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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 people of Oklahoma are to vote on prohibition.

M. Petkoff, the Bulgarian premier, has been assassinated.

Nicaragua is accused of spying on the American minister.

Premier Stolypin promises not to dissolve the Russian duma.

Nicaragua is said to be preparing a force with which to attack Honduras by sea.

The Kansas house has passed the senate bill providing for 2-cent passenger fare.

Russia and Germany will both oppose disarmament at The Hague peace conference.

Knoxville, Tenn., by a majority of nearly 2,000, has voted to have no saloons in the city.

Bristol has received a recess appointment from the president as district attorney for Oregon.

It is charged that Hermann's attorneys have attempted to have witnesses for the government tell a story that will help the defendant.

A Texas man has just been arrested for a crime for which he allowed his father to hang in 1874. The dethroned confessional a witness caused the arrest.

Missouri valley lumbermen favor a joint rate.

Russian reactionaries plan to dissolve the duma.

Britain and Russia may unite to keep order in Persia.

War between unions may close the Goldfield, Nevada, mines.

Jerome is confident of being able to destroy the Thaw defense.

Garfield and Ballinger are to tour the West in the interest of land reform.

Secretary Straus has started a radical reform of the steamboat inspection service.

Paris electricians have won their strike and the big city again has light and power.

Eleven of Portland's sawmills and 2,000 men are idle as a result of the labor troubles in that city.

Michigan copper companies are pleading with the governor to allow them to form a trust so as to successfully fight their rivals.

The Nicaraguan government has insulted the American flag and assaulted Minister Merry, who has closed the legation and gone to Costa Rica.

Radicals have elected officers of the Russian duma.

Jerome has decided to recall Mrs. Thaw to the stand.

Hearst has won another decision in the New York morality contest.

The sugar trust has been sued in a New York court by a crushed rival.

Roosevelt is preparing to close the gates against Japanese immigration.

North Dakota colonists passed a law providing a 2 1/2 cent passenger fare.

The woman suffragist bill has been talked to death in the British parliament.

An electricians' strike in Paris put the city in darkness and demoralized the newspapers.

The Spanish minister to the United States says the battle of Manila bay was a victory of iron over wood.

Leonidas Preston, a Texas millionaire, committed suicide by taking poison. Physicians found enough of the deadly hydrocyanic poison in his stomach to kill six men.

The Kansas legislature has voted \$10,000 for the Seattle fair.

President Bonilla, of Honduras, claims a victory over Nicaraguan troops.

There is a promise of harmony between the car and the donna.

A rich copper strike has been made in Nevada not a great distance from Tonopah.

Harriman offers to co-operate with the government in settling the railroad controversy.

Thaw's lawyers announce that the defense is through. Jerome will send the case to the jury.

The news of the acceptance of Sweetenham's resignation was received with rejoicing at Kingston.

### FOREIGN WARSHIPS COMING.

Europe and South America Will be at Jamestown Exposition.

Washington, March 12.—In addition to the great ironclads of the Atlantic fleet, commanded by Admiral Evans, the naval display at the Jamestown exposition will include some of the finest vessels in the foreign navies. These are mostly of the cruiser class, but as the armored vessels of this type are equal to battleships in size and scarcely less formidable in appearance, they will make an attractive showing.

The Navy department has been advised up to date of the coming of the following foreign ships:

Great Britain—The armored cruisers Good Hope, flagship Argyle, Mapstead and Roxburgh, under command of Rear Admiral Neville.

France—Armored cruisers Kleber and Victor Hugo and another cruiser to take the place of the Jean Bart, recently wrecked off the African coast, commanded by Rear Admiral Thierry.

Japan—The cruisers Tsugata and Chitose, under command of Vice Admiral Iijima.

Portugal—One cruiser, probably the Don Carlos.

Austria—The armored cruiser Charles VII and another cruiser.

Italy—One armored cruiser and one protected cruiser.

Sweden—One warship, not yet named.

Brazil—One to three warships, not yet named.

Argentina—One to three warships, not yet named.

Chile—The cruiser Senteno.

Belgium—Will send a military delegation and China a military and naval delegation.

### GRAND JURY AT BOISE.

Much Speculation as to the Cause of Calling of Special Session.

Boise, Idaho, March 12.—It is rumored tonight that there will be some startling sensations as the result of the sitting of the United States grand jury beginning yesterday. What these matters are is not known, but there are many surmises. Hints are given that some people high up in the scale will be involved. There are cases pending in which persons are under indictment for alleged timber land fraud cases in Washington county, but it seems probable these will not be brought to trial.

Colonel A. R. Greene, special agent of the Interior department, has been here for some weeks, and it is apparent that the sensations promised are partially the result of his work. It is known that he has been investigating some complaints made by contractors on reclamation works, but the understanding has been that it was simply an Interior department matter, the contractors complaining they have not been treated fairly.

One of the hints given out is in relation to the section line surveys for the government. Another is that some land matters in the vicinity of Shoshone Falls are to be investigated. There is a crooked section line there which throws the falls into another section from that in which it should be embraced. There are other rumors involving names of prominent persons, but nothing definite has yet leaked out.

### HEAVY SNOW IN EAST.

Nine Inches at Atlantic City—Drifting and Delaying Trains.

Philadelphia, Pa., March 12.—A heavy snowstorm, which seems to have centered along the New Jersey coast and Eastern Pennsylvania, visited this section today. Snow fell continuously for 15 hours, to a depth of seven inches. Reports from Atlantic City show that the fall of snow there was nine inches, with as great a fall at other coast points.

Throughout Pennsylvania the storm was almost as severe. At Pottsville a fall of eight inches is reported, and at Lock Haven there was a fall of ten inches. At Wilkesbarre, Scranton, Allentown, Harrisburg and other points in the eastern end of the state, a similar fall is reported, and in many sections the public roads are closed to traffic.

The storm was accompanied by a high wind, which caused drifting, and traffic on the railways, particularly in the mountainous sections, was retarded.

### Imports Show Increase.

Washington, March 12.—A statement issued today by the bureau of Statistics shows that the importations of manufacturers' materials continue to increase. The value of the imports of raw materials for use in manufactures in the seven months ending with January, 1907, was \$262,000,000, against \$223,000,000 in the same months of last year, while materials imported for further use in manufacture amounted to \$158,000,000, against \$123,000,000 in the corresponding period of last year. Cement imports, \$47,000,000.

### Send British Ship South.

Victoria, B. C., March 12.—H. M. S. Shearwater is loading stores and provisions at Esquimalt for a trip to South America to protect British interests endangered by the war in progress between Nicaragua and Honduras.

## LAND FRAUD APPEAL

Adverse Decision in Cases of Williamson, et al.

### SUPREME COURT THE ONLY HOPE

Williamson's Appeal Dismissed and Biggs and Gesner's Writ of Error Overruled.

Portland, March 12.—Thrice tried, finally convicted, and facing sentences of both fine and imprisonment for complicity in the Oregon land frauds, J. N. Williamson, ex-congressman, Dr. Van Gesner and Marion Biggs have met with an adverse ruling from the Circuit court of Appeals, sitting at San Francisco. By a decision handed down yesterday the appellate court confirmed the conviction of Van Gesner and Biggs, overruling the long writ of errors that they had taken from the findings of the lower tribunal. In the case of Williamson, the appeal was dismissed for the reason that a similar appeal has been taken to the Supreme court of the United States.

Although through a technicality the appeal of Williamson is thus dismissed, the decision is as clearly a victory for the government in his case as in the cases of Van Gesner and Biggs. The ex-congressman's appeal was taken upon exactly the same grounds as those of his co-conspirators. In their cases the decision was absolutely adverse, which is equivalent to an adverse decision in the Williamson appeal, so far as the merits of the case are concerned.

There was imposed against Williamson a sentence of 10 months' imprisonment and a fine of \$500 and a similar sentence was pronounced against Biggs. Because of Van Gesner's age and impaired health the court made the imprisonment in his case only five months, but ruled that he should pay a fine of \$1,000.

If the law is permitted to take its course, the mandate from the court of Appeals will issue in about 15 days. Application will then be made by the Federal authorities to have the mandate entered in the court here. Following that an order for the imprisonment of Van Gesner and Biggs will be issued by the United States marshal. The hearing of Williamson in the Supreme court will probably occur within the next three months.

### HUMILIATION TO JAPANESE.

Limitation on Destination of Immigrants Resented.

Tokio, March 12.—A question has arisen regarding the last clause of article second of the treaty between Japan and the United States, which has been cited by the government at Washington as authority for the statement that the Japanese government hitherto has been issuing passports limiting the destination of emigrants. The passports simply certify to the nationality of their holders and the placing of a restriction on them by an administrative measure, is declared here to be unauthorized by law and an infringement of the personal right to travel guaranteed by the constitution.

In view, however, of the attitude of the American government, in not calling for the enforcement of the clause mentioned, it is thought that the limitation so placed will be left unquestioned. Even then Japanese jurists believe that the action of the American government in restricting the destination of holders of passports will not be upheld before a court. Administrative action and litigation since the San Francisco school trouble have brought the clause into prominence, and Japan has begun to smart under the alleged humiliation. It would be no surprise should pressure be brought on the government to have it abstain from issuing passports limiting the destination of their bearers.

### Will Soon Lift Embargo.

Tacoma, March 12.—Indications point to an early release from the embargo on the shipments of lumber over the lines of the Northern Pacific and Great Northern, which was instituted six weeks ago. Railroad officials report good progress in clearing up the freight that accumulated in the yards and sidetracks along the lines during the floods and snow blockades. Tracks on the Pacific division are rapidly being put in good condition, and traffic is nearly up to the volume attained before the washout.

### Drastic Anti-Trust Law.

Sacramento, March 12.—The assembly this morning passed Cartwright's anti-trust law, which is almost identical with the Ohio anti-trust law. It is drastic in the penalties that it provides for violations, and is sweeping in its definitions of what constitutes a trust. The bill now awaits the governor's approval, and goes into effect 60 days after it is signed.

### THIRD TERM TALK.

Movement Refuses to Down and the President May Accept.

Washington, March 11.—Politicians in Washington are trying to figure out the meaning of the sudden outburst of the Roosevelt third term boom here. They regard as especially significant the typewritten memorandum given out by Representative Martin, of South Dakota, after a conference with the president, vigorously defending the third term idea.

They have reached the conclusion that the president realizes that the third term movement must be allowed to run right on in order to head off the progress of the boom of reactionary candidates. The prevailing opinion here remains that President Roosevelt personally will go as far as he can to prevent his own renomination, but will stop at nothing to assure the nomination of a successor in accord with his policies.

Rather than see them succumb, many believe that the president himself, if properly approached, would take a renomination, preferring no other candidate satisfactory to himself and friends is strong enough to unite the next Republican national convention.

### PLAN TO FORTIFY PHILIPPINES.

President Considers It and Will Push Construction Rapidly.

Washington, March 11.—Fortifications of the Philippine islands formed the subject of a lengthy conference at the White House tonight, participated in by the president, Major General Franklin Bell, chief of staff; Brigadier General Murray, chief of coast artillery; Secretary of the Navy, Mr. Meyer, and Captain Mason Sargent, of the naval general staff. There is available at the present time for this purpose \$1,435,000 and tentative plans already have been prepared for carrying out the project. These were carefully gone over today by Secretary Taft and Generals Bell and Murray and it was the secretary's intention to be at the White House tonight and join in the conference, but he was unavoidably kept away.

### DISARMING IS EXCLUDED.

Russia Will Not Allow Discussion at The Hague Conference.

St. Petersburg, March 11.—Professor de Martens, Russian imperial councillor of state, who has been making a tour of the capitals of Europe for the purpose of determining the program to be discussed at the next peace conference at The Hague, is expected back in St. Petersburg this week.

The introduction of any measures for the limitation of armaments is regarded here as definitely excluded, because of the attitude of several of the powers. United States Ambassador Riddle has inquired at the Foreign office here regarding the mode of admission to the next conference of certain South American and other states which did not participate in the first conference. He was informed that practically all the signatories had agreed to the method proposed by Russia, namely, notification of acceptance of the regulations, the signing of the protocol of the first conference and the number of delegates.

### ALL PRISONERS GOING NAKED.

Refuse to Wear Clothes Because Infected With Leprosy.

St. Petersburg, March 11.—Four hundred political prisoners at Smolensk have gone on a very original strike. A week ago they refused to put on any clothes and since then they have walked around stark naked.

The reason is that the prison authorities took away their own clothes and gave them clothes made from the poorest grade of burlap unfit for making bags. After they had worn these clothes a few days nearly all were suffering with a rash covering their whole bodies, but still the prisoners did not mutter. When a number of them had been infected with leprosy, one morning all of the clothes, blankets and sheets were thrown out of the prisoners' cells and they declared unanimously that they would go naked rather than run the risk of contracting diseases from wearing the prison garb.

### Will Bridge Gap of Time.

Washington, March 11.—As a result of consultations between Secretary Root and Director North, head of the American Tariff Expert commission, which visited Germany relative to the making of some tariff arrangements before the expiration of the German export suspension for a year the application of the German maximum tariff rates to American exports a new arrangement will have been made which will bridge over the period of time between that date and the reassembling of the next congress.

### Those 600 Not Avenged.

Danville, Ill., March 11.—In the trial here of Will J. Davis, charged with manslaughter, owing to the Iroquois theater fire at Chicago, in which nearly 600 lives were lost in 1903, Judge Kimbrough today held that part of the Chicago ordinance on which Davis was indicted is void.

## ARCHIE HOLDS OWN

Physicians Hopeful for Recovery of President's Son.

### REASSURING BULLETINS ISSUED

Notwithstanding Condition of His Son, Roosevelt Attends to Business as Usual.

Washington, March 9.—Archie Roosevelt rested well last night and the attending physicians are hopeful of his recovery. Dr. Alexander Lambert, who was summoned from New York to take charge of the case, has informed the president that while the patient's condition is encouraging, he is not yet out of danger.

A consultation was held at the White House. It was attended by Dr. Lambert, Surgeon General Rixey and Assistant Surgeons Kirby, Braisted and J. C. Pryor, of the navy. At 10:30 Dr. Lambert gave out this bulletin:

"The patient is resting comfortably. No complication has developed since Thursday, and his condition is as good as could be expected at this stage of the disease."

An earlier bulletin issued by Secretary Loeb also was of a reassuring nature.

It was stated at the White House that Dr. Lambert will not leave Washington until he is satisfied that Archie is out of danger.

Notwithstanding the serious condition of his son, the president was in his office transacting business at the usual hour yesterday morning, and the usual Friday cabinet meeting was held.

### HARRIMAN TO HELP HILL.

Suggestion of Interstate Commerce Commissioner Lane.

Washington, March 9.—Lumbermen in the Puget Sound region have complained to the Interstate Commerce commission that they have been unable since January 20 to obtain transportation of their products to Eastern points because of the stated inability of the Great Northern and Northern Pacific railroads to handle the traffic. Commissioner Lane, of the Interstate Commerce commission, has received letters from lumbermen west of the Cascade mountains, saying that it is impossible for them to get their products to Missouri river points and asking whether the commission cannot afford some relief.

Mr. Lane has suggested that they can make a formal complaint to the commission, requesting it to grant them a through route from the Puget Sound region via Portland, Or., over the Northern Pacific railroad and thence via the Oregon Short Line and the Union Pacific to Missouri river points.

The Great Northern and the Northern Pacific admit that they cannot carry more than one-third of the lumber that is offered, but heretofore they have refused to permit the Oregon Short Line or the Union Pacific to make a through route or a joint rate with them. It is expected that the lumbermen will act on the suggestion of Mr. Lane.

### WILL RAISE COMMODITY RATES.

Western Railroad Men to Agree on General Advance.

Chicago, March 9.—Following the example of Eastern railroads, Western lines are preparing to make increases in freight rates by changes in the commodities. A call has been issued for a special meeting of the Western trunk line committee, to be held Monday, and it is said the purpose is to consider the advisability of changing commodity rates.

There is declared to be no doubt that the traffic men are preparing to make over the commodity rates wherever it is thought possible to do so. As these are always much lower than the class rates and are created for the purpose of granting concessions, their abolition necessarily raises the tariffs.

### Confirms Bribery Story.

Honolulu, March 9.—The opinion of Attorney General Bonaparte to the effect that assisted immigration is illegal has caused the greatest consternation here. It is feared that it will cause the loss of hundreds of thousands of dollars involved in the charters of the steamers Heliopolis and Kumerie, besides defeating the effort to introduce European immigration into Hawaii. A special meeting of the Territorial Board of Immigration will be called to consider the subject and will cable its views to President Roosevelt.

### Raise Freight Rates on Coal.

Chicago, March 9.—The coal carrying roads of Illinois have decided to increase the rates 10 cents a ton on all coal mined in this state and in Indiana and brought to Chicago for use. The increased rates will take effect April 1.

### ARCHIE SUFFERS RELAPSE.

Third Son of President Seriously Ill With Diphtheria.

Washington, March 8.—Archie Roosevelt, the president's third son, who has been suffering from diphtheria since last Friday, had a turn for the worse yesterday, and last night, though he had rallied somewhat, his condition is serious.

Dr. Alexander Lambert, of New York, in response to a telegram from the president, arrived in Washington at 9 o'clock and took charge of the case. Doctors Rixey, Kennedy and Braisted were holding a consultation when Dr. Lambert arrived at the White House. Just previous to his coming, further anti-toxin was injected into the patient.

Washington, March 8.—At 1:30 a. m. word from Dr. Lambert, who was at the sick boy's bedside, says that he is still in a serious condition. There has been no change.

Washington, March 8.—A message from the White House at 3 a. m. to the house of Congressman Nicholas Longworth says that, while Archie was resting easy, his condition was still critical. The message bore Dr. Lambert's signature.

### TIED UP BY LEGAL POINTS.

Iroquois Theater Trial Blocked From Reaching Jury.

Danville, Ill., March 8.—The trial of Will J. Davis, charged with manslaughter on account of the fire in the Iroquois theater in Chicago in 1903, is now at a standstill so far as evidence is concerned and promises to be tied up in the courts indefinitely on legal points.

When these points have been passed to the court, more of vital importance will be submitted. The defense offers to admit the facts. The prosecution denies its right to do so.

Counsel representing the state said it would be shown that the theater was incomplete when opened and unfinished at the time of the fire, and that Mr. Davis knowingly violated the ordinance relating to safety in public playhouses. The defense moved that the prosecution be required to introduce the ordinance in question, the theory being that, should the court hold the ordinance invalid, there would have been no law for Davis to violate.

The court set Friday for hearing the argument.

### JAPANESE SPIES ABOUND.

Military Engineer Dies in Mexico—Hundreds Smuggled In.

Guadalajara, Mex., March 8.—One of the Japanese who deserted the construction camps of the Mexican Central railroad died a few days ago at the Santo Domingo mine, of the Anapara Mining company, in the Etzian district, of this state. His papers were turned over to the general manager of the company and it was found he was a military engineer in the employ of the Japanese government. Before his death the Japanese engineer stated that he was on his way to the United States.

Of the 1,400 Japanese landed in the last three months for work on the Mexican Central, only 250 remain. The others deserted and many of them are now in the United States.

One of the interpreters of the Japanese workmen was correspondent of one of the leading Tokyo newspapers during the war with Russia. Another is the son of a high government official in Tokio.

### May Not See Canal After All.

New York, March 8.—Speaker Cannon and the other members of the congressional party which sailed a few days ago on the Hamburg-American steamship Blucher, may not be permitted to visit Colon, according to information received here today. The party had planned to stop at Colon on the homeward trip and inspect the canal work. Today the news came that the Panama government has established a quarantine against Venezuelan ports because of a reported outbreak of yellow fever at La Guayra. The Blucher is scheduled to call at La Guayra and also at Puerto Cabello.

### Ursuline Nuns are Fined.

Nantes, France, March 8.—A police court judge today inflicted fines of \$3.20 upon each of 27 Ursuline nuns and a fine of \$5 upon the mother superior for persistently refusing to quit their convent in compliance with the law dispersing religious communities. The defendants pleaded that both the grounds and the buildings themselves belonged to the order, which had been authorized to carry on educational work. The prosecution, while not contesting this argument, insisted upon obedience to the act of congress.

### Removal Bill is Signed.

Sacramento, Cal., March 8.—Governor Gillett this morning signed the capital removal bill. Sacramento thus loses the seat of government of California, which goes to Berkeley. Governor Gillett was expected to veto the measure. Sacramento is much aroused.