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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.

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 Aspiros, 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.

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.

Strikes and peasant revolts are being renewed in Russia.

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.

Although the city ordinances of New York forbid the erection of brick and stone buildings in frosty weather, some 75 flat buildings have been finished since January 1, and now that the mortar is thawing they are falling down.

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

News of another crushing blow to the Russian army is being withheld.

A Chicago judge says a woman has a right to kill her husband in self-defense.

Italy has sent a warship to Santo Domingo to demand the payment of her claims.

An addition is being built to President Roosevelt's summer home at Sagamore Hill, L. I.

The war party in Russia is caricaturing Roosevelt and trying to draw France and Germany into war.

DOINGS IN CONGRESS.

Saturday, March 18.
The special session of the senate was at 3:30 today adjourned without day. All the nominations sent in were confirmed with the exception of five, the most important of which was that of Judge James Wickersham to succeed himself as judge of the District court of Alaska. Several unimportant treaties were ratified, but beyond these matters no legislative business was transacted. Most of the session was devoted to the Santo Domingo treaty and at adjournment no action had been taken on the matter and it was allowed to remain on the calendar.

WAITS FOR TITLE.

As Soon as Secured Government Will Begin Celilo Canal.

Washington, March 24.—It developed today, upon inquiry at the War department, that the government is not likely to begin construction of the Dalles-Celilo canal, because the state of Oregon has not yet conveyed to the Federal government absolute title to the right of way for this waterway.

The original act of congress authorizing the canal stipulated that no work should be done until the state had presented right of way to the government free of cost. When this condition was imposed by congress, steps were taken by the state looking to the purchase or condemnation of the necessary lands and army engineers are advised that most, if not all, of the land necessary has been purchased or condemned. In fact, last September Major Langfitt transmitted to the chief of engineers abstracts of title to this land. These abstracts were examined by the attorney general and approved as being sufficiently binding. The papers were then returned to Major Langfitt with the understanding that the state would make payments for the various parcels of land included in the right of way. Since that time nothing has been heard from Major Langfitt or from the state, and, so far as the War department is aware, this right of way has not been purchased.

Until the title is turned over to the government, not one cent of the \$300,000 appropriated last session can be expended. Notwithstanding this situation, Major Langfitt will proceed with the preparation of the project for the expenditure of this money and work will begin in accordance with this plan just as soon as title to the right of way rests in the government.

BACK TO BAIKAL.

Russians May Continue Their Retreat When Harbin is Reached.

St. Petersburg, March 24.—The possibility that, if the Russian army should be unable to hold the lower line of the Sungari river and Chunchiatun, it may be compelled to retreat not only to Harbin, but also further westward along the railroad, abandoning to the Japanese Northern Manchuria and the Russian maritime Amur provinces as well, is the latest startling news from the front.

The strategic weakness of General Linievitch's position as he falls back northward is made clear by the Gunshu dispatches to the Associated Press, in which it is pointed out that, unless Chunchiatun and the Sungari lines, a scant 100 miles below Harbin, can be held, it will be difficult to maintain a position farther back before Harbin, where, with the front of the army paralleling the railroad, the practicability of a turning movement to completely sever communications and isolate the army 5,000 miles from home is too serious for Russian consideration. In view of this possibility the dispatch alluded to suggests the advisability of immediately providing Vladivostok with war munitions and supplies for a two years' siege.

WILL ADOPT LESSONS TAUGHT.

President and General Officers Will Apply Them in Army.

Washington, March 24.—Results of the observation of American army officers during the Russo-Japanese war formed the subject of a conference today between the president and Assistant Secretary of War Oliver, General Crozier, chief of the bureau of ordinance and several officers of the general staff. The importance of individual initiative in the soldier and of higher physical training than heretofore has characterized the private in the ranks has been made evident. The conference today was preliminary to the adoption of such means as will increase the training and add to the initiative of the enlisted men join the army. The methods will be taught them which are born of experience and observation. It is expected that these methods not only will increase the efficiency of the private soldier, but also will enable him the better to protect himself and perhaps his comrades in time of emergency. The new methods will be promulgated in general orders to the army.

Damage of \$1,000,000 is Done.

Pittsburg, March 24.—The crest of the flood was reached early today and the rivers are receding rapidly. It is estimated that the total loss to local industry since the flood began will exceed \$1,000,000.

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 Buddy Bros., an independent packing firm of Kansas City, and Michael R. 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 unaffiliated 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.

First Female Deputy Sheriff.

Colorado Springs, Colo., March 25.—Mrs. Elizabeth Case 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.

DEATH ROLL GROWS.

One Hundred Dead and Missing at Brockton, Massachusetts.

Brockton, Mass., March 22.—Satisfied that there was no chance of recovering additional bodies from the ruins of the R. B. Grover company's shoe factory, search was abandoned at 11 o'clock tonight by the small army of volunteers after 37 hours of constant toil. Although the police and Medical Examiner Paine felt that they have removed from the debris all remains which were not reduced to ashes, a second search shortly will be instituted to satisfy relatives and friends of the victims.

The revised list as given out by the police at 11:30 o'clock tonight was as follows:

"Bodies recovered, 55; identified, 14; missing, 45; reported as escaped, 283. It now seems probable that but 14 bodies will be buried with their identity positively established."

An inquest will be held shortly. The day saw the first movement on the part of the workmen in trades similar to that pursued by the victims to raise a relief fund for the bereaved families. It is expected that several thousand dollars will be subscribed.

At the ruins tonight hundreds of men drenched to the skin by the rain toiled unceasingly amid the half-burned timbers for fragments of flesh and bone which, when found, were hurried to the morgue to be scanned by those waiting there. That the 55 dead represent the total number of victims no one familiar with the disaster believes. It is extremely doubtful, however, that more than fragmentary pieces of other bodies will ever be found.

WORST FLOOD IN YEARS.

Swollen Rivers Swamp the Pittsburg Mills and Drive People Away.

Pittsburg, March 22.—Pittsburg is threatened with one of the worst floods in years. At 11 o'clock tonight Forecaster Frank Ridgway predicted over 30 feet of water in the river. He does not expect over 35 feet, if that much.

During the early hours today the water began to recede from the rise in the Allegheny, but a fresh impetus was given to the rushing torrents by a rain fall of nearly two inches over the entire watershed of the Monongahela river. Tonight about 50 miles above Pittsburg the Monongahela rising eight inches an hour, and at the harbor here the gauge show a rise of nearly three inches an hour.

Already a number of mills have shut down as a result of the water putting out the fires. From three to five feet more of water is expected up the valley, and a total of 20,000 men are liable to idleness.

Hundreds of houses on the South side and in McKeesport and other suburbs of this city are surrounded by from two to eight feet of water, the occupants living in the second stories. In some places the water has entered the upper rooms and homes are being abandoned for the time being. No fatalities have been reported.

TORNADO TAKES NINE LIVES

Tears Through Alabama, Wrecking Houses and Slaying Occupants.

Roanoke, Ala., March 22.—Reports have reached here of one of the most disastrous storms that ever visited that section, which swept across the southern part of Randolph county late last night. Eight or nine lives are known to have been lost, and damage amounting to thousands of dollars was done to property. The tornado started at a point near Double Heads and proceeded in a northwesterly course.

The residence of Mack Carlisle was demolished and R. C. Haynes, of Roanoke, was killed. Three negroes were killed and several injured on the Wilson plantation. Three or four negroes were killed on the Holly plantation, near Rock Mills. At Lime postoffice a store was demolished and a little white girl, daughter of a Mr. Lucas, was killed and her mother seriously injured.

Details of the storm are difficult to obtain on account of the wires being down.

Are Suspected of Polygamy.

Honolulu, March 22.—R. W. Breckons, United States attorney, is reported to be investigating the Mormon settlement at Laie for evidence of polygamy, on instructions from Washington. Mr. Breckons refuses to confirm or deny the report. A. T. Atkinson, superintendent of public instruction, and father of Territorial Secretary Atkinson, has resigned at the request of Governor Carter, who considers his administration unsatisfactory. In his letter of resignation, Superintendent Atkinson demands a public investigation.

Must Not Fake Manchuria.

Kobe, March 22.—According to the Pekin correspondent of the Mainichi Shimbun, one of the leading Tokio papers, United States Minister Conger has notified the Chinese government that in future no power will be permitted to acquire territory in Manchuria. It is also said that in this policy America is supported by Great Britain, France, Germany, Belgium, Austria, Hungary and Italy.

ALL GOES TO JETTY

No More Money for Dredging Columbia River Bar.

CONTRACTS WILL SOON BE LET

Big Dredge Chinook Will Not Continue Operations on Bar During Coming Season.

Washington, March 23.—The work of improvement at the mouth of the Columbia river this summer will be confined exclusively to jetty extension, in accordance with the provisions of the late river and harbor bill. The chief of engineers will soon award the contract for furnishing stone for the jetty and as soon as possible thereafter delivery will commence and the jetty will be pushed seaward.

It has been finally determined to abandon dredging on the Columbia river bar. Major Langfitt is not impressed with what was accomplished by the dredge Chinook last season, and inclines to the opinion that the money required for operating this dredge might better be expended on permanent work on the jetty. This view is now concurred in by the department officials. What will be done with the Chinook has not been determined. She may lie up at a dock or be sent to some other locality where dredging produces better results.

The government will have to pay more for stone this year than it did under the former contract, but the exact figure is not yet known, as all data is not now at hand.

The engineers are not ready to commence construction of the Dalles-Celilo canal. Major Langfitt has been directed to submit to the War department a plan for utilizing the \$300,000 carried by the river and harbor bill. It is believed this amount will be ample to construct the first or lower lock.

SAY IT IS NOT A SQUARE DEAL.

Canal Commissioners' Heads Will Go Off Under Protest.

Washington, D. C., March 23.—The president and Secretary of War Taft are conferring tonight on proposed changes in the personnel of the Isthmian canal commission. It is thought that an announcement of the removal of the present members and the appointment of their successors may be made tomorrow.

Chairman Walker and the members of the commission have practically decided that they will not tender their resignations until requested to do so by the president. They feel keenly the fact that during the recent criticism of their management of affairs they have not been requested by the president to present their side of the case. Their friends declare that snap judgment is being taken and they are quoting against the president his famous motto: "A square deal for every man; no more and no less."

HAY IS WORN OUT.

Health Will Never Permit Him to Return to Duty.

Chicago, March 23.—Private advices received in Chicago from friends of Secretary of State John Hay indicate more fully than recent press dispatches that the distinguished American, now on his way to Europe, has no expectation of ever resuming his official duties and that he feels his physical condition to be quite serious. Three personal letters to Chicagoans, one from the secretary himself and two from close personal friends of his, show this.

"I need a long, long rest," he himself wrote to an old-time acquaintance here, "and I must have it, even at the cost of many ambitions for the work I have under way. I am very tired and not well, the springs of youth are not what they were. Some one else must go on with what has been started during my time here."

Forty-Four Are Still Missing.

Brockton, Mass., March 23.—No more bodies have been found in the ruins of the R. B. Grover company's shoe factory today. The number of bodies recovered is 55. Late last night City Marshal Boyden issued a statement to the effect that 44 persons who were employed in the factory were still missing. Practically all business throughout the city will be suspended today during the funerals. The schools are closed, and so far as possible all traffic will be discontinued as the cortege passes through the streets.

Japanese in Front of Him.

St. Petersburg, March 23.—A dispatch from General Linievitch, dated March 21 says: "Yesterday Japanese cavalry detachments appeared in front of our advance posts. Behind the cavalry were infantry who halted at the village of Machantzy."