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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.

Ex-Governor Higgins, of New York, is dead.

A new Santo Domingo treaty has been sent to the senate.

Roosevelt has a way to settle the Japanese trouble and will call on congress for help.

The British parliament is open. The king's speech forebodes war between the two houses.

Jerome will attempt to send Thaw to an insane asylum if he escapes conviction for killing White.

Fourteen persons were injured by a freight train on the Northern Pacific crashing into a passenger train near Seattle.

The San Francisco unions which struck against the street car company will win their point through an arbitration board.

The Hermann jury is almost complete. This is for the trial of the representative for burning letter books while in the general land office.

In twelve states Lincoln's birthday is a legal holiday and February 12 was appropriately remembered. The states are: New York, Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, Illinois, Massachusetts, Minnesota, New Jersey, North Dakota, Pennsylvania, Washington and Wyoming.

Nicaragua is preparing to invade Honduras.

A revolt against the government is on in Persia.

Ex-Governor Higgins, of New York, is again failing in health.

Boers are gradually securing control of the Transvaal parliament.

A Clinton, N. C., grand jury has indicted a number of county officials for embezzlement.

The break in the Colorado river has been closed and no water is now going into the Salton Sink.

Great Northern and Northern Pacific traffic is still badly crippled between Spokane and the Sound.

Venezuelan officials are accused of grafting by an American. Parades have begun his revolution on Castro.

The Canadian Pacific has just declared a dividend of 2 per cent for the half year ending last December.

The United States Circuit court at San Francisco has just put an end to another get-rich-quick concern, the Cumulative Trust Co., of Washington.

The Minnesota attorney general has commenced proceedings to compel 10 railroads in that state to adopt a reduction in freight rates ordered by the State Railroad commission.

Baton Rouge, La., has a case similar to the Thaw shooting.

The house committee has a substitute for Roosevelt's plan of leasing coal land.

The South Carolina legislature has passed a bill to discontinue the state liquor dispensary.

Russian authorities have arrested a number of girls attending a seminary for complicity in riotous acts.

The postmaster general of Canada has barred from the mails papers giving the Thaw evidence in detail.

Sensors Fulton and Bourne are confident there will be no change in the timber laws the present session of congress.

The senate has started an inquiry regarding United States occupancy of Cuba. The senators want to know how long the tenure is to last.

A number of Indiana cities where municipal ownership is in force have asked the legislature for relief. Poor service and heavy taxes are the cause, coupled with poor management.

Oil dealers all over the country have received notice of a raise of one-half cent a gallon in oil products. In one year this means \$40,000,000 to the Standard Oil company. Rockefeller has just given away \$32,000,000.

Taft says the people favor a contract system for the Panama canal.

A personal feud may cause war between Guatemala and Salvador.

Colons are talking of fighting America because the rural guards have been increased.

The country home of Wanmaker, near Philadelphia, has burned, entailing a loss of \$1,000,000.

Harrison says he may seek a job on the Interstate Commerce commission.

The San Francisco chamber of commerce is said to oppose separate schools.

Japan has asked permission to decorate the American ambassadors to Russia and Japan during the recent war.

Hill says he may double track the Great Northern its entire length in order to accommodate the fast growing business.

Fulton has asked the government to provide two dredges for the Pacific coast, one for Oregon and one for Washington.

Both the Russian and Japanese governments will erect memorials at Port Arthur to their fallen soldiers in the defense and capture of that fortress.

The Brazilian government is to send a squadron to the United States for a friendly call. It is announced that all negroes will be taken from the ships before they start.

The French cabinet proposes an income tax to relieve the poor.

OPERATORS DEFIANT.

Western Union Employees at Chicago Favor a Strike.

Chicago, Feb. 12.—Open defiance of the Western Union Telegraph company was voiced at a mass meeting of its employees held in Musicians' hall, 134 Van Buren street, this afternoon. More than 800 operators were packed into the hall, and many of them favored calling an immediate strike on the company unless the men who have recently been discharged for joining the union are at once reinstated.

Resolutions practically announcing their membership in the Commercial Telegraphers' Union of America were adopted by the operators, and the executive committee of the union was instructed to notify the company that a continuation of its alleged discriminatory attitude will be resented.

President S. J. Small and Secretary Wesley Russell of the national organization attended the meeting and urged the men in the local office of the Western Union company not to take hasty action until the union is ready to act in all large cities. President Small said after the meeting that the operators in 22 cities had joined in the movement and that if a strike were declared it would not be confined to Chicago.

The men have been secretly organizing for about two years, and President Small asserts that recently nine old employees of the company have been discharged in the local office because of their activity in union affairs.

FINDS SECRET OF PORCELAIN.

Director of Severs Rediscovered Process of Making "Tendre" Ware.

Paris, Feb. 12.—M. George Vogt, director of the artistic department of the national factory of porcelain, at Sevres, has just made a discovery which will entirely change the present art of porcelain manufacture.

There are two kinds of porcelain, the hard and the "tendre." The secret of the manufacture of the latter was first discovered by the Chinese and occupied the attention of the chemists of all Europe during the sixteenth, seventeenth and eighteenth centuries. At first all attempts to discover the formula were without result, but at last success was attained, the "tendre" porcelain was discovered and perfected.

This delicate porcelain reigned supreme until in 1710 a new porcelain was invented in Saxony. This Saxon porcelain, if less delicate and less rich in decoration, had the advantage over the "tendre" of being stronger and more pliable. Large objects could be made in it which were not possible in the "tendre." Little by little the manufacture of the "tendre" was abandoned and with it disappeared all the charming little objects which could not be made in hard porcelain. At last the secret was lost and for over a century ceramists sought to rediscover it, but without success.

Now M. Vogt has discovered the secret of making it and also how to make it more durable and pliable, which will enable him to overcome all the difficulties which beset the manufacture of the "tendre" in former times.

RIOTERS BEAT ITALIANS.

Assault on Motorman Enrages Passengers on Streetcar.

San Francisco, Feb. 12.—Police reserves were called out tonight to quell a streetcar riot on Sutter street between Fillmore and Desiderado streets. The motorman of an outbound Sutter street car, obeying an order recently issued by the United Railroads, stopped his car because four Italians persisted in hanging onto the running board on the locked side of the car. They were finally induced by angry passengers to come inside, and the motorman threw on the current.

One of the Italians then stepped up behind the motorman and knocked him senseless with a blow of his fist. A quickwitted passenger succeeded in bringing the car to a stop within the block, and the passengers, about 100 in number, proceeded to give the Italians a fearful beating. The police reserves were called out, and they had to use their clubs to restore order.

Chehalis Creamery Sold.

Chehalis, Wash., Feb. 12.—Nelson & Justesen have sold the Chehalis creamery to O. Brewer, who recently came here from the northern part of the state. The creamery here has been a success ever since it was started, the business having grown with the development of dairying in the Chehalis and Newaukum valleys. During 1906 over 25,000 pounds more butter was made here than during the previous year. The Chehalis is milk condensing plant is now receiving almost an even 2,000 pounds of milk daily.

First Train in Weeks.

Missoula, Mont., Feb. 12.—The first train from Wallace, Idaho, to Missoula for two weeks arrived today. The snow blockade on the Coeur d'Alene branch of the Northern Pacific has been the worst ever experienced. In many places the road was covered by 40 feet of snow, particularly in the Bitter Root mountains. The train which arrived today had four feet of snow on top, from which had been judged the amount of snowfall during the time the trains were held up in the drifts. Although now clear, there is still grave danger.

Women Enter a Protest.

Chattanooga, Tenn., Feb. 12.—Women of this city met today and protested against the printing of the details of the Thaw murder case and similar court proceedings. The protest was made "in the interest of the sanctity of our homes and the purity of our children, and to protest against the minute and detailed accounts given in these daily papers of the sensational and scandalous proceedings of the criminal court."

Cut the Tariff on Wheat.

City of Mexico, Feb. 12.—Fearing a wheat famine in the country in consequence of the bad crops, the Finance department has considerably decreased the customary duties on wheat imported from the United States. The duty that wheat will have to pay from February 15 to June 1 will be \$1.50 for 100 kilograms.

IN THE NATIONAL HALLS OF CONGRESS

Tuesday, February 12.

Washington, Feb. 12.—The senate occupied the day in argument of the bill granting the government the right to take an appeal on points of law in criminal cases. No action was taken on the measure.

The District of Columbia appropriation bill, carrying \$10,724,523, an increase of \$687,298 over the amount as passed by the house, was taken up and notice has been given that the bill will be put on its passage tomorrow.

Washington, Feb. 12.—After the passage of a number of bills under unanimous consent the house today resolved itself into committee of the whole to consider the naval appropriations bill. A number of recommendations of the committee were adopted, and the bill was amended on points of minor detail. The appropriations bill, the fortifications appropriations bill, and the omnibus light-house bill were sent to conference.

The naval appropriation bill was considered by sections under the five-minute rule.

Monday, February 11.

Washington, Feb. 11.—The senate today passed the army appropriation bill, carrying \$81,600,000. The amendment which permitted the government to accept reduced rates on army supplies and permitted army officers to enlist men to accept reduced rates of transportation and an amendment increasing by 20 per cent the pay of officers and enlisted men were defeated on points of order.

Washington, Feb. 11.—Bills relating to the government of the District of Columbia were considered in the house today. The house in committee of the whole favored a flat 4-cent street railway fare, together with a provision for eight tickets for 25 cents in the District of Columbia, but in the house the amendment was defeated. Thereupon "no quorum" was made and the house adjourned at 5:10.

Saturday, February 9.

Washington, Feb. 9.—After conferring with Speaker Cannon and with the committee on rules, Chairman Foss of the naval affairs committee, asked the house to consider general debate upon the naval appropriation bill closed, so that, when the bill is again taken up, it may be under the five-minute rule for amendment. Mr. Foss urged that the house pay heed to the passing of the days and the approaching adjournment of congress. The house then adjourned out of respect to the memory of Mr. Rixey.

Washington, Feb. 9.—The adoption of an amendment authorizing the secretary of war to supply militia for the various states with arms and equipment used by the regular army created considerable discussion in the senate today.

The senate passed the omnibus light-house bill, which carries Senator Fulton's amendments for Cape Blanco and Cape Arago. The bill also carries \$30,000 for a lighthouse at Eliza Island, Bellingham bay, and \$125,000 for a lighthouse on Cross Point, Alaska.

Friday, February 8.

Washington, Feb. 8.—A new high record in the way of passage of private pension bills was made by the house today, when 725 bills were passed in an hour and a half.

The naval appropriation bill, carrying \$95,425,000, was taken up and under the order of general debate speeches were made by Lamar of Florida, who reported railroad rate bill, Higgins of Connecticut favoring the creation of the White Mountain and Appalachian forest reserves, and Mondell of Wyoming on the "limitations of Federal authority" and the withdrawal of coal lands from entry.

Washington, Feb. 8.—The senate today passed the Indian appropriation bill. Enraged made an address maintaining the rights of the Indian army appropriation bill, carrying a total of \$81,500,000 was taken up.

The army measure was partly read for approval of committee amendments and adjournment was taken shortly before 6 o'clock, when it became apparent that considerable debate was to be occasioned by an amendment to permit the government to receive reduced rates from the railroads for the transportation of troops.

Says Town Fired on Hospital.

Washington, Feb. 12.—The "shooting up" of Brownsville was in the form of an attack on the garrison at Fort Brown, according to the testimony given today by Mingo Sanders, ex-first sergeant of Company B, of the Twenty-fifth infantry. Sanders said that while he was running from his quarters to Company B barracks, after being awakened by firing on the night of August 13, the shooting was going on, and it came from the town and was toward the hospital on the military reservation.

Seeks a Terminus.

San Francisco, Feb. 6.—Strakenouch, manager of the Osaka Shosen Kaisha Steamship company, arrived yesterday on the America Maru from Yokohama for the purpose of selecting a Pacific Coast terminal for his line. The company operates freight steamers Shanghai, Formosa and Hongkong, and is desirous of extending its line to the coast. Manager Strakenouch will look into the facilities here and will also visit Portland, Seattle and Tacoma, and perhaps Santiago, before deciding.

Berry Favors Excluding Smoot.

Washington, Feb. 12.—Berry, of Arkansas, addressed the senate yesterday in opposition to Smoot's retention of his seat. Berry disclaimed any political or religious prejudice which might contribute to his opposition. He confined his argument primarily to a discussion of the constitutional power of the senate to exclude Smoot, holding that any senator "could be excluded by a majority vote of the members of that body."

tion of troops and supplies for the army and to allow army officers and their families to accept free transportation. The adoption of this amendment would be a modification of the railroad rate bill passed at the last session of congress.

Thursday, February 7.

Washington, Feb. 7.—The house today completed and passed the river and harbor appropriation bill, carrying more than \$80,000,000, with sundry amendments, all of which were suggested by the chairman of the committee, Burton. Among the important amendments adopted were:

For the maintenance and continuing of the improvement of the Chicago river, \$200,000 being an increase of \$180,000.

A survey of the Missouri river was authorized, from its mouth to Sioux City. A bill amending the naval appropriation bill was taken up and made the continuing order.

Washington, Feb. 7.—The Indian appropriation bill received rough handling by the senate today. The amendments of the committee, especially those suggested by the special committee which went to the Indian Territory last summer to investigate conditions, were nearly all rejected on points of order.

The provision which allowed full-blood Indians of the Indian Territory to sell their surplus land was defeated by a vote of 31 to 32, which leaves in force the provision of the law known as the McCumber amendment, prohibiting the alienation of such land for 25 years.

The debate on the bill today was confined to the amendment allowing land alienation. Stone made the principal speech for the amendment and Spooner the principal argument against it.

Wednesday, February 6.

Washington, Feb. 6.—The Indian appropriation bill again was in the role of discussion by the senate today, but little progress was made. The day was spent in a discussion of the proposition to repeal the restrictions on the alienation of surplus land in the Indian Territory. No conclusion was reached on this matter when the senate adjourned.

Washington, Feb. 6.—The advocates of a 14-foot channel for the Mississippi river from Chicago to St. Louis and the gulf met defeat when the house in committee of the whole, during consideration of the rivers and harbors appropriation bill, voted to stand by the recommendation of the committee in opposition to the project. Although there was much speechmaking on the part of the friends of the measure, they secured only 43 votes for the amendment, as against 415 against it.

Earlier in the day (yell of Pennsylvania offered an amendment providing for the continuance of work on dam No. 7 on the Ohio river, but it was defeated on a test vote which showed that the chairman of the rivers and harbors committee, Burton, had a large majority of the house with him as to any amendment to the bill.

After completing 72 pages of the bill the house adjourned.

May Kill New Judgeships.

Washington, Feb. 9.—It is understood that the conference committee may kill Senator Foss' bill authorizing the appointment of two additional circuit judges for the Ninth circuit. This bill was attached as a rider to the less important California bill, reported a few days ago, and the conference committee threatens to kill the rider. There is a desire to force the Foss bill to stand upon its merits, and a strong disposition in the house to kill the bill entirely. If the bill fails, Judge Hanford, of Seattle, will get no promotion.

Will Not Raise Salaries.

Washington, Feb. 9.—Chairman Payne, of the house ways and means committee, after a brief visit to the president today, expressed the opinion that there was no chance at this session of congress for the enactment of legislation increasing the compensation of government employees, as is proposed in a bill now before congress. He declared there was no need of a blanket increase of salaries and that as a rule the government employees were amply paid.

Eight Hours for Canal.

Washington, Feb. 12.—Chairman Shonts, Secretary Taft and R. R. Rogers, general counsel for the Isthmian Canal commission, were before the house committee on interstate and foreign commerce today. Mr. Rogers and Mr. Taft both stated that the eight hour law would apply on the isthmus under the proposed contract. When Mr. Rogers was asked what the total amount probably would be on which the contractor would receive per centage, he said he had made no estimate.

Steamers in Dire Peril.

Hallifax, N. S., Feb. 6.—Two unknown ocean steamers, one of which is known to be disabled and the other thought to be disabled and the other thought to be disabled, are anchored tonight in a dangerous position at Ketch harbor, a few miles west of this city, and the lives of those on board are in peril. The ships are less than a quarter of a mile off shore and within 100 yards of the breakers. A tremendous sea is running. The steamers have fired several guns and are sending up rockets, but owing to the terrific sea no aid could be given the vessels tonight.

Gets Title to Rich Mines.

San Francisco, Feb. 6.—Title to mines in the Ferguson district of Nevada, was won today by Joseph De Lamar, through a decision rendered by Superior Judge Seawell. The Utah Nevada Mining company was plaintiff and sought to dispossess De Lamar from the Monitor and Jim Crow groups of mines. The company alleged that since Lamar has been in possession \$13,000,000 worth of ore has been taken from these mines.

JAPAN NEEDS SEVERE LESSON.

High German Official Regrets America Yields to Upstarts.

Berlin, Feb. 11.—The anxiety of President Roosevelt to accede to the demands of the Japanese in the California school question has created a very bad impression here, especially in military and diplomatic circles, where the whole affair has been watched from the beginning.

A very high official in the foreign department, who is closer than any other man to the minister of foreign affairs, yesterday said:

"It is a great pity that a great nation like America shall be forced by circumstances to give in to these Japanese upstarts, who will now grow more conceited than ever."

"It is evident that Japan is trying to pick a quarrel with the United States, and that a conflict is bound to come, for it is the purpose of the Japanese to drive every white power out of the Far East. I have no doubt that, if America had a strong navy today, your president's reply to the mikado's ultimatum would have had another sound, but under the circumstances, the United States is too weak to risk the loss of its prestige in a war in which Japan would have every advantage, and when you would be unable to defend either Hawaii or the Philippines."

"Germany also has important interests in the East, and while the German government will use every effort to build a mighty navy, the defiant attitude of Japan at many occasions since Russia's defeat is one of the principal reasons."

"These yellow devils, whose civilization is of the most superficial nature, will never cease to cause trouble until they have been taught a severe lesson with the sword."

WILL BE RECORD SESSION.

Oregon Legislature Will Approropriate About \$5,000,000.

Salem, Feb. 11.—Unless the legislative pruning knife is applied wisely and discriminately, the present legislature will win for itself the designation of the "45,000,000 session." Bills carrying outright appropriations aggregating \$4,800,166.91 have been introduced to date, and there remain two weeks of the session in which further demands on the treasury may be made.

At any rate, the indications are that the appropriations of the present legislature will establish a new record.

Of this gigantic total, the committee on ways and means has recommended favorably bills carrying appropriations to the amount of \$2,439,200.96.

There are pending in the two houses other measures carrying \$2,348,965.95, and but one bill making an appropriation, and that for the state library commission, and carrying \$12,000, has passed both houses. In conjunction with this estimate of the possible expenditures of the people's money, there is not included the probable cost to the state of numerous boards and commissions. It is proposed to create on a per diem basis. Neither do the figures given include the cost to the state if either of the numerous bills providing bounties for the scalp of wild animals is passed. With scarcely an exception these measures impose on the state a portion of the bounties that are proposed to be paid. Another item of expense not included is that entailed in the bill providing for the purchase of voting machines.

REPUBLICS WON'T MAKE UP.

Honduras and Nicaragua Said to be on Verge of War.

Washington, Feb. 11.—Advises received at the State department late today to the gravity of the Central American situation. It was reported that the arbitration which has been going on in San Salvador for the adjustment of the difficulties between Honduras and Nicaragua had been abruptly terminated and war was pending.

Costa Rica and Salvador have joined their efforts to those of the United States and Mexico to prevent a war in Central America as the result of the political friction between Honduras and Nicaragua. Senator Salvo, of the Costa Rican minister, assured State department officials today that his government, after communicating with that of Salvador, had made representations to the opposing governments to induce them to refrain from hostilities.

Finish Work on Hand Fiat.

Washington, Feb. 11.—Senator Fulton has been urged to effect an amendment to the river and harbor bill authorizing the survey of the Columbia river between the mouth of the Willamette and the Dalles rapids with a view to further improvement. He has decided that this is imprudent, for it is necessary during the next few years to concentrate efforts on completing the big projects now under way, for the Columbia river below the Dalles will not accommodate all commerce that can pass through the Cello canal.

Appointment Wickersham Again.

Washington, Feb. 11.—It is understood on good authority that the president will soon send in the nomination of Judge James Wickersham of Alaska, though with no expectation that it will be confirmed this session. Wickersham's old enemies, Senators Nelson and McCumber, can prevent confirmation at this late day. Wickersham, if he fails of confirmation, will get another recess appointment in March and the charges against him will be again investigated, this time by Assistant Attorney General A. W. Cooley.

For World's Fair in 1913.

Sacramento, Feb. 11.—The movement to hold a world's fair in San Francisco in 1913, the 400th anniversary of the discovery of the Pacific ocean, to surpass any exposition that has been held in this country, was given an impetus today. The legislature has been asked to appropriate \$3,000,000 for the projected Pacific Ocean exposition. Congress, it is expected, will appropriate \$3,000,000 and a like amount is to be raised by the people.

Congressman Rixey Dies.

Washington, Feb. 11.—John Franklin Rixey, the Virginia congressman, died Saturday at the residence of his brother, Surgeon General Rixey, of the navy, in this city. Death was due to tuberculosis.

PROCEEDINGS OF OREGON LEGISLATURE

Tuesday, February 12.

Salem, Feb. 12.—The senate today indefinitely postponed Bailey's bills changing the primary law. The vote was so decisive as to make it clear that the law will remain as it is.

The senate also voted down the constitutional amendment to be submitted to the people granting woman suffrage. With but one dissenting vote the house passed the bill compelling the sale at \$2.50 an acre of land granted the Coos Bay Wagon Road company according to the terms of the grant.

A bill has been introduced in the house creating Hood River county from the western part of Wasco county.

The senate has cut the allowance for the Agricultural college to \$37,500, a reduction of \$12,500.

The habitual criminal bill passed the house today. It provides that on second conviction of a crime equal to felony the punishment shall be double the sentence provided by statute.

The senate passed the Bingham railroad commission bill and tabled Chapman's measure. The Bingham bill provides for appointment by the governor. The house tabled this bill. Except for the method of choosing members the two bills are alike.

The house passed the bill providing for the state buying ground and erecting armories for the National Guard instead of paying rent as at present.

A bill appropriating \$25,000 for the support of orphans, foundlings and wayward girls was passed by the house.

The house also passed a bill making eight hours a day's work for mechanics performing labor for the state or counties.

Monday, February 11.

Salem, Feb. 11.—By unanimous vote the Chapin railroad commission bill passed the house today. At the June election in 1908 two of the three commissioners will be elected by the people. The third will be elected in 1910.

Until then the governor, secretary of state and treasurer will appoint members. It is probable the house will accept the bill as it came from the house.

The house passed the bill providing for a cheese and dairy inspector and a creamery and dairy commissioner. The appointees are to receive salaries of \$1,500 each and expense allowances of \$1,000 per year.

The bill making appropriations for Drain, Weston and Ashland normal schools was favorably reported to the house. The three schools are to receive \$112,000 if the bill should become law.

The measure appropriating \$100,000 for the Seattle exposition was also favorably reported.

The proposed banking law is causing the senate much concern.

The juvenile court bill is now in the hands of the governor. He may veto it as he considers too much expense would be attached to it as a law. Multnomah county would be put to an annual expense of \$10,920.

The house passed a bill to tax timber land in proportion to the amount of timber it contains.

The bill providing "no seat, half fare" was voted down by the house.

The measure giving the state university \$125,000 a year was passed by the house.

The senate passed a bill providing \$60,000 for extensions to the portage road.

Friday, February 8.

Salem, Feb. 8.—The house this morning passed a bill revoking all franchises in cities granted by the state, and placing the power of renewal entirely in the hands of the various municipalities.

Hopes of Hood River for the creation of a new county in its territory were glimmering when the senate this afternoon indefinitely postponed the bill creating Cascade county.

Among the bills passed by the senate today were: For voting machines, making it a felony to entice a child under 18 years for immoral purposes, and appropriating \$15,000 for the experimental station at Union.

The proposed change in the primary election law will be referred to the people for their decision according to a clause today inserted by Bailey, its author.

By just one vote the house today granted the request for the people to again vote on the woman suffrage question.

The remainder of the session will be strenuous for the lawmakers. No other legislative session in years was further behind in its work than the assembly now doing business at the capital city.

President Haines was presented with a gavel today similar to that given Speaker Davey a few days ago.

In the senate today five new bills were introduced. The senate has received 207 bills and the house 369.

Thursday, February 7.

Salem, Feb. 7.—The senate today voted to create a board of regents to select two normals to be continued and to abolish the others. As the house has turned down two similar bills it is doubtful if the senate bill will get