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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.

The Texas senate has voted to exonerate Senator Bailey.

A Denver man has confessed to killing his wife that he might marry another woman.

The senate has approved of another Federal judge for the Northern district of California.

The senate has refused to consider a measure to reduce tariff on sugar, tobacco and rice from the Philippines.

Secretary Shaw will leave the cabinet March 4 to become president of the Carnegie Trust company, of New York.

Pittsburg has just had a fire in the heart of the business district, the loss amounting to several hundred thousand dollars.

E. H. Harriman is now before the Interstate Commerce commission. He has refused to tell some things the commission wants to know and the matter will be carried to the Federal courts.

The Union Pacific and Burlington have lost a case carried to the United States Supreme court. Back taxes of over \$3,000,000 were involved. The various county treasurers of Nebraska represented the other side in the case.

Jerome aims to have Thaw declared permanently insane.

Mayor Dunne has been renominated by Chicago Democrats.

Floating mines are still loose in the neighborhood of Vladivostok.

France and the Vatican are again quarreling over church matters.

Owing to trouble between owners and labor all Butte mines may be closed.

There is a possibility that the river and harbor bill may yet be killed in the house.

The Texas legislature will publish all evidence in the Bailey case and let the people decide.

The State department has received formal notice of a declaration of war between Honduras and Nicaragua.

The Illinois legislature may pass a law limiting the speed of trains as the result of many recent wrecks due to fast running.

The Austrian Lloyd steamer Imperatrix, while bound from Trieste to Bombay, ran onto a rock near Cape Elaphonisi, island of Crete, and sank. The passengers and crew numbered 150, but it is not known if any were saved.

Honduras has declared war on Nicaragua.

The survivors of the steamer Berlin number eleven.

Cleveland says the only thing to do with ex-presidents is to turn them loose and let them fish.

Senator Fulton proposes that no more forest reserves be created without the consent of congress.

At a Washington birthday speech Governor Higgins, of Rhode Island, criticized the first president.

Over 40 persons were injured and a dozen unaccounted for in a wreck on the Pennsylvania railroad, at Mineral Point, Pa.

Russian terrorists attacked the Warsaw postoffice and after killing five persons secured all the money on hand and escaped.

The State department has about concluded that blood letting is the only cure for the trouble between Central American republics.

It is said that Japanese laborers now in Hawaii, who desire to enter the United States, propose to do so by going through Mexico.

Mayor Dunne has carried the Chicago Democratic primaries.

Slight earthquakes are still felt in San Francisco occasionally.

Taft is going to Cuba in April to investigate conditions there.

The Japanese minister and Secretary Root are working on a new treaty.

A Kentucky woman has just given birth to five children. All are doing well.

Senator Bailey, of Texas, says all charges are false and he would like to shoot accusers.

Tawney says the present session of congress will appropriate more than one billion dollars.

The Connecticut tax commissioner offered to sell an appointment and now he is out.

## PLAN TO STOP SACK GRAFT.

Palouse Farmers Will Carry Their Wheat to Elevators.

Waverly, Wash., Feb. 26.—The farmers and wheatgrowers of this district have decided to do away with the "sack profit," and elevators for handling wheat in bulk will be built all along the Spokane & Inland Electric road. A very enthusiastic meeting was held here recently and the matter thoroughly discussed by the farmers. The meeting was addressed by a representative of the elevator company, who explained the advantages to be derived from the farmers handling loose instead of sacked grain.

The company will be organized to enable the wheatgrower to handle his grain in the most economical manner, and thereby save the price of sacks, which sell for from 10 to 11 cents each. The farmers feel that they have been imposed upon by the "sack grafters" long enough, and they have decided to stop buying sacks and handle their wheat in bulk.

## TRUST IS REALITY.

Farmers Holding Back Produce for Better Prices.

Chicago, Feb. 26.—The farmers' trust has arrived. It has stretched its big, strong hands over the states of Indiana, Illinois, Iowa, Kentucky, Wisconsin, Kansas, Nebraska, Oklahoma, Missouri and Texas. Its knotted fingers have piled up millions of bushels of grain and fruit and thousands of bales of cotton into a mountain heap, and the trust has said to the dealers of the world:

"You can't have any of this until you pay us what we think is coming to us. Now do your worst."

Ever since early last fall, board of trade men and shippers of grain have been talking about the scarcity of cars. To that scarcity they have attributed almost entirely the fact that corn, wheat and other farm products do not move to the market centers with more haste. The dearth of cars is an everyday theme in the speculative and commercial gossip. That there is a great deal in it nobody disputes, but a still more significant phenomenon of the day is that grain is being held back because the farmers are determined they shall get the price they have set on their own property.

## RATES ON DECLINE.

Senator Elkins Files Long List of Railroad Statistics.

Washington, Feb. 26.—Senator Elkins, of West Virginia, has just completed and filed in the senate a minority report on the railroad rate law. It presents a comprehensive history of the economic development of American railroads, together with exhaustive tables which tend to show a constantly decreasing freight and passenger rate, and the relation between such rates and the price of commodities and cost of labor.

"The average passenger rate," says the report, "advanced slightly from 1870 to 1880. During the next 24 years there was a decline equal to 17.85 per cent of the average for 1880. The net decline from 1870 to 1890 averaged 16.14 per cent. The decline in the average rate per mile per ton of freight was 58.71 per cent during the years from 1870 to 1904, the rate for the earlier year being about two and one-half times that of the latter, and the net saving to the shippers averaged 11.09 mills per ton per mile."

The report says that the cost of transportation in 1904 was nearly \$2,000,000,000 less than it would have been had the rates for 1870 still prevailed.

## Dry Farming in Malheur.

Vale, Or., Feb. 26.—Persons here from Pendleton and Walla Walla state that they will take up some of the bench land just west of Vale and use dry farming methods. They feel certain that the soil is similar and better than that around Pendleton, on which such excellent returns are being made. No dry farming has ever been tried in this section of the county, and the outcome is being prophesied as a failure by some of the old settlers, but those who are studying the situation state there can be no doubt as to success.

## Forty of Crew Perished.

Canea, Island of Crete, Feb. 26.—All the passengers on board the Austrian steamer Imperatrix, which ran on a rock Friday evening near Cape Elaphonisi, were saved. Forty members of the crew, of whom 32 were Austrians and eight Indians, perished.

## TRIAL TO CONTINUE

Judge Stafford Refuses to Dismiss Hermann Case.

### LETTERS TELL OF CONSPIRACY

Prosecution Has Two That Hermann Wrote to ex-Register of Roseburg Land Office.

Washington, Feb. 26.—Justice Stafford today overruled the motion of the defense in the trial of Representative Binger Hermann to take the case from the jury and dismiss the charge on the ground of fatal variance between the indictment and the evidence before the grand jury. Hearings were resumed. The trial was halted last Thursday, when Mr. Worthington for the defense made a motion on the evidence submitted by Hermann's former secretary, Hough, as to his testimony before the grand jury. Mr. Worthington also argued that the prosecution could not adduce evidence of conspiracy on the part of Mr. Hermann with others to defraud the government out of public land in order to show a motive for the destruction of records, as alleged by the prosecution, on the ground that Hermann was not on trial for conspiracy. After hearing the argument on Thursday, Justice Stafford adjourned the trial until today, in order to consider the points made by the defense.

J. T. Bridges, ex-register of the land office at Roseburg, testified that he had received many letters from Hermann of a private character that he had destroyed. Two were found in his desk when the desk was broken open at the time he was suspended in 1905. One of these mentions the name of Agee, who is identified by the government with what has been designated as the "Agee conspiracy." It was identified by Mr. Bridges, District Attorney Baker stating that he desired to show the intimately friendly relations existing between them. He further said that this transaction in which Agee was involved took place while Hermann was at the head of the land office, and that he should have knowledge of it.

### WATCH SEVERAL SUSPECTS.

Secret Service Men Have No Clue to Identity of Thief.

Chicago, Feb. 26.—Although a score of detectives are at work on the case, the theft of \$173,000 from the sub-treasury in this city last Wednesday seems as far from solution as the day on which the robbery was committed. The general impression prevails that the thief must have been a government employe, and several of these men are being closely watched, but, as far as known tonight, no tangible evidence has been discovered.

Among those under surveillance is George W. Fitzgerald, who was in charge of the teller's cage from which the money was abstracted, but he insists that he has no knowledge of how the money disappeared.

### MAY STOP FIGHTING.

United States or Mexico Threaten to Intervene in War.

Washington, Feb. 26.—Unless Nicaragua and Honduras speedily agree to arbitrate their difficulties in response to the suggestion of the United States and Mexico, it is not improbable that intervention will be resorted to in order to bring an end to the present hostilities. It became known today that within the last day or two a second note was sent to the presidents of Nicaragua and Honduras, in effect conveying this threat.

No replies have been received and, while in official circles the hope is expressed that further bloodshed may be averted, there is an underlying belief that it will be necessary for either the United States or Mexico to step in and force an arbitration.

### Can't Find Mayor Schmitz.

San Francisco, Feb. 26.—Judge Dunne this morning set next Tuesday, March 5, as the day for the commencement of the trial of Abraham Ruef on the charge of extortion. The case against Mayor Schmitz was continued until next Thursday, after Judge Dunne had directed the district attorney to ascertain where Mayor Schmitz is at the present time, and when he is likely to return. He stated that if the mayor had not returned by next Thursday some proceedings should be taken to compel his return.

### Bandits Get Big Plunder.

El Paso, Tex., Feb. 26.—Bandits raided the hacienda of Jesus Urangan Salenz in the village of Durango, Mexico, Sunday night. After making prisoners of Salenz and his servants, the bandits robbed his safe of \$2,000 in gold and gathered up many thousands of dollars' worth of jewelry and plate, destroying all they could not carry off. Officers are searching the mountains for the robbers.

## SUB-TREASURY ROBBER.

Two Hundred Thousand Dollar Theft Uncovered in Chicago.

Chicago, Feb. 23.—The Tribune today says:

"One of the largest—if not the largest—thrifts from the United States treasury has been unearthed in Chicago.

Somewhere between \$175,000 and \$200,000 was stolen from the local sub-treasury last week. The money has disappeared as completely as if it had vanished from the earth.

The authorities here and in Washington have been working night and day on the robbery since it was discovered.

Chief Wilkie, of the United States Secret service, has been keeping informed by telephone and telegraph of every development, and, according to telegraphic advices, he will leave Washington today to take personal charge of the investigation.

Secretary Shaw, of the Treasury department, was told of the big theft when in Chicago last week, and was in conference with Sub-Treasurer William Boldenwick and secret service officials. The money was stolen either a week ago Saturday, the next day or Monday. The chances are it was abstracted on Monday. The loss was discovered Tuesday.

All the money taken was in large bills—bills of the denomination of \$1,000, \$5,000 and \$10,000. Just who discovered the loss the sub-treasury officials would not admit last night. Neither would they tell from what department the money was taken, nor how the loss was discovered.

### DANGER TO HARBOR BILL.

May Be Killed Entirely to Avert Big Treasury Deficit.

Washington, Feb. 25.—Since Chairman Tawney, of the appropriations committee, called attention to the probability of a deficit of \$100,000,000, in consequence of the large appropriations made this session, there has been considerable talk around the capitol about defeating the river and harbor bill, thus removing the possibility of such a deficit.

The river and harbor bill as passed by the house carried \$83,000,000. As amended by the senate, it carries \$92,000,000, and the prospects are that, if the conference committee agrees, it will report a bill carrying in the neighborhood of \$90,000,000, or approximately the amount of the deficit predicted by Mr. Tawney.

Friends of the river and harbor bill, since the rumor started, have become active in urging prompt agreement on the bill in conference, so that it will not run the chance of being talked to death in the last day or two of the session. If the report is delayed until the middle of the week, and a few senators determine to kill it, they will have the bill entirely within their power.

### STOP FOREST RESERVES.

Fulton Would Give Congress Authority to Create.

Washington, Feb. 25.—Senator Fulton has offered his amendment to the agricultural appropriation bill, prohibiting the creation of further forest reserves in Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Wyoming and Colorado, except by authority of congress. Senator Lodge, who threatened to raise a point of order against the amendment, withdrew his objection, and it was generally agreed that the amendment would be permitted to go in the bill if it was not debated. This is satisfactory to Mr. Fulton, and he expects to have the amendment accepted by the senate when the bill is taken up.

Western men in congress are thoroughly aroused at the Forest service for its attempt not only to regulate all government timber land but public range land as well, and in consequence legislation recommended by the president, looking to the leasing of the public range and the reservation of all public timber land now in reserves, will be tabled.

### Japanese Will Investigate.

Seattle, Feb. 25.—The Japanese association of Seattle has appointed a committee of five to make a full and impartial report on conditions existing in the Pacific Northwest, as regards their countrymen. The result of the committee's investigations will be sent to the government at Tokio, through the Japanese ambassador at Washington. A. Hattori, president of the association, declared that the meeting was not called as a government function, but merely through a sense of national pride to investigate conditions.

### No Hope for Seattle Fair Bill.

Washington, Feb. 25.—Senator Piles has about abandoned hope of securing the passage through the senate this session of Senator Ankeny's bill appropriating \$700,000 for the Seattle exposition. Senator Hale refuses to withdraw his objection. As the bill cannot pass the house this session, the whole matter will go over to the next congress, when it stands a fair chance of passing.

## STORMY TIME NEAR

Radical Victory in Russia Portends Violence.

### BOTH SIDES MAKE DIRE THREATS

Letters Menacing Reactionary Leaders Met by Notice of Retribution on Democrats.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 23.—The returns received today were only from 15 additional electoral districts, bringing the total number of members of the duma elected up to 410, as follows: Monarchists, 78; Moderates, 35; Progressives, 23; Constitutional Democrats, 74; Left Party, 125; Nationalists, 40; indefinite, 11.

The Monarchists made the greatest gains, 12 seats, but they have about attained their full strength, as an over-weighting proportion of the 108 members yet to be elected will surely be opposition.

The results promise a stormy session. The bowing down of ministers will be supplemented by battles royal between the Radicals and the aggressive reactionists under the leadership of M. Kroushchev, the notorious anti-Semite of Kishineff.

M. Kroushchev has received many threatening letters, to which the organ of the reactionists, the Russian Banner, replies with a first page notice to the effect that Max Vinner, Joseph Hessen, Professor Milukoff and M. Kishaveter, the Moscow members of parliament, all leaders of the Constitutional Democratic party, have been selected for retribution in case a hair of Kroushchev's head is harmed.

### SAYS TRAFFIC IS DECLINING.

Hill Predicts a Gradual Reduction in Business Volume.

New York, Feb. 25.—James J. Hill, president of the Great Northern Railway company, who has returned from St. Paul, expressed the conviction yesterday that the tide of prosperity is turning and that there are indications of a significant recession in business. Mr. Hill phrased it, "The bills of prosperity are being reeled."

"General policies of retrenchment are under way," said Mr. Hill. "Less money is to be spent on new work. The effect of this movement is being felt at the present time in the falling off of orders. The beginning of this movement is very evident in Chicago.

"While I would scarcely call it a recession in business; it is more of a drawing in. The railroads are curtailing their expenses and placing fewer orders. On our lines we will finish the work we have under way, and that is all."

### FAVORS SAN DOMINGO TREATY

Senate Committee Reports on Plan for Collecting Revenue.

Washington, Feb. 25.—The committee on foreign relations today authorized a favorable report on the treaty with Santo Domingo relative to the collection of the revenues of that country by Americans. The Democrats voted against the report.

The treaty, which later was made public, provides for collection of the revenues of the Dominican republic for the benefit of creditors by a general receiver and assistants to be appointed by the president of the United States. The sums collected shall be applied as follows: First, to paying the expenses of the receivership; second, to the payment of interest upon bonds; third, to the payment of the annual sums provided for amortization of the bonds, including interest upon all bonds held in sinking fund; fourth, to the purchase and cancellation of the retirement and cancellation of such bonds as may be directed by the Dominican republic; fifth, the remainder to be paid to the Dominican republic.

### Timber Famine Not Unlikely.

Chicago, Feb. 23.—Unless the strictest economy is practiced, a timber famine will result in the United States within the next few years, in the opinion of R. S. Kellogg, United States forest inspector, who spoke last night before the Western Society of Engineers. "The output of timber has remained stationary for many years, while the demand has increased steadily," said Mr. Kellogg. "White pine lumber has advanced in price 106 per cent in the last 20 years. Economy must be practiced in the next few years."

### Predicts War for Markets.

Chicago, Feb. 23.—"The time is coming when our manufacturers will outgrow the country and men may be turned out of the factories," said Secretary of the Treasury Shaw in an address last night. "One of these fine days we are going to have an excess of manufactures," he said. "Then the world will not come after our manufactures."

## HUNDREDS LOST.

Big Steamer Wrecked and Passengers Washed Overboard.

London, Feb. 22.—The worst disaster for many years in the history of the busy cross-channel traffic between England and the continent occurred during a violent gale shortly before 6 o'clock this morning, when the Rotterdam mail steamer Berlin, from Harwich to Hook of Holland, having satisfactorily weathered the hurricane, was wrecked as she was entering port.

Altogether 143 persons are either dead or clinging hopelessly to the wreck. The terrible sea broke upon the steamer with such awful suddenness that attempts to save life appear to have been utterly hopeless. Late tonight it is reported that a few survivors were clinging to the wreck, but as the heroic efforts all day of the lifeboat crews had failed to reach them, little hope that they will be saved remains.

The cause has not yet been assigned for the disaster and it probably never will be known how the steamer came to miss the channel. It is conjectured that some derangement of the engine or steering gear may have rendered the vessel uncontrollable. Captain Preclous has a good record of 14 years' service.

The list of passengers was lost, and all the names of those who were on board have not yet been learned, but as far as has been ascertained there were no Americans among them.

A terrific southwest gale was blowing inshore, and drove the steamer on a sand bank close to the northern jetty as she was trying to enter the new waterway. Heavy seas quickly pounded the vessel to pieces. She broke in two, her fore part sinking immediately, while the doomed passengers and crew clustered upon the after part.

### PLAYGROUNDS FOR CHILDREN.

Roosevelt Endorses Movement to Acquire Them in Cities.

Washington, Feb. 22.—Municipal playgrounds within easy walking distance for every boy and girl in the large cities were advocated tonight by President Roosevelt in a letter, and by Representative Boutell, of Chicago; E. E. Brown, United States commissioner of education; Henry S. Carls, superintendent of Washington playgrounds, and other speakers at a "playgrounds banquet" given under the auspices of the Washington Playgrounds association.

Mr. Boutell explained the object of his bill now pending in congress. The president in his letter expressed hope that Mr. Boutell's bill for playgrounds in Washington will pass congress, that sites may be secured before prices become prohibitive, saying: "I regard this as one of the most important steps toward making Washington the model city which we all feel that the capital should be."

He praises the work in this direction done by Chicago and the High School Athletic league of New York, and calls attention to the inclusion of games in the curriculum of German and English schools and several noted private schools in America.

### GREAT REJOICING IN UTAH.

State Legislature Congratulates Senate, Smoot and Sutherland.

Salt Lake City, Feb. 22.—Among the active Republicans and the leaders of the Mormon church there was great rejoicing when the news came from Washington that Senator Smoot had been sustained. By unanimous standing vote the lower house of the Utah legislature adopted the following joint resolution, which was also introduced in the senate:

"Be it resolved by the legislature of the state of Utah, that, in determining that Hon. Reed Smoot is entitled to his seat, the United States senate has stood for constitutional rights against powerful influences and has avoided a dangerous precedent.

"Therefore, the thanks and the congratulations of the state of Utah are hereby extended to the senate for its final action in this case.

"Personal congratulations are sent to Senator Smoot and his colleague, Senator Sutherland, and to the other senators who spoke and voted in protection of the rights of the state of Utah."

### Committed to the Asylum.

Seattle, Feb. 22.—Esther Mitchell, who since July last has been confined in the county jail here, was sent to the state asylum for the insane at Stella-coom today. Superior Judge Frater, who called a lunacy commission to examine into the girl's mental condition, signed the commitment this morning. The killing of George Mitchell by his sister was the result of the reign of Holy Rollerism in Oregon. George Mitchell killed Franz Edmund Creffield, the Holy Roller leader, in this city last May.

### Chamberlain a Physical Wreck.

London, Feb. 22.—An interesting authoritative statement concerning the health of Joseph Chamberlain is published here today. Although it does not confirm the worst rumors, it shows that Mr. Chamberlain is completely broken physically, although he is mentally alert.