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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.

Nicaraguans have captured another Honduran port.

Ruef has appealed to the Supreme court for release on bail.

A new movement has been started in the South to end the race problem.

The government is to prosecute Hill for violation of the 28-hour law for stock.

Railroad employees are willing to yield on the question of wages but are firm for nine hours.

A storm at Havana drove waves into the city, causing much damage. Many lives were endangered.

The Nebraska legislature is working on a law to make railway mileage books good in the hands of bearer.

The San Francisco supervisors are removing many officials who were mere figureheads drawing salaries.

Oakland and San Francisco laundry workers have struck for an increase of wages and only three laundries are running.

Roosevelt declares he is not in favor of government ownership of railroads if it can be avoided, but he does want congress to pass a law that will allow him to squeeze the water out of stock.

The Roumanian revolt has been suppressed with wholesale slaughter.

French troops have raised their flag over the Moroccan town of Oudja.

Schmitz denies that he has attempted to get a part of the board of supervisors to resign.

The municipal campaign just ended in Chicago is the fiercest in the history of the city.

Thaw stood the lunacy examination so well that Jerome has asked for more time to call experts.

Roosevelt may make public his railway policy at the opening of the Jamestown exposition April 26.

Americans at Ceiba, Honduras, were glad to see a United States warship put into that port to protect their interests.

Ruef has been on the pay roll of the Pacific States Telephone & Telegraph company for the past two years at \$1,200 per month.

Henry W. Goode, president of the Portland Railway, Light & Power company, is dead. He was president of the Lewis and Clark fair.

The American government is confident The Hague conference will do good, even if all questions to be brought up are not agreed upon.

The Roumanian revolt is quieting down.

The president has called an election in the Philippines.

All labor troubles around Butte have been adjusted for the time being.

St. Louis brewery workers threaten to strike and the city is facing a beer famine.

The disarmament question is likely to be barred from The Hague peace conference.

Republican members of the Tennessee legislature propose Roosevelt for a third term.

The Nebraska legislature has passed a direct primary a copied after the Oregon statute.

Spreckels has guaranteed the cost of a thorough housecleaning of grafters at San Francisco.

The Western Union Telegraph company has raised its rates, in some cases as much as 20 per cent.

The census bureau estimates that the population of the United States has increased 8,000,000 in the past six years.

The Colton, Cal., death list as the result of the train wreck is placed at 22 and at least six more of the injured will die. A green switch crew is blamed with the accident.

The San Francisco investigation may spread to every city on the coast.

Evidence is being secured which points to telephone bribery in Oakland.

Mrs. Thaw is said to be breaking down under the strain of the trial of Thaw.

Congressman Scott, of Kansas, predicts the completion of the Panama canal in seven years.

The bill for the recount of the ballots cast for mayor of New York in November, 1905, has passed the New York legislature.

CHILE WAS AIMING HIGH.

South American Republic Wanted Ambassador at Washington.

Washington, April 2.—Chile's failure to send a minister to Washington to replace Mr. Walker Martinez, who did not return here after the Pan-American conference at Rio Janeiro last summer, has caused much comment. The neglect of the Chilean congress to appropriate sufficient money to maintain the legation has been given as a reason for leaving the American mission in charge of Alberto Yocam, secretary of the legation.

But it has just become known that the real cause was hidden deep in Latin-American politics. Chile decided it would be a good idea to have an ambassador in Washington, and steps were taken to discover what the United States thought of the proposed elevation of the Chilean representative to Washington.

The suggestion that the Chilean envoy might be raised to the ambassadorial rank set all Latin America on edge and a general movement was instituted by the Southern republics to head off such a movement. Argentina being unfriendly to Chile was especially opposed to the plan, as Brazil and Chile are always rated as allies and Argentina did not want her two strongest rivals to outstrip her in American representation.

It has not been the policy of the State department to send ambassadors to any country which can not be ranked as a world power, and when the hostility of the rest of South America to such a change became known the United States decided that the question had better not be agitated further at this time.

ONLY SPECIAL RATES GO UP.

President of Western Union Explains Recent Advance in Toll.

New York, April 2.—Concerning the recently announced advance in the rates charged by the company, Colonel R. C. Clowry, president of the Western Union Telegraph company, tonight said:

"There has been no large increase in rates by the telegraph companies. A number of special and unprofitable rates have been increased to the standard of schedule rates. These special rates were discriminative against a large number of places and were originally established by competing companies, which by reason thereof went into bankruptcy.

"Most of the rates increased were 25 cents for 10 words rates. It costs at least 30 cents each to handle such messages for short distances at the present time. The increases in the cost of telegraph material have been from 25 to 100 per cent within the last few years.

"In addition to the recent increases of 10 per cent in the salaries of all managers and operators, there has been for years past a large and steady increase in wages of all classes of individual employees from month to month.

"There is no increase in the extra word rate, consequently the newspapers' rates remain the same."

ALMOST GOT PRESIDENCY.

Grow, Former Pennsylvania Congressman Dies of Old Age.

Binghamton, N. Y., April 2.—Ex-Congressman Galusha A. Grow died at his home in Glenwood, Pa., Saturday as a result of a general breakdown, attributed to old age. Mr. Grow was elected to congress from the Wilmet district of Pennsylvania as the youngest member of that body in 1851, and after retirement from public life for nearly 40 years he re-entered the house of representatives as congressman at large from Pennsylvania.

When he retired four years ago his public service in the house extended over the longest period, although not continuous service, of any man who ever sat in that body. During the ante-bellum days he was one of the best known men in the United States, and in 1864 he came within one vote of being nominated for vice president in place of Andrew Johnson.

Disorders Have Ceased.

Bucharest, April 2.—It is semi-officially stated that in many districts the peasants are repairing the damage done to property and restoring stolen goods to their owners. Disturbances are reported from Putna in Moldavia, and many cases of plunder, incendiarism and armed conflict in Walachia. A number of peasants have been killed or wounded by troops at Langa and Patulele. At Galicea, in the center of the disturbed area, all the ringleaders have been captured. The communes of Huereani and Pengeni are in revolt.

Suppress News in Russia.

St. Petersburg, April 2.—Premier Stolypin has sent a circular to the governors of provinces ordering them to prohibit the printing of news of the agrarian disorders in Roumania, in the fear that they might spread to Russia.

AFTER RAILWAY NOW

Grand Jury Investigating Mammoth Bribe in Bay City.

\$450,000 WENT TO GRAFTERS

After Months of Delay Arrangements Are Completed for Trial of Boss Ruef.

San Francisco, April 2.—A new link has been added to the chain of evidence which connects the United Railroads with the local bribery deals. It is the most important link and comes from a source within the company. The grand jury will soon return indictments in connection with this mammoth bribery by which the sum of \$450,000 was divided among Mayor Schmitz, Abe Ruef and the supervisors.

While no definite statement has been forthcoming as to the men slated for indictment, this much is certain—the prosecution will direct its fire to three branches of the corporation. These branches are the control, represented by Patrick Calhoun, the president of the company; the active management, represented by Thornwell Mullally, and the law department, at the head of which is Tiley L. Ford. The next week will determine where the blame is to be placed. It may be distributed among all three branches.

The grand jury today set up George Hatton, former political manager for Senator Perkins and more recently on the political staff of the Southern Pacific, for its special mark. It was brought out that Hatton had been attorney for the Home Telephone company before it bought its way into San Francisco. It transpires that Congressman Julius Kahn was also attorney for the company during the early stages of its fight to enter the San Francisco field.

When the trial of Abe Ruef on a charge of extortion is called today in Judge Dunne's court, prosecution and defense will alike answer "ready." The last of the many postponements and interferences which have caused the preliminaries to drag out over several months, are at an end.

DISSOLVE UNION OF ROADS.

Final Stage is Reached in Matter of Harriman Lines.

Chicago, April 2.—A dispatch to the Tribune from Washington says:

The final stage in the investigation of the Harriman situation will begin on Thursday next, when the Interstate Commerce commission will hear its own counsel and that of involved railroads in explanation of points brought out in the testimony taken.

Following arguments the commission will refer all testimony to the attorney general, with a view to the institution of legal proceedings for a dissolution of the combination existing among the Union Pacific, Oregon Short Line, Southern Pacific and allied lines which have been found to be competing, and will prepare a report for the information of the president wherein will be set forth steps which the investigation shows will improve the transportation facilities generally and legislation necessary to insure more satisfactory Federal regulation.

Hermann Has Inning.

Washington, April 2.—Numerous witnesses for the defense were placed on the stand today to impeach the testimony brought out by the prosecution during the past seven weeks of the Hermann trial. Their statements, while contradicting considerable testimony offered by government witnesses, had no direct bearing on the principal points at issue, though their denials had the effect of weakening the prosecution.

Henry Meldrum, during his examination, testified that he called to see Hermann at the request of H. P. Gately, son-in-law and associate counsel of the defendant.

Bulgarians on Warpath.

Belgrade, April 2.—It is reported here that a band of Bulgarians has attacked the old Serbian towns of Rudin and Tolocho, burning 31 houses, killing seven men and maiming a number of women and children. Increasing bitterness is being displayed here toward the Bulgarians, owing to the belief that, while the powers have called the attention of the governments of Serbia and Greece to the atrocities perpetrated by Serbian and Greek bands, they have made no protest against the actions of Bulgarian bands.

Hospital on Mount Olivet.

Jerusalem, April 2.—The foundation stone of the new German hospital upon the Mount of Olivet, was laid Sunday in the presence of the governor of Jerusalem, the other local officials and many spectators, to the accompaniment of cheers or Emperor William and the sultan of Turkey, who gave the land and authorized the construction of the hospital.

MUST IMPROVE WATERWAYS

Only Practicable Way To Solve Freight Problem, Says Hill.

New York, April 1.—James J. Hill, president of the Great Northern, taking as a text the recent action of President Roosevelt in appointing a waterway commission, said today that through the waterways of the country, properly improved, must come the much desired improvement in the freight-handling conditions. The country, he said, must look to its waterways for immediate relief of the freight pressure.

"If the government would improve its waterways and extract from them one-fifth of their latent possibilities," said Mr. Hill, "the freight-handling problem soon would be nearer solution than the railroads themselves can ever hope to bring it."

"There has been in the past a feeling among some railroad men that waterways development would be inimical to railroad interests. I do not think it would, and if this idea has not already wholly disappeared it is in a fair way of doing so soon. We realized that we have created in the prosperity of the country a condition that calls loudly for relief, and any means to that end would be welcome."

Take, for instance, a 15-foot channel in the Mississippi from St. Louis to New Orleans. There is no more important work for the general government than this improvement. It might cost \$100,000,000, but when it was finished a single powerful tow boat could pull from 30 to 40 trainloads. Heavy freights, requiring only moderate speed in transportation, would go to the seaboard by way of the Gulf, and there would no longer be freight congestion between the East and West."

ADVANCE RATES ON GRAIN

Railroads Take Revenge For Two-Cent Fare Laws.

Washington, April 1.—In accordance with their intention expressed some time ago, the railroads constituting the Western trunk lines, the Central Traffic association and the Eastern trunk lines have filed with the Interstate Commerce commission tariffs increasing their rates on eastbound grain and grain products, to become effective about April 1.

This action was taken, it is understood, because of the enactment by legislatures of some of the Western states of laws regarded as inimical to their interests. The particular law to which the railroads took exception was the 2-cent fare act of the legislature of Nebraska.

When the new tariffs were filed, the commission suggested to the carriers that the time for putting the increased rates into effect should be postponed. The carriers cheerfully acquiesced and the commission has granted the carriers permission to post and file amendments postponing the proposed advances in rates to May 1.

CHOOSE NEW PRESIDENT.

Honduran Rebels Will Make General Gutierrez Their Chief.

Washington, April 1.—General Dionisio Gutierrez, one of the most prominent leaders of the revolution in Honduras against President Bonilla, probably will be president of the provisional government established by the Honduran revolutionists with the aid of President Zelaya, of Nicaragua. A dispatch received today from Commander Wiltheimer, of the American gunboat Paducah, now at Port Limon, Costa Rica, states that it is reported there that General Gutierrez is the favorite candidate for the head of the new government in Honduras.

It is also reported in Port Limon, according to Commander Wiltheimer's dispatch, that President Bonilla is completely surrounded. The dispatch does not state exactly where Senor Bonilla is, but it is believed that he is somewhere near Amapala on the south coast of Honduras.

Dispatches received by the State department from several different points in Central America announce the bombardment of Amapala.

Girl's Beauty Worth \$1,200.

Paris, April 1.—Twelve hundred dollars is the value placed upon beauty by the Swiss Federal tribunal. It had been spoilt by a dog's bite, and the girl claimed damages from the owner of the dog. The local court at Davos awarded her \$800. The dog's owner, a butcher, appealed and, when the case came before the higher court, the judges confirmed the award and raised the damages to \$1,200, because the girl, who was 17 and had been very pretty, had suffered the "diminution of her beauty" because of the bite.

Oliver, the New Governor.

London, April 1.—King Edward has approved the appointment of Sydney Oliver to be governor of Jamaica in succession to Sir Alexander Swettenham, who recently resigned the office, giving as the reason advanced years.

SCHMITZ'S VILE PLAN

Has Desperate Scheme to Prevent Franchise Revocation.

TRIES TO BUY OFF SUPERVISORS

Have Enough Resign to Make His Veto Effective—Sweeping Reforms Are Instituted.

San Francisco, March 30.—Mayor Schmitz has opened negotiations with certain members of the board of supervisors in the hope of consummating a bold coup. The plan of the mayor is to purchase the resignation of enough members of the board to make his veto power sufficient to prevent the revocation of the franchises of the big corporations which obtained their permits through the illegal use of money.

It requires 14 members of the board to override the mayor's veto. If he can secure the resignation of five out of the 18 he will be able to check by his veto any of their reform measures adopted under the watch of F. J. Heney's big stick. It is a desperate game, doomed to failure almost at the outset.

The "reformed" board of supervisors, acting under the direction of the district attorney's office, gave another startling exhibition today of a desire to be good, when it made plans for the abolition of a score of ornamental officials. James Devoto, attorney for the board of public works at a salary of \$250 per month, will be decapitated. Other officials, who under the Ruef regime have done nothing but draw salaries, will be dropped. In the course of the next few weeks reforms will have been instituted which will save the city \$100,000 a year.

FAMINE WOULD RESULT.

Railroads Hold Out Gloomy Prospect if Strike is Called.

Chicago, March 30.—Famine in supplies of food, coal and manufacturing materials for Chicago and many other cities throughout the entire West was predicted today, if the impending railway strike became a reality. Railroads of the entire West will be allowed to remain completely paralyzed in case the strike of trainmen and conductors on 43 traffic systems is ordered. This course has been practically decided on by the general managers of the systems. A meeting of the managers was held today and the impracticability of filling the places of 45,000 men who are talking of a walkout was discussed. No move has been made to hire men to run trains. In fact, no preparations are being made by the railway managers.

"If these men strike it would be almost, if not entirely, impossible to operate the railroads," said an official high in railroad circles. "It is as good as certain that freight traffic will be entirely shut off. Consider what it would mean, if Chicago were to be isolated for 24 hours. What would happen if the milk supply were interrupted or the immense importations of perishable freight halted by a tie-up of the roads?"

HILL MAY ISSUE NEW STOCK.

Minnesota Supreme Court Holds Restrictive Law Invalid.

St. Paul, March 30.—The State Supreme court today upheld the Great Northern railroad in its contention that it had the right to issue the \$60,000,000 of stock authorized by the board of directors some months ago, and which was enjoined by Attorney General Young, who claimed that the company should first come before the state railroad and warehouse commission and submit to an examination to show the necessity and the purpose of the issue.

This contention of the state was upheld by Judge Hallam in the Ramsey County District court, who ordered an injunction to issue. The Supreme court today reverses that decision. The opinion of the court was unanimous. Chief Justice Start delivered the opinion of the court.

Sailors Loot Steamer.

Norfolk, Va., March 30.—One hundred sailors from the battleship Connecticut, while on the way from Wilhelmsburg to Fortress Monroe upon the passenger steamer Ocean View today, without apparent cause, took forcible charge of the steamer and put the crew to rout. The sailors broke windows and doors, drove the cooks from the galley, poured out all provisions aboard, dumped on deck the fire in the stoves, turned steam on the fire-extinguishers and did other damage. Their names are not known.

Tobacco Buildings Burn.

Danville, Va., March 30.—A disastrous fire broke out in South Boston, Va., 32 miles northeast of here, late this afternoon, and, spreading rapidly, destroyed the tobacco buildings, causing a loss of \$900,000.

WRECK IN CALIFORNIA.

At Least Twenty-Six Persons Killed and a Hundred Hurt.

Colton, Cal., March 29.—One of the most disastrous wrecks in the history of the Southern Pacific railroad occurred one and one-half miles east of this town shortly after 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon, when westbound train No. 9 from New Orleans for San Francisco ran into an open switch, while going at the rate of 40 miles an hour, and ten of the 14 coaches were derailed with frightful results. Twenty-six people are known to have been killed and the final list will total much higher than this number. The injured number about 100, many of whom are seriously injured and will die.

The wrecked coaches were hurled in every direction. Four of them were smashed into splinters. Most of the dead were Italians from New York and New Orleans, going to San Francisco. They occupied the smoker and day coach.

But two Americans are known to have been killed, although several of those among the injured will undoubtedly die within the next few hours. Out of 80 Pullman passengers, but two sustained serious injury. The three Pullman coaches and the diner, which were on the rear of the train, did not leave the track. The occupants of these cars were practically unharmed.

L. R. Alvord, W. K. Davis and W. G. Gusenmeyer, members of the switching crew who are accused of leaving the switch open and causing the wreck, were taken into custody and held in bail of \$1,000 by Coroner Van Wye.

TRY MEDIATION.

Knapp and Neill Will Attempt to Adjust Railroad Dispute.

Chicago, March 29.—Government intervention will be tried in an effort to avert the great railroad strike which threatens to paralyze the business of the West. In response to the appeal of the railroad managers, Chairman Knapp, of the Interstate Commerce commission, and Commissioner of Labor Neill will arrive in Chicago Saturday morning and offer mediation in the controversy. Failing to adjust the matter in a conciliatory manner, they will endeavor to bring about arbitration under the provisions of the Erdmann law.

The labor chiefs will await the arrival of the government officials before ordering a strike. If the good offices of Mr. Knapp and Mr. Neill result in bringing greater concessions to the employees than have yet been offered, the strike may be averted. The employees, however, say they will not accept arbitration and today again declared their position that nothing short of greater concessions from the railroads will prevent them from walking out.

President Roosevelt has been following closely the developments in the situation here and Messrs. Knapp and Neill will undertake the delicate work imposed on them by law with full consciousness that the president is extremely solicitous that all differences be settled by arbitration.

The general managers said that no attempt would be made to operate trains if the employees struck.

NO ADVANCE IN LUMBER RATES

Northern Roads Deny Present Intention, but Are Investigating.

St. Paul, Minn., March 29.—An official statement was made by traffic men of the Northern Pacific and Great Northern railroads today that it is not contemplated to make any immediate change in lumber rates from Puget sound to St. Paul and Missouri river cities, as the lumbermen have advised the Interstate Commerce commission in Washington. A joint statement was made by the lines as follows:

"We have not considered an increase in Pacific Coast Missouri-River lumber rates, except as they may have been involved in discussions covering the general rates and cost of service. No immediate changes are contemplated."

While the statement gives generally the situation, it is asserted the lines are closely investigating conditions governing the transportation of lumber, which have changed considerably since the industry on the coast started.

Burning Gas Terrifies Farmers.

Sapulpa, I. T., March 29.—The gas well two miles east of here that caught fire Saturday is still burning fiercely. After 14 days of work the well was capped. But the great volume of gas found another way out through the crevices and for half a mile it spread open the earth. At one place a hole three feet wide and 20 feet long was torn. Then the gas caught fire and has been burning ever since. At one place a sheet of flame 20 feet long and 15 feet high is blazing. Tons of rock and shale were thrown from the cracks.

Faculty Rebukes Magoon.

Havana, March 29.—The directors of Havana university held a meeting today and entered a protest against the recent action of Governor Magoon in licensing two American doctors to practice in Havana without first passing an examination in the University of Havana, as required by law.