

## 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.

Russia is making immense preparations to continue the war.

Anthrax coal miners are said to be preparing to go on another strike soon.

The Germans extended a cold welcome to the British fleet on its arrival in the Baltic sea.

The internal revenue for July shows a heavy increase over that of the same month last year.

Kuropatkin has resigned his command on account of ill health. He will return to Russia.

Fire in a Johnston, Pa., department store caused a property loss of \$50,000. Several firemen were injured.

The Taft party now visiting the Philippines is almost unanimously in favor of a lower tariff for the islands.

A steamer from Philadelphia to New Orleans sunk off the coast of Florida with all on board except two, who managed to escape.

The steamship Centennial has arrived at Seattle after successfully landing a contraband cargo from San Francisco on the coast of Siberia.

Japan has withdrawn her demand for indemnity and agrees to leave the price to be paid for Sakhalin to arbitration. Russia agrees this will remove a stumbling block to peace.

Chicago is making an effort to stop all forms of gambling.

Indications are that the secretary of agriculture will have to resign.

Receipts from the government cable to Alaska show a remarkable growth.

Russia has offered to cede half of Sakhalin to Japan, but refuses to pay any indemnity.

The Standard Oil company and its greatest rival in California, the Union Oil company, have formed an alliance.

The sultan of Morocco refuses to give up his French prisoner and troops are expected to cross the frontier at once.

A Paris paper says it would be a fine opportunity for Rockefeller to perpetuate his name by paying the war indemnity for Russia.

It is proposed to have a "Dewey" day at the exposition and the great naval hero has been invited to be present and assume charge of a reproduction of the battle of Manila bay.

The entire North Atlantic squadron came near going on the rocks off Newport. The vessels became lost in a heavy fog and were only saved by the leading ship colliding with a lightship.

France is preparing a flying column to attack Morocco.

Morocco has about concluded a loan of \$2,500,000 in Germany.

Peace negotiations have delayed action on the Oregon judgeship.

Health authorities believe yellow fever will be extinguished in another month.

The president spent three hours on board the submarine boat plunger during a trial trip.

A tunnel under the Detroit river connecting Detroit and Windsor has been started. The work will take three years.

A new treaty of alliance which draws the two nations closer together than ever has been signed by Great Britain and Japan.

Baldwin's air ship has made the most successful flight of any yet invented. It has even eclipsed the famous Dumont balloons.

The Federal grand jury at Portland has indicted Claude F. Thayer, of Tillamook, and several others who operated with him for conspiracy.

The affairs of the Chicago world's fair of 1893 have been wound up. The stockholders were paid 14 1/2 per cent dividends on the \$5,500,000 stock.

Citizens of New York have nominated Jerome for mayor.

Lord Roberts, of the British army, will soon visit the Pacific coast.

The Japanese people oppose concessions and want the war to go on.

King Oscar is willing to let Prince Charles take the throne of Norway.

Yellow fever is still spreading in Louisiana, but not in New Orleans.

The president has renewed his efforts to arrange a compromise despite the czar's unfavorable reply.

France threatens to seize a Moroccan town unless one of her citizens held a prisoner is surrendered.

An unknown man robbed the First National bank at Collinsville, I. T., and escaped with \$1,200. Officers are in pursuit.

A Japanese transport collided with a British steamer in the Indian sea and sank. One hundred and twenty-seven soldiers drowned.

All Poland is rioting and every factory is closed.

There is a building boom in New York City and the municipal building departments have doubled their staff. The work started from January 1 to June 22 will cost over \$66,000,000, or more than during the four preceding years.

F. A. Heinze, the Montana copper king, is buying copper mines in Mexico.

Three persons were killed and two freight trains demolished in a head-on collision 18 miles from Topeka, Kansas, on the Union Pacific railroad.

#### Confer On Fisheries.

Victoria, B. C., Aug. 29.—Arrangements have been made to hold an International Fishery commission, with special relation to the salmon industry, early in September. Professor Prince, chairman of the Canadian commission, has advised local members the first session will be held in Victoria early in September and communications are being made with fishery officers of the state of Washington, so that the Canadian and United States commissioners can meet at Bellingham, Seattle, and other Puget sound points.

#### Lift Boycott On Cotton.

Washington, Aug. 29.—Of particular importance to Southern cotton spinners and weavers is the announcement by Minister Rockhill today that the Chinese boycott on American piece goods is about to be lifted. Cabling from Peking, the minister says that his information is to the effect that the anti-American boycott as a whole is gradually subsiding. The Chinese merchants of Shanghai dealing in piece goods are strongly opposing the boycott, and taking steps which Minister Rockhill believes are likely to break it.

#### Sold Under the Hammer.

Hodgeville, Ky., Aug. 29.—Abraham Lincoln's birthplace, a 110-acre farm, was sold today at auction to E. J. Collier, of New York. The price paid for it, \$3,600, is not more than it would bring for farming purposes. The property was sold by order of court in the bankruptcy case of A. W. Bennett, who purchased it 15 years ago from the Creal family, into whose hands it came at the time the Lincoln family removed from the state.

## A BIG CONVENTION

### Commercial Bodies to Meet and Discuss Railroad Rates.

#### PLAN TO OFFSET RAILROAD TALK

Demand of Nation for Prompt Legislation Will Be Impressed Upon President and Congress.

Chicago, Ill., Aug. 29.—The executive committee of the Interstate Commerce Law convention has practically decided to hold a national convention in Chicago early in October with a view to formulating further plans to induce congress to pass remedial railroad legislation.

E. P. Bacon, who is chairman of the committee, has notified the various local commercial organizations which are members of the convention that an early session may be looked for in this city. There was some doubt in the minds of the committee whether another gathering would be necessary, but, in view of the fact that the railway educational bureau claims that the danger of legislation has passed, Mr. Bacon believes that the situation should be discussed.

The convention is composed of between 350 and 400 commercial bodies and boards of trade throughout the country, and was the chief instrumentality in starting the present agitation for rate legislation. No plans have been formulated for the proposed session, but it is proposed to have free discussion of the situation, to receive reports of various committees regarding work already accomplished, to make additional plans to impress the president and congress with the necessity of immediate legislation. One of the members of the committee said:

"We do not propose to let the agitation cool off. The country is aroused over the railroad situation, and every one save the railway officials agrees that some legislation is essential. The convention realizes that tons of literature containing spurious arguments are being sent broadcast over the country, purporting to tell people why no further legislation is needed."

#### Finns Seek Homes in Free Land.

Guthrie, O. T., Aug. 28.—Dr. R. A. Shotelowitz, a wealthy physician of Helsingfors, Finland, is in Oklahoma to study conditions for information of his countrymen, whose distress under conditions imposed by the Russian government is causing many Finns to seek America. Dr. Shotelowitz said the desire to find a new home existed for the first time among worthy citizens. He said if suitable land could be obtained thousands of his countrymen would emigrate to America and settle in the Southwest.

#### Completing Trans-Mexican Road.

San Francisco, Aug. 28.—William Rossiter, a planter, arrived here from Manzanillo, says that work has begun, after a delay of 12 years, on the connecting link on the railroad that will reach from the Atlantic to the Pacific across Mexico. The link stretches from Colima to Tuxpan, a distance of only 45 miles. It will be the first railroad connection between the large city of Guadalupe on the Atlantic and the Pacific coast.

#### Togo May Decide the War.

St. Petersburg, Aug. 29.—"Togo began the war and will finish it," is the statement made by a prominent Russian statesman. "Outside intervention being improbable, and the land forces of equal strength," he continued, "only the Japanese fleet, by blockading Russia's Baltic ports, can decide the war."

#### BIG GRAFT AT BREMERTON.

Sensational Charges Against Puget Sound Navy Yard.

Washington, Aug. 29.—Sensational charges of graft in the navy yard at Puget sound have been brought to the attention of Secretary Bonaparte, through a report of Special Agent R. H. Pickerel, who has been conducting an investigation at that point for several weeks.

It is charged in the report that certain employes of the yard have been smuggling government supplies from the yard, and that one of the government launches has been used for months to carry the goods and material from Bremerton to "fences," from which they are sold; that employes are compelled to live in certain boarding houses, where they are charged exorbitant rates, and they do not move for fear of being laid off; that alien contract labor is employed at the yard, and that a number of fugitives from justice are employed there.

These charges are backed up by affidavits, which show that corruption rivaling that exposed in the Postoffice department exists at the navy yard. It cannot be learned against whom the charges are made, but it is declared that when Captain Burrell, the new commandant of the yard, arrives to relieve Admiral Barclay, he will order a thorough examination of all employes under suspicion.

Secretary Bonaparte will order an investigation of the charges.

#### ALL ALONG COAST.

Yellow Fever Cases Being Scattered Far and Wide.

New Orleans, Aug. 29.—One of the deaths from yellow fever today is Sister Mary Engelhesta, of the convent of Perpetual Adoration, and her case was not reported until death. It is the first from that institution, though there have been several cases in that neighborhood.

Reports from the country tonight are: Patterson, six cases; Eighth ward of Jefferson parish, one case; Shrewsbury, one death; Hanson City, two cases and one death; Donaldsonville, one case (this is a new development and is traced to Port Barrow, across the bayou); Port Barrow, one case; St. Rose, three cases; Pecan Grove, one case; Good Hope plantation, one death; Waveland plantation, south of Patterson, six cases; Bellesein plantation, west of Patterson four cases; Gulfport reports one new case, and Mississippi City none.

Natchez makes no report of new cases, the people deciding to await the arrival of an expert before accepting the statement that there was yellow fever there. Escatawpa, Miss., near Mississippi Point, reports four cases.

Dr. Devron, in charge at Levee, in a report on the situation there says:

"I found things worse than Dr. Stark could have seen them a few days before. The people were in a panic. They had no morphine, no doctor, and they were dying from too much experimenting with different remedies. I found that more than half the population of 500 people is sick. They are distracted, and many are on the verge of lunacy from fright and grief."

#### Cure for Leprosy Proved.

Manila, Aug. 23.—What appears to be a well authenticated instance of the cure of leprosy by the X-ray treatment has been found here. A few weeks ago a patient who had been affected with leprosy and who had been under treatment for that disease died of liver complaint. After the patient's death every part of the body was subjected to a searching microscopical examination by bacteriologists, but not the slightest trace of leprosy could be found.

#### New Names for Captured Ships.

Tokio, Aug. 23.—The imperial Navy department has rechristened the captured Russian warships as follows: The Peresviet has been named the Sagami; the Poltava the Tango; the Bayan the Aso; the Pallada the Tsugaru and the Variag the Soya.