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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.

The cotton mill strike at Fall River, Mass., continues with both sides determined not to give in.

The grand jury goes on, and another report for the expectant public will soon be made.

Silver is growing scarce. The price has advanced, and the market is such that the consumer waits on the producer.

Chicago held memorial services December 30 in remembrance of the Iriquois theater disaster, the occasion being the first anniversary.

Preparations are being made at Vladivostok for the reception in the dry docks of any of the Baltic squadron that may need docking when the fleet reaches that port.

The London city police have arrested two members of an international gang which for two or three years is alleged to have been conducting extensive forgeries in £5 Bank of England notes.

Boston's submarine tunnel is open for business. The tube is a mile and a half long, and connects Boston and East Boston, running under the harbor. The cost was three million dollars. About three and one-half years was consumed in constructing the tunnel.

Owing to the crisis in Morocco, the French navy yards show great activity.

England is again enveloped in a heavy fog and all ships are detained at the mouth of the Thames, unable to proceed.

Admiral Kazankoff has been recalled as Russian commissioner in the North sea inquiry and will be replaced by Vice Admiral Doubasoff. Sickness is given as the reason.

The Montana agricultural exhibits at St. Louis are being packed for shipment to Portland. The mineral exhibit will leave Butte for the Lewis and Clark fair shortly.

Kuropatkin is absolutely certain that he will ultimately win over the Japanese, while the vice governor of Japan's national bank says Japan must win; that no sacrifice is too great.

The Japanese attempts to raise the Russian cruiser Variag have been discontinued. It will be impossible to commence work before spring, by which time the steel plates forming the hull will be useless.

The Colorado canvassing board has given certificates of election to two Republican senators, whose places were contested by Democrats. Democrats regard it as highly probable that Governor Peabody will be reelected by this action.

Prince Yildaroff has been reported as among the killed in a recent list sent to St. Petersburg.

The recent retirement of Rear Admiral Silas Terry has resulted in the promotion of Captain Joseph E. Craig to be admiral.

An officer from an English steamer just out from Vladivostok says no Russian torpedo boats have arrived there from Port Arthur.

Reports from points along the shore of Lake Michigan indicate that the damage resulting from the storm will aggregate \$500,000.

An unknown steamer has been stranded in Hell's Hole, off Cape Hatteras, as a result of the storm raging along the Atlantic coast.

M. A. Meyerdorff, a special land agent, on the way to Portland to help in the land fraud cases, attempted to commit suicide at Denver.

Two Japanese cruisers have been sighted off Hong Kong. It is believed they are scouting vessels from the fleet sent after the Russian Baltic squadron.

Chinese warships are keeping a close watch on the Russian war vessels at Shanghai to prevent their escape or of the officers and men on them.

Governor Pardee desires to have the Mission type of architecture exemplified in the construction of the California state building at the Lewis and Clark fair. The work will start soon.

The president is presenting his ideas on railroad freight rates to congressmen personally.

Vice Admiral Lord Charles Beresford will assume command of the British Mediterranean squadron May 1.

Many Russians believe a brighter day is in store for their country when the announced reforms are put in practice.

Several lives have been lost in Chicago as a result of the severe storm.

Congress will have to buy silver bullion to make much needed small coins.

Great Britain has assumed control of the legal and financial administration of the Tonga islands, the native chiefs consenting.

T. C. Powell, of Portland, is to be appointed United States marshal at Nome, Alaska, to succeed Frank Richards, recently removed.

FIND THE TRUTH.

Denver Election Frauds to be Probed to the Bottom.

Denver, Jan. 4.—Stretching its hands so as to cast a shadow over every man and woman in any way implicated in election frauds in the city and county of Denver, on, before or after November 8, the supreme court has ordered an investigation so sweeping in its scope that every phase of the election may be scrutinized and everything that bears upon it in any way may be made known by judicial inquiry.

Alva Adams, Democratic candidate for governor, who appeared from the returns to have been elected, but who has declared that he does not want the office tainted with fraud, asked the court to open every Denver ballot box, but the order of the court goes beyond the mere examination of the ballots and provides for an investigation of the registration lists, the campaign expenditures, and in brief, all election matters. Samuel W. Belford, attorney for Adams, and Henry J. Hersey, attorney for the Republicans, asked the court to make its order of such breadth that the court need not stop at anything in the investigation. The court said that was what it meant to do, and instructed the lawyers to agree upon the wording of the order, and present it to the court for approval.

Chief Justice Gabbert said that while the petition did not state facts entitling the petitioner to such an investigation as proposed, the court had decided that an investigation might end in discovering the guilty persons who were responsible for the commission of the gross frauds that had been revealed in the contempt proceedings. There must have been some persons behind the election officers and others who committed frauds, the court believed.

GUILTY ONES DISCHARGED.

Ball Cartridges Among Blanks Are Traced to the Packers.

Washington, Jan. 4.—As the result of investigation made by direction of General Crozier, chief of ordnance, it has been ascertained that among the 1,750,000 blank cartridges issued last summer to the regular and militia troops which took part in the maneuvers at Manassas, Va., and in California, two ball cartridges were found, one at the Virginia camp and the other in California. The person who packed the California cartridge was traced by the initials on the box and was promptly discharged. In the Virginia case it was impossible to find the offender.

As an additional precaution, all the blank cartridge cases at the Frankford arsenal have been overhauled and weighed, with the result that one ball cartridge was found. In that case the person who packed the case was discharged.

To guard against the possibility of such an occurrence, General Crozier has directed that each box of blank cartridges shall be weighed before sealing. The presence of a ball cartridge can be easily detected by this method.

WHIP WIFE-BEATERS.

Washington Grand Jury Adopts the President's Suggestion.

Washington, Jan. 3.—The local grand jury in making its final report for the present term of the supreme court of the District of Columbia today recommended the establishment of whipping-posts in the district. The question has been much agitated ever since the president in his last annual message recommended corporal punishment for wife-beaters in the District of Columbia. The recommendation of the jury was as follows:

"The efficacy of establishing the whipping-post as a means of punishing wife-beaters and petty larceny offenses has been investigated by this body, and the majority of the members are of the opinion that it would prove very effective in reducing the number of these reprehensible crimes."

Bandits Are Supreme.

Paris, Jan. 4.—The measures contemplated by the French government for the security of the neighborhood of the towns in Morocco have not yet been completed, partly owing to the fact that there has not yet been the time necessary for the purpose since France first undertook the task, and partly because many matters of detail remain to be settled when the French representative, M. Saint Rebe Taillander, meets the sultan at Fez at the end of the month. Oriental dilatoriness also counts for something in the delay.

Coal for Russian Fleet.

Bombay, Jan. 4.—Russian agents here are endeavoring to purchase 100 tons of coal and to charter vessels to carry it. Up to the present no shipments have been made, but it is believed that the British steamer Henry Bolckow, of 639 tons net, owned by the Bombay & Persian steam navigation company, limited, of Bombay, has been sold to Russia. She has sailed hence in ballast for Saigon, French Cochinchina.

Two Cruisers Return.

St. Petersburg, Jan. 4.—A report that the cruisers Orel and Izumrud, of the second Pacific squadron, have been ordered to return is current here, but lacks official confirmation. If the report should prove true, Vice Admiral Rojestvensky may be obliged to await reinforcements from the Third Pacific squadron.

ATTEMPT A BREAK

Seven Convicts at Folsom Make Dash for Liberty.

THREE ARE KILLED BY GUARDS

Four Are Fatally Wounded and One Slightly—Two Guards Hurt by Bullets of Comrades.

Folsom, Cal., Dec. 31.—A break that was clever in plan and bold in execution took place at the penitentiary here this afternoon. The guards obeyed the standing orders of the warden to shoot regardless of the danger to free men, and as a result seven of nine convicts, who had planned to get away, were almost riddled with bullets, three being now dead and three in a critical condition.

The break was similar in general plan to that of last July, but the fact that it was made within the range of the guns of seven reliable guards, all dead shots, and one of those within 50 feet, makes it more bold and desperate.

The convicts who engaged in the break were all employed on the rock crusher, where 325 of the most desperate prisoners were at work. Captain Murphy was acting as general overseer about the rock crusher, and four other attaches, L. Daley, M. Hogan, Charles Taylor and Charles Jolly, were employed as "pushers" to keep the men at work.

A large sledge hammer was thrown into the crusher, causing the ponderous machinery to come to a standstill. This attracted Captain Murphy, Charles Jolly and Taylor to the place immediately. Thereupon the desperate convicts rushed to seize Murphy, Jolly and Taylor. They succeeded only in catching the two first mentioned. During this time the scene of trouble was under cover, and the guards on the outside could not see the struggling men, although they soon had an intimation that something was wrong. Five of the gang surrounded Captain Murphy and two others had Jolly. The convicts had knives in position for immediate execution, should the guards attempt to free themselves. The convicts were very bold as they approached Guard Harris, who stood ready to act according to the standing orders to shoot regardless of consequences.

When within 40 feet of the outside guards, one of the convicts gave the command: "Hand out your gun, or we will stab Murphy to the heart." Instead of handing out his rifle, Harris sent a bullet into the fellow's body, and he fell to the ground. In quick succession Harris fired at each of the remaining convicts, who were trying to shield themselves behind Murphy and Jolly.

In the meantime bullets from other posts were flying thickly about, many of them striking the convicts.

Captain Murphy was struck by one of them, a slight wound being inflicted in the leg, and Jolly was struck in the neck, the bullet coming out through the cheek and inflicting a very serious wound, though probably not a critical one. Two of the convicts, named Campbell and Ford, intended joining the others, but their courage failed them when the shooting began.

Moors Commit Outrage.

New York, Jan. 2.—In a garden of a British subject, only one mile from Tangier, a bold murder has been committed by Moorish robbers, according to the Herald correspondent of Tangier. The Moors entered the garden and carried away four cows belonging to the British owner, after murdering a Spaniard working on the place. One of the robbers was severely wounded by the wife of the Spaniard. It is rumored from Tetuan that the garrison there has deserted and fled from the town. Two months' pay was due them.

Santa Claus to World.

New York, Jan. 2.—The United States played Santa Claus to the world, according to reports secured from the money order division of the New York postoffice. From December 1 to December 24, the night before Christmas, no less than 334,084 international money orders were forwarded to other lands from this city, and these orders called for \$4,667,692. The remittances were the largest in the history of the postoffice. The figures show an unusual distribution, too.

Storm Destroys Jetty.

Astoria, Or., Dec. 31.—Five thousand feet of jetty superstructure was carried away in an 80-mile-an-hour gale off the mouth of the river yesterday morning, leaving only 500 feet of the outer end remaining. To repair this work, together with the portion that was carried away by previous storms, will take several months, so that it is unlikely that there will be any extension of the jetty until late next summer, if at all during the coming year.

Tried to Heave Vladivostok.

Shanghai, Jan. 2.—According to private advices from Sasebo received here today Commander Pelen, of the Russian torpedo boat destroyer Rastoropy and another officer of that vessel have been identified among those on board the captured British steamer Nigretia.

A GENERAL MOVE.

President is Making Several Changes Among Ambassadors.

Washington, Jan. 3.—President Roosevelt is devoting some time at present to consideration of important appointments in the diplomatic and consular service, which are to be made formally by him at the beginning of next March. Secretary Hay had a conference with the president today before the meeting of the cabinet, and it is understood that the matter of appointments in the diplomatic service was one of the subjects discussed. While no official announcement of the president's intention regarding the positions has yet been made, it is known that he has decided upon several changes. Joseph H. Choate, ambassador to the court of St. James, has indicated that he does not desire to continue in that position. He will be succeeded by Whiteslaw Reid, proprietor of the New York Tribune, who was at one time minister to France.

General Horace Porter, American ambassador to France, will retire from that position soon after March 4. He was appointed by the late President McKinley, and, with the expiration of his present term, will have served the United States at the French capital eight years. The president has decided on General Porter's successor, but at this time no announcement of his decision can be made.

Charlemagne Tower, American ambassador to Germany, and Robert S. McCormick, American ambassador to Russia, will continue at their respective posts.

Bellamy Storer, American ambassador to Austria-Hungary, will continue in his present place until the president decides to transfer him to another post in the diplomatic service.

As to the ambassadorship to Italy, nothing definite can be said now. It has been rumored that Ambassador George Von L. Meyer is to succeed General Porter at Paris, but it can be said that such a change is not certain. The probabilities are that Mr. Meyer will remain at Rome. General Powell Clayton having decided to relinquish his post as ambassador to Mexico at the end of the present administration, he will be succeeded by Edwin H. Conger, now United States minister to China. It is not expected that Mr. Conger will continue long at the Mexican capital, as he is understood to intend to return to his home state of Iowa to be a candidate in succession to Governor Cummins. He will be succeeded by David E. Thompson, of Nebraska, who at present is minister to Brazil. Mr. Thompson accepted the appointment to Brazil with the understanding that he would be appointed to a higher place in the diplomatic service as soon as opportunity afforded.

Mr. Conger will be succeeded at the court of Peking by William W. Rockhill, at present director of the bureau of American republics, who is recognized as an authority on all subjects pertaining to China and the Chinese.

John K. Gowdy, who was appointed by President McKinley American consul general at Paris, will be succeeded by F. H. Mason, who is now consul general to Berlin. In succession to Mr. Mason, John Lewis Griffiths, of Indianapolis, will be named.

It is expected that some other changes will be made in the corps of American ministers, but at this time they are not obtainable for publication.

New Fraser River Mill.

New Westminster, B. C., Jan. 3.—A large sawmill on the Fraser river that has been closed for 15 years will open in a few weeks to cut 250,000 feet of lumber a day, under American capital. The mill was purchased by Lester W. David, for years manager of the Monarch lumber mills in Blaine. The company will be known as the Fraser River Lumber Mills company and will employ nearly 300 men. It will ship both by rail and vessels. In the marine shipping, E. J. Dodge, the millionaire lumber man of San Francisco, will use his own fleet of lumber vessels. Already a market has been opened in Australia and the first cargo sent by water will go there.

Cunning of the Japanese.

Mukden, Jan. 3.—Irrefutable evidence has been obtained at headquarters that the Japanese are not only hiring Chinese bandits to operate on the Russian flanks, but that they are enlisting Chinese under Japanese officers. The Japanese are adopting cunning expedients to defeat surprise attacks of the Russian scouts, from which they have suffered so much. They cover the steep approaches of their trenches with water, which freezes, forms ice slides and makes the scouts slip and fall in confusion.

Good Health on Isthmus.

Washington, Jan. 3.—Commissioner Greene and Examiner Snyder, of the civil service commission, returned here today from a three weeks' visit to the Panama canal zone, where they went for the purpose of introducing the commission's rule for the employment of people connected with the canal. There has been an average of 1,500 Americans on the isthmus for the past eight months, and not one death has occurred among them.

Chicago Is Not Liable.

Chicago, Jan. 3.—Judge Charles M. Walker today decided that the city of Chicago is not liable for damages growing out of the loss of life in connection with the Iroquois theater fire. This was the last day in which, under the law, claims for damages could be filed. In the last hour of the court today 49 suits aggregating \$490,000 were filed in the circuit and supreme courts.

OREGON STATE ITEMS OF INTEREST

TWO FREE COURSES.

Lectures on Agriculture and Dairying at Corvallis College.

Corvallis — Immediately following the winter holidays the Oregon Agricultural college will give free of charge two popular short courses of instruction—one in agriculture, the other in dairying. These courses consist chiefly of lectures by specialists from the faculty and from abroad, combined with work in the laboratories, where students have access to the apparatus of the college and experiment station. The lectures are designed for busy men and women who desire to advance with this progressive age but cannot avail themselves of the full four years' course of instruction; hence the courses of lectures will come at the most convenient season of the year for combining pleasure and recreation with profitable study.

The instruction, which is simple, is adapted to the literary attainments of all; hence no educational test is required for admission to either of the courses. The course in agriculture will begin January 9 and continue 10 days. Some of the subjects to be discussed are: "Horticulture," "Plant Breeding," "Bacteriology," "Chemical Elements," "How Plants Work," "Budding of Plants Based Upon Plant Culture," "How to Conserve the Fertility of the Soil," "Drainage," "Soil Moisture," "Rose Culture," "Veterinary Surgery," "Rotation of Crops," "Roadmaking," "Fertilization and How to Make the Old Farm Pay."

The course in dairying will commence January 21, and continue eight weeks. Students will meet for work six days of the week. The mornings will be devoted to practical work in dairy rooms; two days will be devoted to butter making, two days to cheese making, and two days will be spent in the dairy laboratories. In the afternoon of the days, except those devoted to cheese making, lectures will occupy two or three hours. There will be no fees except the breakage deposit of \$3.

School for Defective Youth.

Pendleton—State Senator C. J. Smith and two others of the hold over legislative committee visited the Washington school for defective youth at Vancouver and will recommend that one be established in this state. Other matters decided upon by the committee was that the health board should have more authority than hitherto, so as to be able to enforce regulations made, instead of recommending that they be carried out. Typhoid fever was made a quarantine disease instead of being reported, as hitherto.

Corner on Wallowa Wool.

Enterprise—R. C. Mays, who is buying wool in this county for the S. Koshland company, has closed contracts for over 500,000 pounds more wool. This makes about three-fourths of the total wool clip of this county, including 1,000,000 pounds which he has already purchased. The total wool clip is estimated at 2,000,000 pounds. With 16-cent wool and the prospect of a substantial rise in cattle, good times are prophesied for the people of this county next year.

Activity at Sumpter.

Sumpter — Indications point to unusual activity in the Sumpter mining district during the coming year. Many owners of claims who have been away during the past season are returning daily, with the intention of completing their assessment work before it is too late. The faith awakened in the district by operations of the smelter is having its effect, and properties that have attracted little attention are now being put in shape.

To Collect Salmon Eggs.

Albany—C. Wallich, superintendent of the Clackamas fish hatchery, has gone to the Yaquina coast in search of a suitable place for a collection station for steelhead and silverside salmon eggs. Manager Edwin Stone stated that three are a number of places on the Yaquina river which are suited to such purposes, and it is likely a station will be established there.

Coming Events.

Inland Empire Sunday School institute, Pendleton, Ore., January 30.
Oregon State Horticultural society, Portland, January 10-11.
National American Woman Suffrage association, Portland, June 22-28.
Lewis and Clark Centennial exposition, Portland, June 1 October 15.

New Plant for Imperial.

Sumpter—As soon as General Manager Sibley, of the Imperial group, returns from the East, more extensive operations will be carried on. The installation of a larger hoisting plant is being made.

New Sawmill at Lacombe.

Lacombe—The new sawmill at Lacombe is almost completed. It will be one of the largest and best equipped in Linn county, with a capacity of 20,000 feet of lumber per day.

DEEPEN THE WILLAMETTE.

Commercial Club Wants More Open River During Entire Year.

Albany—The Albany Commercial club at a recent session discussed the question of an open river between Albany and Portland the year round, instead of a few months each year, as prevails at present, and decided to memorialize congress for an open river. A committee was appointed to take charge of the work and impress upon the Oregon congressional delegation the necessity of an open river.

Captain A. B. Graham, of Portland, one of the managers of the Oregon City Transportation company, which operates boats on the Upper Willamette, addressed the meeting regarding the improvements that are necessary to make the Willamette navigable by good sized boats all the year. He emphasized the necessity of dredging the upper river to remove some of the bars that are the greatest hindrance to navigation, of building revetments opposite Albany, Corvallis and Independence; to keep the river in its channel and deepen the same, and in general endorsed the recommendations of Major Langfitt, who recently examined the river on behalf of the government and whose recommendations are now embodied in the river and harbor appropriation bill pending before congress. It was further recommended that the War department be encouraged to purchase the locks at Oregon City, thus removing that obstruction to upper river traffic. These locks add 50 cents per ton to freight rates between all lower and upper river points.

The club appointed a committee consisting of F. J. Miller, Dr. W. H. Davis and E. D. Cusick to confer with like committees from the Commercial clubs of Salem, Independence and Corvallis, and to draft resolutions favoring the immediate improvement of the river, according to the recommendations of Major Langfitt, and to secure a visit to the upper river from Senator J. H. Mitchell and Congressman Binger Hermann during their stay in Portland.

Tin Pan Changes Hands.

Grants Pass—An important mining sale has just been consummated here in the exchange of the Tin Pan mine, of Galls creek. It was sold by Willis Kremer and H. C. Reed to A. A. Taubeneck and associates, of Allegheny, Pa. The consideration is \$10,000 cash. The Tin Pan is one of the most promising of the Galls creek district properties, and is well developed. The ore of the Tin Pan is remarkable by reason of the large percentage of lead and silver carried, which with the gold brings the values up to \$25 and \$30 a ton.

For Grand Ronde Exhibits.

La Grande—The contract for an exhibit hall in La Grande has been let by M. L. Causey to Peter Bosquet for \$500. The building will be 40 feet in length by 10 feet wide and the ceiling will be 14 feet high. This hall will be used only for the exhibition of Grand Ronde fruits, grains, grasses and different produce grown here. The Commercial club and citizens in different parts of the valley subscribed for the building.

Ex-Sheriff to Poorhouse.

Hillsboro—Ex-Sheriff W. D. Bradford, who a week ago was stricken with paralysis, has been removed to the county poor farm, where he is to be cared for. He served as sheriff two terms and was a popular official, but sickness in his family and the death of his wife, a few years ago, have ruined him financially. His condition is not improved, and fears are entertained for his recovery.

Two Gold Bricks.

Cottage Grove—F. J. Hard returned from Bohemia and brought with him two gold bricks, the result of the recent clean-up from the ten-stamp mill that is in operation at the Vesuvius mine. Mr. Hard says the plant is working to the company's satisfaction, and the mill is kept running day and night. This is the second clean-up from that new plant since it started a short time ago.

Another Livestock Delegate.

Salem—Another delegate, in the person of O. G. Andrews, of Linn county, has been appointed by Governor Chamberlain to attend the convention of the National Livestock association, to be held at Denver, Colo., January 10 to 13, 1905.

Sinking Main Shaft.

Sumpter—Columbia company is now sinking the main shaft, which is down 60 feet below the 700-foot level. Ore for the mill is being stopped from the upper works, and enough is in sight to insure an indefinite run.

THE MARKETS.

Wheat—Portland—Walla Walla, 85c; bluestem, 88@89c; valley, 87c. Tacoma—Bluestem, 88c; club, 85c. Eggs—Oregon ranch, 31c. Butter—Fancy creamery, 25@27 1/2c. Hops—Choice, 29@30c; prime, 27@28c. Wool—Valley, 19@20c; Eastern Oregon, 10@17c; mohair, 25@26c.