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WEEK'S DOINGS

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

Signs for a better government for Ireland have appeared.

President Roosevelt has his message all ready for the senate.

Three hundred Negro colonists will go to Liberia from Georgia in January.

Rumor has it that the czar may abdicate the throne to his uncle, Grand Duke Vladimir.

Gould and Harriman have fallen out over the control of the Colorado fuel and iron company.

The government survey for the Pacific cable has been turned over to the Commercial cable company.

A message received from Dr. Hunter, from Guatemala, states that the killing of Fitzgerald was in self defense.

The navy department has decided on a distinctive garb for marines and enlisted men serving time in prison. Heretofore they have worn their old uniforms.

Coal miners and operators held their first conference towards a peaceful settlement of their troubles in Washington. Only the preliminary arrangements were discussed.

John L. Mitchell, judge of the superior court of Pennsylvania, will be retired on half pay until the expiration of his term in 1910, on account of inability to perform the duties of his office through sickness.

Wheat has reached the highest point at San Francisco since 1898.

Great Britain and Germany are co-operating in serious measures to bring Venezuela to time.

The American Federation of Labor re-elected all its officers, and voted to meet in Boston next November.

Herr Krupp, the great German gun maker, and the wealthiest man in Germany, is dead from apoplexy.

Oil is to be used as fuel on the steamers of the Furness line, one of the largest English steamship companies.

The robbers who held up the Rock Island express, near Davenport, Iowa, secured in the neighborhood of \$20,000.

The report of Consul General McNally on the Hunter-Fitzgerald affair in Guatemala puts it in the aspect of a cold blooded murder.

Matters are proceeding favorably for an agreement between the coal miners and operators. An increase of 10 per cent in wages is assured.

The body of J. W. Fuller, who disappeared from his home in Portland October 27, has been found. There was a bullet hole in his right temple and a revolver with one empty chamber lay alongside the body.

Thirty people were drowned by the sinking of a steamer in the Danube river.

Reports from the district in Guatemala devastated by the volcano place the loss of life at 10,000.

The famous eating house at Meacham, on the O. R. & N., which burned a few days ago, will be rebuilt.

Prominent citizens of Denver have started a movement for the establishment of a sanitarium for actors.

Augustin Ghacon, one of the most desperate outlaws in Arizona, has been hanged. During his career he had taken at least a score of lives.

A serious financial problem is confronting Germany. The government expense deficit is larger than ever before and the people can hardly afford to pay more taxes.

Advices from South China state that the Boxer movement is spreading. Large bands of rebels are marching through the country devastating everything as they go.

Secretary Moody has announced that employes of government navy yards are to be allowed to present in person to the board of wages any question affecting the rate of pay.

Venezuela complains of European governments aiding her revolutionists.

The sultan of Morocco has given \$5,000 to the widow of an English missionary who was killed by natives.

Three Chicago saloons were dynamited by unknown persons, breaking windows and doors and causing other damage.

Prominent physicians testified before the coal strike commission that coal mining is an unhealthy occupation and greatly shortens life.

Friends of the Nicaraguan route for an isthmian canal are picking up courage from the check to the negotiations with Colombia relative to the Panama canal.

PHILIPPINES WANT GOLD.

Fluctuations of Silver Seriously Interfere in Transaction of Business.

Manila, Nov. 26.—Silver has suffered another decline in value. The government has issued a proclamation making the official rate \$2.60 for \$1 gold. The former rate was \$2.50.

The possibility of the adoption by the Straits settlements of a gold standard, and the reports current that Mexico is about to abandon the silver standard, have greatly weakened the Indian and Asiatic silver market. Large quantities of Mexican silver are coming here from China, as it is believed that much gold is being circulated here on account of government expenditures. The fact is that American trade is going to China, and the losses in silver are seriously affecting the insular treasury and business interests generally. The rapidly changing rates embarrass the business houses, making it almost impossible to fix prices. The native officials are beginning to petition for the payment of salaries in gold, and the demand for stable currency is universal. The secretary of finance says: "There is nothing to indicate a more hopeful future for the currency question. It will probably be as bad as now, if not worse, until congress acts and gives us a stable currency."

CLEARED THE FREIGHT YARDS.

Pittsburg Switchmen Sent Out 95 Trains Inside of Five Hours.

Pittsburg, Nov. 26.—After 36 hours of the most strenuous activity on the part of the greatly augmented forces of men and locomotives, the Pennsylvania railroad system has made a comparative cleaning up of its congested terminals. The car movement breaks all records of a similar kind. It is estimated that 50,000 cars were moved in and out of Pittsburg. In five hours 95 trains were started for Altoona by the Pennsylvania, 20 per cent heavier than the record.

Tonight the Pennsylvania railroad yards are free from obstructions than at any time within five months, but the receipts of cars destined for Pittsburg shippers will fill them up before tomorrow is passed. The cars will be moved in from the outlying sidetracks which, for 30 miles along every approach to the city, have been stagnated with cars laden with all manner of crude products.

In the yards of the Pittsburg & Lake Erie and Baltimore & Ohio also good work was accomplished, and tonight their terminals are comparatively close to normal conditions. Before 6 o'clock eight trainmen had been taken to the hospital injured at various points.

GATHERING IN AT WASHINGTON.

Members of Congress Arriving and Preparing for the Coming Session.

Washington, Nov. 26.—Senators and members of the house of representatives are beginning to arrive in Washington preparatory to the meeting of congress next Monday. Most of the leaders will be here during the early part of the week, as the president desires to confer with them before putting the finishing touches on his message. Today's arrivals included Senators Spooner, Allison, Fairbanks and Bailey, and Speaker Henderson. Senator Spooner spent some time at the white house tonight in conference with the president.

Speaker Henderson expressed the opinion in an interview tonight that there would be little legislation at the coming short session aside from the passage of the appropriation bills. He added, however, that the president would have the first inping. The speaker expressed his belief to some of his callers that a constitutional amendment would be the only means of dealing with the trust question.

MORE MONEY NECESSARY.

Increase in Prices of Building Materials Delaying Government Work.

Washington, Nov. 26.—The attention of Secretary Moody was directed today to the fact that it would be impossible to complete the buildings at the naval academy within the limit of cost fixed by congress, owing to the very large increase in the price of material. When the new academy buildings were planned congress fixed the limit of cost at \$300,000, and Secretary Long apportioned this sum among the various buildings and improvements. Since then it has been decided to erect a hospital and also to do certain dredge work in the Severn. Captain Brownson, superintendent of the academy, who was at the academy today, called the secretary's attention to the fact that since 1900 the price of building material had increased on an average of over 30 per cent. This, he told the secretary, would make it impossible to complete the buildings within the limits fixed by congress. It is probable that the secretary will call the attention of congress to the matter in his annual report.

Ex-Queen Lili is in Washington.

Washington, Nov. 26.—Ex-Queen Liliokalani, of Hawaii, arrived in Washington last night, to remain for some time. She was accompanied by her maid and by John D. Aimoku. She is seeking favorable action by congress on measures for her relief.

NEWS OF OREGON

Items of General Interest Gathered From All Over the State.

COMMERCIAL AND FINANCIAL DOINGS

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

Eugene has secured an additional mail carrier for city delivery.

The new electric car line from Gresham into Portland will be ready for operation in about two weeks.

Burglars entered a Salem residence and ransacked the place, securing a small amount of cash and some jewelry.

Baker City will be compelled to remain in darkness for a while longer owing to the non-arrival of the transformers and street lights.

A six-stamp mill with a capacity of 50 tons a day has been purchased for the Red, White and Blue mine in the Malheur district. The mine is owned by a Boston syndicate.

A number of cities throughout the state will hold municipal elections December 1. Considerable local interest is being taken on account of factional fights, prohibition measures, etc.

The Baker City lodge of Elks has purchased a site and will erect a two story stone and brick building 50x100 feet. When complete the structure will cost about \$25,000.

Three prisoners under detention at the county jail at Union, made their escape by sawing through the bars of their cells. The prisoners were awaiting a hearing before the grand jury, two charged with assault and one with mayhem.

The Oregon dairymen's association will meet in Corvallis December 16 and 17. Cream separator and other dairy supply firms are invited to make exhibits of their goods. Addresses of interest will be delivered by well known dairymen. Special rates will be given by the transportation companies.

The noted Bowden mine and Braden mill, situated near Gold Hill, with its water power, has been transferred to a corporation capitalized at \$500,000. The purchase price was in the neighborhood of \$100,000. Southern Oregon is coming to the front as a mining country and the purchasers of this mine are going to put in new and heavy machinery and do considerable development work.

Albany will hold its regular city election Monday, December 1. Considerable local interest is manifested.

The Methodist church in Oregon City is being raised high enough to permit of a store room being built on the ground floor. This arrangement will bring the church people about \$150 per month.

The heavy rains have washed out a large portion of the dam of the Condor water and power company, at Yolo. Eighty men of the crew have been laid off and work is practically abandoned for the winter.

The farmers of Linn county will hold a farmers' institute November 28 and 29, under the auspices of the experimental department of the Oregon agricultural college. The meeting will be held at Grange Hall No. 10, near Albany.

PORTLAND MARKETS.

Wheat—Walla Walla, 70@71c; blue-stem 76@77c; valley, 72c@73c.

Barley—Feed, \$23.00 per ton; brewing, \$23.50.

Flour—Best grade, 3.50@3.70; graham, \$3.00@3.50.

Millstuffs—Bran, \$19.00 per ton; middlings, \$23.50; shorts, \$19.50; chop, \$17.

Oats—No. 1 white, \$1.12c@1.15; gray, \$1.10@1.12c per cental.

Hay—Timothy, \$10@11; clover, \$8.00; cheat, \$8@9 per ton.

Potatoes—Best Burbanks, 60@80c per sack; ordinary, 50@55c per cental, growers' prices; Merced sweets, \$1.75@ \$2 per cental.

Poultry—Chickens, mixed, \$3.50@4.25; per pound, 10c; hens, \$4@4.50 per dozen; per pound, 11c; springs, \$3.00@3.50 per dozen; fryers, \$2.50@3.00; broilers, \$2.00@2.50; ducks, \$4.50@6.00 per dozen; turkeys, young, 12c@13c; geese, \$6.00@6.50 per dozen.

Cheese—Full cream, twins, 15c@16c; Young America, 15c@16c; factory prices, 1c@1 1/2c less.

Butter—Fancy creamery, 30@32c per pound; extras, 30c; dairy, 20c@22c; store, 15c@18c.

Eggs—25@30c per dozen.

Hops—New crop, 22@25c per pound.

Wool—Valley, 12c@15c; Eastern Oregon, 8@14c; mohair, 26@28c.

Beef—Gross, cows, 3@3 1/2c per pound; steers, 4c; dressed, 6@7c.

Veal—7c@8 1/2c.

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

Lamb—Gross, 3 1/2c per pound; dressed, 6 1/2c.

Hogs—Gross, 6 1/2@6 3/4c per pound; dressed, 7@7 1/2c.

FATAL WISCONSIN FIRE.

Several Persons Dead and Property Loss Amounting to \$525,000.

Ashland, Wis., Nov. 25.—The Wisconsin Central ore dock was destroyed by fire this afternoon, the loss involved being about \$525,000. In falling the dock carried with it a number of firemen and dockmen and a number of lives were lost, just how many will probably not be known for several days.

A number of badly injured firemen were rescued from the burning ruins.

The fire caught about 5 o'clock, presumably from a boat unloading lumber across the slip, and before the firemen arrived the entire ore dock, half a mile long, was in flames. An engine was run on the tramway as near to the fire as possible, and half a hundred men began tearing apart the timbers connecting the tramway and dock to keep it from falling with the dock. Suddenly the dock gave way, falling with a crash and carrying with it 200 feet of the tramway, the engine just barely escaping the fall into the bay. Several hundred people were under the tramway, but most of them escaped with slight injuries. As the broken tramway and the burning dock fell, fully a dozen men were seen to go down in the ruins. The wreck fell into 20 feet of water. The fire is still raging and Murray's sawmill is in danger. The dock was valued at \$500,000 and the ore at \$25,000.

POSTOFFICE ROBBED.

Probably \$10,000 Taken and Daring Thief Got Safely Away.

Chicago, Nov. 25.—The Chicago post-office was robbed of probably \$10,000 today in a most daring manner. The robber made his escape without leaving any clue to his identity. Two registered mail sacks containing the money, which had just been picked up from two of the down town substations, were left in an unprotected wagon in front of the Masonic Temple, while the mail carrier went into the building to gather mail that had accumulated there. The carrier was gone only a moment, but when he returned his horse and wagon had disappeared. While the carrier had been in the building the robber, who had evidently been waiting his opportunity, jumped into the rig and drove away. The rifled sacks and the horse and rig were afterward found where the thief had abandoned them. The street was full of people at the time of the robbery, but not one seems to have noticed the thief.

STRIKES IN HAVANA.

General Suspension of Business Threatened by the Labor Unions.

Havana, Nov. 25.—The coachmen of the city struck today, and the street car men say they will go out this afternoon, thus tying up traffic generally. Typesetters have struck also.

The street car conductors and motor-men refused to go out this afternoon, in spite of the notice previously given of their intention to strike, and several clashes occurred between them and the strikers. Traffic was not suspended. The manager of the street railway notified the mayor that the company's employes were willing to work, and demanded that they be protected by the police. The company being an American organization, the manager intends to appeal to Minister Squiers, if the city authorities fail to grant protection to the men.

No newspapers were published today, and it is announced that the cooks and waiters will strike tomorrow.

TWO DEAD IN MINE FIRE.

Were Overcome by Gas While Battling with the Flames.

Trinidad, Colo., Nov. 24.—Two miners have lost their lives in a fire which started in the Colorado fuel and iron company's mine at Engleville. Last night a severe explosion of gas occurred, which spread the fire over a considerable area. No one was in the workings at the time. This morning a gang of 15 or 20 men were put to work some distance from the fire, but the foul gas drove them out. Four men were overcome, one being brought out dead, and one being carried 200 feet and left behind dead. Two who were taken out unconscious have since recovered. Every available man is fighting the fire, but it is probable the mine will have to be closed indefinitely until the flames are smothered.

After Train Robbers.

Trinidad, Colo., Nov. 25.—Word reached this city tonight that Guy Lacroix, the man who the officers believed led the gang that attempted to hold up the Colorado & Southern train near here, had been seen in the vicinity of Clayton, N. M., and at 8:30 this evening a posse left on the Colorado & Southern train for the same locality. Special Agent Reno and Division Superintendent Rainey were in charge of the posse. Efforts were made to keep the departure of the officers a secret.

French Banks Losing Deposits.

New York, Nov. 25.—The quiet run on French ordinary savings banks continues, says a Paris dispatch to the Times by way of London. Withdrawals since the beginning of the year amount to \$21,000,000.

GENERAL STRIKE

Labor Troubles in Havana Have Spread to All Trades.

TWO DEAD AND THIRTY-TWO INJURED.

Carmen Did Not Quit and Were Assaulted and Stoned by Other Workmen—No Bread or Meat on Sale.

Havana, Nov. 26.—As a result of conflicts of a serious nature today between the police and men on strike here, two strikers are dead and other persons are wounded. Five of the wounded, one a lieutenant of police whose throat was cut by a strikee have very severe injuries. Eight other policemen are wounded. The police have the rioters well under control tonight, and every precaution is being taken to prevent a further outbreak of disorder, and all the police and rangers in the suburbs have been summoned to concentrate in Havana.

The strike, which at first concerned only the cigar workers, became general this morning by the calling out of all trades in sympathy with the cigar makers. All the tradespeople closed their doors this morning, clerks, cooks and every class of workmen having obeyed the command of the union, except the motormen and conductors of the electric cars, who refused to join in the general strike.

Trouble began early by the holding up of the electric cars by the strikers whose wrath naturally was directed against the street railway employes. Several cars were held up and stoned in the outskirts of the city, and the passengers were compelled to walk into Havana, among these being the British and German ministers. Several cars were wrecked and some motormen and conductors were injured during the rioting. The carmen, however, continued running their cars until 12 o'clock, when Superintendent Greenwood ordered a suspension of traffic. The employes were willing to remain at work, but the officers of the company, in order to protect the property of the company, deemed it wise to suspend the service.

Mr. Greenwood asked for protection from the civil government, but the authorities were unable to protect the public vehicles. The mayor of Havana and the secretary of government, Deigo Tamayo, had during the past week openly sympathized with the strikers and had given orders to the police not to use force in dispersing crowds, and under these conditions the police were unable to cope with the strikers.

The situation was approaching a critical point at noon, serious disorders having taken place in front of the palace itself, when President Palma sent word to the mayor that unless the city authorities could preserve order and protect the railroad company the state would interfere. The mayor then took drastic measures and issued an edict prohibiting crowds from gathering in the streets, and authorizing the chief of police to kill, if such action should be necessary, to preserve order.

A similar show of force early in the morning undoubtedly would have prevented trouble, but now the strikers had become emboldened and frequent clashes between them and the police occurred in all parts of the city.

No bread or meat were on sale today, and a continuance of the strike will cause much suffering to the poor. The police fear that trouble may occur in the city tonight and a detachment of rural guards is expected to reach Havana at 2:30 tomorrow morning.

Senor Tamayo has resigned the office of secretary of the government, but President Palma will not accept his resignation until the strike has been settled. The public blames Tamayo for his active participation in the strike, and say he and the mayor are responsible for today's riots, as he had openly expressed sympathy with the strikers. At a political meeting at which Senor Tamayo was the chairman, he endorsed the action of the strikers.

NOW WORSE THAN EVER.

Heavy Rains in Texas Delay Trains and Damage Cotton Crop.

Dallas, Tex., Nov. 26.—Heavy rains fell throughout North and Northeast Texas again today, and as a result the situation is more serious than ever. Rivers are overflowing their banks in many places and nearly all railroads are heavy sufferers. The Trinity river at Dallas is rising at the rate of one foot per hour.

The Texas & Pacific tracks are washed out both east and west of Dallas, and the Shreveport branch of the Missouri, Kansas & Texas is tied up. The "Frisco" is washed out between "Frisco and Prosper. The rain has been heaviest in that district than for years. Trains on the Cotton Belt are seriously delayed, and the Red river near Texas is on a rampage. Reports from Tyler say the strawberry growing district has been seriously damaged. In some districts entire fields have been totally ruined. County roads have been damaged to the extent of many thousands of dollars. From Malheur reports come that cotton will not be worth picking.