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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.

Secretary Root says election funds are spent in education.

The Wyoming land fraud trials have been set for the middle of July.

The German reichstag has passed a tariff agreement with the United States.

The Supreme court has declared the eight-hour law for public work not applicable to dredgemen.

Chief Wilkie, of the United States secret service, says he is not watching the Boise trial at the command of President Roosevelt.

A landslide at Kienbach, Switzerland, destroyed a number of houses and killed three persons and wounded a number of others.

The New York longshoremen's strike is said to have already cost the companies \$5,000,000 and the employees almost as much. Twenty thousand men are out.

Commander Fullam, of the United States gunboat Marietta, has warned the Honduran government to behave or he will seize the telegraph lines. He has had some of his messages tampered with.

Julius M. Hannaford, second vice president of the Northern Pacific railroad and president of the Northern Express company, will give up his railroad work in order to devote his entire time to the express business.

Mexico has just sent a representative to the Jamestown fair.

Chicago streetcar employees have demanded an advance in wages.

Paris has just had a fire the property loss of which amounted to \$2,000,000.

Major Edwards has been forced to resign as agent of the Umatilla Indian reservation.

Berlin has automobile hearses, authorized and licensed by the city and they seem very popular.

The Russian czar is in contempt of a French court because he does not trim the trees of a villa he owns at Nice.

William A. Pinkerton, of the Chicago detective agency, says President Moyer, of the miners, is the Chicago burglar.

New York police are being held in readiness to prevent expected riots growing out of the longshoremen's strike.

Statistics show that during April 322 people were killed and 303 wounded in Russia by robbers, police and in various street riots.

The temperature in Pittsburg has suddenly dropped from 65 degrees to 32 degrees, making the coldest May weather on record.

Mexico has withdrawn her demands on Guatemala.

The Harriman lines have orders for 110,000 tons of steel rails for delivery in 1908.

Armed bandits are reported to be committing depredations in several sections of Cuba.

The shipping trust declares it will never give in to the striking New York longshoremen.

An heir to the throne has been born in Spain and there is great rejoicing throughout the land.

A Chicago paper claims that Charles H. Moyer, implicated in the Steunenberg murder, is an ex-convict, having served a term in Joliet for burglary.

The Court of Appeals of New York has granted the attorney general the right to contest Mayor McClellan's seat. The recount of the ballots is now expected to commence soon.

E. H. Gary, chairman of the United States Steel corporation, says if railroads would use heavier rails there would be fewer accidents. The heavy cars now used by the roads cause frequent breakage of rails.

An enraged mob at Butte made an unsuccessful attempt to lynch an officer who shot an escaping prisoner.

The death list in the steamer Polton wreck is placed at 48.

From an unknown source Princeton university has received a gift of \$1,200,000.

There is some suspicion that an expert jury fixer is at work on the Haywood jury at Boise.

Two volcanoes in Sicily, Stromboli and Etna, are in active eruption, causing terror on all sides.

THOUSANDS POURING IN.

No Check to Steady Stream of Immigration to United States.

New York, May 14.—The flooding tide of immigration to American shores runs ceaselessly on, and new high water marks for the influx of Europe's migratory hordes are being recorded every month in the port of New York.

Already May bids fair to outstrip the April record, when 133,462 immigrants poured through the gateway of New York into the country. Five trans-Atlantic liners brought in over 5,000 yesterday and officials at Ellis island say that there are no signs of cessation of this European invasion.

The well spring of this human stream lies principally in Southern and Middle Europe, while another but lesser current has its source in the Scandinavian and German states. Italy, Austria-Hungary and the Lower Russians now supply more than one half of all the immigrants seeking homes in this country. Every fourth alien examined at Ellis island is Italian, while every fifth newcomer is from the Austrians.

A score of years ago the headwaters of foreign immigration were in Ireland and Germany. But now the source has entirely changed. The industrial fields of the United States still absorb the greater part of the foreign output, and several states—Massachusetts, Connecticut, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Illinois and Ohio—find homes for 70 per cent of the total number.

NINETY DIE IN MINE.

Cigarette Smoker Starts Blaze in Vagrant Mexican Shaft.

City of Mexico, May 14.—Ninety men are supposed to have lost their lives in a fire which started in the Tenares copper mine at Veladero, in the state of Durango, last Friday night. The fire is still raging, and is said to be beyond control.

Thirty-five bodies have been recovered up to this time. Seventeen miners are known to have escaped. This information has been conveyed in a dispatch to the Associated Press office in Mexico City. The burning mine belongs to the Guggenheims.

The origin of the fire is supposed to have been due to the carelessness of a miner, who was smoking a cigarette in an abandoned shaft. The fire had gained great headway before it was discovered by the men in the near vicinity. They found that all avenues of escape to the surface had been cut off. Seventeen, however, were in a good position, and made a dash and reached the outer air.

Rescuing parties have been working heroically, but only charred and unrecognizable remains have thus far rewarded their efforts.

EXPLODE SUNKEN MINE.

Japanese Steamer Brings News of Bad Disasters.

Victoria, B. C., May 14.—Advices were received by the steamer Rionan Maru from Yokohama that as a result of the recent increases in duty on matting entering the United States, the guild which controlled the bulk of exports of Japanese matting has been broken up.

News of the destruction of a Japanese boat with the loss of 13 lives as a result of the explosion of a derelict mine off Toyama was brought by the Rionan Maru. The fishermen mistook the mine for an oil drum and were trying to pick it up when it exploded. The Rionan Maru reports that tea shipments to the United States to commence on the next inward steamer will be larger this year than during any previous season.

Big Legal Fight Is On.

Denver, Colo., May 14.—Last week the attorneys for the defendants in the case of officers of the Lost Bullion Spanish Mine company, charged by the Postoffice department with using the mails to defraud, entered a demurrer to the indictment before United States District Judge R. E. Lewis. Arguments were made by the attorneys of both sides and Judge Lewis is expected to give his decision early this week on the demurrer. This is the first gun in what promises to be a hard fought legal battle to show whether or not the defendants told the truth in the glowing prospectus which they sent broadcast through the mails.

Selfish Policy in Korea.

Victoria, B. C., May 14.—The steamer Yangtze, which arrived from Yokohama, brings news that Marquis Ito, resident general in Korea, in a recent speech at Seoul, rebuked the selfish policy of Japan in the Hermit kingdom. He said no policy that was entirely selfish was never successful, and urged Japan to further the interests of other countries in Korea as well as her own. News was also received that China is about to send a number of military cadets from North China to the French military school at St. Cyr for training.

Five Killed by Blast.

Ruston, La., May 14.—Some unknown persons set off a charge of some high explosive here under the house of Samuel Cook, a negro, early today, blowing the house to pieces and killing Cook and four other negroes sleeping in a front room.

BLOW TO IRRIGATION

Supreme Court Says Act May Be Unconstitutional.

ONE SUIT IS ALREADY PENDING

Opinion Declares No Power Is Given by Constitution to Reclaim Arid Land.

Washington, May 14.—The United States Supreme court in its decision in the Kansas-Colorado case today intimated rather strongly that the National reclamation act under which the Federal government is spending upwards of \$30,000,000 may be unconstitutional. It is not so held in specific terms, but the constitutionality of this act is in question, and it would not be surprising if private interests which are interfered with by government projects should bring suit to restrain the government from diverting water for irrigation purposes.

There is really one such suit pending, brought by ex-Senator Turner, of Washington, on behalf of an Arizona company that wants to restrain government work on the Colorado river, so that it can use water to reclaim land in California. It is entirely probable that the Twin Falls company in Idaho may bring suit in the light of today's decision, for there is prospect of a conflict between the government and private enterprise along the Snake river.

In rendering the decision in the Kansas-Colorado case, Justice Brewer, on behalf of the court, declared that congress can only legislate in respect to such matters as are specifically enumerated in the constitution and that power to legislate with respect to irrigation of arid land was not one of the enumerated powers granted by the constitution.

The opinion holds, however, that congress may legislate with respect to irrigation of arid land within the territories.

Even though the constitutionality of the national reclamation law may ultimately be sustained, if the question is ever raised, the court strongly intimates under the law there is no authority for constructing government projects unless the government owns a majority of the land to be reclaimed, holding that the government has power to dispose of and make rules respecting its own property. But, it is held, "we do not mean that its (congress) legislation can override state laws in respect to the general subject of reclamation."

This part of the decision would seem to affect the government work now in progress in Eastern Washington, where the government does not own a majority of the land to be reclaimed, in fact, is only a small owner. Should the constitutionality of the reclamation act be later established, it is inferred from this decision that the government may later be compelled to construct its works in accordance with state laws and construct only projects the majority of whose area is public land.

FIND CROP GREATLY DAMAGED.

Omaha Grain Men Make Gloomy Report After Trip.

Omaha, May 14.—A special train filled with a committee of 50 members of the Omaha Grain exchange, which has been making a tour of investigation of the Kansas and Nebraska wheat fields, returned this morning. The consensus of opinion follows: Wheat, especially in the southeastern portion of Nebraska, has suffered about 10 per cent owing to the influx of green bugs and continued drought. Summer crops, Kansas will not make over 40 per cent. The bugs have done great damage to the fields which were examined. Some members declare the entire crop ruined between Caldwell, on the Oklahoma line, and the Wichita district. The party agrees that the yield of wheat will be very light as compared with former years.

The party covered the districts of Kansas and Nebraska which in the past have always raised bumper crops, going as far south as the Oklahoma state line.

Railroad Blamed for Wreck.

San Luis Obispo, Cal., May 14.—After two hours' deliberation the coroner's jury, holding an investigation of the Southern Pacific wreck at Honda Saturday afternoon, rendered a verdict this afternoon that the killed came to their deaths by burns and injuries received, and that by the evidence of witnesses the wreck was caused by defective equipment. All of the injured in the wreck are improving except Brake-man R. Fountain, whose back was severely injured and whose lower limbs were paralyzed.

Want \$300 Per Month.

Panama, May 14.—As a result of a strike of workers on the steam shovels, only two shovels were worked today between Baso Biepo and Culebra. The shovels men demand \$300 per month instead of their present salary of \$210.

THIRTY-TWO ARE DEAD.

Special Train Carrying Mystic Shriners Wrecked in California.

Santa Barbara, Cal., May 13.—While hurrying northward over the Coast line of the Southern Pacific railroad Saturday afternoon, homeward bound, after a week of fraternalizing and feasting in Los Angeles, 145 Shriners of Ishmael temple, of Buffalo, and Rajah temple, of Reading, Pa., with their families and friends were hurled into the midst of death when their special train, running 50 miles an hour struck a defective switch at Honda, a lonely station on the sand wastes of the Pacific beach, derailing the train, smashing the coaches into flinders, killing 32 almost instantly and injuring more than a score of others. The bodies of 21 lie in the morgue of Santa Barbara and 10 more are at San Luis Obispo. The injured, many of whom are terribly hurt and will probably die, are in two sanitariums at San Luis Obispo.

There was no warning of the impending calamity. The special plunged upon the defective switch, and in an instant the big locomotive, baggage car, diner and Pullman, coupled with it, were hurled together in a heap of wreckage. The engine shot forward on the broken track, tearing up the rails and ties and twisting the huge iron half buried itself in the sand on the right side of the locomotive. It was smashed almost to kindling wood.

The dining car, in which were 32 people eating their noonday repast, leaped into the air and was thrown directly on top of the demolished locomotive. Nearly every person in this coach was instantly killed. Scores were scalded by steam escaping from disconnected pipes in the kitchen of the diner. The terror and turmoil of the scene were indescribable. Many of those escaped instant death by the first impact were crushed by the rear coaches buried upon the wreckage. Others, pinioned in the debris, were roasted alive. The wreckage caught fire from the coals of the engine, but was extinguished in a few minutes by the passengers who escaped injury.

EXPECTED MANY SENSATIONS.

Eastern Newspaper Men Disgusted to Find Boise an Orderly Town.

Boise, May 13.—Considerable disgust is expressed by some of the newspaper men who have come from distant points. They appear to have thought they were coming to an armed camp, where sensations were likely to be constant, and they have been both surprised and disappointed to find a community as quiet as one in New England, and so perfectly composed that no one uninformed would suspect anything of great importance was going on here. Some of them have asked to be recalled, and expect to leave after the jury is empaneled.

Sheriff Hodgins has gathered up 75 jurymen in the country districts and will fill out the panel in town. He keeps the names to himself closely, and nothing is known about the men he has summoned.

Venezuela Paying Off Debts.

Washington, May 13.—The State department has received a dispatch from Minister Russell, at Caracas, Venezuela, stating that the payment to the allied powers, Germany, Great Britain and Italy, agreed upon under the blockade several years ago, will be completed about July 1. After that date the only payments will be on account of the exchanges in the currency of the countries. The deferred claimants, the United States, Mexico, The Netherlands, Sweden and Belgium, will then come in for settlement. Monthly payments will be made to those countries from the customs receipts of Venezuela.

Volcanoes Are More Active.

Messina, Sicily, May 13.—New craters have opened up in Mount Aetna and Stromboli, whose eruptions are increasing. The observatories of Messina and Catania continue to register earth shocks. The alarm of the population of this island is growing, especially around Mount Aetna. A portion of the main crater of Stromboli has fallen in. It seems to have affected the sea, which is much agitated near the island. Scientists have expressed the opinion that possibly a submarine crater may have opened.

Disaster in New Mexico.

El Paso, Tex., May 13.—Word has just been received here that the west-bound passenger train No. 7 on the Southern Pacific, which left here at 5:45 yesterday afternoon, has been wrecked at Lordsburg, N. M. Five people are said to have been killed and many injured. Particulars have not yet been received. A wrecking train with several surgeons left here for the scene of the wreck. Lordsburg is the terminus of the first division of the Southern Pacific west of El Paso.

Want Tariff Deal With France.

Paris, May 13.—American merchants here, fearing a tariff war between France and the United States, have forwarded to the State department at Washington a petition, asking for the immediate appointment of a tariff commission to come here and negotiate.

FIGHT TO A FINISH

San Francisco Railroads and Car-men Refuse All Overtures.

POLICE FORCE IS INADEQUATE

Mayor, However, Declares Department Is Competent to Cope With the Situation.

San Francisco, May 11.—The streetcar strike has developed into a fight to a finish. Neither side is willing to accept arbitration and the citizens' committee appointed to secure industrial peace have been unable to find any basis of settlement. It has been demonstrated that the present police force is inadequate and that stronger measures will be necessary to insure a general resumption of service, if the struggle is conducted on present lines.

The wish yesterday of the United Railways officials was to run a string of cars from the barn at Oak and Broadway through the burned district and north on Market street to the ferry building, but the consent of the police department could not be obtained. As a compromise two cars were run as far into the burned district as Larkin street, being operated on Oak, Stanyan, Page, Devisadero and Sutter streets. This route was covered twice. On the first trip mounted police acted as outriders, and more than a score of patrolmen rode in automobiles, but no violence was offered by the crowds.

On the second trip the mounted officers were withdrawn as an experiment to determine the temper of the crowds. Missiles were hurled from buildings and several persons were injured.

An assistant to President Mullally said today he had several hundred strikebreakers, motormen and conductors, quartered in the company's barns, and that they are competent to operate practically the entire streetcar system. Mayor Schmitt said the police department "is competent to cope with the situation." Chief of Police Dinan said the men will preserve order. Meantime the population of San Francisco is deprived of a streetcar service, and subjected to the alternative of walking or paying five prices for a wagon service.

Reduced to an arithmetical aspect, the problem is simply this: If 50 police are required to afford safe conduct to two streetcars daily over six miles of track when no passengers are carried, how shall 200 cars be operated in passenger traffic over 250 miles of tracks with a total force of only 500 police, not more than half of whom can be on duty continually? That the running of two or three cars a day may constitute the entire streetcar service for a city of 300,000 people for an indefinite time is perfectly apparent unless an adequate protective force is supplied.

Property Loss Is \$350,000,000.

New York, May 11.—The San Francisco conflagration of April, 1906, swept away not only every dollar of profit previously made by the insurance companies out of underwriting since 1860, but cost them \$79,708,174 besides, according to a statement made by President George W. Burchell, of the National Board of Underwriters in the annual meeting of that organization here today. President Burchell said carefully compiled figures showed the total property loss to have been in round numbers \$350,000,000.

Deep Snow in Wyoming.

Laramie, Wyo., May 11.—For two days a snow has raged in the Southern Wyoming mountains, and snow is even feet deep on a level. Since April 15 the sun has not shone, and the storm has not ceased a moment. The temperature has been between zero and 10 degrees below during that time. It is the most remarkable storm that ever visited the Wyoming mountains.

Unrest in India Is Growing.

Lahore, India, May 11.—The political unrest here is assuming graver proportions. The authorities are drafting troops of all arms, and have issued a proclamation prohibiting meetings of every kind. A sensation was caused today by the arrest of a prominent lawyer in the Punjab. He was immediately deported to another province.

Fire Loss of Half a Million.

New York, May 11.—Fire caused a loss estimated at \$500,000 tonight in the building at Sixth avenue and Thirtieth street occupied by Sheppard, Knapp & Co., dealers in furniture and carpets. Many oriental rugs were destroyed.

More Strikebreakers on Way.

Denver, May 11.—Six carloads of strikebreakers on their way to San Francisco passed through Denver over the Union Pacific railroad this afternoon. They were joined here by a number of men recruited by labor agents in this city.

SIFTING OUT PANEL OF JURY.

Many Talesmen Deny Prejudice or Knowledge of the Case.

Boise, Idaho, May 10.—William D. Haywood, first of the alleged participants in the avenging conspiracy by which it is averred the assassination of Frank Steunenberg was plotted and executed, was placed upon trial for his life yesterday. Counsel for state and prisoner entered at once, in business-like way, upon the examination of prospective jurors, and kept steadily at the task for five hours. No juror was finally accepted, but substantial progress was made, and the indications at the close of the session were that a jury could be obtained by the end of next week.

The opening day of the trial went through to its conclusion in quiet harmony, unmarked by unusual incident. It was earnest and business-like.

Its striking feature was the entire absence of crowds or demonstration in any form. At no time, morning or afternoon, was the court room more than half filled, and the streets forming the court house square contained not a single loiterer. The case was halted shortly before 5 o'clock by the exhaustion of the jury panel, and an adjournment was taken until Monday morning. Meantime, the sheriff will summon a special venire of 100 men. The 11 men under examination but not yet finally accepted or rejected, were locked up under close guard.

WILL SPEND BILLION.

Railroads to Make Great Effort to Catch Up With Traffic.

Chicago, May 10.—American railways will spend during the present year nearly \$1,000,000,000 in an extraordinary effort to secure sufficient equipment in which to transport the traffic of the country, sufficient power to keep that equipment moving, and sufficient rails for both the equipment and the power to run on.

It is estimated that, if the manufacturers are equal to the test, between \$40,000 and \$50,000 freight cars will be added to the total equipment of the railways of the United States, fully 5,000 passenger coaches will be built and over 6,000 locomotives will be added to the steam power which is now available to the railroads. These figures mean that every shop and every plant where these utensils of commerce are manufactured must run day and night in the United States, in Canada and in Mexico, and that some of the steel mills in other lands will get a substantial reflex of this prosperity.

No Peace From Strikes.

San Francisco, May 10.—There is no peace in sight for strike-harassed San Francisco. Despite the vigorous and unremitting efforts of the peace-makers, comprising citizens' committees appointed to bring employers and employees together on some middle ground, no conclusion or decision has been arrived at and no concessions have been intimated out of which compromising might grow or settlements be made.

The executive committee of the committee of 50 appointed by Mayor Schmitt held a secret meeting yesterday afternoon and at its conclusion refused to make any statement. It is understood, however, that a plan for submission to the whole committee was partially formulated.

Shuts Down to Avert Riots.

Salt Lake City, May 10.—The plant of the American Smelting & Refining company at Murray, a suburb, employing about 1,000 men, closed down today because of a strike of 250 men, ore haulers and furnace chargers, who demand an increase in pay. The determination to close down followed minor disturbances at the plant, when the strikers, who are mostly Greeks and Austrians, tried to intimidate other men who remained at work. Several men were taken to a nearby pond and ducked.

Undesirables Will Parade.

Chicago, May 10.—The Chicago sympathizers of Moyer and Haywood, the accused officials of the Western Federation of Miners, decided tonight to hold a parade Sunday, May 18, as a protest against President Roosevelt's utterances regarding the union officials. Every man who participates in the parade will wear a button bearing the words "undesirable citizen."

Relations to Continue.

Guatemala, May 10.—The president of Guatemala, when questioned today by a representative of the Associated Press concerning the report that diplomatic relations between Guatemala and Mexico had been terminated, said the report was unfounded.

British Aid to Jamaica.

London, May 9.—The British government has decided to make Jamaica a gift of \$750,000 to assist the inhabitants of Kingston to recover from the effects of the recent earthquake.

Will Entertain Peace Conference.

The Hague, May 10.—The lower house of parliament yesterday voted \$40,000 for the reception of the delegates to the second peace conference.