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WEEK'S DOINGS

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

A treaty of peace has been signed between Chile and Bolivia.

Russia still realizes that the position of her Manchurian army is critical.

Fire destroyed a large grain plant near Fresno, burning 200 tons of seeded raisins.

English war experts agree that the temporary success of the Russians can have little effect in the end.

Hunters are reported to have killed a number of elk in the mountains of the eastern part of Linn county, Oregon. The game warden is investigating.

According to a Japanese official the Russian forces engaged in the battle south of Mukden consisted of about 200,000 infantry, 26,000 cavalry and 950 guns.

J. E. Bennett, of Portland, has submitted the lowest bid for the construction of the government buildings at the 1905 fair and he is likely to be awarded the contract.

A field party sent out by the reclamation service to investigate the possibility of diverting the waters of the John Day river to the Umatilla lands in Eastern Oregon, says it is too costly. A rough estimate places the expense at \$1,600,000 for a canal.

Prominent Oregon men are likely to be indicted for land frauds.

Kuropatkin is fighting doggedly to prevent an utter rout of his forces.

The Montana mineral display will be transferred from St. Louis to Portland.

All hope of relieving Port Arthur this season has been abandoned by the Russians.

A Massachusetts commissioner has started for Portland to select a site for 1905 fair building.

A number of torpedo boats believed to have been built for Japan have been shipped from Newport News, Va.

A mortar battery exploded at Fort Banks, on the Atlantic coast, killing three artillerymen and injuring eight others.

The losses of the Russian army in the week of battle south of Mukden is placed at 40,000. The Japanese have lost half as many.

The Fourteenth infantry, now in the Philippines, will be brought back to this country next February and stationed at Vancouver barracks, succeeding the Nineteenth, which will be sent to the islands.

King George of Saxony, is dead.

All official advices are withheld at St. Petersburg and the people are prepared for the worst.

The St. Petersburg Vovosti admits editorially that the Russians have suffered a telling defeat.

Russia will rush men to the front military authorities believe 150,000 can be transported by April.

Kuropatkin must bear the responsibility for the advance, as it is officially denied that he was ordered to advance.

According to Tangier advices evidence has been discovered that the bandit Raisuli intends to attempt to capture another European.

Telephone operators at Portland are on strike. Both sides are confident and in the meantime the public is suffering many inconveniences.

A sensation has been caused all through Russia by the persistent rumors that the Russian treasury intends to draw upon Russian church property in order to replenish its war chest.

It has developed that a pouch of mail for the United States cruiser Cincinnati, which was aboard the steamer Calchas when she was captured had been opened while in the hands of the Russian officials, subsequently resealed and sent on to its destination.

The Russians are offering fabulous prices to ships to make Port Arthur with supplies.

President Francis says the St. Louis fair lost \$1,000,000 by being forced to close on Sunday.

Fire at Kansas City destroyed property valued at \$100,000.

The Rio Grande is still rising in New Mexico. The river is now the highest in 20 years.

The Duke of Cannanought, brother of King Edward, narrowly escaped death in an auto accident.

It is reported from St. Petersburg that five Japanese cruisers have been sighted off Vladivostok.

The New York Rapid Transit company's new subway will be opened to the general public October 27.

There is renewed anxiety regarding the condition of King George, of Saxony, whose difficulty in breathing and general weakness are marked.

The battle at Port Arthur is becoming fiercer than ever. The Japanese have succeeded in placing a mortar battery which has the range of the inner fortress.

The Portland postal receipts for the fiscal year just ended show an increase of \$51,000.

OUT OF SERVICE.

The President Moves in Slocum Disaster Inquiry.

Washington, Oct. 19.—The report of the United States commission of investigation into the disaster to the steamer General Slocum was made public today. In connection with the important findings of the commission presented in the report, President Roosevelt, to whom the report was submitted, has written a letter to Secretary Metcalf, of the department of commerce and labor, briefly summarizing the report and directing him to carry into effect the recommendations of the commission.

The president also directs that Robert S. Rodie, supervising inspector of the second district, steamboat inspection service, and James A. Dymont and Thomas H. Barrett, local inspectors, in charge of the port of New York, be discharged from the service, the commission holding them directly responsible for the laxity of the steamboat inspection to which the Slocum disaster was directly attributable.

Appended to the report is a report from the department of justice on the criminal proceedings connected with the disaster and the life-preserver cases.

SUFFOCATED AT A FIRE.

Four Persons Lose Lives in a New York Tenement House.

New York, Oct. 19.—Four persons were suffocated and 15 were overcome by smoke in a fire which gutted a five-story brick double tenement house at 15 Moore street, Williamsburg, early today. Two of the injured, a boy and a girl, probably will die. Incendiarism is suspected.

The fire originated in the basement and ran up a dumb waiter shaft causing the crowded flats to fill rapidly with smoke. The flames spread through the flats on the fourth and fifth floors, and escape for the persons asleep there was cut off. Firemen and police did heroic work and soon rescued more than a score, 15 of whom were almost suffocated. These were removed to St. Catherine's hospital. Two children among the number were in a dying condition.

One fireman in attempting a daring rescue was overcome by smoke and had to be carried out by his fellows.

The loss was only about \$3,000. Several fires occurred in the neighborhood during the early hours today, all of suspicious origin. They appeared to have been started by the same hand as all were discovered in the basements of tenements. Only one one noted, however, was accompanied by loss of life.

EARNESTLY DESIRE PEACE.

Japanese Shocked at Victory Won With Such Shedding of Blood.

Tokio, Oct. 19.—There is a strong appeal for peace in the appalling tragedy which is now under enactment in Manchuria. Both armies have fought ferociously for a week, and desperate fighting still continues. It is probable that the death roll will be largely increased before the final shot is fired.

The preliminary reports indicate that about 60,000 men on both sides have been either killed or wounded, the larger portion of them being Russians, since the armies of the two belligerents closed in combat.

Even the Japanese, to whom the great victory is of paramount importance, seem to be shocked by the slaughter of their enemies. The Japanese people are receiving the news from the field of battle calmly, and there can be heard no shouts in the streets proclaiming the victory of their nation. Few flags are displayed. Probably later on there will be a procession with the consequent jollification, but there are heard many expressions of opinion that no demonstration of any kind could be held. A prominent Japanese said to the Associated Press correspondent tonight:

"We have won a sweeping and a decisive victory which may prove to be the salvation of our country's existence, but we regret both our own losses and the terrible slaughter which our forces have inflicted on the enemy. We regret still more the necessity which forced us to engage in this war."

Fine Land May Be Thrown Open.

Honolulu, Wash. Oct. 19.—D. B. Shellar, supervisor of forestry of the state of Washington, returned yesterday from a trip in the Quinault valley, where he had been for the purpose of examining several townships of land now in the Olympic forest reserve. While Mr. Shellar gave no idea as to what his report will be, the settlers are highly satisfied that with an examination these lands will be eliminated as none but agricultural lands are asked for. This elimination will open a fine body of farming land.

House Is Blown Up.

Indianapolis, Oct. 19.—A telephone message from Rensselaer reports that the residence of Thomas J. McCoy, president of the defunct McCoy bank, against whom indictments were recently returned for alleged complicity in the wrecking of the bank, has been dynamited and totally destroyed. The house was a frame structure, valued at \$25,000, and considered one of the most beautiful homes in Northern Indiana.

Fleet Battered by Guns.

Tokio, Oct. 19.—It is authoritatively reported that the Russian fleet at Port Arthur is suffering severely from the fire of the Japanese land batteries. Reports of a recent attempt by the fleet to sortie are unfounded, as is the reported capture of another blockade runner.

ARMY IN TRAP

Kuropatkin Is Cut Off With Four Divisions.

ATTEMPT AT RESCUE FATAL

Japanese Force Will Be Reinforced With Idea of Dealing a Crushing Blow to the Enemy.

Liao Yang, Oct. 17.—This city is in a turmoil of excitement over the reports brought in by wounded soldiers from the right wing of the Japanese army that General Kuropatkin has caught General Kuropatkin in a trap, having cut him off with four Russian divisions which he attempted to save, and now has the Russian commander isolated and enveloped east of Bensihi. The general engagement continued all day yesterday. Russian losses so far are estimated at 15,000. The Japanese have also suffered heavily, but no figures are available.

The bearers of the news of the latest Japanese victory state that Field Marshal Marquis Oyama has ordered vast masses of reinforcements to the assistance of General Kurcki to enable him to execute the coup as planned.

General Kuropatkin is pushing the Russian divisions eastward in order to make their isolation complete and to preclude the possibility of Russian reinforcements reaching them.

The Japanese are fortifying their positions to the north. Another of General Kuropatkin's columns today captured the Shaotakan hills to the south of Bentsiapuz after a series of fierce engagements, in which 1,200 Japanese and nearly 1,600 Russians fell. An entire battery was captured, and now the hills, which may be called the key to the Russian left advance, are in the hands of the Japanese.

A crushing defeat has been administered to the Russian right by General Oku at Yentli. The entire Russian line, extending from the Hun river to the railroad, were driven back 20 miles with terrible losses on both sides, and but for the awful punishment suffered by the Japanese, General Kuropatkin's right would have been completely crushed. As it is, the flank is utterly disorganized and the Russian commanders are endeavoring to rally their forces northeast of Changtan.

On both sides in the battle raging near Mukden there have been such losses in killed and wounded as mark the contest as one of the bloodiest battles in history. Already the losses at Liao Yang have been approximated, and the indications are that they will be exceeded. The Russian advance has been converted into a stubbornly fought retreat. The result, according to the Russians, is still to be determined.

On both sides the soldiers have shown the utmost tenacity and bravery, and whole regiments have gone down before the fire of the enemy. In official circles of St. Petersburg there is a disposition to argue that even should General Kuropatkin be obliged to retire upon Mukden, his position will be quite as favorable as it was when he ordered an advance was given October 6, and that, on the other hand, the Japanese powers of further resistance will have been materially weakened.

ROOSEVELT PREPARING TO ACT.

He Will Soon Address Notes to Powers Regarding Peace Conference.

Washington, Oct. 17.—The president is preparing to redeem his promise to the delegates to the Interparliamentary Peace conference to secure another meeting of plenipotentiaries of the powers signatory to the Hague convention, with a view to revising and adding to that instrument.

The state department will address separate notes to every government represented in the last conference, inviting suggestions to the time and place of meeting, and without doubt, in the spirit of caution that is always exhibited by diplomats, many of these governments will seek to secure an ironclad agreement as to the scope of the conference. Many limitations are expected to be proposed in this way, and it is realized that much difficulty will be experienced in securing harmony.

Boy Killed to "Work Spell."

Kingston, Island of St. Vincent, Oct. 17.—Police investigation into the matter of the murder of a little white boy whose heart and dismembered hands were found in the house of a negro sorcerer in the Island of St. Lucia, has resulted in the arrest of a seemingly intelligent negro and the disclosure of barbarous superstition that survives to a startling extent in the West Indies. The child, it appears, was the victim of the desire of the man now in custody, to "work a spell" upon the judge of the supreme court.

Road Fast Nearing Completion.

Salt Lake City, Oct. 17.—A stretch of 80 miles is all that intervenes now between the completion of the San Pedro, Los Angeles & Salt Lake road, which is to join Salt Lake City and Los Angeles; Cal. Tracklaying from Caliente, Nev., has now reached the Vegas branch in Southern Nevada, which is but 47 miles from the California line. The work from Daggett, Cal., is also being actively pushed. Part of the 80-mile stretch is graded.

Company Declares Dividend.

Chicago, Oct. 17.—The usual quarterly dividend of \$2 per share from net earnings was declared today by the Pullman company. The annual statement, for the fiscal year ending July 31 shows the net surplus for the year of \$3,741,625.

SETTLERS WILL GET DUES.

Government Completes Investigation of Eastern Oregon Cases.

Washington, Oct. 18.—The interior department, acting under a special act passed at the last session, has completed an investigation of the cases of Sherman county settlers who have been dispossessed of lands lying within the limits of the grant to The Dalles Military Wagon Road company, in Eastern Oregon. The report of the findings is confidential, and will be submitted to congress early in December.

The evidence collected will be sufficient to enable congress to take final action for the relief of these settlers. It will show the terms on which the Eastern Oregon Land company, the successor to The Dalles Military Wagon Road company, is willing to relinquish its title to the disputed lands, and allow them to revert to the settlers. It will also show the state of improvements which the settlers made on these lands while temporarily in possession. Congress must decide whether an appropriation shall be made to buy from the company its title to these lands, in order to restore them to the settlers, or whether it is better to reimburse the settlers for the losses they sustained by reason of being dispossessed.

The land company, it is said, is inclined to deal fairly with the government in this matter, and will waive its title to these lands provided the government pays its price.

Many years have elapsed since these disputed lands were eventually awarded to the land company, and in that time a number of original settlers have disappeared. These few cases cannot be reported upon. All the facts obtainable have been collected, and congress will be able to compensate settlers who sustained losses through no fault of their own, but rather through a faulty decision of the land office.

COLORADO TRAINS COLLIDE.

One Man Is Dead and Fifteen Others Injured, Two Badly.

Pueblo, Oct. 18.—As a result of a head on collision today between the east bound California limited passenger train No. 6 and a west bound freight train on the Denver & Rio Grande railroad a mile and a half west of Portland this forenoon, one man, J. E. Doey, was so badly hurt that he died tonight and 15 others received injuries two of them perhaps fatally.

The accident was due to the failure of the freight to take the siding at Portland and allow the passenger train, which was running on schedule time and had the right of way, to pass. Both locomotives were completely wrecked, the baggage and express cars were telescoped and piled up in a heap, the forward end of the day coach was smashed and five freight cars loaded with merchandise were demolished.

The passenger train was running about 35 miles, and the freight 20 miles an hour, when the collision occurred. Great confusion followed the collision, and exaggerated reports regarding the disaster were circulated. The injured were taken on relief trains to hospitals at Pueblo and Salida.

JAPAN HAS SHIPS IN WAITING.

Torpedo Boats Built at Newport News Transferred at Sea.

Newport News, Oct. 18.—Two of the Lake submarine torpedo boats built at the shipyards here, and believed to be destined for the Japanese or Russian governments, were hoisted on board the Kennebec today. According to the foreman in charge of the 200 men engaged in loading the craft, the Kennebec will sail for Boston before daylight.

It was stated on apparently good authority tonight that the Kennebec will be met up the coast by a steamship now lying far at sea, and the big floating derrick, the Ox, from New York. The Ox, it is asserted, will lift the submarines from the deck of the Kennebec, and transfer them to the waiting steamer, which will proceed with them to their destination.

Engineer to Investigate.

Washington, Oct. 18.—Chief Engineer Newell, of the reclamation service, has referred to Supervising Engineer H. Savage, at Spokane, the proposition of the O. R. & N. Co. to remove its tracks from Washunac Conlee, in Northern Idaho, provided the government will bear the expense. The tracks now occupy lands which the government would like to use for a reservoir, but unless they are removed the project must be abandoned. It is probable the cost will be so great that the government will not be justified.

To Prevent Accidents on Warships.

New York, Oct. 18.—A device to prevent accidents like that aboard the battleship Missouri several months ago, when several men of a gun crew were killed by a "blowback" in one of the turrets, is being installed here on the battleship Kentucky. It is called a smoke ejector and is designed to force out of the bore all of the unburned gases and smoke remaining after the gun has been discharged.

Flood Still Delays Trains.

El Paso, Tex., Oct. 18.—The Santa Fe road still has a washout of about 12 miles between here and Albuquerque, and it will be several days before trains are running. All other roads are running trains regularly. It is still rainy here, however, and the Rio Grande river is rising slowly.

AT THE CANAL

Work at Panama Progressing Satisfactorily.

COMMISSION REVIEWS WORK ON

Cost of Excavating Material Has Been Reduced Nearly 30 Cents Per Cubic Yard.

Washington, Oct. 14.—Members of the Panama canal commission now in Washington called today by appointment on President Roosevelt. A short time afterward, John Barrett, American minister to Panama, had a conference with the president. The commission remained with the president about half an hour. As they left the executive office they said the visit was a "purely complimentary call" on the president and was without special significance. It is known, however, that they discussed with him the conditions on the isthmus of Panama which have arisen since the acquisition by this country of an American zone, and the differences between the commission and the government of Panama. What, if any, conclusions were reached was not disclosed.

The commissioners left with the president a memorandum giving in detail the work accomplished on the isthmus. Surveying parties are at work in the vicinity of Colou, making plans and estimates for an inner harbor; also at Gutan, surveying and boring at the various proposed dam sites in that neighborhood, and for a cut-off between Gutan and Tiger Hill. At Bohio the surveyors are making detailed surveys and studies and investigating the various damsites that have been proposed in that locality.

An engineering corps along the main line of the canal in the vicinity of Culabra is making surveys to determine the feasibility of straightening the lines of the French company and to determine the amount of material removed and to be removed in accordance with the different canal plans under consideration. Another engineering force is constructing a reservoir in the valley of the upper Rio Grande, which will furnish a minimum supply of 2,000,000 gallons of water a day for the City of Panama; also a distributing reservoir for a sewerage system for Colon and plans are being prepared for the construction of a harbor there.

The average amount of material taken out of the Culabra cut has been from 1,000 to 1,500 cubic yards a day. This is with the use of old French machinery available. Three modern steam shovels, which are to be put at work on Culabra Hill, will increase the cut five feet.

In August, the unit cost of excavating material was cut to 50% cents a cubic yard, while during the time Major Black was in charge of the canal work the cost, according to the French methods of excavation, was 79 cents a cubic yard.

EXCHANGE IDEAS ON WARSHIPS.

Important Conference Attended by British Expert.

Washington, Oct. 14.—An important conference was held at the White House this evening by the president. Admiral Dewey, Secretary of the Navy, Sir William White, formerly naval chief of the British navy, Admiral Capps, chief naval constructor of the United States navy, Rear Admiral Converse, chief of bureau of navigation, Rear Admiral Frederick Rodgers, Rear Admiral K. D. Evans and Commander Sims, inspector of target practice of the United States navy. The general subject of battleship construction was considered at the conference, views being exchanged between Sir William White and the American naval officers.

The conference was called by the president, Sir William White being asked to attend. Sir William favored the construction of fighting ships and not those that could run away. This met with the president's approval. The idea found favor to have sold many of the gunboats and cruisers, purchased during the recent war, which are maintained at great expense, and whose complement of officers could be used advantageously on the new battleships.

Dewey Offers to Assume Command.

Washington, Oct. 14.—Admiral Dewey has again offered to assume command of the combined fleet in the Caribbean sea and direct the winter maneuvers. If his services can be spared from the presidency of the general board at that time Secretary Morton will certainly accept the admiral's offer. It is probable the admiral will leave in the Mayflower early in the new year and assume command of the fleet at Guantanamo. The fleet will reach Guantanamo between January 8 and 10.

Suffering in Mexico.

Denver, Oct. 14.—A News special from Albuquerque says: Seventy dwellings in San Marcial, 80 miles south of Albuquerque, have been wrecked by the floods of the past week, and there is great suffering and destitution there. The plight of the Mexican people in the surrounding valley is terrible, and hundreds must starve unless immediate help is furnished from the outside. Not only the crops and stores, but their lands are ruined.

Snow Falls in New York.

New York, Oct. 14.—The first snow of the season fell at Albany, Schenectady and a number of other places up the state today. It melted as fast as it fell.

LOSS IS \$800,000.

Fire Destroys Three Business Blocks in Winnipeg.

Winnipeg, Man., Oct. 13.—Fire tonight destroyed three of the finest business blocks in this city, entailing a loss of at least \$800,000. For a time the flames threatened to spread to adjoining buildings, and but for the splendid work of the fire brigade a much larger money damage would have been incurred.

The fire started in the new Pullman block, which was totally destroyed. The Ashdown Hardware company, on Bannatine street, one of the largest establishments of its kind in Canada, was next attacked by the flames. Many explosions were caused by powder cartridges carried in the stock of the hardware company, but no one was injured. The Riello block and the Great Northern telegraph office were also destroyed. There is no estimate of the amount of insurance.

The Woodbine hotel block and Dufferin block were also badly damaged. The chief sufferers in those blocks were the Slater Shoe company, the Gundy Music company, Calder's photograph supplies, and Raver's stationery stock and Connelly, drugs. The electric light and power service was cut off owing to the fire, and all newspaper offices are in darkness. The Free Press office, in the rear of the Bullman block, escaped injury.

JAPANESE GUNBOAT LOST.

Hei Yen Strikes a Mine, and Nearly 200 Persons are Drowned.

Tokio, Oct. 13.—The Japanese gunboat Hei Yen struck a mine off Pigeon bay on the night of September 18 and foundered. It is officially stated that 197 men were lost. Those rescued managed to reach Chiao Pai island, from which they were rescued. Permission was today granted by the authorities to publish the details of the disaster.

The Hei Yen, which was engaged in guard duty off Pigeon bay, was missed by the fleet, and a search for the vessel was immediately begun. The petty officers and sailors found on Chiao Pai island reported that at dusk on September 18 a storm came up, accompanied by high seas. The Hei Yen endeavored to return to her base, when she suddenly struck a floating mine, which exploded under her starboard side amidships. The vessel began to sink, and an attempt was made to lower the boats. The boats were swamped and the crew jumped into the sea, where, owing to the heavy combers, they were quickly drowned.

The Japanese fleet carefully searched the patrolled locality, but failed to find any other survivors.

"An official announcement of the disaster, issued today, says:

"It is highly regrettable that no report in any form has been received of the fate of the other survivors. The sad event was made worse on account of the weather, which must have added greatly to the already awful result caused by the explosion of the mine."

CAUGHT WITH HIS MOLDS.

Secret Service Men Swoop Down on Counterfeiter at Work.

Seattle, Oct. 13.—United States Secret Service Agent Bell, of this city, today descended upon a counterfeiter's cabin in the woods nine miles west of Tacoma and captured H. N. Stone virtually in the act of manufacturing spurious United States half dollars, quarters and dimes. Mr. Bell was assisted in the raid by a deputy United States marshal, two Tacoma detectives and a special secret service agent who has been working on the case for two weeks.

One of the most elaborate outfits ever captured in the Northwest was seized together with the molds, which were discovered in a stove, where they had been placed to dry only a few minutes before. Stone confessed his guilt when confronted with the evidence, but maintained that he was only "experimenting" and had not actually put any of the counterfeit money into circulation. The cabin in which Stone conducted his operations is located in a dense swamp, entirely removed from human habitation. It is conceded that it would hardly have been discovered had not the secret service officers secured a clew in Seattle, where a considerable part of the layout was purchased.

Admirals of the Baltic Fleet.

St. Petersburg, Oct. 13.—The Official Messenger has announced the appointment of Vice Admiral Besobrazoff, commander of the first squadron of the Pacific fleet, to be senior admiral of the Baltic fleet, and of Rear Admiral Haue, naval commander at the Port of Vladivostok, to be junior admiral of the Baltic fleet. Rear Admiral Greve will succeed Rear Admiral Haupt as commander at the Port of Vladivostok. Admiral Jensen will assume command of the first Pacific squadron.

Passing of Negro Roustabouts.

New Orleans, Oct. 15.—The passing of the negro as a roustabout, marking an epoch in steamboating on the Mississippi, was witnessed by a large crowd of people, who today saw 60 white men, sent here from Western and Northern states, go to work at the steamboat landings in place of the colored men. For years the strikes of negro roustabouts, who sometimes have demanded as high as \$150 a month.

Russians Hold Railways.

Mukden, Oct. 13.—The battle commenced this morning along the line of the railroad with a terrific artillery fire on both sides. The railway line almost to Yentli is in possession of the Russians.