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WEEK'S DOINGS

General Review of Important Happenings of the Past Week in Brief and Comprehensive Form.

One thousand people are now believed to have perished in the Sicily disaster.

In spite of rain, the full war maneuvers are being carried out by the troops at Fort Riley, Kan.

Venezuela plans to cut all the cables and an American gunboat may be necessary in those waters.

Lumber shipments by water from the Columbia river will this year, for the first time on record, exceed 100,000,000 feet.

Brigadier General Sumner, in charge of the movement against the Moros, says the rebels are not so unruly as reported.

It is said that Queen Maria Christina, mother of King Alfonso of Spain, has married Count de Escorura, her master of the house.

Three desperate prisoners in the Dillon, Mont., jail sawed their way out. It is believed they secured aid from the outside. Officers are in close pursuit.

Cholera still rages in the Island of Samar. The population of many of the towns have been heavily reduced through death and the flight of the panic stricken people.

A tidal wave swept Japan, drowning at least 500 people. Much property was destroyed. A Japanese warship was driven ashore, but will probably be floated.

A second military expedition has been sent against the Moros.

Fifteen hundred street car men in New Orleans have struck for increased pay.

A fire at Stockton, Cal., destroyed \$500,000 worth of property. Five blocks were burned.

A Mississippi Negro, who confessed to an old crime, was burned alive. He said he deserved the fate that had overtaken him.

The president's physicians found it necessary to open the wound on his leg, as the bone was slightly affected. It is not serious and recovery will soon come.

The annual report of the commissioner of pensions shows that there are now nearly a million names on the pension rolls. The total disbursement of the department has been \$2,900,854,302.

The cable from San Francisco to Manila will be in working order by July 4, 1903, according to the officials of the company. Three steamers will lay the cable, two from Manila and one from San Francisco.

The comet discovered at Lick observatory September 1 has grown steadily brighter, until at the present time it is visible to the naked eye. It can be seen a little north of the star Alpha Cygni, near the milky way. It is moving in a southwesterly direction.

Dr. Silvano Brandao, vice president elect of Brazil, is dead.

A census of the Philippines has been authorized by the president.

No more American soldiers will be sent to the isthmus of Panama.

The presence of troops has had a quieting effect in the coal fields of Pennsylvania.

President Roosevelt's injured leg continues to improve, and the president will be around again in a few days.

Burglars in South Sharon, Pa., held up a store, overpowered, bound and gagged two officers and secured \$400.

Isaac A. Singer, one of the largest stockholders in the Singer sewing machine company, died at his home in Atlantic City.

The following diplomatic appointments have been made: David E. Thompson, of Nebraska, minister to Brazil; Charlemagne Tower, of Pennsylvania, ambassador to Germany; Robert S. McCormick, of Illinois, ambassador to Russia; Bellamy Storer, of New York, ambassador to Austria-Hungary; Arthur S. Hardy, of New Hampshire, minister to Spain, and Charles P. Bryan, of Illinois, minister to Switzerland.

The emperor of Korea is dead. Americans find the task of reducing the Moros more difficult than anticipated.

A lone highwayman near Stites, Idaho, held up a stage and secured \$500.

Henry Phipps, a New York steel magnate, has given \$100,000 for the relief of Boers.

President Roosevelt has announced his determination to visit the Pacific Coast next spring.

ROOT MAY RESIGN.

Secretary of War Desires to Return to Practice of Law.

Washington, Oct. 1.—Secretary Root is to resign, according to a statement published here. According to the rumor the resignation is not to take place until some time next spring, when Secretary Root hopes to have the many reforms he has originated as secretary of war certain of being carried to a successful consummation. Among these are the general staff bill, which is not likely to pass at the short session, and the bill to reorganize the militia, which may become a law. With the practical settlement of affairs in the Philippines, and Cuban reciprocity adopted by congress, which will probably result in keeping Cuba pacified, and the reforms Secretary Root has inaugurated in the war department thoroughly established, the great work which he has selected to do will in a measure be accomplished. If he resigns it will only be when there is a straight course ahead for the war department, as President Roosevelt would not be very likely to part with him under any other circumstances. He is one of the strongest men in the cabinet, and probably the closest to the president.

Secretary Root entered the cabinet at a great personal loss. As a lawyer of ability, he had an enormous practice in New York. His old associates and employees are anxious for him to resume his former work, and this is given as the main reason why he intends to resign.

LONG PENSION LIST.

Report of Commissioner Shows Net Gain of 5,732 Pensioners Last Year.

Washington, Oct. 1.—The annual report of the commissioner of pensions, Eugene E. Ware, shows that the number of names on the pension rolls is still under the 1,000,000 mark, despite a net gain of 5,732 pensioners since 1898. The total enrollment July 1 last was 999,446, against 997,735 last year. The total comprises 738,800 soldiers and 260,637 widows and dependents. The aggregate includes 4,695 pensioners outside of the United States.

The number of death notices of old soldiers, not now in the service, received by the bureau during the year was 50,128; but only 27,043 of them were pensioners.

The report says that the death rate among the pensioners for the coming year will be about 40,000, and the losses to the rolls from other causes will be about 6,000.

The total amount paid for pensions during the fiscal year was \$137,504,268, and the yearly cost of operating and maintaining the bureau and the agencies, outside of the payment of pensions proper, aggregate \$3,590,529.

STATE DEFEATS BOODLERS.

First Skirmish in Snyder Case Results in Victory for Prosecution.

St. Louis, Oct. 1.—The first day's proceedings in the trial of Robert M. Snyder, the banker and promoter, of Kansas City and New York, on charges of bribery in connection with the passage of the Central Traction bill several years ago, ended in a complete victory for the state, every objection offered by the defense being overruled by Judge Ryan. Snyder was arraigned, but refused to plead, and the court ordered the clerk to enter a plea of not guilty. Tomorrow the selection of a jury will begin. It will then devolve upon the state to prove that the defendant is not a resident of Missouri. The statute of limitations, which has sheltered all the officials who took part in the deal, is the legal loophole through which Snyder's attorneys hope to pull him to liberty.

DIED TO SAVE A TRAIN.

Brave Act of a Northern Pacific Section Foreman in Idaho.

Spokane, Wash., Oct. 1.—In trying to save a passenger train from a wreck, William Johnson, a Northern Pacific section foreman, was killed this afternoon at Tuscoc, Idaho. He saved the train, but died of his injuries. The train was the east bound overland passenger No. 4, and was well filled. Johnson was flagging the train to keep it from running upon a section of track which contained a broken rail, and in his eagerness to have the signals observed, he failed to step from the track in time to avoid the engine of the passenger.

Ex-Secretaries of War in the Senate.

Washington, Oct. 1.—When Russell A. Alger takes his seat there will be three senators who were formerly secretary of war. Procter, of Vermont, and Elkins, of West Virginia, are the other two. The same situation occurred when Don Cameron was closing his senatorial career.

Soft Coal Still Advancing.

Boston, Sept. 30.—Local coal dealers today advanced the price of soft coal \$1 per ton, making it \$2.50. With today's advance soft coal has appreciated in price \$2.50 a ton the past week. The price of hard coal remains at \$15 a ton, but there is little to be had here.

NEWS OF OREGON

Items of Interest Gathered from All Parts of the State.

COMMERCIAL AND FINANCIAL DOINGS

A Brief Review of Improvements, Growth and Development Along All Lines Throughout Our State.

Six harvest hands were held up at The Dalles and relieved of \$300.

A cold storage and meat company has been formed in Ashland with a capital of \$25,000.

The prune crop in Marion county will be pretty generally gathered by the end of the present week.

The board of regents of the state university, at Eugene, have made arrangements to include a music department.

Mrs. Florence Atwood, state president of the Rebekahs, died at her home in Baker City September 28 of pneumonia.

Pardons have been asked for Convicts Louis Level and H. S. Warriner, sentenced from Multnomah county for burglary.

The 16th annual fair of the Butte Creek Agricultural association, held at Marquam, had a large attendance and was very successful in every respect.

Preparations are well advanced for the district fair to be held at Roseburg during the five days beginning October 7. A splendid livestock exhibit is expected.

Over one-half of the Washington county agricultural and horticultural exhibit, which took the first prize at the state fair, has been sent East, where it will have a place in a number of fairs and carnivals.

Sub-committees have been appointed in various parts of the state to help solicit funds for the purchase of a sword for Admiral Clark, who commanded the Oregon during the Spanish-American war. About \$1,200 will be required.

The school directors and clerks of Washington county held a meeting and discussed various matters of school importance. The state superintendent was present. It is the first time such a meeting was ever held in that county.

Twenty-seven bales of hops were sold in Salem a few days ago for 23 cents per pound.

The assessment roll of Columbia county shows the total taxable property to be worth \$1,597,840.

Large crowds attended the opening of the Eugene carnival, despite the rain. The business houses have a number of nice displays.

Ranchmen in Josephine county will be forced to use strenuous efforts to rid the country of coyotes, which are doing much damage to stock.

The Salem commercial club has taken steps to distribute 80,000 pamphlets through the East in the interest of the Willamette valley.

Fruit growers in Polk county say that the prune crop will not only be light this year, but that brown rot has attacked the Italian prunes in some sections, and that this will further decrease the yield.

PORTLAND MARKETS.

Wheat—Walla Walla, 62c; blue-stem, 65c; valley, 63c.

Barley—Feed, \$19.50; brewing \$20.50.

Flour—Best grades, \$3.05@3.75 per barrel; graham, \$2.95@3.20.

Millstuffs—Bran, \$17 per ton; middlings, \$21.50; shorts, \$18; chop, \$17.

Oats—No. 1 white, \$1.00@1.02½; gray, 95¢@1.

Hay—Timothy, \$10@11; clover, \$7.50; cheat, \$8 per ton.

Potatoes—Best Burbanks, 60¢@65c per cental; ordinary, 50¢@55c per cental, growers prices; sweets, \$2.00 @2.25 per cental.

Butter—Creamery, 25¢@27½c; dairy 17½¢@20c; store, 12½¢@15c.

Eggs—22½¢@25c for Oregon.

Cheese—Full cream, twins, 12½¢@13c; Young America, 13½¢@14½c; factory prices, 1¢@1½c less.

Poultry—Chickens, mixed, \$4.50@5.00; hens, \$5.00@5.50 per dozen, 11¢@11½c per pound; springs, 11¢@11½c per pound, \$3.50@4.00 per dozen; ducks, \$3.50@5.00 per dozen; turkeys, live, 13¢@14c, dressed, 17¢@18c per pound; geese, \$4.00@6.00 per dozen.

Mutton—Gross, 2½¢@3c per pound; dressed, 6c per pound.

Hogs—Gross, 6½c; dressed, 7¢@7½c per pound.

Veal—7¢@8c per pound.

Beef—Gross, cows, 3¢@3½c; steers, 3½¢@4½c; dressed, 6¢@7c per pound.

Hops—16¢@17c; new crop 20¢@21c.

Wool—Valley, 12½¢@15c; Eastern Oregon, 8¢@14c; mohair, 25¢@28c pound.

KILLED FOR HIS MONEY.

Wealthy New Yorker Carelessly Displayed Large Amount of Cash.

New York, Sept. 30.—James B. Craft, a wealthy resident of Glen Cove, L. I., was murdered, and his body decapitated, in a tenderloin resort within a few doors of Broadway. All the evidence goes to show that Craft, who had been making the rounds of the tenderloin, incautiously displayed a large amount of money and was killed for the purpose of robbery. The police also say that knock-out drops were first administered, and that then the victim was dragged into the basement and killed with a cleaver.

The odor of burning flesh attracted the attention of the occupants of the upper part of the house and led to the discovery by the detectives of the headless body of a man in the basement. The charred head was discovered a few minutes later in the furnace, in which a fire had recently been made with the evident intention of destroying all possibility of identification of the remains. Later the body was identified by Walter Craft, of Glen Cove, as that of his father. The murdered man was about 51 years of age and was a manufacturer of refrigerating machinery in Cortlandt street, this city.

MANY CORPSES RECOVERED.

But Full Extent of Sicily Disaster Cannot Yet be Told.

London, Sept. 30.—A special dispatch from Rome, after confirming the reports that Stromboli has been in full eruption for some time says:

"The night scene was grand but terrifying; lava streamed down the mountain sides seaward, while huge boulders were falling into the sea fully 2½ miles from the shore.

"The director of the observatory at Mount Aetna says there has been no earthquake in Sicily, but that probably there had been a submarine eruption connected with Stromboli and Sicily.

"One hundred and fifty corpses have been recovered at Modica. Hundreds of victims were drowned in the open country."

The whole country about Mount Aetna has suffered greatly. Mount Aetna is sending up a thick column of steam from the vicinity of the scene of the eruption of 1892. Two fresh craters have opened on Stromboli since September 14.

MINES IN GOOD SHAPE.

With Return of Men, Coal Output Would be Large as Ever.

Philadelphia, Sept. 30.—General Manager Luther, of the Philadelphia & Reading railroad company's coal property, has informed the sales department of the company that all the Reading's important mines are in fairly good condition, and that were the miners to return to work, comparatively little time will elapse before they will be turning out their normal production. It is true that several of the Reading collieries are flooded, but these have been abandoned for a time at least. Officials of the Pennsylvania road's anthracite companies report that their mines are in such condition that when the miners go back to work the collieries will be able to produce three-fourths of their normal output, and that within a week they would be in perfect shape.

EARTHQUAKES IN MEXICO.

Seventy-ton Crane Thrown from Railroad into the Bay.

Mexico City, Sept. 30.—Advices from Salina Cruz, the Pacific terminus of the Tehuantepec National railroad, which is being rebuilt by the English contractor, state that Tuesday no less than 75 shocks of earthquake were felt, causing much alarm. The most serious damage was done to an immense 70-ton crane used on the construction of the breakwater, it being thrown from the track into the bay. A majority of the smaller cranes used on the works are also reported to have been thrown out of place.

It is probable that the construction of the artificial harbor will be delayed six months, as the crane was thrown into deep water, and it will require time to recover it.

As Bad as Siberia.

Butte, Mont., Sept. 30.—President Mayer, of the Western Federation of Miners, said here today that the condition of the camps in the Fernie, B. C. district, from which he has just returned, is as bad as Siberia. Mr. Mayer went to Fernie to investigate labor conditions. He says the mining company there owns everything in the camp. They permit the men no privileges and allow no business except under their direction. They even exercise a censorship, Mr. Mayer declares, on what their employes shall read.

No Parcel Mail to Alaska.

Washington, Sept. 30.—The post-office department has notified all postmasters that during the winter months it will be impossible to transmit mail matter in the form of parcels to the following named postoffices in Alaska: Nome, St. Michael, Circle, Eagle, Fort Yukon, Rampart, Tanana, Teller and Unalaska.

MONEY FOR USE

Secretary of the Treasury Makes Important Ruling.

PUT \$30,000,000 MORE IN CIRCULATION

National Banks No Longer Required to Carry a Reserve Against Deposits Secured by U. S. Bonds.

New York, Oct. 1.—Secretary of the Treasury Shaw, who was in New York yesterday, issued a statement in which he says the banks hereafter will not be required to carry a reserve against government deposits secured by government bonds. This will make available today over \$30,000,000. Secretary Shaw declined to discuss the financial situation further than to say that the treasury department would co-operate as far as possible with the banks in their effort to supply the necessary credit to do the unprecedented amount of business that is taxing railroads and steamship lines, as well as banks, to the utmost.

Mr. Shaw said he had never seen any good reason why banks holding government deposit secured by government bonds should be required to carry a reserve against it. First, it is a deposit not likely to be called in a time of stringency, and second, if called, the collateral will always sell for cash in excess of the deposit. He has, since he took charge of the treasury, contented himself with relieving the banks of this burden. The controller of the currency agrees with the secretary, and therefore it is announced that hereafter banks will not be required to carry a reserve against government deposits secured by government bonds. The treasury has on deposit with various banks scattered throughout the country, in round numbers, \$130,000,000, against which the banks have heretofore been compelled to hold more than \$30,000,000 of gold or its equivalent.

GROWERS HOLD BACK.

Expected Advance in Price of Hops suits in but Few Sales.

Portland, Oct. 1.—The hop market has opened strong, with prospects of some big sales this week, though growers are not yet letting go very freely. Most of them are in a position to hold and as they expect better prices they are slow to consider dealers' offers. Many growers look for the market to go to 25 cents, and not a few expect to receive 30 cents for the portion of the crop they did not contract for earlier in the season. Dealers decline to see higher figures, saying that broken in the East are heavily stocked, and having enough hops to last them a year.

A number of small sales are being made at 25 cents. Receipts are increasing daily, and will be heavy by the last of the week, and baling will then be practically at an end.

It is now estimated that the crop of Washington will fall short about 1,000 bales from the first estimate, which will leave the state's product somewhere about 33,000 bales. The crop in the Yakima valley is reported to be short of last year's output about 10 per cent. In some yards there will be but half a crop, in others a big crop, and in the majority less than the usual production.

EMILE ZOLA IS DEAD.

Famous Novelist a Victim of Asphyxiation—His Wife Barely Escaped.

Paris, Oct. 1.—Emile Zola, the novelist, who gained additional prominence in recent years because of his denunciations of the Jews and of Captain Dreyfus, was found dead in his Paris home yesterday morning. Asphyxiation, resulting from fumes from a stove in his room, is given as the cause of his death. M. Zola and his wife retired at 10 o'clock. Mme. Zola was seriously injured when the room was broken into this morning. At about noon she was moved to a private hospital, where she recovered consciousness for a short time, and was able briefly to explain a magistrate what had happened. The death of M. Zola, which had become generally known after the stream of visitors at the Zola residence, was born in Paris April 2, 1858.

Street Car Men Still Out.

New Orleans, Oct. 1.—The street car men continue without a break. Three mail cars were the cars moved by the railway company today. In the absence of street cars, bicycles of all kinds were brought into play and have done a thriving business. In the matter of interlocking with street cars carrying United States mail, 16 affidavits were made this afternoon against as many persons charging them with interfering with the United States mails, in violation of the act of congress protecting the