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THE NEWS OF THE WEEK

From All Parts of the New World and the Old.

OF INTEREST TO OUR READERS

Comprehensive Review of the Important Happenings of the Past Week Culled From the Telegraph Columns.

A disastrous fire in a Brooklyn skyscraper caused a loss of $300,000.

An official dispatch from Manilla says a conspiracy has been discovered in the Sooloo archipelago, a portion of the Spanish colony of the Philippine islands.

Perry Bathalow, United States consul at Mayence, is being prosecuted for severely injuring an inmate of his house by striking him on the head with a revolver.

The price of bread has gone up half a penny a loaf, and the increase is being actually felt in the poorer districts of London, whose many families have, in consequence, been obliged to reduce their supplies.

An explosion of natural gas at Avalon, Pa., killed Bessie Osborne, aged 15, seriously injured her brother Dale, aged 9, and her sister Edith, aged 6. The house was badly wrecked. The explosion was caused by a leak in the kitchen pipes.

Thomas P. Gillespie, superintendent of the Sterling Mining & Milling Company, at Montgomery, Nev., was shot and killed on the road between the Johnny and Chispa mines, by unknown parties. The shooting was done from behind some bushes.

Advices received from the Arctic ocean whaling fleet state that the entire fleet has taken only 52 whales up to October 1. In consequence of the poor catch, the price of whalebone will be in the neighborhood of 5 cents per pound. As the fleet had only one week for operations after this news was dispatched, the Arctic season is considered a failure.

Paul Isenberg, the wealthy Hawaiian sugar-planter, who with his family has been spending several months in Europe, has arrived in San Francisco. Mr. Isenberg's European trip was for the purpose of interesting foreign capitalists in the gigantic Oahu plantation scheme, of which so much has been written lately. His mission was in a measure successful, for he is now returning to Honolulu with a guaranty of about $1,500,000 from several Dutch millionaires.

It is stated by officials that the United States will have the co-operation and support of both Russia and Japan in the approaching issue over establishing adequate protection for the fur seals of the North Pacific ocean. The question is about to be brought forward, as two commissions, one American and one British, have returned, after an investigation of the conditions in Behring sea. Aside from the information they have received, Assistant Secretary of the Treasury Hamlin has recently made a report after personal inspection of the seal islands, stating that if modifications of the Paris award negotiations were not agreed to the "fur seal will in one or two seasons be commercially extinct."

The north-bound Houston & Texas Central passenger train was wrecked sixty miles from Houston, Tex. The engine jumped the track, but the coaches staid on the rails. Engineer C. E. Clark was badly hurt, and Walter Matthews, his fireman, was killed. No passegers were hurt.

At a cost of two lives four masked robbers stole $5,000 from Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Monagan, in the mining village of Rappahannock. The heads of Mr. and Mrs. Monagan were crushed with a sandbag, and they are in a critical condition. The robbers are still at large, but a posse is in pursuit.

A bull fight with fatal results occurred at Nogales, Ariz., and for a short time caused a panic in the audience. One of the bulls becoming more enraged than usual, rushed about the arena goring everything within its reach. A horse was disemboweled. A picador in an attempt to place a thorn in the side of the wild animal, was caught on one its long horns, which pierced him like a sword. He was tossed and fell to the ground bleeding and mangled, where the beast held him between his horns and pawed him. He was frightfully injured and died a few minutes later.

The Venezuela government has forwarded to Washington a brief prepared at Caracas by a commission of five eminent jurists on the British-Venezuela boundary question. It will be submitted to the United States commission as soon as the translation is completed. The brief covers 300 pages and is said to be a forcible presentation of the case. Aside from this brief coming direct from Venezuela, Messrs. Scruggs and Storbrow, counsel for Venezuela in this country, are about to submit final arguments. Heretofore the arguments presented have covered the points in evidence, but the taking of proof is now practically over and the final argument is in order.

Mobilizing France-Russian Troops.

A dispatch from St. Petersburg to Soliel says there has been an important exchange of views between the French and Russian ministers of war, by which certain modifications have been effected in the general plan for the mobilization and concentration of Franco-Russian troops in time of war. Soliel adds that proof of this statement will soon be seen in a number of frontier changes, and the first step is said to have been taken by an increase in the number of Russian dragoons.

Piano Factory Burned.

Fire completely destroyed the piano factory of House & Davis, at Desplaines, Ill. The loss is estimated at $50,000. Twenty-five new pianos were destroyed, with 250 in process of construction and a large stock of valuable hardwood lumber. A lady living over the factory lost diamonds valued at $1,000.

Has Sued the Ball Club.

Mrs. Caroline B. Newman, a woman much interested in baseball, while witnessing a game in Baltimore, was struck by a foul fly. She has sued the Baltimore base ball club for $5,000 for injuries she claims to have received. This is probably the first suit of the kind on record.

Asphyxiated by Gas.

John Houston and wife were asphyxiated by illuminating gas in their apartments in Chicago. Houston is dead and his wife's condition is critical. The accident was due to carelessness on the part of Houston who forgot to properly turn off the gas.

Met Death in the Cyclone.

The known dead by the disastrous cyclone in Lincoln and Payne counties, Oklahoma territory, number seven, with three perhaps fatally injured. Many others reported dead may swell the list of fatalities. The scene of devastation is hard of access. The property damage is heavy.

Hank Gardner Dead.

Hank M. Gardner, a one-armed man, fell from his bicycle in Buffalo, N. Y., striking on his head and fracturing his skull, dying almost instantly. Gardner was on old-time telegraph operator and well-known to the fraternity throughout the country.

An Elevator Rope Broke.

The rotten rope of an elevator caused the death of John Rahenberg in St. Louis. The accident occurred while he was alone, and for eleven hours his body served as food for rats He fell a distance of forty feet and must have been killed instantly.

Oil Stove Exploded.

An oil stove in the residence of William Allenbach, in Milwaukee, exploded and scattered the burning fluid over the little family group in the kitchen. Allenbach, his wife and baby in arms were fatally burned.

Have Renewed Their Pledge.

After several weeks of daily conferences, the lumber men interested in the domestic trade have arrived at the conclusion that their various interests can be best subserved by remaining in the pool which they have maintained during the past year under the name of the Central Lumber Company, of California. It required an enormous amount of conferring to settle the multitudinous interests involved, but this has at length been accopmlished and nearly all of the mills on the books last year have renewed their pledge to stand by each other. Prices will remain the same for the present, at least.

Coal Gas Exploded.

A terrible explosion of gas occurred at the South Wilkesbarre shaft of the Lehigh & Wilkesbarre Coal Company. It is reported that six men were so badly burned they will die. The mine was not in operation and only about fifteen men, mostly repairers, were inside. So great was the force of the explosion that it shook the surface for miles around. Smoke coming up the shaft prevented the rescuers from going down. The mine is one of the most gaseous in the anthracite region. Five years ago seven men perished in an explosion there.

A Safe Robbed.

A mysterious burglary occurred in Spokane in the office of the steam laundry company, on Main avenue. The safe was opened and between $1,200 and $1,300 in cash taken, but the robbers, who had gone to the trouble of opening the safe and taking the money in one part, left $87 25 in another although about $40 was taken from the same drawer in which the money was left. The money left was all silver.

The Car Turned Over.

One person was killed, two fatally injured and others seriously injured in an accident on the Wyoming Valley traction line in Wilkesbarre, Pa. The car left the track and fell upon its side, pinning four passenegrs under the wreck.

Cyclone in Oklahoma.

A cyclone struck Mitchell postoffice, twenty miles from Guthrie, O. T., and swept away farmhouses for miles. Postmaster Mullen and wife are known to have been killed. Many others are reported dead. Rescuing parties with coffins have been sent from Guthrie.

ARE HOLDING THEIR WHEAT

English Farmers Expect a Further Advance.

PRICE WILL RISE NEXT MONTH

This Conclusion is Based Chiefly Upon Reports From India—Prices Will Probably Remain Good Some Time.

London, Nov. 2.—A remarkable feature of the situation, one plainly indicating a belief that higher prices are coming, is that the farmers in the wheat-growing districts of England are firmly holding on to their stock, even though the figures now obtained are much higher than they ever hoped to see again. The continued absence of rain in the Punjab district and the measures now being arranged by the East Indian government to deal with a possible famine, seem certain to make large demands on the market next month.

A correspondent had a talk with Mr. Schamasch, the manager of the great firm of E. D. Sassoon & Co., of London and Bombay, the largest and most important London house in the East Indian trade. It was his purchase of several cargoes for Bombay last week that caused the first decided advance in prices. He say:

"I consider the prospect of the market excellent for some months to come, notwithstanding the price of wheat shows a downward tendency. It has now fallen to 32s, and I believe it will drop to 30s, from which point it will rise steadily in a healthy, stable manner. The poor potato crop both here and on the Continent must be taken into consideration, as an important element in predicting the grain outlook. It is almost certain that on this account France will become an importer, and when France begins to import prices will go up 2 or 3 shillings in a week. Germany and Holland also have suffered in their potato crop, so they, too, will become importers, which will increase the strength of the market and maintain prices at a good level.

"As to India, the pinch of want will not be felt there for some months, anyway, as they have enough stock to keep them going. It cannot yet be said with certainty that they will have a famine at all. Rain may come, and if it does the crop will be saved. Of course the stocks in India are held by speculators, who may manipulate the market, in which event we shall have exciting times. The importation of wheat into India has reached so far only moderate proportions. I bought three cargoes and another firm bought one cargo for India. That is all. As to Argentina, we estimate that we shall get 4,000,000 quarters at least from there.

"The reaction in the market is due to a stable state of nervousness producing an incursion of outsiders, when prices began to improve. This reaction will prove beneficial in shaking off the weak holders, when trade will beign to improve, as already explained, on a stable, healthy basis, and prices will rise steadily."

WILL SEARCH FOR TREASURE.

Wild Scheme of a Young Seafaring Man.

San Francisco, Nov. 2.—Marion Welch, a young seafaring man who sailed out of this port for some time as third mate of the steamer Mexio, has arrived here from Minneapolis, where he has been living the quiet life of a landsman for nearly a year. The object of Welch's return to the coast is to take charge of a small expedition in search of the lost treasure island, supposed to be located somewhere near the Clipperton group. The schooner Moonlight recently returned from an unsuccessful search for the island, but this fact does not appear to have a deterring effect upon Welch. He believes he is in possession of information which will render his voyage successful.

"An old shipmate of mine often told me about that island, and assured me that he had been there," said Welch. "He was always after me to promise that some day I would look up the island and make for myself a fortune out of the rich guano deposits there. He described the locality and provided me rough charts, drawn by himself. These I now have in my possession. It might be that I am going off on a fool's errand, but nevertheless I am going to try it. I have interested a well-to-do relative in the scheme, and he has provided me with the necessary funds for the expedition.

"My plan its to charter a small but stanch schooner and with a few good seamen start out for at least a year's cruise. If I am fortunate in securing the kind of a vessel I want I will get away from here inside of a month. I think I can account for the Moonlight failure to locate the island. The men in charge were misinformed as to the locality."

Times may be as good now as they ever were, but it is a waste of time to argue the point with a man who has an empty stomach.

BENEFIT THE NORTHWEST.

Reduction in Freight Rates on all the Transcontinental Lines.

Portland, Or., Nov. 2.—A new schedule of reduced freight rates will go into effect on all the transcontinental lines, November 9, placing North Pacific coast points on the same basis as San Francisco.

The new rates will apply to all points in the Central Traffic Association's territory, and from there west to the Pacific coast. The difference in San Francisco, and Portland and Sound rates, on general commodities, amounts to about 5 cents per 100 pounds, in favor of San Francisco. This will be equalized by the new tariff, which will lower North Pacific rates to correspond with those applying to San Francisco.

Notice of the proposed reduction was telegraphed yesterday from St. Paul and the foregoing meagre particulars were given out last night by J. V. Creighton, chief clerk of the Portland general freight office of the Northern Pacific railroad. This reduction will be of great importance to Northwestern merchants and business men.

BROUGHT TO HIS SENSES.

The Sultan Given Warning by the Russian Ambassador.

Constantinople, Nov. 2.—Since the visit of the Russian ambassador, M. Denelidoff, to the sultan and the important audience which followed, it is noticeable that there has been another change for the better in the attitude of Abdul Hamid and his advisers toward the Armenians in particular and the reform party in general.

It is known that Denelidoff used very plain language, and the sultan was convinced that the Russian ambassador was in earnest. This, supplemented by grave reports received by the sultan from the Turkish embassies in London and Paris, pointing out the distrust and irritation caused by the attitude of the Turkish officials, has brought about eager professions upon the part of the Turkish government of a desire to earnestly push the reforms as commenced.

Five Christian deputy governors have been appointed in Armenia It is probable there will be changes shortly in the Turkish ministry.

A TRANSFER OF GOLD.

Large Amount Sent From New York to Chicago.

Chicago, Nov. 2.—Railroad employes at the Grand Central passenger station thought the advance guard of the army had arrived in Chicago when the Baltimore & Ohio fast express train pulled into the station last night. The United States Express Company had a special car attached to the train, and all except one of this car was filled with men who carried revolvers and guns having bristling bayonets.

In the little corner, however, was sufficient wealth to satisfy a dozen gangs of trainrobbers if they had secured it. The wealth consisted of gold amounting to a legal tender value of $2,500,000. It had been shipped from the subtreasury in New York to the subtreasury in this city, and it will be transferred from the express car to the Rand-McNally building this morning. The transfer was due to the fact that the Chicago subtreasury was taxed to relieve the recent strain on the subtreasury in San Francisco.

A VENTURESOME UNDERTAKING

Two Washingtonians to Carry Mail to Central Alaska.

Seattle, Nov. 2.—Hugh Day and Jack Hays, mountaineers, left on the steamer Willapa today for Alaska. They will cross the divide above Juneau, leaving Juneau November 10, carrying the United States mail to points on the Yukon river, Forty-mile and Circle City.

A contract with the government for the trip was completed here yesterday. They will have to walk and sledge about a thousand miles through the snow and ice-bound region of the midnight sun, and they expect it will take them 70 days to reach Forty-mile.

Last year three men, who attempted to cary mail to the Yukon at this season, must have perished in the snow, as they have never since been heard from.

SIMMONS' GOOD FIGHT.

Manager of a Coquille Cannery Put Robbers to Flight.

Marshfield, Or., Nov. 2.—A. H. Simmons, manager of the Parkersburg salmon cannery, on the Coquille river, was held up in his office last night by two masked men, who demanded of Simmons, at the point of a revolver, that he open the safe. Simmons refused, and the robbers began an assault upon him with their revolvers. The robbers "went for" the manager with such fury that he changed his mind, but the desperadoes did not hear him say that he would open the safe. During the scuffle Simmons caught hold of the mask of one of the robbers and tore it from his face, so that he recognized him. This frightened the robbers away. Mr. Simmons has several flesh-wounds on his head, and is under a doctor's care. Who the robber is that he recognized he will not disclose. No arrests have been made.

BRIEF PACIFIC COAST NEWS

A Resume of Events in the Northwest.

EVIDENCE OF STEADY GROWTH

News Gathered in All the Towns of Our Neighboring States—Improvement Noted in All Industries—Oregon.

A number of hogs were sold last week in Milton for 2½ cents per pound.

William Frazier is in Eastern Oregon buying horses to be used in the United States cavalry.

The county judge of Josephine county was fined recently $100 for buying a small piece of Josephine county scrip.

The John Day flouring mill, in Grant county, is running sixteen hours a day, and is grinding 400 bushels of wheat a day.

Lee Mitchell, of Grant's Pass, received a painful wound from a salmon bite on the leg below the knee, while fishing last week.

Two Albany boys have shipped into the naval service, and are off on a three-years' cruise on a man-of-war out of San Francisco.

As the cannery at Marshfield was overstocked, the tug Triumph took 2,000 salmon from that place to the Coquille cannery last week.

The new quartz mill machinery has all been put on the ground at the Black Butte mine, with the exception of a small wheel, weighing 4,500 pounds.

The salmon cannery at Alsea bay is making a fine pack, and nearly 10,000 cases will be put up if there is no abatement in the run before the season closes.

Most of the farmers of Powder valley have about finished the fall round-up of cattle and have now in pasture a fine-looking lot of beef steers and fat cows.

A movement is on foot among lovers of music in Long Creek, Grant county, to organize a band. A subscription paper for that purpose is being circulated.

City Marshal Logan, of Weston, insists that boys under 18 years of age must keep off the streets after 7 o'clock in the evening, and warns parents that he intends to enforce the curfew ordinance.

There passed through Athena last week a family that proposes making an entire trip to Florida by team. They make their expenses of the trip by giving musical performances, the entire family being musicians.

The semi-annual report of the county clerk of Josephine county shows that there were, on September 30, outstanding unpaid county warrants to the amount of $64,504.87, the estimated interest on which is $7,000.

A number of the country papers are fully alive to their own interests in the present gratifying wheat situation. Such notices as this are being run: "Don't neglect to settle that little subscription account when you sell your wheat."

There are in the office of the treasurer of Benton county funds amounting to $2,824, with which old outstanding warrants could be paid were they presented for redemption. Some of these warrants were issued as far back as April, 1887.

Washington.

A dredger will begin work on Olympia harbor next month.

The school tax of the city of Spokane for next year amounts to $65,000.

William Hopkins has established a broom-handle factory in Burlington.

Blanche Bennet, a typewriter, was put in jail in Spokane Saturday, charged with smoking opium. She was found in Lee Jim's "joint," stupified by the drug.

The superintendent of schools in Whatcom county is strongly advising teachers to observe Admission day this year. Washington was admitted as a state November 11, 1889.

The commissioners of Kings county have fixed the tax levy for 1896 at 15.85 mills on all property within the limits of Seattle. The rate on all property in the county outside of cities, and not included in school district specials, is 12 mills.

The mills for making oatmeal and flour in Tacoma and Seattle are running night and day, and yet are behind in their orders. The demand for flour from the Orient has been simply phenomenal, and the rolled-oat trade cannot be supplied by the present mills.

Bishop Cranston and a committee of thirteen Methodist ministers have completed a thorough investigation of the affairs of the Puget sound university, resulting in an unanimous approval and indorsement of the methods and management of the college in all its departments.

The Northern Pacific will construct a big stone wall extending over 1,000 feet along the bank on the west side of the wharves in Tacoma. The wall will be of solid masonry, and will be thirty feet high and four and one-half feet wide. It will be placed on a solid rock or hardpan foundation.