera in Manila.

Manila, March 25.—The board of health is making a strong effort to prevent the spread of cholera. There have been 16 cases and 15 deaths among the natives in two days, and other natives are suspected of having contracted the disease. The importation of vegetable matter from China is prohibited; inspection camps are being established in every district, and leaflets are published advising the people to boil their drinking water before using it. Finally, every one is urged to co-operate in the destruction of this dangerous enemy.

Will Give Bozeman a Library.

Bozeman, Mont., March 24.—Word has been received from Andrew Carnegie, who will furnish Bozeman with a free public library, provided the city is willing to support the institution at not less than \$1,500 a year. The library is to cost \$15,000.

Troops for Coronation.

New York, March 25.—It is stated, says a London dispatch to the Tribune, that there will be 2,500 colonial troops in London for the coronation. Practically every colony will be represented.

Destroyer Barry Launched.

Philadelphia, March 25.—The Barry, the third of the series of torpedo boat destroyers which have been built for the United States government by Betts & Levey, has been launched. Miss Charlotte Barnes, a descendant of Commodore Barry, after whom the craft is named, christened the boat. The little fighter had steam up when the launching took place and took a short spin down the Delaware river.

NEWS OF THE STATE

ITEMS OF INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS OF 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.

Cook county Prohibitionists have placed a ticket in the field.

The district convention of Christian Endeavor societies of Lane and Douglas counties will meet in Eugene March 24.

Of the 41 delegates sent to the Wheeler county Republican convention, 23 are for Moody and 18 for Williamson.

The Polk county Prohibitionists will hold a convention in Dallas April 5, for the purpose of placing a full county ticket in the field.

The board of directors of the Florence school district have decided to extend the school term one month, making the closing of seven months of school on April 15.

At the meeting of the Columbia county Democrats a full county ticket was named and a resolution adopted condemning the action of President Roosevelt in sending envoys to the coronation of King Edward as unpatriotic.

Continued heavy rains in Southern Oregon have kept an abundant supply of water in all the ditches, allowing the hydraulic placer mining operations to continue in full blast throughout the Josephine mining district. It is estimated that the output will be 50 per cent greater this year than in any season past.

The Multnomah county Republican convention met in Portland March 19. A legislative ticket and delegates to the state and congressional conventions were named, after which adjournment was taken until March 27, when the county ticket will be nominated. The independents had full control of the meeting.

The 1900 potato crop in Coos county has been nearly all cleaned out.

The Lane county Democrats will hold their county convention April 5.

The Baker City gas plant is to be enlarged and improved to meet the demand for gas, which is steadily increasing.

Primaries for Multnomah county were held March 15. Very few Democrats voted, as there was no fight among their forces. In the Republican ranks the anti-Simon forces carried the day.

The Polk county Republican convention was held at Dallas March 15 and delegates to the state and congressional conventions named and county officers nominated. No action was taken in regard to the senatorship.

The Republicans of Morrow county held their convention at Heppner March 15 and elected delegates to the state and congressional convention. Resolutions were adopted endorsing Williamson as United States representative and pledging its delegates to vote against the return of Senator Simon.

PORTLAND MARKETS.

Wheat—Walla Walla, 64½@65c; bluestem, 66@66½c; Valley, 65@65½c. Barley—Feed, \$20@21; brewing, \$21@21.50 per ton.

Oats—No. 1 white, \$1.15@1.22½; gray, \$1.10@1.20.

Flour—Best grades, \$2.80@3.40 per barrel; Graham, \$2.50@2.80.

Millstuffs—Bran, \$19 per ton; middlings, \$21; shorts, \$21.50; chop, \$17.50.

Hay—Timothy, \$12@13; clover, \$7.50@8; Oregon wild hay, \$5@6 per ton.

Potatoes—Best Burbanks, \$1.10@1.30 per cental; ordinary, 70@80c per cental, growers' prices; sweets, \$2.25@2.50 per cental.

Butter—Creamery, 25@30c; dairy, 18@22½c; store, 13@15c.

Eggs—For Oregon.

Cheese—Full cream, twine, 13@13½c; Young America, 14@15c; factory prices, 1@1½c less.

Poultry—Chickens, mixed, \$4.00@5.00; hens, \$5.00@6.50 per dozen, 11@12½c per pound; springs, 11@12c per pound \$3@4½ per dozen; ducks, \$5@6 per dozen; turkeys, live, 12@13c, dressed, 14@16c per pound; geese, \$6½@7 per dozen.

Mutton—Gross, 4c per pound; dressed, 7@7½c per pound.

Hogs—Gross, 5½c; dressed, 6½@7c per pound.

Veal—8@8½ for small; 7@7½ for large.

Beef—Gross, cows, 3½@4c; steers, 4@4½c; dressed, 6½@7½c per pound.

Hops—12@13c per pound.

Wool—Valley, 13@15c; Eastern Oregon, 8@12½c; mohair, 21@21½c per pound.

Miss Shaw, of St. Louis, is to paint the portrait of Queen Alexandra this summer.

St. Louis fair managers are informed that King Menelik of Abyssinia may accept an invitation to visit the exposition.

Joseph Devlin, now touring the United States in the interest of the United Irish League, has been elected to the British parliament from North Kilkenny.

FAST DYING REVOLT.

Acting Governor Wright Says Ninety-five Per Cent of the Philippines are Pacified.

Washington, March 22.—Judge Wright, acting civil governor of the Philippines, has written a personal letter to General Marcus J. Wright, of this city, which gives an interesting insight into the condition of affairs in the Philippines.

"We are so far removed from the United States," says Governor Wright, "that I fear the people at home get rather an inadequate idea of the situation here. The gross reports of the last month or more, which have reached us here, together with the comments thereon, seem to indicate that the general opinion is that the whole islands are either blazing with insurrection or else that outbreaks are prevented only by the use of troops on an extensive scale. This is wholly misleading. The real truth is that in 95 per cent of the territory of the islands there is no insurrection, and Americans go about singly and unarmed, with about as much safety as they would in a large majority of the states at home. There is a fast-dying insurrection in two provinces of the great island of Luzon, and in the remote southern island of Samar. Here and there in more remote sections there are instances of cattle stealing and occasionally murder or robbery. We are dealing very energetically with the lawless element, and the people as a rule are rebuilding their homes where they have been destroyed.

"Of course, telegraphic dispatches generally deal alone in something sensational. I apprehend that if any one of us were in a foreign country and received only news of what was happening in the United States in police circles we would get about the same idea of our own country as many of the people seem to have of this. As to the progress we have made in the last year, it is tremendous and to me very encouraging. While I do not look for the millennium either here or elsewhere speedily, I see no reason to doubt that American authority can now be maintained without more troops than indicated by Governor Taft. Of course, we must utilize the native in policing his own country, just as has been done by England in all her colonies from the beginning."

MISSOURI ICE GORGE.

River Below is Almost Dry—Dynamite Being Used to Break Up the Jam.

Chamberlain, S. D., March 24.—An ice gorge which has been forming in the Missouri river at this place for some time has reached a point which has caused the river to overflow the lowlands for 40 miles up the river. The ice is packed so tight that the bed below the gorge for several miles is almost dry. Dynamite is being used, but without effect up to the present.

At 11 o'clock tonight the water in the Missouri river remains about the same as early this morning, showing a total of 11 feet. A gorge has been formed between Chamberlain and American island, diverting the channel to the west side of the island, where the water and heavy run of the ice is passing freely. This is very likely to leave the channel permanently on the west side of the island, as with an open channel there, no pressure exists to clear out the gorge on the east side.

THE CHINESE REBELLION.

Marshal Su's Entire Command Has Deserted and Joined the Rebels.

Hong Kong, March 22.—Advices from Canton say it is credibly reported there that the viceroy has received telegrams from Lung Chin, on the Annam border, alleging that the whole of Marshal Su's troops have deserted and joined the rebels. If this is true, say the advices, it adds to the revolutionists 20,000 foreign armed and drilled troops, capable of defeating any force the imperialists can raise.

The telegrams further say the country is undoubtedly ripe for rebellion. Robberies are of frequent occurrence, the long-continued drought prevents the planting of spring rice, and this has led the farm laborers to become robbers.

Well informed persons consider a rebellion similar to that of the Tai-Ping probable.

No Intention of Surrendering.

London, March 22.—A dispatch to the Times from Klerksdorp, Transvaal Colony, says that the Boers in the Western Transvaal are well supplied with guns and ammunition, and have unlimited support and a large amount of stock; that their numbers give them confidence, while the blockhouse system has not yet been extended enough to alarm them. What is possible has been done, continues the correspondent, but, owing to the insufficiency of troops, the British columns have been too small to cope adequately with the Boer forces, which are all composed of fighting men, without any intention of surrendering.

The Porte Warned.

London, March 22.—In a dispatch from Vienna, the correspondent of the Daily Chronicle says that Great Britain, Austria and Russia have addressed a note to Turkey admonishing the porte to keep order in Macedonia.

In Honor of Miss Roosevelt.

Wilhelmshaven, March 22.—Emperor William has directed that a former torpedo boat, now used as a guard ship here, shall be renamed Alice Roosevelt.

BIG LOSS IN WHEAT

A HALF MILLION ACRES RUINED BY HARD FROSTS.

Total Damage is Estimated at Two Millions—A Theoretical Shortage of Three Million Bushels in the Pacific Northwest Crop is the Result of the Cold Wave, but Loss is Offset by New Acreage.

Portland, March 24.—Half a million acres of winter wheat have been reown in Oregon, Washington and Idaho, the result of the February frosts which came down with killing effect on a number of unprotected localities in the three states. Umatilla county alone was damaged to the extent of 100,000 acres. Walla Walla county was still harder hit. Eureka Flat, which produces more big crops than any other section in Washington, was practically all reseeded, and there is a big winter wheat district in the Palouse that will this year be planted in spring grain after the fall wheat was wiped out entirely or left in such straggling patches that it was drilled over and reown.

Conflicting reports have been coming in from the wheat districts since the cold weather nearly two months ago, but it was not until the past few days of warmer weather that the full extent of the damage was learned, and some fields which had apparently come through the winter all right are now being reseeded.

In Oregon the greater part of the damage is confined to Umatilla county, but some of the exposed patches in Morrow county were also touched sufficiently to demand reseeded of the whole or a part of the affected farms. Between Umatilla county and Eureka Flat the damage runs in places as high as 75 per cent. Over toward Fayton the damage is lighter, and as there is very little winter wheat in that vicinity, the effect will not be felt. The cold wave swept across Snake river and killed a lot of wheat on the new acreage around Washburn, then hit the high spots again in the vicinity of Ritzville. In the heart of the Palouse around Colfax, Garfield and St. John entire fields were wiped out, and the percentage of damage throughout that section was very high. It struck the Idaho line south of Moscow, but the effect was milder, the effect around Genesee being only about 30 per cent. The Big Bend escaped the frost, except in isolated cases, and the damage in that territory from this cause is inconsequential.

The exact effect of this extensive damage cannot be determined until harvest. With a favorable spring wheat season the yield on the reseeded ground may be pulled up to nearly the same figures as would have been returned from the winter crop. Conservative men, however, estimate that under the best circumstances it would not be safe to figure on within five bushels per acre of the yield that would have been secured from winter wheat. If this ratio of loss should hold for the entire tract damaged, there will be a theoretical shortage of 2,500,000 bushels of wheat. To this must be added 500,000 bushels of actual wheat used for reseeded, making a total of 3,000,000 bushels of wheat lost by the severity of the winter in February. At present prices this would represent a loss of approximately \$2,000,000. With conditions similar to those of last season from now on, there will still be as much wheat in the Pacific Northwest as there was last year. This is due to the fact that there is quite a material increase in the acreage, there being more new land under cultivation for both winter and spring wheat than ever before.

From the Big Bend country, which turned off a wonderful crop last year, come reports that there is a decided lack of moisture and there the condition of the crop is by no means so good as it was a year ago, and it is feared that the lack of moisture can not be made up in time to do much good in pulling the crop up to the proportions of a year ago. In the Big Bend country there is more new acreage than in any other section, and it is on this new acreage that the railroads are depending for a stand-off for the poor yield which now seems inevitable. The reseeded in Umatilla and Walla Walla counties has not been done under very favorable circumstances, for immediately after the drills stirred up the ground a dry wind swept over the country and absorbed considerable moisture, leaving the ground so dry that the wheat was very slow in germinating, and will not have a very good start.

Carnegie Library for Denver.

Denver, March 24.—Andrew Carnegie has offered to furnish \$200,000 for the erection of a free public library building in Denver provided the city will pledge itself to provide not less than \$30,000 annually for the support of the library.

Fire in Piano Factory.

New York, March 22.—Hardman, Peck & Co., piano manufacturers, suffered a loss of \$300,000, or possibly more, by the destruction tonight by fire of their plant at West forty-eighth street and the North River. The fire started from some unknown cause in the packing room, which is in the three story part of the big factory. There it quickly spread throughout the entire building.

VALIDITY OF CANAL TITLE.

Majority and Minority Reports of the Senate Committee.

Washington, March 21.—Senator Morgan, from the committee on Indian affairs, has presented to the senate the majority and minority reports of that committee on the question of the validity of the title of the new Panama Canal Company and its right to transfer the Panama canal property to the United States for \$40,000,000. The objections of the majority to the title held by that company are based largely on the relations of the canal company to the governments of France and Colombia, but the committee also discusses at length many other phases of the question. Among those is the relation of the shareholders who subscribed \$200,000,000 to the old Panama company, whose interests, the report holds, cannot be lightly regarded. On this point the report says:

"The spectacle of the United States congress authorizing the president, as the agent of our government, to conduct a trade with such a corporation (the new Panama Canal Company) without consulting France as to the claim of independence it (the new Panama Canal Company) asserts, will be entirely new in the history of nations, and its consequences cannot be lightly disregarded.

"Among those is the serious danger of the United States being drawn into disagreeable relations with a large and influential body of the worthy people of France, whose friendship for us has been cherished during the entire life of our republic, and had its origin in magnanimous sacrifices for our country when this country was in the travail of its birth. Unfortunately, the report of the isthmian canal commission reveals the fact that the men who made this offer are chief among those who defrauded these 600,000 or 800,000 Frenchmen of \$250,000,000."

"Speaking further of the obligations of the new company to the old, the majority says:

"Mr. Eiffel and his associates get \$40,000,000 from the American people, it is well that they are sheltered from the claims of these defrauded and despoiled bondholders and stockholders by the alleged despotism of French courts. They would never secure justice in American courts, and would be compelled to account for every dollar of the money to the bondholders, and to the stock bearing interest, before applying any of it to the profits of their speculation."

The minority report, which was prepared by Senator Kittredge, completely upholds the title of the new Panama company, as will be seen from the following extract, which constitutes its opening paragraph:

"The title of the new Panama company to its concessions and other property appears from the facts and documents which have been laid before the subcommittee to be clear and free from any complications. For a transfer of its concessions to the United States, the consent of Colombia is requisite, but this consent has been given by the government of that country as fully as it can now be given. In case of purchase of the canal by the United States, different concessions and different rights must be obtained by treaty between this country and Colombia, and such a treaty would necessarily involve the consent of the senate to the transfer by the company of its rights and property on the isthmus to the United States. Such a treaty Colombia has shown and declared its readiness to make. In every other point, the right of the new Panama Canal Company to transfer its property to the United States is perfectly clear. Every link in the chain of its title, and every step in the course by which it became in a position to sell its property, free and clear, is plain and satisfactory."

New Class of War Vessels.

London, March 21.—At the spring session of the institution of naval architects today the president, the Earl of Glasgow, announced that the admiralty had decided to create a new class of war vessels, to be known as the scout class, somewhat after the type of the torpedo boat destroyer, but of greater sea power.

Turkey Refuses to Pay.

London, March 21.—A dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph Company from Constantinople says: "The Turkish government has flatly refused the demand of the United States for the repayment of the sum of money (\$72,500) paid to the brigands as a ransom for Miss Stone and Mrs. Teitka."

St. Petersburg Students Sentenced.

St. Petersburg, March 21.—Eighty-seven of the persons who were arrested here for rioting have been sentenced to three months' imprisonment. The prosecutions of the ringleaders are still pending.

Rhodes Somewhat Weaker.

Cape Town, March 21.—Cecil Rhodes was slightly weaker this morning. The exceptional coolness of the weather and the free administration of oxygen contributed to the patient passing a quiet night. He no longer reads. Mr. Rhodes was much pleased at the receipt of the messages of sympathy sent to him by King Edward and Queen Alexandra.

Santos-Dumont Accepts.

Paris, March 21.—M. Santos-Dumont has accepted an invitation from the officials of the St. Louis exposition to go to St. Louis, assist the authorities in the organization of the proposed balloon contents and select a site on which to erect a balloon shed for himself. The aeronaut will sail for New York on the steamer Deutschland April 4. He will not take a balloon with him.