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WEEK'S DOINGS

General Review of Important Happenings Presented in a Brief and Condensed Form.

Russia has accepted the draft of the North sea agreement submitted by Great Britain.

The Japanese continue to make gains on Port Arthur, several more forts having been taken by them.

President Roosevelt and Secretary Hay are considering the proposed arbitration treaty with Germany.

The leaders of the rebellion in San Domingo have surrendered and peace prevails throughout the republic.

The relations between Italy and Austria are almost at the breaking point. The trouble arose over student riots.

Several arrests have been made at New Westminster, B. C., for illegal voting in the Canadian elections last week.

The United States battleships Oregon and Wisconsin, the cruiser Cincinnati and a torpedo boat have arrived at Manila.

Twelve Chinese, alleging themselves to be merchants, desirous of visiting the St. Louis fair, have been denied admission by the immigration officials at San Francisco.

Great Britain has ordered two of her warships home from Canadian waters.

It was necessary to call out troops to quell rioting students at an Austrian university.

One hundred people went down with a steamer sunk in a collision off the coast of Algeria.

A French deputy slapped the face of the minister of war in the house and a free fight ensued.

A New York ferry boat went down in a collision caused by dense fog, but no lives were lost.

Britain has warned ship owners against allowing their vessels to follow the Russian fleet with coal.

The Oregon building at the World's fair, which has been sold, will be used by its purchaser for a summer residence.

A great relief is felt at St. Petersburg that the Japanese did not succeed in taking Port Arthur on the mikado's birthday.

The bombardment of Port Arthur has ceased. The Japanese captured a number of important positions, but were unable to hold them. The losses on both sides were heavy.

The Oregon building at St. Louis has been sold.

The Mukden situation remains unchanged.

Pope Pius has almost completely recovered his health.

In the Canadian elections just held the Liberals won a great victory.

The American arbitration treaty with Italy will be ready for signatures in a few days.

Great Britain may ask Admiral Dewey to represent it on the North sea commission.

President Roosevelt narrowly escaped death while out riding by being thrown from his horse.

The coroner's jury at Hull finds that the Russian ships fired on the trawlers without provocation.

America and France will be asked to name a naval officer to serve on the North sea commission.

Twenty-one British sailors shipwrecked on Massira island, near the entrance to the Red sea, were massacred by the natives.

The sinking of the Japanese battleship Yashima by Russian mines off Dalny last June has been confirmed by the Tokio government.

Russia fears that Britain may yet stop the Baltic fleet.

The California airship has made another successful flight at the St. Louis fair.

Great activity prevails in naval circles at Gibraltar, but Britain will not explain its meaning.

The Russian squadron on the way to the Orient carries, besides its regular complement, a large number of landmen.

It is claimed that Kuropatkin will retreat when Oyama again attacks, having the smaller number of men and guns.

United States Minister Pearson, to Persia, has emphatically reiterated his demand for the just and proper punishment of those responsible for the murder of Dr. Larabee, the American missionary.

Bandits held up the Cody, Wyo., bank and killed the cashier. "Buffalo Bill" will take the trail in pursuit of them.

The sailing of the Russian squadron from Vigo led the British public to believe the time was at hand for war. The foreign office explained that Russia was only to detain officers having knowledge of the trawler incident.

The greatest battle of the war is at hand near Mukden.

HINT OF PLOT.

Russia Said To Have Intercepted Japanese Message.

St. Petersburg, Nov. 8.—The Associated Press has obtained official confirmation of the sensational report that an intercepted dispatch from the Japanese minister at The Hague would be produced in the court of inquiry into the recent North sea affair to prove the existence of a plot to destroy the Russian Baltic fleet. There is said to be good ground for believing the report to be true, and there are many indications that the Russian government has been long in possession of strong evidence of a Japanese plan to intercept all of Admiral Rojestvensky's warships.

This explains the willingness of Russia to submit the case to international arbitration. She would scarcely have proposed this course unless convinced she had a strong case.

It also develops that Emperor Nicholas during an audience with British Ambassador Hardinge declared in the most positive terms that there were Japanese torpedo boats in the North sea. Apparently, Denmark was impressed by the same belief. The Russian dowager empress, who was then in Copenhagen, naturally did not fail to communicate to her father the communication received by her from St. Petersburg. This would account for the extraordinary precautions adopted by the Danish government in detailing warships to escort the Baltic sea fleet through Danish waters.

Another remarkable story is current in well informed circles to the effect that two balloons were seen hovering over the Skagerack while the Russian fleet entered the North sea. The e were said to have been manned by Japanese, with the object of watching the Russians and possibly dropping explosives.

No hint of suspicion is expected in any responsible quarter that the British government was in the slightest degree or in any way responsible for the alleged machinations of the Japanese agents. On the contrary, officials circles express the highest praise for the conduct of the British government throughout the North sea incident.

It is thoroughly appreciated here that the activity of the British fleet was necessitated by public opinion and was in no wise intended to coerce Russia.

CARS CRASH IN A FOG.

Nearly One Hundred People on Los Angeles Cars.

Los Angeles, Cal., Nov. 8.—In a terrific rear end collision on the Long Beach electric road today, in a dense fog, nearly 100 persons were injured or badly shaken up. That many persons were not killed outright is astonishing. A car loaded down with Mexican workmen, while running at a speed of more than 40 miles an hour crashed into a standing passenger coach, which had stopped to take on a passenger, knocking it 200 feet along the rails, and wrecking both coaches.

The terrific impact hurled the passengers and laborers into heaps amid flying timbers, iron and glass. Fifteen persons were rendered unconscious, but miraculously none is reported fatally hurt, unless it be the motorman who was operating the work car.

When his car burst from the fog and bore down upon the standing passenger coach, he threw off the power and put on the air at the time shrieking a warning to those ahead. Although the crash was inevitable, he stuck to his post and went down amid crushed timbers.

The cause of the accident was the dense fog and the fact that the passenger coach was about ten minutes late.

A car bound to this city from Long Beach was stopped opposite the wreck and many of the injured were placed aboard of it. While standing there, a work car which had been following it through the fog bumped into it, and more people were injured, some of those who had received injuries in the first collision being again injured in the second one. Both cars in the first collision were smashed to kindling wood, and the passenger car, which received the impact of the second accident, was badly shattered, but was run to the city.

Pine Bridge is Completed.

Butte, Mont., Nov. 8.—The east bound Burlington express which reached here yesterday was the first train to pass over the new Northern Pacific steel bridge over the Pend d'Oreille river at Sand Point, Idaho. The great bridge, which has been under construction for nearly a year, has been completed and turned over by the construction department to the traffic department. The estimated cost of the new bridge is \$1,000,000. In its construction 2,300 tons of steel were used.

Department Will Need Less Money.

Washington, Nov. 8.—Acting Secretary Murray, of the department of commerce and labor, made public today the estimate of appropriations for the department for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1905. The estimates aggregate \$14,339,529, being \$594,425 less than the estimates for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1904. The estimates for the fiscal year of 1906 exceed the appropriations for the current fiscal year by \$4,218,444.

Difficulty Not with the Gun.

Washington, Nov. 8.—As a result of an investigation into the defect in the 12-inch shell used on United States war vessels, noted during the recent target practices of the North Atlantic fleet, it has been reported by the board of experts that the difficulty was entirely with the steel bands on the projectile, and not with the gun, as was apprehended. This defect can easily be remedied.

NEW '05 PLANS

Government Is to Have Only Four Buildings.

MEANS A SAVING OF \$12,000

That for Forestry and Irrigation Is Eliminated—Money Needed for Lighting and Incidentals.

Washington, Nov. 7.—It has been determined that the government will erect only four buildings at the Lewis and Clark exposition instead of five, as originally planned. It was found that the acceptance of the lowest bid, that of J. E. Bennett, of Portland, would leave only \$15,000 for wiring and lighting the government buildings and for incidental expenses, etc. This amount, in the opinion of Supervising Architect Taylor, is not sufficient.

The supervising architect declares it is necessary either to eliminate one building or reduce the size of the main building and alter the plans. Chairman Hills, of the government board, and the members of the executive board in this city, today concluded the best thing to do would be to abandon the separate building which was to have been erected for forestry and irrigation, saving \$12,000. As this building was to have been hidden by the main building, its elimination will not alter the general appearance of the group on the peninsula. The board is of the opinion that with this building eliminated there will still be sufficient space remaining for all purposes.

TO SELECT ALASKA EXHIBIT.

Committee Named by Hitchcock Will Begin Work Immediately.

St. Louis, Nov. 7.—The members of the committee selected by the Interior department to select the exhibits from the Alaskan building for the Lewis and Clark Centennial exposition in Portland next year are expected to arrive at the Alaskan building and begin their labors today. The committee is composed of the following: Assistant Secretary of the Interior, Judge Thomas Ryan, Edward M. Dawson, chief clerk of the Department of Interior, B. F. Peters, chief clerk of the Navy department, and S. R. Burcha.

In addition to selecting the exhibits, the committee will also determine the amount of space to be allotted to Alaska. It has been stated that the citizens of the various cities and towns in Alaska are being awakened to the fact that the United States government is doing everything in its power to aid them in the development of the territory and to induce people to go to Alaska and locate, and they will do everything in their power to aid the committee by forming clubs and exposition societies to make a concentrated effort to display the advantages of Alaska at Portland in the very best possible manner.

HELD UP IN HOTEL.

San Francisco Man and His Wife Lose \$2,500 Worth of Jewelry.

San Francisco, Nov. 7.—Arnold Gundelfinger, a retired merchant, and his wife were held up in their apartments at the Hotel Dorchester tonight and robbed of jewelry valued at \$2,500. According to Mr. Gundelfinger's story, he and his wife were dressing in their room. He heard a knock on the door and, answering it, he discovered a former bell boy of the hotel, James Gates, at the door. Gates said he had been sent up to look at the plumbing. He was told that Mrs. Gundelfinger was dressing and that he could not come in. He insisted and was allowed to enter the room. He then drew a revolver and demanded that Mrs. Gundelfinger surrender her jewels. Mrs. Gundelfinger said they were in another room, and at the pistol's point Gates compelled Gundelfinger and his wife to go into the other room. Mrs. Gundelfinger then handed over a bag containing the jewels. Gates then made his escape.

Experts Do Not Expect Battle.

Berlin, Nov. 7.—The Lokal Anzeiger's Mukden correspondent claims the most trustworthy authority for the statement that 34,000 sick and wounded Russian soldiers were sent away after the last engagement. Colonel Baedte, the Tageblatt's correspondent with the Russian army, telegraphs that the Russian positions on the Shakhe river are daily becoming stronger. The possibility of a Japanese attack, he says, is constantly diminishing, and many experts do not expect a decisive engagement before spring.

Massacred by Natives.

London, Nov. 7.—According to information from the island of Porim, at the entrance to the Red sea, an investigation of the Massira island made by the sultan of Muscat shows that the captain and a boat's crew of 21 men, which left the British steamer Baron, which ran ashore at the Kuria Muse islands, reached Massira islands and were massacred by the natives. Nine of the murderers have been arrested and the rest will soon be taken.

Fined for Bringing in Consumptive.

San Francisco, Nov. 7.—Secretary Victor H. Metcalf, of the department of commerce and labor, today imposed a fine of \$100 upon the Pacific Coast steamship company for bringing to this port on September 28, as a passenger on the steamer Umatilla, from Victoria, B. C., a consumptive.

DOOM IS AT HAND.

Port Arthur Must Fall Within a Very Short Time.

Chefoo, Nov. 5.—"Port Arthur is doomed."

The correspondent of the Associated Press here has received information, the reliability of which is beyond question, that the Japanese now occupy positions which place the east side of the town at their mercy.

Japanese arriving from Dalny today report that the Japanese have captured Rihlung mountain and Sungshu mountain and Rihlung mountain. They also report that the Japanese have also captured East Keekwan mountain.

The last assault has gained for them positions which insure their ability to enter the main forts whenever they are ready. It is calculated by the Japanese that if the Russians do not surrender, they will be capable of prolonging their final stand at Liaoti mountain and on the Tiger's Tail for a month longer, with the mere hope of prolonging the struggle. Long before the Second Pacific squadron arrives the Japanese flag will wave over the wrecked citadel.

This will end Viceroy Alexieff's dream of an unconquerable city. The Japanese have not occupied the main forts and highest points of the east hills, but they occupy in overwhelming numbers positions which will enable them to drive the Russians back whenever they desire.

RUSSIAN OFFICERS AT PARIS.

Witnesses in the North Sea Incident Confer with Diplomats.

Paris, Nov. 5.—Three officers of the Russian squadron, including Captain Clado, who are the principal witnesses in the North sea incident, arrived today from Vigo and went immediately to the Russian embassy, where they held a long conference.

Captain Clado was on board the flagship with Vice Admiral Rojestvensky, and was entrusted with the task of drafting the official account. After the conference the officers declined to make any public statement relative to the affair until the report is delivered in St. Petersburg. However, it can be stated that their visit more than ever satisfies the Russian authorities that the presence of two Japanese torpedo boats was a positive fact, eye witnesses maintaining that their identification was unmistakable.

There continues to be an understanding in Russian diplomatic circles that two reports will be sent separately, one from Hull and the other from St. Petersburg, to The Hague for final hearing.

IMPOSED ON LABORERS.

Swindling Employment Agent Is Arrested in St. Louis.

St. Louis, Nov. 5.—George E. Hall, of Kansas City, was today arrested by a deputy United States marshal on the charge of having obtained a fee of \$2 each from 200 laborers for securing them employment and then sending them to Alaska at their own expense to work for a construction company that did not exist. The specific charge against him is that he used the mails to defraud. It is alleged that Hall represented himself to be an employer of labor for the Alaska Yukon construction company, that he secured 200 laborers to go to Valdez, Alaska, and after collecting \$27 from each, \$2 as his fee and \$25 as transportation, it is said he sent them to Alaska. Inspector Bennett declares that when the laborers reached their destination they learned that there was no such company as the one named, and they made their way back as best they could, after much suffering and hardship.

Ex-Legislator Convicted of Bribery.

St. Louis, Nov. 5.—John A. Sheridan, an ex-member of the house of delegates, who was indicted on a bribery charge, convicted and sentenced to the penitentiary for five years, is dead at the Jefferson hospital, from tuberculosis. Sheridan was not taken to the penitentiary, as his case was appealed to the supreme court. Another indictment, however, was pending against him, and his case had been set for trial on November 10. Eleven weeks ago he was taken to the hospital where he died.

Bandits Cornered.

Cody, Wyo., Nov. 5.—The different bands of men hunting the men who killed the cashier of the First National bank have the robbers practically surrounded in the foothills of the Owl Creek mountains, 60 miles from here. It is reported that a large force of their friends are coming to their assistance from the Hole-in-the-Wall country, and a number of men have left here to reinforce the pursuers. "Buffalo Bill," with Indian scouts and cowboys, has taken the trail, and a lively time may be anticipated.

Poison Placed in Pudding.

New York, Nov. 5.—Two persons who ate a part of a pudding sent to a theatrical boarding house in West Forty-third street are dying in Roosevelt hospital, a third is in a critical condition and the police are scouring that part of the city in an effort to locate the messenger who left the package at the door. It is believed that the sender of the package planned the death of the entire household, with an idea of revenge for some unknown cause.

Coal Prices Go Up.

Pittsburg, Nov. 5.—Prices of all grades of coal have been advanced 35 cents a ton as a result of the increased demand for coal and the strike of engineers in Illinois.

OREGON NEWS OF INTEREST

NEEDS OF THE PENITENTIARY

Superintendent James Makes Recommendations in Report.

Salem.—The present contract for the employment of Oregon convicts in the penitentiary stove foundry expires in July, 1905, soon after the adjournment of the next legislature, and the question is presented, What shall then be done with the convicts? This question is suggested in the biennial report of Prison Superintendent C. W. James, his only recommendation on the subject being that some plan be adopted by which all the convicts will be given constant employment. This is desired both as a measure of economy for the state and a means of discipline among the prisoners.

The principal recommendations made by Superintendent James are that provisions be made by which youthful prisoners may be separated from the older men and those sentenced for trivial offenses separated from hardened criminals; that an appropriation be made which will permit the enlargement of the library to 2000 volumes; that more land be purchased so that more of the articles of food may be produced by convict labor; that the foundry buildings be repaired and improved, if the present plan of convict labor is to be continued; that the water-power flume be strengthened so that it will not be in danger of bursting from decay; that a new barn be constructed; that a new system of plumbing be installed in the prison cells; that provision should be made for the employment of guards for prisoners condemned to be hanged, and that an appropriation be made for the purchase of a surgical table and surgical tools for the prison hospital.

More Teachers Are Wanted.

Pendleton.—Twenty-six teachers of the Pendleton city schools have filed their contracts with County Superintendent Frank K. Wells. Only one more is left yet to file. Although the law requires that teachers must file their contracts upon commencing their duties, the Pendleton teachers have just complied with the law. Mr. Wells reports that there are yet a number of Umatilla county districts to be supplied with teachers. The districts are small and pay from \$40 to \$60 a month, and are not much sought for. When teachers are plentiful there is no trouble to supply even the most remote district, but, now, when every teacher is employed, the low wages and undesirable locations hold no inducements to them.

Big Fir from Clatsop.

Astoria.—One of Clatsop county's exhibits at the Lewis and Clark Fair will be a fir log that is perfect as well as immense. It is standing on the property owned by S. E. Harris, on Young's river above the falls, that is now being logged by the Bremner Logging Company. The tree stands perfectly plumb and without a blemish. Ten feet from the ground it measures 13½ feet in diameter and 200 feet above, where the first limb is, it is 8 feet in diameter. The cost of the exhibition of the log will be borne by the different interests that will furnish the necessary tools and appliances to take it from the forest and place it in tide water. The equal of this tree is rarely seen and its like has never been exhibited anywhere.

Big Sale of Timber Land.

Eugene.—It is reported here on good authority that an immense transaction in timber land has been closed, involving a transfer of 24,000 acres of fine timber on the Coast Fork, south of here. The land was owned by several persons who pooled their holdings—the Booths, S. H. Friendly, A. C. Woodcock and several others being the holders—and they have arranged a sale to the new stockholders who recently acquired stock in the Booth-Kelly Company. The price paid is said to be \$15 per acre, which is considered very reasonable for such fine timber.

Belt Line Road is Assured.

La Grande.—The surveys for the electric belt railroad in Union county by the Eastern Oregon Development Company, backed by eastern capitalists, has been completed and the road is now assured. The people of the Cove have donated a site for the erection of a depot and all other communities in the county are doing their share to hasten the completion of the road, which it is expected will be early next fall. All towns in the county will be connected.

Dates of Albany Poultry Show.

Albany.—The executive committee of the Central Willamette Poultry Association has set January 18 to 21, inclusive, as the date for holding their next annual poultry show. The show will be held in Albany, as have the former ones of the association, and will be the third under the present association.

Addition to Philomath College.

Philomath.—At an expense of \$7000, extensive improvements will be made to the Philomath College building. Five recitation rooms, a well-equipped laboratory, a commercial room, library, museum and enlarged chapel are the contemplated changes.

OUTLET FOR LUMBER.

Coos Bay Roads Combining to Build a New Line.

Marshfield.—The object of the visit here of Paul Mohr, the Boston railroad promoter, is now definitely known. Mr. Mohr is undertaking to finance the building of a railway connection from Coos Bay to the Southern Pacific at Roseburg. This means either a new line or the extension of the present road from Myrtle Point.

Three routes are being examined, and two surveying parties are in the field. One of these is trying to find a pass along the stage road up the middle fork of the Coquille. The route up the north fork of the Coos river by Loon lake and through Elkton pass has also been explored. It is believed the most feasible route is from Myrtle Point to Camas valley through a low pass east of the Mountain House to Looking-Glass valley, down the Looking-Glass creek to Happy valley and eight miles up the Umpqua to Roseburg.

This route gives a grade nowhere to exceed 2 per cent. It makes an elongated letter "S", and the distance must be over 60 miles from Myrtle Point. This move was inaugurated by Elijah Smith, and he has been working on it since he arrived here from Boston two months ago, but in carrying out the project there will be co-operation of interests. The Spreckels Coos Bay, Roseburg & Eastern Railway to Myrtle Point, the Kinney belt line railroad around Coos Bay and the new line to Roseburg will all work in harmony. This is one result of the conference of railroad men.

Manager Samuels, of the Spreckels steamship lines, who was at the meeting, returned on the last steamer to San Francisco. Behind all this there is believed to be still a deeper significance. Mr. Smith is president of the Southern Oregon Lumber Company, which owns 97,000 acres of Coos county timber. It is desired to get the lumber back over the belt line and over a railroad to the eastern market. To this purpose nothing is accomplished by stopping at Roseburg. Lumber at Roseburg is worth even less than it is on Coos Bay. To get the benefit desired, the road to Roseburg must lead to the building of a transcontinental line to the East.

Mill Creek Power to be Used.

La Grande.—A company has been formed by a few men who are largely interested in Union county, among whom are Walter M. Pierce, T. H. Crawford, Surveyor Berry and others, with T. H. Crawford as President, who expect soon to establish a water-power plant two miles above the Cove. The water will be taken from Mill creek and a force of men is now at work on a ditch. Already a quarter of a mile of it has been excavated. There will be a power-pipe of 3700 with 830 feet fall. This power will be used for electric lights at the Hot Lake, Cove and possibly La Grande and other points, as well as for other purposes. It will be in working order by early spring.

Woodburn Real Estate Moves.

Woodburn.—Woodburn real estate is selling at advanced prices, and the city has gained 25 per cent in population during the last 12 months. More new buildings have been erected during the last year than ever before during a like period of time. Numerous sales of real estate have been made within the past few days. The following sales of importance were made recently: A. Barhan, residence, \$4500; Walter L. Toole, 1½ lots on Main street, \$2500; O. D. Henderson, one-half lot on Main street, \$650. The city is filling up with Eastern investors, and prices are booming. Not a house is vacant in the city.

Exhibit from Umatilla County.

Pendleton.—Dr. A. Le Roy, superintendent of the Oregon Information Bureau, met the Commercial Club for the purpose of interesting the citizens of Umatilla county in making an elaborate exhibit of products of the county for the Lewis and Clark Exposition. Mr. Le Roy said he would permit this county to use the exhibit collected by the Information Bureau at the opening of the fair and until the time to gather a fresh exhibit of the various products of this county next year.

Smelter for Clackamas Mine.

Oregon City.—The financial Mining Company, which controls 11 claims on the headwaters of the Clackamas river, 80 miles from Oregon City, has contracted for a 50-ton smelter at a cost of \$10,000, to be at work within a year. Eight of these claims are embraced in the Silver King, Esther and Mother Lode groups, and have large deposits of copper. The Oklahoma has three claims of free-milling ore and the company will put in a stamp mill next summer.

Congested with Freight Cars.

Umatilla.—The yards at this point are congested with freight cars from both the Oregon and Washington divisions. Crews are working double shifts to handle the immense wheat shipments. Considerable Asiatic freight is being shipped on through trains to the east via this point. Passenger traffic has also reached the top notch.

Wheat Market.

Portland — Walla Walla, 81¢@82¢; bluestem, 84¢@85¢; valley, 80¢@81¢; Tacoma — Bluestem, 89¢; club, 85¢; Colfax — Club, 73¢; bluestem, 75¢.