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RESUME 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.

Mrs. Frank J. Gould is suing for divorce.

Centralia, Wash., was swept by a disastrous fire.

Desperate fighting continues between factions in Persia.

Mexican rebels have captured the town of Viesca. The government has sent troops.

Bryan expresses perfect confidence that he will be the Democratic nominee for president.

Cleveland was buried in Princeton cemetery with simple ceremonies and no military display.

There will be 1,250 American marines ashore in the canal zone to keep order on election day.

A Portland fruit peddler was fined \$5 for staying too long in one place to sell his last box of cherries.

James S. Sherman, Republican nominee for vice-president, is rapidly recovering, and will soon be able to travel.

American authorities do not expect any open trouble with Venezuela. They expect to just let Castro severely alone.

Harvard beat Yale in the great intercollegiate boat race. Secretary Taft, who is a graduate of Yale, witnessed the race, and was sorely disappointed.

A collision between a freight and a circus train in St. Paul injured eight persons.

A Chicago professor has fallen heir to an immense fortune, mostly in Idaho mines.

Heney accused Ruef of plotting his death, and Ruef promptly called Heney a liar.

A Pendleton man who is afraid to trust the banks has \$75,000 in postal money orders.

The Venezuelan envoy to the United States is awaiting orders to leave this country.

Shooting and looting continue in Teheran, the capital of Persia, causing a reign of terror.

A French passenger steamer was wrecked on the Spanish coast and about 100 persons perished.

A Seattle man was killed by a cake of ice falling down an elevator shaft and striking him on the head.

Flour and other provisions are getting so high priced in Chicago that many are scarcely able to buy enough to eat.

A well-organized ring has been discovered in Southern California engaged in smuggling Chinese coolies across the Mexican border.

The youngest son of the late Charles Crocker, the San Francisco millionaire, has undergone his second operation for cancer of the stomach.

A Russian paper predicts that when reinforcements arrive for the Persian revolutionists, the shah's army will be defeated and the government overthrown.

Three Rivers, Quebec, had a million dollar fire.

The wrapping paper trust has pleaded guilty, and each member was fined.

Eight persons died and scores were prostrated from the heat in Chicago.

A second son has been born to King Alfonso and Queen Victoria, of Spain.

It is claimed many cures have been effected in a leper colony in Louisiana.

The bribery case against Tiley L. Ford, of San Francisco, has been dropped.

Hyde and Schneider were convicted of land frauds, and Benson and Diamond acquitted.

Two men jumped from a speeding automobile in California, thinking it was beyond control. Both were badly injured.

Thomas W. Lawson, of Boston, proposes to raise one million dollars for a Democratic campaign fund to elect Governor Johnson, of Minnesota, president, and W. J. Bryan, vice-president.

Mulai Hafid has reached the Moroccan capital and proclaimed himself sultan.

Woman suffragists in London held the greatest demonstration ever seen there.

Taft says he would like to see a "good game of baseball; a game for blood."

W. J. Bryan says that "the anti-injunction plank of the Republican platform, as finally adopted, is a transparent fraud."

A collision of electric cars three miles from Portland on the Mount Scott line badly injured six persons, slightly injured many more and wrecked two motor cars.

REBELS ADVANCE.

Apparently Going to Loot Rich City of Torreon.

El Paso, June 29.—El Correo, the conservative daily Mexican newspaper of Chihuahua, in its issue yesterday morning, which arrived here last night, has a story that an army of a strength variously estimated at from 4000 to 7000 men is marching on Torreon, one of the richest cities in the state of Coahuila.

The story, after reviewing the attack on Viesca tells of reported attempts to rob the pay train of the Mexican Central railroad, and says that the country around Torreon, which is so closely settled that there are stations about every four kilometers, is swarming with armed men, who appear at the railroad stations with guns and cartridge belts.

"These same reports," says El Correo, "say that three bridges on the railroad between Parass and Torreon have been burned, probably with the object of impeding the passage of troops into Torreon. The incendiaries also probably selected Torreon for invasion because they considered it a rich city to loot. Among the reports that we have heard is one which says that about 4000 armed men, nearly all of whom are inhabitants of ranches, are said to have passed Hornos, in the state of Coahuila, on the Coahuila & Pacific railroad, about 65 kilometers from Torreon.

"Whether the movement is directed against the government of Coahuila or against the federal government, no one is able to say. It is generally supposed the movement is not against the state, but against the federal government. One version says the revolution is wholly against the state of Coahuila, that the governor is not acceptable to the people of that state, and that he was forced upon them by the president of the republic.

"It is also said that a train of infantry has been sent to Torreon from Monterey and a small detachment of cavalry."

Torreon, the town named by El Correo as the object of attack, is one of the richest towns in the state of Coahuila. There are six banks—the Banco Minero de Chihuahua, meaning a branch there; a branch of Banco Nacional de Mexico; the Banco de Coahuila; the Banco de Nueva Leon, and the Banco de Durango. The Banco Laguna, recently organized, has a capitalization of \$6,500,000. There are about 25,000 inhabitants.

DEATH IN TORNADO.

Minnesota Twister Kills Seven and Does Immense Damage.

Clinton, Minn., June 29.—A tornado struck this town at 5:25 o'clock yesterday afternoon, killing seven people and injuring twenty-five, some seriously. Twenty houses, a printing office and two churches were blown down.

The tornado, which was unaccompanied by rain, started three miles north of the town, destroyed two farmhouses that were in its path and swept over Clinton, which is a place of about 400 people.

A Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul mixed train was just pulling into the station as the storm struck the town and 15 cars were blown off the track, as was also a passenger coach containing 17 people. All were injured, among them Father Keavey, of Graceville, Minn.

The two churches destroyed are the Norwegian Lutheran and the First Episcopal.

Telegraph lines were blown down, but as soon as possible news of the disaster was sent to the neighboring cities. Soon help was on the way from Orrouville and Wheaton, near by Minnesota towns, on the Milwaukee road, and from Millbank, S. D., which is but a few miles away.

SAW MRS. GUNNESS.

Two Witnesses Inform Detroit Police She Is Alive.

Detroit, June 29.—The Detroit police believe they are on the trail of Mrs. Belle Gunness, of La Porte, Ind., who is accused of wholesale murders on her farm near that city.

Two young women, Lulu Raymond and Grace Benson, whom the police had in custody yesterday afternoon and evening, are said to have met Mrs. Gunness since her supposed burned body was found in the ruins of her home.

The police claim that the statements of the two young women convinced them that Mrs. Gunness is still alive. They gave the names of other persons who are also said to know that the woman is alive.

Collision on Elevated.

New York, June 29.—Two trains on the Third avenue elevated railroad collided at One Hundred and Second street, and part of one train was left hanging from the elevated structure. No one was killed in the collision, but 12 persons were injured, though probably none of them fatally. It was a rear-end collision, both trains being bound uptown, when the following train crashed into the other. The colliding trains were going at a moderate speed.

Deadlock Broken.

Charlotte, N. C., June 29.—Congressman W. W. Kitchin was nominated for governor of the 60th ballot at 4 o'clock Saturday night by a majority of 60 votes in the Democratic state convention.

MEXICAN REBELS TAKE LAS VACOS

Border Town Captured After Bloody Conflict.

Surprise Government Forces, Raid Ammunition Wagons and Capture Horses—Intercepted While Making Escape and a Desperate and Bloody Fight Follows.

San Antonio, Tex., June 27.—Las Vacas, Mexico, directly across the Rio Grande from Del Rio, Tex., yesterday afternoon witnessed its second battle of the day in what may be the opening of a general uprising against the administration of President Diaz. All wires on the Mexican side leading across the river have been cut.

At 5:30 yesterday morning a band of 150 revolutionists silently stole upon the camp of the Mexican cavalry at Las Vacas and captured all of the horses, as well as making a raid upon the ammunition wagons. They were discovered just as they were about to leave, and a pitched battle took place. Firing continued until 10:30 A. M. More than 3000 shots were fired, and several men were killed. One wounded man made his way across the river to Del Rio, but he refused to say whether he was with the government force or the revolutionists.

Yesterday afternoon the firing upon the government troops had been renewed, and the sounds of shooting were plainly heard in Del Rio. Where the revolutionists were gathered is not known, but that the attack upon Las Vacas was to follow immediately upon that made upon Viesca, a town in the interior, there is little doubt. Viesca was attacked and captured by the revolutionists last Thursday afternoon, when several were killed and wounded.

Del Rio, Tex., wired last night that revolutionists and Mexican regular soldiers came together across the river from that point yesterday; that several on both sides have been killed and two Mexican officers seriously wounded. All communication is cut off, for the authorities will not permit any one to cross the river.

Mexican official statements that the rebel invaders were repulsed from Las Vacas are not wholly credited here.

El Paso, Tex., June 27.—In an encounter between revolutionists and troops of the Mexican government in the town of Las Vacas, in Coahuila, Mexico, near the border across from Del Rio, Tex., early yesterday morning, between 40 and 50 were killed and the Mexican commandant badly injured.

The sheriff of Valverde county, this state, telegraphed Governor Campbell, of Texas, that the revolutionists had been repulsed, and that a number of them were fleeing to the United States.

NEGROES TO DEFEAT TAFT.

Conference to Meet in Denver and Control Negro Vote.

Springfield, Ill., June 27.—Colored voters of the United States who are antagonistic to the candidacy of W. H. Taft, Republican nominee for president, will hold a national conference at Denver on Tuesday, July 7, the day the Democratic national convention opens. The purpose of the gathering, as stated in the call, is to "consider their political affiliations and conditions, and develop plans to change the political complexion of states wherein the negro vote is the balance of power."

They will also memorialize the Democratic convention "to declare against degrading a soldier of the United States army without the preliminary of a trial, and pronounce for a strict adherence to the constitution and all of its amendments; discuss the feasibility of nominating a candidate for president on the Civil Liberty party ticket, or vote direct for the Denver nominee, and issue an address to the colored citizens of the nation."

Mother Dies for Child.

Long Beach, Cal., June 27.—The body of Mrs. William D. Watkins was found yesterday floating in the West Naples canal. On the bank the cap of her seven-year-old daughter, Eva, was found, and efforts are being made to recover the child's body. The horse and buggy with which Mrs. Watkins and the girl started from home early yesterday morning stood near, tied to a signboard. The theory is that the child slipped and fell into the water, and that the mother was drowned in trying to save her.

Steel Mills Resuming.

Pittsburg, June 27.—Ten departments of the Homestead steel works of the United States Steel corporation will be in operation tomorrow, the first Saturday that they have operated during the past three months. This will add an extra day's pay to the 2000 men employed in these departments. It is generally expected there will be almost a general resumption of the entire works next week.

THE MUSE OF HISTORY ON THE GLORIOUS FOURTH.



JES' PLAIN TORPEDOES.

The good old Fourth's a comb—the best day in the year. And little chaps get anxious-like when (once its drawn) they see. They talk of firecrackers and they dream about the noise. The dear old Fourth was certainly jes' made for little boys. Bill's got a great big cannon, with fuse you have to light. And lots of great big crackers that's filled with dynamite. But I'm a little feller—ah! have as old as he. And I guess that plain torpedoes will have to do for me.

Pa says that giant crackers ain't fit for little boys. He's sore on all toy pistols and hates these paper caps. He don't intend his children shall ever celebrate. By blowing off their fingers—he says they'll save to wait.

"You're nothing but a baby," my father says "as yet. And your daddy can't quite spare you; he needs you bad, you bet. Bill's got some giant crackers! Well, that I know is true. But I guess that plain torpedoes will have to do for you."

It's hard to have big brothers and watch them at their play. And jes' to be a little chap and sort of in the way.

To have folks always tell you, you can't do this and so. Because you're jes', a little chap—not old enough, you know.

But me, she sees I'm tearful, so she takes me in her lap. And says, "Why, what's the matter? You're cryin', little chap. Then, as she bends to kiss me, I'm leave as I can be.

I guess that plain torpedoes are good enough for me."

—Louis E. Thayer, in Woman's Home Companion.

OLD GLORY.

A Salem Skipper Credited with Giving the Flag This Name.

HAT the American flag was named Old Glory in 1851 by a Salem (Mass.) skipper named William Driver is asserted by the Boston Globe.

He was at that time captain of the brig Charles Doggett.

Captain Driver, a successful deep sea sailor, was preparing to shape the brig's course to the southern Pacific.

Just before the brig left Salem a young man at the head of a party of friends saluted Captain Driver on the deck of the Doggett and presented him with a large and beautifully made American flag.

It was done up in stops and when sent up aloft and broken out to the air Captain Driver christened it Old Glory.

He took it to the south Pacific, and years after when old age forced him to relinquish the sea he treasured the flag as an old friend.

Captain Driver moved to Nashville, Tenn., in 1837 and died there in 1880.

Previous to the outbreak of hostilities between the North and the South Old Glory was hung to the breeze every day from the window of Captain Driver's Nashville house, but when the bullets began to sip and the odor of gunpowder to taint the air the old flag had to be sequestered.

It was kept out of sight inside a great bed coverlet until Feb. 27, 1862, when Brig. Gen. Nelson's wing of the Union army appeared in Nashville. Captain Driver presented it to the general to be hoisted on the capitol. It was run up by Captain Driver himself. He watched it through the night, and a heavy wind coming up, he took it down and sent a new flag up in its place.

The original Old Glory was preserved and after the death of Captain Driver it was presented by the compiler of the Driver memoirs to the Essex institute at Salem, Mass., where it may now be seen.

Facts About Firecrackers.

The greater part of the almost \$2,000,000 worth of firecrackers annually exported by China comes to New York. And the United States stands next to China in its use of them.

Thousands of Chinese men, women and children work at the making of firecrackers, for there are no manufacturing there, the work being done by hand. They receive only about \$1.40 for making 10,000 firecrackers, laboring from six in the morning until eleven at night seven days a week.

So a Chinese woman or child works like a slave for two days to earn what is spent on a few bunches of firecrackers by theurchin bent on doing justice to the Glorious Fourth.

Suggestions for Fireworks.

No matter how warm and wearied a man may be a firecracker dropped down his shirt collar will stimulate him.

One of the latest quips is to paint a small bomb in imitation of a golf ball and let a friend take a whack at it.

One of the most propitious places for a firecracker is a fluffy hat, or, better still, the back hair.

One of the capital diversions of an evening entertainment is to fasten a projectile to a lace curtain, touch a match to the fuse and see what the women do.

Some may prefer a plate glass window for a skyrocket target, but the best authorities agree that it is seen at its best in a crowded dining room.—New York Herald.

Some Fourth of July Proverbs.

A lit firecracker in the hand isn't worth two in the park.

There is no use pulling the trigger after the gun has been fired.

Do not look a gift cannon in the mouth. Never light your Roman candle at both ends.

It is the pinwheel that loses by doing a good turn.

One swallow doesn't make a spring nor one firecracker a Fourth.

LITTLE JOHNNY'S GLASS.



Mr. Sulzka sold fireworks. His trade was very slight; People bought them right and left To set them off at night.



But just then little Johnny passed— The owner's back was turned— To see the whole display go off The soul of Johnny yearned.



He quickly found a burning glass, And held it to the sun; A little spark he soon engulded— And then the deed was done.



A flash—a bang—a pop—a crack! Ah! and 'tis to smoke! Next day Sulzka told his neighbors that His stock had gone off great.