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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.

A mutiny in all Finnish forts has been called by the Reds.

E. A. Gage, a son of Lyman Gage, committed suicide in Seattle.

Rear Admiral Train, commander in chief of the Asiatic squadron is dead.

A fund of two and a half million dollars is to be raised to build cottages for the homeless of San Francisco.

The forts at Sveaborg, Russia, are almost in total ruins as the result of fighting between mutineers and loyal troops.

San Francisco is threatened with an epidemic of typhoid, which the health board says is being carried by the common house fly.

The state law of New York restricting the labor by women and children to 10 hours a day has been declared unconstitutional.

The state auditor of Kansas says he will cancel the policies of all insurance companies who do not pay their San Francisco losses in full.

Provision contractors on the isthmus have formed a trust and raised the prices 100 per cent. The canal commission has ordered supplies of \$500 and over bought under the open bid system.

Brigadier General William Bolton is dead.

Mayor W. H. Moore, of Seattle, is seriously ill at Los Angeles.

The business of the Lewis and Clark exposition has been wound up.

T. W. Davenport, of Silverton, Oregon, father of Cartoonist Davenport, is dead.

Fifteen hundred copper miners at Calumet, Michigan, have had their wages voluntarily raised \$2 per month.

Four men were killed and two wounded in a battle between a sheriff's posse and bandits in Knott county, Kentucky.

It has been charged that General Wood is drawing two salaries, one as governor and one as his regular pay in the army. The president says this is not so.

A San Francisco woman has just secured a divorce on the ground that her husband had not spoken a word to her for eight years, although living in the same house.

A Porto Rican merchant has sued Federal Judge Hunt, of Montana, for \$100,000 damages. It is claimed that at the time the judge was governor of the island he was instrumental in ruining the merchant's business.

Fire in a Buffalo, N. Y., planing mill destroyed \$170,000 worth of property.

The National Sculpture society is to establish an old age home for its members.

The St. Paul is laying steel for its new Pacific coast extension. The work is being done in South Dakota.

Judge James F. Tracey, of the Philippine Supreme court, will likely be the next vice governor of the islands.

John D. Rockefeller says there is more good than bad in the world, and that everything is for good in the end.

The Pennsylvania railroad has cut passenger rates to 2 1/2 cents per mile. Mileage books will be issued at the rate of 2 cents per mile.

The failure of the sultan to receive an ambassador instead of a minister is likely to be the cause of diplomatic differences between the United States and Turkey.

Two transcontinental railway companies say they will shortly install theater cars on their trains in which plays will be given while the trains are in progress.

Vast frauds have been unearthed in San Francisco's municipal affairs. Examination of public records show that there has been an extensive graft in letting contracts and that city payrolls have been padded.

Truck workers in San Francisco have struck for more pay and shorter hours.

Nihilists wrecked a train in Belgium, thinking Grand Duke Vladimir, of Russia, on it.

Dowie says he will appeal from the recent decision of the court ousting him from control of Zion City.

The Pacific Coast Steamship company is said to be considering the manning of its vessels with Indians.

## DARK HOUR IN RUSSIA.

New Mutinies Break Out as Fast as Others Are Suppressed.

St. Petersburg, Aug. 3.—Nearly 3,000 sappers, sailors, pioneers and miners at Cronstadt mutinied about 11 o'clock last night. They planned to seize the forts and the bridge leading to Fort Cronstadt, but their plans were foiled by the precautions taken by the commander. After a severe fight the loyal troops opened fire on them with machine guns, and as they had no artillery available and the arsenal had been stripped before they could seize it, they had no alternative but surrender. A court martial began sitting this morning, and is sentencing the mutineers to death by hundreds.

St. Petersburg, Aug. 3.—The crew of the armored cruiser Pamyat Azova mutinied off the Estonian coast and is now in full possession of the ship, which has sailed northward in the direction of the Finnish gulf.

Reval, Aug. 3.—The cruiser Pamyat Azova has arrived in the roadstead here in the possession of the loyal portion of her crew. One hundred and fifty of the mutineers have been sent ashore and imprisoned. The mutineers were overpowered by the loyal sailors while the ship was at sea.

St. Petersburg, Aug. 3.—The crew of the Russian cruiser Asia, which was sent to Abo, has hoisted the red flag. The vessel has left in the direction of Sveaborg.

The ministry of marine has confirmed the report that Admiral Birileff had gone to Helsingfors on board the school ship Asia, whose crew has mutinied.

St. Petersburg, Aug. 3.—Military disorders have broken out at Reval. Details cannot be obtained.

St. Petersburg, Aug. 3.—Although the mutinies at Sveaborg have been ended and the one at Cronstadt has been practically put down, the outlook is still black. The revolutionists, whose hands were suddenly forced by the premature rising at Sveaborg, apparently are undaunted at these initial reverses and intend to persist in their program of calling a general strike on Saturday or Monday.

St. Petersburg, Aug. 3.—On the heels of the other bad news comes the startling statement that the emperor has flatly refused to accept the conditions to which Premier Stolypin agreed in his negotiations with Count Heydon, Alexander Guchkoff, Prince Nicholas Lvoff, Paul Vinogradoff and Senator Koni for the reorganization of the cabinet.

There is an increasing apprehension that the emperor purposes to take the final step of turning the country over to the military dictatorship of Grand Duke Nicholas.

The Streets of St. Petersburg are again filled with patrols.

## ISLANDS' RICE IMPORTS SMALL.

Ide Says They Produce More, Merchants They Eat Less.

Manila, Aug. 3.—Governor Ide has received reports stating that during the fiscal year ending June 30 the importations of rice to the Philippines decreased 61,072,411 pounds, valued at \$3,084,783 in gold. Commenting on the reports Governor Ide says:

"From these reports it appears that the number of pounds of rice imported into the Philippines during the fiscal year of 1906 was something less than three-sevenths of the importations of 1901, and the cash sent out from the islands for rice was less than four-elevenths of the sum sent in 1894. If the same ratio of decrease for a year or even a semester, no more rice will be imported and in two years the islands, besides supplying the home demand, ought to be exporting rice."

The publication of these reports has caused a controversy. The local shippers contend that the decrease of importations is a result of the poverty of the people, who, it is alleged, are not buying rice, but are living on yams and other food. The shippers declare that the Philippines will never export rice.

## Catholics for Limited Divorce.

Buffalo, Aug. 3.—At today's meeting of the American Federation of Catholics a resolution was adopted defining the position of the federation on the question of divorce. It recommends the enactment of laws granting a separation or limited divorce in those states which have no such laws, and in states which grant absolute divorces the federation asks that the applicant be allowed to ask for a limited divorce on the same grounds under which an absolute divorce is granted. Limited divorce in extreme cases is recommended.

## Wilson Will Surprise Packers.

Washington, Aug. 3.—Secretary Wilson left today to pay a surprise visit of inspection to several slaughtering and packing houses in the East. Upon leaving his office the secretary gave instructions that to all inquiries regarding him the answer should be that he is gone away and it is not known when he would return.

## GENERAL STRIKE ON

Workmen in Russian Capital Responding to Call.

## SIGNS POINT TO A DICTATORSHIP

Grand Duke Nicholas to Lead Fight on Reds — Disturbances and Mutinies Continue.

St. Petersburg, Aug. 4.—St. Petersburg is in darkness tonight. The employes of the electric lighting plants, always the earliest barometric record of political conditions, ceased work during the afternoon in obedience to the call for a general strike. This call already has been obeyed by 20,000 factory hands in the capital. It will be impossible, however, to predict the success of this universal political strike until Monday, as the workmen in St. Petersburg and the provinces have two holidays—Saturday, which is the fete day of the dowager empress and a great religious feast, and their regular holiday of Sunday.

The pickets of cavalry and infantry were the most conspicuous features on the streets of St. Petersburg last night. Business houses generally have boarded up their windows as they did in the days of the great October strike. Practically all of the street cars in the city have stopped running, and the cab drivers are threatening to cease work.

In the meantime the fate of the Stolypin cabinet sways in the balance and Russia is upon the verge of disorders which may lead to the reign of either the military or the proletariat. It can be stated definitely that the steps toward a dictatorship may be taken Sunday or Monday by the nomination of Grand Duke Nicholas to the chief command of all the troops in Russia. This would virtually place him in control of all the disturbed districts of the empire where martial law has been proclaimed.

## Artillery in Open Revolt.

Warsaw, Poland, Aug. 4.—A portion of the troops in the Summer Rembertoff, near here, mutinied yesterday and are in open revolt today. The artillerymen have driven their officers out of their quarters. A squadron of Cossacks sent to overpower the mutineers was received with grape shot. Details are lacking, as extraordinary precautions are being taken to prevent the facts becoming public.

## Rebels Fire Big Woodyards.

Harkov, Aug. 4.—Fire broke out in several large woodyards in the vicinity of the prison today. This evidently was a device on the part of revolutionists, who hoped to free political leaders during the confusion. The authorities are apprehensive of a renewed effort to the same end.

## PUT OUT OF BUSINESS.

Insurance Commissioner Gives Body Blow to Two Companies.

San Francisco, Aug. 4.—Insurance Commissioner Wolf sent notice today to the president and directors of the Fireman's Fund Insurance company and the Home Fire & Marine Insurance company, both of San Francisco, that unless they made good their deficiency in capital stock in four weeks he will request Attorney General Webb to proceed to ascertain why their licenses to do business in California be revoked.

Both companies have been known to be in financial trouble since the fire. The Home Fire & Marine has announced that it will do no more business. The Fireman's Fund has reinsured its risks to the amount of \$372,584,750, carrying premiums amounting to \$4,471,117 with the new Fireman's Fund corporation, which has been organized since the fire. Both companies have thus confessed failure.

Wolf's order, it is expected, will permanently close their doors.

## Subpenas for Standard Men.

New York, Aug. 4.—Forty or more subpenas for officers and employes of the Standard Oil company have been forwarded to New York from Chicago. Several of the officials of the Standard Oil would not say whether they had received the subpenas from Illinois. Inquiries were referred to M. F. Elliott, general counsel for the company, who said so far as he knew no attempt had been made to serve any of the officials. Mr. Elliott would not say what attitude the officials would take in case the subpenas servers put in an appearance.

## Stampede to Windy Arm.

Seattle, Aug. 4.—Rich strikes reported in Southeastern Alaska have attracted the longshoremen of Skagway, Juneau and other towns. The men who work along the front have stampeded to Windy Arm in such numbers that the sailors on the coastwise fleet have to unload their own boats.

## MUTINEERS SEIZE SVEABORG

Only Four Companies of Infantry Remain Loyal to Czar.

Helsingfors, Aug. 1.—Sveaborg is entirely in the hands of the mutineers, who now have in their possession every kind of armament.

Horrible scenes occurred during last night when the fierce fighting was continued. The heaviest artillery was used during the conflict.

Several officers were killed or wounded. The wounded were transported to Helsingfors.

Colonel Nararoff was bayoneted. He begged for transportation to the hospital, promising forgiveness in exchange. Instead he was stoned and thrown into the water with a stone tied around his neck.

Helsingfors, Aug. 1.—A gigantic military conspiracy, aiming at the simultaneous capture of Russia's three great sea fortresses, Cronstadt, Sevastopol and Sveaborg, arranged by the Revolutionary Military league, was prematurely sprung here yesterday by an attempt to arrest members of a company of sappers who had mutinied on account of the death of one of their comrades, alleged to have been due to ill treatment.

The entire garrison of the fortress at Sveaborg flamed out instantly in revolt. All the artillery and sappers garrisoning the place were invoked. Only four companies of infantry remained loyal. The mutineers seized 40 machine guns and practically all the quick-firers and light artillery in the fortress, but even with this aid they were unable to hold the main fort against the loyal infantry. The fighting continued all night long. The heaviest firing was heard from 10 o'clock in the evening until 1 in the morning.

## WILL OPEN DOOR.

Baron Komura Says Japan Will Keep Treaty Pledges.

Victoria, B. C., Aug. 1.—Baron Komura, recently appointed Japanese ambassador to Great Britain, arrived today by the Canadian Pacific railroad steamer Empress of Japan on his way to London, via Quebec, from where he sails by the Empress of Ireland on August 9.

Baron Komura said with regard to Japanese action in Manchuria that the Japanese government would undoubtedly carry out all the pledges made before and since the war to maintain "the open door" in Manchuria. Regarding the criticism of foreign merchants, he said these were due to impatience. The terms of occupation demanded that Japan adopt the measures now in vogue, but as soon as the military occupation was ended and this would be soon, arrangements would be made to carry out the pledges regarding an "open door" policy. True, the bulk of the army had been repatriated, but there was still a large force in Manchuria. There was also Russian troops in occupation. While it was not known definitely what Russia was doing regarding the withdrawal, it was known that troops were steadily being withdrawn and it was necessary that the Japanese military administration continue to occupy the country until the withdrawal was complete.

"Has Dalny been made a free port and are other nations than Japanese restricted from trading via that port with Manchuria?"

"That I cannot tell you," replied Baron Komura. "This much I can say, though, the pledges made by Japan regarding Manchuria will be carried out in every particular as soon as the term of occupation by the military forces has expired."

## Battleships in Collision.

Newport, R. I., Aug. 1.—Rear Admiral R. D. Evans, commanding the Atlantic fleet, received reports in detail today of a collision which occurred during a fog last night between the battleships Alabama and Illinois about eight miles southeast of Brenton's reef lightship. The side of the Illinois was scraped by the bow of the Alabama and several plates of the forward part of the Alabama were injured. It is also thought that one or more of the six-inch guns on the two battleships were damaged. Admiral Evans states that neither ship was damaged below the water line.

## Not Bound Up in Red Tape.

Washington, Aug. 1.—The facility with which the Civil Service commission furnished inspectors to the department of Agriculture in the execution of the meat inspection law is shown in a statement issued today by the commission. Although the law was not enacted till June 30, the commission in exactly three weeks from that date conducted examinations throughout the country. Arrangements were made to examine 8,386 applicants. During the week ending July 28 2,540 sets of papers were received by the commission.

## Rain Makes Canal Zone Unhealthy.

Colon, Aug. 1.—The month of July has witnessed a series of heavy rains on the isthmus, which have hampered the work of sanitation in Colon. The conditions today are worse than ever before. Preparations are being made to pave the principal streets of Colon with brick.

## MAY EXPEL EUROPE

Paris Paper Fears South American Trade May Be Lost.

## CALLS ON FRANCE TO WATCH ROOT

The United States Already Dominates North America and May Secure South America.

Paris, Aug. 2.—The Liberte of Wednesday night, under the caption of "Victims of the Monroe Doctrine," printed a long and vigorous article on Secretary of State Root and the Pan-American congress. It taunts the French press for grudgingly printing a paragraph about Mr. Root's toasting South America between a list of contestants in a recent swimming match and the names of meritorious agriculturists. It ironically quotes an editor, who said that foreign politics are not sufficiently Parisian to interest the elite public and then twits the leaders of the republic with making the question of conferring the decoration of the Legion of Honor on Sarah Bernhardt the principal affair of state and tacitly asking why they should worry over South Americans, who interest Parisians only in vaudeville.

All this time, says the Liberte, Mr. Root was preparing, if he had not already made effective, the most redoubtable operation in political economics, of which the French will be dupes and with them all other Latin people, who, imitating them, try to be Parisians. The results of ten years of intrigue in Pan-America are likely to be effective soon. Europe has already been expelled from North America, and she will be expelled from South America in less than six years unless there is energetic resistance immediately.

Continuing the paper says that a few facts today are startlingly clear. Among them is the fact that Europe has no right to defend her financial and commercial interests in South America, the United States saying in effect that each nation is master of its own home with the United States at home everywhere. Against 73,000,000 Latin people stood Secretary Root and to that Yankee intruder went favors and benefits because he alone spoke, flattered and menaced. He alone acted, while Latin Europe abstained. Already distant lands have slipped into Yankee hands, while at Constantinople, St. Petersburg, Tokio and Algieras the same Root intervened at his convenience and Europe stupidly respected the Monroe doctrine. Before the conclusion of the third Pan-American congress it will have cost the Latin peoples a continent they peopled and financed.

## MUTINY SPREADS TO FLEET.

Ships Go to Aid of Forts, Which May Have Given Up.

Viborg, Aug. 2.—It is reported here that the Russian fleet, stationed at Hango, Finland, has mutinied, imprisoned the officers and sailed to the assistance of the mutineers at Sveaborg.

Helsingfors, Aug. 2.—At 7 o'clock last evening the battleship Czarevitch and the cruiser Bogatyr opened fire on the mutineers at a distance of 50 cable lengths. The mutineers replied, but their shots seemed to fall short. The firing ceased at 9 o'clock and the boats were then seen leaving the islands with wounded.

Helsingfors, Aug. 2.—The latest news from the fortress tends to confirm a previous report that the mutineers have surrendered.

The mutineers had the upper hand until the battleships arrived and began to bombard them with telling effect. The men were undoubtedly led to surrender because of their lack of big guns, their need of provisions, which they had failed to secure, and the arrival of the warships.

Reinforcements have arrived here and have been hurried to effective positions.

## Jeers for Dr. Devine.

San Francisco, Aug. 2.—A banquet was given to Dr. Devine, the national Red Cross representative who had charge of the relief work here after the fire and who is about to return to his home in the East. A number of the discontented persons who are living in the refuge camps took advantage of the occasion to work up a demonstration against the methods of the relief commission, and as a result a throng of people gathered at Union square in front of the St. Francis hotel, where the banquet was held.

## Rebels Steal Machine Gun.

St. Petersburg, Aug. 2.—A machine gun was stolen last night from an arms factory in the Vasil Ostrov district of this city. It is suspected that the robbery was committed with cognizance of the sentinels on duty at the factory. At a secret meeting last night of the Putilof works employes, a spy was discovered and killed.