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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.

Mexico has withdrawn her demands on Guatemala.

The Harriman lines have orders for 110,000 tons of steel rails for delivery in 1908.

Armed bandits are reported to be committing depredations in several sections of Cuba.

The shipping trust declares it will never give in to the striking New York longshoremen.

An heir to the throne has been born in Spain and there is great rejoicing throughout the land.

An enraged mob at Butte made an unsuccessful attempt to lynch an officer who shot an escaping prisoner.

A Chicago paper claims that Charles H. Moyer, implicated in the Steunenberg murder, is an ex-convict, having served a term in Joliet for burglary.

The Court of Appeals of New York has granted the attorney general the right to contest Mayor McClellan's seat. The recount of the ballots is now expected to commence soon.

E. H. Gary, chairman of the United States Steel corporation, says if railroads would use heavier rails there would be fewer accidents. The heavy cars now used by the roads cause frequent breakage of rails.

The death list in the steamer Poitou wreck is placed at 48.

From an unknown source Princeton university has received a gift of \$1,200,000.

There is some suspicion that an expert jury fixer is at work on the Haywood jury at Boise.

Two volcanoes in Sicily, Stromboli and Etna, are in active eruption, causing terror on all sides.

One of Germany's leading papers editorially predicts war between Japan and the United States.

An excursion of Omaha business men will make a tour of the Northwest. There will be 125 in the party, which will start June 2.

A suburban passenger train on the Burlington road was wrecked six miles out of Chicago. One passenger was killed and a number injured.

Colorado men are endeavoring to have patents to several thousand acres of land set aside because it is claimed the lumber companies obtained possession fraudulently.

Passengers at New York wishing to cross the ocean are carrying their own baggage on board vessels on account of the longshoremen's strike. Freight is piling up on the docks and thousands of boxes of citrus fruit has been ruined.

Russian Socialists are to hold a convention in England.

Nine lives are reported lost in the tornado which swept Texas.

Union teamsters of Los Angeles are on strike and all other organizations of the city may join them.

The Imperial council of Mystic Shriners is in session at Los Angeles. Seattle is working for the next conclave.

A new Irish home rule bill has been introduced in parliament. Absolute control of eight departments is granted by the bill.

A San Francisco maniac killed six people with a shotgun. He declares they were trying to poison him for his insurance.

In a collision between a freight and passenger train on the Mobile & Ohio railroad at Percy, Ill., eight persons were injured.

Butte Chinese charge the police with burglary. The Orientals say officers are in the habit of visiting their stores frequently and helping themselves at the point of a gun.

A New York grand jury has indicted the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific, the Ontario & Western, the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul, and the Western Transit company for giving the American Sugar Refining company freight rebates.

A new revolt has started in Morocco.

There are still many Russian soldiers in Korea.

The National Tuberculosis convention is in session in Washington.

The aid of Pennsylvania constabulary has been asked to preserve order at Pittsburg, where a machinists' strike is on.

SIFTING OUT PANEL OF JURY.

Many Talesmen Deny Prejudice or Knowledge of the Case.

Boise, Idaho, May 10.—William D. Haywood, first of the alleged participants in the avenging conspiracy by which it is averred the assassination of Frank Steunenberg was plotted and executed, was placed upon trial for his life yesterday. Counsel for state and prisoner entered at once, in business-like way, upon the examination of prospective jurors, and kept steadily at the task for five hours. No juror was finally accepted, but substantial progress was made, and the indications at the close of the session were that a jury could be obtained by the end of next week.

The opening day of the trial went through to its conclusion in quiet harmony, unmarked by unusual incident. It was earnest and business-like.

Its striking feature was the entire absence of crowds or demonstration in any form. At no time, morning or afternoon, was the court room more than half filled, and the streets forming the court house square contained not a single loiterer. The case was halted shortly before 5 o'clock by the exhaustion of the jury panel, and an adjournment was taken until Monday morning. Meantime, the sheriff will summon a special venire of 100 men.

The 11 men under examination but not yet finally accepted or rejected, were locked up under close guard.

WILL SPEND BILLION.

Railroads to Make Great Effort to Catch Up With Traffic.

Chicago, May 10.—American railroads will spend during the present year nearly \$1,000,000,000 in an extraordinary effort to secure sufficient equipment in which to transport the traffic of the country, sufficient power to keep that equipment moving, and sufficient rails for both the equipment and the power to run on.

It is estimated that, if the manufacturers are equal to the test, between 340,000 and 350,000 freight cars will be added to the total equipment of the railroads of the United States, fully 5,000 passenger coaches will be built and over 6,000 locomotives will be added to the steam power which is now available to the railroads. These figures mean that every shop and every plant where these utensils of commerce are manufactured must run day and night in the United States, in Canada and in Mexico, and that some of the steel mills in other lands will get a substantial reflex of this prosperity.

No Peace From Strikes.

San Francisco, May 10.—There is no peace in sight for strike-harassed San Francisco. Despite the vigorous and unremitting efforts of the peace-makers, comprising citizens' committees appointed to bring employers and employees together on some middle ground, no conclusion or decision has been arrived at and no concessions have been intimated out of which compromising might grow or settlements be made.

The executive committee of the committee of 50 appointed by Mayor Schmitz held a secret meeting yesterday afternoon and at its conclusion refused to make any statement. It is understood, however, that a plan for submission to the whole committee was partially formulated.

Robbers Trained Into Butte.

Butte, Mont., May 10.—Two men who are believed to be the North Coast train robbers have been trailed from the summit of the continental divide to a point on the flats below Butte, where the trail was lost. Their description corresponds so much with that of the two bandits, even to the footprints found in the snow, that the officers are almost positive they are the fugitives. It was announced at the Northern Pacific office tonight that the reward offered for the capture of the two men has been raised to \$5,300.

Undesirables Will Parade.

Chicago, May 10.—The Chicago sympathizers of Moyer and Haywood, the accused officials of the Western Federation of Miners, decided tonight to hold a parade Sunday, May 18, as a protest against President Roosevelt's utterances regarding the union officials. Every man who participates in the parade will wear a button bearing the words "undesirable citizen."

Relations to Continue.

Guatemala, May 10.—The president of Guatemala, when questioned today by a representative of the Associated Press concerning the report that diplomatic relations between Guatemala and Mexico had been terminated, said the report was unfounded.

British Aid to Jamaica.

London, May 9.—The British government has decided to make Jamaica a gift of \$750,000 to assist the inhabitants of Kingston to recover from the effects of the recent earthquake.

Will Entertain Peace Conference.

The Hague, May 10.—The lower house of parliament yesterday voted \$40,000 for the reception of the delegates to the second peace conference.

FIGHT TO A FINISH

San Francisco Railroads and Car-men Refuse All Overtures.

POLICE FORCE IS INADEQUATE

Mayor, However, Declares Department is Competent to Cope With the Situation.

San Francisco, May 11.—The streetcar strike has developed into a fight to a finish. Neither side is willing to accept arbitration and the citizens' committees appointed to secure industrial peace have been unable to find any basis of settlement. It has been demonstrated that the present police force is inadequate and that stronger measures will be necessary to insure a general resumption of service, if the struggle is conducted on present lines.

The wish yesterday of the United Railways officials was to run a string of cars from the barn at Oak and Broderick through the burned district and north on Market street to the ferry building, but the consent of the police department could not be obtained. As a compromise two cars were run as far into the burned district as Larkin street, being operated on Oak, Stanyan, Page, Devisadero and Sutter streets. This route was covered twice. On the first trip mounted police acted as outriders, and more than a score of patrolmen rode in automobiles, but no violence was offered by the crowds.

On the second trip the mounted officers were withdrawn as an experiment to determine the temper of the crowds. Missiles were hurled from buildings and several persons were injured.

An assistant to President Mullanly said today he had several hundred strikebreakers, motormen and conductors, quartered in the company's barns, and that they are competent to operate practically the entire streetcar system. Mayor Schmitz said the police department "is competent to cope with the situation." Chief of Police Dinan said his men will preserve order. Meantime the population of San Francisco is deprived of a streetcar service, and subjected to the alternative of walking or paying five prices for a wagon service.

Reduced to an arithmetical aspect, the problem is simply this: If 50 police are required to afford safe conduct to two streetcars daily over six miles of track when no passengers are carried, how shall 200 cars be operated in passenger traffic over 250 miles of tracks with a total force of only 500 police, not more than half of whom can be on duty continually? That the running of two or three cars a day may constitute the entire streetcar service for a city of 300,000 people for an indefinite time is perfectly apparent unless an adequate protective force is supplied.

Stung to Death by Ants.

Puerto Cortez, Honduras, May 11.—Americans arriving here report that the Guatemalan government is committing unspeakable outrages and atrocities. Even women and children are not being spared. A family of 10 was massacred by Guatemalan soldiers near Guatemala City by order of the government, when Jose Olevera incurred its hostility through political activity. Abitz Creccare, one of Cabrera's political opponents, near Livingston, was tied to a stake in the middle of a hill of poisonous ants, which stung him to death.

Deep Snow in Wyoming.

Laramie, Wyo., May 11.—For two days a snow has raged in the Southern Wyoming mountains, and snow is even feet deep on a level. Since April 15 the sun has not shone, and the storm has not ceased a moment. The temperature has been between zero and 10 degrees below during that time. It is the most remarkable storm that ever visited the Wyoming mountains.

Unrest in India is Growing.

Lahore, India, May 11.—The political unrest here is assuming graver proportions. The authorities are drafting troops of all arms, and have issued a proclamation prohibiting meetings of every kind. A sensation was caused today by the arrest of a prominent lawyer in the Punjab. He was immediately deported to another province.

Fire Loss of Half a Million.

New York, May 11.—Fire caused a loss estimated at \$500,000 tonight in the building at Sixth avenue and Thirtieth street occupied by Sheppard, Knapp & Co., dealers in furniture and carpets. Many oriental rugs were destroyed.

More Strikebreakers on Way.

Denver, May 11.—Six carloads of strikebreakers on their way to San Francisco passed through Denver over the Union Pacific railroad this afternoon. They were joined here by a number of men recruited by labor agents in this city.

ONE DEAD, THIRTEEN HURT.

San Francisco Scene of Bloody Conflict Over Car Strike.

San Francisco, May 8.—Rioting by streetcar strikers and their friends and repeated fusillades of bullets from strikebreakers yesterday marked the first attempt to run cars on the United Railroads since the strike began. The movement of a freight car from one barn was the signal for obstruction of the track by a mob and for a shower of missiles aimed at those who operated the car. After running only half a block the car was taken back to the barn.

Having thus made a test, the company at 2:30 p. m. sent a string of seven passenger cars out of the Turk and Fillmore street barns, manned by armed strike breakers. Their appearance was the signal for renewed rioting. Brickbats, paving stones and all manner of missiles were hurled at the cars by a pursuing mob of several thousand. One of the guards on the cars retaliated with a shot, which hit its mark. The assault on the cars became more furious and the guards retaliated with several fusillades, which caused the death of one man, wounded one fatally and 12 less seriously. After running a few blocks the cars were returned to the barn and the attempt to operate the lines was abandoned for the day.

Union pickets went among the mob, imploring them not to throw stones. They were jeered by union men and sympathizers. The police with one exception did not even draw their clubs.

The police did little to check the lawlessness. They attempted to disperse the mob from violence, but only two of them used force and they did it so effectively that they cleared the way for the cars for the time being. The police arrested 13 of the strikebreakers for shooting, but made no arrests among the mob.

That the many bloody events of yesterday may be repeated with even more tragic results was the fear expressed last night when it was made known that the United Railroads' program for today includes another attempt to resume the operation of its system. This attempt, according to General Manager Mullanly, will be made some time in the forenoon. He declined to state at what hour or to discuss the company's plans in this respect.

TRAINROBBERS ARE FOILED.

Engineer Loses Life in Saving Passengers From Destruction.

Butte, May 8.—The North Coast Limited east bound train of the Northern Pacific Railroad company was held up early yesterday morning by two masked men near Welch's spur, a siding 18 miles east of Butte, and Engineer James Clow shot dead and Fireman James Sullivan shot through the arm. Without making an attempt to blow up the express car, as was evidently intended, the two robbers jumped from the cab and ran down the mountain side, disappearing in a gulch several hundred yards from the track.

On the tender of the locomotive was found a telescope grip full of giant powder, intended for use in blowing up the express car.

The two bandits thus far have managed to elude about 15 officers scouring the mountains in the vicinity of the hold-up. Officers returning from the spur state that the trail was lost by the prison dogs on a road leading to Butte, where the bandits had sprinkled a quantity of red pepper. The officers have a number of fresh hounds in reserve and the hunt will be resumed.

Give Back Their Coal Lands.

Denver, May 8.—Through the instrumentality of officials of the department of Justice here, certain persons in a state farther east have surrendered to Assistant United States Attorney General Burch the patents for and deeded back to the government voluntarily between 1,000 and 2,000 acres of very valuable coal lands in Routt county, Colorado, for which nearly \$100,000 had been offered them, the probable value being two or three times that amount. This was done after careful consultation with eminent counsel.

Trains Crash in a Fog.

Wheeling, W. Va., May 8.—In a dense fog early today the New York-Chicago express No. 7, upon the Baltimore & Ohio railroad crashed into an east bound freight train as it was taking the siding at Rosby's Rocks, 20 miles east of here, killing four of the railroad men, seriously injuring three others, and slightly injuring five passengers. The engine, baggage, mail and express cars were demolished, but the passenger coaches and the sleepers were uninjured.

2,000 Hodcarriers Join Strikers.

Chicago, May 8.—Two thousand hodcarriers and building laborers today joined the strike of the bricklayers. A speedy settlement is predicted. The total number of men now out is about 10,000.

HUNDRED ARE LOST

French Steamer Goes Ashore on Coast of Uruguay.

VESSEL AND CARGO WILL BE LOST

Heavy Gale Makes Rescue Difficult, but Efforts Are Still Made to Reach Survivors.

Montevideo, Uruguay, May 9.—The French transport Maritime Poitou, from Marseilles April 6 for this port, has been wrecked off San Jose Ignacio, on the coast of Uruguay. She is understood to have had 300 passengers on board, and, according to late reports, nearly 200 of these have been rescued and are on their way to this city. The vessel and her cargo will probably prove a total loss.

The casualty list has been reported at 100, but this has not been corroborated. The government is doing everything possible to succor the shipwrecked people.

San Jose Ignacio is a small rocky promontory surrounded by reefs, 21 miles west of Cape St. Maria, on the southeastern coast of Uruguay and about 50 miles from Montevideo.

The vessel was driven on the rocks yesterday. She lies 30 yards from shore. A heavy gale has been blowing for several days, and is still continuing. This renders the work of rescue very difficult. The efforts to get the remainder of the passengers and crew to land are being continued with untiring energy.

Panic broke out on board the vessel when she grounded, and a number of terror stricken people jumped overboard. According to a report a number of women managed to swim ashore, but many were drowned. It is known that customs officers at Rincon de Perro saved 50 passengers.

SAN FRANCISCO CARS RUN.

Heavily Guarded, Two Make Trip of About Six Miles.

San Francisco, May 9.—The police for the first time since the commencement of the streetcar strike furnished actual protection yesterday afternoon for two of the United Railroads' cars manned by 21 strikebreakers, and as a result of this protection these cars were run over six miles of track without the firing of a shot.

Four men, one of them a strikebreaker and the other three members of the Electrical Workers' union were injured. There was intermittent hurling of missiles by union crowds at various points along the route and for two or three miles a mob of at least 1,000 men and boys ran with the cars, yelling, calling epithets, daring the nonunion men to get off the cars and fight and cheering vociferously whenever for one cause or another the cars were brought temporarily to a stop.

After the return to the carhouse at the general offices at Oak and Broderick streets, Mr. Mullanly stated that cars will be operated again today. He thought it best not to divulge the starting time or give the route in advance. A majority of the strikebreakers who manned the cars came from Kentucky.

Of the thirty odd persons who were shot or otherwise wounded in Tuesday's pitched battles on Turk street, four are expected to die. This would increase the number of deaths to five, as James Walsh died Tuesday night. Many of the others among the injured have been removed to their homes.

A nce Not Aimed at America.

Paris, May 9.—M. Kurino, the Japanese minister, stated that the series of treaties between Great Britain, France, Russia and Japan, guaranteeing the territorial status quo in the Far East, implied an agreement to prevent other countries from acquiring territory there. He denied that the entente was in any way aimed at the United States, adding: "Japan, in spite of the San Francisco incident, has always been most sympathetic to the United States because she was the first to treat the Japanese people on a footing of equality."

Immigration Board's Plans.

New York, May 6.—The committee appointed by President Roosevelt, Vice President Fairbanks and Speaker Cannon to investigate all the phases of the problem if immigration has decided to extend its work to the leading emigration cities of Europe and has made arrangements to sail from Boston May 18 for the Mediterranean on the steamer Canopic.

Omaha Building Collapses.

Omaha, May 9.—A six story building at Ninth and Leavenworth streets, occupied by Parlin, Orendorff & Marlin company, wholesale farm implements, collapsed this morning, the walls falling inward. The property loss, which cannot yet be estimated, is heavy. The employees had not reported for work and no one was injured.