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RESUME OF THE WEEK'S DOINGS

Newspaper 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.

The pope will create ten new cardinals next fall.

The French government is relentless in its fight against labor rioters.

An immense power has been gained by Harriman through his alliance with Gould.

Roosevelt has reinstated a number of West Point hazers to be disciplined by the faculty.

The sultan has appeared on the streets unattended for the first time during his reign.

Castro has dismissed all Dutch consuls and vice-consuls in Venezuela and demands apology for insults.

F. D. Spaulding, a wealthy automobile manufacturer of San Francisco, perished in the Yuma desert.

Suit has been commenced against the Cleveland Traction company for violating its charter granted by the city.

Samuel E. Moffat, an editorial writer on Collier's magazine, is dead. He was a nephew of Samuel Clemens (Mark Twain).

One miner was killed and two fatally injured in an explosion of gas in a coal mine near Scranton, Pa. A number of men were slightly hurt.

Bryan is busy on his speech of acceptance.

Hottest weather set fire to a great coal pile at Reno, Nev.

Officials of the Philippine railroad are making arrangements to extend it.

Dismissals of consuls may cause a quarrel between the United States and Honduras.

Reports are being received at Republican headquarters of babies named after Taft.

Gould has got money from Harriman to pay his railroad debts, and lost control of the Wheeling road.

M. R. Preston will not accept the Socialist nomination for president, and August Gilhaus has been named.

Panama is afraid the United States wants to annex the country and Roosevelt has sent a reassuring message.

Eastern railroads have begun an attack on a law passed by the last congress limiting the hours of continuous service of employees.

The Northwestern road has been buying cars for the rush when the crops begin to move and expects to have use for every piece of rolling stock.

There is some talk of Cortelyou running for governor of New York.

The international peace congress at London is supported by the king and cabinet.

Curacao has sent back sugar from Venezuela and will use none of Castro's merchandise.

Gould has raised needed money to pay off his railroad indebtedness without surrendering control.

The American car in the New York-to-Paris race has arrived at Paris, where it received a great ovation.

The cashier of a Kenosha, Wis., bank stole about \$6,000 and gives as his excuse a desire to get married.

Detective Burns has been summoned to answer a charge of contempt in connection with the Ruef trials.

Turkish Liberals are not yet satisfied with the sultan's concessions. They want corrupt officials removed.

Strikers at Vigneux, France, are fighting with soldiers.

The cashier of a Seattle national bank had his salary raised because of fidelity to the institution. Later it was discovered that during the past seven or eight years he has stolen nearly \$50,000.

The steel trust reports an improving business.

The typhoon at Hongkong is known to have cost over 300 lives.

The Turkish people will call for a clean sweep of corrupt officials.

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READY FOR FIGHT.

Stannard May Not be Able to Slip Out of Landis' Decision.

Chicago, Aug. 3.—United States Attorney Sims and Special Consul Kellogg and Wilkerson today drafted a petition to the United States circuit court for a rehearing of the Standard Oil case, in which the appellate court recently reversed Judge Landis.

Judge Grosscup and his associates will be asked to reverse themselves on the ground that they erred in declaring that Judge Landis erred. The petition will aver that the circuit court misinterpreted the testimony, misread Judge Landis' obiter dictum and did not understand the legal premises on which he based his important decision.

The three points raised by the court will be met squarely. The first is that Judge Landis attempted to impose a fine upon the New Jersey Standard Oil company for the offenses of the Indiana corporation. This is to be flatly denied and the record to be cited to confirm the claim that the court did not read the decision of the lower court as it applied to the evidence.

The second point, that the whole offenses were in settlements and not in each shipment, and that ignorance of existing rates excused the acceptance of rebates, will be respectfully characterized as misapplication of the law and a ruling contrary to its known maxims.

The third point, that the fine of \$29,240,000 is excessive and confiscatory to be met by the contention that the corporation is a chronic offender and gained many times the amount of the fine by alleged rebating methods.

The financial statements of the company, showing net gains of more than \$30,000,000 since the rebating began, the government regards as eloquent arguments.

STARTED FROM BRUSH FIRE.

Destruction of Fernie Said to Have Cost Number of Lives.

Vancouver, B. C., Aug. 3.—The city of Fernie was nearly all burned Saturday night by fire which caught from a bush fire which had raged all the afternoon among the timber on the opposite side of Elk river from the city. The sawmill plant of the Elk River Lumber company was the first to catch in the city of Fernie, and from there the fire spread to the main offices of the Crows Nest Coal company. Inside of an hour hundreds of cottages of miners had been burned and the main business sections of the city were swept away.

Fernie has a population of about 5,000, and two-thirds of the people are homeless. One or two deaths occurred during the fire. Special trains are being rushed from nearly all towns to assist the homeless people. The total loss is said to be about \$2,000,000.

HEAT KILLS OFF BABIES.

Great Increase in July Death Rate Over Former Years.

Chicago, Aug. 3.—Enormous increase in the death rate among babies last week put city health officials on the anxious seat, and unless the weather turns cooler a still higher point is expected in the weeks to come.

A total of 206 children under 1 year of age—an average of more than 29 a day—died, according to the statistics of the department. In the 22 preceding days of the month the average rate was 18 babies. In comparison with this total of 206 is an average of 161 for the week ending August 3 of last year and 139 for the week ending August 4, 1906.

An official explanation of the increase will probably be made public tomorrow, but, generally speaking, lack of proper care during the hot weather was given today as the cause.

GROWING TOO MANY HOPS.

New York, Aug. 3.—Baron Louis von Horst of Coburg, Germany, who has large hop interests in California, was a passenger on the steamer St. Paul, which arrived here tonight. Speaking of the situation in the industry, he said that the trouble is overproduction and that as a result the small hop farmer has been in severe straits during the past two years. The prohibition movement in the south and west and the licensing bill in England and Germany have cut down the demand, he says, with the result that there has been a falling in prices.

PETTIBONE CANNOT LIVE.

Denver, Colo., Aug. 3.—An operation performed today at St. Joseph's hospital, in this city, on George A. Pettibone, formerly a member of the executive board of the Western Federation of Miners, showed that he is suffering from cancer, and the physicians in attendance agreed that his life could not be saved. Pettibone became sick while in prison in Idaho awaiting his trial for alleged complicity in the murder of former Governor Frank Steunenberg, which resulted in his acquittal.

CROSS LAND BY BALLOON.

Chicago, Aug. 3.—A transcontinental balloon race, starting from either Los Angeles or San Francisco with the Atlantic seaboard as the objective point, is being planned by the Federation of American Aeronauts, according to announcements made by the board of directors of the organization here tonight.

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HILL ABANDONS OCEAN TRADE

Will Withdraw Steamers in Favor of Japanese Lines.

Builder of Railroads Says Laws That Help, Not Subsidies, Alone Will Make American Ocean Carrying Trade Possible—Places No Blame on Commission.

St. Paul, Minn., Aug. 1.—The announcement that the Hill lines have abandoned the marine portion of their share in the trade with Japan and China, while retaining affiliation with Japanese steamship lines, came as a shock to many people of the Northwest. According to the chairman of the board, James J. Hill of the Great Northern, it was to be expected.

"Why," exclaimed Mr. Hill, "our Pacific trade has been gone for a year. As long as 15 months ago I told them what was coming."

Asked if the action of the American trans-continental roads in withdrawing from the Pacific carrying trade was due to resentment at the action of the interstate commerce commission, Mr. Hill replied:

"Resentment, no. The commission cannot be blamed for enforcing the law. The Pacific trade was given up because it did not pay. America today has no flag on the high seas, or might as well not have, for we cannot compete with any other country, and must hand the load over to anybody that asks for it. The only way for us to continue in the Pacific trade would be for the railroads to own their own steamers and run them at a heavy loss."

"We are not a seafaring nation. We have no sailors, though under the law Americans must constitute two-thirds or three-fourths of the crews. What we must have to make an ocean-carrying trade possible is not subsidies, but intelligent legislation—legislation that helps instead of hindering."

LABOR WAR SERIOUS.

France Making Supreme Effort to Cope With Situation.

Paris, Aug. 1.—The labor war became extremely serious this afternoon when the government announced its determination to arrest the leaders of the General Federation of Labor, and this announcement was followed by a call from the federation for a general strike of the masons and type-setters. The masons are divided, about half having quit work.

The type-setters have been drawn into the trouble by an effort of the leaders to tie up press utterances which have been unfavorable to them. The strike leaders believe they can get along better without the papers.

The government in its decision to arrest the leaders of the federation, holds the organization responsible for the outbreak Thursday at Vigneux and other labor riots.

Labor leaders say they are prepared to fight and a great industrial upheaval is threatened.

Government officials explained that the type-setters are working under an agreement and cannot strike without breaking it.

SULTAN GRANTS LIBERTY.

New Constitution to be Put Into Effect Without Delay.

Constantinople, Aug. 1.—An official communication issued yesterday announces the formation of a special council to put the constitution in force immediately. The council is composed of Kimmel Pasha and the ministers of foreign affairs and interior, the president of the state council and the legal adviser to the portes.

The sultan has decided shortly to issue a rescript consecrating the constitution.

The leaders of Young Turkey are working methodically to insure the success of the new regime. They are devoting their efforts in the first place to getting the finances of the country in order and to the regular payment of officials.

FIND CACHE OF BOMBS.

El Paso, Texas, Aug. 1.—Sixty bombs supposed to be the ones referred to in the correspondence introduced as evidence in the trial of the alleged revolutionists here, were discovered in a cache yesterday about four miles beyond the Rio Grande river from the city limits of El Paso. The cache was located near the point where the corners of New Mexico, Texas and Mexico touch. The bombs were made of tomato cans, carefully packed with scrap iron and three sticks of dynamite, properly primed with fuse and percussion caps.

TAKE UP OIL CASE.

Chicago, Aug. 1.—United States District Attorney Sims announced yesterday that the petition for the re-hearing of the Standard Oil case before the United States circuit court would be filed within the next ten days. The petition will ask for a re-hearing of the argument in the case in the hope that the circuit court can be induced to change its reversal of the \$29,000 fine imposed by Judge Landis on the Standard.

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INVESTIGATE HARRIMAN.

Agent for Government at Work on Merger Suit.

Chicago, July 31.—Special agents of the government are in Chicago trying to collect evidence to substantiate proceedings for the disruption of the Harriman system of railroads upon the ground that the combination is in violation of the Sherman anti-trust act.

For more than a week Ralph M. McKenzie, who did a great deal of preliminary work in the investigation which the interstate commerce commission made into the affairs of the Harriman railroads has been industriously working among big shippers with a view to ascertaining how the Harriman combination has been used, if at all, to stifle competition and restrain trade. On Mr. McKenzie's new calling list are all of the traffic men of the big industries in the city. It is not known with what success he has met, but his investigation is taken as meaning that the "big stick" again begins to swing over the Harriman lines.

It is understood that evidence is desired for use in connection with a suit to be begun by the government, which will be similar to the Northern Securities case, which resulted in the disruption of the Hill merger, so far as is holding company is concerned.

IMMIGRATION BUREAU FRAUD.

Scandal Said to Have Been Unearthed by Commissioners.

San Francisco, July 31.—The big stick, in the hands of Theodore Roosevelt, is about to swing amid the ranks of the Pacific coast immigration bureau of the government, and when it swings, if seemingly reputable reports can be relied upon, heads big and little are apt to fall into the basket of political oblivion.

An investigation, which has been going on for over a year under the direction of a special commission named by the president, it is said, has revealed evidence of alleged connivance on the part of the immigration agents in the smuggling of Chinese and Japanese coolies into the United States, both along the Mexican border and in the Pacific ports of entry.

The commissioners who have been conducting this investigation now have their data almost completed and in a short time will make their final report to Washington. When the material is in the hands of the president he will be ready to take immediate action.

Agents of the government are now in San Francisco working upon the finishing details of the case. They are making use of a staff of Chinese detectives and it is declared a complete underground system has been uncovered and a band of Chinese leaders revealed.

Much evidence has been obtained of this practice in southern California where it is charged orientals have been regularly passed across the Mexican border under the very noses of a force of immigration inspectors.

APPEAL TO LAW.

Illinois Manufacturers to Test Decision on Export Rates.

Chicago, July 31.—The Illinois Manufacturers' association took up the Asiatic export problem yesterday and asked Levy Mayer for an opinion as to the best method of procedure. Members of the association throughout the state are alarmed over the prospect and purpose to use every effort, both legal and otherwise, to change the situation.

The Canadian Pacific yesterday declared that it was not a party to the new tariffs which the American transcontinental lines have put out.

In railway circles here the understanding is different. It does not matter, however, so far as the effect of the new tariffs is concerned, for no railroad originating traffic here would maintain a traffic agreement with the Canadian Pacific except upon the same terms as traffic is maintained with American lines.

The fact developed yesterday that the railroads are aggrieved even more by the commission's ruling that such rates or fares must be the same for all, regardless of whether ocean carriage may be designated by the shipper or passenger. This would compel the railroads to deal with tramp ocean steamers, which they positively refuse to do. It is the consensus of opinion that there is no power which can compel the railroads to engage in this business if they do not see fit to do so.

CACHE OF BOMBS.

San Francisco, July 31.—The California promotion committee's Bulletin of Progress, dated July 31, will say: "Evidence of the development of the state is given in the reports for the fiscal year of the county assessor to the state controller. Imp