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EVENTS OF THE DAY

Comprehensive Review of the Important Happenings of the Past Week, Presented in Condensed Form, Most Likely to Prove Interesting.

Japan has outbid Russia for two warships nearing completion in Italy.

Postmaster Bancroft will not be removed from the Portland postoffice.

Whateom and Fairhaven have united and will be known as Bellingham in the future.

Santo Domingo has now two revolutionary governments and foreigners fear they will suffer.

The Japanese commissioner to the St. Louis fair says Japan will make no concessions to Russia.

Ghouls robbed many of the dead in the Michigan train wreck. The death list has been swelled to 21.

Russia is not prepared for war and may await a more favorable time, although she is buying large quantities of stores.

The Colombian charge at Washington has little hope of receiving a favorable answer and is preparing to close the legation.

During the present session of congress the navy will be materially strengthened. When the additions already authorized are completed the United States will have a more powerful navy than any other nation except Great Britain.

Italy has recognized the new republic of Panama.

Japan will send a large force to Corea to end rioting.

A severe cold wave has swept the East and Middle West.

Russia will probably modify her demands rather than go to war.

Japan is buying large quantities of lead for the manufacture of bullets.

The United States has ordered a gunboat to Corea to protect the American minister.

Efforts are being redoubled to have China ratify the trade treaties with the United States.

The Colombian charge will quit Washington if Secretary Hay ignores Colombian demands.

Large patent medicine manufacturers will, the first of the year, take measures to establish uniform prices.

Chief Newell, of the reclamation service, will visit Oregon and confer with the people about irrigation projects.

The Far Eastern situation is very threatening.

Britain will aid Japan if she goes to war with Russia.

The Colombian force which landed on the Island of Pines will have to go.

A lone masked man robbed a gambling room at The Dalles of about \$1,000.

Chicago liverymen have decided to fight the union hearse drivers to a finish.

The bakers of Paris have gone on a strike and the situation has assumed a serious aspect.

General Reyes has warned Colombia that war on Panama means war on the United States.

The Yosemite national park cannot be used as a storage reservoir for San Francisco water supply.

Governor Taft has left Manila for the United States. He was given an enthusiastic farewell on leaving.

Rear Admiral Walker believes force of marines now at Panama is sufficient, but two more battalions will probably be sent.

Colombians at Bogota are holding nightly warlike demonstrations.

The contract has been let for the Alaska building at the St. Louis fair. It is to cost \$13,897.

European powers will endorse America if she refuses to allow Panama matter to be submitted to The Hague tribunal.

Senator Hanna will retire as chairman of the national Republican committee and Roosevelt wants Root to succeed him.

Rockefeller has just given Chicago university \$1,580,000.

Scenes at Washington resemble those preceding the Spanish-American war.

The strike of Chicago hearse drivers continues to seriously interfere with funerals.

Revision of the Dreyfus case and his restoration to grade in the army seems assured.

Britain and France have redoubled efforts to prevent war between Japan and Russia.

LOOT UNDER FIRE.

Daring Robbery of Bank at Kiowa, Indian Territory.

South M'Alister, T. T., Dec. 30.—A gang of five bank robbers looted the bank in Kiowa, a small town 16 miles north of here, at 3 o'clock this morning and escaped after several hundred shots had been exchanged between the robbers and a posse of 50 citizens of Kiowa.

The robbers dynamited the safe and secured \$2,800 in cash, some of which is believed to have been mutilated by the explosion. The bank building was partially wrecked, the damage to the building being about \$1,500.

An entrance to the bank was gained by the use of crowbars through a rear window. While two of the men did the work of blowing up the safe, three stayed outside as guards. The first explosion was a failure, making a loud report but doing little damage. The citizens heard the noise, and arming themselves with revolvers and shotguns, hurried to the bank.

At the command of a leader of the citizens a volley was fired at the robbers, who were visible through the shutters. The fire was returned by the guards secreted on the outside.

While the two men on the inside worked, the three men on the outside kept up a steady fire with the posse of citizens. It took three explosions to open the safe. After the last explosion the burglars gathered up their tools and leaving through the front of the bank got away in the dark.

The posse followed the gang for a distance but lost the trail. While some of the citizens believe one robber was injured not one of the citizens was struck. The latter were protected from the fire of the robbers by stock pens in the rear of the bank building.

A posse of United States marshals is in pursuit, with little chance of immediate results, as the men had several hours' start.

OUTLOOK OMINOUS.

War Party Gaining Strength in Japan—China Would Be Neutral.

Pekin, Dec. 30.—The opinion entertained by the best informed diplomats in Peking, that war between Russia and Japan is probable and almost inevitable, remains unchanged.

Nothing has been received here to corroborate the special dispatches from Tokio which said that the Japanese government was adopting an imperative tone in pressing for speedy reply to this last note. The report is not believed.

Official communications received here from high sources say that the Japanese war party is growing in strength and is bringing all its influence to bear upon the government. The Chinese board of war has ordered the viceroys to furnish full information as to the numbers of foreign trained troops available for active service. The viceroys of three of the central provinces in response have reported that 90,000 such troops are in readiness. This unquestionably, is a remarkable exaggeration, as the great majority of the foreign trained troops exist only on paper.

The dowager empress has issued an edict at the request of Prince Ching, appointing several unknown and probably inexperienced officials as heads of army departments. One such has been appointed director of training, another has been given command of the department of instruction, while a third has been put in charge of the department which has to do with the supply of ammunition.

JAPAN WILL SAFEGUARD COREA.

Russia Must Modify Her Answer at Once to Avert Such Action.

Tokio, Dec. 30.—An extraordinary meeting of the privy council today approved the issue by the cabinet of an emergency ordinance authorizing the guarantee of the principal and interest of an issue of 10,000,000 yen debentures for the purpose of expediting the work on the Seoul-Fusan railway, which is expected to be finished by the end of the year. The ordinance also provides for all possible military expenses for the protection of the railway and other interests.

Russia Closely Watching China.

New York, Dec. 30.—The Russian government is noting with the closest attention and keenest interest the uncommon energy now being shown by the Chinese in making warlike preparations under the guidance of a large number of Japanese instructors, cables the Herald's St. Petersburg correspondent. This has grown so serious as to come into the first line of Russia's circulations, broadening out the situation on new lines. Such a complication would bring into place the Franco-Russian and Anglo-Japanese treaties.

Panama's Stand on Debt.

Washington, Dec. 30.—The statement of M. Bunau-Varilla, the Panama minister, that his government is willing to assume a portion of the Colombian debt, has been received at the British embassy and transmitted by cable to the London government for its consideration.

FEAR FOR JEWS

SECOND MASSACRE AT KISHINEF APPEARS VERY PROBABLE.

January 7 Has Been Set as the Date—Jewish Societies Will Appeal to Roosevelt—Harmony Club of Seattle Asks Aid of Chief Executive in Behalf of Those Threatened.

Washington, Dec. 30.—With the view of enlisting the immediate and active interest of the United States against the reported contemplated massacre of Jews in Russia on January 7, the Russian, New Year, Simon Wolf, representing the United Jew societies, tomorrow will lay before the state department an appeal in behalf of his people representing to him thus to be threatened.

Following his visit to the state department, Mr. Wolf will be received by President Roosevelt, at which time the whole subject of the status of the Jews in Russia will be discussed.

Seattle Club Makes Appeal.

Seattle, Dec. 30.—The Harmony club of Seattle, composed of 314 of the most prominent Jews in this city, has sent messages of appeal to President Roosevelt, the members of the Washington delegation in congress and William R. Hearst, of New York, asking aid and intercession in behalf of the Jews who are in danger of a massacre in Kishinef, January 7. The text of the telegram to the president which is indorsed by Governor McBride, of Washington, follows:

"The Harmony club, consisting of 314 Jewish citizens of Seattle, appeal to your excellency to intercede in behalf of Jews of Kishinef, threatened with massacre January 7.

"Harmony Club.
"By M. Summerfield, chairman."

AGAINST REPEAL OF LAND LAW.

Mondell Argues for Amendment of the Timber and Stone Act.

Washington, Dec. 30.—Representative Mondell, of Wyoming, chairman of the irrigation committee, today appeared before the public lands committee and presented an argument in favor of a modification of the timber and stone act. He stoutly opposed the outright repeal of this law or its radical modification, for he showed it was the mainstay of the national irrigation act and afforded the great bulk of money that is converted into the reclamation fund. He furthermore asserted there has been no such extensive frauds perpetrated under this law as has been represented by certain department officials and in the newspapers.

Mr. Mondell believes the timber and stone act should be amended so as to permit the government to realize a higher price for its public timber land in Oregon, Washington and California, where this land is worth more than \$2.50 an acre, but he stoutly objects to having the price raised on timber lands in the inter-mountain states.

Chairman Lacey, of the public lands committee, also addressed the commission. He is opposed to the repeal of the timber and stone act but is willing to see the law amended so the government will derive a reasonable price for its timber lands. He thinks a fixed price per acre cannot be agreed upon, owing to the varying value of timber lands in different parts of the West.

TO AID AMERICAN SHIPS.

Strong Effort Will Be Made for Bill Concerning Philippine Trade.

Washington, Dec. 30.—Unless there is some unforeseen opposition, it is more than probable that the present session of congress will enact some legislation for the protection of American vessels trading with the Philippines. It was said today by an officer of the Newport News shipbuilding company that Senators Frye, Lodge, Hanna and other powerful leaders intend to push the bill recently introduced by the Maine senator providing for such protection. The bill is radical in its provisions, and inflicts as a penalty to forfeiture of any cargo brought to the United States from the archipelago except in American vessels. The bill, if passed, is to go into effect on July 1, 1904.

Gorge in the Alleghany.

Pittsburg, Dec. 30.—The recent cold snap has made dangerous the ice in the Alleghany river. At Rosston the gorge is an immense affair, being packed to the bottom and extending 15 miles upstream. It was formed during a thaw and the ice, breaking into small pieces, has packed all the way to the bottom, offering resistance that can scarcely be overcome. The water is now backing up and spreading over the lowlands. The gorge at Springdale still holds and but little ice is floating in either the Alleghany or Monongahela rivers.

Japan Trying to Buy Warships.

London, Dec. 30.—Japan is negotiating for the purchase of the Argentine warships Moreno and Rivadavia, now building at Genoa, Italy, but the Japanese legation has not heard of the completion of their purchase.

DEATH IN WRECK.

Head-On Train Collision in Michigan Costs 18 Lives

Grand Rapids, Mich., Dec. 29.—Eighteen are dead and 31 injured, several of them fatally, as the result of the collision early this evening of two passenger trains on the Pere Marquette railroad, one-half mile west of East Paris, about six miles east of this city. The collision, which was head on, was caused, according to a statement issued by the officials of the road at the general offices in Detroit, by the high wind blowing out the red signal lamp at McCord's, where the west-bound train, No. 5, should have stopped and received orders to pass the east-bound train at Fox. The officials deny the report that a misunderstanding of orders on the part of one of the engineers was responsible for the collision.

According to the statement of the officials, the trains were originally to have met and passed at Oakdale Park, but to help the east-bound train the dispatcher issued new orders, fixing Fox as the meeting place. The east-bound train received this order, and the west-bound train should have received the same order at McCord's. Instead it rushed by this station, and the operator there, after reporting this fact, found on going out on his platform that his red light, which had been burning two minutes before, was out, presumably extinguished by the high wind that was blowing.

The trains met with a terrible crash, the baggage and smoking cars behind each locomotive being instantly reduced to a pile of kindling wood. The engines were completely wrecked, the boiler of the engine which had pulled the east bound train being torn completely torn from the running gear and standing perpendicularly in a ditch at the side of the track.

JAPAN AFTER WARSHIPS.

Negotiations for Two Chilean Vessels are Under Way.

London, Dec. 29.—Japan is negotiating for the purchase of two Chilean warships, the armored cruiser Esmeralda and another, probably the battle ship Captain Prat, which are for sale. It is now only a matter of price. Negotiations with other South American governments for the purchase of warships are also in progress.

Baron Hayashi, the Japanese minister to Great Britain, said to a representative of the Associated Press today, relative to these negotiations:

"We want more ships. Of course, this is only a precautionary measure, and it may be a lot of expense all for nothing. I have no indication of the nature of the Russian reply. Personally I scarcely expect it will be delivered for some little time. There is no truth whatever in the report that Japan's last note stipulated a time limit."

Asked anent the dispatch from Berlin saying the British government reported to the czar that Great Britain deemed Japan's demands just, and earnestly expected that Russia would grant them, Baron Hayashi, while he was not aware of the precise action taken by Great Britain and St. Petersburg, said:

"The British government is well aware that Japan will be obliged to go to war unless Russia modifies the position she has taken in her last note."

At the foreign office here nothing is yet known of the probable nature of the Russian reply.

FIRE LAID TO MOB.

Small Blaze to Destroy Jail Causes Loss of \$35,000.

Pineapple, Ala., Dec. 29.—In their efforts to hide the lynching of Arthur Stuart, a colored prisoner, whom they secured from the jail here last night, a mob is thought to have fired the jail, which was not only destroyed by fire, but caused the loss of eight stores, two warehouses and the postoffice, valued at \$35,000. On Wednesday, P. Melton, a prominent white man, had a quarrel with some negroes, and one of them shot him. On Christmas day a negro said to be his accomplice was arrested and placed in jail, and the friends of Melton, it is alleged, swore vengeance. This morning at 4 o'clock a mob broke into the jail, and after knocking the negro in the head poured kerosene over his body and set it afire. The flames spread to adjoining buildings.

Troops Cannot Enter.

Washington, Dec. 29.—The following cablegram reached the navy department today from Rear Admiral Coghlan, at Colon: "Atlanta did not allow an armed force in Colombian territory at any time for any purpose. Two officers landed as usual with swords at invitation of Colombian generals." Admiral Coghlan also cabled the department that he would proceed to Cartagena with his flagship, the Olympia, for the purpose of bringing Minister Beaupre to Colon, on his way to the United States from Bogota.

Ex-Governor Sharp Dead.

Washington, Dec. 29.—Ex-Governor Isaac Sharp, of Kansas, died here today of an affection of the stomach, aged 71 years. He was a native of Pennsylvania, but went to Kansas in the early fifties.

SIXTY-THREE DEAD

FAST THROUGH PASSENGER TRAIN WRECKED IN PENNSYLVANIA.

Timber Which Had Fallen on Tracks From Freight Train the Cause—Number of Injured is at Least Thirty—Many Wild Scenes, and Some Even Leap into River.

Connellsville, Pa., Dec. 28.—With a terrible crash the Duquesne Limited, the fastest through passenger train from Pittsburg to New York, on the Baltimore & Ohio, plowed into a pile of lumber at Laurel Run, two miles west of Dawson, at 7:45 o'clock tonight, and it is estimated that 63 lives were lost, and 30 persons were injured.

The train left Pittsburg this evening, running a few minutes late, in charge of Engineer William Thornley, of Connellsville. When approaching Laurel Run, which is a particularly good piece of road, the train was running at a high rate of speed. Suddenly the passengers were thrown from their seats by the lightninglike application of the brakes, and a moment later there was a terrific crash.

The train was made up of two baggage cars, two day coaches, one sleeper, and one dining car, and at the time was carrying at the lowest estimate 150 passengers. The train plowed along for a considerable distance, and the cars were torn to pieces, passengers jumping, screaming and falling from the wreck as it tore along. Suddenly the engine swerved to the left and the coaches plunged down over the embankment to the edge of the Youghiogheny river.

The moment the cars stopped rolling there was a wild scene. Many persons were pinioned beneath the wreckage, and the screams and cries that rent the air were beyond description. Many were injured in their mad excitement and plunged into the river. Others, pinioned beneath the heavy timbers, pleaded in agonized tones for release. So terrific was the force of the wreck that nearly every passenger suffered a moment's unconsciousness, and many of the able-bodied men were unable to assist in helping the injured from the wreck on account of having fainted.

The wreck was caused by the breaking of castings on a carload of bridge timbers on a west bound freight train which had passed Laurel Run not more than 15 minutes before the ill-fated passenger train. The wreck occurred on a curve, and it was impossible for Engineer Thornley to see far enough ahead to detect the obstruction on the tracks.

LEGISLATURE ADJOURNS.

Three Days' Session Sufficient to Enact Needed Legislation.

Salem, Dec. 24.—The special session of the Oregon legislature ended last night at 11:15 o'clock. In a three day session the legislature accomplished all that had been desired, an achievement made possible by perfect harmony among the members.

Yesterday both houses passed the bill appropriating \$100,000 for securing a right of way for the Celilo canal, and also a number of bills of minor importance.

Killing of Chinese pheasants has been prohibited until 1906.

Ten per cent has been fixed as the maximum rate of interest to be charged upon property sold for taxes.

No person, except the person paying the same, will be permitted to maintain a suit to recover fees paid to county recorders under the invalid fee law.

A law has been passed permitting owners of water rights to condemn and appropriate the property and water rights of others for a public use.

The total cost of the session has been about \$7,500, for the payment of which an appropriation was made.

The new barracks at the soldiers' home at Roseburg will be furnished at a cost of \$2,500.

The legislature memorialized congress in favor of the Brownlow road bill which, if passed, will bring an appropriation of \$250,000 to Oregon, and also in favor of increasing salaries of rural mail carriers from \$600 to \$800 per year.

For Ratifying Treaty.

Washington, Dec. 28.—It is learned at the state department that the period of time from now until October 8 of next year is open during which the exchange of ratifications may take place between the United States and China of the commercial treaty recently ratified by the senate. The ratifications must take place in Washington. There has been some intimation that they never will take place, because secret opposition of foreign powers may cause the Chinese government to withhold its ratification of the treaty.

Authorized to Sign Treaty With Cuba.

Rome, Dec. 28.—Signor Savina, the Italian minister to Cuba, has been authorized to sign a treaty of commerce and navigation between Italy and Cuba similar to that of 1890 between Italy and Mexico and including provisions for arbitration in the case of disputes.