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### WEEK'S DOINGS

General Review of Important Happenings Presented in a Brief and Condensed Form.

St. Petersburg expects the fall of Port Arthur at any moment.

The Malheur irrigation withdrawal has been increased 26,000 acres.

Admiral Togo sowed many mines in the path of the Port Arthur fleet.

Japan is laying in great quantities of supplies for a winter campaign in Manchuria.

The Japanese navy is co-operating with the army in the final assault on Port Arthur.

Over 300,000 acres of land in Eastern Oregon in forest reserve withdrawals have been restored to entry.

Great Britain will reply to Russia that she cannot concede that the Knight Commander was sunk lawfully.

The national encampment of the G. A. R. is being held in Boston. It is estimated that 50,000 veterans are present.

The commander of the Japanese fleet is reported to have notified the Russian commander of Port Arthur that if he sinks the vessels in the harbor the town will be shelled with lyddite.

A launch turned turtle at a Potomac regatta and ten people were drowned.

Issues with Turkey have been settled, the state department scoring a victory.

Fire at New York gas tanks caused a great panic, many people in fleeing forgetting their children.

Work on the Malheur irrigation project will commence this fall. The Palouse project will be next.

The Russian flagship Czarevitch was badly damaged in the recent battle and may be dismantled at Tsing Chou.

About 345,000 acres of land in Eastern Oregon withdrawn under forest reserve order will be restored to entry.

The general attack on Port Arthur is now on. Twelve regiments of reinforcements have been sent the Japanese from Liao Yang.

Russia expresses a willingness to modify regulations regarding contraband goods providing Great Britain will agree they are binding in future wars.

The Vladivostok squadron went to the aid of the Port Arthur fleet and was badly scattered by the Japanese. The Russian navy is now practically a thing of the past.

A son and heir has been born to the Russian imperial family.

Prince Henry, of Prussia, will visit the St. Louis fair shortly.

W. J. Bryan has lost his fight for \$50,000 of the Bennett estate.

What Russian ships escaped from Port Arthur are widely scattered.

A full fledged rebellion is on in Paraguay. The rebels seem to have the upper hand.

Admiral Togo reports that nearly all of the Russian ships have returned to Port Arthur.

The Boston Steamship company has refused to take any more flour for Japan at present.

The seizure of the Russian torpedo boat at Chefoo by Japan may bring China into the war.

Yaqui Indians have gone on the war-path and Northwestern Mexico anticipates a reign of terror.

Rioting as a result of the packers' strike at Chicago is increasing. Unions will ask Mayor Harrison to end the struggle.

Whitecaps are terrorizing Cripple Creek.

A North Carolina mine was suddenly flooded and eight men drowned.

The owners of the German steamer Thea will appeal from the decision of the prize court.

Two Japanese torpedo boats entered Chefoo harbor in the night and towed the Russian cruiser Ryeshitelni away.

The Russian Port Arthur fleet is believed to have eluded Admiral Togo and joined the Vladivostok squadron.

Great Britain is far from satisfied with the finding of the prize court in the case of the steamer Knight Commander.

A Russian military expert argues that Kuropatkin cannot afford to leave Liao Yang on account of the stores and fortifications.

Secretary Hay will address a strong note to Russia regarding the seizure of the steamer Arabia, Minister McCormick's report showing her to be in the wrong. It is probable Russia will pay for all the cargo taken promptly, as the czar's troops can use it.

### FEAR OF SHARKS.

No More Reserves to Be Created in the State of Oregon.

Washington, Aug. 17.—The interior department will not create any more forest reserves in Oregon at this time because it is afraid in so doing it would open up endless opportunities for lieu land operators.

This is the explanation given today by an official who is handling forestry matters under Secretary Hitchcock's direction. While the bureau of forestry, recommending the establishment of Blue mountain reserve, has carefully drawn its boundaries so as to exclude practically all private holdings, yet if a reserve should be created on those lines, the department fears that after the reserve was created, great numbers of speculators would file entries and allege settlement on land in the reserve prior to the time when the original withdrawal was made.

The department officials admit it would be a comparatively easy thing for speculators to bring forward witnesses to swear falsely as to their having established residence on this land, and it would be almost impossible for the government to secure evidence which would justify the rejection of these entries. Once speculators established their right to the reserve lands, they would be entitled under the law to relinquish them and make lieu selections of more valuable lands elsewhere. "But," says this official, "as reserves are not created and land simply remains withdrawn from entry, no base for lieu selections can be created, and the government is not in danger of losing by unfair exchange."

### FLEET WILL QUIT SMYRNA.

American Minister Will Not Need It, Now Turkey Has Yielded.

Constantinople, Aug. 17.—A satisfactory solution of the American school question has at last arrived. This matter, which is the most important of the American demands, was settled by extending too American schools the same treatment as that accorded to the schools under the protection of other powers.

A settlement of other matters affecting American interests in Turkey, of secondary importance, has also been effected, and United States Minister Leishman has telegraphed to Rear Admiral Jewett, in command of the United States squadron sent to Smyrna, instructing him to salute the batteries on land and depart.

The sitting of the council of ministers at which the settlement was agreed upon, was a long one, and it was not until its close that an agreement was reached. The delay in the settlement is believed to have been caused by the intervention of the palace functionaries, whose policy, in order to retain the sultan's favor, consists of combating the rights and privilege of foreign subjects.

### ONLY PROPELLER REMOVED.

Japanese Towing Destroyer Report She Could Have Injured Them.

Chefoo, Aug. 17.—The Russian torpedo boat destroyer Ryeshitelni, flying the Japanese flag, was sighted near the Elliott islands on the evening of August 12. She was being towed by a Japanese torpedo boat destroyer. A second one acted as escort.

The report that the Japanese had left the Ryeshitelni at some Chinese port probably arose from the report brought by a junk to the effect that when passing Yung Ching-bay south of Shantung promontory, she saw one of the two Russian destroyers which went ashore there.

Japanese arriving here from Dalny communicated with the destroyer escorting the Ryeshitelni and they were informed that a careful examination of the Ryeshitelni after her capture by the Japanese showed that the Russians had not rendered her completely ineffective before her capture. A torpedo was still in a torpedo tube, its propeller only having been removed. The torpedo towed by rowboats might have been used effectively against the Japanese. It was also stated that while the breeches of her guns had been unhinged several remained on board. The Japanese consul here states that his government has no idea of returning the Ryeshitelni.

### Must Take Fort.

St. Petersburg, Aug. 17.—The Boerse Gazette has received the following dispatch from its Liao Yang correspondent: "Twelve Japanese regiments have left in the direction of Port Arthur. It is stated on trustworthy authority that the mikado has ordered that Port Arthur must be taken at any cost, even if it necessitates the suspension of operations in Manchuria, and it is quite probable the main Japanese force will proceed to Port Arthur within a few days. Rain has stopped all operations."

### Russian Ships Lower Flag.

Tsing Chou, Aug. 17.—The Russian flag has just been pulled down from the battleship Czarevitch and the three cruisers which took refuge here. The lowering of the colors was done in the presence of the German governor.

## STOP SEIZURES

Only Goods for Japanese Government Contraband.

ARABIA CASE FAR FROM SETTLED

Protest to Russia Being Prepared by Secretary Hay—War Ruling Cannot Be Accepted.

Washington, Aug. 15.—Secretary Hay is preparing a protest against the confiscation of a portion of the cargo of the Hamburg-American steamer Arabia, under the terms of the findings of the prize court at Vladivostok, and as soon as the papers are complete, will forward them to Ambassador McCormick, at St. Petersburg, for presentation to the Russian government. Along with this protest Secretary Hay will file a general protest against further seizures of American goods and supplies consigned to Japanese ports unless it can be shown that the goods are intended for the use of the Japanese military or naval forces.

It will be made plain that this government does not subscribe to the Russian view of contraband of war, and will not consent to the seizure of its goods on the grounds on which a portion of the Arabia's cargo is held at Vladivostok. To strengthen his protest, Secretary Hay will forward to St. Petersburg affidavits laid before him by a representative of the owners of the flour that had been seized, conclusively showing that it was consigned to commercial houses in Japan, and not to agents of the Japanese government.

The state department has been advised that the proceedings of the Vladivostok prize court are to be reviewed by a superior board at the Russian capital, and it is the intention to have the American protest on hand in time to be passed upon by that body.

As yet the owners of the flour and railway supplies that were seized have not submitted to the state department any claim against the Russian government, apparently assuming that Russia may yield to Secretary Hay's protest and release the goods now held. If the goods have been used by the Russians, or if for some other reason the release is impracticable, and Russia admits the correctness of attitude of this government, such claims will have to be presented. It is the belief of some officials of the state department that the matter will eventually be adjusted in this manner, and that the owners of the confiscated goods will be fully reimbursed.

### POWERS STAY OUT.

America to Have Free Rein in Dealing With Turkey.

Washington, Aug. 12.—The United States will not become involved with great foreign powers in its dealings with the sultan of Turkey. The announcement comes tonight from a source of unquestionable reliability that assurances have been given the president that the signatory powers will in no way interfere with the United States in its present attempt to secure equal rights in the Ottoman empire for American subjects.

At what time this was done, or the means by which it was accomplished, is not stated, but the feat that two foreign ambassadors, Baron von Sternberg, of Germany, and Baron Hengelmuller, of Austria, representatives of two of the signatory powers to the treaty guaranteeing the integrity of the Ottoman empire, have hurried here from their pleasant retreats in Bar Harbor and Lennox, and have had occasion to lunch with President Roosevelt, may, in a great measure, explain the methods by which these assurances have been extended. The Austrian ambassador returned to Mainz last night.

### Salving the Islander.

Vancouver, B. C., Aug. 15.—The steamer Ventura, from Skagway, this afternoon, brought down part of the guard rail and stanchion from the sunken steamer Islander, upon which Captain Cinch, of the Neptune Salvage company, is now working. The Islander now lies in 310 feet of water. The vessel's safe, which is supposed to contain a large amount of treasure, is intact, and the wrecked steamer, which sank three years ago, is said to be in an excellent state of preservation.

### State of Siege Proclaimed.

Paris, Aug. 15.—The foreign office here confirms the report from Buenos Ayres that a state of siege has been proclaimed in the republic of Paraguay, owing to the fear of a revolutionary outbreak.

### GREATEST OF NAVAL BATTLES.

Port Arthur Engagement Is Shown by Official Reports.

St. Petersburg, Aug. 16.—Not since the beginning of the war between Japan and Russia has anything so obviously affected Russian spirits as the gradual revelation of the extent of the Port Arthur squadron's reverses. Details of Rear Admiral Witthoef's fatal sortie are not known to the general public even at this hour, though the contents of the report of Captain Matousevitch, Admiral Witthoef's chief of staff, to the emperor, gradually permeated official circles in the course of the day. The captain's statement was issued late tonight in the form of an official report.

Captain Matousevitch makes it clear that the Port Arthur squadron fought what probably was the greatest battle of ironclads since steel replaced wood in naval construction. The effort of the Russians to fight their way through the Japanese would probably have been successful had it not been for the disaster to the battleship Czarevitch, which compelled the squadron to fight a second battle, ending in the dispersal of the Russian fleet in the darkness.

The Associated Press learns that the awful mortality of the officers of the Czarevitch, which was merely stated in the official report, is due to the fact that Admiral Witthoef and most of his officers were gathered on the bridge during the action in order to set an example to and encourage the men, instead of remaining in comparative safety in the protection of the conning tower. A Japanese shell burst beneath the bridge, wrecking that part of the ship and killing or wounding every officer on duty thereabouts.

One of the most important features of Captain Matousevitch's dispatch, aside from its grimly brief account of the battle, is the detailed statement of the makeup of Rear Admiral Togo's fleet, which consisted of six battleships, 11 cruisers of various classes and approximately 30 torpedo boats.

According to this statement there were in line of battle some ships previously reported destroyed. This gives an indication of Japan's naval force which Admiral Togo has hitherto concealed.

### LIKELY TO DESTROY BIG SHIPS.

Russia, so Tokio Believes, Will Not Be Able to Repair Them.

Tokio, Aug. 16.—It is believed here that the Russians will not be able to repair the five battleships reported by Admiral Togo to have been damaged in the recent sea fighting at Port Arthur. The Japanese land batteries now command the entrance to the harbor, and could render this work impossible.

Before the Russian fleet emerged from Port Arthur on August 10 the Japanese batteries could reach the warships there with shells and the docks were exposed to a fire the severity of which was increasing constantly. It is doubted if these ships will be able to go to sea again without first undergoing repairs, and it is expected that the Russians themselves will destroy them before Port Arthur falls.

### ANXIOUS TO END STRIKE.

Mayor of Chicago, However, Will Not Discuss Trouble Now.

Chicago, Aug. 16.—There were few developments in the packers' strike today, and it is not probable that there will be any for several days. A committee of retail dealers will call upon Mayor Harrison and ask him to act as mediator in the strike. The mayor declines to say what he will do until he receives the committee, but expressed himself as anxious to do anything in his power to end the strike.

The packers declined to say this afternoon to say whether they would accept the mediation of the mayor. They declared that they would, of course, receive him.

Chief of Police O'Neil and Police Inspector Hunt laid formal charges before the mayor today against Justice John Fitzgerald, who, it is asserted by the police, has discharged the great majority of the rioters brought before him, no matter how strong the evidence against them.

### Declared British Land.

Kingston, Island of St. Vincent, B. W. I., Aug. 16.—The British cruiser Tribune, on August 11, landed a party under command of Lieutenant Threlfall at Aves, or Birds island, west of the north end of the island of Dominica, and annexed it as a British possession. Guns were hauled through the surf and landed, the British flag was hoisted and a royal salute was fired. The Tribune then proceeded to St. Vincent, arriving here yesterday. The Tribune left today, being ordered to Venezuela, to protect British interests at Caracas.

### Earthquake in Chile.

New York, Aug. 16.—A severe earthquake was felt Thursday at Valparaiso, province of Atacama, according to a Herald dispatch from Valparaiso, Chile. It was preceded by loud subterranean noises. The earthquake caused much damage, but no fatalities have been reported. It was also felt at Iquique and La Serena.

## TO END STRIKE

Butchers, Grocers and Others Hold Conference.

WILL WAIT ON THE PACKERS

Effort Will Be Made to Settle Struggle by Mediation—Gompers Asked to Come to Chicago.

Chicago, Aug. 12.—Determined efforts are now being made to settle the stockyards' strike by mediation. Negotiations begun today between the retail Butchers' and Grocers' association with representatives of several labor unions, which will undoubtedly be involved in the strike, should it be prolonged much longer, resulted tonight in the appointment of a committee composed of those who attended today's meeting, to negotiate with the packers tomorrow morning in an attempt to bring about a joint meeting between the employers and the striking unions. It was the sentiment of all who attended today's conference that should the meeting be arranged between the two opposing interests, a settlement satisfactory to both sides could be reached.

Meantime, Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, has been summoned from New York to see if he cannot accomplish something through mediation. Mr. Gompers will arrive here Sunday morning.

The packers tonight declined to make any comment on what, if any success might be expected from the meeting.

"We cannot very well discuss this matter now," said one of the packers representatives tonight. "We now have our affairs in a better condition than at any time since the strike was declared, and as for myself, I am unable to see on what grounds we could meet the strikers."

Under the direction of Mayor Harrison, who was urged to take the step by a committee composed of labor leaders and several aldermen, an investigation into the sanitary conditions of the various packing plants where strike breakers are being housed was begun today. Several of the plants were visited, but no flagrant violations of the law were found. The investigations will be continued.

Tonight the packers sent a communication to Mayor Harrison, denying that they are keeping lodging houses not in compliance with the ordinances.

### ARMY IS AWAY.

The Russians are Retreating North of Liao Yang.

St. Petersburg, Aug. 12.—Again the chance of a decisive battle between General Kuropatkin and the commander of the Japanese army seems to be disappearing. According to a statement issued by the general staff tonight, rains are again falling over a wide area of Manchuria with the prospect of impeding operations, but even more important is the information reaching the Associated Press tonight from an exceptional source that the Japanese have once more delayed too long. General Kuropatkin has now withdrawn the bulk of his army safely north of Liao Yang.

According to this information, the Japanese have about 300,000 men in the armies operating against Kuropatkin, rendering it too hazardous for him to risk a general engagement. The general staff has no information bearing on the reported presence of a large force of Japanese at Faithubi, a place that cannot be located on available maps. The report agrees, however, with the general tenor of the information received by the Associated Press and here given, that General Kuropatkin is already retreating north of Liao Yang.

The advantages of the new Japanese base at Niu Chwang in greatly simplifying the problem of provisioning their army is fully realized. The rumor that they are moving up towards Simintin, a short distance west of Mukden, from Niu Chwang is generally believed. The appearance of the Japanese on the other side of Mukden would almost pocket General Kuropatkin and he resolved to accept battle with his whole army at Liao Yang.

### New York Firemen Called Out.

Washington, Aug. 12.—President Timothy Healy, of the International Brotherhood of Stationary Firemen, this afternoon ordered a sympathetic strike of the firemen in the New York packing houses. About 85 men will go out under this order. The strike was ordered by telephone, President Healy being called from the convention of his organization for the purpose. A committee was appointed by the convention to raise a relief fund of \$5,000 to aid the firemen in the strike in South Omaha, Sioux City and St. Louis.

### Bandits Surprise Russia.

London, Aug. 12.—The Tientsin correspondent of the Standard says that 3,000 Chinese bandits attacked the Russian camp in the Tieb Pass August 2. The Russians were taken by surprise and many were killed.