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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.

Senator Depew's health has broken down.

Heyburn's pure food bill is likely to be come a law.

It is said the United States will offer to sell the Philippine islands to Japan.

Berlin fears further Socialist riots and troops are being held in readiness.

Secretary Taft is investigating affairs in the Philippines for a possible graft by officials there.

Chief Engineer Stevens, of the canal, has been elected vice president of the Panama railroad.

Luke Wright has been appointed ambassador to Japan. General Smith will succeed him as Philippine governor.

Admiral Endicott, chief of the bureau of yards and docks, wants a new dry dock at the Puget Sound navy yard.

Porto Ricans are making a strong plea for home government. They claim the American officials ignore their wishes.

Brown University, New York, will build a \$400,000 library in memory of John Hay. Carnegie has given \$150,000 toward the fund.

Jacob Riis, a close friend of the president, predicts a long war of the people against special privileges, with Roosevelt as the people's champion.

Taft wants the government to lay a cable to Panama.

Roosevelt has been asked to bring about peace in Turkey.

France has expelled the Venezuelan envoy and will make a naval attack on Castro.

Hamburg Socialists and police clashed and a number of the latter are wounded.

An American has been arrested in Russia for aiding the revolutionary movement.

Eighteen men were killed by an explosion in a coal mine 25 miles from Charleston, W. Va.

A scandal has broken out in England over the recent election. A number of prominent persons are involved.

The house will pass a bill suspending the eight-hour law on the isthmus during construction of the canal.

The signatures of American women who desire to see Smoot ousted from the senate fill 80 volumes and will be distributed among the senators.

An attempt has been made to kill ex-Governor Peabody, of Colorado, by placing poison in his food. His daughter is seriously ill, but will recover.

The price of glass will be increased 10 per cent by the trust within the next two weeks, and another advance of 5 per cent will be made a week later.

Fire almost destroyed Convoy, a small Ohio town.

Another American miner has been killed by Indians in Mexico.

All revolutionary leaders to be found are being arrested in Russia.

Jasper Jennings, the Grants Pass boy on trial for killing his father, has been found guilty.

A new gas company has been formed in Portland and will ask the city council for a franchise.

Russellville, a small Arkansas town, has had its entire business section wiped out by fire. The loss will reach \$300,000.

Secretary Root declares that the policy of America in the Moroccan conference will be to see that there is a square deal.

Chief Engineer Stevens says the eight-hour law greatly hampers work on the isthmus. He also opposes the application of the Chinese exclusion law to the canal zone.

A great blizzard has swept Eastern Washington, Eastern Oregon and Idaho.

Great Britain and Russia have agreed on a common course of action at the Moroccan conference.

An examination of the books of the state treasurer of Kansas shows a shortage of \$78,000. Former Treasurer Grimes is willing to make good any shortage that occurred during his term.

France is preparing to whip Castro.

The Morocco conference is in session. Election returns in Great Britain indicate a Liberal landslide.

BURTON WILL HELP.

Many Obstacles in Way of Appropriation for Columbia Jetty.

Washington, Jan. 19. — Chairman Burton, of the house committee on rivers and harbors, today gave a hearing to Senators Fulton and Gearin, H. W. Scott and J. N. Teal, of Portland, on the Columbia river jetty project. Representative Jones, of Washington, who is a member of the committee, was also present and took part in the discussion.

Mr. Burton is thoroughly familiar with the situation at the mouth of the Columbia and is fully aware of the fact that it would be good business policy to make an appropriation this session, not so much to extend the jetty as to protect the work that has been done during the past season. He realizes that, unless an appropriation is made, the sea end of the jetty, and particularly the unprotected tramway, will be left at the mercy of the heavy seas and liable to be damaged to the extent of several hundred thousand dollars.

But, while Mr. Burton is in sympathy with the Oregon men and while he recognizes the wisdom of an appropriation to protect the new portion of the jetty, he is not willing to give any assurances that such an appropriation will be made. There is no general river and harbor bill this session, and it is a serious question in Mr. Burton's mind whether it will be possible to put through special legislation in the interest of only a few emergency projects.

Mr. Burton stated, and the Oregon delegation agreed with him, that it would be utterly impossible to pass a special bill making an appropriation for this one project. Such a bill would be amended in the house and senate by the addition of appropriations for innumerable projects until in the end it would become a regular river and harbor bill, and under existing conditions a bill of that character would stand no show of passage.

But there are three or four other projects of importance, where emergencies exist similar to that at the mouth of the Columbia. Unless appropriations are made this session for the preservation of these works, the government will sustain a heavy loss. Mr. Burton is considering the advisability of reporting an emergency bill making appropriations for these specific projects only, but he is not yet satisfied that such a bill could get through without being amended to embrace many other projects.

Mr. Burton, because of the condition that exists in congress and because of the difficulties that stand in the way of special river and harbor legislation, will hold out no promises to the Oregon representatives, though he freely admits his interest in Columbia river improvement and expresses his personal belief that an appropriation should be made.

An appropriation of \$1,800,000 cannot be had, but it is possible that \$400,000 may be procured. Mr. Burton explains that it would be impossible to pass any bill which did more than provide funds to protect work already done.

EACH ISLET A REPUBLIC.

Russian Revolution Spreads to Dots of Land in Baltic.

St. Petersburg, Jan. 18. — In addition to the Caucasus and a few localities in Siberia, the open revolt is now chiefly confined to small islands off the Baltic coast, where the difficulty of landing troops hampers the subjugation of the revolutionists. The icebreaker Yermak, carrying detachments of marines and infantry, has been unable to reach the principal island, Osel, at the entrance to the Gulf of Riga, and is now awaiting a light-draft steamer to land the troops.

Following the example of their brothers on the mainland, the peasantry or even the tiniest islands in the Baltic have instituted independent republics. One of these, on the islet of Linsuit, probably the smallest state in the world, already boasts of a second revolution and a second president, the citizens having risen and overthrown the first president. The present chief magistrate, Jamneenson, is addressing them in proclamations as "my faithful subjects."

Petition to Save Constitution.

Boston, Jan. 19. — Eric Pape, the artist, left Boston yesterday for Washington with the "Constitution petition," which he expects to present to congress. While in Washington Mr. Pape will try to secure the signatures to the petition of many men prominent in national life, who have expressed themselves as favorable to the movement to save "Old Ironsides." The petition is an immense affair, and requires four men to carry it. It is estimated that over 20,000 persons have signed it.

Peace With Insurgents.

San Domingo, Jan. 19. — A treaty of peace between the insurgent generals at Monte Cristi and the government was signed today on board the American cruiser Yankee. This assures perfect tranquility throughout the republic. Monte Cristi is now in the hands of the constitutional government forces.

INSULT TO AMERICA

Castro Not Satisfied With Trouble With France.

FRENCH WARSHIPS ARE AT HAND

Falling Instant Apology. Their Guns Will Talk—United States May Take a Hand.

Washington, Jan. 20. — Three French warships are now off the Venezuelan coast preparing to deliver the answer of France to President Castro's treatment of M. Taigny, the French representative at Caracas, by a naval demonstration in Venezuelan waters. Two additional warships will join them as soon as they can make the trip across the Atlantic. Until the demonstration has been initiated, the French government will share with the president and Secretary Root the knowledge of the exact form which this expression of her displeasure at President Castro's action will take.

Meantime the delicacy of the situation at Caracas is greatly increased by news which has recently reached here from that city regarding the attitude President Castro now appears to be assuming toward Mr. Russell, the American minister. Unless this attitude is radically modified, it may be necessary to dispatch an American warship even nearer the Venezuelan coast than has already been planned. President Castro, it is said, will be given to understand that any treatment of an American representative such as that accorded to M. Taigny will not be tolerated. The cause which can be ascribed here for Mr. Castro's attitude toward Mr. Russell is that the former insists upon regarding as personal rather than official the efforts which Mr. Russell has made to assist a peaceful settlement of the Franco-Venezuelan troubles. The request of the French government that its interests in Venezuela be looked after by Mr. Russell was immediately granted for the reason that such a request is invariably granted by a friendly power however difficult the task.

France has adopted a simple program for her treatment of the Venezuelan situation. It provides for an immediate and comprehensive apology by Castro for his treatment of M. Taigny, which treatment the Paris officials regard as insulting and intolerable.

One dispatch sent to Mr. Russell last Sunday had not been delivered to him up to the time the last dispatch was sent by him to the State department. This is being inquired into by the department.

FUNDS FOR SEA WALL.

California Supreme Court Gives Favorable Decision.

San Francisco, Jan. 20. — The Supreme court this afternoon handed down a decision by which funds will soon be available for the completion of the San Francisco sea wall. The court sustained the validity of the so-called sea wall act, passed by the legislature in March, 1903, which authorized the state board of harbor commissioners to issue \$2,000,000 in bonds to complete the San Francisco sea wall.

The harbor commissioners proceeded to issue bonds under this act, but State Treasurer Reeves refused to approve the issue. The commissioners thereupon applied to the Supreme court for a writ of mandamus to compel the state treasurer to sign the bond issue.

The court by its decision today directs the state treasurer to sign the bonds. The harbor commission, it is understood, will now issue bonds under the act from time to time until the full \$2,000,000 worth are on the market.

Afraid to Show His Face.

St. Petersburg, Jan. 20. — Distrustful of the spirit of his capital and perhaps remembering the incident of last January, when one of the saluting guns showered grape on the imperial chapel, the emperor will not come to St. Petersburg for the ceremony of the blessing of the waters of the Neva tomorrow. For the first time since the Empress Anna laid the foundations of the winter palace in 1732, the great church festival of the Epiphany will pass without the presence of the sovereign.

Funston May Go to China.

San Francisco, Jan. 20. — The Call will say tomorrow that Brigadier General Frederick Funston will soon be relieved from the command of the department of California and ordered to the Philippines, where he will be placed in charge of one of the brigades which is being formed in Luzon with a view to their possible utilization in connection with any move which may be made against China.

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