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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 California flood has made produce scarce in San Francisco.

Taft continues to be boomed for president, but third term talk for Roosevelt grows.

The government is making active preparations to start the land fraud trials in Colorado.

Jerome has found that New York police have been compelled to contribute to political funds.

Speaker Cannon and the congressional party have been allowed to land at Panama after being held in quarantine several days.

Heney denies that his prosecution of San Francisco grafters has any political significance or that it is a blow aimed at organized labor.

Romanian peasants are pillaging and burning everything before them. Large numbers of people are being killed and wounded. The outbreak has now got beyond control of the troops.

Evidence is being gathered to show that the wreck of the steamer Dakota was due to the blunder of someone. The steamer will soon be a total wreck. About 5 percent of the cargo was saved.

M. Pobiedonosteff, ex-procurator general of the holy synod of Russia, is dead.

The Shaw defense is now busy showing that at the present time Shaw is perfectly sane.

Frederick Driscoll, commissioner of the American Newspaper Publishers' association, is dead.

Wisconsin people are almost of the belief that Senator LaFollette has lost his grip in state politics.

Heney still maintains that he has only made a beginning in the San Francisco graft exposures.

A fire in the plant of the Baird Machinery company, Pittsburg, destroyed \$200,000 worth of property.

The vote of Western trainmen is almost unanimous to go on strike if not given the advance in wages asked for.

Heney has found that large sums of money supposed to have been spent in street improvement has not been fully accounted for.

Fort Dodge, Iowa, has passed an ordinance taxing tachelors. The mayor, clergy and justice of the peace have been busy since performing marriage ceremonies.

Russian terrorists continue to pick off their enemies.

President Roosevelt is anxious to prosecute Harriman.

Root has warned the Central American states to stop war.

Trains are running from Portland to San Francisco via Ogden.

Major Goethals has been formally appointed on the canal commission.

Senator Burton has been released from jail and promises to publish his side of the story.

The East and South is suffering from extreme heat, the thermometer registering 90 in many places.

In a battle between Nicaraguan and Honduran troops 1,000 Salvadorans were killed while assisting Honduras.

The whole of Moldavia has been ravaged by rebel peasants. Several hundred people have been killed or injured and 10,000 are homeless, having been burned out. Jews are the worst sufferers.

Hudson Maxim, inventor of high explosives, has invented a new fuse for shells which promises to revolutionize armor for warships. Mr. Maxim also declares that Japan could be in possession of the entire Pacific slope before we were ready for war and that we are practically as defenseless as China.

The Transvaal will abolish Chinese labor.

Boats between San Francisco and Portland are sailing with every berth filled and many unable to get passage.

Romanian peasants are renewing the rioting.

Seven alienists have declared Thaw permanently insane.

S. A. D. Puter is proving a strong witness against Hermann.

American marines and sailors have been landed to guard Honduras ports.

Nicaragua claims a decisive victory over Honduras and Salvador.

NEW CURE FOR WHITE PLAQUE.

Medical Scientists are Satisfied Their Experiments are Successful.

Boston, March 26.—Hope for sufferers from the great white plague is held out by the success of experiments with vaccine inoculation as a cure for tuberculosis, not only of lungs, but on other organs of the body, by the faculty of Tufts College Medical school and pathological department of the Massachusetts general hospital.

The treatment has already been tested in the case of Mrs. Curtis Guild, jr., wife of Governor Guild, with most encouraging results.

At Tufts Medical school the work has been in charge of Dr. Timothy Leary, professor of pathology and bacteriology in the Massachusetts General hospital, and Dr. James Homer Wright, Dr. Wright calls the treatment "the Opsonic method," from the fact that the opsonins in the human body are stimulated to greater activity.

In the case of disease when dangerous bacteria attack the body, the opsonins set to work to destroy the bacteria. If they succeed, the patient recovers, but if they fail, the disease progresses and the deadly absorption of the vital organs begins.

Dr. Leary says of the preventative with which he is experimenting:

"What we are trying to do, and what others in every part of the medical and scientific world are at work trying to do, is to elaborate a specific which will so strengthen powers of the humors of the body that their resistance to the roads of disease will not only be increased but prolonged; which will make them immune against the inroads of the bacteria and keep them up to the point which they must possess in order to perform the work for which they were intended by nature."

FEAR REVOLT IN CHINA.

Spirit of Rebellion Growing Rife in Famine Districts.

Washington, March 26.—From Shanghai advices received at the state department it appears that the ruling dynasty in China is seriously alarmed over the effect of the spread of famine through the country and the opportunity it offers to seditious societies to enlist converts to their cause directed against the government.

The government's inability to relieve suffering, it is said, has been magnified and the hardships of the people attributed to lack of sympathy by the government for the poor classes.

The information indicates that a propaganda has been organized to further the circulation of stories of the character outlined, and it is said that State department officials fear that a spread of hysteria may engender a general uprising. If such should be the result, there is danger that the government might not be able to control the situation. American and other foreign interests then will be jeopardized. So great is the concern that diplomatic and consular officials in China have been instructed to keep Washington advised of every turn in the situation.

CHARGED TOLL.

Commissioner Gallagher Took Fees From Fellow Grafters.

San Francisco, March 26.—A feature of the boodling operations of the supervisors not hitherto exposed and which surpasses in genuine cussedness anything yet revealed, came out today when it was learned that Supervisor Gallagher, who acted as distributor of the swag, charged his fellow supervisors a commission of 5 per cent on all boodles he collected for them.

Gallagher admits it in his confession. He said he did it because of the expense he was put to in the way of car fare and the risks involved. Gallagher hotly defended himself when questioned in the grand jury room about the practice. He said he thought he was honestly entitled to the brokers' commission. In some cases, he said, his colleagues protested, but he informed them that if he was not to get the commission they would not get the boodle.

Although Louis Glass, of the Pacific States Telephone company, and Abram Detweiler, of the Home Telephone company, the two indicted magnates, have not been apprehended by the police, no fear is felt by the prosecution as it is believed that both men will surrender.

To Increase Direct Tax.

Lyons, March 26.—Minister of Finance Callin made a great speech here today defining the government's economic policy as directed toward the gradual diminution of indirect taxation and the substitution of a direct tax proportionate to the means of the taxpayer. The income tax, he said, was the first great step in this direction. He was willing to modify the measure, he said, for he did not pretend it could not be improved, but he insisted that the principle remain intact as at present enforced.

Australian Mails Delayed.

London, March 26.—The Postoffice department announced that the steamship service between New Zealand and San Francisco having stopped, no mails will be sent or received by that route until further notice. Mails for New Zealand now go by the Suez canal.

HIGHEST ON RECORD

All Flood Records Have Been Broken in California.

LOSS OF CATTLE WILL BE HEAVY

Crops Ruined and Thousands of Acres of Farm Land Inundated—Worst Over.

Sacramento, March 26.—With practically all of the down-river islands under water, the worst flood in the history of this rich agricultural district, not excepting even those of 1862 and 1904, is now a matter of record. On the Sacramento side of the river, Grand, Sutter and Sherman islands are the only ones not inundated, and on the Yolo side, Merritt stands as the single rock which has withstood the ravages of the waters.

Even the Pearson district, where the hardest fight ever made by the river ranchers to save their lands has been going on for a week, is not submerged, and while at Randall island the front levee was still standing at last reports the struggle has been given up.

While from all points comes the word that "the worst is over," a vivid picture can be drawn of the awful destruction which has ruined crops and put land worth millions of dollars temporarily out of commission.

The steamer Fruto has been sent on a mission of relief and she is momentarily expected to return with a cargo of the stock rescued from the Pearson district. The Pearson district is one of the chief dairying parts of the county, and although the residents are making a desperate fight to protect their homes and cattle until help arrives, it is probable that many hundreds will be lost.

The water was reported to be four feet deep, and rising rapidly. The break is widening and it is feared that there may be destruction of human life before the flood subsides.

HENEY NOT INVITED.

But Has His Opinion of Certain Portland Officials.

San Francisco, March 26.—The attention of Francis J. Heney was called today to a dispatch from Portland, which stated that a fund was being raised there to finance an investigation into civic conditions and that Mr. Heney and W. J. Burns were to be requested to conduct the inquiry. The prosecutor said that his time for the present would be taken up with the San Francisco investigation. He added that he had received no official offer from Portland, and therefore could not either accept or decline at this time. He added:

"I am not very familiar with civic conditions in Portland. I have my opinion of certain officials there, however."

When asked what sort of graft might flourish in Portland, he said:

"You know Halsey makes visits there."

Halsey was general agent of the Pacific States Telephone & Telegraph company, and was recently indicted for bribing the San Francisco supervisors.

GO AFTER POLICE NEXT.

Burns' Announcement Dashes Hopes of Immunity.

San Francisco, March 26.—As soon as the larger matters are disposed of, the alleged corruption of the police department will be thoroughly delved into to declare Detective Burns. The statement caused a stir among the officials, who were disposed to think that in the excitement over the corporation investigation, police matters were to be forgotten.

So closely have their fortunes been allied with those of the grafters that, when the present crusade was begun against dishonesty and corruption, District Attorney Langdon, instead of receiving aid from that body, has received nothing but strenuous opposition.

Capture Honduran Capital.

Washington, March 26.—Senator Corea, the Nicaraguan minister, tonight received a dispatch from President Zelaya, of Nicaragua, announcing the capture and occupation of Tegucigalpa, the capital of Honduras. The fall of the Honduran capital today was predicted by the Nicaraguan Foreign office yesterday, following the capture of Choluten, the most strongly fortified town in that country, and the flight of President Bonilla, of Honduras. Only the bare announcement of the capture of Tegucigalpa was received.

American Gunboats on Guard.

Puerto Cortes, March 26.—The United States gunboat Marietta and the Nicaraguan gunboats Onizco and Jacinto were at Trujillo, Honduras, Saturday night. The Honduran gunboat Tumbala has arrived from Ceiba. The Marietta is expected here today.

ABOLISH RED TAPE.

Secretary Garfield to Start Reform in Interior Department.

Washington, March 25.—Secretary Garfield is organizing the Interior department with a view to facilitating public business and eliminating red tape. He is transforming an obsolete governmental machine into a modern business machine, injecting up-to-date methods and doing away with fully one-third of the labor required under the old regime.

Beginning today, Mr. Garfield will abolish the public lands and Indian Territory divisions of the Interior department, divisions which heretofore handled all business coming to the secretary from the general land office and Indian office. Their functions were superfluous and had no good effect. On the contrary, these divisions made unnecessary work and delay, and were largely responsible for friction and trouble between Secretary Hitchcock on the one hand and the land and Indian offices on the other hand.

J. A. Parker, former chief of the lands division, who has a thorough knowledge of department methods, is to be made Mr. Garfield's private secretary, but will not participate in the formation of departmental policy. Clerks of his and other divisions will be absorbed by the land and Indian offices. These reforms were recommended by the Keep commission, of which Mr. Garfield was a member.

The president heartily approves of the change, and looks for great improvement in the department in consequence, especially as the changes bring the new secretary in close touch with the chiefs of all bureaus of his department, and obliterates the bothersome intermediary.

GREAT DEFEAT FOR BONILLA.

After Ten Hours' Fight, Army Flees, Abandoning Camp.

Managua, Nicaragua, March 25.—Advice received from the front today, say that the army of President Bonilla of Honduras has been attacked and defeated near Nariata by the Honduran revolutionists and Nicaraguan army after 10 hours' hard fighting.

Bonilla's troops, it is said, left behind them camp equipment, artillery, rifles and ammunition. Among the prisoners captured are several leading officers of the Honduran forces. Many were killed and wounded on both sides. The Honduran revolutionists captured 300 prisoners, three pieces of artillery, also a supply of ammunition therefor and 300 rifles.

One estimate of the casualties places the killed at 200 and the wounded at 160. Two hundred government soldiers joined the revolutionists during the fight.

The disaster for President Bonilla is now complete and it is believed that Tegucigalpa undoubtedly will be captured. The towns of Cayuga, La Esperanza, San Pedro and Sula have announced themselves in favor of the revolution.

STORM RAGES ON.

No Let-Up of Rain Apparent in Northern California.

Redding, Cal., March 25.—The heaviest storm of the season raged here all last night and until early this morning. For a few hours it abated and then broke again. A terrific wind is now blowing and the rain is falling in sheets.

Reports state that snow is falling all through the Siskiyou and Sacramento canyons, the precipitation being heavier than at any time during the past season. All the snowplows in this section have been put into commission and have made but little headway.

A third snowslide occurred at Cantara, and the wrecker from Dunsuir hastened to the scene. Tunnel No. 9 is said to be caving in and Dunsuir has an unverified report that in the Siskiyou many cave-ins have occurred. Conditions could not be worse along the upper route than they now are and the indications are that another storm will break tonight.

No Sheep Quarantine.

Laramie, Wyo., March 25.—The state board of sheep commissioners today revoked the order of April 2, 1906, that sheep entering the state from other states or any territory shall be quarantined for a period of 30 days after dipping, and ordered that all sheep in the state shall, before entering the shearing pens for shearing, be dipped and any found infected or that have in any manner been exposed to contagious disease shall be placed in quarantine until all danger of spreading disease has passed.

Reaches Tegucigalpa.

Washington, March 25.—Mr. Corea, the Nicaraguan minister, received a dispatch today from Mr. Ganex, the Nicaraguan minister of foreign affairs, confirming the press reports of a great victory for the Nicaraguan army near Masati. In addition, he says the Nicaraguan army probably will take Tegucigalpa tomorrow.

SCHMITZ WEAKENING

Offered Terms to Heney Which Are Promptly Rejected.

COMPLETE SURRENDER EXPECTED

Heney as Dictator of the City Will Impeach and Remove the Mayor.

San Francisco, March 23.—This was by far the most sensational day in the local graft situation. Mayor Schmitz sent an emissary to Assistant District Attorney Heney and Detective Burns and asked for terms. When no proposals were forthcoming the agents of the mayor made a definite proposition.

They offered a confession from the mayor for complete immunity and his continuance in office until the expiration of his term on January 1 of next year. The offer was rejected with more speed than it was made and the negotiations came to a quick end. The mayor's emissaries are expected to return. It is not thought that they seriously believed that the prosecution would consent to the continuance of Schmitz in office. But it was simply to create a point on which they could yield in future negotiations.

Second only in importance to the overtures from the mayor were the revelation that 13 indictments had been voted against Abraham K. Detweiler, a capitalist from Ohio, who visited the Pacific coast last April in the interest of the Home Telephone company.

Plans for the future government of the city were evolved today by Mr. Heney, District Attorney Langdon and Rudolph Spreckels. With graft reaching into almost every branch of the city affairs, the functions of government have broken down completely. Instead of an organized form of administration, Francis J. Heney is practically dictator of the city and county of San Francisco. The people are content to let him and his associates work out the problem. The plan is to keep the boodling supervisors in office for a time. They will obey Mr. Heney's orders. Of this there is no doubt. Should they refuse, indictment, trial and conviction and imprisonment would follow.

While the supervisors remain in office summary impeachment proceedings will be brought against the mayor, and he will be removed by a judge of the Superior court after a hearing, which will not occupy more than a few hours. Schmitz will be given a chance to resign to avoid dismissal. After the election of Schmitz from the office of the board of supervisors will be ordered to elect as his successor some man to be chosen by Mr. Heney, probably District Attorney Langdon. After the new mayor assumes office, Mr. Heney will order the 16 boodling supervisors to resign and they will resign.

FIGHT FOR PHILIPPINES

Senator Stone Says We Must If We Fight Japan.

Kansas City, March 23.—United States Senator William A. Stone, in the course of a speech here last night at the monthly dinner of the Knife and Fork club, said:

"If we are to have serious trouble with any nation, it will be with Japan. Japan wants the Philippines. I am not sure whether it would not be best for all concerned if she should get them, but one thing is certain, and that is, she will never get them without our consent. But we may have trouble in keeping them."

"Japan would seize the archipelago, and in a week. We could only send over a big enough fleet to wipe Japan from the sea. That would be a huge and costly task."

Lewis to Succeed Dowie.

Guadalajara, Mex., March 23.—Deacon John Lewis, an official of the Zion church, who arrived in Guadalajara last week to look over some mining investments, received today the news of his appointment as first apostle of the church by the last will and testament of John Alexander Dowie. Lewis declares the news came absolutely as a surprise to him and declined to say what he intended to do. He said, however, that he intended to return to Chicago immediately and take charge of the business affairs.

Great Fire in Navy-Yard.

Pensacola, Fla., March 23.—Fire last night destroyed building No. 1 at the Pensacola navy yard, entailing a loss of \$175,000. In addition to the loss the machinery and equipment for the gunboats Gloucester and Lele de Luzon were destroyed.

FARMS UNDER WATER.

Sacramento River Never Known to Be So High Before.

Sacramento, Cal., March 22.—From all down-river points come alarming news that the Sacramento river is higher than ever known, and that the situation all along the levees is appalling. There is already suffering and every able-bodied man is assisting in the fight against the water that is pouring into the branches and inundating thousands of acres of the finest farming land in the state.

Special dispatches to the Union from Freeport, Courtland, Walnut Grove and Franklin state that the river has reached the highest stage ever recorded, and it is predicted that the terrible scenes witnessed during the tremendous floods of 1904 will be surpassed. Standing on the levee near Courtland one may see for 60 miles to the south-east across an unbroken sea of water which extends clear to Stockton.

Thousands of cattle are being sheltered on top of the levees, as there is no other place for them, and if the water does not fall soon an indescribable condition of disaster is considered inevitable.

This morning the blockade on the Southern Pacific lines was made complete, when the line to the East was made helpless by a washout of 200 feet of track at Applegate, but during the afternoon the situation changed for the better when, with the report that the Applegate washout had been repaired, came another stating that it was expected the track would soon be open through to Stockton.

A trestle was placed in the gap at the Applegate washout this afternoon and more trains were dispatched East. One of these, a Portland train, will be sent to Utah and via the Oregon Short Line. The Placerville line is in full commission again, but no trains are operated on the Marysville branch further than Wheatland.

On the Portland line no trains are running beyond Redding, the tracks being out at Kewick, Campbell and Kenett, and it is not expected that travel can be resumed beyond Redding for at least ten days.

ADDITIONAL TRAIN SERVICE.

Canadian Pacific to Enter Portland on O. R. & N. Tracks.

Portland, March 22.—Canadian Pacific trains will be running into Portland May 1.

Contracts were signed up here yesterday by traffic officials of the Canadian road with R. B. Miller, general freight agent for the Oregon Railroad & Navigation company, allowing the use of the tracks from Spokane to Portland. The Canadian Pacific now reaches Spokane by the Spokane International railway from the C. P. R.'s main line at the Canadian boundary. Freight service from Portland to all points in Canada, as well as to the Atlantic seaboard, will be started May 1 by the new traffic arrangement. Passenger trains will be put on at a later date. Through passenger service is promised from Portland to St. Paul.

The use of the O. R. & N. tracks by Canadian Pacific equipment was arranged for recently at a conference between President G. M. Bosworth, of the Canadian line and Traffic Director J. C. Stubbs, of the Harriman system. This meeting was held in Chicago a short time ago.

Historic Fort Swept Away.

San Francisco, March 22.—It is reported here that all reclamation districts in Sutter county have been flooded. Near Meridian the water is in the second stories of the houses. Many families are said to be in want. Efforts will be made to send them relief. Probably all the stock in these districts has been drowned. The people of Yuba county district, above Marysville, are reported safe.

Near Tudor a break has occurred close to an Indian mound which was situated near the old iron fort brought from the East in sections by General John A. Sutter in the days before gold was discovered. The fort is reported to have been swept away.

Star Clear of Jerome.

New York, March 22.—In the course of an argument upon the indictments of the theatrical trust, Edward Lanterbach, counsel for Klaw & Erlanger, said in court today that Dixon and Zimmerman, who also were indicted on a charge of conspiracy, are in Pennsylvania, and will not voluntarily surrender themselves in New York. He added that they wanted the New York district attorney to cause their arrest in Philadelphia, so that the question of their extradition could be taken up before the governor of Pennsylvania.

Giving Away Sage Money.

New York, March 22.—Announcement was made today that Mrs. Russell Sage has donated \$150,000 to the American Seamen's Friend society, to be used by that body in the erection of a proposed sailors' home and institute. Mrs. Sage has also given \$75,000 to the Syrian Protestant college, of Beirut, Syria.