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RESUMI OF THE WEEK'S DOINGS

Newsy Items Gathered From All Parts of the World.

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

Market quotations are to be posted on Union Pacific trains.

Denver is full of delegates to attend the land law convention.

The new Salvadorean revolution is not making much headway.

Limitation of armament will not come before The Hague conference.

The wife of ex-Governor Wells, of Utah, has been fatally hurt in an auto wreck.

Baron Kaneko is to succeed Aoki as Japanese ambassador to the United States.

A fire in a Boston garage destroyed between 35 and 40 automobiles, valued at \$100,000.

New York brokers report the theft of \$20,000 in bonds which were in transit from London to New York.

Orders have been received at Honolulu to double the capacity of the principal army post near that city.

Prominent railroad surgeons believe that many wrecks might be averted if the employees were retired upon reaching 40 years.

The trial of Orchard for the murder of ex-Governor Steunenberg has been postponed until after the Haywood-Pettibone-Moyer trials.

Telegraph operators of the United States will ask congress to take charge of the lines.

A Great Northern passenger train was wrecked near Minot, North Dakota, and 17 people injured.

The elder statesmen and ministers of Japan do not regard as serious the agitation in San Francisco.

Delegates to The Hague peace conference have little hope of accomplishing anything toward disarmament.

Harriman's business enemies have started a movement to compel him to give up the control of other railroads.

A new mayor will soon be chosen in San Francisco and then the heads of the several departments will be removed.

St. Louis set apart a day for the killing of rats and now the authorities will have to do something to get rid of the carcasses.

A receiver has been placed in charge of Milliken Bros. Steel mill, New York, and the plant shut down. Fifteen hundred men are idle.

The Japanese vice minister to France says his country can never forget that American opened the way for western civilization and deplores the war talk.

The Chinese crops will be short again this year.

Adams is to be forced to testify in the Haywood case.

Nicaragua has sent an army to assist revolutionists of Salvador.

A cloudburst near Tilford, a small South Dakota town, caused the death of five people.

All employees of the Western Union throughout the United States are ready to go on strike.

Mayor Schmitz remains a prisoner in jail and the board of supervisors will elect his successor.

The German Insurance company has offered its San Francisco policy holders 50 cents on the dollar.

Japanese hope the visit to their country by Secretary Taft may lead to a new treaty being framed.

Harriman has given up control of the Alton railroad to the stockholders after making a nice profit.

According to report a plot has been found the victim of which was to be Vice President Fairbanks.

The launch of the battleship Minnesota has been found, together with the bodies of the men drowned.

RUSSIA IS QUIET.

People Receive News of Czar's Action in Silence.

St. Petersburg, June 18.—The dissolution of the second douma was received throughout St. Petersburg with perfect tranquility, thanks to the precautionary measures, and in no place in Russia, so far as known, were there any serious disturbances.

Demonstrations among St. Petersburg workmen are anticipated tomorrow, but the authorities are not alarmed. They profess to be chiefly apprehensive over the possibility of rioting and racial excesses in Odessa and in Kiev and other cities where party feeling runs high. An outbreak of agrarian disorders in several regions of the empire is anticipated later, when the peasantry learn of the dissolution, but a spirit of quiet confidence in the ability of the government to handle the situation prevails in administrative circles.

News of the dissolution reached the St. Petersburg papers too late for their last editions, but the public was quickly informed through extras and great posters set out by the police at all street corners, containing the ukase announcing the dissolution and the imperial manifesto.

WON'T RUSH STRIKE.

Telegraphers Realize Great Cost to Business That Would Follow

New York, June 18.—The Commercial Telegraphers' union has not yet received an answer to the demands on the Western Union Telegraph company, according to President S. J. Small, of the union. After a meeting of the executive committee tonight, both President Small and Secretary Treasurer Russell left the city, Mr. Russell returning to Chicago.

President Small notified all the unions today that the statement that the adjustment of grievances had been postponed was untrue, and directed them to hold themselves in readiness for important information.

President Small also issued a statement in which he said that local unions all over the country were clamoring for a strike, but that they had been notified that they must take no action without permission from the national officers. He added that in view of the fact that a strike would be costly to business men throughout the country, the national board of the union was anxious to avert it if possible.

SCHMITZ MAY UPSET PLANS.

If He Secures Bail, Scheme for Re-organization May Be Delayed.

San Francisco, June 18.—A radical change in the executive branch of San Francisco's government is contingent on developments in the case of Mayor Schmitz, who is temporarily incapacitated by reason of his imprisonment in the county jail.

The date for the passing of sentence on Mayor Schmitz in the extortion cases on which he has been convicted has been set for June 27. Prior to that date he cannot possibly procure bail, according to the decision of Judge Dunne, but the law provides that after judgment has been passed, the matter of allowing bail is discretionary with any magistrate having jurisdiction. Consequently, if judgment is passed on the date set, Mayor Schmitz will have ground for a new application for bail.

JAPAN NEEDS MONEY.

Thought That This Can Be Raised in France Now.

Paris, June 18.—While political considerations of high order contributed to the negotiation of the new Franco-Japanese entente, there is no longer any doubt that the substantial quid pro quo given by France was the promise of access to the French market for future Japanese loans. Japan did not need a French guarantee for Corea and Formosa, but a Japanese guarantee for Indochina was worth a great deal to France. Japan, according to the confidential statements made by some of her highest representatives in Europe will need something like five billion francs (\$1,000,000,000) within the next few years to convert her present high rate loans and to furnish the capital necessary for industrial and commercial development in Manchuria.

Mexico Has Car Famine.

Torreon, Mex., June 18.—Willard S. Morse, an official of the American Smelting & Refining company, stated yesterday that mining and smelting interests in Mexico are facing a crisis in the matter of fuel and ore transportation.

WILL DISCUSS PEACE PLANS

Delegates Gather at The Hague for Second Conference.

Representatives of Forty-Six Governments Will Participate in Meeting—Disarmament Question to Be All Important Theme—May Be Universally Ridiculed.

The Hague, June 15.—With the representatives of 46 countries gathered here for the opening of the second peace conference, which will take place today, there is a remarkable contrast between the sentiments prevailing upon the eye of the original conference of 1899 and today, which has become a subject of general comment. In 1899, although less than half the present number of governments were represented, the hope of the world was high and there was a vision of disarmament and the banishment of the curse of war from among civilized peoples. Men who were here eight years ago recall how the delegates of the powers met in response to the generous appeal of the emperor of Russia and entered upon their work with the zeal and enthusiasm of men upon a holy mission. Yet three months later this dream faded and nothing beyond the adoption of a pious vow remained of the avowed object of the conference.

The powers favoring a discussion of a proposal to reduce armaments fear that the whole thing may fall into universal ridicule. At the outset it is seen that the important thing is to avoid discord, and with the purpose of permitting a further exchange of views and in order that the delegates may get better acquainted, it has been decided already to postpone the second session of the conference until Tuesday. Some optimists incline to the opinion that the fact that the difficulties are fully appreciated in advance is only likely to make the ultimate result richer.

United Railways Defer Dividend.

New York, June 15.—The directors of the United Railways Investment company, it was announced today, have determined that it will be inadvisable at present to take action with respect to the semi-annual dividend on preferred stock which is ordinarily payable in July. This step was taken, it is stated, in view of the existing strike situation in San Francisco, and to the end that the investment company might be enabled to afford to the United Railroads of San Francisco the fullest measure of support. The dividend has been 2½ per cent semi-annually.

Japanese Almost Shut Out.

San Francisco, June 15.—"The passage of the law by congress restricting the admission of Japanese laborers in the mainland has practically eliminated the immigration of that class of Asiatics," said Commissioner of Immigration North yesterday. "During May about 700 Japanese laborers arrived from Honolulu without passports for the mainland, but they were all in transit, and went to British Columbia. The border is being watched to see that they do not come back into the United States."

Orchard is Corroborated.

Boise, Idaho, June 15.—The prosecution in the Steunenberg murder trial yesterday, entering in earnest upon the substantiation and corroboration of Harry Orchard's testimony, showed a continuous thread of evidence connecting George Pettibone's store in Denver with Orchard at San Francisco, engaged on the Bradley murder plot; partly developed another direct line by which it is hoped to show that Haywood engaged and paid Steve Adams for the same desperate work, and added several touches of confirmation to Orchard's general story.

Wisconsin Senate Beats 2-Cent Rate

Madison, Wis., June 15.—The senate today by a vote of 21 to 6 killed the 2-cent fare railway bill.

MUCH EVIDENCE IN REBUTTAL.

Main Reliance of Haywood Prosecution Is on Conspiracy.

Boise, June 17.—The announcement made by the prosecution in the Haywood case Saturday that it would have its testimony in chief concluded by or on Wednesday next, taken in connection with the fact that there is to be no other session until Tuesday, has created a feeling that the state is not going to present such a strong case of corroboration as was anticipated. The reason for this feeling is probably twofold, that the law of conspiracy as laid down in this state is not fully understood by the public and that the extent to which the state may rely upon rebuttal testimony is not known.

The law as laid down in the Coreoran case is very broad and it is understood its general principles apply in this case, but that fact is not grasped. For instance, it has been argued by some of the newspaper writers in their communications that the state must corroborate Orchard's statement that Haywood sent him to kill Steunenberg.

SCHMITZ MUST STAY IN JAIL.

Judge Has No Discretion and Gives Sheriff Strict Orders.

San Francisco, June 17.—"No bail for Eugene E. Schmitz," the convicted mayor of San Francisco, was the ruling made by Judge Frank H. Dunne, in the application made by the mayor's counsel that he be given his liberty under bond pending sentence, which the court will pronounce on June 27. Judge Dunne adopted as his own the stand of the prosecution that in the eyes of the law the mayor is no different from any other person on whom the jury has set the brand of felony.

Ex-Judge J. C. Campbell, the mayor's chief counsel, made the formal motion for the admittance of his client to bail on the strength of an affidavit, which the mayor says that, by reason of having been compelled to give almost his whole time and attention to his trial for the last four weeks, public business requiring his attention has been delayed and there is now a large amount of it pending and undetermined and requiring his immediate attention.

RESUMES DESPOTIC POWER.

Czar Dissolves Douma and Changes Existing Laws.

St. Petersburg, June 17.—Emperor Nicholas affixed his signature Saturday to an imperial ukase abolishing the present douma and ordering that the elections of members to its successor, which is to meet November 14, be held under the new election law, which provides against the "submergence of the educated classes by the uneducated masses."

This action constitutes a virtual coup d'etat and overrides the fundamental laws solemnly proclaimed by his majesty on the eve of the convocation of the first douma, which declare that the electoral law can never be changed without the consent of parliament itself. This breach of the constitution is justified by the great law of necessity, the advisers of the emperor holding it impossible under present conditions to secure a parliament capable of co-operating harmoniously with the crown and rescuing Russia from anarchy and revolution.

NO CONTEST ON BOND ISSUE.

Union Pacific Votes \$100,000,000 for Improving Line.

Salt Lake City, June 17.—At a special stockholders' meeting of the Union Pacific Railroad company here it was decided to issue \$100,000,000 in new stock. The issue is for the purpose of meeting the expenses of improvements, present and prospective, along the line of the Union Pacific.

The exact vote on the bond issue was 2,193,315 shares out of a total of 2,980,000 shares. While the poll was kept open for two hours as required by statute, the proceedings were merely perfunctory. It was explained by the officers of the company that the new stock issue is not to be sold immediately, but is to be held for the redemption of \$75,000,000 of convertible bonds.

Railroads Must Comply.

Lincoln, Neb., June 17.—Attorney General Thompson has filed an injunction against four of the principal railroad lines in Nebraska to compel them to maintain the two-cent fare and anti-pass enactments, now operative, and to put into effect the commodity freight rate on July 9.

PARCEL OUT LAND LIKE EMPERORS

Hill and Harriman Divide Northwest Territory.

Each Must Stay Out of Field of Other—Works Hardships on Lumbermen of Oregon and Washington—Evidence is Given Before Commerce Commission.

Washington, June 13.—From evidence given today before the Interstate Commerce commission it is very plain that J. J. Hill and E. H. Harriman have mapped out the Northwest, each taking a distinctive territory, from which the other is effectively barred.

Particularly is this true of the lumber business. It is practically impossible, under the existing freight rates and arrangements, for Oregon lumbermen to compete with Puget Sound in markets tributary to the Northern Pacific and Great Northern, and likewise impossible for Puget Sound manufacturers to invade territory tributary to the Harriman lines.

And so far as the respective railroad systems are concerned, neither has any desire to invade the other's territory.

Both acknowledge their utter incompetency to handle the business that is offered them and each objects to being compelled to take care of the surplus of the other.

At the close of the morning session Mr. Jeffreys, attorney for the Gould system, announced to the commission that the Missouri Pacific and Denver & Rio Grande, which connect with the Harriman lines at Ogden, had no objection to opening the Portland gateway."

JAPAN AROUSED.

Widely Circulated Paper Asks People to Take Hand.

Tokio, June 13.—The Mainichi, published at Osaka and claiming to have a circulation of 250,000, expresses anger today at the reported recent attack on a Japanese horticulturist at Berkeley, Cal. It says:

"The outrage demonstrates the impotency of the California authorities to protect our compatriots. Now is no time to rest assured on the stereotyped diplomatic assurances from the Washington government. Only two weeks after a positive declaration to take preventive measures to safeguard Japanese rights comes the Berkeley outrage.

"The personality of President Roosevelt towers high among living great men and deserves full confidence, but promises, however high sounding and reassuring, and the promise maker, however high in character, is of no value whatever if unaccompanied by deeds.

"The powerlessness of the California and Federal governments is thus demonstrated and it only remains to take the work of protection in our own hands.

"That the outrages are of limited local occurrence is not a sufficient explanation."

HAYWOOD'S CASE HURT.

Attorney for the Defense Injures His Own Theory.

Boise, Idaho, June 13.—Again yesterday the aimlessness of the defense in the Haywood case was illustrated on several occasions. It has been apparent all through the cross examination of Orchard and has been commented upon by all observers that Mr. Richardson flounders around sadly and leads into contradictions.

There will be about three hours of the redirect examination of Orchard on Friday morning, according to present plans, but it may require much less time. Most everything has been brought out in the cross examination that the state wants, but the relations of the witness with the Cripple Creek detectives will be gone over to some extent, and several other matters will be fully explained which have been only touched upon by the cross examination and were not gone into on direct examination.

Boycott on Kosher Meat.

Cleveland, June 13.—A riot occurred in the Jewish district today as the result of a ban placed upon the Kosher meat shops. The Jews, angered over the recent rise of 4 cents a pound for meat, refuse to buy and are urging others not to buy.