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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.

Rockefeller has advanced the price of crude oil 10 cents.

President Roosevelt visited the home of his mother at Roswell, Georgia.

Linievitch has ordered the barricades and trenches he has been occupying destroyed.

Twelve commissioned army officers have been convicted during the past year by court martial.

Quantities of rich pearls are being found on the Kankakee river, says a La Porte, Ind., dispatch.

The weather bureau says that during the clear cold nights Northern Lights of rare beauty should be seen.

A Chicago woman dressed in man's garb instinctively reached for her skirt in crossing a street. Her arrest followed.

The geographical survey has reported that the sand of the Pacific coast is nearly one-third iron. This is the result of tests made during the past summer at the fair grounds.

Japanese merchants are to put a fleet of steamers on the Pacific coast trade that may make heavy inroads on present companies. They will carry freight at about one-third the present rate.

Pekin advises say Russia and China will renew the treaty of 1727. This will allow Russia to extend her trade in Mongolia and permit her subjects to engage in mining and railway enterprises.

Western railroads are placing heavy orders for equipment.

It is announced that the strikes in Russia have been ended.

The entire middle West is buried under a blanket of snow.

Enthusiastic ovations greet the president at every stop on his Southern trip.

President Roosevelt has received messages of thanks from the czar and mikado.

W. J. Bryan, who is touring the Orient, will be received in audience by the mikado.

Japan will celebrate her victory over Russia with a parade of the captured warships.

Japan has sent troops to Korea to suppress an uprising. The government forces were inadequate.

Secretary Shaw is arranging with Wall street bankers for the sale of bonds of the Panama canal issue.

A resident of Philadelphia, who was traveling in Nicaragua, has been sent to prison for 10 years for murdering his guide.

Announcement is made that the survey of the Flathead Indian reservation in Montana has been completed and that the allotment of lands will begin within a short time. It is expected that the reservation will be thrown open to settlers in the fall of 1906 or spring of 1907.

The canal commission and engineers have returned.

Ten Denver bankers have been indicted for stealing.

A French fleet is moving against Venezuela with American approval.

The president has forbidden the export of arms to Santo Dominican rebels.

A German economist says Europe will form a tariff alliance against America.

Japan announces that another Russian battleship sunk at Port Arthur has been raised.

Practically no new cases of yellow fever are being reported in the infected districts of the South.

Discovery has been made that many young American girls are being sold into slavery in China.

Liberals have decided not to vote in the Cuban election.

President Morton, of the Equitable Life Assurance society, advocates public examination of accounts of all corporations.

In the Young court martial, in connection with the Bennington disaster, Ensign Wade testified that he had condemned the gunboat's boilers.

Life insurance companies entering Texas after this year will have to answer numerous and largely personal questions before a permit will be given them.

## ATTACK ON LOCAL TRUSTS.

Government is Prosecuting Hawaiian Lumber and Meat Monopolies.

Honolulu, Oct. 20. — Acting under instructions of the United States attorney general, District Attorney Breckens has instituted the first of a number of injunction suits for the purpose of breaking up the local trusts.

A suit was filed today against the firms of Allen & Robinson, Lewers & Cooke and Wilder & Co. It asks that the Federal court issue a perpetual injunction restraining the above named firms from carrying out an alleged agreement controlling the entire lumber business of the islands.

It is alleged that the three firms named control 90 per cent of the business here and have combined, in violation of an act of congress to prevent the unlawful restraint of trade. It is further alleged that the price of lumber here, as a result of the combination, is 175 per cent in advance of that on the mainland. Practically all the lumber used here is imported.

United States District Judge Dole signed an order to show cause why the injunction should not be issued. The hearing was set for December 4.

It is reported that Mr. Breckens is about to file a similar suit against the cattle and meat dealers, of whom there are about 70, including many very prominent ones. It is alleged that practically all of the cattle ranchers of the island have combined to control retail prices, agreeing not to compete and to sell only at a single market in Honolulu.

## AMERICAN RIGHTS SUSTAINED.

Root Proves Gloucester Fishermen May Fish Off Newfoundland.

Washington, Oct. 20. — After a conference between Secretary Root and Sir Mortimer Durand, the British ambassador, lasting for an hour and a half, it was announced that a speedy and satisfactory solution of the Gloucester-Newfoundland fisheries controversy was in sight. The facts obtained showed that the Newfoundland inspector of revenue protection service directed that American vessels should not be allowed to fish under American register, on the ground that they had never done so in the past. Prior to this time the American fishermen had bought bait in Newfoundland under fishing license. They are now prevented by law from buying bait, and the authorities have been unwilling to permit them to catch herring without a special fishing license.

Mr. Root informed the ambassador that an American register is a ship's highest proof of nationality, and carries with it not only a license to trade, but also a regular fishing license.

As soon as this fact is made clear to the Newfoundland authorities, it is expected they will withdraw all objection. Meantime, the American fishermen, with the approval of the State department, have been instructed to continue their fishing.

## WARSHIPS IN CARIBBEAN.

France Ready to Enforce Demands on Venezuelan Government.

Washington, Oct. 20. — Secretary Root is doing all he can to assist in bringing about a settlement of the differences between the French and Venezuelan governments growing out of the refusal of the latter to longer maintain diplomatic relations with M. Taigny, French charge d'affairs, in Caracas. Today he discussed the situation with both M. Jusserand, the French ambassador, and Senor Veloz, the Venezuelan charge d'affairs here.

The French ambassador, as he was leaving the State department, said M. Taigny was entirely without fault in the matter. He had merely obeyed the directions of the Paris foreign office when he sent to the Venezuelan government a letter of protest against its action in seizing the property of the French cable company.

"Therefore," said the ambassador, "France will support him." He added significantly: "We have two beautiful warships now in the Caribbean sea."

## Alturas, Cal., is in Ruins.

Reno, Nev., Oct. 20. — From an unknown cause a fire started at Alturas, Cal., at 9 o'clock last night, and when the flames were under control late this afternoon the greater portion of the thriving Modoc county town was in ashes, at least \$75,000 worth of property being swept out of existence. The fire started in a candy factory, from what cause will probably never be known. A brisk wind carried the flames from one building to another, the fire fighters being unable to check its course.

## Great Storm in Oklahoma.

Guthrie, O. T., Oct. 20. — Heavy wind storms prevailed throughout Eastern Oklahoma last night. The worst was at Manfoodkit, where two children were killed and nine persons injured, two probably fatally. At Meriden a house was demolished, but no one was hurt. Near Cushing farm buildings were damaged, but no persons have been reported injured.

## DESTRUCTIVE GALE

Sweeps Great Lakes and Causes Many Deaths.

## PROPERTY LOSS UP IN MILLIONS

Many Vessels Reported Lost and Anxiety Felt for Many That Are Out in the Storm.

Chicago, Oct. 21. — Death and destruction resulted from one of the fiercest gales that has ever swept over the great lakes, which has been blowing for 12 hours and has not yet subsided, destroying much shipping, sinking a number of vessels, ruining docks and waterfront property at many ports. Many lives are reported lost, while the property loss is reckoned by millions. One freighter with crew of eight was torn loose from her tugs and lost with all hands.

Crippled vessels today sought refuge in every lake port and many wrecks are reported. The east shore of Lake Michigan suffered severely, dock property worth thousands of dollars being swept away at St. Joseph, South Haven, Holland, Grand Haven and Muskegon. Heavy waves are still bombarding the coasts. The storm raged from Lake Superior to Lake Ontario and great anxiety is felt for vessels on the lakes.

The damage at Buffalo will exceed \$100,000. Many small vessels were sunk within sight of the shore at their anchorage. Some of the largest docks sustained heavy damage from both wind and water.

From all points details are coming in of the enormous damage caused by the storm. Many docks were injured in this port and many craft crippled. The damage at Holland exceeds \$100,000, at Menominee the loss is \$250,000.

Summer resorts along the Michigan and Wisconsin coasts suffered heavily while every harbor reports much damage.

## STUDYING TYPE OF CANAL.

Board of Engineers Has Not Yet Decided Question.

Washington, Oct. 21. — The following was issued by the Isthmian Canal commission today:

In regard to the published rumors to the effect that the majority of the members of the consulting board of engineers have decided in favor of a lock canal at Panama, General Davis, chairman of the board, said today:

"So far as I am aware, neither the board nor any individual member of it has expressed any opinion as to the type of canal that is favored. The board is not in possession of all the facts bearing on the question of type."

## GIVES UP HARNEY SCHEME.

Government Cannot Reclaim Great Valley in Southern Oregon.

Washington, Oct. 21. — The Reclamation service has, for the present, at least, abandoned the idea of constructing an irrigation project in Harney valley, in Southern Oregon, and it now seems improbable that a government project will ever be built there.

Much land in that vicinity is now in private ownership, owners are not prepared to make satisfactory terms with the government and furthermore, water rights are in such a condition that litigation would probably be necessary before the government could build.

In view of this fact the secretary of the Interior, on recommendation of the Reclamation service, today withdrew his objection to the right of way which the Portland Ditch company sought to acquire for its canal in Harney valley.

## Australia for Irish Home Rule.

Melbourne, Australia, Oct. 21. — The Federal house of representatives and senate today adopted a motion to petition King Edward to grant home rule to Ireland. The success of the home rulers is attributed in a large measure to William Redmond's recent campaign in Australia. The motion has been hotly debated and the Labor party and Liberals supported the Home Rulers. The Federal premier, Alfred Deakin, promised to vote for the home rule principle as a necessary preliminary to the federation of the empire.

## Barrett Soon Goes to Colombia.

Washington, Oct. 21. — Minister John Barrett made a final call on Secretary Root today and tonight went to New York. He will sail in a few days and as soon as possible will take up his duties as minister to Colombia.

## RUSSIA IN NEW FERMENT.

Strikes Break Out in the Big Manufacturing Cities.

St. Petersburg, Oct. 18. — The strike at Moscow has given an impetus to the new wave of strikes and disorders which is sweeping over the country and which promises a repetition of the period of stress that prevailed in January and February, though, it is hoped, on a less serious scale. Besides the tumult in St. Petersburg and Moscow, strikes and disorders inspired by the events in the latter place are reported from Saratoff, Kieff, Kazan, Kharkoff and other cities, while the strike movement has again broken out in Moscow.

Dispatches from Ekaterinograd, Kuban and Tiflis report troubles in the Caucasus, which, however, have no connection with the Russian movement.

A large part of the working people seem to be inspired by a spirit of unrest. The movement is largely political, and is engineered by the Social Democrats and Social Revolutionaries, many of the leaders of whom deplore the outbreak at this time, as it will interfere with the perfected campaign of the parties during the elections of the duma. They say, however, that it was necessary to take advantage of the outbreak at Moscow, even though they were not fully prepared for the movement.

## PAY DUTY ON PRESENTS.

President Orders Daughter Treated Like All Other Citizens.

Chicago, Oct. 18. — A dispatch to the Record-Herald from Washington says: Secretary Shaw and Collector Stratton, of the port of San Francisco, have had a load of trouble for several weeks about which the public has known nothing, and it was lifted yesterday when the secretary was told by President Roosevelt to collect the legal duty on all dutiable articles brought back to this country by Miss Alice Roosevelt. The total duty is expected to reach nearly \$60,000.

The daughter of the president has received during her trip to the Philippines, China, Japan and Korea many pretty and some quite valuable presents. Some of the customs officers suggested Miss Roosevelt ought to be allowed to bring the valuables in duty free, inasmuch as she was treated with all the honors of a princess and did much to cement friendship between the United States and foreign countries. The belongings of crowned heads, of royalty and of diplomats are always admitted free of duty into the United States. Secretary Shaw received suggestions until he was almost sick. The presents are worth probably \$100,000, and if the usual rate of duty was imposed it would cost Miss Roosevelt or her father upwards of 60 per cent or \$60,000. Neither Miss Roosevelt nor her father is rich, although the young woman is understood to have a modest fortune in her own right.

## WILL DEFEND CANAL.

United States Government Decides to Fortify the Terminals.

Washington, Oct. 18. — Fortification of the terminals of the Panama canal is one of the subjects to be considered by Secretary Taft, when he makes his visit to the isthmus, and for this purpose he will be accompanied by members of the first committee of the Fortifications board. This committee consists of Major J. P. Storey, ex-chief of artillery, retired; Brigadier General Alex McKenzie, chief of engineers; W. M. Crozier, chief of ordnance; Samuel M. Mills, chief of artillery; Captain Charles Sperry, of the navy, and Major George Goethals, corps of engineers. All the members of this committee will not accompany the secretary and until definite orders are received it is probable that General Storey, Captain Sperry and Major Goethals will be the members who will go to Panama.

Fortification of the canal was forbidden by the first Hay-Pauncefote treaty, but this treaty was amended by the senate. The canal treaty which was finally adopted and is now in force, and which superseded the Clay-Bulwar treaty has no mention of fortifications, but does allow the United States to use such military force as may be necessary to police and protect the canal.

## Stand by Uncle Sam.

Havana, Oct. 18. — The seven commercial, industrial and agricultural associations of Cuba, at a joint meeting here today, unanimously passed a resolution that the great commercial need of Cuba is a new, and, if possible, a permanent, commercial treaty with the United States. The meeting elected a committee to initiate a movement toward obtaining such a treaty. Louis Galban, a leading importer and president of the Havana chamber of commerce, was chosen president of the joint movement.

## Preparing Reserve Vessels.

Chebourg, Oct. 18. — Active work is going on here in preparing reserve vessels for service in case of eventualities in Venezuela. The arsenal and the artillery depot are working at full pressure. The cruiser Desaix, which left yesterday, took a large store of ammunition for Fort du France, Island of Martinique.

## TAKES A FIRM HOLD

Engineer Stevens Improves Conditions on the Isthmus.

## BUILDING IS GOING ON RAPIDLY

Shonts Says Commission Has Erected Houses, Docks and Railroad Shops—Health Good.

Washington, Oct. 19. — Chairman Shonts, of the Isthmian canal commission, made the following statement of his observations on the Isthmus of Panama during his recent visit:

"The most encouraging feature of affairs on the isthmus, observed by every person during the last six or eight months who had been there previously, was the feeling among the men. Chief Engineer Stevens' methods and personality are making a strong impression and creating confidence in his measures.

"I found that substantial progress had been made in the repairing and construction of houses, over 200 of the old French houses having been repaired during the last two months. A large dock at Cristobal, which has 28 feet of water, will be ready for ships in a very few weeks. Rapid progress is being made on dock 14, also at Cristobal.

"When these docks are all accepted and in operation, we shall be able to handle all the commission material and a large part of the Panama commercial freight from these docks, leaving the old docks largely for the use of ships of other lines. We are also putting in shops and terminal yards at Cristobal and have planned yards for La Boca and the end of the line. The bridges of the Panama railroad have been strengthened so as to carry the heavier locomotives now arriving on the isthmus.

"General health conditions are illustrated by the fact that notwithstanding we have increased the laboring force to nearly 4,000 men during the last four months, the number of patients in Ancon hospital was lower than for many previous months."

## CUBA FEARS COMPETITION.

Probable Reduction of Tariff on Philippines Alarms People.

Havana, Oct. 19. — The fear that the United States will lower the tariff on Philippine products was one of the factors that led to the united movement of the seven commercial, industrial and agricultural organizations of Cuba in favor of a new treaty with the United States.

The directors of the joint movement begun here Tuesday night visited President Palma this evening and outlined to him their purpose of securing a general treaty of commerce and navigation with the United States to supersede the present reciprocity treaty between the two countries. The committee said it desired to inform President Palma definitely of the project that had been undertaken, in order that it might be assured that the Cuban government favored it.

## MONOPOLY CHARGE FAILS.

Beef Packers Will Be Tried, However, for Conspiracy.

Chicago, Oct. 19. — Federal Judge J. Otis Humphrey today gave a decision on the demurrer of the meat packers charged with illegal conspiracy. He overruled the portion of the demurrer in which the packers attacked the odd-numbered counts, charging monopoly, was sustained.

Following the decision, counsel for the packers asked leave to extend his demurrer to the third count of the indictment to the first count, to which he previously announced he would enter a plea of not guilty. The court allowed this and then overruled the demurrer to the first count.

Judge Humphrey gave the defendants until Monday next to enter special pleas in the case.

## Popular Farewell to Wright.

Manila, Oct. 19. — Arrangements are being made for a popular farewell demonstration upon the departure of Governor Luke E. Wright for America. It will take the form of a banquet, public reception and a water pagant. Governor Wright has vetoed the proposition to give him a valuable present, subscribed for by the public, as it might be construed as indicating his intention not to return to the islands. The foreign residents of this city are enthusiastic over the proposition to give Governor Wright a farewell.

## Jerry Simpson Has Quiet Day.

Wichita, Kan., Oct. 19. — At 10 o'clock last night ex-Congressman Jerry Simpson was sleeping soundly. He passed a quiet day. His son, Lester Simpson, and family arrived yesterday morning from Roswell, N. M.