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NEWS OF THE WEEK

In a Condensed Form for Our Busy Readers.

A Resume of the Less Important but Not Less Interesting Events of the Past Week.

Sir Henry Irving, greatest of English actors, is dead.

St. Louis papers give high praise to the Portland fair.

There is bound to be lengthy debates on the canal at the coming session of congress.

New York physicians are positive they have cured five cases of cancer with radium.

Germany is learning how near she was to war with France in the recent Moroccan trouble.

Hall Caine, the novelist, believes Socialism is a thing of the near future in the United States.

Commissioner Ide will soon retire from the Philippine commission on account of advancing years.

New Orleans is almost free of yellow fever and surrounding towns are arranging to lift the quarantine.

The Russian government will lend the Baku oil men money to repair the damage caused by the recent rioting.

Judge Knapp, chairman of the Interstate Commerce commission, says graft in railroads may be found to be as bad as in insurance companies.

France will send an ultimatum to Venezuela and may blockade the coast. The United States will raise no objections to France's procedure.

New York Republicans have nominated Ives for mayor.

More machine leaders have been indicted in Philadelphia.

Earl Spencer, leader of the British Liberals, has been stricken with paralysis.

Rhode Island Democrats have endorsed Roosevelt's rate and revision policy.

Germany is irritated at the disclosures of France and Britain regarding the Moroccan question.

Judge Tucker, of the Arizona Supreme court, has been asked to resign on account of recent conduct.

Six firemen were injured, two probably fatally, in a collision between a horecart and an electric car at Chicago.

About 30 more indictments will be returned against Newton C. Dougherty, the Peoria, Illinois, school superintendent.

The second monument in the United States erected to the memory of Christopher Columbus, has been unveiled at Pueblo, Colorado.

The Merchants' association, of New York, through its board of directors, has asked the district attorney to take steps to secure an indictment against the life insurance companies which have been the subject of recent criticism, saying they are common thieves.

Norway has formally accepted the treaty with Sweden.

A woman has been arrested for her persistent effort in trying to see the president.

Officials of the Mutual Life Insurance company admit having paid out large sums of money without cause.

George W. Perkins, vice president of the New York Life, has gone to Europe to avoid testifying regarding insurance methods.

All attempts to save the steamer St. Paul will be abandoned. There is no hope of getting any of the cargo and the ship is fast going to pieces.

The sailors of Admiral Evans' ship have nearly all sworn off drinking. This ship has always held the record for the number of men who could get drunk when given shore leave.

E. H. Harriman is arranging for a record-breaking trip across the continent. He expects to go from San Francisco to Chicago in 50 hours and from Chicago to New York in 15 hours.

A movement is on foot to induce hundreds who now go to Europe every year to make a trip west. It is believed many of them would be better pleased with the West than with Europe if they once made the trip.

Rioting has resulted in many deaths in Moscow, Russia.

It is now settled that Taft will go to Panama about November 1.

Hughes has declined the Republican nomination for mayor of New York.

The Norwegian storking has approved the Karistad treaty.

BIG STICK READY.

America and France Will Apply It to Castro, of Venezuela.

Washington, Oct. 13. — Venezuela, was the subject of an important conversation at the State department today between Secretary Root and Mr. Jusserand, the French ambassador. The latter has been awaiting the arrival here of the report of Mr. Calhoun, the American special commissioner, before reporting to his government a course of action. Mr. Calhoun has reported verbally to the president and the secretary, but he has not yet completed his formal report upon the conditions he found existing in Venezuela.

Enough is known, however to show the similarity between the grievances of the Paris and Washington governments. Whether this similarity shall find a corollary in a parallel action on the part of the two governments to right their grievances has not yet been decided. France has lately informed the United States that the course she has shaped is one of extreme patience, but of even greater firmness.

It can be announced that the French government already has considered several courses of action, any of which, it is believed would bring President Castro to terms. None will be adopted, however until Mr. Root and Mr. Jusserand have further considered the report of Mr. Calhoun. In the meantime both governments will bide their time, letting it be known that both are equally determined to obtain early justice for their citizens.

SETTLES FOR FRIAR LANDS.

Taft Compromises Dispute With Dominicans at \$2,050,000.

Washington, Oct. 13.—Secretary Taft has approved a settlement arranged by the Philippine government which completes the purchase of the Dominican friar lands in the Philippine islands. These lands include nearly half of those purchased from the friars and amount to about 200,000 acres. After the contracts were signed, it was found that a mistake had occurred by reason of a difference in the English and Spanish versions of surveys. The Spanish version made the price \$200,000 more than the English version. It also was found that the titles to eight different tracts were defective.

While Mr. Taft was in the islands he effected a compromise by which the titles were to be made complete and the purchase money paid according to the English version, while the \$200,000 in controversy was to be submitted to arbitration. Since his return the secretary has received a cable from Governor Wright saying that the Dominican agents have offered to compromise by accepting \$50,000. Mr. Taft today cabled Governor Wright approving the compromise.

The total amount to be paid to the Dominicans is \$2,050,000. The money will be paid in New York about October 20.

MARKEL IS SHUT OUT.

Canal Commission Cancels His \$50,000,000 Hotel Contract.

Panama, Oct. 13. — The last act of the Panama Canal commission before sailing for New York was the annulment of the contract awarded to J. E. Markel, of Omaha for feeding and caring for the employees of the canal. The reason for this action is that Chief Engineer Stevens, through the department of materials and supplies under Messrs. Jackson and Smith, is handling the commissaries successfully, rendering unnecessary the arrangement with Mr. Markel. Protests made by the employes against the arrangement it is believed also influenced the decision.

Governor Magoon's annual report is in course of preparation. Its most interesting part will relate to the work of sanitation, following the new plan which was put in force immediately on the arrival of the governor here.

The cases of yellow fever in June numbered 60; in July 42; in August 27; in September 5, and so far this month there has not been a single case reported.

Cruiser Galveston Stood Test.

Washington, Oct. 13.—According to the report of the Board of Naval Inspection and surety, the final 48-hour trial of the cruiser Galveston was satisfactory in every way. The average speed for a four-hour run under forced draft was 16.56 knots an hour, the speed which the vessel was designed to make being 16.5 knots. She made an average of 14.3 knots an hour for eight hours under natural draft, and for the remainder of the 48 hours maintained an average of from 10 to 12 knots with four boilers.

Arrange to Ratify Treaty.

Washington, Oct. 13.—Baron Rosen, the Russian ambassador, called at the State department today and discussed with Secretary Adee the arrangements for the exchange of ratifications of the Russo-Japanese treaty. Telegraphic authorization for the exchanges may be expected almost any day.

FIRE LOSS AT FAIR

Missouri Building With Contents Totally Destroyed.

ART COLLECTION A VALUABLE ONE

One of the Finest Structures on the Grounds Now a Heap of Blackened Ruins.

Portland, Oct. 14.—Missouri's state building is the first of the edifices of the Lewis and Clark fair to meet an untimely fate at the hands of the destroyer. It was not a wrecking crew which totally demolished Missouri's magnificent representation at the Western World's fair, last night, but it was fiendish, relentless and unfeeling flames, which tore and burnt their way through the building from one end to the other, devouring the rarest treasures of art, almost invaluable exhibits, costly fixtures, leaving in their wake a path of destruction, a vivid reminder of the awful power of fire.

The fire began apparently from an unknown cause at 8 o'clock last night, presumably in the rear end, and within 15 minutes the whole of the building and all of its contents had been utterly destroyed. A desk, a trunk and three chairs were the only things that were saved. The statue, representing the state of Missouri, which stands in front of the building, and which was presented to the state of Oregon this week, was untouched. The Missouri building was sold yesterday to the Missouri wrecking company, a local concern, for \$2,000, but was not to have been delivered until today. The erection of the building resulted in the expenditure of \$12,000, and the cost of installing the exhibits amounted to about \$5,000 more. While the loss of the art gallery is commercially estimated at \$20,000, most of the paintings and statues were owned by art admirers, and could not be bought for the mere sake of money. The total loss of the building, art gallery and exhibits is estimated at \$50,000. Of insurance there was a meager sum of \$5,000 on the art gallery.

All that remains of the Missouri building is a ghastly and heart rending pile of blackened boards and twisted ironwork, where until last night stood one of the most beautiful buildings of the whole Lewis and Clark exposition, and which contained an art gallery of beautiful paintings, and masterpieces of noted sculptures, which can never be replaced.

The art gallery was the feature of the building, nearly all the noted artists of Missouri contributing to the assemblage of the paintings and statues for the express purpose of having them exhibited at the Lewis and Clark exposition.

FREER TRADE THE ONLY RELIEF

Senator Long Predicts Much Distress in Philippines Otherwise.

Washington, Oct. 14. — In the opinion of Senator Long, of Kansas, who made the trip to the Far East with Secretary Taft and party, the greatest need of the Filipinos is freer trade with the United States. The senator talked with the president today about the needs of the Philippine islands. He told the president that, in his judgment, the islands would be in serious financial condition until a reduction of duties on their products entering the United States was made.

"Recently," said the senator "the Filipinos have suffered from the typhoons and drought. As a consequence, their crops have either failed or been wiped out, and they are becoming discontented. Their discontent does not take a revolutionary form, but is simply the result of existing conditions."

Mr. Long discussed railroad rate legislation with the president briefly. He expressed the belief that the matter would be disposed of early in the approaching session.

Wright Will Soon Resign.

Washington, Oct. 14.—By reason of what appears to be dissatisfaction with the situation in the Philippines, Luke E. Wright, governor general of the Philippines and president of the Philippine commission, will retire from that position about December 1. General Wright is expected to arrive in the United States during that month, and is entitled to six months' leave of absence prior to the formal relinquishment of his labors as governor general. It is understood that he expects to return to Memphis, Tenn.

British Railroad in China.

Hongkong, Oct. 14. — The government will introduce a bill in the legislative council providing for a \$2,000,000 loan for the Kowloon-Canton railway and other purposes.

EXTEND TO COAST.

New Through Road From St. Paul to Puget Sound.

Chicago, Oct. 11. — At the general offices of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railway, the report from Tacoma was confirmed that the company had just purchased 160 acres of tideland property on the Tacoma water front, for which about \$775,000 was paid. The St. Paul company has now secured \$1,000,000 worth of terminal property in Tacoma.

It is now admitted by officials of the company that its plan is to extend the St. Paul system to Tacoma as rapidly as is warranted by the development of the country between South Dakota and Puget sound. From present indications, within five years the extension to Tacoma will be completed. Several surveys have been made from Chamberlain to Tacoma, and the engineers are still in the field. Construction of a line running northwest from Chamberlain for 75 miles is in progress, but the complete route to Tacoma has not been fixed.

Charles Pfeiffer, townsite agent for the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railway company, at Tacoma, announced authoritatively that the Milwaukee road is to build to the coast. He said denials were now useless, in view of the publicity given the purchase yesterday of terminals involving more than \$500,000. Mr. Pfeiffer also stated that the Milwaukee has surveyors and right-of-way agents at work in Eastern Washington at the present time.

Plan for the terminals in Tacoma, says Mr. Pfeiffer, include docks larger than any here at the present time. Mr. Pfeiffer leaves tomorrow for Chicago for a conference with A. J. Earling, president of the Milwaukee, who has just returned from Europe.

BRITON HELD FOR RANSOM.

British Consul Starts Post Haste to Save Prisoner From Death.

London, Oct. 11.—Much anxiety is expressed here regarding the fate of Wills, the Englishman, recently employed by the Turkish tobacco revenue department, who, as announced yesterday in a dispatch to the Associated Press from Salonica, European Turkey, had been captured by brigands. The Salonica dispatch said that the British consulate at Monastir had received a package containing a human ear, which a letter accompanying the package declared had been cut from Wills. The letter threatened that Wills would be murdered unless the brigands were paid a ransom of \$5,000 not later than October 14.

Mr. Wills, who is about 27 years of age, disappeared last July. He is a son of an engineer who for many years has been engaged in work in Turkey, and a brother of Percy Wills, the British consular agent at Ismid, Asia Minor. He served as a volunteer in the British army during the Boer war, and was returned invalided, afterward securing a position in the Turkish tobacco revenue department.

CHINESE SUSPEND BOYCOTT

If Congress Does Not Act, They Will Make It Stronger.

Washington, Oct. 11.—News that the merchants of China, who have been prosecuting the boycott against American goods, have decided to suspend temporarily that movement to await possible action of the United States congress in softening the exclusion laws, is contained in official dispatches received today from Peking. The information comes from the merchants' guild of that place, and is to the effect that this course has been decided upon by merchants throughout the empire.

The action follows the advice of the Chinese government in the matter which was given as a consequence of the attitude of President Roosevelt. Should congress fail to take the desired action, the boycott will again become effective, and will be pressed with renewed vigor.

Banker a Cattle Thief.

Fargo, N. D., Oct. 11.—Stockmen of Montana and North Dakota are interested in a big cattle stealing sensation brewing in the northwestern part of this state near the Montana line. The most sensational feature of the deal is the arrest of a banker in connection with the affair. He is said to have furnished the brains for the outfit and a cloak of respectability, under which the gang operated. It is said that a full exposure of the deal will involve dozens of men, one of whom is a government official.

Great Increase in Registration.

New York, Oct. 11.—The total registration of yesterday and today in Greater New York was 347,308, as compared with 308,142 for the corresponding days of 1903.

ARMS FOR REVOLT

Revolutionists Preparing for Outbreak Throughout Russia.

ALL DECLARE WAR ON COSSACKS

Moscow Municipality Refuses to Receive Them, as They Commit Robberies and Atrocities.

Moscow, Oct. 12.—The seriousness of the internal situation increases daily throughout the provinces. Everybody is arming for a general outbreak. Arms were found in considerable quantities last week at Kiev, Riga, Odessa, Moscow, St. Petersburg, Saratoff, Tiflis, Baku and Batum. At the same time the czar's officers seized explosives in Northern and Central Russia and in Poland.

In the Caucasus the revolutionists have declared war on the Cossacks. From Tiflis there comes an account of wholesale killing of people during a demonstration at the town hall. Among the slain was a Russian woman of rank, who was trying to help a little girl wounded by soldiers. Eleven bombs were thrown in one day among the Cossacks who were patrolling Tiflis. The situation there is more alarming than ever before.

At Moscow the municipality has refused to receive any new regiments of Cossacks, because it has been proved that a great number of robberies, outrages and atrocities have been committed by Cossacks throughout the country.

DEFENSE HAS INNING.

District Attorney Heney Conducts a Fiery Cross-Examination.

Portland, Oct. 12.—Now it is the defense that has its inning in the conspiracy case of Jones, Potter and Wade. Charles B. Moores, who was register at the Oregon City Land Office from 1897 until 1903, was the first witness called by the attorneys for the defense. His direct examination was brief, but when he fell into the hands of District Attorney Heney he was subjected to a vigorous cross-examination.

Mr. Moores in the course of his incumbency of the land office, signed Thaddeus S. Potter's final proof papers. Mr. Heney produced a great number of letters that had passed between Potter and Mr. Moores. Potter had taken up a homestead and had sworn, like the rest, to actual and continuous residence on the homestead. Witness Moores testified on direct examination that he was rigid in following out a set rule of his office and that the clerk who filled out the answers on the final proof application always had the persons making the final proof say that the questions had been read to him in the presence of the clerk. Mr. Heney endeavored to show that when Mr. Moores passed upon and signed the final proofs of the Potter claim, he knew by the letters he was receiving from Potter that the actual residence of the latter was in Portland and not on the claim on the Siletz reservation.

ALLIES JOIN HANDS.

British Fleet Receives Great Welcome in Japanese Waters.

Yokohama, Oct. 12.—The British squadron of 12 vessels, under the command of Vice Admiral Sir Gerald Noel, arrived here this morning, and was officially welcomed amid scenes of great enthusiasm by Vice Admiral Shimamura. The squadron formed in a single column, the torpedo destroyers leading, and took up an anchorage facing the shore. Salutes were exchanged between the Japanese flagship Iwate and the British flagship Diadem. Admiral Shimamura then went aboard the Diadem, accompanied by the governor and other local authorities and a representative of Sir Claude McDonald, the British minister at Tokio. Admiral Noel later visited the Iwate.

After these ceremonies had been concluded, Admiral Noel and 1,300 officers and men landed and paraded through a cheering multitude to a garden party given by the municipality.

Lumbermen Endorse Him.

Washington, Oct. 12. — President Roosevelt today received further endorsement of his attitude toward the enactment of railroad rate legislation from the big lumber interests of the country Lewis Dill, president, and Robert W. Higbee, a member of the National Wholesale Lumber Dealers' association, and George S. Gardner and Silas Gardner, representing the Central Yellow Pine association, of Mississippi, told the president that their associations approved heartily of his course in the matter.

Seek Refuge in Japanese Port.

Victoria, Oct. 12.—A Nagasaki paper says the remnants of the Russian squadron which escaped to neutral ports, will go to Nagasaki to winter.