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NEWS OF THE WEEK

In a Condensed Form for Our Busy Readers.

A Resume of the Less Important but Not Less Interesting Events of the Past Week.

The kaiser is trying to prevent Norway from becoming a republic.

The mutineers of the Russian battleship Potemkin have all been shot or are in chains.

A party has been formed by prominent Italians for the exploration of the upper Amazon river.

Minister Witte has had a stormy interview with the czar and may refuse to act as a peace envoy.

Major Langfitt, government engineer, with headquarters at Portland, is to be succeeded by Major Boessler.

The battleship Oregon holds the trophy for high scores in gunnery among all battleships of the American navy.

Indiana officer have arrested 11 men believed to be a gang who have been systematically robbing freight cars of silk.

Chief Forester Pinchot has ordered that forest supervisors must accept no fees for services performed, under pain of dismissal.

The salaries of the Russian plenipotentiaries have been fixed at \$200 per day each, besides an allowance of \$7,500 for traveling and other expenses.

During a high wind, following a severe rain and electric storm, the walls of a brick building in course of construction at Winnipeg, Manitoba, fell, burying a number of people. It is feared at least ten are dead.

The British navy is to be concentrated near home.

There is renewed fear of war between Norway and Sweden.

Dynamite has been found in the czar's palace at Moscow.

A great German naval demonstration is to be made off Sweden.

Sweden will oppose to the last the election of Prince Charles, of Denmark, as king of Norway.

Terrorists have warned Trepoff, assistant minister of the interior of Russia, that he will be killed.

The Citizen's bank of Yellow Springs, Ohio, has closed, owing depositors between \$25,000 and \$30,000.

Emperor William has held a conference with King Oscar and a German-Swedish alliance was discussed.

Government secret service men have arrested six men in San Francisco for issuing fraudulent naturalization papers and marine licenses.

It is proposed to have a race between airships at the Portland fair. The contestants have both constructed flying machines with some degree of success.

The American Medical association, in session at Portland, adopted a resolution advocating a new cabinet position, to be known as the Public Health department.

Germany will build ports in Morocco opposite Gibraltar.

Many Milwaukee officials have been indicted for bribery.

Yale may call on Dewey to resign on account of his connection with the Equitable scandal.

It is feared another mutiny will break out in the Russian Black sea fleet because the mutineers who surrendered have been imprisoned.

An explosion of firedamp in the coal mines at Wattstown, Wales, entombed 150 men and it is believed that at least 120 of the miners are dead.

Governor Folk, of Missouri, in an address before the Fremont, Nebraska, Chautauqua assembly, declared that graft is a national disease.

A discontented stockholder of the International Harvester company has commenced suit against the company for an accounting and says millions have been exacted from railroads in rebates.

Secretary of the Treasury Shaw has ruled that camel's hair cloth is wool and duty must be paid on it as such.

The Santa Fe railroad has just run a special from Los Angeles to Chicago in 44 hours and 54 minutes, which establishes a new record. Eliminating "dead" time and stops, the 2,244 miles was covered at an average speed of 51 miles an hour.

Extreme heat is killing many in Italy and Germany.

Terrific heat has killed many people in New York and Pittsburg.

DENIES MOTION.

Judge DeHaven Refuses to Dismiss Land Fraud Cases.

Portland, July 14.—The case of the United States against Williamson, Gesner and Biggs will not be dismissed by the court, nor will the jury be instructed to acquit as prayed for in a day-long argument by Judge Bennett and H. S. Wilson. But by the ruling of Judge De Haven the case will have to be fought out before the jury to the end. According to the opinion of the judge, the prosecution has furnished sufficient evidence against Williamson and his associates to warrant his submitting the case to the jury.

Judge Bennett opened the case for the defense yesterday morning with a motion to dismiss, owing to insufficient evidence to connect the defendants or to convict them. He asked that the case be not submitted to the jury, or, if such had to be done, that the court instruct the jury to return a verdict of acquittal. Following this motion the attorneys for the defense made exhaustive arguments of their position, bringing citations from the law to show that their contentions were within the rule.

Upon making this motion and before commencing his argument Judge Bennett asked the court that the jury be allowed to remain in the room during the argument, in order that it might hear the positions taken by both sides in the controversy. This, it is alleged by some, was a mistake in the strategy of the trial, as the influence of the refusal of the court to allow the motion would tend to throw assistance to the side of the government.

STORM WRECKS TOWNS.

Destroys Everything in Its Path on Rosebud Reservation.

Fairfax, S. D., July 14.—One of the worst storms that ever visited the Rosebud reservation struck the towns of St. Elmo, Burke, Herrick and Gregory, resulting in the death of one person and the injury of 11 others, two of whom may die.

At St. Elmo three buildings were destroyed and Roy McFadden was killed. At Burke, a few miles north of St. Elmo, ten buildings were destroyed. The home of Mr. Jensen was demolished and Mr. Jensen, his wife and baby seriously hurt. Mrs. Jensen and her child may die.

At Herrick, near by, the entire town was damaged. Two livery barns, three stores, a saloon and 21 residences were entirely destroyed and five persons injured.

Three large buildings were unroofed and seven smaller ones destroyed at Gregory, but no person was injured.

The storm was severe over the entire reservation and several inches of water fell at the points which suffered most. Much damage was done to crops and wries, and most of the details of the havoc wrought have been brought in by messengers from the different towns.

MURAVIEFF RESIGNS.

Czar Decides to Send Witte to Washington in His Place.

St. Petersburg, July 14.—M. Muravieff has resigned his position as chief peace plenipotentiary.

It may be regarded as practically certain that he will be replaced by M. Witte, president of the committee of ministers, who all along has been considered the Russian statesman pre-eminently qualified to undertake the difficult task of negotiating peace with Japan.

Though the emperor on two previous occasions has flatly declined to accept M. Witte, he has now indicated his readiness to make the appointment. The commission, however, will not be actually signed until Foreign Minister Lamsdorff, who throughout has been M. Witte's warm supporter, has had an audience with the emperor. To that extent only the matter may be regarded as settled, nothing being certain in Russia, as a prominent diplomat remarked last night, until the emperor's signature has been affixed.

Orders Reforms in Navy.

St. Petersburg, July 14.—The announcement of the appointment of Vice Admiral Birleff as minister of Marine in succession to Admiral Avellan, which is gazetted this morning, is coupled with a highly significant rescript in which the emperor charges the new minister not only with the task of rebuilding the navy, but also with that of reforming and reorganizing the whole system. The minister is instructed to eradicate the faults which have developed under the stress of the present war.

Honolulu Chinese Push Boycott.

Honolulu, July 14.—Local Chinese are trying to raise a fund of \$50,000 to assist in the boycott of American goods in China. It is reported they have already raised \$30,000.

DEFENSE TESTIFIES

Gesner Says There Was No Intent to Break Laws.

TIMBER LAND DEALS LEGITIMATE

Testimony of Witnesses that Implied Contracts Had Been Made is Vigorously Denied.

Portland, July 15.—Dr. Van Gesner, partner of Representative Williamson and Marion R. Biggs, United States land commissioner, two of the defendants in the case now on trial before Judge De Haven, testified yesterday in their own behalf. Dr. Gesner passed through the rigid cross examination conducted by District Attorney Heney, and, although his original story was not shaken much, he was forced into several admissions that will be used when the government comes to make its argument. This morning Marion Biggs will be subjected to cross examination and unless court should adjourn at noon, it is possible that Representative Williamson will take the stand.

Dr. Gesner, in answer to the questions asked by Attorney Wilson, gave his version of the way in which he had started out to obtain the timber lands which since have involved him in the case at bar. He admitted having made the loan to a number of the entrymen, but said that he did so in order to protect the property he already had in that section of the country. Dr. Gesner denied that he had any contracts with the various entrymen, and stated there had been no conspiracy with Marion Biggs and Representative Williamson. The witness gave a history of the war between the sheep and cattlemen, in which the now famous "30-30" men played such an important part in the Horse Heaven country. The entrymen, he testified, had first approached him and asked him to lend the money with which to file on the claims. He stated that he agreed to furnish them the money, providing they would give him the use of the land for a range for his sheep. For the use of the range he had agreed not to charge them interest on the loans. He said that the sheepshooters had established a dead line and in order to protect his property he was forced to secure more range and thought that he had gone the right way about it, when he made the loans to the entrymen who came to him, and asked for financial help.

Before agreeing to furnish the money to the entrymen, Dr. Gesner stated that he had first consulted Biggs and had engaged him as a lawyer. He also consulted Attorney Barnes, and had been assured by both that what he intended to do was legal, provided he did not enter into a contract with the entrymen before they made their filings.

MONOPOLY IS AT AN END.

Pacific Mail No Longer Controls the Traffic of the Isthmus.

New York, July 15.—The contract between the Panama Railroad company and the Pacific Mail Steamship company, under which the latter has for years enjoyed the exclusive privilege of handling freight on the Pacific side on through bills of lading, terminated today. Hereafter all carriers will be on a parity in respect to transit facilities on the isthmus.

Mr. Bristow in his recent report on the Panama railroad recommended that if the Pacific Mail Steamship company withdraws its present Panama line an effort be made to induce some other company to establish a first-class service between the important Pacific coast ports of the United States and Panama.

Upon excellent authority it can be stated that the government does not anticipate that the Pacific Mail will carry out its threat to take its vessels from the Panama-San Francisco service, nor does it expect the abrogation of the contract to affect in any way the shipment of merchandise from New York to San Francisco.

Balfour Opposes Conscription.

London, July 15.—In the house of commons tonight Premier Balfour referred to the speech of Field Marshal Lord Roberts in the house of lords Monday last, in which the latter said that the armed forces of Great Britain as a body were absolutely unfitted and unprepared for war, and declared emphatically that the choice lay between conscription and some practical system of universal training. The premier said he could never be led to believe that conscription could be successfully adopted in England.

Must Keep Cuban Cities Healthy.

Havana, July 15.—President Palma has vetoed the action of congress which continued in effect the budget for the fiscal year ending June 30. His reason for so doing is that the old budget did not include any provision for the sanitation of cities.

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