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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.

Japan will next besiege Vladivostok.

Workmen at St. Petersburg have struck again and increased their demands.

Many German coal mines have been blacklisted and the strike may be renewed.

Many conflicts between police and strikers in Poland cause hundred of deaths.

The president has appointed Joseph H. Kibbey, of Arizona, to be governor of that territory.

General Stoessel has answered his accusers by showing that food and ammunition would not have held out more than four days longer.

A new blizzard is raging east of the Rocky mountains, with the temperature ranging from 4 below at Chicago to 20 below at Duluth. All trains are late on account of wind and snow.

Eleven Eastern Oregon projects for the reclamation of arid land are now under consideration by the government engineers. Malheur ranks first, but obstacles are still in the way which may cause it to be abandoned.

The governor of Warsaw has been killed by Polish strikers.

Grand Duke Nicholas is reported to be going to Manchuria to help Kuropatkin.

John Barrett, minister to Panama, says that there are but few cases of yellow fever on the isthmus.

The American Tobacco company has declared an initial dividend of 2 1/2 per cent on its common stock for a period not yet stated.

A conference of 100 ministers in New York has decided to start a crusade against vice by holding a series of mass meetings.

In New York in a single quarter last year, with a total population of 3,838,824, there were 24,034 births and 21,058 deaths, a natural increase of 2,976 in the population of the city.

Albert T. Patrick, who is under sentence of death for the murder of William M. Rice in New York, hopes to escape by proving at a second trial that embalming causes congestion of the lungs. The prosecution proved that Rice died by chloroform administered by Patrick.

The Industrial General Trust company, of London, has asked the New York supreme court for a special jury to try its suit for over \$1,000,000 against J. Kennedy Tod and others for damages for unauthorized sale of bonds for the Birmingham, Sheffield & Tennessee railroad company, the ground being that an ordinary jury would not understand the case.

The reported resignation of Kuropatkin is denied by St. Petersburg officials.

Huge ice floes fill New York harbor, making navigation difficult and almost impossible.

The assassin of the procurator of Finland has been captured. He is a medical student.

The ocean steamer Damara has been wrecked off the coast of Nova Scotia and many lives lost.

Governor Folk, of Missouri, recommends additional appropriation for the Lewis and Clark exposition.

St. Petersburg workmen threaten to renew the strike unless those engaged in the previous strike are taken back to work.

The National Editorial association, which meets in Guthrie, Okla., in June, will visit the Portland fair after its session is closed.

Rapid fire guns mounted on automobile cars are to be used by the Russians for the protection of the Trans-Siberian railroad. Six of these cars have been ordered in Chicago.

A blizzard is raging over Northern and Eastern Texas and rain and sleet falling in many sections of Southern Texas, Mississippi and Tennessee. Thousands of cattle are reported to be suffering and in many cases totally devoid of water.

The strike has spread to Transcaucasia.

The reign of terror continues in Poland.

An agreement has been made for a parcels post and quick mail service with Britain and France.

DOINGS IN CONGRESS.

Saturday, February 4.
Long occupied most of the time given by the senate today to the statehood bill with a speech in support of the bill as it stands. There was an extended debate on a provision in the agricultural appropriation bill relating to forest reservations.

The house today passed the diplomatic and consular appropriation bill, carrying \$2,107,047, which is an increase of \$78,713 over the concurrent appropriation. A number of minor bills were disposed of by unanimous consent.

Monday, February 6.
Following weeks of hearings and consideration by the committee on interstate and foreign commerce, the house today began debating the proposed legislation looking to the regulation of freight rates.

Debate on the joint statehood bill closed in the senate today.

Tuesday, February 7.
After a continuous session of nine hours the senate tonight passed the joint statehood bill. As passed the bill provides for the admission of the states of Oklahoma, to be comprised of Indian Territory and Oklahoma and New Mexico according to the present boundaries, with Arizona eliminated.

The house devoted the entire day to debate on the railroad freight bill, with the exception of a few minutes just before adjournment, when a message from the president was read recommending a board of survey for the Philippine archipelago.

Wednesday, February 8.
Although the result of the presidential election was known early in the evening of November 8, it was not until today, when the house met in joint session, that Theodore Roosevelt and Charles W. Fairbanks were officially declared to be elected. An immense audience gathered to witness the ceremony.

The house devoted five hours today to debate on the railroad freight bill. A number of the members spoke on both sides of the question.

Very little business was transacted in the house today. Kearns, of Utah, claimed to have voted against the joint statehood bill, and his vote is recorded for it. Discussion as to whether it should be changed was lengthy. Friends of the statehood bill claim it will pass in the house.

Thursday, February 9.
After nearly four days' discussion the house today, by a vote of 326 to 17, passed the bill providing for the regulation of freight rates.

The senate devoted today's session to the agricultural appropriation bill. There was a renewal of the discussion of the policy of distributing the appropriation bills among a number of committees.

After the passage of the freight rate bill by the house a spirited discussion was indulged in over the deadheads carried by transports. A resolution was adopted approving of the carrying of schoolteachers and members of the families of officers and men on transports.

Friday, February 10.
After maintaining its record for the rapid disposal of private pension bills, 433 being passed in an hour and a half, the house today considered for a short time the bill providing a government for the Panama canal zone. An early adjournment was taken to enable the Republicans to confer on the statehood bill.

Before the routine proceedings of the senate began, President pro tem Frye announced his selection of Perkins to read to the senate Washington's farewell address on February 22. Bills were passed authorizing the secretary of war to sell magazine rifles to rifle clubs upon request of governors of the various states, and permitting Oklahoma Territory to appropriate money to construct agricultural college buildings.

Must End War.

London, Feb. 10. — The St. Petersburg correspondent of the Chronicle sends an interview with a Russian who is in the confidence of M. Witte, in the course of which the Russian asserts that M. Witte recently said that peace in the Far East must be obtained at any cost. This Russian says Russia is willing to evacuate Manchuria and allow China to grant Japan a 99-year lease of Manchuria and the Liaotung peninsula. Russia would retain Saghalien, Vladivostok and the Urals district. She would pay no indemnity.

Shakes the Whole Country.

Birmingham, Alabama, Feb. 10. — A terrific explosion at the dynamite plant of the Dupont Powder company at Boyles' Gap, five miles north of this city, tonight, wrecked the plant and broke windows and extinguished all lights within a radius of two miles, but so far as learned no one was killed.

Not to Blame for Holocaust.

Chicago, Feb. 10. — The indictment charging Manager Will O. Davis, of the Iroquois theatre, with manslaughter on account of loss of life in the theatre fire, was quashed today, on the ground that the document failed to show any omission of duty on the part of Davis.

MORE ARE INDICTED

Grand Jury Turns Its Attention to Eastern Oregon Company.

PUBLIC LANDS WERE FENCED UP

Threats of Violence Used to Drive Legitimate Settlers From Their Lands in the Vicinity.

Portland, Feb. 11. — Two indictments were returned by the Federal grand jury yesterday afternoon, by one of which the long-drawn-out investigations into the dealings of the Butte Creek Land, Lumber & Livestock company were brought to a close, while the second added another mark to the list already against the names of Henry Meldrum and his associates.

The indictment against the Butte Creek company and some of its employees charges a conspiracy to prevent and obstruct the free passage over and free use of certain of the public lands situated in Wheeler county. The document also alleges that threats of violence and other means of intimidation were used to drive those legitimate homesteaders already settled on the land from the vicinity. As defendants the indictment names Winlock W. Steiwer, ex-state senator; Hamilton H. Hendricks, secretary of the Butte Creek Land company; Clarence B. Zachary, Adelbert C. Zachary, Charles A. Watson and Clyde E. Glass, employees of the company; Binger Hermann, John H. Hall; Edwin Mays, ex-assistant United States attorney; Franklin P. Mays; Clark E. Loomis and Edward D. Stratford.

The second indictment is against Henry Meldrum, ex-surveyor general; George E. Waggoner, Meldrum's clerk; David W. Kinniard, Benjamin F. Minton and Gustave Klatsch, deputy surveyors; George Sorenson, Livy Stipp and Frank H. Duncan, notaries public. It is brought under the same section of the revised statutes of the United States as the foregoing and alleges that the defendants conspired to defraud the government of the United States by false and fraudulent surveys.

MAY BE WORSE THAN EVER.

Russian Official Says Seed of Revolution is in the Army.

London, Feb. 11. — There is danger of the Russian strike breaking out afresh and in a worse form than the present trouble, according to the Copenhagen correspondent of the Morning Leader.

The propaganda being carried on by the Russian Progressive party, the correspondent asserts, has been most successful. The police admit that there are no signs of an abatement of the agitation, while a high official in the Russian capital fears the trouble will yet assume the proportions of a general uprising, much bigger than the last.

"The seed of revolution," he adds, "has been sown among the soldiers with apparent success." This last statement is most sinister. Had even a portion of the troops joined the strikers when the trouble first started, Russia would undoubtedly now be in the throes of a revolution equaling, if not surpassing, the French revolution. Even yet, should the disaffection obtain deep root in the army, the outcome would be appalling.

Storm Shuts Off Electricity.

Louisville, Feb. 11. — While conditions resulting from the long continued rain and sleet storm show a slight improvement in the Southwest today, there is no betterment of the situation from the Mississippi to the Atlantic coast. The telephone and telegraphic companies in this vast area have been practically out of business since last Saturday night. Atlanta has been shut off twice since Sunday and nothing has been heard from there by wire for 14 hours.

Investigate Panama Railroad.

Washington, Feb. 11. — No date has been set for beginning the investigation of the Panama railroad company, which task has been assigned to a subcommittee of the house committee on interstate and foreign commerce. Representative Shackleford (Mo.), chairman of this subcommittee, stated today that it would be some days before the details of the investigation would be decided upon. Much of the information desired regarding the affairs of this road has been received in reports from the executive departments.

Arizona Glad She is Left Out.

Phoenix, Ariz., Feb. 11. — Both houses of the legislature passed a concurrent resolution thanking the United States senate for eliminating Arizona from the statehood bill and asking the house of representatives to concur in the amendment affecting this territory.

STRIKE CAUSES DEADLY RIOTS.

Poland in State of Anarchy and Condition in Caucasus Worse.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 9. — For the moment the startling crime in Helsingfors has withdrawn attention from the strike situation throughout Russia. Today's events in Poland and the Caucasus, however, are quite serious enough to avail themselves. Disorders in the smaller industrial towns of Poland have added more than a score to the total of the killed, and troops have been sent to Warsaw and Kutno, 83 miles west of Warsaw, to quell uprisings there. The strike continues in the Caucasus and conditions are becoming worse, and traffic on the Trans-Caucasian railway is interrupted.

The central committee of the Social Democratic Workmen's party has issued a violent proclamation, which has been widely circulated in the factories of St. Petersburg, calling on the operatives to array themselves under the red flag of the Social Democracy and prepare for an armed renewal of the January demonstrations. The proclamation bitterly assails church and state and the higher classes, and concludes:

"In order to gain victory, we must organize a vast workmen's army. Then again we will start for the palace to present our demands, not like icons and not with supplications, but with arms in our hands, under the blood standard of the Russian Social Democratic party."

RULES THE LAND.

Rockefeller Interests Gain Control of More of Country's Railways.

New York, Feb. 8. — Positive information came to light in certain favored quarters today that Standard Oil, through Edward H. Harriman, has secured control of the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe railroad and would be in a position to practically dominate the transportation facilities of the country. By this tremendous coup, and others of quite recent date, the Rockefeller interests now control a total of 72,740 miles of railway, representing in stocks and bonds \$3,895,320,000. This vast network of tracks stretches over the East, West, Northwest and Southwest, tapping the very choicest territory in every direction. The only portion of the United States not included in the new map is the Southeastern Atlantic states.

Prior to securing control of the Santa Fe, the Vanderbilt-Harriman interests had a total mileage of 40,849. The Gould-Pacific group adds 13,789 miles, the Rockefeller group proper 10,293 miles, and the Santa Fe brings in 7,809 miles more.

MUST HAVE PEACE.

Czar Tells General Kuropatkin of His Decision to End War.

London, Feb. 8. — Additional information indicating that Russia is making ready for peace is cabled to the London Daily Chronicle by its St. Petersburg correspondent and published in Wednesday morning's issue.

As in his former dispatch, the correspondent claims the highest authority for his statements. He wires that the government has within the past few days cancelled a large order which provided for the mobilization of a new army corps.

In addition to this, the correspondent asserts that special instructions were sent to General Kuropatkin on Tuesday by the czar, in which he is informed of the decision to terminate the war.

EXILES THREATEN TO FIGHT

Defeated Dominican Faction Protests Against Protocol with America.

Turk's Island, Feb. 8. — According to advices received here from Santo Domingo, under date of February 3, General Cespedes, governor of Puerto Plata, has resigned and gone to Porto Rico.

The steamer Cherokee which will leave here today, will carry a protest against the United States-Dominican protocol to the United States congress from ex-Vice President Deschamps, of Santo Domingo, and his followers, now here, who say they are disposed to resort to arms in furtherance of their cause and remove the present government of Santo Domingo if it does not resign.

Panama Canal Act Sustained.

Washington, Feb. 8. — Justice Stafford, of the Equity court, today decided against Warren B. Wilson, a Chicago lawyer, who sued for an injunction to restrain the secretary of the treasury from paying to the republic of Panama any of the amounts of money provided for under the treaty of the United States with Panama. Mr. Wilson, in his suit, which, he said, he brought on his own initiative, alleged that the Panama canal act was unconstitutional and that the United States was without the right to acquire foreign territory.

Many Killed in Strike Riots.

Warsaw, Russian Poland, Feb. 8. — According to a report from Random, 20 workmen have been killed or wounded in strike disorders there today.

GRAND JURY SPEAKS

Brings More Indictments in Connection with Land Frauds.

MITCHELL'S LAW PARTNER NAMED

Perjury is Crime Charged Against Him—Brother of State Treasurer Also in Toils.

Portland, Feb. 9. — Judge Albert H. Tanner, law partner of John H. Mitchell, and one of the most prominent attorneys and citizens of Portland, was indicted yesterday afternoon by the Federal grand jury for the crime of perjury alleged to have been committed on January 31 while before the grand jury as a witness in relation to the dealings of Senator Mitchell with Frederick A. Kribs, the land speculator. At the same time this indictment was returned three others were also reported to the court, one against Hamilton H. Hendricks for subornation of perjury, one against George C. Brownell in amendment of the indictment for subornation of perjury returned a week ago, and the last against Henry Meldrum, George Waggoner, David W. Kinnaird, Rufus S. Moore, a brother of State Treasurer Charles S. Moore; John W. Hamaker and Frank J. Van Winkle, for conspiracy to defraud the government.

The indictment of Judge Tanner is the most sensational returned for some time, for it brings before the public with unexpected suddenness the name of a man heretofore entirely unconnected by rumor or fact with the far-reaching frauds now being unearthed. The indictment further charges that it was loyalty to his partner, Senator Mitchell, and a wish to spare him from the shame of the second indictment returned a week ago which caused him to attempt to hide, according to the allegations of the indictment, the true state of affairs as existing in the business of their law office.

It is alleged in the indictment that Judge Tanner, while a witness before the grand jury on January 31, 1905, and while under oath, said that the firm had received money and other compensation for work done for Frederick A. Kribs, in expediting claims through the general land office and passing them to patent, but that of these sums received Senator Mitchell had not received any part for himself. This the government thinks is untrue, and it will attempt to prove that Senator Mitchell did receive money, placed to his account by Judge Tanner at the expiration of each month.

RECOVERED AFTER MANY YEARS

One of \$3,000,000 of Stolen Bonds Causes Three Arrests.

New York, Feb. 9. — Dr. Lewis O. Wilcoxson, who is under arrest here, together with Joseph A. Taylor, of White Plains, N. Y., and James A. Smith, of this city, in connection with the recovery of a \$40,000 United States government bond stolen from the Manhattan savings institution in 1878, has resided with his wife and child at one of the leading up-town hotels here for nearly three years. He claims Chicago as his native city, says he owns extensive mining interests in Alaska, and has an income of \$5,000 a month. Nevertheless he spent the night in prison in default of \$10,000 bonds required by the Federal authorities. The recovery of the bond was made through the subtreasury in Wall street, where it had been delivered by a bank messenger. Thirty of the same series were taken in the Manhattan robbery, and this is only the third one found. Two others were recovered in 1880.

The police are now searching for Samuel Warren Miller, from whom Wilcoxson says he received the bond in part payment for some Alaska mining property last Monday.

Recovery of the bond recalls the robbery, 27 years ago, of the Manhattan bank, one of the richest hauls ever made in America. The burglars secured nearly \$3,000,000 in cash and negotiable securities.

Red Cross is Reorganized.

Washington, Feb. 9. — In pursuance of the terms of the act of congress providing for the reorganization of the Red Cross, the incorporators of the American National Red Cross met at the State department today. About two dozen persons were present, but Miss Clara Barton was absent. Secretary Taft called the incorporators to order. The following permanent officers were elected: President, William H. Taft; treasurer, Charles H. Keep, assistant secretary of the treasury; counselor, L. A. Pradt; secretary, Anita N. McGee.

Japanese Seize More Coal.

Tokio, Feb. 9. — The British steamer Eastry, bound for Vladivostok, with coal, was captured off Hokkaido yesterday. She is being brought to Yokosaka.