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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.

Hostilities in Manchuria are suspended while the armies reorganize.

Thousands of locked-out workmen in St. Petersburg threaten an outbreak.

Santo Domingo may ask the United States to act as receiver for that country.

Castro's attitude continues menacing. France and the United States may combine to discipline him.

Violent storms throughout Oklahoma have caused four deaths and numerous injuries besides a heavy property loss.

Contracts for rock for the jetty at the mouth of the Columbia have been let and deliveries will begin next month.

The two big ocean liners Parisian and Albano collided while entering the Halifax, N. S., harbor, and both were badly injured.

A Pennsylvania oil authority says nothing has ever been seen to compare with the oil territory of Kansas and Indian Territory.

A man has confessed to pulling the spikes and rails loose from the Rock Island track in Iowa to see what would happen when a train passed.

Work on the Tacoma public building will be delayed another year in the hope of securing an addition to the \$300,000 already appropriated.

Jules Verne, the noted French novelist, is dead.

Santo Domingo may ask protection of the United States.

The Oregon City land office will be removed to Portland.

Mrs. Chadwick admits of debts amounting to \$750,000.

Senor de Aspiz, the Mexican ambassador at Washington, is dead.

Terrorists have warned the Russian grand dukes that they will be removed.

Peasant revolts in Russia are becoming widespread and soldiers object to shooting.

French bankers have agreed to make Russia a loan on condition that she make peace.

A consular dispute between Norway and Sweden may dissolve the union between them.

Venezuela refuses to arbitrate dispute with United States and diplomatic relations may be broken.

The president finds he has not the power to reduce the number of canal commissioners, though he may make any change in the personnel he may desire.

Canadian shipbuilders have asked the government for a bounty of \$6 per ton for ten years on Canadian built ships to protect the industry against British competition.

The Philippines may be sold to Japan.

The Baltic fleet has been seen in the Indian ocean sailing eastward.

The United States has refused to aid foreign claimants against Panama.

Germany has angered Turkey by protesting against buying arms in France.

The czar has again turned from the peace party and will continue the war.

Twenty-four Chinese smuggled over the Mexican border at El Paso, Texas, have been arrested.

The president hopes to stave off foreign intervention in Santo Domingo until congress meets.

The eruption of Vesuvius is abating, there being only an occasional puff of light material and smoke.

The battleship Kansas will be christened by breaking a bottle of Kansas crude oil over its prow in the place of a bottle of champagne, as is the custom.

Strikes and peasant revolts are being renewed in Russia.

There is a movement in New York to erect at a cost of \$2,000,000 a building for a comprehensive exhibition of American and foreign art, and to provide a home for New York art societies.

Japan is raising the sunken Russian ships at Port Arthur.

The president has announced his intention to change the canal commission.

Kuropatkin has been appointed commander of the First Manchurian army.

Russian bureaucrats are being driven to make peace by terms dictated for a new French loan.

The United States government has called for arbitration of the Venezuelan dispute, with the alternative of force.

A new island has risen in the sea of Japan, caused by the action of a volcano. The mikado's flag has been raised on its top, which has a circumference of two and three-fourths miles.

Over 3,000 men have been thrown out of employment as the result of the shutdown of the Havemeyer sugar refinery in Brooklyn.

SINK AT DOCKS.

Damage to Ocean Liners in Collision Worse Than Thought.

Halifax, N. S., March 28.—The two ocean steamers, the Parisian and the Albano, whose 1,800 passengers were saved from possible death at sea after the collision between the two vessels off the harbor's mouth yesterday by a thrilling 15-mile race for shallow water, showed plainly today how serious was the accident, the Parisian resting on the bottom at her dock and the Albano's fore peak being full of water.

The Parisian, which came up the harbor at 6 o'clock last night with a gaping hole in her starboard side from the Albano's sharp prow, filled gradually during the night, and at dawn her engine room had been flooded, her fires extinguished, her lower deck was awash and her keel resting in the mud. A large part of her cargo is damaged by water, but the bulk of the mail, consisting of 400 sacks, was recovered in good condition.

The statements of the two commanders of the vessels as to the probable cause of the collision are conflicting, and the courts will be invoked to place the responsibility. Proceedings have been begun in the Admiralty court against the Hamburg-American company, owners of the Albano, and today that steamer was libelled for \$150,000 damages in behalf of J. & A. Allan, owners of the Parisian. Later it was announced that a counter suit would be brought by the German company.

MEXICO ON GOLD BASIS.

President Diaz Issues Decree Authorizing by Congress.

Mexico City, March 28.—President Diaz has issued a decree for the reform of the monetary system authorized by congress in December last. The decree establishes the 2-peso, or silver dollar, at a value of 60 cents gold, and the theoretical unit of the Mexican currency is defined to be the dollar or peso of 75 centigrams of gold.

An important feature of the decree is a provision for a reserve exchange fund, which, at first, will consist of \$18,000,000 or \$15,000,000, and may be increased. The original plan did not provide for the immediate establishment of this fund, but it is now deemed wise to start with one simultaneously with the beginning of the new monetary system.

The mint will be closed April 16 to the free coinage of silver and the new monetary system will go into effect May 1. The publication of the decree gives general satisfaction in business and financial circles. It assures business men against losses in importing.

STANFORD CASE IS DROPPED.

Every Clue Known to San Francisco Police is Run to Earth.

San Francisco, March 28.—It was announced at police headquarters today that every known clue in the Stanford case had been run to earth, and that the complexion of the matter had not changed in the least. Barring a confession or something "turning up," the police admit that they will never solve the mystery of how, January 14, in this city, strychnine poison was placed in the Poland water used by the late Mrs. Stanford.

That portion of the mystery connected with her tragic death at Honolulu, the police say, has been solved on the theory that Mrs. Stanford died by natural causes and that the powdered strychnine found in the bicarbonate of soda was placed there by some druggist and intended as a tonic.

The police detectives working on the case have all turned their attention to other matters, and while nominally men are detailed on the case, in reality the department has entirely dropped it.

CORTELYOU TO SUCCEED SHAW

Will Become Secretary of Treasury in Another Year.

Washington, March 28.—Leslie M. Shaw, secretary of the treasury, has signified his intention of retiring from public office on February 1, 1906, at the end of a four-year term. It is reported in official circles in Washington that Postmaster General George B. Cortelyou will succeed him. No authorized statement has been made on this point, but the assumption is generally accepted as correct.

Aliens by the Thousand.

New York, March 28.—With a total for the last week of 26,000 aliens and with the prospects of at least 23,000 more to come in on the steamships arriving this week, it is probable that all immigration figures will be broken before the spring is ended. From all parts of Europe aliens are booked to arrive and the resources of the station at Ellis island will be taxed to the utmost. At the next session of congress Mr. Sargent will ask for an appropriation for the establishment of a display of the various states' resources.

In Very Strong Position.

St. Petersburg, March 28.—A dispatch received from Spynski states that the Russian commander has succeeded in withdrawing all of his rear guard to a very strong position, where they will be able to withstand any attack of the Japanese. The dispatch states that the spirits of the men is of the best and that they are becoming more and more confident. It is further stated that General Kuropatkin is distinguishing himself.

Hit by a Bomb.

Warsaw, March 28.—A bomb was thrown into the carriage of Baron von Nolken, chief of police of Warsaw, at 8 o'clock this evening. It was reported that the Baron was severely wounded.

GETS AT THE FACTS

Grand Jury Learn of Methods of Beef Trust.

VIOLATIONS OF LAW ARE SOUGHT

Price Are Kept Uniform—Big Profits for Packers, Small Ones for Retail Merchants.

Chicago, March 25.—The Federal grand jury which is investigating the business methods of the packers acquired a lot of information today from two of the four witnesses examined during the day. Thomas G. Ruddy, of Ruddy Bros., an independent packing firm of Kansas City, and Michael B. Murphy, general manager for the Cudahy Packing company in South Omaha, Sioux City and Kansas City, contributed the bulk of the information. Mr. Ruddy occupying the chair all afternoon.

Both of the witnesses, after leaving the grand jury room, expressed the belief that the grand jury was pursuing a settled policy in asking questions which bore directly on the charges of violation of the interstate commerce law and the Sherman anti-trust law. They did not construe the questions asked of them to be framed for the purpose of gathering general information concerning the packing industry.

Testimony showing the profits of retail meat dealers and prices of unfailing uniformity for meats at the "big five" packers' branch houses was given. In a detailed statement the cost and sale prices of beef handled by retailers in Kansas City was explained by Robert Hall, a dealer from that city, and the high prices blamed on the packers. The gist of the evidence was that the charge made by packers that retailers were making 100 per cent profit on beef is incorrect, and, while on some cuts the profit is almost that amount, it is equalized by the fact that an equal percentage is sold at a loss or at least no profit.

Mr. Hall's testimony also showed that the packer who pays \$4.75 per 100 pounds for beef on the hoof sells it at \$8 per 100 pounds to the "retailer," who averages a trifle less than \$10.43 in gross receipts for the same meat.

There were 30 witnesses in the jury room annex at the opening of the session. Extra precautions were taken to prevent witnesses from coming in contact with outsiders. The doors were locked and Deputy Marshal Middleton sat inside, while Captain Porter stood outside the door.

PLANS FOR MORE SUBWAYS

New York Opens Bids for Structures Costing \$230,000,000.

New York, March 25.—Plans for subways to cost \$230,000,000, submitted by the New York City railway company and by the Interborough company were made public today by the board of rapid transit commissioners. The plans of the New York City railway company call for an outlay of \$165,000,000. August Belmont's plans for additions to the Interborough system provide for the expenditure of \$65,000,000.

The Interborough company's plans call for a four-track extension of the present subway from Grand Central station to 149th street, the Bronx, on the East side; an extension on the West side from Times square to the Battery; two additional tracks to the Second avenue elevated, and extensions and loops on Manhattan island and in Brooklyn.

The plans of the New York City railway company provide for three complete new lines paralleling the present subway, with a cross-town line at Thirty-fourth street and the Brooklyn bridge.

Gives All Shipyards a Share.

St. Petersburg, March 25.—Charles R. Flint, of New York, who has been here for several weeks urging the claims of American shipyards in connection with the execution of the Russian naval program, has left this city. In the interests of closer commercial relations between the United States and Russia in the future, Mr. Flint strongly advises the admiralty, if it has decided to place orders in the United States, not to discriminate in favor of particular concerns, but to distribute the orders generally.

Trade in Desperate Straits.

Moscow, March 25.—One of the strongest factors toward peace is the critical financial situation here and in all of the towns of South Russia. Despite the rosy stories sent abroad to the effect that there existed strong possibility of an internal loan being negotiated, it can be stated upon authority that the people have no money to loan and trade is in a desperate state. Two of the largest firms have failed for 5,000,000 roubles each.

First Female Deputy Sheriff.

Colorado Springs, Colo., March 25.—Mrs. Elizabeth Cass Goddard, one of the most prominent women of Colorado, was today appointed a deputy sheriff of El Paso county by Sheriff Grimes. She is the only woman occupying this office in the state of Colorado. While she has received the appointment in order to facilitate her work in the protection of mistreated animals, she has the full powers of a deputy sheriff.

TWO GREAT PROJECTS.

Reclamation of Tract in Idaho and Another in Montana.

Washington, March 27.—The secretary of the interior today set apart \$1,300,000 from the reclamation fund for the purpose of beginning operations in connection with the Payette-Boise irrigation project in Idaho, and \$1,000,000 for the same purpose in connection with the Milk River project in Montana. It is calculated that 370,000 acres will be reclaimed in Idaho and 325,000 in Montana, and the ultimate cost of the two enterprises is fixed at \$11,000,000 and \$10,000,000 respectively.

An international question is involved in the Milk River case, as a portion of that river, from which it is proposed to divert water, lies in Canada, and to the matter Secretary Hitchcock has been giving personal attention. After conferring with the president, he has instructed Director Walcott, of the Geological survey, to take immediate steps to carry into effect the plans of the reclamation service for storing floods in St. Mary's lake, diverting the water of St. Mary's river over into the head of Milk river and ultimately across the headwaters of Milk river into the Marias and again out of the Marias back into Milk river in Montana, thus creating a great artificially regulated system of water supply south of the international boundary.

It is expected that construction will be begun this season on the diversion of St. Mary's river into the headwaters of Milk river, allowing the water to flow for a time through Canada back into the United States.

PEACE IS NEAR.

Preliminary Pourparlers Being Held in Northern Capital.

Paris, March 27.—Inquiry late last night tends to strongly confirm the statement in last evening's dispatch that approaches toward peace between Russia and Japan have already begun at a private conference in a Northern European capital. In view of the statement from St. Petersburg that pourparlers were going on in Paris, the Associated Press last night called at the Russian embassy and at the Japanese legation. Ambassador Nelidoff stated specifically that he knew nothing about such negotiations being in progress here, and Minister Montono, while declining to discuss the general question of peace, authorized the statement that no pourparlers were occurring in Paris. At the foreign office it was also stated that officials there were not aware of steps toward peace.

The foregoing statements by Count Nelidoff and Dr. Montono, while indicating that negotiations are not proceeding here, do not alter the main statement that peace preliminaries are actually progressing elsewhere. The real explanation is probably to be found in the Paris dispatch of last evening that a preliminary conference had already been held at a northern capital. There are strong indications that this capital is Stockholm, and that the negotiations will be conducted at Stockholm, if the preliminaries prove successful. Copenhagen also is mentioned, but it is understood that the point was raised against past or future conferences there that there is a large and influential British element at that capital, whose sympathies might be hostile to Russia.

Swamped with Flour Orders.

Minneapolis, March 27.—Japan flour orders continue to pour in upon Minneapolis millers at a rate that has exceeded all expectations. The past week brought in calls for consignments ranging from 5,000 to 20,000 sacks. One of the big companies states that it is 30 days behind on Japan orders, with every mill running to its maximum capacity. Other companies report like conditions. These orders are all made clearable from the seaboard within two months' time, showing that the flour is wanted immediately.

Washington Building Falls.

St. Louis, March 27.—While workmen were razing the tall building erected by the state of Washington at the World's fair, the building suddenly collapsed and three men were injured. The work of demolition had been in progress since the first of the month. All but three of the gigantic 110-foot timber props that peculiarly characterized the construction of the building had been taken down. While workmen were taking down another the building fell.

Collecting Alaska Exhibit.

Washington, March 27.—The Interior department recently sent Godfrey Chealander on a tour of Northern Alaska to collect exhibits for the Lewis and Clark exposition, in addition to those shown at St. Louis. He will cover the territory from Fairbanks to Cape Nome, collecting specimens on the way and advertising the exposition as he goes. J. H. Ridgeway, government taxidermist, is now at Sitka preparing the Alaska fur exhibit for Portland.

Lena Remains Until War Ends.

San Francisco, March 27.—First Assistant Secretary of State F. B. Loomis, when asked today whether he had resolved on any action with regard to the Russian cruiser Lena, which is now held at Mare Island, said: "I paid a visit to the Lena yesterday, but she will not be released until the war is ended, for that would be a breach of the neutrality laws. She will have to stay at Mare Island."

OREGON STATE ITEMS OF INTEREST

RESUME WORK ON UMATILLA

Irrigation Project Has Attention of Government Engineers.

Pendleton—John T. Whistler, engineer of the reclamation bureau for Oregon, says work will be resumed on the Umatilla irrigation project in a short time. The engineers will continue their investigations of the John Day river proposition and ascertain if the river can be diverted from its channel over the desert lands of Southern Morrow county.

The feat would be a difficult one, and, contrary to the belief of the public, who think the river would leave its channel at the headwaters of Willow creek, the canal would necessarily follow the deep canyon of the river for miles, emerging to the top at a point west of Ione, Morrow county, and take an easterly direction toward Umatilla county until the grade necessitated running north to the Columbia. This project would probably cost from \$2,500,000 to \$3,000,000, but Mr. Whistler states that should it be found that 250,000 acres could be reclaimed it would be feasible. Should the amount of land be much smaller than this it will be deferred until such a time as lands are of a sufficient value to warrant the expenditure of such a sum, or at least until the reclamation fund reaches such an amount as to warrant the commencement of such a scheme.

Other investigations in the Umatilla project proper will be continued, as a site was found late last fall which might prove feasible. The character of the soils in that district is such that great care is being exercised upon a site. Some have proved after tests to be of such a nature as not to hold water through the hot season and would lose a great amount by the percolation through the sides and bottom of a reservoir.

Instructions for Taking Census.

Salem—Secretary of State Dunbar has issued the blanks and instructions to county assessors governing the taking of the state census of 1905. Supplies will be sent to each assessor in a day or two. The legislature, at its last session, having failed to pass any act amending the old census law, Secretary of State Dunbar has adhered closely to the law, out of date though it is. Two blanks are provided, one for the enumeration of inhabitants and the other for the enumeration of industrial products. For the convenience of assessors the military roll was included in the enumeration of inhabitants. The instructions given are very complete and if studied and carefully followed the census should give a very accurate collection of statistics.

To Exhibit Sumpter Ores.

Sumpter—The building which will contain the permanent ore exhibit of the Sumpter mining district, is complete in its interior decorations and now ready for the reception of a display specimen. The object of the exhibit is the concentration at one point of the many different kinds of minerals that are produced in this district. This will permit of inspection of ores without the necessity of visiting the many different sections where they are found. Many visitors from the East, visiting the Portland exposition, are expected to stop over and inspect this section, and the mineral display will be one of the most important objects to attract their attention.

To Import Black Percherons.

Pendleton—A. C. Ruby & Co. this week sold to John Crow, the wheat grower, a black Percheron stallion, making the eighteenth sale since establishing a distri buting depot in the place. Mr. Ruby is preparing to go to Europe to purchase another lot, and will leave the latter part of May. He will first visit England to purchase a few Shires and then to France to purchase the black Percherons, which are more popular than other breeds. The animals will be shipped and will reach here about the first of July.

Umatilla County Booklet.

Pendleton—The Commercial association is preparing matter for a booklet containing information of Umatilla county, to be distributed among the incoming homeseekers to induce them to locate in the county. A number of the newspaper men and business men have been asked to contribute articles for the book, and it will be printed as soon as possible. Fifty thousand copies will be printed for distribution among the visitors who pass through to the Lewis and Clark fair this summer.

Low Prices for Cattle.

Pendleton—Stock growers of the county are disappointed at the poor cattle market and a few are selling regardless of the fact that only the lowest figure of the season can be obtained. A short time ago the market promised to reach 4 cents for steers and 3½ cents for cows, and in one or two instances those figures were paid, but after those sales the prices immediately fell until only 3¼ cents is paid for the choicest animals.

Wildwood Mill to Start.

Cottage Grove—The Wildwood Lumber company, which owns a large sawmill near the end of the Oregon & Southern track, above Wildwood, has decided to put the mill into active operation. There are plenty of logs close to the mill. I. L. Smith, a well known sawmill man, has been put in charge.

NUMBER ALL NOSES.

New Legislative Apportionment to Be Made in 1907.

Salem—A new legislative apportionment, based upon the state census of 1905, must be made by the legislature of 1907, and for that reason it behooves each county to see that a full enumeration of inhabitants is made this year. The growth of Eastern Oregon and the city of Portland in the last five years is supposed to have been more rapid than the growth of the Willamette valley counties, and if the state census should show much of a difference, Multnomah county and Eastern Oregon may profit by securing larger representation in the legislature.

From computations made by Labor Commissioner O. P. Hoff last summer, that official reached the conclusion that some of the older settled valley counties are not increasing very rapidly in population. His report showing that opinion raised a storm of criticism from the counties that received an unfavorable showing, but Commissioner Hoff asserted that his computations were made according to plans approved by the best statisticians, and he anticipates that the census will bear out his figures.

The apportionment into senatorial and representative districts is not always made in strict compliance with the constitution, and therefore some counties get a larger representation than their population entitles them to, while other counties get less. Should the legislature of 1907 be actuated by a desire to follow the constitution, there might be some important changes in the apportionment of representatives.

Water War On.

Klamath Falls—The Klamath Canal company ordered the headgate of its canal opened on Link river and the water went coursing down the canal through the tunnel, under Ankeny canal, down Eleventh street, in Klamath Falls and out onto the flats bordering Lake Ewauna. Immediately Sheriff Obenchain served the manager of the company with an order from the court directing him to shut off the water, because the property owners on Eleventh street brought suit against the company for damages, as the secretary of War had notified the company that taking water out of Link river would be illegal. The company will now undoubtedly have the attention of the United States district attorney.

Oregon Hops are Dirty.

Silverton—Fred Arthur has just returned from a four months' visit in England, and among other things he brought back a sample of choice hops upon comparison with which the best hops of Oregon are found to be less clear and bright in appearance. Mr. Arthur says that although many of Oregon's hops found a market in England this year the buyers there complain that the hops are too dirty and that instead of getting better they are picked less clean each year. He fears that the reputation of Oregon hops will suffer unless there is an improvement in the picking.

Klamaths Must Pay Taxes.

Salem—Attorney General Crawford has rendered an opinion in which he holds that the Indians of the Klamath reservation, who have just received their allotments from the government, are subject to government under the laws of this state, and are entitled to enjoy the same privileges as other citizens. This means that the lands held by these Indians are subject to taxation the same as those of white men. Although the act making this allotment passed congress in 1899, it has just been approved by the president.

Plan for Larger Iron Works.

Ashland—The Ashland Iron Works company, whose plant was partially destroyed by fire a few months ago, has let the contract for new buildings and machinery on a new site and on a greatly enlarged scale. The company has been reorganized with a nominal capital of \$20,000, but the plant when completed will represent an investment of nearly \$75,000, it is said. The new buildings are to be completed and the new plant installed by May 1.

Prune Trees About to Bloom.

Corvallis—By the latter part of this week the Italian prunes in the big 155-acre orchard north of Corvallis will be in full bloom. The event is nearly a month ahead of time, the usual date being about the middle of April. Five years ago the same orchard began blossoming March 11, and that season yielded a heavy crop. Peach, almond and apricot trees in the vicinity have nearly finished blooming.

PORTLAND MARKETS.

Wheat—Walla Walla, 86 @ 87c; bluestem, 94c; valley, 87c per bushel. Oats—No. 1 white, \$1.37 1/2 @ 1.42; gray, \$1.50 per cental. Hay—Timothy, \$14 @ 16 per ton; clover, \$11 @ 12; grain, \$11 @ 12; chest, \$11 @ 12. Eggs—Oregon ranch, 18c per dozen. Butter—Fancy creamery, 27 1/2 @ 32 1/2. Potatoes—Oregon fancy, 85 @ 95c; common, 65 @ 80c. Apples—Fancy, \$1.75 @ 2.50 per box; choice, \$1 @ 1.25. Hops—Choice 1904, 23 1/4 @ 24c per pound. Wool—Valley, 19 @ 20c; Eastern Oregon, 12 @ 17c per pound; mohair, choice, 25 @ 26c per pound.