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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.

Jerome aims to have Thaw declared permanently insane.

Mayor Dunne has been renominated by Chicago Democrats.

Floating mines are still loose in the neighborhood of Vladivostok.

France and the Vatican are again quarreling over church matters.

Owing to trouble between owners and labor all Butte mines may be closed.

There is a possibility that the river and harbor bill may yet be killed in the house.

The Texas legislature will publish all evidence in the Bailey case and let the people decide.

The State department has received formal notice of a declaration of war between Honduras and Nicaragua.

The Illinois legislature may pass a law limiting the speed of trains as the result of many recent wrecks due to fast running.

The Austrian Lloyd steamer Imperatrix, while bound from Trieste to Bombay, ran onto a rock near Cape Elaphonisi, island of Crete, and sank. The passengers and crew numbered 150, but it is not known if any were saved.

Honduras has declared war on Nicaragua.

The survivors of the steamer Berlin number eleven.

Cleveland says the only thing to do with ex-presidents is to turn them loose and let them fish.

Senator Fulton proposes that no more forest reserves be created without the consent of congress.

At a Washington birthday speech Governor Higginson, of Rhode Island, criticized the first president.

Over 40 persons were injured and a dozen unaccounted for in a wreck on the Pennsylvania railroad, at Mineral Point, Pa.

Russian terrorists attacked the Warsaw postoffice and after killing five persons secured all the money on hand and escaped.

The State department has about concluded that blood letting is the only cure for the trouble between Central American republics.

It is said that Japanese laborers now in Hawaii, who desire to enter the United States, propose to do so by going through Mexico.

Mayor Dunne has carried the Chicago Democratic primaries.

Slight earthquakes are still felt in San Francisco occasionally.

Taft is going to Cuba in April to investigate conditions there.

The Japanese minister and Secretary Root are working on a new treaty.

A Kentucky woman has just given birth to five children. All are doing well.

Senator Bailey, of Texas, says all charges are false and he would like to shoot accusers.

Tawney says the present session of congress will appropriate more than one billion dollars.

Frederick T. Gates, Rockefeller's business representative, says the oil king's income is about \$20,000,000 per year.

Trainmen of the West are demanding increase of wages and as the railroad companies are inclined to refuse, trouble may follow.

An association has been formed in Chicago for the purpose of holding the largest corn exposition next fall ever attempted in the United States.

The Connecticut tax commissioner offered to sell an appointment and now he is out.

The Alabama railway commission has ordered a 2-cent passenger rate on all railroads.

A Northern Pacific train was ditched near Paha, Wash. Floods had weakened a trestle.

Wisconsin railroads are complying with the order of the railroad commission for a 2 1/2 cent passenger rate.

The Great Northern announces that all blockades in the Northwest from the recent storms have been cleared.

Sickness of a juror in the Hermann trial has caused the selection of a new man and started the case at the beginning again.

Melting snow has again caused serious washouts on the O. R. & N. The main line is not seriously affected. The Pendleton-Walla Walla and Shaliko branches are not yet open from former troubles and what work has been done will have to be built over.

The church crisis in the French cabinet has been staved off.

The trouble which caused a suspension of all Butte papers is far from an end.

HUNDREDS LOST.

Big Steamer Wrecked and Passengers Washed Overboard.

London, Feb. 22.—The worst disaster for many years in the history of the busy cross-channel traffic between England and the continent occurred during a violent gale shortly before 6 o'clock this morning, when the Rotterdam mail steamer Berlin, from Harwich to Hook of Holland, having satisfactorily weathered the hurricane, was wrecked as she was entering port.

Altogether 143 persons are either dead or clinging hopelessly to the wreck. The terrific seas broke upon the steamer with such awful suddenness that attempts to save life appear to have been utterly hopeless. Late tonight it is reported that a few survivors were clinging to the wreck, but as the heroic efforts all day of the lifeboat crews had failed to reach them, little hope that they will be saved remains.

The cause has not yet been assigned for the disaster and it probably never will be known how the steamer came to miss the channel. It is conjectured that some derangement of the engines or steering gear may have rendered the vessel uncontrollable. Captain Precious has a good record of 14 years' service.

The list of passengers was lost, and all the names of those who were on board have not yet been learned, but as far as has been ascertained there were no Americans among them.

A terrific southwest gale was blowing inshore, and drove the steamer on a sand bank close to the northern jetty as she was trying to enter the new waterway. Heavy seas quickly pounded the vessel to pieces. She broke in two, her fore part sinking immediately, while the doomed passengers and crew clustered upon the after part.

PLAYGROUNDS FOR CHILDREN.

Roosevelt Endorses Movement to Acquire Them in Cities.

Washington, Feb. 22.—Municipal playgrounds within easy walking distance for every boy and girl in the large cities were advocated tonight by President Roosevelt in a letter, and by Representative Boutell, of Chicago; E. E. Brown, United States commissioner of education; Henry S. Carls, superintendent of Washington playgrounds, and other speakers at a "playgrounds banquet" given under the auspices of the Washington Playgrounds association.

Mr. Boutell explained the object of his bill now pending in congress. The president in his letter expressed hope that Mr. Boutell's bill for playgrounds in Washington will pass congress, that sites may be secured before prices become prohibitive, saying: "I regard this as one of the most important steps toward making Washington the model city which we all feel that the capital should be."

He praises the work in this direction done by Chicago and the High School Athletic league of New York, and calls attention to the inclusion of games in the curriculum of German and English schools and several noted private schools in America.

GREAT REJOICING IN UTAH.

State Legislature Congratulates Senate, Smoot and Sutherland.

Salt Lake City, Feb. 22.—Among the active Republicans and the leaders of the Mormon church there was great rejoicing when the news came from Washington that Senator Smoot had been sustained. By unanimous standing vote the lower house of the Utah legislature adopted the following joint resolution, which was also introduced in the senate:

"Be it resolved by the legislature of the state of Utah, that, in determining that Hon. Reed Smoot is entitled to his seat, the United States senate has stood for constitutional rights against powerful influences and has avoided a dangerous precedent.

"Therefore, the thanks and the congratulations of the state of Utah are hereby extended to the senate for its final action in this case.

"Personal congratulations are sent to Senator Smoot and his colleague, Senator Sutherland, and to the other senators who spoke and voted in protection of the rights of the state of Utah."

Committed to the Asylum.

Seattle, Feb. 22.—Eather Mitchell, who since July last has been confined in the county jail here, was sent to the state asylum for the insane at Stella-wood, today. Superior Judge Frater, who called a lunacy commission to examine into the girl's mental condition, signed the commitment this morning. The killing of George Mitchell by his sister was the result of the reign of Holy Rollerism in Oregon. George Mitchell killed Franz Edmund Creffield, the Holy Roller leader, in this city last May.

Montana, Too, in Line.

Helena, Mont., Feb. 22.—The Railroad Commission and Warehouse bill is now a law. The bill went to Governor Toole today, who immediately referred it to the secretary of state with the notice that he would allow the measure to become a law without his signature. He objected to the power and policy of the legislature naming the commissioners, saying he was convinced that the method was wrong in principle and will be bad in practice.

Chamberlain a Physical Weak.

London, Feb. 22.—An interesting authoritative statement concerning the health of Joseph Chamberlain is published here today. Although it does not confirm the worst rumors, it shows that Mr. Chamberlain is completely broken physically, although he is mentally alert.

IN THE NATIONAL HALLS OF CONGRESS

Saturday, February 23.

Washington, Feb. 23.—Although the senate devoted four hours to legislative matters today, nothing was accomplished except speech-making. The agricultural appropriation bill received further criticism. It is proposed that \$1,000,000 be added to the fund at the disposal of the Forest service to make up for revenue taken away from it and turned into the treasury. While this amendment probably is to be accepted, Heyburn will not permit to receive final action until he has exhausted every legitimate means of opposition.

Washington, Feb. 23.—The house adopted an amendment to the sundry civil bill providing that no bar or canteen where intoxicating liquors are sold shall be maintained in National soldiers' homes. In view of the campaign throughout the country against the canteen in soldiers' homes, intense interest was shown when that feature of the bill was reported.

Four hundred thousand dollars was added to the appropriation for the geological survey. The sundry civil appropriation, the largest in the history of the government, carrying \$105,000,000, was passed.

Friday, February 22.

Washington, Feb. 22.—The senate at tonight's session passed the bill making appropriations of \$1,947,383 for the support of the military academy. The bill was passed just as it came from the committee.

A discussion lasting throughout the entire day, to which was added a futile night session, failed to secure final action on the amendments to the agricultural appropriation bill proposing to make an increase of \$1,000,000 in the item for the support of the forest reserve. Forceful speeches were made by Burdett, Dewey and Beveridge in defense of the work of Chief Forester Pinchot, and opposed to the extension of the forest service by Heyburn, who went into the entire subject.

Washington, Feb. 22.—The house in committee of the whole placed itself squarely on record today in favor of limiting the power of special agents of the department of the interior by a vote restricting the use of the appropriation of \$250,000 covered by the sundry civil appropriation bill to pay the salaries of such agents.

At 6:15 the committee rose, having completed 119 pages of the sundry civil bill.

Thursday, February 21.

Washington, Feb. 21.—It was conceded today by senators in charge of the agricultural bill that the grazing lease provision will be eliminated on a point of order. The reading of the bill was completed after most of the day had been spent in debate on the forestry system and the grazing measure, and it will again be considered tomorrow for final action.

An amendment was agreed to, at the suggestion of Nelson, which will add \$500 each year to the appropriation for agricultural colleges until the total amount for each state for these colleges shall be \$50,000 annually, instead of \$30,000, as at present.

Washington, Feb. 21.—The sundry civil appropriation bill was considered by the house today. By a vote of 165 to 41 general debate was closed and the bill was taken up under the five-minute rule.

Mann of Illinois offered an amendment, which was adopted, appropriating \$5,000 to enable the Interstate Commerce commission to investigate block signal systems and appliances for the automatic control of railway trains.

The house passed a number of bills and resolutions, including one calling on the secretary of the navy for information regarding repairs being made on the battleship Louisiana, and another enlarging the act relating shanghaiing.

The river and harbor bill was sent to conference.

Wednesday, February 20.

Washington, Feb. 20.—Senator Smoot retains his seat in the United States senate. This was decided today by a vote of 42 to 28, ending a long contest. Eighteen senators were paired, making the actual standing on the resolution 51 for and 37 against. Smoot did not vote and Wetmore was absent and not paired. Senators Fulton and Mulkey of Oregon, Piles and Ankeny of Washington and Heyburn of Idaho voted for.

Says Pinchot Packed Hall.

Washington, Feb. 20.—Senator Heyburn, during a speech in the senate, flatly charged that the Forest service, on the occasion of his speech at the Irrigation congress in Boise last September, packed the hall with its employees, and, according to a prearranged plan, deliberately hissed him down when he was attacking Forester Pinchot and the administration. He said the hissing was done entirely by Forestry employees. Senator Carter, who presided at that meeting, promptly denied it.

Veterans May Get Beer.

Washington, Feb. 20.—Appropriations aggregating \$104,137,547 are carried in the bill providing for sundry civil expenses for 1908, reported to the house by the committee on appropriations. The amount for 1907 was \$111,116,884. The committee failed to include a clause in the bill preventing the sale of beer in national soldiers' homes after March 4, a prohibition included in last year's bill, but it is believed the house will add the provision.

Smoot, while Dubois of Idaho voted against him.

The naval appropriation bill, carrying \$100,727,007, was passed by the senate tonight in 52 minutes. All the committee amendments were agreed to. The only amendment adopted added \$250,000 to the appropriation for coal and transportation and \$130,000 for a powder plant at the Norfolk navy yard.

Washington, Feb. 20.—The postoffice appropriation bill, the largest ever reported by the committee on postoffices and post roads, passed the house today. All the provisions relating to increased pay affecting 90 per cent of the postal employees, which yesterday were stricken out on points of order, were today restored to the bill. This was accomplished by a rule presented by the committee on rules after the bill had been reported to the house by committee of the whole. Points of order were the feature of the day, the battle continuing throughout the session.

Tuesday, February 19.

Washington, Feb. 19.—Smoot's address to the senate today in defense of his position as senator was the feature of the session. He was supported by Dillingham of Vermont in an analytical speech on the evidence.

The senate spent several hours in further consideration of the forestry provisions in the agricultural appropriation bill, with the result that several amendments were agreed to which restrict the operations of the bureau in several respects. The section of the bill had not been completed when a recess was taken for the evening session.

The senate held a three-hour session tonight. Three hundred private pension bills and half a hundred private claim bills were passed.

Washington, Feb. 19.—After passing a number of bills under unanimous consent today, the house resumed consideration of the postoffice appropriation bill. During the general debate, which terminated at 4 o'clock, speeches were made by Gillespie of Texas, Murphy of Missouri, Robinson of Arkansas, Budgett of Tennessee, Lloyd of Missouri, Stonerson of Minnesota, Finley of South Carolina and Stafford of Wisconsin.

Monday, February 18.

Washington, Feb. 18.—After more than five hours consideration of the agricultural appropriation bill, the senate increased from \$3,500 to \$5,000 the salary of Gifford Pinchot, chief forester. The debate was devoted chiefly to the methods of administration and general policy of the forest service, and at times broadened to include the public land question generally. Practically no progress was made on the agricultural bill.

Washington, Feb. 18.—The house today adopted a resolution presented by Overstreet, of Indiana, authorizing the clerk to insert a provision in the post-office appropriation bill looking to the reduction of compensation to railroads for carrying the mail, to take effect July 1.

The amendment to the immigration bill, as passed by the senate Saturday, was agreed to in the house today. This will, it is believed, effectively bar Japanese coolies from the United States and settle the Japanese school question.

Disregards President's Request.

Washington, Feb. 20.—The house committee on appropriations completely disregarded the president's request for an extra appropriation of \$500,000 for special agents to investigate public land entries and merely inserted in the sundry civil bill the regular appropriation of \$250,000. In view of the fact that the president greatly modified his order regarding the examination of entries, there is little necessity for an increased appropriation. It is very doubtful if the senate or house will increase this item.

First Shot from Barracks.

Washington, Feb. 19.—The first shots fired in the Brownsville affray of August 13 were fired from the rear of the post commissary and not from the town, according to the testimony of William C. Nolan before the senate investigation committee. Nolan is a white soldier belonging to the hospital corps. He was in the hospital at the time of the shooting. He heard the first shot of the trouble, he said. This was followed by shots from the direction of a negro saloon near the town.

Not Drawing Two Salaries.

Washington, Feb. 19.—At yesterday's meeting of the senate committee on inter-oceanic canal, an effort was made to have reported on confirmation the names of the recently appointed canal commissioners, but it was frustrated by an objection from Culberson, who stated that he had heard it reported that Mr. Shonts is drawing a large salary from the Interborough Railroad company, in addition to his salary as canal commissioner. Mr. Shonts denied the report, but the denial was received too late to permit action.

Flint Opposes Agitation.

Washington, Feb. 19.—Senator Flint, of California had a conference with the president today about the Japanese question and legislation. He expressed the opinion that the present agitation on the Pacific coast was unfortunate. The possibility of the Japanese government's issuing passports for the Japanese to come to the mainland, thus rendering nugatory the effect of the proposed legislation, was suggested to the president by the senator.

BITTER FIGHT PROMISED.

House Will Endeavor to Pass Ship Subsidy Bill.

Washington, Feb. 20.—Ship subsidy will probably be considered by the house at night sessions late this week. Speaker Cannon and Representative Watson, the Republican whip, conferred with the president concerning the matter today and, although no positive agreement has been reached, Mr. Watson said that it now seems likely that the Littauer bill will be considered on the floor. In case the subsidy measure is taken up by the house it probably will be under a rule limiting the debate to two evenings, and the bill will be subject to amendment.

After the postoffice appropriation bill, which the house will dispose of today, the measure limiting the hours of railroad employees to 16 out of 24 will be taken up at the day sessions. The sundry civil bill will then be brought forward and, as there has been a general refusal to grant ship subsidy any time during the session, its friends asked for its consideration at night. They seem now about to win their point, although the general impression is that the subsidy bill will be bitterly attacked on the floor and amended in many ways, if not defeated entirely.

CONFER ON CANAL CONTRACT.

President Questions Oliver and Associates in Bidding.

Washington, Feb. 20.—The president told a number of contractors who are associated with W. J. Oliver in his bid for the construction of the Panama canal that a decision would not be reached before March 1. What will probably be the final conference preliminary to the decision was held today with a number of contractors associated with Mr. Oliver. Secretary Taft said that no conclusion had been reached today.

Those at the conference included, in addition to the president, Mr. Taft, Chairman Shonts and Mr. Rogers, counsel of the Isthmian Canal commission, and the following contractors and others associated with Mr. Oliver: Patrick F. Walsh, of Davenport; P. J. Brennan, of this city; Robert Russell, of Lynchburg; R. A. Chester, of the Commercial National bank, of this city, and L. C. Gunther, of Knoxville, Tenn.

All of them were questioned by the president and his advisers as to their experience and as to the qualifications to do the work which they contract to do. All the contractors associated with Mr. Oliver have now been interviewed by the president except the dredgers. It has not yet been determined whether or not they will be required to come to Washington.

GREAT NORTHERN INDICTED.

Hill's Road is Accused of Rebating on Sugar.

New York, Feb. 20.—The Federal grand jury today indicted the Great Northern Railroad company on charges that in 1904 it paid \$10,000 in rebates on sugar shipments to Lowell M. Palmer, traffic agent of the American Sugar Refining company. A second count of the same indictment charges that \$554 additional rebates were paid to Mr. Palmer by various railroads in conjunction with the Great Northern.

The indictment charges that the Great Northern effected freight combinations with the Lehigh Valley, at the New York Central and the New York, New Haven & Hartford railroads, the through route of the last named being in combination with the Erie railroad, the Great Northern Steamship company and the Great Northern Railroad company, whereby sugar was transported from New York and Boston to Sioux City, Iowa, at less than the published tariffs.

The latter, the indictment charges, was 52 cents per 100 pounds, but through an agreement alleged to have been made by Alonzo W. Lake and A. W. Steel as agents of the Great Northern company, and Lowell M. Palmer, the agent of the American Sugar Refining company, it is charged that the sugar refining company was granted a through rate on sugar between the points named of 33 cents per 100 pounds.

Hawaiian Japanese Protest.

Honolulu, Feb. 20.—The following cablegram was sent to President Roosevelt last night by prominent Japanese: "The Hawaiian Japanese respectfully protest in the name of humanity and civilization against the prohibition of their emigration to the United States. It enslaves us permanently to Hawaiian capitalists." The Japanese Foreign office was cabled as follows: "The Hawaiian Japanese are unanimous in firm opposition to the action of the American congress in prohibiting them from emigration to America."

London's Consumption of Food.

London, Feb. 20.—The total amount of foodstuffs that reach London yearly, according to the secretary of the public health committee, is between 2,500,000 and 3,000,000 tons. Three-fifths of the whole quantity is consumed by Londoners. Shipments include 1,000,000 tons of meat, fish, milk, butter, eggs, lard, etc.; 500,000 tons of fruit and vegetables, including sugar and preserved fruits, and 1,400,000 tons of grain and flour.

Great Cement Works Burned.

Alpena, Mich., Feb. 20.—The plant of the Alpena Portland Cement company was burned tonight. The loss is estimated at \$400,000.

STORMY TIME NEAR

Radical Victory in Russia Portends Violence.

BOTH SIDES MAKE DIRE THREATS

Letters Menacing Reactionary Leaders Met by Notice of Retribution on Democrats.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 23.—The returns received today were only from 15 additional electoral districts, bringing the total number of members of the duma elected up to 410, as follows:

Monarchists, 75; Moderates, 35; Progressives, 23; Constitutional Democrats, 74; Left Party, 125; Nationalists, 40; indefinite, 11.

The Monarchists made the greatest gains, 12 seats, but they have about attained their full strength, as an overwhelming proportion of the 108 members yet to be elected will surely be opposition.

The results promise a stormy session. The bowing down of ministers will be supplemented by battles royal between the Radicals and the aggressive reactionists under the leadership of M. Kroushevian, the notorious anti-Semite of Kishineff.

M. Kroushevian has received many threatening letters, to which the organ of the reactionists, the Russian Banner, replies with a first page notice to the effect that Max Vinner, Joseph Hesse, Professor Milukoff and M. Kishaveter, the Moscow members of parliament, all leaders of the Constitutional Democratic party, have been selected for retribution in case a hair of Kroushevian's head is harmed.

SAYS TRAFFIC IS DECLINING.

Hill Predicts a Gradual Reduction in Business Volume.

New York, Feb. 23.—James J. Hill, president of the Great Northern Railway company, who has returned from St. Paul, expressed the conviction yesterday that the tide of prosperity is turning and that there are indications of a significant recession in business. Mr. Hill phrased it, "the hills of prosperity are being reelected."

"General policies of retrenchment are under way," said Mr. Hill. "Less money is to be spent on new work. The effect of this movement is being felt at the present time in the falling off of orders. The beginning of this movement is very evident in Chicago.

"While I would scarcely call it a recession in business; it is more of a drawing in. The railroads are curtailing their expenses and placing fewer orders. On our lines we will finish the work we have under way, and that is all."

FAVORS SAN DOMINGO TREATY.

Senate Committee Reports on Plan for Collecting Revenue.

Washington, Feb. 23.—The committee on foreign relations today authorized a favorable report on the treaty with Santo Domingo relative to the collection of the revenues of that country by Americans. The Democrats voted against the report.

The treaty, which later was made public, provides for collection of the revenues of the Dominican republic for the benefit of creditors by a general receiver and assistants to be appointed by the president of the United States. The sums collected shall be applied as follows: First, to paying the expenses of the receivership; second, to the payment of interest upon bonds; third, to the payment of the annual sums provided for amortization of the bonds, including interest upon all bonds held in sinking fund; fourth, to the purchase and cancellation of the retirement and cancellation of such bonds as may be directed by the Dominican republic; fifth, the remainder to be paid to the Dominican republic.

No Connection With Japan.

Washington, Feb. 23.—It was stated at the White House today that the conference held there between the president, Secretary Metcalf and the general board of the navy had no bearing upon the relations between the United States and Japan. The statement was made that the name of Japan was not mentioned during the discussion. The conference, it was further stated, had to do in part with the general question of the personnel of the navy and the advisability of an increase of the strength of the entire navy.

Oregon Memorials to Senate.

Washington, Feb. 23.—Senator Fulton presented memorials from the Oregon legislature recommending a Federal appropriation for the improvement of the Siuslaw river, favoring legislation giving the net receipts from forest reserves in Oregon to the state irreducible school fund and urging congress to cancel by resolution the Oregon & California Railroad company land grant so that the lands may be opened to settlement.

Predicts War for Markets.

Chicago, Feb. 23.—"The time is coming when our manufactures will outgrow the country and men may be turned out of the factories," said Secretary of the Treasury Shaw in an address last night. "One of these fine days we are going to have an excess of manufactures," he said. "Then the world will not come after our manufactures."