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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.

Rioting has resulted in many deaths in Moscow, Russia.

It is now settled that Taft will go to Panama about November 1.

The Norwegian storting has approved the Karlstad treaty.

Hughes has declined the Republican nomination for mayor of New York.

Pat Crowe has arrived in Omaha to face charges for kidnaping Cudahy's son.

Registration for the coming election in New York is much greater than in former years.

Taft says that our coast defenses could wipe out the combined fleets of any two foreign powers.

Turkey has ordered a torpedo boat, to be built in France. This will be her first of this class of war craft.

President Roosevelt has conferred with well known athletes on football. He wants the brutality cut out of the game.

Dr. C. M. Shanley, one of the hardest workers against yellow fever in New Orleans, has died from an attack of the disease.

Mayor Dunne's plan for Chicago to own the street car system has been turned down by the council. He will try another.

General Williams, commanding the department of the Columbia, advocates retiring officers at the age of 40. He also favors restoring the canteen.

A new cure for consumption has been discovered.

The condition of ex-Senator Jerry Simpson remains unchanged.

Every building in the town of Purdy, Nevada, has been destroyed by fire.

Several new cases of yellow fever have appeared at Pensacola, Florida.

Taft is taking precautions to stop frauds in future purchases of supplies for the army.

The president has established a new forest reserve in Arizona. It will contain 1,120,000 acres.

A Chicago judge says there is no such thing as peaceful picketing by labor unions during strikes.

Admiral Togo will visit all the principal countries of the world with his famous fighting squadron of warships.

General Charles W. Bartlett, of Boston, has been nominated as the Democratic candidate for governor of Massachusetts.

Russia has adopted a homestead law which enables officers and soldiers to get free land in Siberia and gives them exemption from taxes for five years.

Four bandits who looted the post-office at Wild Rose, Wisconsin, and attempted to break into the State bank, have been run down. One was killed, one fatally wounded and one seriously hurt.

Massachusetts Republicans have declared for tariff revision.

Opposition to the peace treaty is again springing up in Japan.

Great Britain and Russia have negotiated a treaty about Central Asia.

Fifty men were rescued from a burning mine at Florence, Colo., after hope had almost been abandoned for their safety.

Gomez has appealed for American intervention in Cuba, saying Palma rules by terror and that the recent elections were a farce.

Russia has decided to send her prisoners of war now in Japan to Vladivostok by transport and thence by the Siberian railroad to Russia.

The cabinet has decided not to transfer the control of the canal work from the War department to the State department for the present, at least.

New York Republicans have nominated Hughes, insurance investigator, for mayor.

Hill is said to have stolen a march in the fight for right of way along the north bank of the Columbia, and any road wanting to come down the river must buy right of way from the Northern Pacific.

Newton C. Dougherty, superintendent of the Peoria, Ill., schools has been indicted for forgery. He has raised the face of hundreds of checks and issued false papers. His operations cover a period of 20 years.

Yellow fever is on the wane in the South.

Russian universities may close to stop political agitation.

Missouri will shut out the New York Life Insurance company.

Beef packers will plead not guilty and enter another demurrer.

Tammany has renominated McClellan for mayor and adopted a municipal ownership plank.

The municipal ownership party in Chicago threatens to hang aldermen.

Cuba has made a commercial treaty with Great Britain against America's interests.

The government will purchase instruments for the equipment of a brass band on the isthmus.

Jerome announced that a special grand jury will be called in New York to investigate high grafters.

Pat Crowe says he had planned to kidnap John D. Rockefeller and hold him for a ransom of \$2,000,000.

Gold in the Tanana.

Vancouver, B. C., Oct. 10.—Arrivals from Dawson say authentic information comes from Tanana, Alaska, that 200 miles from Tanana the richest gold strike ever made in the north had been made on a creek 20 miles long. Three men made the discovery, and, returning to Tanana, undertook to lead 25 friends to the creek, but first obliged them to legally bind themselves to give half their profits to the discoverers. The dirt is said to run \$10 to \$12 to the pan, and the news has caused much excitement at Tanana.

Effective When Signed.

Washington, Oct. 10.—The treaty of peace between Russia and Japan will become effective upon its approval without awaiting the formal exchange of ratifications at Washington.

This information was imparted at the Japanese legation today. This course has been decided upon in order that the speediest possible termination of the war may be had. As soon as it has been signed, this fact will be communicated to the State department, and this government will apprise each emperor of the act of the other.

Loss at Least \$20,000.

Santa Barbara, Cal., Oct. 10.—At 8 o'clock tonight Forest Supervisor Slosson gave out the statement that the fire which has been raging in the mountains since last Saturday night is now under control, although a strong wind might again spread the flames to new localities. The property loss as a result of the fire is variously estimated from \$20,000 to \$100,000, but the former figure is believed to be nearest correct.

FIGHT IN SENATE

Rate Bill Will Not Easily Pass in Upper House.

LOWER HOUSE WITH PRESIDENT

View of Representative Hull, of Iowa, One of President's Friends, in the Matter.

Washington, Oct. 10.—"There is going to be a lively fight at the coming session of congress over the railroad rate problem, and the house will go with the president." That is the view of Representative Hull, of Iowa, chairman of the committee on military affairs, and a man well posted on legislative matters.

Mr. Hull, being an experienced lawmaker, and a careful man, will not venture a prediction as to what the senate will do with the rate question, but after a conference with the president, he declares that Mr. Roosevelt is as determined as ever that congress shall act in a manner to cure the "railroad evil," and he is satisfied that the administration will leave no stone unturned to accomplish this result.

Mr. Hull is one of those men who take little stock in the declarations of such men as Senator Elkins, when they come out and announce that the senate will very promptly pass a railroad rate bill. He knows, as other practical men know, that the senate is not apt to do any such thing; he knows Mr. Elkins well enough to be aware that this is his method of campaign. In his own state, where other Republicans are seeking to wrest the senatorship from Mr. Elkins, the senior West Virginia senator has cleverly thrown out a sop to every faction in his party; he has endeavored to make it appear that he is in sympathy with every party leader, and is working for his interests. At the same time, Mr. Elkins is manipulating affairs in West Virginia in a manner that will undoubtedly result in his own re-election, and the overthrow of every insurgent who takes sides against him.

So it is with the rate bill. Mr. Elkins professes to favor rate legislation and gives assurances that a satisfactory bill will soon pass the senate. That is to allay the prevailing fear; it is a clever move on the part of Mr. Elkins, who at heart is as anxious as any man in congress to prevent the passage of such a bill as President Roosevelt favors.

Executed by Rurales.

Guadalajara, Mex., Oct. 10.—Eleven of the bandits engaged in the hold-up of Manuel Parades, foreman of the Buena Vista mines, and his two assistants, six miles west of Hostotipaquillo, Jalisco, have been captured and shot by the rurales. It was learned that 15 men participated in the hold-up. The search for the other four bandits is still in progress. The bandits killed Parades and one assistant, wounded the other assistant and secured \$5,000, which was being taken out to the Buena Vista mines to pay the miners.

Cane Syrup Product Improved.

Washington, Oct. 9.—Government experiments into the process of cane syrup making have been brought to a successful conclusion and Secretary Wilson, of the department of Agriculture, today ordered the sale of the government factory, which was built at Waycross, Ga., three years ago for the purpose of giving a course of study to cane syrup manufacturers of Gulf states. The plant cost less than \$15,000 and resulted in the improvement of an annual production of nearly 200,000,000 gallons of syrup.

FLAMES EAT FOREST.

Many Ranches and Houses Ruined Near Santa Barbara.

Santa Barbara, Cal., Oct. 10.—Disastrous forest fires which started above Santa Barbara last night are still raging with undiminished force. Driven by a terrific wind until early this morning, the flames swept over a space five miles long and three miles wide, extending along the foothills above Montecito, Summerland and Carpenteria. Fires are now burning densely covered valleys, and the mountain sides of Toro, Romero, Ward and Fithian canyons are veritable furnaces, from which flames are shooting high into the air with a roar that can be heard for miles. Smoke in dense clouds floats over the coast, and from Ventura to Point Conception, within a radius of three miles from the center of the fire, ashes and cinders are falling like snow.

The flames have burned over 30 ranches and destroyed houses, barns and other buildings on 12 farms. Hay, grain, beans and other crops and live stock also are destroyed. The loss to the ranchers in buildings alone is estimated at \$50,000.

A vast amount of timber is destroyed and more is burning. Wires are down and roads blocked by fallen trees, so that full details of the losses are impossible. Supervisor Slosser and his assistants, with 100 volunteers, are fighting the flames, with little hope of restraining the fire in many hours. If winds spring up tonight the many magnificent homes in the Upper Montecito valley will be threatened, together with the towns of Summerland, Sereno and Carpenteria.

PROBLEM CAN BE SOLVED.

Foreign Engineers Predict Success of Panama Canal Scheme.

Panama, Oct. 10.—After breakfast with Governor Magoon and Chief Engineer Stevens, the members of the advisory board of consulting engineers of the Panama canal this morning inspected Ancon and La Boca and the canal up to Corozal, getting an idea of the swampy surroundings. At 3 o'clock this afternoon, during a terrific rain storm, they visited President Amador and members of the cabinet, meeting with a very pleasant reception.

Major General George W. Davis, chairman of the board of consulting engineers, informed the Associated Press that it would be at least a month before a report could be presented. Edouard M. Quellenac, of the Suez canal staff, Adolph Guerrard, the French delegate, and J. W. Welcker, the Dutch delegate, informed the Associated Press that they could see no problem which the engineering energy and the treasury of the United States could not solve. M. Guerrard said he thought the most difficult problem would be the control of the Chagres river and in connection with the Culebra cut, but they admitted that very good work was now in progress.

Herr Welcker was very optimistic as to the future of Panama, and said that he thought that a city bigger than Buenos Ayres would spring up here, which would be the metropolis of Central and South America.

On the Way to Savannah.

Washington, Oct. 10.—John F. Gaylor and Benjamin D. Greene, who are being taken to Savannah, Ga., to stand trial on a charge of conspiracy to defraud the government out of a large amount of money in connection with the river and harbor improvements there, passed through Washington today. They reached the city early in the morning in charge of secret service agents, who turned the two men over to United States Deputy Marshal George E. White, of Savannah, who left with them for Savannah.

Census Report on Cotton.

Washington, Oct. 10.—The Census bureau today issued a bulletin showing the production and distribution of the cotton of the United States available between September 1, 1904, and September 1, 1905, to be 14,455,994 bales.