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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.

Hearst is laying his plans for 1908.

Boston has started a crusade against grafters.

While on his trip around the world Taft will visit the czar.

Both telegraph companies in San Francisco say business is improving.

Speaker Cannon approves the president's plan of sending a fleet to the Pacific.

The Georgia legislature has just passed a law which will disqualify 95 per cent of the negro voters.

The Transvaal assembly is to purchase a diamond valued at \$1,000,000 and present it to King Edward.

Both Western Union and Postal officials in New York declare that business is resuming a normal condition.

A Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul passenger train hit a handcar near Cedar Rapids, Ia., and 20 persons were hurt.

Mayor Taylor has been declared by the Supreme court to be the legal executive of San Francisco. He has appointed a new board of police commissioners.

Taft is ready for a trip around the world.

French troops have the Moorish uprising well in hand.

The Hague conference has postponed disarmament change.

Secretary Straus is back from his trip to Hawaii. He found the Japanese friendly.

A deep interest is manifested by the administration in the Massachusetts campaign.

Chicago is almost sure to be the meeting place of the Democratic National convention.

A Boise telegraph operator who refused to go out has been driven out of town by strikers.

The first division of the Pacific cruiser squadron has reached Yokohama on its way to San Francisco.

A cage containing eight miners at Sonman, Pa., fell 400 feet to the bottom of the shaft, killing five of the occupants.

Celebrations were held along the Hudson river in honor of the first trip of a steambot on those waters August 17, 1807.

The Shah of Persia is without funds or power.

Chicago's population is now estimated at 2,367,000.

Folk and Johnson are being boomed by Western Democrats for the presidency.

The Pennsylvania legislative committee recommends criminal prosecution of the capitol grafters.

President Earling, of the Milwaukee railroad, says his company will not establish a steamer line to the Orient.

Hill has received 5,000 letters from Northwest lumbermen urging him not to change the present Great Northern lumber rate.

Two lives were lost, five persons injured and \$750,000 worth of property destroyed in a fire which swept the beach resort at Old Orchard, Maine.

Dispatches from Peking forecast a gloomy future for China, owing to the unsettled state of politics. A master mind is needed to prevent the disintegration of the empire.

A Nevada inventor claims to have a machine to send telegraph messages without the use of an expert operator. A specially equipped typewriter is used and the message is received at the other end by another typewriter.

Much uneasiness is felt for Europeans in Morocco.

Haywood was given a rousing reception in Chicago.

Both telegraph and telephone wires are tied up in Montana.

The widow of Stanford White is to marry her late husband's partner.

Montana has increased the taxable value of the railroads, which now totals \$43,000,000.

The continued tie-up of telegraph lines may result in government control if not ownership.

A freight train hit a Coney island trolley car and three persons were killed and 16 injured.

WHERE MONEY WENT.

How San Francisco Has Made Use of \$9,000,000 Relief Funds.

San Francisco, Aug. 20.—The Relief Corporation has issued a statement summing up the work that it has done from the time of the fire to the present evacuation of the camps. The statement says:

"The efforts of the corporation to provide permanent homes for the sufferers from the catastrophe will complete the administration of the \$9,000,000,000,000 of the relief fund. The amount in money that was received by the corporation amounted to \$8,357,933.93, besides free transportation and the supplies donated from various sources. The sum of \$906,000 subscribed is still outstanding, \$700,000 of which is in the hands of the American National Red Cross."

"In the three months immediately following the fire, known as the emergency period, \$2,060,000 was spent for clothing, food, shelter, distribution of supplies, sanitation, aid to the sick and injured and aid to neighboring cities. Since the permanent organization on August 1, 1906, of the Relief and Red Cross Funds corporation the expenditure has been \$6,226,000. Nearly \$3,000,000 of this sum has been used for small loans, mostly for the purpose of assisting people who had acquired lots in the city to erect homes on them. The result is shown in the building of 1,367 cottages. The remainder has been spent as follows:

"Furniture and household necessities, \$1,200,000; tools for artists and professional men and to assist business men, \$513,000; transportation, \$41,000; sewing machines, \$37,000; relief of various kinds, \$627,000.

"The department of lands and buildings has spent for the construction of dwelling houses in the parks and for the fitting up of the Ingleside camp for old people, \$900,000. Bonuses to the amount of \$402,000 have been given to people erecting buildings in the burned district. Eight hundred and forty-three buildings have brought the owners such a reward, the bonuses representing 12 per cent of the cost of the building. A permanent home for those who are too old to care for themselves and have no means is being erected at a cost of \$900,000.

"Ninety-five thousand dollars has been administered by the bureau of special relief for a variety of needs, such as medical services, milk for children, special delicacies for children, artificial limbs, spectacles, sewing machines, stoves, etc. The bureau of hospitals has cared for 4,750 patients at an expense of \$170,000. The industrial bureau has spent \$35,000 for the establishment of social halls, the maintenance of sewing centers, kindergartens, etc. For the rehabilitation of hospitals and charitable societies \$360,000 has been expended, which, however, is not sufficient for the purpose. The plans of the corporation for the winter include additional aid to the needy institutions, the caring for about 200 women and children in the hospitals, the maintenance of the Ingleside camp and the assistance of those who are in real need of charity."

DON'T WORK ENOUGH.

Hetty Green Says Girls Think Too Much of Clothes.

New York, Aug. 20.—"Young girls of today are too extravagant. They think too much about clothes and they don't have enough to do. If they had some useful work to occupy their thoughts they would not run to such extravagance."

So spoke Mrs. Hetty Green, the world's greatest woman financier, when asked her opinion on some topics of current interest.

"I speak from experience," she added. "Perhaps you don't know it, but I was quite a belle when I was young. But I outgrew all that sort of thing. The rainbow silks and metal garters are not to my taste. I used to wear those things. I used to have more fixings and trimmings on me than there is on a Christmas tree. I have more sense now. Society hasn't enough to do to keep itself out of mischief. Those so-called fashionable women spend all their time these days at bridge and smoking cigarettes and drinking pale ale and strong whisky. Every one of them ought to be working."

Aerial Visitor Frightens.

New York, Aug. 20.—Everybody out of doors at Amaganzett, L. I., was startled last evening on hearing a terrific roar, and at the same time saw a blazing mass shooting through the heavens over the ocean apparently only a little way out from shore. The blazing object appeared to many to be about 20 feet in diameter. Those who witnessed the flight, say the meteor would have weight several tons. When it struck the ocean huge breakers came tumbling shoreward. Several bathing pavilions were washed away.

Work Pumps for Weeks.

Charlestown, N. C., Aug. 20.—The ship Shenandoah, with a cargo of coal for the Mare Island navy yard, is reported wrecked at Melbourne, Australia, due to a heavy storm encountered while rounding Cape Horn. For 64 days the men worked the pumps before reaching harbor.

GUILTY OF GRAFTING

Benson and Perrin Convicted of Fraud Against Government.

JURY OUT ONLY HALF AN HOUR

Aged Defendants Hard Hit by Result—Both Are Permitted Their Liberty on Bail.

San Francisco, Aug. 20.—John A. Benson and Dr. Edward E. Perrin were yesterday convicted of conspiracy to defraud the United States government in securing 12,000 acres of land in Tehama county.

The verdict, which means a fine and term of imprisonment, was returned by a jury in the United States District court after being out about an hour.

Benson and Dr. Perrin were allowed to retain their liberty on bail. Judge De Haven set Thursday as a day for passing sentence.

J. C. Campbell made the closing argument for the defense at the morning session, and in the afternoon United States District Attorney Devlin closed for the prosecution, summing up the case in a forcible manner. In his charge Judge De Haven instructed the jury that if they found from the evidence that Dr. Perrin had at any time subsequent to October 31, 1903, taken advantage of the contract with Benson he should be found guilty as charged.

After the jury had been out about half an hour they filed back into court and asked for a reading of letters Perrin wrote from Washington. Snell's reply and that part of the charge relating to Dr. Perrin's liability in connection with the Benson contract. A verdict was returned within ten minutes after the request of the jury had been granted.

Dr. Perrin took the verdict very hard and was comforted by his two sons. Benson appeared to be dumfounded at the result.

The punishment provided by the statute is a fine of not less than \$1,000 nor more than \$10,000 and imprisonment for not less than two years.

NO LACK OF MEN.

Telegraph Company Blames Operators for Congestion.

Portland, Aug. 20.—"General conditions are improving," said R. T. Reid, district superintendent of the Western Union Telegraph company, who was in this city yesterday from Seattle.

"There has not been a day since the strike began, a week ago, that our company has not had enough good operators to handle all business, and they could have done so, but for the malicious interference with our wires by the railroad telegraphers. We have a number of secret service men and inspectors, who are on duty at suspected points and we propose to arrest and prosecute every man who is found tampering with our wires. However, there has been less disturbance on this account today than any other day since our operators walked out.

"Six months ago the operators in the employ of the Western Union throughout the Northwest were as one large happy family. But that condition has been replaced by discord ever since the men came under the influence of Sam J. Snell, president of their national organization. The men had no grievances and what is more they deliberately walked out without being so much as ordered. It was not until then that they formulated a statement of grievances to be presented to the company. The same course was pursued by the messengers."

"The trouble is not that the men have grievances, nor that they were kept from their positions by intimidation. They would rather not work at all. Take the Portland office today, for instance. The company is paying \$3 a day for messengers. Seven men accepted positions as messengers this morning and before night six of them had quit their positions."

Gompers' Aid Asked For.

Washington, Aug. 20.—President Samuel Gompers, of the American Federation of Labor, today reported to the executive council of the federation that he, John Mitchell, of Indianapolis, and Daniel J. Keefe, of Detroit, had been intruded by united labor with an attempt to bring about "an honorable adjustment of the telegraphers' strike at an opportune time." Mr. Gompers was asked when he thought that time would arrive, and replied that he could not say, but that it might be "at any hour, or perhaps not at all."

Stomach Full of Frogs.

Tremont, Pa., Aug. 20.—Frogs' eggs imbibed in spring water by Mrs. Walter Kaudlich, of West Schuylkill, nearly proved fatal. The warmth of the body caused the eggs to hatch instantly, and the little frogs thrived to such an extent as to cause an internal obstruction. An operation was necessary to save Mrs. Kaudlich's life.

STRIKE OVER, SAYS CLOWRY

Telegraph Operators in New York Going Back to Keys.

New York, Aug. 16.—General officers of the two telegraph companies said last night that business was moving to all parts of the country and that no difficulty is experienced in handling everything offered. President Clowry, of the Western Union, said:

"The strike is over. We are receiving applications from strikers today, but we are filled up and cannot place them."

The Associated Press service is moving under steadily improving conditions. Officers of the union, still express confidence and deny that any union operators have applied for re-employment.

Trade Wires Are Reopened.

Chicago, Aug. 16.—The telegraph companies reopened their office at the board of trade with comparatively few operators. It is predicted that the strike of brokers' operators will not materialize. Both the employers and strikers declare they will not arbitrate anything.

General Strike Called.

Chicago, Aug. 16.—S. J. Small, president of the Commercial Telegraphers union, at 1:30 this morning issued a general order to commercial operators to cease work immediately except where contracts with the union have been signed.

BOTH SIDES FIRM.

Working Forces Unchanged at Portland Offices.

Portland, Aug. 16.—With both the strikers and the telegraph companies claiming the victory in the local strike, conditions in Portland are much the same as they were yesterday morning. Today is expected to mark the crisis of the trouble and each side announces its confidence in the outcome.

Managers of the telegraph companies say they have the situation well in hand and that the strikers have lost. On the other hand the striking operators say they have the local companies tied up and the ranks are standing firm. They say the telegraph companies are using the mails to dispatch their messages and that unless the operators are taken back at their own terms the present serious tie-up of all lines of business will continue indefinitely.

A feature of the situation yesterday was an appeal to the police by Manager Dumars, of the Western Union, for protection to messengers hired as strike-breakers. He asserts that striking union messenger boys interfere seriously with those hired to deliver telegrams.

Strikebreakers are being quartered in the Western Union office, coats having been placed there, and after their trick at the keys is finished they sleep there, ready to begin work again as soon as they awake. The strikebreakers are said to be well cared for and Manager Dumars says he is feeding them porterhouse steaks. Their meals are brought in to them.

HARD WORDS FROM CARTER.

Intimates Hawaiian Federal Building Site Was Tampered With.

Honolulu, Aug. 16.—As soon as Governor Carter returned from his recent trip to Washington he dictated a statement for the local papers in regard to the matter of a site for the Federal building, in which he said: "I consider that bad faith has been shown me, officially and privately, by my own representatives of the Mahuka site owners."

The Mahuka site is the one selected by the representative of the Treasury department sent out here for that purpose. The governor, while in Washington, tried to secure the selection of the Irwin site. After reciting his efforts in Washington in the matter, Governor Carter said:

"After all this find that the offer to withdraw the Mahuka site, made to me in good faith personally and officially by correspondence, has not been carried out, and I do not see how the officials in Washington can 'square' with me in any other way than by accepting the Irwin site. I did not force myself into this matter and only undertook it upon their request."

Alarm at Casa Bianca.

Tangier, Aug. 16.—There is still much uneasiness here in the matter of the position of the Europeans in Morocco. No confirmation of the report that Caid Sir Henry MacLean has been released can be obtained. A courier and servant from MacLean have just arrived here and say that it is believed that news of the bombardment of Casa Bianca has made a very bad impression on the tribesmen and caused the suspension of the negotiations for MacLean's release. The tribesmen are furious against all Christians.

Chinese Dowager Will Abdicade

London, Aug. 16.—Dispatches from Shanghai state that the dowager empress has announced her determination to abdicate at the next Chinese New Year and hand over authority to the emperor. Since 1898, when the dowager took control from the emperor, she has vigorously kept him in subjection.

MAY YET ARBITRATE

President Gompers Makes Offer for Striking Telegraphers.

FEW MORE LEAVE THEIR KEYS

Official General Order by President Small Makes no Material Difference in Situation.

Chicago, Aug. 17.—Despite the issuance of the general strike order by President Small the situation in this city was not materially changed yesterday. All of the men who were disposed to strike were already out. It was believed by the officials of the union that the order would paralyze a number of brokerage and commission houses, but no additional strikes were reported. Both the Postal and Western Union increased forces on the board. They both reported the situation as steadily improving and occasional applications from the strikers for their old positions.

The improvement in the Associated Press service was marked. A number of towns on the West, North and South circuits received a full report yesterday, and the volume of news handled was much greater than at any time since the walkout on Monday night.

The officials of the Telegraphers' union late yesterday changed front on the proposition to arbitrate and announced that they would accept the offices of the general board of arbitrators of the American Federation of Labor in settling their differences with the companies. This board consists of John Mitchell, of the Mine Workers; Daniel J. Keefe, of the Longshoremen, and President Samuel Gompers. Gompers made the above announcement.

BOTH SIDES FIRM.

Strikers and Companies in Fight to Finish at Portland.

Portland, Aug. 17.—Locally, the striking telegraphers and the telegraph companies are organizing their forces for a finish fight. There were two defections from the union yesterday.

Otherwise the situation in Portland remains unchanged, and the sending and receiving of telegrams continues seriously interrupted. The issuance of a general strike order by National President Small, of the Commercial Telegraphers' union, has served only to magnify the seriousness of the situation outside of Portland, since operators who had before hesitated to join the ranks of their striking associates cheerfully left the keys yesterday. The result was to more completely paralyze the telegraphic business of the country.

It was expected that a crisis might be reached yesterday, but the possibility of a settlement seems even farther removed. No sooner had the order for a general strike been issued by President Small than the Western Union officials issued instructions to all local managers to refuse to reinstate any more of the striking telegraphers.

Seattle Wires Cleared.

Seattle, Aug. 17.—Superintendent R. T. Reid, of the Western Union, tonight went to Bellingham to appoint Edward Farland, of Dallas, Tex., manager of the Bellingham office, to succeed Manager Tucker, who went out with the strikers.

The Postal company says business has fallen off more than 50 per cent, but that with seven day operators in the place of 12, they are handling all the business accepted. Both offices say less than half the usual volume of business is now offered, but both companies claim to be keeping up fairly well, especially to Pacific coast points.

Superintendent Reid, of the Western Union, says trouble on the coast lines is in Cow Creek canyon, Oregon, where railroad operators open the circuits. Reid has Pinkertons out patrolling all railroad lines in special engines to locate breaks in the Northwest. He said tonight he would prosecute railroad operators who prevent reopening of lines by grounding the wires.

Benson Trial Is Resumed.

San Francisco, Aug. 17.—The trial of John A. Benson and E. B. Perrin, indicted for fraud in connection with securing land in the Plumas reserve, was resumed before Judge De Haven yesterday afternoon. Perrin was on the stand and continued his story for the defense. Argument will commence today. The main feature was the examination of character witnesses, first by the prosecution to establish the integrity of Snell and on the part of the defense to show the good reputation of Dr. Perrin.

Man Missing, So Is \$13,000.

Omaha, Aug. 17.—Theodore Olesen, ex-Danish vice consul here, and once city comptroller of Omaha, is missing. It is alleged his accounts with the Danish government are short \$13,000, on account of estates he handled as trustee for the government of Denmark.

TURNING POINT REACHED.

Both Sides in Strike Expect They Can Win Fight.

Chicago, Aug. 19.—Important developments in the strike of the Commercial Telegraphers are looked for today by both disputants. Confident that the strike has spent its force, and that the turning point has been reached, the telegraph companies look for a stampede of the strikers to regain their former positions.

Cheered by the reports they have received from the various cities affected, the strike leaders on the other hand are prepared to prosecute the fight more vigorously than ever.

According to advices received at union headquarters, the messenger boys and check clerks in New York are scheduled to go out today. Broker firms throughout the country have been given until noon today to sign contracts with their operators or suffer the consequences of a walkout.

Three hundred operators employed by the American Telephone & Telegraph company throughout the Southwest may be called out before night, unless a 10 per cent increase in wages is granted. This is one of the trump cards which President Small expects to play. If the order is issued it will isolate Chicago from the rest of the country, so far as telephonic communication is concerned.

KEEPS CORPSES LIKE LIFE.

Young Italian Blacksmith Finds New Method of Preservation.

Paris, Aug. 19.—The scientific and medical world is greatly interested in the discovery of a young blacksmith, of Rome, to preserve corpses fresh and intact. The system is the injection of serum which kills the micro-organisms of putrefaction.

It is said to be the secret of the invention many years ago for the same purpose of Gerolamo Sagato, which had since been lost. The inventor is a young man named Fignotti, 23 years of age, and his hope is that from this discovery he may push on his researches and succeed in curing certain diseases by injecting his serum into the living subject.

It has already been injected into living animals without causing them any inconvenience, or disorder of the organism, while a corpse which was inoculated with the concoction was found ten days later in exactly the same condition as at the moment of death.

PLAGUE IN FRISCO.

Board of Health Takes Drastic Measures to Isolate Patients.

San Francisco, Aug. 19.—Five cases of bubonic plague, four of which have resulted in death, have been reported to the Health department within the past week. The patients, with one exception, were of the poorer class of foreigners dwelling in the neighborhood of the old Chinatown. The exception was a foreign sailor taken from a coastwise steamer.

Prompt and active measures were taken by the local, state and Federal authorities, and spread of the disease is not feared. Both President Jules A. Simon, of the health board, and Health Officer James T. Watkins stated today that the situation is well in hand and no occasion exists for alarm. The infected steamer was ordered into quarantine with her passengers and will so remain until released by the Health department. The two shacks inhabited by the other patients were fumigated, locked up and sealed.

The bodies of the two Mexicans, Italian and Russian Pole, who succumbed, were destroyed in quicklime.

Pinkerton Dies at Sea.

New York, Aug. 19.—Robert Pinkerton, head of the detective agency bearing that name, died at sea Monday on the steamship Bremen. He was en route to Germany in the pursuit of health. The cause of death was fatty degeneration of the heart.

Robert Pinkerton was one of the two principals of the Pinkerton Detective agency, this organization having never incorporated. During the last 25 years, he has been in charge of the New York agency, while his brother, William A. Pinkerton, resided in Chicago.

Record Prices for Rents.

New York, Aug. 19.—Nine leading companies affiliated with the Steel corporation has leased four floors of a great office structure which the Hudson Tunnel company is erecting at the Church street terminal, for which they will pay a record rental of \$60,000 for each floor, or \$2,400,000 for 10 years' lease. This is said to be the largest rental paid anywhere on earth.

Double Track Great Northern.

Seattle, Wash., Aug. 19.—N. H. Hogeland, chief engineer of the Great Northern, announced here tonight that the line on the west slope of the Rockies, between Whitefish and Summit, would be double tracked and a large portion of it entirely rebuilt. Mr. Hogeland has just completed an inspection trip over that territory.