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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.

The sultan of Turkey is seriously ill. The shah of Persia has called a national assembly.

A new revolution in Venezuela is being organized against Castro.

John D. Rockefeller is said to have financed a railroad project in Africa.

The paying teller of the Milwaukee Avenue State bank, of Chicago, has committed suicide.

Indictments have been returned in New York against six railroads for rebating to the sugar trust.

The ringleader in a North Carolina lynching has been found guilty by a court jury, the first conviction of a lyncher in the state.

Evidence now points to Cashier Hering as being an accomplice in the looting of the Milwaukee Avenue bank, of Chicago. Inquiries have shown the wrecked bank to be in worse condition than at first believed.

The Federal grand jury at Jamestown, N. Y., has reported indictments against the Standard Oil company, the Pennsylvania railroad and the Vacuum Oil company. There are 22 counts. Rebating is the charge. If the defendants are convicted on each of the counts a fine of \$1,400,000 would follow.

It is again rumored that Senators Platt and Dewey are to resign.

Moderates of Russia may unite for peaceful reforms by a new parliament.

The exclusion of reporters has raised a storm of protest at the Pan-American congress.

Turkish troops and Bulgarian bandits have clashed. The troops hope to destroy the entire band.

Harriman has been successful in his fight to remain in control of the Wells-Fargo Express company.

Medals are being given the Russian troops who remained loyal and suppressed the mutiny at Cronstadt.

St. Petersburg papers report that 700 persons have been killed or wounded during fighting between Tartars and Armenians in Caucasia.

According to the census bureau the population of the canal zone is about 30,000, and including the cities of Panama, Colon and Cristobal, 57,000.

The stockholders of the California Insurance company have voted to pay San Francisco losses dollar for dollar. The losses aggregate \$1,325,000.

The Russian general strike has proven a complete failure.

Iowa Democrats have selected Claude R. Porter as their candidate for governor.

The government wants 500 skilled mechanics for work on the Panama canal.

Five Japanese fishermen have been killed by Americans for poaching in Alaska.

Unemployed negroes at Cape Town, South Africa, have been rioting and looting stores.

The enlisted men of the navy have started a movement to do away with tattoo marking.

The Russian government will hurry its land reform policy to win the support of the peasants.

There seems a possibility that Roosevelt may be nominated for a third term despite his refusal.

Facts gathered by the census bureau show that the per capita cost of running New York is greater than that of any other American city.

A Philadelphia broker, supposed to have been a millionaire, proves to have been a mere bluffer. His estate will not appraise over \$2,000.

Russian Radicals have issued a new strike manifesto.

The Iowa Democratic convention will declare for Bryan.

Many deaths from heat were reported on the Atlantic coast.

Three negroes have been lynched by a mob at Salisbury, N. C.

An outbreak of Pulajanes and Igorotes has occurred in the Philippines.

The Pan-American congress, in session at Rio de Janeiro, voted for universal arbitration.

The crew of a Russian training ship has mutinied. The trouble has been suppressed and 35 mutineers delivered to the authorities.

HERING ARRESTED.

Cashier of Chicago Defunct Bank Denies His Guilt.

Chicago, Aug. 10.—Henry H. Hering, cashier of the Milwaukee Avenue State bank, which closed its doors Monday, was arrested yesterday and will be refused his release on bail until his connection with the disappearance of nearly \$1,000,000 of the bank's funds is cleared up. Paul O. Stensland, president of the defunct institution, is still a fugitive, and, although nearly 100 detectives are searching for him, his whereabouts is as much of a mystery as ever.

Hering was arrested yesterday afternoon, two hours after the time he had previously promised he would give himself up. He was taken at once to the office of Chief of Police Collins and put through a thorough examination as to his knowledge of President Stensland's mismanagement of the institution. Hering declared he did not know where Stensland was and had had no communication with him for over a week. The cashier strenuously denied the charge that he himself was partly responsible for the failure of the bank. Hering maintains that, if he is guilty of breaking the banking laws of Illinois, Stensland is responsible, as Hering in his examination declared he never benefitted a single dollar by Stensland's peculiar system of banking.

Bank Examiner Jones and Assistant United States Attorney Gleason were present during the examination of Hering. Neither they nor the police officials were satisfied with his explanation of his connection with the collapse of the bank, and it was accordingly decided to refuse bail until the matter had been further investigated.

TO PURCHASE SILVER.

Government Enters Market for First Time in Thirteen Years.

Washington, Aug. 10.—For the first time in 13 years the government announced today its purpose to purchase silver for coinage purposes. Tenders are invited at the office of the director of the mint in this city on Wednesday, August 15, up to 1 o'clock p. m., and every Wednesday thereafter until further notice. These tenders are to be for delivery at the Philadelphia, New Orleans or Denver mints, settlement to be on the New York basis of billion guaranteed .999 fine. The treasury reserves the right to reject all tenders or accept such part of any tenders as may suit its convenience.

It is understood that, anticipating that its reappearance as a purchaser might temporarily disturb the market unduly, the treasury has obtained control of considerable amounts for future delivery, so that it is in a position to drop out of the market for several months if desirable. The average requirements of the treasury throughout the year will probably not exceed 100,000 ounces per week, and it will be the policy of the department, while keeping a reasonable amount on hand, to so distribute its purchases throughout the year that its demands will be uniform and not an element of uncertainty in the market.

TREAT BOTH NATIONS ALIKE

Japan Says China Allows Russia Free Trade in Manchuria.

London, Aug. 10.—In a dispatch from Tokio the correspondent of the Daily Telegraph says it is stated with authority that Japan will only consent to the establishment of a Chinese custom house at Port Dalny to levy duties on goods proceeding inland beyond the Kwan Tung peninsula on condition that a similar system be inaugurated at the southern frontier railroad stations in Northern Manchuria.

It is asserted, the correspondent continues, that at present merchandise is pouring into Manchuria over the Siberian railroad, from both European Russia and Vladivostok, without the payment of duty. It can therefore be sold very cheaply. Russia's policy, the correspondent concludes, obviously is to isolate Port Dalny and divert all the trade to Vladivostok, in order to rob Japan of the fruits of victory.

Watson is Guilty.

Portland, Aug. 9.—After being out from 5:30 Tuesday afternoon until 2 o'clock yesterday morning, the jury in the case of the United States against Charles A. Watson returned a verdict finding the defendant guilty of perjury as charged in the indictment, with a recommendation for clemency. Judge Bennett, counsel for Watson, gave notice of a motion for a new trial as soon as the verdict of the jury was recorded. He was allowed 30 days to prepare bills of exceptions in the Hendricks and Watson cases.

Bandits Rule Polish Villages.

Warsaw, Aug. 10.—The terrorists are continually attacking and robbing postoffices, government spirit shops, treasuries and the mails. The governor general has ordered that henceforth the inhabitants of villages, communities and cities in or near which such crimes occur, shall pay the losses resulting from such robberies.

WILL HIRE CHINESE

Canal Commission Decides Upon Important Change.

CANNOT SECURE OTHER LABOR

Jamaica Negroes Are Inefficient, Not Enough Spaniards, and No Alternative Remains.

Washington, Aug. 11.—Chinese labor will be given a thorough test on the Panama canal. Contracts calling for 2,500 Chinese for canal work have been prepared, and advertisements will be issued by the Isthmian Canal commission in a few days asking for proposals from labor agents.

If the initial 2,500 Chinese prove a success, it is likely that many more will be taken to the isthmus to do the work, which is too hard for the Jamaicans now employed there in large numbers. Organized labor has offered much opposition to the use of contract Chinese labor, but the Jamaican workmen have proven inadequate, sufficient Spaniards cannot be had immediately to rush the work, and the Chinese are the last hope of the commission.

President Roosevelt, Secretary Taft, Chairman Shonts, of the canal commission, and other men prominently identified with the canal work are known to have delayed employing Chinese until it became evident that the other help available was not equal to the demands. The administration has taken the position that the canal must be dug at any cost, and, although the president urges that there be no haste in employing Chinese, he did not stand permanently in the way of the plan to try the coolies.

It is the intention of the commission to ask for bids from labor agents who will arrange with the Chinese government for the exportation of labor, transport the Chinese to the Isthmus under contract to work for a fixed wage and ship them back to China, thus relieving the commission of all detail work and all responsibility. A bond will be required of all contractors for a satisfactory fulfillment of the contract they may enter into with the commission.

The employment of the Chinese will not displace the Jamaicans who are already there, but it is believed no more negroes will be hired if the Chinese prove a success.

CROPS IN MIDDLE WEST.

New York Central Official Brings in Glowing Report.

New York, Aug. 11.—W. C. Brown, vice president of the New York Central system, returned recently from a journey of more than 3,000 miles through the Middle West, undertaken with the object of ascertaining the actual crop situation. He visited Illinois, Indiana, Missouri and Iowa, and has prepared special reports on the conditions in Kansas and Nebraska. In all of these, according to his observation, the crops this year will be remarkable in both quantity and quality. Mr. Brown said: "I believe the United States this year will have a larger harvest of grain of all sorts than ever before and will market it at a better price, considering the size of the crops. The wheat crop in the six states in which I have personally made investigation will be magnificent. Kansas this year is going to produce a wheat crop of 90,000,000 bushels. Last year it produced 87,000,000 bushels. The corn crop is in splendid condition.

"In Kansas and Nebraska a corn crop on as large a scale as ever before is practically assured. Iowa will produce 350,000,000 bushels of corn and possibly 355,000,000. In Missouri, with the exception of four counties in the northeast, all the counties will have great corn crops."

Many British Teachers Coming.

London, Aug. 11.—Thousands of applications are being made by teachers in all parts of the kingdom to take part in the excursions to the United States, which are being arranged for the coming fall and winter. Unless something arises making it possible to send a greater number, about 500 teachers, representing every class from kindergarten instructors to professors of England's greatest universities, will be included in the tour. It is planned that the first party, numbering about 30, shall sail for America November 30.

War Beacon Burns in Morocco.

Melilla, Morocco, Aug. 11.—Beacons were lighted last night calling the combatants of the different tribes to assemble. It is believed that a conflict with the forces of the sultan will occur shortly.

BANK UTTERLY GUTTED.

Even Safety Deposit Boxes of Chicago Institution Were Rifled.

Chicago, Aug. 8.—Theodore Stensland, vice president of the Milwaukee Avenue State bank, was arrested late yesterday afternoon on a charge of violating the banking laws of the state. Earlier in the day the institution was placed in the hands of a receiver and Paul O. Stensland, president of the bank, and father of the vice president, also Cashier Hering, were officially declared fugitives from justice and their personal descriptions placed in the hands of the police throughout the country. This action was taken by the authorities after developments had shown that the finances of the failed institution were in a deplorable condition and had been for a number of years. Even the safety boxes, owned and rented by the bank, had been tampered with and rifled.

The day's developments were productive of the first ray of hope for the depositors, who believed their savings of years swept away in the wreck. David R. Forgan, vice president of the First National bank, and one of those to whom the state of the defunct bank's affairs had been laid bare, declared that probably 70 cents on the dollar would be paid in the final adjustment.

FLOOD IN TEXAS.

Deluge of Rain Drowns Stock and Crops and Blocks Railroads.

Fort Worth, Texas, Aug. 8.—According to advices received here, West Central Texas has been visited by torrential rains, considerable damage being done to growing crops and railroad traffic is badly crippled. However, no casualties, so far as known, have occurred.

Traffic on the Lampasas branch of the Santa Fe railroad is suspended because of washouts.

At Brownwood, Pecan bayou, which flows into the Colorado river, rose so rapidly that many people living in the lowlands had to flee for safety. About six miles of the track of the Santa Fe has been washed out. Five hundred people are homeless. Last night the water was standing within three feet of the high water mark of 1900. A strip of country 30 miles long by two to four miles wide is covered with three to ten feet of water. Railway tracks have been washed out for miles, and a pile-driver sent out with 200 laborers was unable to proceed further than here.

At Ballinger some damage was done, and the Concho river rose to a higher stage than for years.

At San Antonio it was said that a family of five had perished, but this was an error. The family escaped during the night in advance of the flood, and reached safety.

Amarillo, Texas, in the Panhandle, reports a severe electrical storm, and has news that Canyon City, a small town, was wiped out by a tornado that killed several people. Wires are down in that direction and the report cannot be confirmed. At Amarillo the family of a farmer named Riggs, residing four miles south of town, was killed by lightning.

BLAMES TIMBER OWNERS.

Los Angeles Lumberman Says There is No Lumber Trust.

Los Angeles, Aug. 8.—W. F. Wheatley, vice president of the Consolidated Lumber company of this city, which is a distributing branch of the St. Paul & Tacoma Lumber company, today gave out an interview, denying that there is any such organization as the "lumber trust," on the Pacific coast.

Mr. Wheatley is quoted as saying that the timber owners control the prices and are in the main responsible for the recent raises. There are other causes, also, he said, including the union labor difficulties, at the principal ports.

Mr. Wheatley admitted, according to the interview, that the St. Paul & Tacoma Lumber company was the principal owner of timber lands in the Puget sound country, but stated that the company was cutting very little of its timber at this time. It was buying he said, from small holders.

The present price of 12-inch Oregon Oregon pine boards in this city for the clear is \$41 and for the rough \$28. In October of last year the price was for the clear \$21 and for the rough \$18.50.

Will Ignore Separation Law.

Paris, Aug. 8.—A rumor is prevalent here that instructions from the pope to French bishops relative to the law of separation of church and state have been received in Paris. It is declared in a well informed quarter that the Vatican considers the enactment of the law to be a dead letter and does not recognize the principle that the lay associations shall govern churches. The Vatican overcomes the difficulty, however, by permitting for this purpose the formation of Catholic societies under the bishop.

Whole Ice Trust Indicted.

Philadelphia, Aug. 8.—The grand jury today found true bills of indictment against 14 members of the Philadelphia Ice exchange, who are charged with conspiracy to increase the price of ice.

REVOLT IN FINLAND

Entire Populace Ready to Die Fighting Oppressors.

GOVERNOR ORDERS REBELS SHOT

No Distinction Made for Age or Sex—Women Are Taking Leading Part in Revolt.

Copenhagen, Aug. 9.—Legalized slaughter of Finnish women is promised if the troops carry out the orders given them by the Russian governor general yesterday. He issued a proclamation to the commanding officers of the troops, instructing them that all persons engaged in advocating and spreading the revolutionary propaganda must be shot, without regard for age or sex. Inasmuch as for the past week the loyal Finnish women have dressed themselves in garments of flaming red and paraded the streets, stopping passers-by and forcing their way into factories and shops, it is evident that the order of the governor general is directed against them.

The order followed the stabbing of the captain of a Cossack troop who attempted to arrest three women who were addressing a crowd of workmen in the market square of a Finnish town. As the trooper placed his hand upon the arm of one of them she turned, and drawing a dagger that she had concealed in her hair, ran it into his heart. With her companions she escaped, and has not been apprehended.

Other reports of similar occurrences have been received during the last three days, and, acting, it is understood, under orders received from St. Petersburg the governor general has determined upon the strictest repressive measures.

All Finland is seething with revolt, and practically the entire populace is ready to sacrifice lives and property to deal blows at the military oppressors. The Russian authorities realize this, and are strengthening the garrisons of all Finnish towns. Half a dozen attempts on the lives of Russian officials have occurred recently, but none have succeeded.

CASHIER IS INNOCENT.

Officer of Defunct Chicago Bank Says President Did Looting.

Chicago, Aug. 9.—The Tribune today says:

"Henry W. Hering, cashier of the Milwaukee Avenue State bank, looted by Paul O. Stensland of over \$1,000,000, is in Chicago. He has not been out of Chicago since Monday morning. The police department can call in its circulars, take its detectives off the trail and rest assured in the belief that at 1 o'clock tomorrow, or rather one minute after 1, Mr. Hering will be in the custody of Inspector Shippy. Hering intends to give himself up and is absolutely confident that in a short space of time he can show to the satisfaction of every one concerned that he had no part in robbing the 23,000 depositors of the wrecked institution."

Theodore Stensland, vice president of the Milwaukee Avenue State bank, and son of the fugitive president of that institution, has come to the rescue of the 23,000 depositors, and it is the general belief of those who are endeavoring to straighten out the affairs of the bank that there is an excellent chance that all depositors will receive almost dollar for dollar when a final settlement is made. The improved condition of the bank's affairs was brought about by young Stensland, who announced that he would turn over to Receiver Fetzer all the real estate and personal property of Paul O. Stensland, his father.

The son places a valuation of \$600,000 on this collateral, and he stated that he had full authority to make a transfer of the property for the benefit of the depositors.

Canned Veal is Disguised.

Columbus, O., Aug. 9.—Reports of the analysis of 20 samples of potted ham, chicken, hamburger steak, luncheon sausage and similar preparations sold by meat packers submitted to State Dairy and Food Commissioner Ankeny today show the presence of preservatives and in some cases traces of tin and zinc poison. Some cans labeled "potted chicken" were found to contain veal. Mr. Ankeny will officially warn the manufacturers that their products will be kept out of the Ohio markets unless they comply with the law.

Loss Will Reach \$1,000,000.

Fort Worth, Tex., Aug. 9.—Reports from the floods in the territories indicate that the damage will be great. Conservative estimates place the loss up to this time at \$1,000,000, suffered mostly by the railroads.