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BRIEF NEWS OF THE PAST WEEK

Condensed Dispatches from All Parts of the Two Hemispheres.

Interesting Events from Outside the State Presented in a Manner to Catch the Eye of the Busy Reader—Matters of National, Historical and Commercial Importance.

Bryan counts on carrying New York. The big theater hat has been abolished in Paris play houses.

The grand jury at Springfield, Ill., has returned 20 more indictments.

Taft says that, if elected, he will call a special session of congress to revise the tariff.

The sultan is recalling his ministers and ambassadors and replacing them with new men.

Serious trouble is feared in the Alabama coal district where the white miners have ordered the blacks to leave.

During a storm near Pottsville, Pa., lightning set off a charge of dynamite 1,300 feet under ground, killing two men.

A Southern Indiana coal mine has been foreclosed by a Chicago bank which held paper to the amount of \$3,000,000.

The trial of Theodore W. Halsey, the San Francisco telephone magnate, has been postponed until September 26, on account of illness.

Mayor Taylor, of San Francisco, has received notice that the government has made an additional appropriation of \$3,300 a month with which to fight the plague.

A non-union negro miner was shot from ambush near Birmingham, Ala.

Six indictments have been returned at Springfield, Illinois, against rioters.

Holland awaits the report of M. De Reus before deciding on final action against Castro.

The National Editorial association is working for a new libel law, seeing defects in the present statutes.

New York firms have secured contracts amounting to \$16,000,000 for paving and sewer work in Havana.

The Congo Reform association has protested to Secretary Root against the annexation of Free State by Belgium.

A Connecticut farmer emulated Darius Green by attempting to fly with a pair of paper wings he had constructed.

The repeal of the Fourteenth amendment was predicted at the National association of attorney generals held in Denver.

Harriman has promised to extend the Columbia Southern railway into Central Oregon and says work will begin at once.

A row is on in the British cabinet.

This will end King Leopold's bloody reign in Africa.

Turkish women are to be emancipated under the new regime.

The Belgian chamber of deputies has adopted the Congo annexation treaty.

The pope, who has been suffering from a cold, has almost entirely recovered.

The Pacific Telephone & Telegraph officials have issued a general order to hereafter accept no whiskey ads for directories.

Springfield was inflamed by the accidental shooting of a grand jury witness and for a time it looked as if another riot would break out.

The Wells-Fargo Express company has lost all Rock Island business, amounting to \$4,700,000 a year, because a \$2,000,000 loan was refused.

Attorney General Hadley, of Missouri, says there is something wrong with a judge who will render a decision like the Federal court gave in the Standard Oil appeal.

A meteorograph is being set up on Mount Rose, Nevada. This machine registers automatically for 40 days at a time, the temperature, atmospheric pressure, humidity and other data of importance in determining weather conditions.

Castro continues to refuse Dutch vessels to call.

The Young Turk party is perfecting a plan to depose the sultan.

The Oregon Supreme court has just decided a case started 18 years ago.

The Russian government continues to execute alleged revolutionists by the score.

The Rock Island railroad is said to be seeking control of the Moffat road now building from Denver to Salt Lake City.

FEAR STRIKE RIOT.

Conditions Growing Serious in Alabama Coal District.

Birmingham, Ala., Aug. 24.—The nerve-tension in the Alabama strike zone is exceedingly taut. The attempt at assassination of a nonunion miner at Pratt City last night is a theme of general discussion. Deputies attempted to make an arrest for trespass at mine No. 5 of the Tennessee company near Pratt City today and met resistance on the part of white women. Two women were arrested.

A big barbecue was held at Fulton Springs several miles north of this city today. Several thousand miners, union men, were present, and W. R. Fairley, Alabama member of the national board of miners, was among the principal speakers.

A number of evictions from company houses has been accomplished at the Sayre mines. Big bodies of men are meeting all trains along the north end of the mineral railroad.

Reports come that threatening letters are being dropped on the porches of homes of men remaining at work, and as a result many men are leaving.

AVERT CLASH ON BORDER.

French and German Officers Cool-headed in Emergency.

Paris, Aug. 24.—War between Germany and France was averted by the cool-headedness of French and German army officers in a dramatic frontier episode which is reported from Lunenburg. Two German army corps are engaged in maneuvers near the border, and yesterday morning a battalion of French rifles, marching out from Ramersvillers, approached within 50 yards of the frontier and suddenly found itself face to face with a German regiment which was drawn up at an equal distance on the other side.

The troops stood looking at each other for a moment without uttering a word or giving vent to an explanation, and then their respective commanders simultaneously ordered them to face about, and they were soon at a prudent distance from each other.

A fine illustration of military discipline was given on both sides, as a cry might have been the signal for serious trouble.

BUILD MANY SHIPS.

Japs Will Have Large Fleet of Auxiliary Cruisers.

New York, Aug. 24.—According to Kaishera Shiba, one of the managers of the Mitsubishi dockyard at Nagasaki, Japan, the Japanese government is making earnest efforts to increase its fleet of auxiliary cruisers. Mr. Shiba, who arrived at the Hotel Astor tonight, declared that while the Japanese navy is highly efficient, there is need of a fleet of steamships which could, in time of war, be converted into cruisers.

"Our dockyard," said he, "is working at its fullest capacity. We are at present turning out three 14,000 ton turbine steamships, which will do 21 knots, and which will ply between San Francisco and Hongkong via Japan. The boats will use oil for fuel. In addition to these boats, we are building four large steamships, which will run from Japan to England via the Suez canal. All these vessels will be at the service of Japan in case of war. Our dockyard, of course, is not the only one that is active in producing this big order for auxiliaries. The dockyards at Kobe and other places are all running at their full capacity."

Defeat for Abd El Aziz.

Paris, Aug. 24.—The government's advice received tonight confirm the report from Tangier that the forces of Abd El Aziz, the recognized sultan of Morocco, has been defeated by Mulai Hafid, the usurping sultan. The advice state that Abd El Aziz, who is now in full retreat in the direction of Tadla, with the remnant of his forces, is being hotly pressed by local tribes. Several caids were killed in the engagement and others were captured. No further details have been received here.

Cloudbursts in Colorado.

Pueblo, Colo., Aug. 24.—Cloudbursts in the vicinity of Florence tonight transformed Oak, Chandler and Sand creeks into raging torrents, which are sweeping through Florence and vicinity leaving ruin in their wake. The damage is expected to aggregate \$150,000. The Florence Fuel company alone has been damaged to the extent of \$2,000. Water covered the Santa Fe tracks to a depth of several feet, and the Rio Grande is in danger.

Meteor Falls in Kansas.

Salina, Kan., Aug. 24.—A large meteor fell three miles north of Ellsworth last night, lighting up the country for miles around, and burning brightly 20 minutes after it struck the ground. The meteor exploded when it struck the ground, and shook the town of Ellsworth.

NEWS NOTES GATHERED FROM VARIOUS PARTS OF OREGON

FIELD FOR SILK CULTURE.

Oregon Climate Appeals to Caucasian Expert.

Portland—Datika Kaukasieli, of Kuties, Caucasus, of the well known family of noblemen of Kaukasielis, is here in the interest of silk culture. Mr. Kaukasieli says this is a very fine climate for the production of silk, and that the establishment of silk culture means much for the Pacific coast. He says it would do more for this coast than any other industry, and would mean employment for thousands and may result in the building of factories when the culture is well established.

"Silk culture is one of the greatest productions commercially and has made nations and established commerce, and is the means of great wealth," said he.

Mr. Kaukasieli has invented a device by which silk can be produced at prices which makes the industry profitable, even at the high price for labor in America. He is very enthusiastic regarding it, and says he will establish the silk industry in the United States.

Turpentine From Stumps.

La Grande—That an excellent grade of commercial turpentine can be made from old pine stumps which literally cover the Blue mountains, is the remarkable discovery of W. E. Powell, a painter of this city, who is now perfecting a process of extracting the fluid from the stumps. Mr. Powell has been offered large sums for his discovery, but so far has declined to sell and will develop the industry himself. He declares that an excellent grade of turpentine can be secured from the pine stumps of the logged-off lands, thousands of acres of which lie accessible to the railroad in all parts of Eastern Oregon, and he believes that he has a discovery which can be built into a handsome enterprise.

Seeking Route for Line.

Eugene—Reports from the country lying west of Eugene say that men representing the Carver railroad are at work choosing a route for the road that will bring it to Eugene before going to the coast. It is known that Mr. Carver's first plan was to build out into the timber belts and thus work toward the coast, but since the project was started the lumber business has fallen off so that it will be necessary for the road to depend on something else for its freight. Thus it is considered probable that the growing portion of Western Lane will be tapped and the road extended from Eugene through the Siuslaw country to the coast.

Suffers Butter Famine.

Tillamook—Despite the fact that Tillamook is the main source of supply for dairy products for all parts of the Northwest, locally it is now suffering from an acute famine. For the past few weeks it has been impossible for the housewife to secure a roll of butter for culinary purposes. This extraordinary phenomenon is accounted for by the fact that Tillamook butter brings fancy prices outside, and the manufacturer either finds it more profitable to ship his goods, or else has his output contracted for in advance, and the home merchant must rely upon that of domestic manufacture for his supply.

Gold Near La Grande.

La Grande—The city of La Grande is considerably silted up over the appearance on the streets recently of a man carrying a sack of gold ore which he asserts he found on Mt. Emily, less than 10 miles from the city, a peak which overlooks the entire valley. The ore exhibited gave every evidence of being first class and of paying grade. During the past 20 days he has been prospecting on the mountain, and his sack brought here is only a part of his findings. Local men who own claims in the vicinity of the hill will take active steps to look into the rumor.

Buy Provisions at Portland.

Portland—Local merchants will not lose the trade of the commissary department of the Northern Pacific because of the transfer of this department to the Spokane, Portland & Seattle road. F. H. Fogarty, assistant general passenger agent of the Northern Pacific, has written M. Mossehr, acting secretary of the chamber of commerce, that the new service will result in the dining cars of both roads securing all their produce in Portland.

New Road Projected.

Albany—An electric line from Albany to Brownsville, a distance of 22 miles, is being projected by E. H. Rhodes, a local capitalist. He also plans to build a street railway system in this city, and if franchises are secured he will begin work immediately. Local capital is behind both enterprises, and other local men, whose names have not yet been made public, are associated in the project with Rhodes.

FIX PICKING PRICE.

Hop Growers at Salem Decide Upon Eighty Cents a Hundred.

Salem—About 40 hopgrowers of this vicinity met at the city hall and adopted a resolution fixing 80 cents a hundred pounds as the price to be paid for hop picking this season. This is 20 cents a hundred less than last year.

The opinion was unanimous that growers cannot pay over 80 cents a hundred and can scarcely afford to pay that much in view of the present price of hops. Eighty cents a hundred is practically the same as 40 cents a box.

Joseph Harris, agent for Benjamin Schwarz & Sons, has received word from London that the Kentish Observer in its last issue estimates the English hop crop for 1908 at 540,000 hundred weight, against 275,000 hundred weight last year.

Boost Good Roads.

Corvallis—The launching of a great campaign for legislation and state aid for public roads, the enactment of legislation to obtain legal title and for the protection by the state of that title for users of water for irrigation and power, the inauguration of a movement for cutting up big tracts of land for division among small holders, and the further prosecution of the claims of the Willamette valley and Oregon for the government purchase and control of the Willamette locks and the improvement of the Willamette river, were primal objectives of the meeting held here last week, at which an enthusiastic body of Corvallis business men was present.

Vale Wants Irrigation.

Vale—A Commercial club meeting was held here last week and a committee was appointed to take up the matter of government irrigation in this county. It was the opinion of the club that favorable consideration will be given the matter at this time. The project was known as the Malheur and covered all the different streams in the north half of this county. H. L. Wallace, who has returned from New York, stated that the Federation bonds will be signed within a week. He has contracts with an Eastern construction company.

Yamhill Wheat of Fine Quality.

McMinnville—Wheat, once Yamhill's main crop, but now only a side issue with the farmers, is coming to the warehouses quite lively this week. So far 27½ bushels to the acre, machine measure, is about the best yield reported, although the grain is generally very plump and heavy and overruns in weight. One farmer's load of 25 sacks gained six bushels when weighed at the warehouse. There are a number of crops not yet threshed where the estimated yield has been placed much higher than the average.

PORTLAND MARKETS.

Wheat—Club, 88c per bushel; forty-fold, 90c; Turkey red, 90c; five, 88c; bluestem, 92c; valley, 88c.

Barley—Feed, \$24.50 per ton; roll-oid, \$27.25; brewing, \$26.

Oats—No. 1 white, \$26.50 per ton; gray, \$26.

Hay—Timothy, Willamette Valley, \$14 per ton; Willamette valley ordinary, \$11; Eastern Oregon, \$16.50; mixed, \$13; clover, \$9; alfalfa, \$11.

Fruits—Peaches, 40¢ per box; Bartlett pears, \$1.50 per box; plums, 75¢ per box; grapes, 85¢ per box; blackberries, \$1.10 per crate; Potatoes—\$1.12.50 per hundred; sweet potatoes, 33¢ per pound.

Melons—Cantaloupes, \$1.25 @ 1.75 per crate; watermelons, \$1.50 per 100 loose; crated, 1¢ additional; canbas, \$2.25 per dozen.

Vegetables—Turnips, \$1.50 per sack; carrots, \$1.75 per sack; parsnips, \$1.75 per sack; beets, \$1.50 per sack; beans, 5¢ per pound; cabbage, 1½¢ per pound; corn, 25¢ per bushel; cucumbers, 30¢ per box; egg plant, \$1.75 per crate; lettuce, head, 15¢ per dozen; parsley, 15¢ per dozen; peas, 6¢ per pound; peppers, 8¢ per pound; radishes, 12¢ per dozen; spinach, 2¢ per pound; tomatoes, 75¢ per dozen; artichokes, 75¢ per dozen.

Butter—Extras, 30¢ per pound; fancy, 27½¢; choice, 25¢; store, 18¢.

Eggs—Oregon extras, 26¢ per dozen; firsts, 24¢ per dozen; seconds, 22¢ per dozen; thirds, 18¢ per dozen; 24¢ per dozen.

Poultry—Mixed chickens, 13¢ per pound; fancy hens, 14¢; roosters, 10¢; spring, 18¢; ducks, old, 12¢; spring, 13¢ per 16¢; geese, old, 8¢; young, 10¢; turkeys, old, 17¢ per 18¢; young, 20¢.

Veal—Extra, 8¢ per pound; ordinary, 7¢ per 7½¢; veal, 8¢.

Pork—Fancy, 7¢ per pound; ordinary, 6¢; large, 5¢.

Mutton—Fancy, 26¢ per pound.

Hops—1907, prime and choice, 4½¢ per pound; olds, 1¢ per 1½¢; contracts, nominal.

Wool—Eastern Oregon, average best, 106¢ per pound, according to shrinkage; valley, 15¢ per 15½¢; mohair, choice, 12¢ per 18½¢.

RIOTERS UNDER CONTROL.

Two Regiments of Soldiers at Springfield Ordered Home.

Springfield, Ill., Aug. 19.—That the race war situation in this city is considered much less serious was evidenced last night, when Governor Deneen ordered the First and Fourth Infantry regiments to take trains for their homes today.

"I took this action after a conference with Sheriff Warner, Mayor Reece, Major General Young, Adjutant General Scott, General Foster and General Wells," explained Governor Deneen last night.

"Does that mean that you consider all danger of serious trouble past?" he was asked.

"It means that we can properly guard the city with the troops which will remain. There will still be the Second and Seventh regiments under General Foster in the Western division, and the Third and Fifth under General Wells. The departure of the First and Fourth will lessen our forces by about 1,000 men, leaving a good 2,000 here."

Major General Young said:

"The mob element has had a lesson, and the way citizens with knowledge of riotous misdeeds are responding to the appeal for information on which to base indictments will furnish further instruction to the violently inclined. We are getting news on which we will be able to make many arrests of importance, and these arrests will render the situation much easier to handle. With the ringleaders behind the bars, there will be little for the military to do."

There were the usual baseless alarms last night, but up to midnight nothing of a serious character had occurred.

EVANS RETIRES.

Admiral Leaves the Service After 48 Years on Duty.

Lake Mohonk, N. Y., Aug. 19.—Far from grim warships and the sea where he spent nearly half a century in the service of his country, Rear Admiral Robley D. Evans, U. S. N., who is at this quiet mountain hotel, yesterday reached the age limit of 62 years and passed from the ranks of the country's active sea fighters. His has been the longest service (but two years short of half a century) of any man who has reached the rank of rear admiral in the United States navy. All through the day the hotel was thronged with admirers of "Fighting Bob," anxious to congratulate him on his 62nd birthday and to wish him many more happy and useful years. Telegrams by the score reached him from all parts of the country, all expressing felicitations and affection for the man who had done so much to build up the American navy. Many of the messages brought delighted smiles to the admiral's face, while others brought just a suspicion of moisture to his eyes. The telegram in particular which caused "Fighting Bob" many smiles came from an old friend in Washington and said:

"For some of us, skipper, your flag will always fly."

EUREKA IS SHAKEN.

Early Morning Trembler Likened to Big One of 1906.

Eureka, Cal., Aug. 19.—An earthquake shock almost as severe as the one of April 18, 1906, but not of so long duration, shook this city at 2:58 o'clock yesterday morning. It seemed to come from the west, and was what is known as a "twister." No one was injured, but considerable damage was done.

A second and lighter shock was felt at 5:30 o'clock.

Chimneys were thrown down and people rushed from their houses in fright when the first quake shook the city. The courthouse was damaged most by the shake. The right arm of the statue of Minerva, carrying a spear, was twisted off the statue on the dome. The spear crashed through the roof of the building and into Judge Hunter's courtroom.

The statues on the north side of the building were shaken off and brick and plaster were loosened and fell to the ground. Plate glass windows in several business houses were cracked.

Conference on Strike.

Winnipeg, Aug. 19.—The departure for the East of the heads of the engineers' and trainmen's branches of organized railway laborers is current talk among the strikers tonight. J. H. McVey is also absent, presumably at Ottawa, where a conference of the warring factions in the Canadian Pacific strike is to take place as a result of the alleged government intervention. Prominent officials of the Canadian Pacific railway have also disappeared and it is assumed that they too will join the conference.

Holland Has Free Hand.

The Hague, Aug. 19.—With the single proviso that no military occupation of territory must occur, the government at Washington is understood to have given the cabinet of The Netherlands a free hand to deal as it sees fit with President Castro, of Venezuela. The Netherlands' cruiser Friesland will not sail for the Caribbean before the end of next month.

DUTCH WILL NOT INSIST ON WAR

Decide to Avoid Taking Offensive Unless Compelled to Do So.

Cabinet at The Hague Maps Out a General Plan of Procedure Against Venezuela—Hostile Preparations in Naval Dockyards Being Rushed Night and Day.

The Hague, Aug. 20.—After a nine hours' session, during which the dispute between The Netherlands and Venezuela was canvassed exhaustively in all its phases, the cabinet dispersed shortly after midnight last night, and Minister of Foreign Affairs Van Swinderen proceeded to the royal chateau at Het Loo, to acquaint Queen Wilhelmina with the result of the council.

The terms of The Netherlands' answer to the letter of President Castro, of Venezuela, were fully discussed, and it is understood that he actual text as well as the broad lines of action, drawn up to meet any possible eventualities, were agreed upon.

It is maintained that the present question is rather one of sovereignty and national honors, matters which are not so susceptible of solution by arbitration.

The Netherlands government is inclined for the present to adopt a waiting attitude, but it is ready to take energetic steps whenever the developments from the situation demand. It is agreed to push all necessary preparations in order to be ready to support an ultimatum, should it be decided to forward one to President Castro. Work will be rushed night and day at the naval dockyards to complete the preparations needed by the warships, so that they will be in readiness to reinforce the vessels now in the Caribbean by the end of next month.

In the meantime every effort will be made to find a pacific solution of the dispute, and especially in view of the fact that Queen Wilhelmina is opposed to resorting to war until all other methods have been tried.

UNIFORM FISH LAWS.

Anglo-American Commission at Work Under Recent Treaty.

Vancouver, B. C., Aug. 20.—The international fisheries commission appointed to draw up a uniform code of laws for the fisheries lying between Canada and the United States is in the city. It is composed of Professor David Starr Jordan, president of Leland Stanford university, and S. T. Bastedo, of Ottawa, who represents Great Britain.

It is not the intention of the commission to hold any public sittings, but it will spend a week on the coast gathering information respecting fisheries in the Straits of San Juan de Fuca and the Gulf of Georgia. Professor Jordan stated that they were acting in accordance with a treaty between Great Britain and the United States, signed last April, when it was agreed to appoint a commission to draw up statutes. It will be their duty to gather all possible information and prepare a report by January 1.

SEVENTY MINERS KILLED.

Explosion Wrecks Maypole Mine in England.

Wigan, Aug. 20.—The worst fears have been realized about the explosion which occurred in the Maypole mine yesterday. The entombed miners numbered about 70 and it is impossible that any of them can have survived.

Efforts at rescue, however, continue unceasingly. Thirty bodies were discovered today in the workings, but the fumes from the burning coal prevented the rescuers from reaching the others who probably are lying down in the mines.

A few bodies were brought to the surface today, but all were so blackened and mutilated that identification was impossible. At midnight an enormous crowd was still keeping a sorrowful vigil at the pit mouth.

Machine to Pick Up Walnuts.

Fullerton, Cal., Aug. 20.—L. I. Sidwell, a Rivera walnut grower, is perfecting a machine to pick up walnuts by suction. The machine is operated by a gasoline engine, a four-inch hose being held just above the ground under the walnut tree. The suction draws the walnuts through the hose into a tank installed on the wagon. There is an exhaust near the top which separates the nuts from the hulls.

Kaiser Completes Fund.

Berlin, Aug. 20.—The emperor has given \$24,000 to the Koch fund for the resisting of the spread of tuberculosis. This donation completes the \$100,000 that Andrew Carnegie stipulated should be subscribed before his gift of a like amount, made last winter, should become available.