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COTTAGE GROVE... OREGON.

WEEK'S DOINGS

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

Chicago musicians will give Mascagni a benefit.

Wholesale election frauds alleged in Denver contest.

The Japanese Ministry may be defeated on increase of navy.

A whole Chinese province is being ravaged by Boxer rebellion.

Aged Montana placer miner went crazy, got a gun and terrorized Deer Lodge.

South Carolina lynchers wreak swift vengeance on two negro murderers.

Terrible trainwreck on the Grand Trunk Railroad; 28 killed and many injured.

All Pacific Coast ports which buy Government transports will share the business.

Jessie Benton Fremont, widow of the famous "Pathfinder," dies in Los Angeles.

Senator Morgan condemns attitude of both parties on trusts and proposes new remedy.

Nine miners were swept away by an avalanche in the Slocan district of British Columbia.

Young woman shot by jealous lover near Haines Christmas night dies, and there is talk of lynching her assassin.

President Roosevelt is bringing the allies and Venezuela together and is hailed as savior of The Hague tribunal.

W. J. Bryan is in Mexico City talking silver.

Railroad collision in Ontario kills five persons.

Lake sailors starving on an ice-bound vessel.

Graham Bell says he has invented a flying machine.

Snowslide buries bunkhouse, with 18 men at Nelson.

Calmness of a Spokane priest saves panic in a church fire.

Blizzard sweeps over the Mississippi Valley to the Gulf States.

Dead Astoria Recorder is found to be short in his accounts.

Holiday trade exceeded in most respects all previous records.

Ship narrowly missed wrecking Morrison-street bridge, Portland.

Special Commissioner Arati, of Japan, pledges aid for 1905 Fair.

Representative Jones introduces bill to open Colville Indian reservation.

Oregon Water Power & Railway Company sued for \$10,000 damages.

Fierce gale sweeps over Denmark and causes wrecks and loss of life.

Secretary Chamberlain arrives in South Africa and advises conciliation.

Crown Princess of Saxony and her brother may seek refuge in the United States.

Opponents of reduced Philippine tariff and of reciprocity treaties may form a combination.

President Roosevelt declines to arbitrate the Venezuelan dispute, and it will go to The Hague tribunal.

Many disastrous and fatal railroad wrecks.

Negro Murderer hanged by a mob in Kansas.

Delegate from the Philippines explains their needs.

British sea captain murdered by natives of New Hebrides.

George Carter shoots his wife and then kills himself at Eugene.

Fire destroys city hall and city records of Marlborough, Mass.

Jealous lover lies in wait and shoots young woman near Baker City.

President Roosevelt advises Castro to appeal to The Hague tribunal.

Pretender to throne of Morocco wishes to make war on Christians.

Great increase in trade with the island possessions of the United States.

Christmas is generously observed among the inmates of the state institutions, at Salem.

The pope takes steps to arrange legal separation of Crown Prince and Princess of Saxony.

Young halfbreed, supposed to be implicated in the Almira tragedy, is killed at Keller, Wash.

The President spent Christmas with his family at the White House instead of at his old home at Oyster Bay.

Cab drivers of St. Louis are all on a strike for an increase of wages. Out of 570 drivers in the city, 390 are out. They will drive independent carriages until the ywin their demands.

Bubonic plague has broken out on the Pacific coast of Mexico.

TRAINS MET HEAD-ON.

Twenty-Eight Dead—Mangled Passengers Suffer from Cold Also.

London, Ont., Dec. 31.—A frightful collision occurred a short distance from the little station of Wanstead, Ont., on the Sarnia branch of the Grand Trunk Railroad, last night. The express was running nearly two hours late, and was making fast time. The freight was endeavoring to make a siding to get clear of the express, but failed by a minute or two.

There was a dreadful crash, the locomotive reared up and fell over in a ditch, the baggage-car of the express telescoped the smoker, and in an instant the shrieks and cries of the wounded and dying filled the air. The loss of life is 28. The injured numbered many more, and many of these may die. Several of the dead were horribly mutilated. Heads were cut off, legs were wrenched from their bodies, and the level stretch of snow became crimson with the blood of the victims.

Operator is Blamed.

The responsibility for the accident has not been definitely fixed, but it is believed to have been due to a telegraph operator's error. The operator at one of the stations where the two trains stopped gave an order to the freight to pass No. 5, the Pacific express, at Wanstead. In the system of the Grand Trunk this order should have been duplicated, a copy being given to the conductor and engineer of the express. Instead of this the conductor of the express received a clearance order, telling him that he might run through. The freight train in the meantime had stopped at Wanstead to sidetrack, and was telescoped by the express. The blinding storm which was raging rendered objects invisible at the distance of a few feet.

The operator at Wanstead is not usually on duty at night, but last evening he happened to be in the office for a short time. He was going out of the door when he heard the telegraph instrument click and immediately called repeatedly the message: "Stop No. 5." "Stop No. 5." Seizing a lantern, the operator dashed for the door, and as he closed it behind him he heard the crash of the collision up the track.

WAR ON CHRISTIANS.

Said to Be the Plan of New Aspirant to Throne of Morocco.

London, Dec. 29.—The correspondence of the Times at Fez, Morocco, describes the situation as having become very serious, owing to a large increase in the number of the pretender's followers whom the government troops are too weak to attack. Reinforcements amounting to 12,000 men, he says, will leave tomorrow and an additional force of regular cavalry has been called out.

Many tribes not already in rebellion are wavering and are ready to join the rebels in the event of a serious government defeat. The pretender is fully supplied with everything necessary and has distributed his forces over a district where they can be collected or dispersed very quickly.

The Times' correspondent adds that the pretender's position is a very strong one. He professes not to claim the throne for himself, but desires to overthrow the Sultan on account of his European tendencies. If successful, the pretender proposes that the rebels shall nominate a new Sultan from the Shehifian family who would promise to continue the war against the Christians.

SLAUGHTER OF INFANTS.

Disclosure of Horrible Customs in Japan—A "Prison Editor."

Victoria, B. C., Dec. 31.—Correspondence of the Associated Press received from Yokohama by the steamer Tartar tonight included details of a horrible baby-farming conspiracy in Osaka. An elderly woman, her married daughter, husband and two others have been arrested for infanticide, and it is learned since that they started operations by killing 300 children, 80 this year.

The Japan Times has an account of how a Japanese of Kochi was married to a corpse. His bride-elect, the daughter of Kintara Sawada, committed suicide on the eve of her marriage. The body was recovered, and at the request of the dead woman's parents, the ceremony took place between the living and the dead.

The Kobe Chronicle publishes a lengthy account, telling of the "prison editor" employed by Japanese papers whose duties are to be imprisoned in case a verdict is given against the paper he is supposed to edit, for libel or other offenses.

Dolly Earle's Suicide.

Philadelphia, Dec. 31.—Dolly Earle, a member of the "Merry Widows" company, playing at a burlesque house here, committed suicide tonight in her dressing-room by swallowing carbolic acid. She left the following note, addressed to J. A. Fallinger, Rochester, N. Y.: "Forgive me, all. Can't stand trouble."

Miss Earle was about 30 years old. Her home is said to be in Oklahoma. She was formerly a member of the "Runaway Girl" company, which stranded here about two weeks ago.

Empress Dowager Greets Miles.

Pekin, Dec. 31.—The Dowager Empress and Lieutenant-General Miles exchanged flattering speeches at today's audience, the Dowager assuring the General that the "success of the American Army was assured under a commander so celebrated."

NEWS OF OREGON

Items of General Interest Gathered From All Over the State.

COMMERCIAL AND FINANCIAL DOINGS

Ship from China Quarantined at Astoria— Burglars in Salem—Big Mining Deal—County Seat Fight.

A fire in Salem's Chinatown caused \$500 damage to some old wooden buildings.

The region about Summerville will have a new rural free delivery route, to begin February 1, 1903.

Ontario will make another fight to obtain the county seat of Malheur County at the coming session of the legislature.

The badly decomposed body of a man was found on the South Umpqua river. He had apparently been drowned. The body was well dressed.

Burglars broke into a Salem gun store and stole about \$200 worth of revolvers. The same night a street car was held up, but the highwaymen weakened when they saw a number of passengers in the car and allowed it to go without molestation.

A British ship direct from Shanghai, is in quarantine at Astoria, having a case of smallpox on board. She had a load of mud from the Shanghai river as ballast, and this must be treated with a solution of acids, for fear that it may contain cholera germs.

An effort will be made to found a school for truants and incorrigibles in connection with the Boys and Girls Aid Society of Portland. The plan is to provide that in any town of 4,000 inhabitants or over, truants and incorrigibles may be committed to the care of the aid society.

A company of Eastern capitalists, represented in Southern Oregon by Captain T. J. Pierce, has purchased the Owl Gulch group of quartz claims, on Savage Creek, in the Gold Hill district. The consideration is \$40,000. The Owl Gulch claims were located but a few months ago, but in this brief time have proved to be quartz properties of great promise.

The Booth-Kelly Lumber Company is taking chances this winter in the matter of driving logs which nobody heretofore has been willing to take. It has a drive in the Mohawk, which will be turned into the McKenzie and driven to the Coburg mill, and as soon as this is completed it will start a big drive at Fall Creek, to be brought down the Willamette to the Springfield mill. The running of logs in these streams in the winter season is attended with much danger, which loggers have chosen heretofore to avoid. Should heavy rains fall and suddenly raise the water to flood stage it would be almost impossible to boom the logs at their destination.

Governor Geer has granted a full pardon to George Morey, who was serving a life sentence for killing Gus Berry in Portland in 1893.

A night pumpman at the White Swan mine, at Baker City, is dead from falling into an old shaft containing boiling hot water from the exhaust of the engine.

The agent of the Oregon raft company reports good progress in obtaining the right of way for the proposed logging railway up Milton creek, and surveys will be placed in the field at once to take levels.

PORTLAND MARKETS.

Wheat—Walla Walla, 70c; blue-stem 78c; valley, 75c.

Barley—Feed, \$23.50 per ton; brewing, \$24.00.

Flour—Best grade, 3.90@4.40; graham, \$3.20@3.60.

Millstuffs—Bran, \$19.00 per ton; middlings, \$23.50; shorts, \$19.50; chop, \$18.

Oats—No. 1 white, \$1.15@1.17 1/2; gray, \$1.12 1/2@1.15 per cental.

Hay—Timothy, \$11@12; clover, \$8@9.00; cheat, \$8@9 per ton.

Potatoes—Best Burbanks, 60@70c per sack; ordinary, 50@60c per cental; growers' prices; Merced sweets, \$1.75@ \$2 per cental.

Poultry—Chickens, mixed, 9c; young, 9@10c; hens, 9c; turkeys, live, 17@18c; dressed, 20@21; ducks, \$7@7.50 per dozen; geese, \$8@8.50.

Cheese—Full cream, twins, 16 1/2@17 1/2c; Young America, 17 1/2@18 1/2c; factory prices, 1@1 1/2c less.

Butter—Fancy creamery, 27 1/2@30c per pound; extras, 30c; dairy, 20@22 1/2c; store, 15@18.

Eggs—25@35c per dozen.

Hops—New crop, 23@26c per pound.

Wool—Valley, 12 1/2@15c; Eastern Oregon, 8@14 1/2c; mohair, 26@28c.

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

Veal—7 1/2@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.

Salem is making preparations to enlarge her city limits.

ROOSEVELT DECLINES.

Venezuelan Trouble Will Go to The Hague Tribunal for Settlement.

Washington, Dec. 30.—President Roosevelt will not be the arbitrator of the Venezuelan controversy. The whole vexatious subject will be referred for adjudication to The Hague tribunal.

Epitomized, this was the situation as it had resolved itself at the conclusion of the Cabinet meeting yesterday. The meeting was not so long as the sessions usually are. All the members, except Secretary Root, were present. The Venezuelan question was the principal and practically the only topic of general concern under consideration. Secretary Hay presented the results of his cable correspondence with the governments at London, Berlin, Rome and Caracas. In accordance with the suggestion made by President Roosevelt, through Secretary Hay, President Castro was reported to have agreed to submit the difficulties to the arbitration of the tribunal at The Hague. The European powers not only consented to submit the controversy to arbitration, but while they had expressed a preference for an arbitration to be conducted by President Roosevelt, they had assented to his suggestion that the matter be referred to The Hague.

The presentation of the case met the hearty approval of the Cabinet. No fear is expressed by the Administration that the Monroe Doctrine will be brought into the controversy in any manner that might result in an embarrassing situation for the United States. Secretary Hay is preparing a note to the powers in which the gratification of this Government is expressed for the course agreed upon. No intimation is given of the conditions which may have been imposed by the European powers or by President Castro as precedent to the arbitration. It is known that Great Britain was willing to submit the subject to the arbitration of President Roosevelt practically without conditions, but the suggestion is made that one and perhaps two of the other powers involved proposed some conditions which might have proved embarrassing to the President had he undertaken the responsibility of determining the question.

It is understood that some money must pass, but it is also known that the amount of cash to be required of Venezuela before arbitration is not nearly so large as had been stated. It is not possible to learn either whether the allies insist upon apologies from Castro, and while it is assumed that the blockade will be speedily raised, no arrangements to that end has yet been made.

GUARD AGAINST BUBONIC.

Arizona Takes Precautions, but Does not Fear Its Spread North.

Nogales, Ariz., Dec. 30.—Doctors Purdy and Chenoweth, who were appointed by the Board of Health of Nogales to investigate the effectiveness of measures adopted by the authorities at Guaymas against the introduction of the disease supposed to be bubonic plague, now epidemic at Mazatlan, have returned and say there is no danger of the disease extending to Guaymas or points north as long as the present vigilance is continued.

Official telegrams were received here today from the Governor of the State of Sinaloa, who reports the sickness decreasing. Another telegram from Dr. Fernandez, chief surgeon of the Eleventh Regiment of Infantry stationed at Mazatlan, says: "Thirty cases of 'bubonic plague' sent to the Lazareto, of which 15 have died in seven days. Amongst troops at the barracks not a single case. Sanitary precautions taken."

Investigating in Mexico.

Washington, Dec. 30.—The United States Marine Hospital Service authorities have decided to dispatch an expert to the coast of the Gulf of California in Mexico to investigate the reports of the appearance of plague among the immigrant Chinese there, but no one has been designated for the service.

Epidemic is Abating.

Mexico City, Dec. 30.—The plague situation is decidedly improved at Mazatlan. Only three deaths occurred yesterday. Steamers are still prevented from touching at that port.

Kansas and Missouri Freeze.

Kansas City, Dec. 30.—Advises received today indicate severe weather throughout Kansas and Missouri. Concordia, Kan., reports zero weather there, and all along the Missouri Pacific road this same condition prevails. Hutchinson, Kan., reports the coldest weather in years, the thermometer at that point registering five below zero. At Atchison five below is recorded. At Mexico, Mo., a coal famine confronts the people. There is no more coal for sale at any of the yards and the thermometer registered zero last night.

Snow Stops Traffic.

Marquette, Mich., Dec. 29.—A severe blizzard, which has been blowing for 24 hours, today rendered street-car service temporarily impossible, and made railroad transportation slow and uncertain.

Fire Proves Expensive.

Bisbee, Ariz., Dec. 29.—A fight in a disorderly house at Cananea, Mexico, caused a fire in the place which resulted in the loss of \$20,000. During the fight a lamp was knocked over and started the blaze.

MUTUAL FRIEND

Such is President's Position in the Venezuelan Affair.

NOW FOR A BASIS OF ARBITRATION

Allies May Consent to Immediate Raising of Blockade, Provided They May Renew It, if Necessary.

Washington, Dec. 31.—There is now in progress an active exchange of notes between the allied powers, Venezuela and the United States, respecting the method of submitting to arbitration the issues which have arisen between Venezuela and the allies. The weight of official opinion here this afternoon was that several days at least must elapse before any thing in the nature of a preliminary protocol can be made ready for signature. German insistence upon a prepayment of 10 per cent of her full claims before submitting her case to arbitration, and perhaps President Castro's resistance to meeting what the allies claim as the obligations of honor are believed to be now the sticking points. But it is hoped that these can be passed within the next few days, and it is further hoped that some arrangement will be made in the preliminary protocol for the raising of the blockade, though it is intimated that the allies' ships will be kept ready to renew it in case of any default on the part of Venezuela in her obligations.

Washington having been the pivot about which all the negotiations have turned up to this point, it is surmised that it may also be the scene of the final act in the shape of the signature of the protocol, either by the resident representatives here of the powers interested or by special agents sent to this neutral ground for the purpose. An erroneous idea obtained in some quarters as to the functions of the President and Secretary Hay in this matter, and they have been represented as endeavoring personally to conduct the negotiations, as drawing up protocols and generally taking a leading part in all that is going on. It is pointed out at the State Department that, while ordinarily a misunderstanding on this point would be trifling, it happens in the present case that reports of such activity on the part of the United States officials after the President had expressly declined to assume the duties of arbitration would surely be ill received in Europe and might perhaps lead to some backward steps that would be a matter of regret to the Government, which earnestly desires to have the parties reach an honorable settlement of their differences.

It is explained at the State Department that the part of the United States Government just now is that of "good friend" to all parties; that it is not undertaking to draw up protocols or impose limitations upon the parties, but it is confining its offices to getting them together and keeping them so. In this view it will not be necessary for our Government to prescribe how the Monroe Doctrine shall or shall not figure in the protocols; it will judge for itself by results how our interests are affected, and will not indulge in premature or uncalled-for protests.

As for the terms of the arbitration, it is stated that they are in a fair way speedily to be adjusted, but nothing can be said of the details. It is presumed that the allies will agree to terminate the blockade, though no stipulation has yet been entered into on that point. Nothing has been heard recently of the part to be taken by United States Minister Bowen in the final settlement, and it begins to appear that, after all, Venezuela will probably be represented by one of her own people.

DISOBEYED THE RULES.

Naval Commander Takes His Wife to Sea and is Ordered Ashore.

Washington, Dec. 31.—Commander John E. Roller, ex-commander of the old gunboat Monocacy, has reached this country from the Asiatic station, having been ordered home by Rear Admiral Evans for persistent infraction of the rules which prohibit the commander of a vessel from permitting his wife to make her home aboard the ship. It is charged that after conferring in that particular several times Roller's attention was called to the violation of the regulations, but with no apparent effect. When his last offense came to the ears of Rear Admiral Evans the latter detached him and ordered him home.

Pope Admires American Officers.

Rome, Dec. 31.—The pope today received in private audience Commander William H. Reeder, Chaplain Edward J. Brennan and Lieutenant Henry Selgmier, of the United States training-ship Hartford, Commander Reeder and Lieutenant Selgmier were in full uniform. The pope remarked on the smartness of the American navy uniform, and said he regretted the Hartford was not coming nearer to Rome. He would have enjoyed seeing more of the officers and men, as he had the most pleasant remembrances of meeting with Americans.

Do Not Fear General Tung.

Pekin, Dec. 31.—Officials here discredit the reports that General Tung Su Slang and Prince Tuan are moving on Slang Fu with troops. The missionaries, however, are said to be retiring from that region.