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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.

A Northern Pacific train was wrecked near Jamestown, N. D., and five persons injured.

Russia and Japan have completed the evacuation of Manchuria, leaving only a few railway guards.

Officials of the Zortman, Mont., mine deny that the stage robber got \$25,000 for his work.

Express company employees in the East have gained a shorter work day and a substantial increase in salary.

Railway employees of the Rio Grande want an increase in wages on the basis of the Chicago settlement and may go on strike.

The Astor family has lost an appeal against the New York law which makes them pay a transfer tax on about \$4,000,000.

The Wisconsin legislature is balloting for a senator to take Spooner's place. Irvin L. Lenroot and Isaac Stephenson are the leading candidates.

The Supreme court of the United States has confirmed the action of the lower court which fined ex-United States Senator Patterson \$1,000 for contempt.

E. H. Harriman, George J. Gould, Jacob H. Schiff and James Stillman are likely to have to defend a suit for millions for wrecking the Chicago Terminal Transfer Railroad company.

Counsel for Shaw will now fight to have him released on bail.

A peace conference has been arranged between Nicaragua and Salvador.

New York Democrats will celebrate Jefferson day, but will not invite Bryan.

The government is seeking a way to prevent Japanese being smuggled into this country.

The pope has made important concessions to Catholics in America and to Catholic members of secret societies.

A San Francisco police captain will tell the grand jury all about the system of grafting in his department of the bay city government.

Miners at Park City, Utah, have gone on strike and others in nearby mines are expected to follow. The men want to enter and leave the shaft on company time.

The Cape Arago lighthouse may be blown up by dynamite on a schooner which is pounding to pieces on the rocks near. The vessel has 4,000 pounds of the deadly powder aboard.

The Union Pacific will make a test case of the Nebraska 2-cent rate law.

Butte is overrun with holdup men. Three and four robberies occur a night.

A new combine is now under way which will control the rubber trade of the world.

The South American war is believed to be over now that the Honduran president has surrendered.

Austria and Germany are to confer regarding their attitude at the coming Hague peace conference.

Three Los Angeles Home Telephone men are afraid they will be indicted by the San Francisco grand jury.

Eleven Japanese are to be returned home from Seattle for coming to this country under contract.

Trains in California have all resumed their regular service, as all trace of the recent washouts have disappeared.

The Shaw jury has disagreed and been discharged by the court. A new trial will commence in October. The trial has cost the county and family \$300,000. An effort will be made to let the defendant out on bail.

Chicago packing house men threaten another strike.

A new Anglo-Spanish alliance has been concluded.

President Bonilla, of Honduras, has surrendered to Nicaraguan troops.

Lord Cromer has presented Great Britain with his resignation as ruler of Egypt.

Senator Burrows says Roosevelt would decline even if nominated for a third term.

Topeka, Kan., has set aside a holiday on which the people propose to dig up all the dandelions of the city.

The San Francisco grand jury is almost ready to turn in a bunch of indictments against millionaires.

EARTHQUAKE IN MEXICO.

Shock Lasts More Than Four Minutes Over Large Territory.

City of Mexico, April 16.—An earthquake lasting four and a half minutes started this city Sunday night. The earth rocked in a long, swinging motion, terrifying the inhabitants but doing no damage so far as can be learned at this city. Clocks stopped at 11:34 p. m. (Mexican time), and the perceptible motion of the earth ceased at 11:38 1/2. The telegraph wires were put out of commission and for a short time the city was in darkness owing to the failure of the electric lights. The asphalt on one of the principal business streets of the city was cracked open for a distance of 10 yards. People fled from their houses into the streets.

Representatives of the Associated Press made rapid searches over the city but nothing beyond cracked walls and small fissures in the pavements could be found. At the police stations no deaths had been reported. A wall on Santiago street collapsed, killing a number of horses and wounding five men.

No reports have yet come from the American colony, but it is not believed that serious damage was sustained there, although the houses, unlike those in the old section of the city, are not built to withstand earthquake shocks.

Telegraphic communication as far south as the cities of Oaxaca and San Juan Bautista has been established, but beyond the report that the shock was very heavy in that region and along the Gulf coast nothing more was learned.

ROUTE OF LONG RIDE.

Lieutenant McCabe Selects Course of 3,000-Mile Trip.

Washington, April 16.—Lieutenant E. Warner McCabe, of the Sixth cavalry, who has been picked by General Bell to ride from Silverton, Ore., across the continent on an Arab stallion, has asked that Quartermaster Sergeant Samuel Peterson, troop K, Sixth cavalry, be detailed as his orderly to accompany him on his long trip.

M McCabe has also indicated that he will by his route along the Oregon Short Line and the Union Pacific road from Silverton to Umatilla, Or.; thence to Boise Barracks, Idaho; Fort D. A. Russell, Wyo.; Omaha, Neb.; Fort Des Moines, Ia.; Fort Benjamin Harrison, Ind.; Columbus Barracks, Ohio; Pittsburg and Harrisburg, Pa., to New York City.

General Bell said today that he thought the trip, which will embrace more than 3,000 miles, might be made in 100 days, and even less if the horse had the necessary endurance. Complete statistics of the condition of the horse and rider, amount of food consumed and other details will be kept from day to day.

Pick Flaws in Doumas.

London, April 16.—In a long letter to the London Times, the Russian jurist, Professor DeMartens, expresses the conviction that the second Russian parliament is absolutely unfit to work successfully for the benefit of Russia and cannot advance the nation in the direction of a constitutional system of government. Professor DeMartens bases his belief on the ground that legislative assembly find not a single word to disapprove of assassinations and murder, only enjoys speeches of disquiet and unlimited hate and is quite unfit to discuss needful reforms, and cannot possibly construct new order in the state. He believes dissolution is absolutely inevitable and only a question of time.

Makes Good Haul.

Butte, Mont., April 16.—A Miner dispatch from Great Falls says that the stage running between Malta and Zortman was held up last night by a lone bandit according to a telephone message received today, and a sum estimated at about \$25,000 is said to have been secured. The message gave no details of the daring robbery other than that it occurred just north of Zortman as the stage was entering the Little Rockies with a consignment of money to pay the wages of the miners at the Zortman mines.

Fruit Damage Is Heavy.

Kansas City, April 16.—There were killing frosts again last night in the fruit district of Kansas and Western Missouri, adding to the damage already done. All reports agree that heavy loss has been caused—millions of dollars, according to Secretary LaGuardia, of the Missouri Valley Horticultural association. Several days may elapse before the full extent of the injury can be estimated accurately. The weather tonight is cloudy and warmer and further frost is not expected.

Floods Do Great Damage.

Constantinople, April 16.—Continuing heavy rains have caused the rivers to overflow, seriously flooding Macedonia and Asia Minor. The plains of Brusa, Adabazar, Kutahia, Adin and almost all the villages are submerged and there have been heavy loss of life and destruction of cattle and property.

LARGE AREA IN RUIN

Two Cities in Mexico Known to Be Destroyed.

500 LIVES ARE REPORTED LOST

Panic Reigns at Chilpancingo and Chilapa, the Ruined Cities—Silence Covers Others.

Chilpancingo, Mexico, April 16.—This city has been completely destroyed by an earthquake. The known dead number 11 and the badly injured 27. The greatest panic prevails and the people are fleeing to the open country. The earth continues to rock at half hour intervals and many minor shocks are completing the work of destruction begun by the first earthquake.

Word has reached here that the town of Chilapa, 42 kilometers to the north-eastward, has also been destroyed. No details have been received as to the number of dead and injured.

The population of Chilpancingo is 7,498 and until the panic into which the citizens have been thrown abates it will be impossible to state the number of casualties. The population of Chilapa is 15,000.

No word has been received from Tixtla, and it is feared it also has been destroyed. According to the movements of the earthquake, Tixtla would be in its direct line.

Half Republic Is Shaken.

Mexico City, April 16.—The Federal Telegraph office here has informed the Associated Press that Sunday night's earthquake has interfered with the working of the wires in all parts of the republic south of a line drawn from Acapulco on the west coast to Tampico on the Gulf coast. From messages received at the telegraph office up to noon it appears that the entire south half of the republic including the lower country and the Mesaba belt felt the shock.

The National Bank of Mexico has received a telegram saying that 500 lives were lost in the destruction of Chilapa and Chilpancingo. In government circles the report is not credited. It is admitted that both cities were leveled to the ground, but it is not thought that the death list will even approximate 500, owing to the fact that the houses are built of stone in order to resist earthquake shocks.

TAMPERING WITH GOLD COINS

Entire Output of Denver Mint Under Legal Fineness.

Denver, April 16.—Department heads of the new United States mint in this city and three government agents connected with the mint headquarters began today checking up the coinage of the mint and making the annual settlements, several weeks in advance of the usual time for these settlements. This action, following the government report that gold coins from the Denver mint have been found to be under value in fineness of gold, though up to grade in weight, means that the government has begun action to discover who is responsible for the discrepancy in fineness.

The government report states that the coins are found to be under fine to the extent of 5 cents on every \$20 gold piece. The discrepancy was discovered by the Bank of England assayer, who passed on a shipment of \$1,500,000 made to England in January.

Money for United States.

Shanghai, April 16.—The sum of \$5,000 received from the United States by the Famine Relief commission today was used to purchase 500,000 pounds of dried potatoes, which were rushed to the front. A dispatch was received today from a Chinese official offering to put, for the first time in history, steamboats above the locks of the Grand canal, thus cutting down the time for transportation to the famine district from this city to eight days. Further particulars of the distress existing show that the people are eating green scum from the ponds, white clay and the hulls of rice.

Five Burned in Wreckage.

St. Paul, April 16.—Running at a speed of 40 miles an hour on a straight track, the Great Northern west bound Oriental Limited, which left here for Pacific coast points Sunday morning, was derailed at 1:15 yesterday morning at Bartlett, N. D. Five persons were killed and a score or more injured. Later the gas tank exploded and the train took fire, seven passenger coaches being destroyed. The sleeper and observation cars escaped the flames. There is said to be some evidence that the rails had been tampered with.

Andean Volcanoes Break Out.

Buenos Ayres, April 16.—Active eruptions are in progress among the Andean volcanoes in the territory of Rio Negro. Ashes are being thrown for a great distance.

STANDARD OIL GUILTY.

Chicago Jury Finds Company Guilty on Many Counts.

Chicago, April 15.—On the basis of a verdict returned by a jury Saturday night in the Federal court presided over by Judge Kenesaw M. Landis, the Standard Oil company may be fined anywhere from \$1,400,000 to \$28,000,000 for violations of the Elkins law.

After a trial that has been long drawn out and bitterly contested by government attorneys and counsel for the Standard Oil company, the case went to the jury late Saturday afternoon and at 10 o'clock a verdict was returned in which the defendant corporation is found guilty on every one of the 1,463 counts in the indictment that had not quashed by Judge Landis.

As the matter now stands, it is one of the most sweeping victories yet scored by the Federal government in its contest against corporations. This is not the end, however. The defendants filed a motion for a new trial and the arguments on this motion will be heard probably early this week.

The charges in the indictment were that the Standard Oil company accepted a lower rate for shipments of oil from Whiting, Ind., to East St. Louis than is allowed in the published tariff for the haul.

Originally there were over 1,800 counts in the indictment, but nearly 400 of these were ruled out by Judge Landis, and hearing of the case proceeded on the others.

LAST VESTIGE OF WAR.

Japan Transfers Manchurian Railroad to Goto's Company.

Tokio, April 15.—When the management of the Manchurian railways was transferred to Baron Goto's company on April 1, the Japanese government commenced withdrawing the remnant of the troops employed in Manchuria. This work was completed on April 8, whereupon the Imperial government at Peking warmly thanked Japan, which, it is expected, will reduce its railway guard to less than one-half the number of men stipulated by the treaty negotiated at Portsmouth, N. H., which limited the number of guards to five men per kilometer. In an interview Baron Goto said:

"The last vestige of war in this section has now been removed. Fair play is my guiding principle. In promoting the peaceful development of Manchuria through which our railway runs, national differences will be entirely ignored. Manchuria will be made a field for competition of all nations. In order that we may carry out this principle, I crave patience on the part of those interested. Remember that the management of the road was only transferred to us on the first of the present month. The allowance of sufficient time will insure the realization of our plans, and we dread nothing more than impatient interference."

STEVENS DISCUSSES CANAL.

Ex-Chief Engineer of the "Big Ditch" Reaches New York.

New York, April 15.—John F. Stevens, who recently resigned as chief engineer of the Panama canal, arrived here today from Colon. He left for Washington this afternoon. Mr. Stevens said:

"I was not asked to resign. On the contrary, the highest position was not only offered but urged upon me. I never had any clash with any of my superiors, and my attitude was always in support of my efforts."

"The connection of the Washington officials with the actual work on the isthmus is too small to offer many chances for disagreement. I have never opposed doing the work by contract. I advocated such a policy. The plan of contract under which bids were received was formulated by me. I did oppose letting the contract to the Olliver syndicate for good reasons, but the statement that I have ever opposed the letting of any contract is false."

Tackle Exclusion Matter.

San Francisco, April 15.—John J. S. Rodgers, United States commissioner of education of Pennsylvania, and Harris Nesbit, assistant collector of the department of Commerce and Labor, appointed as a special commission by President Roosevelt to investigate the methods of enforcing the exclusion act at this port, held their first session today. After the adjournment, Commissioner Nesbit announced that the investigation will be of a general scope for the purpose of improvements in the service.

Kansas Fruit Crop Damaged.

Topeka, Kan., April 15.—Reports received from all sections to the state indicate that the Kansas fruit crop was seriously damaged and in some sections completely destroyed by the heavy frost a few mornings ago.

FOR OREGON CLAIMS

Commissioner Ballinger to Rush Action on Land Patents.

GREAT WRONG HAS BEEN DONE

Assures Senator Bourne That No More Claims Will Be Held Up on Mere Suspicion.

Washington, April 13.—Land Commissioner Ballinger today assured Senator Bourne of his intention of "raising the lid" in Oregon, meaning that he intended to take up and pass all valid public and entries that have long been under suspension in that state.

A great many entries were held up by the old administration on mere suspicion that there was something crooked about them. There was no actual evidence of wrongdoing or wrong intent on the part of these entrymen. Mr. Ballinger will pass to patent every Oregon entry which, upon examination, appears to be made in good faith, and those entries that are irregular or show evidence of fraud will be examined as promptly as possible and appropriate action taken.

Mr. Ballinger agrees with Mr. Bourne that Oregon has suffered unjustly in late years, and he is willing to do everything in his power to place the state on the same footing with all others. He has hopes of disposing of all pending entries during the coming summer, and it is his expectation that a great many will pass to patent in the near future.

The commissioner is rapidly putting the land office on a sound business basis, he himself working until midnight every night at reorganization. He is determined to make the land office a thorough business institution and bring its work up to date.

DOLLAR SAVES A LIFE.

America Urged to Give \$3,000,000 for Chinese Sufferers.

Shanghai, China, April 13.—Telegrams received here from 20 points in the famine district reported that the conditions are growing worse.

The Chinese government and people, up to date, have contributed more than four million dollars for famine relief, and the sums received from all foreign sources total half a million dollars, including the supplies on their way from America.

The relief committee here is promptly sending supplies to the front, but the funds are not yet in its possession. Measures adopted up to date are inadequate. Ten million persons are suffering from lack of food and facing starvation.

A dollar, the relief committee reports, will save one life until the harvest, June 25, and \$10,000,000 is needed. The whole amount cannot be raised in China. The situation is desperate, and Americans are urged to give \$3,000,000 in the next three weeks, not for Christian, but for humanitarian works. It is suggested that it would be best to cable money to the consul here, James Linn Rodgers, as supplies can be purchased in Shanghai.

SANTA FE MUST STAND TRIAL.

Judge Welborn Declines to Quash Indictments for Rebating.

Los Angeles, April 13.—In a lengthy verbal opinion, Judge Olin Welborn, in the United States District court, declined to quash the indictments against the Santa Fe Railroad company for alleged rebating, and the company must stand trial upon 65 separate counts. Judge Welborn's opinion reaffirmed the doctrine set forth in the American Tobacco company case, that a corporation is not a person, as defined in the fourth and fifth amendments to the constitution of the United States, and may be compelled to give testimony tending to incriminate itself.

Judge Welborn gave the defendants permission to file a demurrer, if they desire to do so, by April 22.

Buy Off Canadian Sealers.

Ottawa, Ont., April 13.—Sir Mackenzie Bowell, in the senate today, read a cable dispatch from Great Britain saying that an agreement had been reached between the United States, Great Britain and Canada, whereby Canada agreed to give up deep sea sealing rights for a monetary consideration. Mr. Scott said in reply that, as far as the Canadian government knew, nothing had been done toward abrogating the agreement made two or three years ago as to the seal fishers.

Smuggled Japanese Caught.

El Paso, April 13.—Inspector Shumaker, in charge of the immigration office here, received a telegram today telling of the capture of eight smuggled Japanese. Five were caught at Fort Worth, one at Pecos and two at Albuquerque. They had crossed across the border via the station.

REDUCE HARRIMAN POWERS.

Union Pacific Directors Believe He Has Too Great Control.

New York, April 12.—Some of the directors of the Union Pacific railroad favor a material reduction of the extraordinary powers conferred upon its president, Edward H. Harriman, which make the company a one-man affair.

At present the executive committee has all the powers of the directors when the latter are not in session, and Mr. Harriman has all the powers of the executive committee when that body is not in session. In other words, Mr. Harriman can do as he pleases, except for the few minutes once a week or once a month, when the committee is in session.

He has a power of attorney and could sell the millions upon millions of the securities of other roads owned by the Union Pacific at what price he pleased, or he could hypothecate securities, borrow tens of millions upon them from banks and engage in stock market operations on a colossal scale.

In the hope of appeasing the Union Pacific stockholders and eliminating the public distrust in the securities of the Harriman roads, it is proposed to put some new blood in the executive committee, reorganize the body and adopt resolutions taking away from Mr. Harriman some of the powers which have provoked so much criticism.

GIVE GOOD REPORT.

Congressmen Say Work on Canal Is Progressing Rapidly.

Washington, April 12.—Chairman Tawney, of the house committee on appropriations and Representative Olcott, who have recently returned from a visit to the isthmus of Panama, today discussed with the president conditions as they found them. Mr. Tawney is favorably impressed with the progress being made in the canal work, and told the president he thought that at the present rate the waterway should be completed in five years.

He said he regarded it as unfortunate that the engineering world had been representing to the people that an almost impossible engineering problem confronted it. The principal conditions now to be met, he said, were those of sufficient railroad capacity to take care of the dirt excavated, and sanitation with the view to keeping the place in a good, healthful condition.

Mr. Tawney also discussed with the president questions affecting congressional appropriations for canal work, and it is likely some legislation bearing on the subject, will be recommended to congress as the result of the visit to the isthmus.

PREMIER DEFIED BY PUBLIC.

Questions Authority to Forbid Gathering of Statistics.

St. Petersburg, April 12.—Premier Stolypin, in attempting to limit the competence of the lower house of parliament by forbidding its committees to obtain statistics from the Zemstvos and avail themselves of outside expert advice, has been defied by the public. President Golovin had written a curt letter to the premier asking him on what grounds and under what law he is entitled to address such demands to the Imperial parliament. The law, Mr. Golovin says, contains a paragraph authorizing the lower house of parliament to interpellate the government but nowhere was there a reciprocal right on the part of the ministers.

The actions of President Golovin and the budget committee were taken after a long conference between the president and leaders of all the parties in parliament except the extreme right, and brings the issue squarely before the cabinet.

The discussion of the budget in committee is expected to last from four to six weeks. The estimates probably will be accepted, with minor changes by the house, when presented.

Obey Colorado Laws

Denver, April 12.—Insurance Commissioner Rittenhouse, who has been in Indianapolis for several days conferring with the officials of the State Life Insurance company, of Indiana, whose license to do business in this state was revoked recently, telegraphed State Auditor Statler yesterday to issue a new license to the company, which was done. The company agreed to abandon its plan of issuing stock to policyholders, which was construed as a violation of the state law, resulting in their permit being cancelled.

Navy to Have Four Bases.

Shanghai, April 12.—It is said the organized navy of China is to have four bases, one on Chang Chow island, one in the Miao Tao group, a third in the Chusan archipelago and a fourth on Hainan island. The scheme involves the outfit of 12,000,000 taels annually for the construction of new moderate sized armored cruisers, a number of torpedo boats and a dozen submarines.