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EVENTS OF THE DAY

Comprehensive Review of the Important Happenings of the Past Week. Presented in Condensed Form, Most Accessible to Prose-Interested.

Russia has issued orders forming a third army corps.

The William C. Whitney mansion in New York has been sold for \$2,500,000.

In the battle on the Yalu the Japanese had 16,000 men and the Russians 20,000.

The trouble between the Santa Fe road and its machinists is still far from settled.

Plans for the government building at the 1905 fair are likely to be delayed slightly.

The lumber mills of Washington and Oregon will demand a rate to the Missouri river.

Superintendent Potter, of the Chemawa Indian school, denies the charges made against him.

Prince Outomsky of Russia who is at the St. Louis fair says the world does not understand his country.

Russians believe that while the Japanese are victorious in the present, Konorpatkin will trap them.

A last train in Missouri was wrecked by running into an open switch. Eight persons were killed and 16 wounded.

Chile and Peru are said to be on the verge of war.

Massachusetts has appropriated \$15,000 for the 1905 fair.

A Japanese squadron has been sighted near Vladivostok.

It seems probable that the gold standard will be adopted by Panama.

The canal commission has about decided to have the waterway dug by contract.

Ex-President Kruger, of the Transvaal, is very weak and constant care is necessary.

Ambassador Cassini says of Russia had expected war she would never have evacuated China.

Serious charges have been filed against Superintendent Potter, of the Chemawa Indian school.

The monitor Wyoming and torpedo boat destroyers Preble and Paul Jones will call at Portland on their way north.

Russia has nearly completed arrangements for a French loan of \$160,000,000 for three years on which 5 per cent interest will be paid. The government will establish a coaling station on the California coast at California City, Marin county.

Grand Duke Cyril is on his way to St. Petersburg.

Russians have suffered disastrous reverses on the Yalu.

Congress has adjourned. The house tendered Speaker Cannon a great oration.

The alleged attempts to blow up Russian warships at Neversky is reported to be false.

A cave-in at a Spanish mine resulted in many miners being buried. Fifty bodies have already been recovered.

Plans for issuing money orders by banks have been adopted by the executive council of the American Bankers' association.

The Russian foreign office has issued a circular to representatives abroad, declaring that Russia will not accept mediation to terminate the war, which the circular declares was forced on her.

Two hundred Japanese went down with the transport sunk by the Russians rather than surrender. The car is reported to be indignant because the commander sent the ship down with the men on board.

The Japanese have crossed the Yalu near Wiju.

President Loubet, of France, was warmly received in Italy.

The Oregon building at the St. Louis fair will be ready for occupancy May 1.

Fire in London's wholesale district destroyed \$500,000 worth of property.

The military at Telluride, Colo., has deported 29 more miners.

Russian authorities say the crossing of the Yalu by Japanese is no important victory.

Another unsuccessful attempt has been made to assassinate Premier Maury, of Spain.

The Vladivostok squadron is reported to have sunk four Japanese transports conveying 4,000 men.

The New York Central's railroad shops at Albany, N. Y., were destroyed, entailing a loss of \$250,000.

St. Louis has been warned to expect a flood.

King Edward has made no peace proposals to Russia, as has been reported.

The senate has passed bills giving Portland an assay office and dividing Oregon into two judicial districts.

The house has passed the bill giving Alaska a delegate.

Konorpatkin is to be made commander of land and sea forces in the Far East.

The foreign military observers assigned to Ja'an's first army in Corea have been ordered to leave for the front.

The powers are expected to back Russia in declaring the use of wireless telegraphy constitutes espionage. The United States alone is expected to make certain reservations.

The tomb of the famous Livingston family, near New York, was broken into and the bodies of several removed, while the bones of others were scattered over the floor.

FORCE THE YALU.

Charge of Brown Men Irresistible and Russian Fall Back.

Tokio, May 3.—Advices received here state that the Twelfth division of the Japanese army forced a crossing of the Yalu river above Wiju just before dawn Saturday morning. The second pontoon bridge across the river near Wiju was completed at 8 o'clock Saturday night and the imperial guards of the Second division crossed during the night.

The Russian left flank has been turned and a general attack began at dawn Sunday by all the Japanese batteries on the south side of the river and a flotilla of gunboats co-operating with the army.

The Japanese have the advantage of positions and numbers and are confident of routing the enemy.

The News From St. Petersburg.

St. Petersburg, May 3.—The general staff account of the operations on the Yalu river Saturday is as follows:

At 4 o'clock this morning Japanese field batteries and 47 guns opened a terrific fire on our position at Turchen and our troops near Potientensky.

The overwhelming superiority of the Japanese in artillery and the heavy losses their fire inflicted on our troops occupying these positions made it clear to General Sasulitch that it was impossible to hold Turchen.

Consequently the troops were ordered to retire from Turchen while still holding the Potientensky road.

"When General Sasulitch dispatched his telegram the Russian troops were retiring in good order from Turchen and Schakhovskoy to their second position, and the battle was continuing at Potientensky and Tchingou."

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While there is no expectation that Rear Admiral Yezan will risk an encounter with a superior force by putting to sea, even on a raiding expedition, it is said he is a bold, careful commander and will spring surprises upon the Japanese.

The weather was without a flaw. The handling of the crowd, the guarding of inclosures and the police work generally could not have been improved upon. This work was in the hands of officers of the regular army, who directed the expedition guards in their duty.

At 12:15 the signal was given to President Roosevelt that all things were ready. In a few minutes came the answering touch over the wire from the White House. This officially opened the exposition.

The crowd was fully as large as that which filled the grounds one year ago when the exposition buildings were dedicated.

Oregon Cannot Get Lands.

Washington, May 3.—The secretary of the interior today confirmed the decision of the general land office canceling two selections made by the state of Oregon under lists 434 and 444 in lieu of school lands relinquished to the government. The selection under list 434 is rejected because the lands assigned as base are within unsurveyed townships. The other list is canceled because the lands used as base were made based for a prior selection of school indemnity lands.

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FERNIE WIPED OUT

ENTIRE BUSINESS PORTION IS DESTROYED BY FIRE.

Water Supply Inadequate and Flames Burn Themselves Out—Loss Will Reach Nearly One Million Dollars—Heavy Insurance is Generally Carried on Buildings and Stocks.

Vancouver, B. C., May 2.—Ferne, B. C., the principal coal mining town in the Crow's Nest Pass district, was practically wiped out, so far as its business interests are concerned, by fire at an early hour this morning. The entire business district of the town, fronting on the Canadian Pacific railway tracks, was destroyed.

The water supply was inadequate and soon gave out. The distressed inhabitants, after heroically struggling to subdue the flames, worked frantically to save what they could from the stores in the path of the conflagration.

The work of salvage accomplished, there was nothing for the people to do but look on while the fire ate itself out, although efforts were made by the volunteer fire brigade which resulted in finally extinguishing the flames when they had died down sufficiently to be handled by the fire fighting apparatus at hand.

The loss is this afternoon estimated at \$900,000. How much of that amount will fall as a loss is not yet known, but it is asserted that the merchants were fairly well insured, and that as a consequence the insurance companies will lose heavily.

Ferne is a town of 3,500 to 4,000 inhabitants, the population being to a large extent composed of coal miners and those dependent upon that industry.

The head offices of the Crow's Nest Pass coal company are located at Ferne, and the company is a heavy loser.

Will Try to Keep Fleet In.

Togo Wants No More Raids Made by the Vladivostok Squadron.

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SHIPPING BILL PASSES.

House Disposes of This and Many Other Important Measures.

Washington, April 28.—When the house met at 10 o'clock this morning only a few members were present. Included among the number were Dalsell and Crocker, each of whom was in his seat.

Homenway (Ind.) called up the conference report on the general deficiency bill. The report was unanimously adopted, and the house then proceeded to the consideration of the conference report on the sundry civil appropriation bill. On a yeas and nays vote, the report was adopted, 138 to 129.

Overstreet (Ind.) called up the conference report on the postoffice appropriation bill and explained it was a complete agreement of the conferees. The report, said Moon (Tenn.), the ranking minority member of the post-office committee, was in the spirit of compromise. He declared, however, that the appropriation of \$45,000 to the Oceanic Steamship company for carrying the mail to Tahiti was a pure gift, because of the fact that it cost the government \$1.50 for every pound of mail carried to that island. The resolution was adopted.

The house then resumed consideration of the bill requiring the employment of vessels of the United States for the transportation of supplies for the army and navy.

It was 6:15, and the house adjourned until 9 o'clock tonight.

When the house reconvened, Barton (O.) presented the conference report on an emergency river and harbor bill. It was adopted without debate.

The shipping bill was again taken up, and Lucking (Mich.) offered two amendments to the bill, one providing that no greater charge shall be made for vessels referred to in the bill for the transportation of supplies of the army and navy than are made by such vessels for like goods of private parties or companies, and the other restricting the transportation to ships manned by American sailors as against those manned by Mongolians. The amendments of Lucking were disagreed to, and a test vote showing a majority for the bill, the Democrats forced a roll-call on the adoption of the previous question.

The previous question was ordered by a strict party vote and the house passed the shipping bill 123 to 98.

Will Examine Alaska Forests.

Expert is to Ascertain Whether Reserve Should Be Created.

Washington, April 30.—W. A. Langville, an expert in the bureau of forestry left for Alaska today, where he will remain throughout the summer examining lands to determine the advisability of creating additional forest reserves. About two years ago a forest reserve was created to embody most of the islands of the Alexander archipelago. It has since been reported to the government that other islands in the group and part of the mainland should be added to this reserve.

Langville's early work will be confined to the region, and on his report the department will determine whether the Alexander forest reserve shall be enlarged. Later in the season he will proceed to Norton sound, where, on August 5, last, the secretary of the interior withdrew about 6,000 square miles, with a view to creating a permanent reserve. The government has now no definite or reliable information as to this tract, and is undecided as to how much is suitable for forestry purposes. Langville does not expect to return to Washington until December.

Frowns on Utah Woman.

Salt Lake City, April 29.—Mrs. Mary G. Coulter, of Ogden, a prominent Utah clubwoman, and a gentle, well-to-do woman, to make an address at the biennial convention of the National Federation of Women's clubs in St. Louis, Mo. May 17 next, because she voted for Smoot while a member of the last legislature. Mrs. Anna D. Nash, of Boston, chairman of the domestic science department of the federation, the subject on which it is asserted Mrs. Coulter has been made by Mrs. Coulter's friends, asking that she be invited to make an address, but on account of the general opposition of club members of Utah, based on Mrs. Coulter's support of Smoot, the request has been refused.

To Ward Off Money Flurry.

Paris, April 30.—Some of the most important details of the payment of \$40,000,000 to the Panama Canal company for the canal concession are still open. This is due to the desire to effect the payment without causing a disturbance in the French market. Some of the leading financial institutions, report that the sudden dumping of \$40,000,000 on the French market may cause a disturbance. Therefore, it has been considered advisable to make the payment so far as possible by trade bank balances.

No More Correspondents Can Go.

Washington, April 30.—The great number of newspaper correspondents despatched to the Far East has overwhelmed the Japanese government, and United States Minister Gricom today called the state department from Tokio that further applications in behalf of correspondents for permission to accompany the Japanese forces in the field cannot be granted. It is estimated that there are already at least 200 American and European correspondents traveling with the Japanese army.

Russia Proposes to Be Consulted.

St. Petersburg, April 30.—It was learned today that Russia proposes to be consulted in connection with the disposition of Egyptian funds, despite France's withdrawal of her objection to their use by Great Britain, in connection with the Anglo-French agreement. The attitude of Russia is based on the fact that she is one of the six powers which originally guaranteed to make good the deficit in the Egyptian administration.

Commander of Black Sea Fleet.

St. Petersburg, April 30.—Rear Admiral Korosakoff, the governor of Archangel, has been appointed commander of the Black Sea fleet.

HAPPENINGS HERE IN OREGON

SCHOOL MONEY LENT.

Four Million Dollars Are Now Drawing Interest at 6 Per Cent.

Salem.—The state of Oregon now has \$4,000,000 of school funds drawing interest at an average of 6 per cent. This is the largest sum the state ever had drawing interest and it represents the limit of the irrevocable school fund, for a number of years hence, at least. The revenue from this fund will be about \$240,000 per year, and from this the expenses of running the state land department must be paid, amounting to less than \$10,000 per year, leaving about \$230,000 to be distributed annually among the counties of the state upon the basis of school population. The apportionment this year will be reduced somewhat by reason of repayments of interest received from purchasers of land where the title failed.

Of this total of \$4,000,000, about \$3,500,000 is in the form of loans and \$500,000 is in the form of deferred payments on sales of school land. Of the loans, \$3,200,000 is out on real estate mortgage securities paying 6 per cent interest. The other \$300,000 is placed in school district bonds bearing 5 per cent interest. The \$500,000 due on sales of land is drawing interest at 6 and 7 per cent. An average rate of interest on the whole \$4,000,000, is 6 per cent.

Less than a year ago the state treasury contained \$725,000 of idle money in the school fund. There was then little prospect that this money would soon be put out at interest, but several circumstances have combined to create a demand for the school funds.

It will be the policy of the board to favor small borrowers, as the money will benefit more people in this way. In all the loans that have been made the board has been careful to accept only gilt edge security, and it is believed there is not a loan outstanding that would show a loss even if hard times should bring about a decline in real estate values.

Incorporation Articles Filed.

Salem—Articles of incorporation were filed in the office of Secretary of State Dunbar last week as follows: Plaindealer Publishing company, Roseburg, \$6,000.

Northwest Viavi company, Portland, \$20,000.

Upton Gold Mining company, Portland, \$5,000.

W. W. Telephone company, Willamette, \$10,000.

Enterprise-Imnaha Telephone company, Enterprise, \$2,500.

Hood River Baseball club, Hood River, \$5,000.

Oregon Land & Trust company, Portland, \$5,000.

Finis Irrigation company, Milton, \$500.

Ashland Improvement company, Ashland, \$15,000.

Ashland & Storage company, Ashland, \$20,000.

Lytle Electric Light & Water company, Lytle Creek county, \$10,000.

Cow Creek Placer Gold Mining company, Baker City, \$10,000.

Blodgett company, limited, Grand Rapids, Mich., \$5,000,000.

SALMON GREW VERY SLOWLY.

Experiment With Small Fry in the Big Astoria Reservoir.

Astoria—During September, 1902, Fish Warden Van Dusen secured a number of small salmon that had been kept in fresh water for several months and placed them in the Astoria reservoir. Recently the reservoir was emptied for the purpose of cleaning it and the fish were taken out by Deputy Webster. The largest of the fish was only about 15 inches in length, showing conclusively that the salmon need salt water to develop them.

The effect of this experiment will be to overthrow the theory that the salmon fry should be kept in fresh water as long as possible before being turned out, and permitted to make their way to sea.

Planting of Sugar Beets.

La Grande—F. S. Brazeal, field superintendent of the La Grande sugar factory, states that the present prospect for a large acreage of sugar beets is very flattering. The total beet acreage last year was 1,800 acres, and this year 2,800 acres are assured. The company itself is seeding 1,800 acres this year. Experiments are also being made in several sections of Umatilla county in the matter of growing sugar beets. Seeding is in progress in every section of the county, although foothill ranchers are a little behind.

Homes for Old Soldiers.

Roseburg—Governor Chamberlain has officially visited the soldiers' home and directed that new barracks be furnished at once providing quarters for 46 veterans on the waiting list. The barracks will be opened soon after June. This had not been done for the reason that no provision had been made by the last legislature for the maintenance of any additional members in the home. There are now between 30 and 40 applicants on the waiting list, several of whom are in a very needy condition.

School Loans Approved.

Salem.—The state land board has approved applications for loans from the school fund to the amount of \$100,000. These are the applications that were pending when it was announced recently that the idle surplus will soon be placed out at interest. Even when the surplus has been lent, there will be funds available from time to time as those who have borrowed in the past make repayments or purchasers of school land pay their annual installments.

Cannery to Use Oil for Fuel.

Astoria—Several of the cannery and cold storage men have decided to use crude oil in place of wood for fuel in their plants. Contracts have been made for oil at 90 cents a barrel, with the guarantee that 2 1/2 barrels of oil will equal a cord of the best fire wood. As the latter now sells at \$4.25 per cord, the change will effect quite a saving in the fuel bills.

CHINA DESIRES TO BE NEUTRAL.

Diplomat Says Only Danger Lies in Priests Stirring Up a Revolt.

Paris, April 28.—Mr. Ou, first secretary of the Chinese legation here, in an interview on the danger of China being drawn into the Russian-Japanese war, said General Ma was not a very important personage, and had never been commander in chief. He is in command of the regular troops in the province of Pechili under the viceroy of Tien Tain, who would incur the death penalty, if he acted without the direct orders of the Peking government, which, the secretary said, was determined to maintain neutrality. Moreover, General Ma had not over 15,000 troops, which there was no reason to suppose were ill disposed toward Russia.

Asked point blank whether he did not foresee danger of complication, the secretary admitted the Chinese people were favorably disposed toward the Japanese, and in this fact there might be a possible source of trouble. If the Buddhist priests and the secret societies stirred up a revolt, and the rebels attacked the Russians, the latter might consider the imperial government responsible.

"If we should be treated as belligerents," said the secretary, "we should be obliged to defend ourselves. That would be the only event in which we would make common cause with Japan."

SUBMARINE BOATS IN ACTION.

Russians Hear From Vessels Sent in Sections From Port Arthur.

St. Petersburg, April 28.—A dispatch from Port Arthur says:

"Experiments with submarine boats here have been attended with brilliant success."

"All is quiet in the region of the fortress."

The entrance into service of four submarine boats at Port Arthur means the addition of a new and formidable weapon for the defense of the stronghold. The dispatch of the boats in sections over the railroad have been shrouded in secrecy, and even today many in St. Petersburg are inclined to doubt the report by officials of their presence at Port Arthur, or to accept the information as trustworthy.

An effort now to close or blockade Port Arthur will be too dangerous, it is thought, for Vice Admiral Togo to attempt. The defenders of the port will be able to guard against Japanese submarine vessels entering the harbor and attacking the Russian ships at anchor.

TO CUT OFF RUSSIAN SQUADRON.

Japanese Ships Pass Kobe, Undoubtedly Making for Otsu.

Chicago, April 28.—A special cable to the Daily News from Kobe says:

"Under full steam a strong squadron of Japanese armored cruisers were observed this morning, making their way northward in the Japanese sea. It is believed that the vessels are on their way to attempt to cut off the Russian squadron that appeared off Otsu, on the east coast of Corea yesterday. It is feared, however, that as the czar's cruisers are superior in speed to those of the mikado, they may escape in safety to the shelter of Vladivostok."

"It is also stated that the Japanese have succeeded in luring the Russians (from the protection of the Vladivostok guns, and that there is another Japanese squadron between them and their retreat, but these are mere rumors."

Amending the Patent Laws.

Washington, April 28.—Favorable reports were authorized today by the house committee on patents on the Mann bill amending the patent laws by authorizing the issuance of patents on the formulae of proprietary remedies instead of on the manufactured article, and the law requiring affidavits to be filed with copyright applications stating the place where the type for the publication was set. No copyright is to be issued on works not printed in this country. The penalty for a misstatement in the affidavit is fixed at \$1,000.

Steamers Fear Mines.

Tokio, April 27.—Japanese companies which operate steamers on the Yellow sea, and the gulf of Pechili are cancelling their engagements to call at points beyond Chemulpo, Corea, because of the mechanical contact mines which are known to be afloat on the high seas. These mines drifted away from Port Arthur and Port Dalny, and constitute a serious menace to navigation. It is known that many mines have been detached from their moorings by storms and currents and several have been destroyed.

Will Soon Pay for Canal.

Washington, April 28.—Payment by the United States for the Panama canal concessions and property will be made in a few days, perhaps before the end of this month. At the request of Attorney General Knox, the war department will designate a suitable person on the isthmus to receive the property there for the United States. It was expected that payment for the canal property would be made to the new Panama canal company, but it has been decided that the payments shall be made in Paris.

Eight-Hour Bill May Go Over.

Washington, April 28.—The