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NEWS OF THE WEEK

In a Condensed Form for Our Busy Readers.

A Resume of the Less Important but Not Less Interesting Events of the Past Week.

Senator Platt is much improved in health.

The battleship Minnesota has been successfully launched.

Hundreds of persons were killed by the collapse of a reservoir at Madrid, Spain.

The Japanese government has ordered 500,000 gunstocks from a Cedar Rapids, Iowa, manufacturer.

Eight men were killed at Allibonia, Virginia, by the premature explosion of a charge of powder.

The St. Petersburg war office claims that the Baltic fleet has eluded Togo's ships and will reach Vladivostok in safety.

Experiments at Illinois insane asylums show that women are more capable of handling the patients than men attendants.

The government is after the Klamath Irrigation company, in Southern Oregon, for diverting water from the Klamath river without permission of congress.

The Federal grand jury at Portland has finished its work and has been dismissed. Seven more indictments were returned. State Senator Booth and his brother are among those implicated in the latest disclosures of land frauds.

Three hundred American marines have been sent to Santo Domingo.

Two prominent Mexican scientists declare that the tapeworm will kill consumption germs.

Reports from the interior of India show that hundreds of soldiers were killed by the recent earthquake.

The fight against the Standard Oil company has been carried into North Dakota by the Independent dealers.

Paris is in a ferment over the supposed plot against the French republic. More prominent men have been arrested.

Oregon has secured perfect title for the Dalla-Cello canal and the work will soon be taken up by the government.

Chairman Shonts, of the Panama canal commission, says the work will be done on business principles and without any politics.

All Chicago teamsters are out and the strike threatens to spread to other branches. Trouble between the Garmentmakers' union and Montgomery, Ward & Co. was the start of the strike.

The annual parade of the Horse Guards, always heretofore one of the most spectacular military ceremonies of the year in Russia, was chiefly notable this year by the absence of the czar, who was afraid to show himself.

Another general strike of Chicago teamsters is on.

The Japanese main army is advancing to envelop the Russian flanks.

Four persons were killed in a New York tenement house by escaping gas.

Russian peasant mobs are burning and looting estates in the Baltic provinces.

An electric railway is projected from Cripple Creek to Colorado Springs and Pueblo, Colo.

A colored policeman has been appointed desk sergeant by the Chicago chief of police.

A Chicago & Northwestern train has been driven from Clinton to Boone, Iowa, a distance of 202 miles, in 189 minutes.

A voluntary increase of 10 per cent in wages has been given employees of the Interstate Steel works at Quakertown, Pa.

Fire caused a panic among the guests of the Rensel hotel, at Buffalo, N. Y., and many jumped from second story windows. Loss, \$40,000.

An earthquake has shaken India and caused great loss of life.

Reports from Secretary Hay say his health is much improved.

Secretary Taft has approved a report that the bayonet used by the army be made longer and not attempt to make an entrenching tool of it as well as a bayonet.

During his hunting trip in Colorado President Roosevelt will be kept in touch with the government by wireless telegraph from his camp to the nearest telegraph station.

The Vanderbilt and Harriman railroad interests are to combine. The valuation of the roads is placed at a billion dollars and over 30,000 miles will be placed under one head by the new deal.

The Russian minister of war admits that Kuropatkin was out-generaled at Mukden.

The French cable company has appealed to the entire Venezuelan court regarding the loss of its franchise.

WEST TO DIG CANAL.

Chairman Shonts Says It Will Furnish the Right Men.

Chicago, April 10.—Western men are to have a long leeway allowance in the selection of capable engineers and contractors for the work of the Panama canal. Not that there is going to be a sectional discrimination in selecting the subordinates who serve under the new canal commission, but, as Chairman T. P. Shonts said today:

"We wish to employ the men who have practical knowledge of direct construction work, who can do the best and most effective work for the government in the shortest reasonable time and for the best legitimate price—and I love western men."

"I had intended to make certain appointments before my departure for the East, but for purely business reasons I have decided to hold them off. I leave for New York tomorrow, and from there go to Washington, to be with the commission until such time in the near future as I can leave for Panama."

"In selecting superintendents, foremen, engineers and the other skilled labor to be employed on the canal, we will dig up the man that can think, act and do honestly in the best way for the best interests of the United States government. We want the practical man who has had construction experience. And Western men in railway work have had this."

DEAD BY THOUSANDS.

Whole Towns Destroyed by Recent Indian Earthquake.

Calcutta, April 10.—Telegraphic communication with Dharmasala has been restored. The latest accounts show that the earthquake was even more disastrous than at first believed. Of a total population of nearly 5,000 in the town of Kangra, it is believed that only 500 are left alive. Many of these have fled.

Of the police only a deputy inspector and four sergeants are alive. Many people are still imprisoned in the ruins. Dharmasala, Kangra, Palampur, Dhanu and all of the neighboring villages were completely wrecked. Scarcely a building remains standing. Not much damage was done at Haripur, Deragopipur, Nadaum or Hamirpur.

Suyanpur, having a population of about 6,000 souls, is reported to be in ruins.

The shocks still continue. There is no news from Kulu valley. According to native rumors, a great amount of damage has been done. An official dispatch from Dharmasala says the place is a scene of desolation. Owing to the scarcity of labor, great difficulty is experienced in excavating the ruins, but the Gorkhas are doing excellent work.

CAVALRY IS RAIDING.

Russian Bands Roam Around Enemy's Flanks and Rear.

Harbin, April 10.—Detachments of Russian cavalry are actively reconnoitering the Japanese flanks and even the rear. One detachment of them has even penetrated to Erskakite, where it was brought to a stop by Japanese entrenchments. Before retiring, however, it is said they succeeded in cutting the railroad and burning the depot and stores.

The detachment brought back news that a fortnight ago a mixed Japanese division of 10,000 men with artillery left the Japanese rear and disappeared into Mongolia and was followed a few days ago by another detachment of 5,000 men. These troops are expected to appear in the region of Bodum, which, unfortunately, is connected with the base by only poor roads. Kirin is in the same plight, and the loss of the narrow gauge rolling stock abandoned at Mukden is especially felt.

Chinese report that the Japanese are energetically transporting siege guns toward Kirin.

A heavy snow fell again Friday, but it is melting and swelling the rivers.

As an indication of the popularity of the old veteran, General Linievitch, he is receiving hundreds of telegrams of congratulation on his appointment as commander in chief.

Castro Pays No Interest.

New York, April 10.—Details are still lacking as to the adjustment of the external debts of Venezuela, says a Herald dispatch from Caracas. The settlement of the internal debt is rigorous. Accrued interest for six years is wiped out. The new 3 per cent is secured by the alcohol tax, and replace the existing 6 and 12 per cent. Foreign holdings are said to be heavy. The government has abolished all the honorary consul generalships, consulates and vice consulates. Some cases of yellow fever are reported.

Colton Will Work for Morales.

Washington, April 10.—Colonel G. R. Colton, who is to be supervising collector of the Dominican revenues, was at the War department today previous to his departure to Santo Domingo. He received final instructions from Secretary Taft regarding his duty. He was especially instructed that in all he was doing or should do in Santo Domingo he was not the agent of the United States, but the agent of President Morales.

Health Good on Canal Zone.

Washington, April 10.—The report of Colonel Gorgas, chief sanitary officer in the Panama canal zone, for the month of February, as to the health conditions existing among the canal employes, shows only 1.95 per cent of sickness, which is regarded as highly commendable.

SEA FIGHT AT HAND

Hostile Fleets are Fast Approaching Each Other.

BOTH SEEN NEAR SINGAPORE

Russians Going in Direction of South China Sea, Most Probable Scene of Battle.

Singapore, April 8.—The belief is general here that a desperate engagement for the control of the seas is imminent off here between the Japanese defensive fleet, under command of Admiral Togo, and the Russian fleet commanded by Vice Admiral Rojestvensky. The two fleets are rapidly approaching each other, and naval experts here believe that a battle which will decide whether or not Japan is to retain supremacy on the ocean as well as on land will be fought within a fortnight.

The captain of a coasting steamer which has put into Penang reports having passed a fleet of 27 armorclads 70 miles to the southeast. The fleet was flying no colors, and when he altered his course to inspect the warships a destroyer sailed up and admonished him to turn back. The warning was promptly heeded.

Several Chinese junks that have arrived here bring the news that the converted fast merchantmen, formerly in the Yokohama-San Francisco trade, are patrolling every avenue through which the Russian fleet might pass in their rush toward Vladivostok, and the bulk of Admiral Togo's big fleet is kept in position where it can be hurled against the Russians as soon as sighted.

Accompanying the main body of the fleet are two floating furnaces that were built at Sasebo, and which are designed to repair all damage that may result to the fleet in its cruising operations. On these ships are mounted huge floating cranes, with which disabled guns can be lifted and which are expected to prove of great service, should the Japanese suffer at the hands of the Russians.

It is the general opinion that the battle will take place in the China sea, and there is a diversity of opinion as to the outcome. While it is admitted that the Japanese fleet has the advantage of seasoned men and experienced commanders, it is also sure that the Russian admiral will enjoy the advantage in weight of metal, and that he has improved the marksmanship of his gunners in the long voyage across sea. The battle is sure to be one of the most desperately contested in the history of naval warfare and the element of luck may play a large part in its outcome.

INSTALLING BLOCK SIGNALS.

Northern Pacific Making Extensive Improvements for Safety of Traffic.

St. Paul, April 8.—President Howard Elliott has authorized important improvements tending to increase public safety which will place the Northern Pacific system second on the list of American railways in the installation of the block system for the current year.

The new improvements will afford continuous signal protection over all the principal districts of heavy traffic from the eastern terminus at St. Paul through to the Pacific coast. Construction has already commenced and will be rushed forward to completion. The districts over which new block signal protection will be afforded will add 613.5 miles to that already in use and are as follows:

Minneapolis to Staples, Minn.; Livingston, Mont., to Logan, Mont.; Garrison to Dixon, Mont.; Spokane, Wash., to Pasco, Wash.; Pasco to Ellensburg, Wash.; and Seattle to Tacoma.

The block system being installed is the "telegraph block," a system found satisfactory on all lines now using it over long stretches.

Glasgow Will Help Chicago.

Chicago, April 8.—Mayor-elect Dunne today received a reply to a cablegram sent yesterday to the lord provost of Glasgow, asking that the manager of the municipal tramways of that city be given a month's furlough to visit Chicago and advise with Mayor-elect Dunne regarding the streetcar situation in Chicago. The cablegram from Glasgow reads as follows: "To the Lord Mayor of Chicago—The corporation of Glasgow unanimously and cordially agrees to the request of your municipality."

Plot Against the Republic.

Paris, April 8.—Much mystery surrounds the arrest of an ex-captain of the army on the charge of conspiracy against the public security, and the seizure in the same connection of a large number of cartridges and uniforms. The parties concerned seek to explain that it was intended to use the arms in a mission to the Ivory coast, but the activity of the secret police leads to reports of plots against the security of the government.

Should Agree on Life-Saving.

Washington, April 8.—The British ambassador, Sir Mortimer Durand, called upon Acting Secretary of State Loomis today to urge a reciprocal arrangement between America and Great Britain respecting the equipment of ocean going steam vessels with life saving devices. The proposition was referred to the department of Commerce and Labor.

DON'T RUSH TO MINIDOKA LAND

Pumping Problem for Irrigation Has Not Been Solved.

Washington, April 7.—The attention of the director of the geological survey has been called to the fact that a misapprehension exists on the part of certain citizens of Idaho as to the plans of the reclamation service in regard to some important details relating to the Minidoka project. This misunderstanding has arisen, it is believed, by reason of the efforts of many settlers to anticipate the plans of the engineers and secure choice holdings of land.

The government from the first has warned intending settlers to go slow in making entries on the lands embraced in this project, and has called particular attention to the fact that the plans for irrigation, especially those involving the pumping plant, were merely tentative, and could not be worked out as quickly as those for the gravity system. While nothing has arisen to prevent the ultimate development of a pumping plant, so many delicate engineering features are involved that careful consideration must be given to these before any definite conclusions are reached or the final plans are approved.

Thus, apparently, while no reason exists for believing that the pumping features of the Minidoka project will not ultimately be utilized, the engineers very wisely have concluded to give this question more study and consideration before recommending it for construction.

YAQUIS ARE SPREADING TERROR

Murder and Pillage Mark Their Trail Through Mexico.

El Paso, Tex., April 6.—John St. Clair, a well known prospector, whose statements are considered reliable, has returned from the Yaqui country near Ures, Sonora, and reports that the Indians are still on the warpath. He says that Malpuche, the old chief, is at the head of a band of over 50 and is devastating the whole country, murdering, pillaging and burning. Grain and cotton ranches are being abandoned and the people are going into the towns for protection.

The whole country is in a state of panic. Mail routes between the small towns have been abandoned and provisions are getting scarce. Although the country is overrun with soldiers, he says, the Indians are fearless and continue their depredations. St. Clair does not believe it is safe for Americans to go into the Yaqui country at this time, as the Yaquis are very hostile to Americans.

While going from Ures to his camp in the mountains, St. Clair heard firing and ran into what had been an Indian ambush. He found two dead Mexicans who had been killed only a few minutes before he reached the place. The Yaquis are armed with rifles and are well supplied with cartridges, St. Clair says.

HUNDREDS WERE MANGLED.

Results of Earthquake in India Worse Than First Reported.

Lahore, British India, April 7.—As the particulars filter in from the outlying districts, it is being revealed that the casualties caused by the earthquake of two days ago have been under, rather than over-estimated. In one spot alone at Dhamala, it is reported that fully 1,400 natives have been killed or injured. Of the injured many will die. Seven of the Europeans previously reported hurt have since died, and two others are in a dying condition.

There is not a house left in the vicinity that does not show evidence of the trembling of the earth.

This is the report from one district alone, and as authentic information comes in it seems certain that the magnitude of the disaster will be sufficient to stir the entire world when fully revealed.

The Indian government is making arrangements to relieve all distress as soon as possible.

Think All Americans are Thieves.

St. Petersburg, April 7.—A correspondent of the Journal de St. Petersburg draws a rare picture of the dishonesty which he says pervades the highest American circles. The precautions taken by social leaders to prevent their guests from being robbed by one another, and tells of the consternation produced at a white house reception by a sudden failure of the lights, the illumination showing that the ladies had hastily divested themselves of their jewels and concealed them, the men holding their pocketbooks.

Japanese Minister Will Rest.

Washington, April 7.—Minister Takahira, of the Japanese legation, called on Secretary Taft today and told him that on account of the state of his health he would be compelled to leave Washington for a different climate. He also states that there have been no further developments toward a settlement of the war. The secretary and the minister arranged to communicate with each other in case anything happens to make it necessary.

Forest Fire on South Mountains.

Gettysburg, Pa., April 7.—Forest fires burning over an area of thousands of acres have started in the South mountains, the line of fire extending a distance of three miles. The destruction of valuable lumber is great.

OREGON STATE ITEMS OF INTEREST

WHEAT OUTLOOK VERY BRIGHT

Cold Rains Have Damaged Prunes, but Farmers are Satisfied.

Albany—Linn county people are watching the weather man closely these days, and yearning for a "fair day" flag. This is particularly true of fruit-growers, for the recent cold rains are a menace to the fruit crop.

As it is, some injury has been reported. A prominent farmer and fruit-grower of Linn county states that he is of the opinion that cherries and prunes are somewhat injured already, particularly cherries. The cherry trees were loaded with blossoms at the end of the warm spring weather that marked the closing days of February and the first half of March, and the rain caught them at the tenderest age. Then a couple of light frosts last week added to the danger.

Prunes were not brought out so much as cherries by the premature advent of spring, and may possibly escape injury. Although the trees seemed to be in bloom at the beginning of the rains, they were in reality not generally in full bloom, but were loaded with buds that were just ready to burst but had not yet exposed the tender inner part to the weather. Under these circumstances it is believed the damage will be minimal, if good weather comes soon. However, it would not take many days of chilling rains and winds to do irreparable damage. It has been stated that the prunes were giving evidence of such a heavy crop that it would really be better for the fruit if some of the embryo prunes were killed by the cold.

Other branches of farming are faring well. An easy winter and early spring places stock in excellent condition, and every class of stock looks well. Dairy farmers are milking more cows, with better results than in years before at this season of the year. Many farmers will finish the winter in much better shape than was anticipated after the poor crops of last year.

Wheat is looking fine, and, barring some unforeseen freak of nature to destroy the present bright prospects, the wheat yield of the valley will be far above the average. Fall sown wheat can almost be seen to grow now, and many farmers are preparing to put all their remaining acreage in spring grain.

Albany Mill May Be Rebuilt.

Albany—President Charles Coopey and Secretary H. M. Grant, of the Hancock-Brown Woolen Mills company, who have been in Albany looking after their property, which was recently almost totally destroyed by fire, state that it is possible the mill will be rebuilt. The brick walls are part of them standing and in good shape, and some of the machinery can be saved. The big boiler in the engine room was not damaged, and altogether there is quite a nucleus around which to start a new mill. The company had a great deal of business ahead when the fire occurred.

Independence Idea To Be Aired.

Independence—It is the purpose of the Willamette Valley Improvement league to call a meeting of the executive committee provided for at Salem last week to meet in Independence the last of April. Members of the Independence Improvement league are considering the advisability of calling a general meeting, to be held here at the same time. If called, and it most likely will be, the program will be an executive session in the afternoon and a banquet in the evening, at which the Independence idea will find expression.

Logs for Riverton Sawmill.

Riverton—The Riverton sawmill, which has been idle for some months past, will begin operations in a few days. E. J. Price, of the Riverton Lumber company, and manager of the mill at this place, has secured a large number of first-class logs from the upper tributaries of the Coquille. The recent freshet is bringing down several thousand logs which have heretofore had no opportunity to float. Considerable improvements are being made in the Riverton sawmill, which it is expected will increase its output.

Ranchers to Fight for Water.

Milton—A mass meeting of 300 fruit growers and citizens of Milton and vicinity was held in Alliance hall for the purpose of providing legal advice and the best methods to pursue against the Peacock Mill company, which has brought suit against the city of Milton and all the irrigation ditch companies and private property owners in this valley, to determine the amount of water the Peacock Mill company shall appropriate for the purpose of running their mills at this place.

Snow in Linn Mountains.

Albany—There is now considerable snow in the mountains in this part of the state and high water in the streams in this part of the valley is feared. The recent rains have filled the streams up to their banks, and warm rains, which would melt the snow all at one time would cause a flood. There has been no damage from high water during former rains this winter, as there was comparatively no snow on the mountains until the recent cold weather.

Klamath People Raise Big Bonus.

Klamath Falls—Klamath county has raised \$80,000 of the \$100,000 bonus for the Weed railroad extension to Klamath Falls, and has obtained an extension until May 1 to raise the balance. The balance undoubtedly will be raised, and the railroad connection of this section with the outside world is now assured.

FRAUD ON STATE.

Marion County Grand Jury Will Investigate Illegal Transactions.

Salem—Though the statutes governing the sale of state lands have been violated ever since they were enacted, the investigation to be made by the Marion county grand jury this week will be the first attempt that has ever been made to punish infractions of these laws. Several hundred thousand acres of land have been bought illegally, and the state school fund has been despoiled of several hundred thousand dollars, but usually punishment of the offense has been barred by the statute of limitation before it was discovered, or, the state having received the legal price for the land sold, no one feels interested enough to start an investigation. The offense which the grand jury will investigate this week is of recent date, and the facts are so well known that the transactions can scarcely be overlooked.

Because the state in every instance receives the price required by law, and is not directly robbed, it has been easy to let the infractions of law go with scarce a passing notice. But indirectly the state has been robbed and vigorous action at the proper time would not only have landed the offenders in prison, but saved many thousands of dollars for the school fund. It is not through the ordinary sales of school land that the steals have taken place, for in all such cases the state has received all the land is worth. It is through the spec land operations that the manipulators of public lands have made their fortunes at the expense of the school fund.

Show Valley Live Stock.

Woodburn—Two thousand people attended the livestock fair in this city last Saturday. A splendid address was delivered by Hon. James Withycombe, of the State Agricultural college, of Corvallis. Colonel J. B. Eddy, Hon. J. W. Bailey, state food and dairy commissioner, and J. H. Settlemier also delivered lively speeches. Altogether the initiation of this fair was a magnificent success. President Fred Dose and Secretary William P. Pennebaker will proceed to perfect a permanent organization. A three days fair of all products and livestock will be held during next October.

To Bring Engineers Here.

Portland—Efforts are being made to have the American institute of Mining Engineers stop in Portland this summer, while en route to or from Alaska at the close of the annual session at Victoria, B. C. It may be possible to have the members of the organization cut out Alaska from their itinerary and make a stay at the exposition. The secretary of the institute has been addressed on the subject, and it is hoped the desired results will be obtained. The makeup of this organization is notable.

Dog Poison in Bologna Sausage.

Independence—Dog poisoning has become so common in Independence that no surprise is expressed when a canine is observed in the throes of death on the street or in a front yard. Some of the most valuable dogs in town have been poisoned and though there is a standing reward of \$200, the poisoner has not been apprehended. Bologna sausage containing poison has been picked up in different portions of town, but it affords no clue as to the identity or motive of the poisoner.

For Cheese Factory at Ukiah.

Pendleton—Ward Emigh, proprietor of the Walla Walla creamery, who will establish a cheese factory at Ukiah, 60 miles south of this place, is in the city making arrangements for the transportation of his cheese making machinery and will open the factory within a few days for business. The machinery has a capacity of 24,000 pounds of milk a day, but as the dairy interests have declined of late, Mr. Emigh does not expect nearly that much at first.

Waiting for a Market for Coal.

Riverton—The bunkers of the Riverton Mining & Development company's mine have been filled and mining operations have been suspended awaiting a vessel to carry coal. Manager Roscoe of the company is now in San Francisco looking up the coal market and arranging for the freight of his coal. The steamer Chico, of San Francisco, which is now due here, will take the first cargo of coal from this place.

Heavy Snow Now in Bohemia.

Cottage Grove—There is heavy snow in the Bohemia district now, and outside work will be late this year on that account. The telephone line between Cottage Grove and the mines is down on account of the recent storms.

PORTLAND MARKETS.

Wheat—Club, 87c per bushel; bluestem, 95c; valley, 88c.
Oats—No. 1 white, \$28@29 per ton; gray, \$27@28.
Hay—Timothy, \$14@16 per ton; clover, \$11@12; grain, \$11@12; chaff, \$11@12.
Eggs—Oregon ranch, 17@17½c per dozen.
Butter—Fancy creamery, 25c.
Potatoes—Oregon fancy, 90c@91c; common, 75@85c.
Apples—Fancy \$1.75@2.50 per box; choice, \$1@1.25.
Hops—Choice, 1904, 23½@24½c per pound.
Wool—Valley, 20c per pound; Eastern Oregon, 15@18c; mohair, choice, 31@32c per pound.