

## The Estacada News

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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.

Portland is shipping cattle to Japan. King Oscar says he does not favor a forcible union with Norway.

A severe wind storm has wiped out the town of Anawa, Wisconsin.

All telegraph operators on the Northern Pacific railway are ready to go on strike.

The Union passenger depot at Louisville, Kentucky, has been burned. Loss, \$350,000.

A Boston man has been arrested in Kingston, Jamaica, for taking photographs of the fortifications.

Witte says that while he favors peace with Japan, he will not agree to it at any terms that may be offered.

Unusually heavy rainstorms are reported in various parts of Germany. Immense damage has been done to crops.

The Chinese government is sending a number of its aristocrats to various countries to study foreign ways. It is regarded generally as a step in the right direction.

Within nine days 98 infants under one year of age have died in Cleveland, Ohio. The health authorities are making a close investigation into the sanitary conditions of the milk supply.

The Japanese are driving the Russians north.

New York City has purchased a home for consumptives.

Sweden will send an ultimatum to Norway and is ready for war.

Japan is well pleased at the appointment of Witte as a peace envoy.

Terrorists have attempted to take the life of the governor general of St. Petersburg.

It is fully settled that Witte is to be one of the Russian peace envoys and will be given full powers.

During the past two years the United States government has spent \$73,000,000 more than it has taken in.

A move is said to have been started to force the czar to abdicate and that he will turn the affairs of the government into other hands to administer for his son and heir.

An aged man living under the name of Livingston has his home at Freeport, Illinois. He greatly resembles pictures of John D. Rockefeller's father and it is believed by many that he is.

The president has signed a proclamation opening to homesteaders and town-site entry the Utah reservation in Utah. The reservation contains 2,445,000 acres, but lands reserved for military, forestry and other purposes will leave only 1,069,000 available for entry.

The kaiser is trying to prevent Norway from becoming a republic.

The mutineers of the Russian battleship Potemkin have all been shot or are in chains.

A party has been formed by prominent Italians for the exploration of the upper Amazon river.

Minister Witte has had a stormy interview with the czar and may refuse to act as a peace envoy.

Major Langitt, government engineer, with headquarters at Portland, is to be

succeeded by Major Boessler.

Indiana officer have arrested 11 men believed to be a gang who have been systematically robbing freight cars of silk.

Chief Forester Pinchot has ordered that forest supervisors must accept no fees for services performed, under pain of dismissal.

During a high wind, following a severe rain and electric storm, the walls of a brick building in course of construction at Winnipeg, Manitoba, fell, burying a number of people. It is feared at least ten are dead.

The battleship Oregon holds the trophy for high scores in gunnery among all battleships of the American navy.

The salaries of the Russian plenipotentiaries have been fixed at \$200 per day each, besides an allowance of \$7,500 for traveling and other expenses.

The British navy is to be concentrated near home.

Dynamite has been found in the czar's palace at Moscow.

A great German naval demonstration is to be made off Sweden.

Sweden will oppose to the last the election of Prince Charles, of Denmark, as king of Norway.

Terrorists have warned Trepoff, assistant minister of the interior of Russia, that he will be killed.

The Citizen's bank of Yellow Springs, Ohio, has closed, owing depositors between \$25,000 and \$30,000.

Emperor William has held a conference with King Oscar and a German-Swedish alliance was discussed.

Government secret service men have arrested six men in San Francisco for issuing fraudulent naturalization papers and marine licenses.

It is proposed to have a race between airships at the Portland fair. The contestants have both constructed flying machines with some degree of success.

The American Medical association, in session at Portland, adopted a resolution advocating a new cabinet position, to be known as the Public Health department.

Germany will build ports in Morocco opposite Gibraltar.

#### Rich Beggars Reap Harvest.

New York, July 18.—Detectives employed by the Charity Organization society have caused six beggars, all property owners, to be arraigned in the Harlem court. It is asserted by the officers that the six prisoners had formed themselves into a sort of beggars' trust to do the Italian feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, which is being celebrated in Harlem's Little Italy. All of the prisoners are declared to have bank accounts and are landlords. When searched by the police, one beggar had \$588 in bills.

#### Nothing to Investigate.

Caracas, July 18.—Venezuelans were very much surprised on receiving the news that President Roosevelt had appointed Judge Calhoun a special commissioner to Venezuela to investigate the claims of America. The Constitution, the government organ, says: "If the claims of Americans or others existed, they would have been already heard before competent authorities. It may be the president requires information regarding the case of the New York & Bermudez Asphalt company, which is still pending."

#### Off for the North Pole.

New York, July 18.—The Roosevelt, in which Captain Robert E. Peary hopes to reach the north pole, started on her long voyage today. Captain Peary and a party of guests were on board at the start, and remained with the ship on her trip down the bay, but they left her at the narrows, returning to the city on a navy tug. Captain Peary started tonight by rail for Sydney, Cape Breton, where he will join the ship.

## CLAIMS INNOCENCE

### Williamson Denies Entering Plot to Suborn Perjury.

### KNEW GESNER LOANED MONEY

### Cross Examination by District Attorney Heney Brings Out This Fact from Witness.

Portland, July 18.—After the counsel for the defense places several witnesses on the stand this morning to show that the timber claim of Marion R. Biggs, one of the defendants in the trial of Representative Williamson and Dr. Gesner, was valuable for timber, all of the evidence will have been laid before the jury. By refusing to permit the defense to place on the stand a long list of witnesses to prove the good character of the three defendants, Judge De Haven shortened the trial and for the next few days the courtroom will be ringing with the voices of the attorneys making their argument to the jury.

Yesterday morning Representative Williamson took the stand in his own behalf and declared to the jury that he was innocent of the charge of conspiring to cause certain applicants for government timber land to commit perjury. He was inclined to be combative under cross-examination but District Attorney Heney, apparently had no desire to press the witness to the point where he would lose his temper. During the direct and redirect examination, Representative Williamson frequently turned full upon the jury and delivered his evidence at various times directly at the 12 men who will later pass judgment upon him. Naturally his testimony was the feature of the day, and while he made a good witness for himself, Mr. Heney nevertheless got admissions from him that tended to show that he knew that Gesner was making loans to entrymen.

### HEAT IS KILLING.

### Temperature in Metropolis of United States Causes Prostrations.

New York, July 18.—After a respite of one day, the hot wave that swept over New York last week, causing scores of deaths and hundreds of cases of prostrations, returned today with renewed intensity, the temperature being by far the highest of the season.

The highest point reached was at 4 o'clock in the afternoon, when the weather bureau thermometer touched 95 degrees. In the streets, however, the heat was much greater, some thermometers recording as high as 103.

While the heat was intense, the air was stirred by light breeze, and the general suffering was somewhat mitigated by the absence of the excessive humidity that prevailed last week. It was largely owing to this that only two cases of death directly resulting from heat were reported.

### Rapid Transit for London.

London, July 18.—A bulky bluebook tonight contains the report of the royal commission on locomotive transport in London. The advisory board of engineers recommends the construction of two main avenues through London, 140 feet wide and between four and five miles long, carrying four lines of tramways on the surface and four lines of railways below the surface. It is estimated that the cost of construction will be £12,000,000.

### Assistant Engineer of Canal.

San Antonio, Tex., July 18.—Jackson Smith, formerly passenger agent of the National railroad of Mexico, has been appointed assistant to Chief Engineer Stevens, of the Panama canal, according to a telegram received here tonight.

### WANT A LONG CONTRACT.

### Only Terms on Which Japanese Will Work on Canal.

Seattle, July 18.—Japanese labor contractors will not agree to the Isthmian commission's programme of experimenting with the labor of different countries. A recent dispatch from Washington says the commission has decided to secure 2,000 laborers of different nationalities under a 500-day contract, with the idea in view of renewing the contract for such laborers as were found satisfactory.

The question of employing Japanese laborers on the isthmus was first taken up with the commission and Secretary Taft by the Oriental Trading company, of Seattle. This is the most important labor contracting firm in the Northwest.

Vice President C. T. Takahashi said today that his company would not agree to such a proposal. "There is no money in such a short contract," he continued. "If we could get a four-year or a five-year contract, Japanese laborers could be supplied. As it is the laborers would have to be brought from Japan and returned to their homes after the work was completed.

To collect 2,000 men, carry them to the isthmus and then return them to their homes after a 500-day contract had been completed is not practicable.

"Our proposal to supply Japanese labor has been before the commission and Washington officials for some time. We have not been notified that an experimental contract might be made and I do not think we would accept a contract if offered one."

The Oriental Trading company proposed to provide its own foremen, choosing men accustomed to directing railroad and similar construction work.

### TO TAKE VLADIVOSTOK.

### Japanese Hope to Capture Fortress Before Envoys Reach America.

Tokio, July 18.—Judging from the activity at present being displayed at the Navy department, it seems certain the investment of Vladivostok can be expected before the end of this week.

All arrangements are known to have been completed, and it is reported, evidently upon the best authority, that Admiral Togo's entire fleet will sail from Sasebo before nightfall. In addition, an army of invasion, which was landed from transports in Peter the Great bay very recently, is already moving to complete the investment by land. Since June 1, 50 ocean-going foreign steamers have been placed under the Japanese flag, laden with ammunition and supplies, and will accompany Togo's fleet.

It is the hope of the Japanese government that Vladivostok will be taken before the peace envoys land on United States soil. With this object in view, nothing is to be left undone to make the campaign, as planned, brief and eminently successful.

### Making Gigantic Bluff.

Tokio, July 18.—It is unofficially reported that General Linievitch's force numbers nearly 400,000 now, and it is reported that he is extensively using water transportation to bring forward men, supplies and ammunition. An officer who recently returned from Manchuria expresses the opinion that Linievitch plans a great demonstration to synchronize with the meeting of the plenipotentiaries, but that he does not intend real aggression. It is understood that Captain Bougouin returns permanently to France.

### Rain Ruins Indiana Wheat.

Indianapolis, Ind., July 17.—Reports to the News from all counties of Indiana show that continuous rains have prevented almost entirely the threshing of wheat in this state so far. Two weeks ago Indians apparently had the greatest yield of wheat in many years, but since harvest there has been rain practically all the time. Returns so far indicate a yield of 20 bushels to the acre. The Indiana corn crop will be tremendous.