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NEWS OF THE WEEK

In a Condensed Form for Our Busy Readers.

HAPPENINGS OF TWO CONTINENTS

A Resume of the Less Important but Not Less Interesting Events of the Past Week.

Nicaragua is preparing to invade Honduras.

A revolt against the government is on in Persia.

Ex-Governor Higgins, of New York, is again failing in health.

Boers are gradually securing control of the Transvaal parliament.

A Clinton, N. C., grand jury has indicted a number of county officials for embezzlement.

The break in the Colorado river has been closed and no water is now going into the Salton Sink.

Great Northern and Northern Pacific traffic is still badly crippled between Spokane and the Sound.

Venezuelan officials are accused of grafting by an American. Parades have begun his revolution on Castro.

The Canadian Pacific has just declared a dividend of 2 per cent for the half year ending last December.

The United States Circuit court at San Francisco has just put an end to another get-rich-quick concern, the Cumulative Trust Co., of Washington.

The Minnesota attorney general has commenced proceedings to compel 10 railroads in that state to adopt a reduction in freight rates ordered by the State Railroad commission.

Baton Rouge, La., has a case similar to the Thaw shooting.

The house committee has a substitute for Roosevelt's plan of leasing coal land.

The South Carolina legislature has passed a bill to discontinue the state liquor dispensary.

Russian authorities have arrested a number of girls attending a seminary for complicity in riotous acts.

The postmaster general of Canada has barred from the mails papers giving the Thaw evidence in detail.

Sensors Fulton and Bourne are confident there will be no change in the timber laws the present session of congress.

The senate has started an inquiry regarding United States occupancy of Cuba. The senators want to know how long the tenure is to last.

A number of Indiana cities where municipal ownership is in force have asked the legislature for relief. Poor service and heavy taxes are the cause, coupled with poor management.

Oil dealers all over the country have received notice of a raise of one-half cent a gallon in oil products. In one year this means \$40,000,000 to the Standard Oil company. Rockefeller has just given away \$32,000,000.

Taft says the people favor a contract system for the Panama canal.

A personal feud may cause war between Guatemala and Salvador.

Harriman says he may seek a job on the Interstate Commerce commission.

The San Francisco chamber of commerce is said to oppose separate schools.

Cubans are talking of fighting America because the rural guards have been increased.

The country home of Wamamaker, near Philadelphia, has burned, entailing a loss of \$1,000,000.

Japan has asked permission to decorate the American ambassadors to Russia and Japan during the recent war.

Fulton has asked the government to provide two dredges for the Pacific coast, one for Oregon and one for Washington.

Both the Russian and Japanese governments will erect memorials at Port Arthur to their fallen soldiers in the defense and capture of that fortress.

Hill says he may double track the Great Northern its entire length in order to accommodate the fast growing business.

The Brazilian government it to send a squadron to the United States for a friendly call. It is announced that all negroes will be taken from the ships before they start.

The French cabinet proposes an income tax to relieve the poor.

The price of all grade of diamonds has been advanced 5 per cent.

Rebels are reported to have defeated government forces in Argentina.

There is not a wheel turning on any railroad between Spokane and the coast.

OPERATORS DEFIANT.

Western Union Employees at Chicago Favor a Strike.

Chicago, Feb. 12.—Open defiance of the Western Union Telegraph company was voiced at a mass meeting of its employees held in Musicians' hall, 134 Van Buren street, this afternoon. More than 800 operators were packed into the hall, and many of them favored calling an immediate strike on the company unless the men who have recently been discharged for joining the union are at once reinstated.

Resolutions practically announcing their membership in the Commercial Telegraphers' Union of America were adopted by the operators, and the executive committee of the union was instructed to notify the company that a continuation of its alleged discriminating attitude will be resented.

President S. J. Small and Secretary Wesley Russell of the national organization attended the meeting and urged the men in the local office of the Western Union company not to take hasty action until the union is ready to act in all large cities. President Small said after the meeting that the operators in 22 cities had joined in the movement and that if a strike were declared it would not be confined to Chicago.

The men have been secretly organizing for about two years, and President Small asserts that recently nine old employees of the company have been discharged in the local office because of their activity in union affairs.

FINDS SECRET OF PORCELAIN.

Director of Sevens Rediscovered Process of Making "Tendre" Ware.

Paris, Feb. 12.—M. George Vogt, director of the artistic department of the national factory of porcelain, at Sevres, has just made a discovery which will entirely change the present art of porcelain manufacture.

There are two kinds of porcelain, the hard and the "tendre." The secret of the manufacture of the latter was first discovered by the Chinese and occupied the attention of the chemists of all Europe during the sixteenth, seventeenth and eighteenth centuries. At first all attempts to discover the formula were without result, but at last success was attained, the "tendre" porcelain was discovered and perfected.

This delicate porcelain reigned supreme until in 1710 a new porcelain was invented in Saxony. This Saxon porcelain, if less delicate and less rich in decoration, had the advantage over the "tendre" of being stronger and more pliable. Large objects could be made in it which were not possible in the "tendre." Little by little the manufacture of the "tendre" was abandoned and with it disappeared all the charming little objects which could not be made in hard porcelain. At last the secret was lost and for over a century ceramists sought to rediscover it, but without success.

Now M. Vogt has discovered the secret of making it and also how to make it more durable and pliable, which will enable him to overcome all the difficulties which beset the manufacture of the "tendre" in former times.

RIOTERS BEAT ITALIANS.

Assault on Motorman Enrages Passengers on Streetcar.

San Francisco, Feb. 12.—Police reserves were called out tonight to quell a streetcar riot on Sutter street between Fillmore and Desiderio streets. The motorman of an outbound Sutter street car, obeying an order recently issued by the United Railroads, stopped his car because four Italians persisted in hanging onto the running board on the locked side of the car. They were finally induced by angry passengers to come inside, and the motorman threw on the current.

One of the Italians then stepped up behind the motorman and knocked him senseless with a blow of his fist. A quickwitted passenger succeeded in bringing the car to a stop within the block, and the passengers, about 100 in number, proceeded to give the Italian a fearful beating. The police reserves were called out, and they had to use their clubs to restore order.

Chehalis Creamery Sold.

Chehalis, Wash., Feb. 12.—Nelson & Justen have sold the Chehalis creamery to O. Brewer, who recently came here from the northern part of the state. The creamery here has been a success ever since it was started, the business having grown with the development of dairying in the Chehalis and Nwauwau valleys. During 1906 over 25,000 pounds more butter was made here than during the previous year. The Chehalis is milk condensing plant is now receiving almost an even 2,000 pounds of milk daily.

Out the Tariff on Wheat.

City of Mexico, Feb. 12.—Fearing a wheat famine in the country in consequence of the bad crops, the Finance department has considerably decreased the customary duties on wheat imported from the United States. The duty that wheat will have to pay from February 15 to June 1 will be \$1.50 for 100 kilograms.

PROMISE WON'T DO

President and Delegation From San Francisco in Deadlock.

NO CONCESSION ON SCHOOLS

Exclusion of Japanese Coolies Only Will Bring Agreement—President Cannot Guarantee.

Washington, Feb. 12.—A complete deadlock has developed in the discussion between President Roosevelt and the educational authorities of the city of San Francisco relative to the exclusion from the public schools of that city of Japanese children. There is no present indication that this deadlock will be broken or a satisfactory solution of the perplexing problem will be reached.

The blame for present conditions rests largely on the president. He was forced to an admission yesterday that he could go no further than to promise the exercise of his utmost exertions in negotiating a treaty with Japan for the exclusion of coolies. This was not sufficient for the Coast delegation. The members desired an assurance that Japan is willing in good faith to enter upon negotiation of such a treaty, and that it will be followed by drastic legislation. The president could not give the assurance requested and bluntly said that the legislation feature is impracticable.

At the conclusion of the conference the president informed the delegation that he would present the entire matter under consideration to the cabinet at its meeting today and later call the delegation to the White House again.

OREGON APPLES IN LONDON.

Rogue River Newtowns Net Growers \$2 38 F. O. B.

Modford, Or., Feb. 12.—The high character of the yellow Newtown apples produced in the Rogue river valley is illustrated by the returns which are coming in from the numerous cars consigned to the London dealers by the growers of this valley the present season. Fred H. Hopkins received a cable today from the first car of his product placed upon the market this year, the same having been consigned to Dennis & Sons, of Covent Garden, who report the sale of the carload, consisting of 450 boxes of four-tier and 150 boxes of four and one-half tier apples, at an average net figure of f. o. b. shipping point, of \$2.38 per box.

The importance of the apple situation impresses one the more when it is known that the Rogue river valley has no less than 10,000 acres of the yellow Newtown variety of apples, either now in bearing or nearing the bearing age.

LONG ARRAY OF LEGAL TALENT

Able Lawyers Gathered From Far and Near to Assist in the Case.

Spokane, Feb. 12.—The legal battle for the life of Steve Adams began yesterday in the mining town of Wallace, Idaho. On one side are the forces of the state, seeking Adams' conviction as the first step toward convicting the leaders of the Western Federation of Miners, who are charged with the assassination of ex-Governor Frank Steunenberg, of Idaho; on the other is the powerful Federation, with all the resources at its command, declaring the charges are false and an attempt by the mine owners to break up the union. The crime against Steve Adams is the murder of Fred Tyler, a settler who disappeared from his timber claim on Marble creek about August 10, 1904, and whose body was found later. His murder remained a mystery till after the assassination of ex-Governor Steunenberg. Harry Orchard's graphic confession is said not only to have implicated Steve Adams and other Federation men in the governor's murder, but declared that Adams and Jack Simpkins also killed Tyler. Simpkins has never been found.

Opposed to Trouble With Japan.

Venice, Cal., Feb. 12.—The Venice chamber of commerce at a meeting held tonight adopted and ordered sent to President Roosevelt a set of resolutions reciting that "the anti-Japanese sentiment expressed at San Francisco does not reflect the true feeling of the citizens of California," and resolving "that the chamber of commerce does not recognize the school incident or the continuance of the present friendly relations with Japan as a menace to the progress, development and prosperity of California."

Mexico City is Shivering.

Mexico City, Feb. 12.—For the first time in many years, snow fell on the streets of Mexico City today. The unusual conditions have caused suffering among the poor, who habitually go about clad in light garments and with bare feet. The government is providing food and shelter tonight to hundreds.

JAPAN NEEDS SEVERE LESSON

High German Official Regrets America Yields to Upstarts.

Berlin, Feb. 11.—The anxiety of President Roosevelt to accede to the demands of the Japanese in the California school question has created a very bad impression here, especially in military and diplomatic circles, where the whole affair has been watched from the beginning.

A very high official in the foreign department, who is closer than any other man to the minister of foreign affairs, yesterday said:

"It is a great pity that a great nation like America shall be forced by circumstances to give in to these Japanese upstarts, who will now grow more conceited than ever."

"It is evident that Japan is trying to pick a quarrel with the United States, and that a conflict is bound to come, for it is the purpose of the Japanese to drive every white power out of the Far East. I have no doubt that, if America had a strong navy today, your president's reply to the mikado's ultimatum would have had another sound, but, under the circumstances, the United States is too weak to risk the loss of their prestige in a war in which Japan would have every advantage, and when you would be unable to defend either Hawaii or the Philippines."

"Germany also has important interests in the East and, while the German government will use every effort to build a mighty navy, the defiant attitude of Japan at many occasions since Russia's defeat is one of the principal reasons."

"These yellow devils, whose civilization is of the most superficial nature, will never cease to cause trouble until they have been taught a severe lesson with the sword."

WILL BE RECORD SESSION.

Oregon Legislature Will Appropriately About \$5,000,000.

Salem, Feb. 11.—Unless the legislative pruning knife is applied wisely and discriminately, the present legislature will win for itself the designation of the "45,000,000 session." Bills carrying outright appropriations aggregating \$4,800,166.91 have been introduced to date, and there remain two weeks of the session in which further demands on the treasury may be made. At any rate, the indications are that the appropriations of the present legislature will establish a new record.

Of this gigantic total, the committee on ways and means has recommended favorably bills carrying appropriations to the amount of \$2,439,200.96. There are pending in the two houses other measures carrying \$2,348,965.95, and but one bill making an appropriation, that for the state library commission and carrying \$12,000, has passed both houses. In conjunction with this estimate of the possible expenditures of the people's money, there is not included the probable cost to the state of numerous boards and commissions it is proposed to create on a per diem basis. Neither do the figures given include the cost to the state of either of the numerous bills providing bounties for the scalp of wild animals is passed. With scarcely an exception these measures impose on the state a portion of the bounties that are proposed to be paid. Another item of expense not included is that entailed in the bill providing for the purchase of voting machines.

REPUBLICS WON'T MAKE UP.

Honduras and Nicaragua Said to be on Verge of War.

Washington, Feb. 11.—Advises received at the State department late today to the gravity of the Central American situation. It was reported that the arbitration which has been going on in San Salvador for the adjustment of the difficulties between Honduras and Nicaragua had been abruptly terminated and war was pending.

Costa Rica and Salvador have joined their efforts to those of the United States and Mexico to prevent a war in Central America as the result of the political friction between Honduras and Nicaragua. Senator Salvo, the Costa Rican minister, assured State department officials today that his government, after communicating with that of Salvador, had made representations to the opposing governments to induce them to refrain from hostilities.

Finish Work on Hand First.

Washington, Feb. 11.—Senator Fulton has been urged to offer an amendment to the river and harbor bill authorizing the survey of the Columbia river between the mouth of the Willamette and the Dalles rapids with a view to further improvement. He has decided that this is imprudent, for it is necessary during the next few years to concentrate efforts on completing the big projects now under way, for the Columbia river below the Dalles will not accommodate all commerce that can pass through the Cello canal.

Congressman Rixey Dies.

Washington, Feb. 11.—John Franklin Rixey, the Virginia congressman, died Saturday at the residence of his brother, Surgeon General Rixey, of the navy, in this city. Death was due to tuberculosis.

WILL CALL A HALT

President Opposes Large Number of Private Pensions.

WILL VETO ALL BILLS IN FUTURE

Investigation Convinces Roosevelt of Wrong of Private Pensions—Service Pension Enough.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 9.—Private pension legislation, carried to an extreme within the last few years and increasing at every session at an astounding rate, has fallen under the ban of President Roosevelt. Within a day or two the president has laid plans to call a halt, and tomorrow he will have a conference with Senator McCumber of North Carolina, chairman of the senate committee on pensions and Representative Sulloway, of New Hampshire, chairman of the house committee on invalid pensions, for the purpose of getting their judgment on the question of a proposed sweeping reform.

However, the lawmakers directly interested may feel about it, the president, it is understood, will feel constrained not to sign any more private bills, now that the service pension measure has become a law, unless particularly urgent reasons are presented to him in connection with each individual case passed upon by congress.

Careful investigation of the private pension question at the White House led to the conclusion that the system, as it has developed during recent sessions of congress, is an almost unmitigated evil; that methods which scarcely will stand scrutiny prevail in both houses with respect to passing private measures, and that in most instances the enactments fail to accomplish the real purpose for which pensions are intended.

Yesterday afternoon the house of representatives passed 725 private pension bills. This is the highest record ever made in a single day, and the large number of bills, coming right upon the heels of the passage and signing of a service pension measure, may have been due to the waiting of a zephyr from the White house to the capitol premonitory of the swinging of the big stick upon future legislation.

HAS STRING TO IT.

Tom Johnson Doubts the Sincerity of Rockefeller's Gifts.

Cleveland, Ohio, Feb. 9.—John D. Rockefeller's motive in presenting to the General Education board \$32,000,000 is regarded as of a sordid nature by Mayor Tom L. Johnson. In an interview today the mayor said that the gift was made merely as a bid for the perpetuation of the special privileges which the oil king enjoys in his various interests. The mayor also regards it as certain that no educational institution which pays any particular attention to the teaching of political economy will receive a part in the benefits of the gift. Nearly all the other gifts Rockefeller has made to schools and colleges are regarded in the same light by Mr. Johnson.

"What sort of a gift was it, any way?" he asked. "It was not cash, as I understand it. What was it, then? Let us suppose the case. Was it Standard Oil stock? Hardly. Was it the bonds of cities, states, or perhaps railways? Most likely it was railway securities. Every one of these is a mortgage on the future. Some day it will develop perhaps that the special privileges which these railroads enjoy, and which the people are becoming educated more and more every year to curtail and withdraw, will be threatened. It will result in a sudden squeezing out of the water in those stocks."

"Then there will go up a cry that these great educational interests are dependent upon the returns when the sources are threatened. There will be talk also of what the widows and orphans are in danger of losing. A condition will be presented that may have protective effect for the corporations involved."

Venezuela Prepares for Revolt.

San Juan, Porto Rico, Feb. 9.—According to passengers who arrived here from Venezuela by the steamer Philadelphia, troops are beginning to move in Venezuela. Last Monday a trainload of soldiers and 50 carts of cartridges were sent out of Caracas. A decree prohibiting masking and painting the face during the carnival has been issued in Caracas, because of the fear of trouble. Vice President Gomez, who is directing affairs in the absence of President Castro, who is ill, is said to be practically a prisoner.

Sentence on Nebogtoff.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 9.—The emperor has confirmed the sentences passed by the court martial on Vice Admiral Nebogtoff and other naval officers tried. Nebogtoff will be kept in a fortress for ten years and others for varying periods.

OPPOSES CONTRACT PLAN.

Chief Engineer Stevens Wants to Dig Panama Canal.

Washington, Feb. 8.—Chief Engineer John F. Stevens wants to dig the Panama canal, and if he cannot dig the big ditch without the medium of a contractor, there is likely to be another vacancy at the head of affairs on the isthmus. This is understood to be the secret of the mysterious holding up of the award of the Panama canal contract that has excited interest and curiosity for the last two weeks.

Everybody has been wondering why the administration has been delaying action on the Oliver bid for digging the canal. One theory has been that it was due to a fight between rival financial interests, those represented by the contractors underbid by the Oliver firm being credited with the efforts to throw out the lower bidder and take the prize. There have been tangles regarding Mr. Oliver's partners. Finally a positive decision from President Roosevelt, Secretary of War Taft and Chairman Shonts, of the Canal commission, has been postponed for two weeks longer, ostensibly to complete a full examination of the Oliver bid, but in reality, it is believed, to solve the problem presented by Mr. Stevens' position.

OPPOSED TO DISCRIMINATION.

Los Angeles Chamber on Separate Schools for Japanese.

Washington, Feb. 8.—The president today received a telegraphic copy of a resolution adopted yesterday by the Los Angeles chamber of commerce upon the Japanese school question, which expresses the belief that the public sentiment of California, especially of the southern part, upon the question of the exclusion of the Japanese from the general public school system of the state has been to some extent misrepresented and is largely misunderstood. The sentiment is expressed that on the main question, whatever may be the diversity of opinion upon the constitutional and legal phases, the board is assured that "the general trend of public opinion in Southern California is decidedly adverse to any discrimination against the Japanese as a people in the matter of public school privileges, and the belief that this opinion is based upon consideration of equity and justice is held altogether independent of any attitude which the Japanese government has assumed or may assume in regard to the question."

CALLS BOOKER SENATOR.

Foraker Takes a Fling at Activity of Negro Leader.

Washington, Feb. 8.—Five witnesses were examined today in the Brownsville inquiry by the Senate committee on military. All were members of the discharged battalion of negro soldiers except ex-Sergeant Luther Thornton, of company B. He testified that, when aroused by the firing on the night of August 13, he was under the impression that the barracks were being fired upon by the people of the town.

The next witness called for by Senator Foraker was Winter Washington, and Senator Overman asked if he had said Booker Washington.

"No," said Mr. Foraker, "Booker Washington is too busy attending to his senatorial duties to come here." He referred to the interest of Booker T. Washington in the question of having a negro appointed to a Federal position in Ohio, patronage which has been regarded as belonging to the senators from Ohio.

Washington's idea of the Brownsville affair was that "Mexican Greasers" and "Texas cowboys" had done the shooting in order to make trouble for the negro soldiers.

Mauers Smuggled as Books.

Victoria, B. C., Feb. 8.—Mail advices from Shanghai state that, owing to an accident at the wharf there, the discovery has been made that arms and ammunition have been smuggled through Shanghai to the disaffected districts where rebellion is in progress. A Chinese newspaper reports that 50,000 Mauser rifles and 5,000,000 rounds of ammunition have been imported into China from Japan by the revolutionary party. Dr. Sun Yat, who is one of the prime movers of the rebellion, is at Tokio, as head of the rebel junta there.

More Money for Pacific Lights.

Washington, Feb. 8.—The senate's commerce committee reported the house omnibus lighthouse bill with amendments added giving \$20,000 for rebuilding the lighthouse at Cape Arago and \$120,000 for a lighthouse vessel at Oxford Reef.

Right of Way Across Fort Columbia.

Washington, Feb. 8.—The senate today passed Senator Fulton's bill authorizing the Ilwaco railroad to build across the Fort Columbia reservation and quarantine station grounds on its way from Ilwaco to Knappton.

Earthquakes Change Island.

Montevideo, Feb. 8.—A report has reached here by passengers on the steamer Elka that earthquakes have changed the appearance of New Year's island and that a portion of the island has sunk several meters.