

# WASCO NEWS

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## RESUME OF THE WEEK'S DOINGS

**General Review of Important Happenings Presented in a Brief and Comprehensive Manner for Busy Readers—National, Political, Historical and Commercial.**

Dowie says he is going to Mexico to die.

Secretary Root may go from Panama to Havana.

Mrs. Nicholas Longworth is to go bear hunting in October.

General de Dioulin has been appointed as Trepoff's successor.

An attempt has been made to kill the heir to the Austrian throne.

A great immigration to the Northwest is predicted by railroad men.

The steamer Mongolia may be saved from the rocks at Midway island.

A large shipment of sheep has been made from Grand Forks, B. C., to Chicago.

The American minister to Morocco will demand the payment of claims of citizens of the United States.

Gifford Pinchot, chief of the forest service, will attend a Canadian forestry convention at New Westminster.

Harriman has bought a controlling interest in the Baltimore & Ohio railroad, giving him lines from ocean to ocean.

The transport Buford has been ordered to proceed from Honolulu to Midway island and get the passengers of the steamer Mongolia.

An American bank is to be opened in Berlin.

Anarchists continually dog the kaiser.

General MacArthur is now lieutenant general.

There is 14 inches of snow on the mountains in Western Colorado.

Stensland's son has betrayed the hiding place of much of his plunder.

The government of Ecuador is arranging for a loan of \$27,000,000.

As a whole the Cuban people welcome the American offer of mediation.

Terrorists claim credit for the death of Trepoff, believing him to have died of poison.

Special precautions are being taken to prevent the shipment of contraband goods to the Cuban rebels.

The curts have decided that there is nothing in the way of municipal ownership for Chicago, as the law is valid.

Cashier Hering, of the defunct Chicago bank, is declared by handwriting experts to be the champion forger of the world.

The Japanese government has sent representatives to New York and London to arrange a new loan. Her foreign and domestic debts already reach \$1,011,500.

France and Japan will likely agree on an Asiatic policy.

Colorado Republicans have nominated Philip B. Stewart for governor.

The Cuban congress in special session has voted men and money to fight the rebels.

General Corbin has retired as head of the American army on account of the age limit.

Ambassador Leishman has been notified that the sultan will receive him September 21.

Wyoming Democrats have nominated S. A. D. Keiser for governor and endorsed Bryan.

Turkey has called the attention of Europe to the evident preparation of Bulgaria for war.

A handcar with 12 men plunged through an open draw of the Maumee bridge at Toledo, Ohio. All were drowned.

The steamer Oregon, from Seattle for Valdez, Alaska, was wrecked at the entrance to Prince William sound. No lives were lost. The vessel may be a total loss.

The president has sent Secretary of War Taft and Assistant Secretary of State Bacon to Cuba in an endeavor to straighten out affairs without intervention with troops.

Russian Democrats will hold a convention in Sweden.

Secretary Root was showered with honors at Lima, Peru.

Colorado Democrats have nominated Alva Adams for governor.

E. H. Plumacher, American consul at Maracaibo, Venezuela, has discovered a cure for leprosy.

## SLAVES IN RAILWAY CAMPS.

Negroes by the Hundred Make Complaint to District Attorney.

Knoxville, Tenn., Sept. 18.—The Federal grand jury now sitting in this city is investigating alleged peonage cases at several railroad camps in this vicinity where hundreds of negroes are employed. The investigation is going on secretly under the direction of a detective sent here by the government from Washington on the complaint of numerous negroes to District Attorney J. R. Penland.

All last week the government building was crowded with negroes, who one by one told their tale of woe and maltreatment before the justice. It is believed indictments will be found this week against some prominent railroad contractors and their subordinates.

The government detective visited the railroad camps in the role of a man desirous of purchasing timber lands. He spent a week or more in several different camps located in Blount county, and quietly gathered a volume of evidence.

Most of the negroes were brought here from North and South Carolina and other neighboring states. Witnesses have told some frightful stories of the manner in which they were held prisoners at the camps for debt. They allege that a guard line is kept and no man is allowed to pass this line. They say that outrageous commissary prices are charged them and they get deeply in debt to the contractors. One or two witnesses told stories of seeing negroes killed and assert that the bodies were sunk in the river.

## BIG FLEET IS SENT TO SEA.

Force of 4,000 Men Can Be Landed in Cuba by United States.

Washington, Sept. 18.—It is announced at the Navy department tonight that the battleships Louisiana, Virginia and New Jersey have been ordered down the Atlantic coast on a shakedown cruise, and that they had been directed to keep in touch with the government at Washington by wireless telegraph and, if necessary, in the event of an emergency arising, they will be sent to Havana. It was also stated that the cruisers Tacoma, Cleveland, Minneapolis and Newark have sailed from Norfolk, Va.

The Minneapolis and Newark carry about 700 men altogether and the Tacoma 150. Should all these vessels go to Havana the navy would be able to land a force of 4,000 men in Cuba by Wednesday or Thursday, if any developments should occur rendering such action necessary.

Final instructions will be given the Cleveland and other vessels when they reach Key West. The Cleveland sailed from Norfolk Saturday, while the Tacoma left there Sunday. The Louisiana and the Virginia left Newport Saturday after hurriedly coaling. The New Jersey sailed from Boston.

## TWO-CENT FARES IN EAST.

Western Governors Say Population is Too Sparse in Their States.

Harrisburg, Pa., Sept. 16.—S. M. Williams, secretary of the Pennsylvania State Board of Trade, today made public copies of letters received from the governors of several states on the movement to obtain uniform legislation throughout the United States for a 2-cent maximum fare on all steam railroads. A number of the governors are personally favorably to a 2-cent fare, and, in a few instances, they tell of the movements in their states to obtain the passage of such legislation in the next session of the legislature.

The governors of some of the Western states say that because of the sparsely settled condition of their states the time is not yet ripe for a radical reduction of fares, but that such a reform will come about when the population increases to give the business to justify a cut. The Western governors express their approval of the movement so far as it applies to the thickly populated states of the East.

## Earthquake Felt at Sea.

San Francisco, Sept. 18.—The lumber laden ship Robert Searles has arrived from Tacoma and northern ports. Captain Piltz, in command, states that among other incidents during the trip the officers of the vessel recorded a severe earthquake shock, which caused a panic among the crew and threatened serious harm to the vessel. Captain Piltz says that on the morning of September 14, when the ship was within 250 miles of her destination, a severe disturbance of the water was felt. The shock lasted several seconds.

## Steamer Mongolia Aground.

Midway Island, North Pacific Ocean, Sept. 18.—The Pacific Mail steamship Mongolia, a sister ship of the Manchuria, is aground on Midway reef. The ship is being lightered and her passengers have been landed safely. The weather is fine and the sea is smooth.

## ALL TALK PEACE AROUND HAVANA

Insurgents Show No Signs of Yielding to Government.

Army of 3,000 Men Surround Cuban Capital and Only Await Coming of Guerrero to Commerce Advance—Liberal Leaders Appear on Streets.

Havana, Sept. 18.—The only results thus far of President Palma's order for the suspension of hostilities have been that Liberal leaders who hitherto have had every reason for anticipating arrest are circulating openly in Havana, again and even conferring with members of the government with regard to peace, and that such insurgents in the field as have been consulted, while expressing themselves as agreeable to settling matters amicably, at the same time assume an independent attitude, which cannot be said to bode particularly well for prompt settlement of existing differences.

In the meantime, Cienfuegos is in a state of siege, communication by telegraph being severed not only in the direction of Havana, but to Santiago as well. It is known that Cienfuegos had not been attacked up to midnight Sunday, but what has transpired since that time is not known here.

All accounts agree that there easily are 3,000 insurgents a few miles southeast of Havana, and rumors are in circulation that they will enter the city peaceably if they are not molested, but that they will fight if they meet with resistance. All visitors to insurgent camps in Havana province return with this impression, but it is believed no attempt will be made against Havana until the arrival of Pino Guerrero's force, which now is variously reported to be from 20 to 40 miles distant. The general impression is that the presence in Havana harbor of the American cruiser Denver will not act as a deterrent to such a movement, the auxiliary cruiser Dixie having gone to Cienfuegos and the cruiser Des Moines having gone presumably to bring to Cuba Secretary of War Taft and Assistant Secretary Bacon.

## GERMANS WANT PROTECTION.

Murder of Bush Causes a Vigorous Protest by Ambassador.

St. Petersburg, Sept. 18.—The insecurity of life and property in the Baltic provinces, which culminated last Saturday in the murder of Herr Bush, a rich German manufacturer and the leader of the German colony at Riga, has led the German embassy here again to make energetic representations to the Foreign office concerning the adoption of measures for the protection of German subjects. Bush was killed by agents of the revolutionary organization engaged in levying tribute. Dr. von Miquel, first secretary of the German embassy, called today at the Foreign office and presented the report of the German consul at Riga regarding the killing of Bush, who was struck down in his own factory. He called attention to the length of time the reign of terror has lasted.

Although the armed revolt was crushed and the country reconquered by the forces under General Orloff last winter, robberies and murders have continued unchecked for over a year and a half. There are 5,000 German subjects living in Riga.

The American consul at Riga has not joined in this demand for protection. There are scarcely any Americans there.

Alfred Bush was a partner in the Bush-Hinge Manufacturing company.

From Odessa, where the conditions are almost as bad as in the Baltic provinces, the embassies have been informed that guards have been furnished for the consulates and the residences of the various consuls.

## Typhoon Hits Hongkong.

Manila, Sept. 18.—Cable reports from Hongkong state that a typhoon which sprang up suddenly at 10 o'clock this morning did enormous damage to the shipping in that port. The German steamer Johanne and the British steamer San Cheung were sunk. The Hongkong, Canton & Macao company's steamer Fateban foundered and of the crew the purser and mate alone survive. The Canadian Pacific Railroad company's steamer Montague went ashore. All business in the city is at a standstill.

## Watching for More Loot.

Chicago, Sept. 18.—Acting upon information that loot from the wrecked Milwaukee Avenue bank, of which Paul Stensland was president, is hidden in Chicago, the police have placed guards over two banks with deposit vaults in which it is suspected some of the plunder may be found. The sum may run into the hundreds of thousands.

## NOTHING FOR JETTY.

Congress Not Likely to Make Appropriation at Next Session.

Portland, Sept. 17.—That the \$2,500,000 needed for completion of the Columbia bar jetty cannot be secured next year from congress is the opinion of Congressman Ransdell, of Louisiana, and Jones, of Washington, members of the rivers and harbors committee, who have just inspected the jetty, escorted by members of the chambers of commerce of Portland and Astoria, members of the Oregon delegation in congress, Governor Chamberlain, Lieutenant Colonel Roessler, who is United States engineer of this district, and others.

That it is inadvisable to resume work on the jetty until this sum shall be available, either as an appropriation or under continuing contract, if very wasteful construction is to be avoided, was the opinion of the two committee members, who accorded with the view of Colonel Roessler announced before a meeting of the Chamber of Commerce of Portland Friday night. Colonel Roessler advised further that money should not be diverted from the bar project, by insistence on sums of money for other improvements on the river, larger than are necessary for maintenance of present work and slow construction.

This plan is opposed by Representative Jones, who rather considers the Celilo project more important than the bar project, at least to the upper Columbia river region, which wants lower transportation rates to and from tide-water. He takes the view that the Celilo barrier, which now prevents navigation up and down the river, should be opened as soon as possible, and that the bar improvement is not as urgent as is alleged, because ships of 23 and more feet draft can already pass in and out.

This opinion is shared by Mr. Ransdell, and he urges that the two projects be striven for together, saying that otherwise, there will be a divided effort, which will react against the interests of the entire river.

Mr. Jones and Mr. Ransdell said that it is extremely unlikely that the jetty can obtain \$2,500,000, or that even the whole Columbia river can secure such a sum. Both were even fearful that there will be no river and harbor bill at all next year.

It will be impossible, they said, to put through an emergency appropriation, as was done at the last session of congress for \$400,000, because that sum was allowed simply in order that the government might not lose several hundred thousand dollars' worth of construction works at the jetty, for want of money to finish the stone deposits under the tramway then in place.

It was not the most cheerful outlook for the river interests that were represented in the party. Its members began busying their heads with devices for obtaining the required \$2,500,000 right away, because, in their minds, completion of the jetty is extremely urgent.

## TREPOFF IS DEAD.

Tyrant of Russian People Succumbs to Heart Disease.

St. Petersburg, Sept. 17.—General Dmitri Feodorovitch Trepoff, commandant of the Imperial palace, died at 6 o'clock Saturday evening in his villa at Peterhof of angina pectoris.

General Trepoff, whose name is indelibly linked with reactionary repression in Russia, was a remarkable man. He was a natural despot, a tyrant by inclination, education and conviction. He was one of those men who have constantly appeared in Russian history, just at the time when conditions were most promising for putting an end to despotism, to turn the Russian rulers from liberalism to reaction.

It was he who became the guiding spirit of the reaction after Nicholas II had issued his manifesto in the fall of 1905, promising the people a share in the government. Holding the position of master of the palace, in league with the court intriguers who were determined to restore the old regime, he constantly had the emperor's ear.

## Dawson City is Excited.

Winnipeg, Sept. 17.—Advices from Dawson City say there is more excitement over the dredging here at present than there has been since the earliest days. The whole population is mad over dredging, and stampedes have occurred every day and night for several weeks. Phenomenal success has been attained by the Bear creek dredge and at the mouth of the Yukon river. The arrival of the Guggenheims, of New York, as well as other capitalists whose names are household words, has infused new life into Dawson City.

## Plotters' Nest in Peterhof.

St. Petersburg, Sept. 17.—The police have arrested 14 revolutionists in Peterhof, including several students. The fact that one of the men arrested was a court lackey caused a rumor that a plot against the emperor had been discovered, but there is no definite information to this end.

## IMPROVE MOUTH OF RIVER FIRST

Colonel Roessler Advises Efforts Be Centered on Bar.

After That is Finished Turn Attention to Deepening of River—United States Engineer Addresses Meeting of Portland Open River Enthusiasts.

Portland, Sept. 15.—Conditions are such that the national appropriations for the improvement of the Columbia river should be concentrated and directed upon the work at the mouth of the river, and that the other projects, having for their purpose the opening up of this great waterway, should wait or proceed slowly until the biggest and most vital undertaking of them all is completed. This is the opinion of Lieutenant Colonel Roessler, of the United States engineers, voiced by him at the meeting of the river and harbor improvement enthusiasts, held last night at the Chamber of Commerce.

One hundred or more of the most prominent and earnest citizens of Portland gathered at the chamber to be enlightened as to the most effective methods to pursue in securing the ultimate improvement of the Columbia river as it should be improved. Congressman Ransdell, chairman of the rivers and harbors congress and member of the house committee on rivers and harbors, Congressman Jones, of Washington, and others, addressed the meeting, but the remarks of the prominent engineer created the greatest interest because of his advocating the "mouth of the Columbia river first; then the other projects."

Coming as they did from a man possessed of the expert knowledge as is Colonel Roessler, and one so thoroughly familiar with every phase and detail of the various works of improvement, his address last night carried great weight and made a deep and lasting impression upon the representative assemblage.

"Let me impress upon you the one thought which has been uppermost in my mind in making these remarks, namely, that it is good from an engineer's standpoint, from a commercial standpoint and from all points of view to finish the great work at the mouth of the river before asking large sums for works farther up the river," said he, "and that in my judgment it would be contrary to the best interests of all the improvements, taken as a connected whole, to advocate the policy of dividing up any sum that congress may decide to appropriate for the Columbia river valley in such a way as to prevent the early fulfillment of the commercial aspirations which are centered in a deep channel at the mouth of the river."

## WOMEN LOSE THEIR VOTES.

Female Suffrage, Says Austrian Minister, is Failure on Continent.

Vienna, Sept. 15.—Under the new electoral reform bill the privilege heretofore accorded women who are landed proprietors of voting at parliamentary elections is abolished. At a meeting of the electoral reform committee today several of the deputies urged the retention of the privilege and its extension to women earning \$200 yearly or independently carrying on business or administering estate.

Baron von Blenerth, the minister of the Interior, pointed out that all attempts to extend female suffrage on the Continent had failed, especially where universal suffrage had been introduced, and he doubted the advisability of the step. Victor Adler, the Socialist leader, though an advocate of female suffrage, also considered the present unpropitious for an extension of the right.

## Cut Down Big Land Holdings.

London, Sept. 15.—The Times' Wellington correspondent says that the government land proposals are the most drastic in the history of colonial legislation and are creating intense interest in New Zealand, especially the law compelling owners to sell within a decade the excess of land held beyond \$250,000 unimproved value and the provisions preventing the present owners of 1,000 acres of first class land or those holding 5,000 acres of second class land adding to their estates by free holds or lease holds.

## May Build Fouth Shamrock.

Glasgow, Sept. 15.—John Ward, managing director of Denny Bros., builders of the last two Shamrocks, has sailed for New York. It is understood the Denny's have submitted proposals to Sir Thomas Lipton for the construction of a Shamrock IV, they to be given a free hand in designing and building.